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Wilkes University Receives \$100,000 from William Randolph Hearst Foundation

Wilkes-Barre-- Wilkes University recently received a gift of \$100,000 from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The donation will be used to augment the University's current William Randolph Hearst Scholarship, a fund that supports access to education for minority students.

"Hearst scholarships benefit thousands of students, reflecting the Foundations' commitment toward their future leadership in our society," said Anne Pelak, director of Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations at Wilkes University.

Since 1994, the foundation has provided support to 15 undergraduates at Wilkes. Fritz Delva, a freshman biology major from Trenton, N.J., and Thelma Cancam, a freshman pre-pharmacy major from Newark, N.J., were named as the William Randolph Hearst Scholars for the 2000-2001 academic year.

"I'm very glad for the scholarship," said Cancam. "Without it, it would have been hard for my parents to pay the tuition."

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1" Add: Wilkes University Receives \$100,000

The William Randolph Hearst Foundations have long been committed to ensuring access to higher education for under-served populations by establishing endowed scholarship funds at hundreds of colleges and universities nationwide.

Photo (Left to Right): Anne Pelak, of Kingston, Pa., director, Wilkes Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations; Thelma Cancam, of Newark, N.J., William Randolph Hearst Scholar; Gina Morrison, of Forty Fort, Pa., coordinator, Wilkes Multi-Cultural Affairs; Fritz Delva, of Trenton, N.J., William Randolph Hearst Scholar; Paul Strunk, of Scranton, Pa., vice president, Alumni, Development, and University Relations at Wilkes.

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Performance Poet and Novelist Arthur Flowers to Perform at Wilkes University on February 28

Wilkes-Barre -- Performance poet, novelist, delta griot (story-teller), and literary hoodoo Arthur Flowers will perform at Wilkes University on Wednesday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor Student Union Ballroom, 84 West South Street.

Sponsored by the Multicultural Student Coalition, admission is free and the public is invited to this special diversity event.

The author of two novels, *DeMojo Blues* and *Another Good Loving Blues*, and the children's book *Cleveland Lees Beale Street Band*, Flowers is the John O. Killens Visiting Writer at Medger Evers College in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Flowers was influenced by the African American performance poetry movement, which combined poetry, drama, and music. Through his dramatic readings, he operates as what he calls a "contemporary griot," a reference to the storytellers of ancient African societies who would memorize the history of their ancestors and then passed that oral tradition to upcoming generations. He combines literary reading, performance poetry, audience participation, topical commentary, and a variety of African and blues instruments.

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1st Add: Arthur Flowers Presentation at Wilkes February 28

A practitioner of Literary Hoodoo — a school of African American literature in which mystically inclined black intellectuals and writers have explored the hoodoo tradition through their works — Flowers considers himself a state-of-the-art hoodooman.

"The hoodoo way and sensibility permeates all my works, both as characters and as text," said Flowers. "Being a writer is a very functional realworld manifestation of the hoodoo way because art, magic, and ideological orchestration are all about conjuring reality into being, manifesting into the realworld that which is not."

Flowers teaches Advanced Fiction at FDCAC in New York City and is the recipient of the NEA 1991 Grant in Literature and NYSCA 1989 Grant in Literature. He has served as executive director of the Harlem Writers Guild, a more than 50-year-old institution of African American Literature. As co-founder and executive director of the New Renaissance Writers Guild, Flowers has been a driving force in efforts to institutionalize and empower African American and American literature.

For more information on this special diversity event, contact Gina Morrison, coordinator for multicultural affairs at Wilkes, at 408-4731.

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Gina Z. Morrison, of Forty Fort, coordinator, Multi-Cultural Affairs at Wilkes University, was recently involved with

the school's annual International Fashion Show.

More than 150 people turned out to see authentic cultural attire from the continents of Africa and Asia, the Middle East and the Western Hemisphere.

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Debra Chapman, of Larksville, an advisor at Wilkes University, is assisting the University's Student AIDS Awareness

Committee in planning events to commemorate World Aids Day 2000. The event, observed annually on December 1, addresses the challenges of the AIDS epidemic which continues to spread throughout every region of the world.

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Diversity Education Consortium Concludes with International Fashion Show at Wilkes University

Wilkes-Barre -- The Northeast Pennsylvania Diversity Education Consortium's two-day conference, hosted recently at Wilkes University, concluded with the school's annual International Fashion Show.

More than 150 people turned out to see authentic cultural attire from the continents of Africa and Asia, the Middle East, and Western Hemisphere. Countries represented included: Ghana, The Congo, Morocco, Egypt, Iraq, Singapore, Thailand, Afghanistan, China, India, and Malaysia. Latin performances by Lourdes Citronillie and Company, belly dancing by Vildana Harba, and the Emerald Isle Step Dancers also entertained the audience in the Student Union Ballroom.

"These events are so important because they provide opportunities for students to connect with their cultural heritage," said Gina Z. Morrison, coordinator, Multi-Cultural Affairs. "One important thing that everybody learned from this show is that there are many different types of 'beauty' in this world. Beauty comes in many forms. That's the most important lesson."

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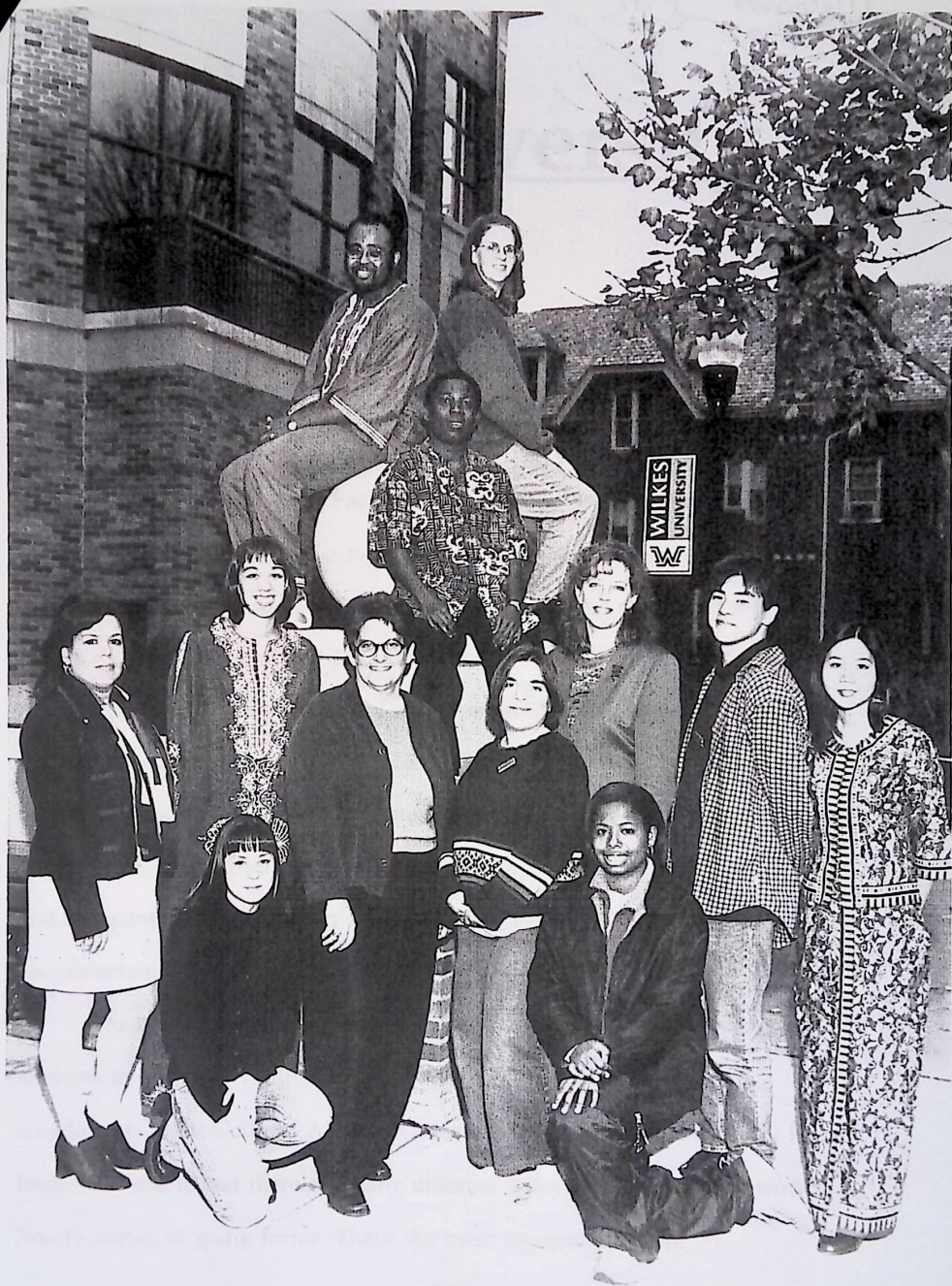
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(Kneeling in front) Lisa Croughn, from Coughlin High School; Ameerah Woods, from Coughlin High School

(Standing) Joyce Avila, of Tobyhanna, Pa., director of Northeast Pennsylvania Diversity Education Consortium (NEPDEC); Cheryl Snyder, from Deer Lake, Pa., treasurer, Multi-Cultural Student Coalition (MSC) (modeling Egyptian dress); Dr. Linda Trompetter, from College Misericordia, president, NEPDEC; Emily Nagy, from Dallas High School; Gina Z. Morrison, from Forty Fort, Pa., coordinator, Multi-Cultural Affairs at Wilkes; Hide Sogawa, from Wyckoff, N.J., student at Penn State Wilkes-Barre; and Mei Har "Vincy" Chew, from Pahang, Malaysia, member, Wilkes MSC (modeling Singapore outfit)

(Seated on Ball) Jermaine Hinkle, from Flint, Mich., president, Wilkes MSC, (modeling outfit from The Congo); Teresa O'Brien, from Lahaina, Hawaii, student from Penn State Wilkes-Barre

(In Front of Ball) Obed Addo, from Philadelphia (native of Ghana), member, Wilkes MSC (modeling shirt from Ghana)



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Taste of Wilkes Raises Donations for United Way

Wilkes-Barre -- Wilkes University's annual fundraising luncheon, *Taste of Wilkes*, raised more than \$1,140 in donations for the United Way Campaign.

Faculty and staff, serving as chefs, cooked up their favorite family recipes for their colleagues and students to sample. In addition to the food items donated, contributions to a silent auction were also given by the Tudor Book Shop, Abby's Doggone Good Gourmet Cookie, Le Jardin, Mary Kay, Redline's South Street Deli, Metz Enterprises, Wegman's, and Wilkes University's Multicultural Student Coalition and Programming Board.

Nearly 30 dishes were offered, including: Gina Morrison's "Malaysian Stir Fry," Karen Moss's "Eggplant Parmigiana," Samira Chamoun's "Humus," Marion Tetlak's "Delicious Chicken Divan," Wagiha Taylor's "Egyptian Delight" Jeff Alves's "Chokin' Artie Stuff," Kelly Fegal's "Jambalaya," Michael and Donna Lennon's "Pasta Portuguese," Gay Meyers's "Jimmy Carter Cake," and Jane Jeffery's "Banana Split Cake."

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Photo:

(In front of table, standing left to right) — Gina Z. Morrison, of Forty Fort, Coordinator, Multicultural Affairs; and Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, of Wilkes-Barre, President of Wilkes University

(Behind table, standing left to right) — Cathy Beretski, of Trucksville, United Way Resource Development Manager; ShaQuan Wiggins, of Wilkes-Barre, a senior Sociology major with a minor in Spanish; Gay Meyers, of Nuangola, Associate Professor, Education; and Sharon Derhammer, of Exeter, United Way Loan Associate



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Multicultural Awareness Week at Wilkes University Begins October 2

Wilkes-Barre -- Wilkes University's Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC), a group of students dedicated to intercultural understanding, set aside the week of October 2, 2000 for its annual celebration of diversity — **Multicultural Awareness Week.**

Monday, October 2 features *A Year in the Dominican Republic*, at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union Second Floor TV Lounge, 84 West South Street. International Studies major Lisa Ruggiero will offer a bilingual presentation for fans of this Latino culture. She will talk about the threats to this culture and help to erase the stereotypes that have persisted about this island nation. Samples of Dominican food items will also be offered.

On Tuesday, Wilkes professor and anthropologist Dr. James Merryman will report on his recent summer trip to China to formalize a distance learning relationship with Heilongjing University, in Northern China. Merryman will present *Wilkes Goes to China* at 11 a.m. in Room 107 of the Classroom/Office Building (COB), South Franklin Street.

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1st Add: Wilkes Plans Multicultural Awareness Week for October 2

He will also speak on the upcoming exchange program that will offer Wilkes students and faculty exciting opportunities to study and teach at Heilongjing University.

The national Metamorphosis Performing Company will make a return visit to Wilkes on Wednesday, the 4th, to provide a new slant on some old ideas about being different. The actors will perform *Strange Like Me*, an interactive performance encouraging audience participation on the topic of cultural differences, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Through theatrical scenes, role playing, and interaction with the program's moderator, the audience explores words, the meaning behind words, and how words and action can make people feel.

Strange Like Me shows how people who lack experience in dealing with differences can rob others of their humanity. Thoughtful, provocative and entertaining, it opens discussion on sexism, bigotry, racism and homophobia. It is a show that demonstrates the community's commitment to acceptance and diversity.

Gina Morrison, Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs at Wilkes, will introduce *The Many Colours of Malaysia* on Thursday, October 5, at 11 a.m. in Room 107 of COB. Morrison will show that multiculturalism works, and that it is alive and well in Malaysia.

All Multicultural Awareness Week events are FREE and open to the public. More activities are being planned every day. Visit the website [www.wilkes.edu/multicultural/stories] for additions. For more information, contact Morrison at 408-4731 or morrison@wilkes.edu.

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Wilkes University's Multi-Cultural Student Coalition Will Present Black History Month Program February 16

Wilkes-Barre -- Racial harmony, heritage and contributions from some of the world's most influential African Americans will be celebrated with a special Black History Month program at Wilkes University.

Sponsored by the school's Multi-Cultural Student Coalition (MSC), the free program will be held on Wednesday, February 16, from 7:30-9:00 p.m., in the Student Union Ballroom, 84 West South Street, Wilkes-Barre.

The presentation will kick off with a fashion show in which Wilkes students and faculty will model traditional African garments. Later in the program, the students will portray, in costume, such famous Black leaders and assistants as Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Bill Cosby, Madame C. J. Walker, Sojourner Truth, Stevie Wonder, Scott Joplin, Langston Hughs, and Bessie Coleman, to name a few. They will also provide a brief biography on the individual they represent.

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1st Add: Wilkes to Present Special Black History Month Program February 16

A dance piece titled, "Change," will feature choreographer Abby Sherburne, a senior communications major from Towanda, Pa., and fellow students Fareka Laing, Maya Tatum, Jennifer Gattuso, and Jermaine Hinkle.

Speaker Reverend George H. Smith, from the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Wilkes-Barre, will discuss the future of the African American community in his lecture, "Where are we headed for 2000?" The church choir will join the festivities by performing a number of selections, including the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Racial harmony will be the focus of a series of interracial dating improvisations acted out by the student cast: Rosemary Cabanillas, Bethany Yenner, Floyd Allen, Malverne Inniss, Jennifer Gattuso, Alice Danso, Cheryl Snyder, Minh Tam, Gloria Oppong, Shan Reeves, and Jermaine Hinkle.

Mistress of ceremonies is Andita Parker-Lloyd, and program chairperson is student Fareka Laing. For more information, contact Gina Morrison, coordinator, Multi-Cultural Affairs, at (570) 408-4731.

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Wilkes University's Multi-Cultural Student Coalition Plans Observation of Martin Luther King Day January 17

Wilkes-Barre -- To commemorate Martin Luther King Day, January 17, Wilkes University's Multi-Cultural Student Coalition (MSC) invites the public to participate in activities to be held in the Student Union, 84 West South Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Carrying on King's advocacy of ways to affect social change through peaceful measures, MSC volunteers will register voters on the *Roth Concourse* from noon to 5 p.m. Also beginning at noon, video of King's greatest speeches, including "I Have a Dream," will be shown all afternoon in the *Cuscela Memorial Dining Room* on the third floor.

At 5 p.m., Americorps Volunteer Damon Anderson, stationed with the Volunteer Action Center of the United Way of Wyoming Valley, will speak at a candlelight vigil to be held on the outdoor concourse, located at the entrance of the Student Union.

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1st Add: Wilkes Students Plan Activities to Honor Martin Luther King Day

Anderson holds a Master's of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where he studied King's life, philosophy, and struggle of non-violent, direct action at length. He wrote several graduate papers on King, including Malcolm and Martin: Muddying the Waters, "The Letter From Birmingham Jail" as a Reflection of Christian Faith, and "God is Able": King's Use of Power. And, he has portrayed King at the Schomburg Center in Harlem.

Anderson is responsible for implementing Wyoming Valley Reads! — a low-cost, high impact initiative to address the educational needs of local low income and "at risk" children. Successes of the program include: Book Harvest, the Greater Nanticoke After School Adventure, a free Summer Reading Camp, and the in-kind Bike Giveaway from the Wilkes-Barre Police Department.

For more information, contact Gina Morrison, coordinator of Multi-Cultural Affairs, at (570) 408-4731.

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Ron Felton will be Guest Speaker at Black History Month Program at Wilkes February 23

Wilkes-Barre - - In celebration of Black History Month, Wilkes University's Multicultural Student Coalition will present guest speaker Ron Felton, president of the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of the NAACP. Felton will deliver his address on Tuesday, February 23, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Edward Darling Jr. Theater of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, South and River Streets, Wilkes-Barre.

Originally from Ahoskie, N.C., Felton graduated from Newark Vocational and Technical High School, N.J., in 1971. He attended Rutgers University for one year, and then joined the United States Air Force. He served four years and received an honorable discharge in 1976.

Felton became president of the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of the NAACP in 1997 and was also elected to the Executive Board of Pennsylvania State Conference of NAACP Branches.

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1st Add: Wilkes University Celebrates Black History Month with Ron Felton

Felton has taken an active role in community affairs since arriving in Northeastern Pennsylvania in 1989. He initiated the "One Hundred Black Men Pledge," which encourages African American men to support the NAACP through 100 hours of physical service or monetary support. He organized the first annual "AFROZAR," which promotes African American culture and diversity. Additionally, Felton is a trustee of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Wilkes-Barre, and has served as an instructor with the Rites of Passage Program, teaching young African American children about their culture.

The "Black History Month Program" is a celebration of the African American culture through song, dance, and readings. It is open to the public and is appropriate for all ages. Wilkes students will perform "steppin'" dances and read original poetry. There will be refreshments for all. For more information about the "Black History Month Program," contact Gina Morrison, coordinator of multicultural affairs at Wilkes, at (570) 408-4731.

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The Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. in the second floor meeting room at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre. Jummy Lamb, society president, will address the group with "How to Use Computers for Genealogy." Anyone interested in family history is welcome to attend. For more information, call Lamb at 779-4643.

E.L. Meyers High School class of 1887 is requesting any members of the class to please contact the Reunion Committee by calling 325-6966 for more information.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers of St. Mary's Church of the Maternity, 49 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 26, following Mass at 7 p.m. All members and guests are invited to attend.

The Georgetown Conservation Club will host a spaghetti dinner today at the Wilkes-Barre Township Fire Hall from noon-5 p.m. Takeouts will be available.

St. Joseph's/St. Mary's Holy Name Society will be selling potato pancakes and holusky on all Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday at the Church Hall, 49 Hillside Street, Wilkes-Barre (Heights). Takeouts will be available from 4-6 p.m. only.

The Retired Bank Employees will meet for lunch on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Family Mark II Restaurant, Route 309 and Blackman Streets, Wilkes-Barre. The retired employees are from the Miners National, United Penn, Midlantic and Mellon Banks.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Northeastern Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Doranston United Methodist Church, 549 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston. The guest speaker for the evening will be Barbara Zarnke, R.M., BSRT, manager of Radiology with the Wyoming Valley Health Care Systems. Her topic will be "Taking Your Life into

The Wilkes-Barre Knights of Columbus Council 302 will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 15, at their home, 290 Parkview Circle, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The ham and cabbage dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and be followed with music for dancing and a cash bar. Information and tickets may be obtained by calling GH Francis Kennedy at 825-3272, or by stopping in at the home any weekday afternoon.

Monsignor Alexander I. Kulik, pastor of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Wilkes-Barre and Sister M. Bonaventura Radzai, O.S.F., superior and director of the Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, Mount Pocono are sponsoring "A Journey Through Grief" on Monday, March 3, from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Retreat House. The time will be spent learning how to refocus your life after the death of a loved one. There will be discussion, sharing and prayer. For information, contact Sr. M. Bonaventura at 839-7217 or Msgr. Kulik at 824-7832.

King's College will host the American Debate Association National Tournament March 1-3 as part of the college's Golden Jubilee Celebration. In conjunction, the Alumni Relations Office is planning a series of mock alumni debates without the pressure of actual competition. The event will commence with a dinner in the Gold Room on the sixth floor of the Administration Building. This will be a tribute to the late Bob Connelly. For schedule of events and more information, contact Mike Berry at 826-6500, ext. 5681 and for the alumni mock debates, call 826-5879.

So, there you have it! It was wonderful to receive so many calls and letters. Keep them coming at 185 W. River St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702 or by calling 822-1863.

Remember: "Continuous effort, not strength or intelligence, is the key to unlocking our potential" —Liane Cordes.

Sharon L. Brittingham is the Wilkes-Barre columnist for The Times Leader. Her column appears each Sunday.



ON THE SCENE IN WILKES-BARRE

A Black History Month comes to a close, I am pleased to highlight Alexa Canady (b. 1950). Dr. Alexa Canady became the first black woman neurosurgeon in the United States at the age of 35. She completed her medical studies at the University of Michigan with a specialty in pediatric neurosurgery. She was certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery in 1984. Since then, she has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, The Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and is clinical associate professor at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. I feel so blessed to have had this opportunity to share just a small piece of my African-American heritage with my neighbors. I hope that as time goes by, we are able to learn more about each other and find more ways to intermingle our respective cultures, traditions and history. I challenge my readers today to take a small step and participate in an event that may offer new experiences and opportunities to meet new people. Now let us see what events are planned for us in the near future:

The next meeting of the Wyoming Valley Real Estate Investors Association "Landlords Helping Landlords" will be held Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Ramada Inn, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre. Parking is free. The speaker for the evening is Sandy Russell, assistant director, and Elizabeth Parsons, housing analyst, Luzerne County Community Development Office. A question and answer period will follow. Members are invited to bring guests. Real estate investors are invited to join also. Refreshments will be served.

The Multicultural Student Coalition of Wilkes University is celebrating Black History Month. James Lyles will present "A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, in the Darling Theatre at the Dorothy Darte Dickson Center for the Performing Arts. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-800-WILKES-U, ext 4731 or 831-4731.

Your Own Hands," a program for women concerning breast cancer. All members and guests are welcome; also any women interested in possibly becoming a member. I welcome to attend. The club meets the fourth Monday of each month at the Doranston United Methodist Church in Kingston at 7:30 p.m.

Plans are being made for the 1997 State Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. The Saint John Neumann Division of both orders are hosting the four-day event in Wilkes-Barre in July 1997. Four hundred delegates representing more than 6000 male and 2500 female members will gather at the Ramada Hotel on Public Square, Wilkes-Barre. The National Board of the AOH, as well as the government of Ireland will be represented at the event.

The American Red Cross will host the Mid-Winter Oldies Hop at 8 p.m. Friday, March 7, at Genet's, Wilkes-Barre. The group "Which Doctor" will provide fabulous music from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Tickets are \$12 per person in advance and are available at all Gallery of Sound locations or by calling 823-7161. Buy your tickets early and support the American Red Cross.

The Wilkes-Barre Township Tax Collector announces that the 1997 County/Municipal Taxes were mailed on Saturday, Feb. 15. The rebate amount will be due until April 16. You can pay these taxes at the Tax Office in the Municipal Office, Watson Street, Wilkes-Barre or you can mail them to 150 Watson St., Wilkes-Barre Township, PA 18702. If you would like a receipt, you must supply a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment. You will notice a slight increase in your taxes from last year. Starting April 17, the face amount will be due.

Class behavior not out of line

Editor, *PNJFF*

I am writing in response to Shawn Kelly's article on the Hazleton Area High School graduation. A stranger to this area, after reading this article, would be tempted to blame the people of Hazleton for raising their children to be rude, rowdy and racist. This is simply not so. Mr. Kelly's misinterpretation of the day's events is disheartening.

Anyone with children, especially teenagers, can tell you that is nothing short of a miracle to get over 650 youngsters to dress alike, arrange themselves in alphabetical order, file in and out with dignity, stand and sit when told to do so, applaud for their classmates and their teachers, receive their diplomas with pride, and return to their seats until the end of a two-hour ceremony. These students displayed an unbridled joy and enthusiasm which moved me greatly. Truly, they understood the importance of their graduation day.

Yes, the booing of the district superintendent crossed the line of appropriate behavior. However, Dr. Shepperson's graceful handling of the situation made the spectators feel at ease, treating the incident as a long-standing inside joke. The beachball was a harmless display of cohesive group behavior, and the flinging of the caps into the air at the end of the ceremony is a common custom at graduations nowadays. If it is considered acceptable behavior at West Point, I think we can tolerate it in Hazleton.

I was truly dismayed to read Mr. Kelly's version of the reception of the class president. Adam Zanolini was welcomed with lengthy cheers from his classmates. Mr. Kelly was remiss in not mentioning that. When one of his friends called out, "Testify, my brother" Adam gave the thumb-up sign, drawing more cheers. This was hardly a racially insensitive remark, but rather a display of support and camaraderie from a friend.

Adam is my nephew, and our family has watched with great pride as he has excelled scholastically and athletically throughout the years. We rejoiced that he grew into a young man who is quite comfortable with his racial identity. When his classmates voted him into the class presidency, we realized that they felt confident with Adam's leadership abilities and comfortable with his identity. Indeed, it is the very district that the article criticizes which nurtured Adam and his classmates, encouraged the racial understanding so evident with this class, and allowed each of these students to flourish in his or her own unique way.

I feel that Hazleton Area School District should be pleased with the graduating class of 1998. They are proud and joyful, and their accomplishments are many. I have high expectations for their future, and I am happy to have been a part of their graduation day.

Gina Zanolini Morrison,
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Lucas: A tribute to Martin Luther King

James Lucas will present "A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. in the Darling Theater of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center as part of Wilkes University's celebration of February as Black History Month. Event is being hosted by the Multicultural Student Coalition.

Lucas is a student of Dr. King's teachings and is an advocate of King's philosophy on non-violent action to affect social change.

When he attended the 20th Anniversary of the March on Washington in August of 1983, Lucas received the inspiration to learn all he could about Dr. King's speeches, as well as the civil rights leader himself. Today, Lucas travels nationwide, reciting Dr. King's famous speeches to private businesses, professional organizations, churches, schools and universities.

Lucas is credited with presenting the most dramatic readings of Dr. King's speeches: "I Have A Dream," "I've Seen the Promise Land" and "I've Been to the Mountaintop." He was the featured guest speaker for both the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Baptist Conventions.

Jr. in the drama, "Reflections." Lucas also was invited to deliver renditions of King's speeches at President Clinton's 1992 inauguration.

Lucas's resemblance to and his interpretation of Dr. King has been called "remarkable," "uncanny" and "soulful."

The presentation is free to the public.

For more information, call 831-4731 or 1-800-WILKES-U, extension 4731.

In February of 1987, Lucas received and award from the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., for "Dedicated and Outstanding Participation" in his role as Dr. Martin Luther King



James Lucas

Actor gives King's words renewed life

By Bob Hooten

WILKES-BARRE — Growing up in Wilkes-Barre, Jim Lucas learned the meaning of the word "renewal" in the growing protest against segregation and racial inequality. He was just a high school student then, a teenage boy moved to act out by the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Ten decades later, he would make the words his own. After reading the 20th anniversary edition of the March on Washington in 1983, Lucas began delivering Martin Luther King Jr. speeches and parades during the civil rights marches, whom he remembers. Recalling the "I Have a Dream" speech from the 1963 march, Lucas delivered in his own church in suburban Washington, D.C., and soon began performing throughout the country.

"People seemed to be moved so deeply by it," he said. "I wanted to do it often. I was, and I still do, proud of it." Lucas will present his current performance, "A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Danforth Room of the Wilkes-Barre Civic Center at Wilkes University.

The appearance is part of Wilkes' celebration of Black History Month, during which Lucas finds himself especially in demand. Among his performances, Lucas has appeared at the NAACP and National Baptist conventions.

He presents excerpts from several King speeches, including "I've Seen the Promised Land," "I've Been to the Mountain Top" and the "Dream" speech that Lucas began with.

"It was often said that you not only heard what he said but you felt what he said," Lucas said. "His impact on me was that I felt what he was about. I felt what he was saying."

The power of King's message first struck Lucas in his hometown, Providence, R.I., where he attended segregated schools in the town of about 10,000 people.

He had grown up in a world where black students walked and whites rode the school bus, where black students studied from second-hand books, where the black school's chemistry lab had no supplies.

Until King began to organize the national civil rights movement, people like Lucas felt powerless to change such things. He had seen crosses burned on his front lawn because his father had fought for the right to register to vote.

"Picture where you are, isolated in a small town, and think about raising hell," Lucas said. "You don't get the support of everybody. But once a voice is being raised nationwide, even though you're a small voice in a small community, there's a bigger voice saying the same thing. And now you can press the issue."

Lucas grew increasingly active

in the movement. He participated in lunch counter sit-ins and protests on buses. He also worked in theater, a pursuit he began in high school.

In August 1983, he finally brought those two together. Lucas attended the 20th anniversary March on Washington, where speakers gave spirited presentations throughout the day. But at the end of the day, they played a tape recording of King's "I Have a Dream" speech, which he had delivered there 20 years earlier.

Lucas was disheartened. "Everybody around me thought it was sort of a downer," he said. "Not the speech, but that it was on tape. They had all these dynamic speakers all day, why not get someone to bring those words to life? And I decided I would never be part of another program where we have to listen to a tape, if I have to do the speech myself."

In the years since, he has portrayed King in various productions, including the nationally acclaimed play "The Meeting," about a fictional meeting between King and Malcolm X. That play was performed at Penn State Wilkes-Barre last month.

Lucas performs for the same reason he became active growing up in Wilkes-Barre.

He performs to change things. "I do feel a weight in my presentation," he said. "I'm trying to carry on a moral message that we should be trying to help each other. We show so little respect for each other, let alone ourselves. We should be trying to help somebody else."

Picture where you are, isolated in a small town, and think about raising hell," Lucas said. "You don't get the support of everybody. But once a voice is being raised nationwide, even though you're a small voice in a small community, there's a bigger voice saying the same thing. And now you can press the issue."

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Newly Elected Members of the Multicultural Student Coalition

Wilkes-Barre --Wilkes University's Multicultural Student Coalition recently elected officers for 1997.

The Multicultural Student Coalition is celebrating February as Black History Month. In celebration they will be hosting James Lucas, Thursday, February 27, at 8 p.m., in the Darling Theater of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. Lucas will present "A Tribute To Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information about Lucas's presentation call (717) 831-4731 or 1-800-WILKES-U, ext. 4731.

PHOTO:

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STANDING FORM LEFT--Aldith Campbell, Secretary; Fawaz Al-Sarraf, Vice President; Lester Jones, Member; and Berverly Olds, President.

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Wilkes MultiCultural Student Coalition to Sponsor Hispanic Film Series

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The first film, "The Milagro Beanfield War," will be held September 19. Directed by Robert Redford, the film has been called "a funny and absolutely delightful comedy" by FOX Network's Stewart Klein, and a "cinematic fable... of wide-eyed charm" by Newsweek's David Ansen.

Upcoming films will include "Mambo King's," on September 26; "Like Water for Chocolate," on October 3; and "House of the Spirits," on October 10.

Admission is free and all are welcome for the entire series. For more information, call Gina Z. Morrison, Wilkes MultiCultural Coordinator, at (717) 831-4731 or 1-800-WILKES-U, extension 4731.

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Schalm



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Pennsylvania-American Water Co. has named **Thomas F. Reese** of Middletown as community relations manager for the company's Wilkes-Barre/Scranton operational area. Reese is a Hazleton native. He has been with Pennsylvania-American for 16 years.

Robert J. Plishka Jr. of Clarks Green has joined the staff of Maslow Lumia Bartonillo Advertising, Wilkes-Barre, as director of public relations. Plishka is a graduate of Shippensburg University. He has experience at weekly newspapers and served as an assistant in the marketing department at WOLF-TV, Channel 38, in Scranton.



Joyce Stevens of Hazleton has been named practice manager with Dr. Clark D. Gerhart, a specialist in minimally invasive laparoscopic and thoracoscopic surgery. Stevens will also serve as site coordinator for Gerhart's clinical research. Stevens is a graduate of Muhlenberg College. She received her master's degree in individual and group counseling from the University of Scranton. She completed post-graduate studies at the Georgetown Family Center, Washington, D.C. and is currently working toward her master's in health-care administration at King's College.



Keyboardist/composer **David Chaump** of West Pittston recently signed a publishing contract with DSM Producers Inc. of New York. DSM will represent seven instrumentals composed by Chaump, from new age to classical baroque. DSM plans to include the titles on its All American Composers compact disc, to be used by major television networks and distributed worldwide by Warner/Chappell Music.

Mid-Atlantic Communications Inc., of Avoca, has named **Paula I. Birth**, of Jim Thorpe, account manager. Most recently, Birth managed marketing and sales support of the Commonwealth Communications division of C-TEC Corp. in Wilkes-Barre. She is pursuing a degree in Business administration from Pennsylvania State University.



Laura M. Scanlon recently joined Lentz, Cantor, Kilgore & Massey Ltd. of Frazer. Scanlon, of West Chester, is a graduate of Villanova University and Widener University School of Law. She was previously employed by the firm of Peter G. Loftus, and practiced in Northeastern Pennsylvania.



Fran Sorber and **Jane Young** have accepted the positions of Regional Coordinators for the Northeast District of Parent to

Parent of Pennsylvania. They will be based at the Family Service Association Building, Wilkes-Barre, but their coverage area will include Luzerne County and nine neighboring counties. Sorber has been involved with parent support groups for eight years. Young has been involved in special needs programs for more than two years.

Michael A. Mastillo has been promoted to sales manager in the Plains Township office of American General Life and Accident Insurance Co. He began his career with the company in 1995 as an agent.

John Heiser has been appointed physical therapist at Riverside Rehabilitation Center, Plains. He is enrolled in College Misericordia's master's program for physical therapy. He was previously employed at Wyoming Valley Health Care System Inc. as a physical therapy assistant.



Claudine Anastasi, physical therapy technician at Riverside Rehabilitation Center, Plains, recently started a massage therapy program at the center. She is a graduate of Humboldt State University, California. She has studied various forms of massage, and is certified by national boards and associations. She expects to continue her master's studies in physical therapy at Boston University.



Jack M. Miller has joined the firm of Galland, Steinhauer & Repp Inc. as a personal and commercial lines producer at the main office in Kingston. Miller attended Penn State, Wilkes-Barre, and served in the U.S. Navy.



Three recent hirings are part of an expansion at Clarks Summit-based Alexander Ad Agency. **Lisa Wray Mazzanti**, Springville, has been appointed to the position of graphic designer. She is a graduate of the Huskies School of Art in Philadelphia.

Official's 'thoughtless' words inflicted needless hurt, perpetuate racism

Editor:

As a white person whose immediate family includes several persons of color, I am embarrassed, insulted and saddened by the remarks of Bernie Babonis (July 31).

Mr. Babonis' remark was thoughtless and hurtful. His efforts to pass it off as a meaningless "joke" deepened the wound his words created.

Apparently, Mr. Babonis does not realize that thoughtless words can be painful instruments of prejudice, perpetuating and inflaming racism.

I can only think of the children of color growing up in our community right now. How many more times will they feel the pain of careless remarks from Mr. Babonis and others like him, who believe that derogatory name-calling is funny?

What results will that destructive behavior have on the self-esteem of these children, the future of our community?

How many of these children will grow into angry adults after suffering countless similar thoughtless remarks, gestures, and practices — "thoughtless" only because they reflect racist attitudes so deeply entrenched that they are made automatically, with no thought as to their source?

How ironic that the article about Bernie Babonis' racial epithet shared the front page with the picture of Dan

O'Brien winning the decathlon high jump.

The Centennial Olympiad was full of African Americans, indeed people with African heritage of every nationality, achieving the highest goals humanly possible.

These are our American heroes, individuals deserving of praise and respect, representatives of a wonderful culture.

I am left to wonder how so many persons of color — whether students, doc-

tors, friends, family members, or gold medal winners — have become so strong, so positive and so accomplished when faced with a lifetime of racism.

I admire them for not giving in to the hate. They serve as a model of strength for all of us, especially people such as Mr. Babonis.

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- National Office of Job Corps Task Force on ESL, 1991 to 1992 (wrote national curriculum)
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KidsPeace/Wiley House, January 1993 to October 1994

- Supervisor, Recruitment/Training Department, Northeast PA ITF (foster care) Program
- Organized all public relations events, special retention events for parents, advertisement
- Responsible for the publication of monthly newsletter to foster parents and staff
- Developed extensive training program for foster parents
- Foster parent trainer: Cultural Awareness, Reality Therapy, Surviving the Teenage Years
- Proposed and implemented Breakfast Club, ongoing inservice staff training
- Staff Trainer, Trainers' Workshop, Pennsylvania and Indiana offices

Luzerne Intermediate Unit, October 1994 to present: Teacher, Alternative Education Program

Community Volunteer Organizations, Luzerne County

- ESL tutor, Catholic Social Services
- District Attorney's Committee on Youth and Violence, 1993 to present
- Sub-Committee on MultiCultural Education, 1993
- Ethnviolence Committee (Luzerne County Coalition Project), 1993 to present
- NorthEastern Network, editor of newsletter, 1992 to 1993
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Women's history and their achievements discussed at parley

By CAROL CRANE
Citizens' Voice Staff Writer

Women's history and their achievements over the years were the focus of a grand celebration in Pittston Friday night.

More than 200 people turned out to applaud the accomplishments of local women at Convention Hall for the eighth annual Women's History Month Dinner sponsored by the Luzerne County Commission for Women.

Keynote speaker was Dr. Jessica Kozloff, president of Bloomsburg University. Dr. Kozloff chronicled the evolution of women since the end of World War II to the present where both men and women are on the precipice of not only a new decade but a new millennium.

"We stand at the dawn of a new era," stated Dr. Kozloff. "Today, we are emerging from the 20th century version of the Dark Ages."

Dr. Kozloff's address carried the rapt audience through the industrial age where men were the leaders and the women, caregivers. She traversed the period where 65-percent of workers were employed in industry to the present time where 60-percent of the work force depends on information as its chief resource.

Touching on management styles and career tracks, Dr. Kozloff remarked how at one time, men held the majority of management positions, deriving their power from organization and being competitive. Women, on the other hand, have learned to manage by gently transforming the inter-

ests of employees by allowing them to contribute.

Also, she pointed out, the skills learned by women since World War II have enabled many to pursue what at one time were considered non-traditional career goals.

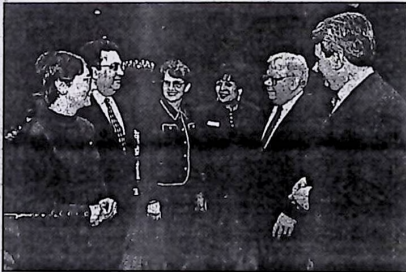
Today, successful management strategies are those based not only on time-proven methods of controlling workers but also by incorporating the "feminine skills" of facilitating and nurturing employees, Dr. Kozloff stated.

Judge Joseph Augello swore in the newest members of the Women's Commission. Taking the oath of office last night were Attorney Nancy Alexander, Mary Lou Bravin, Cheryl Bubrowski, Gina Morrison and Karen Rogowicz.

Women's History Month Award Recipients included Bette Saxton, editor and publisher of the bi-monthly newspaper, "Concerning Women;" business woman and former commission member Lillian Paternoster of Hazleton; and the Women's Network for its annual sponsorship of the women's conference at Penn State University.

Recognized for her service to the Women's Commission was Jane Manganella of Kingston.

Yvonne Bozinski and Bravin served as co-chairpersons for Friday's dinner which was attended by Luzerne County commissioners Thomas Makowski and Joseph "Red" Jones as well as Luzerne County Judge Ann Lokuta and attorneys Beth Boris, Michael Butera, and Virginia Murtha Cowley.



Dinner principals

Attending last night's fete, from left: Luzerne County judges Ann H. Lokuta and Joseph Augello, Dr. Jessica Kozloff, Dr. Wanda Taylor, county commissioners Joseph Red Jones and Tom Makowski.



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Wilkes University Multi-Cultural Affairs Coordinator Invited to Washington D.C.

Wilkes Barre- Gina Z. Morrison, coordinator of Multi-Cultural Affairs at Wilkes University has recently been invited by the United States Senate to attend the "D.C. Day for Women Leaders." The program will be held on Thursday, March 26, in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington D.C.

Women from the state of Pennsylvania were selected to attend the informative and interesting afternoon of guest speakers, who will be discussing topical issues and given an opportunity to network with other distinguished women from the Commonwealth.

"I am honored and excited to have an opportunity to network with other professionals from the Commonwealth," said Morrison.

"D.C. Day for Women Leaders," will cover four major topics including: Economic Opportunities for America's Families; Access to Quality Health Care; Generating Business & Economic Opportunities for Women; and Women in the Political Process.

Several Congressional leaders, including Senators Carol Moseley-Braun, Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Congresswomen Susan Molinari and other national figures will be on hand to discuss current issues and engage in open dialogue with the attendees.

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- Staff trainer, Nat'l Office Basic Ed. Programs Training, Washington, DC, and San Francisco, 1992

KidsPeace/Wiley House, January 1993 to October 1994

- Supervisor, Recruitment/Training Department, Northeast PA ITF (foster care) Program
- Organized all public relations events, special retention events for parents, advertisement
- Responsible for the publication of monthly newsletter to foster parents and staff
- Developed extensive training program for foster parents
- Foster parent trainer: Cultural Awareness, Reality Therapy, Surviving the Teenage Years
- Proposed and implemented Breakfast Club, ongoing inservice staff training
- Staff Trainer, Trainers' Workshop, Pennsylvania and Indiana offices

Luzerne Intermediate Unit, October 1994 to present: Teacher, Alternative Education Program

Community Volunteer Organizations, Luzerne County

- ESL tutor, Catholic Social Services
- District Attorney's Committee on Youth and Violence, 1993 to present
- Sub-Committee on MultiCultural Education, 1993
- Ethnoviolence Committee (Luzerne County Coalition Project), 1993 to present
- NorthEastern Network, editor of newsletter, 1992 to 1993
- Member NAACP, Interfaith Resource Center for Peace and Justice, Concerned Citizens of Wilkes-Barre, Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society, Music Box Theatre and Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre

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Taste of Wilkes Food Festival Raises Nearly \$1,000 for United Way

Wilkes-Barre -- Wilkes University's recent annual *Taste of Wilkes* food festival raised nearly \$1,000 to help the Wilkes United Way Campaign, which benefits the programs and agencies participating with the local organization. This money is added to employee individual contributions to the United Way.

Each autumn, Wilkes faculty and staff volunteers prepare and serve their favorite family recipes to their co-workers and students. By purchasing a ticket to the luncheon, diners sample an array of food items ranging from the more traditional to the elaborate.

This year, 33 cooks participated in the fundraiser and nearly 10 additional individuals, Wilkes organizations and local businesses donated prizes for the silent auction. Chefs were also encouraged to provide copies of their recipes, which were sold for a quarter a piece. In the months ahead, *Taste of Wilkes* cookbooks will be assembled and sold, with proceeds also being donated to the United Way.

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Appetizer recipes included in the cookbook will be: Anne Pelak's cheese bread, Jennie Bullock's bread n' butter, Sandra Rendina's cheese tortellini salad, Christopher Breiseth's Neri's Norske meatballs, Annet Kaminski's Leona's meatballs, Shelli Holt-Macey's Mexican roll-ups, Paul O'Hop's Polish potatoes, Samira Chamoun's humus, Jackie Ruane's devilish deviled eggs, Eileen Sharp's vegetable bars, Becky Steinberger's global goodies and savory starters and Dr. Wagiha Taylor's Egyptian delight (basbousa).

Entrees featured will be Gina Morrison's Mrs. Lovett's meat pies, Mike Garr's famous fried rice, Carol Maculloch's broccoli casserole, Gail Rikoskie's knock-off chili, Theresa Rallo's fried squirrel, Romaine Szafran's poppy seed chicken over rice, SBDC's medley, Darren Hack's luscious lasagna, Doug Lynch's lasagna, Dick Raspen's humble Hanover haluski, and Patty Staskiel's 4-bean casserole.

Desserts include Dick Raspen's Y-2Kake, Gay Meyers's Jimmy Carter Cake, Maryellen Sloat's peanut butter and jelly bars, Jane Jeffery's banana split cake, Carol Bosack's brownies, Jane O'Borski's chocolate peanut butterchip cookies, Joan Reck's cream puffs, Joan Ford's practically perfect pumpkin pie, Gretchen Yeager's chocolate chip cookies, and Kathy Zayleskie's apple almond tart.

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Left to right - Dr. Richard G. Raspen, Wilkes-Barre, associate professor, Business Administration; Julia Sinnott, Shavertown, administrative assistant, SBDC; Gina Z. Morrison, Forty Fort, *Taste of Wilkes* chairperson and coordinator, Multi-Cultural Affairs; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes president; Dr. Mark K. Sowcik, Shavertown, director, Campus Counseling; Rosemary Cabanillas, Kinnelon, N.J., a sophomore pre-Pharmacy major at Wilkes



