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Pope Benedict XVI leads
the faithful in place of
his admired mentor.

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The man, the mystery: A local look

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The odds on Web sites that Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger would ascend to the papacy were 11-2. But when it comes to predicting his impact as Pope Benedict XVI, local church officials and experts tend to agree: All bets are off.

Ratzinger's long religious life is literally an open book, since he's written extensively. But two people who have read his works closely — including University of Scranton theology professor James Brian Benestad, who met Ratzinger last year — warn that the works are subtle and deep. Highlighting a handful of statements and using them to reconstruct the new pope, they say, gives a false image.

As the Rev. Charles Parthum at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre noted, the conservative tone of one of Ratzinger's writings "dismayed" him at first, but after review, he saw "the subtle distinctions that he intended. That may be a problem — a modern world of instantaneous communications is not accustomed to subtle nuance, and does not often provide the opportunity for second and third readings."

Benestad, who has studied Ratzinger's works for decades, is convinced Benedict XVI will surprise most people. "I think he

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will overwhelm you with his brilliance. You're going to see how well-organized and well-ordered he is, and his goodness will come across too. This is an extraordinary human being."

Unlike, Benestad, most of those interviewed for this article were concerned about Ratzinger's past tough talk on dissension, they welcomed his early calls as pope for interfaith dialogue, and urged the world to give him a chance.

As the Rev. Keith Benjamin, pastor at First United Methodist in Wilkes-Barre, put it, "You can only look forward and see how the office is going to affect the man."

That said, here's how some local people from very different perspectives see the new pope.

Episcopal Church

Though rooted in the same faith — it is part of the worldwide "Anglican Community" — the Episcopal Church differs from Catholicism by ordaining women and allowing priests to be married, among other ways. Earlier this year, both churches hit local headlines when an Episcopal priest left his church in Scranton to become a Catholic priest. A narrow Catholic exception allows him to stay married. The Episcopal Church also came under fire for making an openly gay man a bishop in New Hampshire.

Parthum, at St. Stephen's, views the election of Benedict XVI as a chance for the Catholic hierarchy to maintain the course set by John Paul II long enough "to reflect on the competing forces within 21st century Catholicism." But he warned that Pope John XXIII was also elected as a "caretaker" at age 76, and ended up revolutionizing the church through Vatican II. Whatever happens, Parthum said he believes it is being guided by God.

Ratzinger's writings make it unlikely the two churches will move much closer during his tenure, Parthum said, "but on the practical, day-to-day level, the framework for cooperative mission and ministry is in place. It is a reality that operates here in Wilkes-Barre, and throughout the world. And that will not change."

News reports of Ratzinger's hard-line approach — he has been called the Rottweiler, the enforcer and, by some Germans, Der Panzerkardinal — are likely misguided, Parthum said. He pointed to his own experience reading Ratzinger's "Dominus Iesus."

On first read, Parthum thought the cardinal was harshly critical of Christian religions outside the Catholic Church. But on closer look, he realized Ratzinger was warning against corruption of religion in some countries by those

who wanted to use it to seize power.

Parthum expects no rush of Roman Catholics converting to Protestant religions even if Benedict XVI employs a hard-line approach.

"Before looking for any flood of distraught Catholics at our doors, we should remember the words of Catholic sociologist Andrew Greeley, who says that as a group, Catholics like being Catholic, even when they do not like positions taken by their leadership."

"Pope Benedict has obvious gifts as a scholar and administrator," Parthum said. "We will have to wait and see whether his leadership will also reflect the pastoral dimension of serving real people whose lives are in real distress."

Latino Catholics

Prior to Ratzinger's election, many speculated the next pope would be from Africa or Latin America. In Hazleton, two Latino Catholics conceded it was a wish, but hardly a necessity.

"I think that everyone was hoping to get one of their own, not only the Latinos, but others," said Anna Arias. Still, it was a minor issue. "We were all happy and expectant. We are looking forward to what he has to say and what he's going to do, and we are hopeful that he'll continue the good work that the last pope did."

Arias said Benedict XVI's apparent conservative viewpoints would be good for the church. She also said she would like to see him carry on John Paul II's habit of traveling. "I believe that we need the presence close to us, to know that there is someone that you can touch. That is not how it used to be years and years ago when the pope was considered a divine figure, an untouchable person."

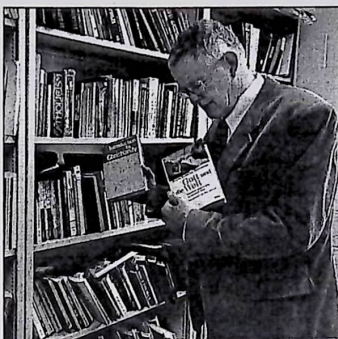
Wilson Velazquez, Deacon at St. Gabriel's Church, also said most in the Latino community had hoped for one of their own to become pope, but they were hardly alone. "Americans wanted an American and Italians want an Italian. Everyone wanted their own."

What matters in the end, though, is having a good pope, regardless of where he comes from. "We hope he's a saint like the other one, like John Paul II, and we just have to wait and see how he does."

United Methodist

Benjamin, at First United Methodist, echoed Parthum's expectation that Benedict XVI is an interim pope, expected to provide a relatively short reign while the church plots its course. But that's just an assumption.

"Transitions are always interesting," Benjamin said. "The new pope is said to be a conservative, but so was Earl Warren on the Supreme Court." Warren helped make the court, during his time, one of the most active, with landmark rulings like



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University of Scranton theology professor James Brian Benestad shows a few works in his office collection that were written by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI. Benestad has studied Ratzinger's work for several decades.

Brown vs. Board of Education which ended segregation in schools.

"You can't tell," Benjamin said. "It's a little hard to prejudge anything he does. Give the guy a chance."

Despite that caveat, Benjamin holds scant hope for resolving doctrinal differences, such as ordaining women, between the churches.

"I would say Pope Benedict XVI is not going to move us a whole lot closer on the critical issues, but may divide us. That doesn't mean we can't work together as people of faith. My understanding is he is a man with a strong conscience regarding social issues and caring for the poor. On those issues we'll be much, much closer."

"He has strong moral values and they tend to be conservative in the way people read these things, but I have a feeling that is only on some issues. We're all a mix of views," Benjamin said. "The authority of his office can have an immense impact on the way a person thinks."

Gays and lesbians

Like his predecessor John Paul II, Benedict XVI has been unequivocal in rejecting homosexuality as morally wrong. And the community that often refers to itself as LGBT — Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual — might be the least likely to see much hope in the selection of Ratzinger as pope.

John Dawe, chairman of the Northeast Pennsylvania Rainbow Alliance, noted that he isn't Catholic. But to convey the feeling of the gay community, he offered a short letter from California-based the Rev. Troy D. Perry, moderator, Metropolitan Community Churches.

"Over the past three decades, Cardinal Ratzinger has served as the author of many of the Roman Catholic Church's policies that embody overt hostility to LGBT

Benedict XVI, he pushes a harder line onto Roman Catholics, the church will learn from the experience. "It may give the church a chance to recognize if that's the way it still wants to go or whether it wants to be more inclusive."

"This is an interim step," Acacio said. "He's the right person to step into this position for what still needs to happen inside the church and in the interfaith community around it."

That said, she did add her own belief that "until an organization steps up to embrace inclusion, there cannot be peace in the world because there will always be this undertone of conflict and resistance."

The Unity Church teaches not to second-guess the new pope. "That was one of Jesus' most prominent teachings, to not judge."

"Whatever is you'd like to see come out of a situation, hold out for that and give thanks in advance. The journey is part of the process."

Orthodox Christians

The Rev. Joseph Martin, pastor at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, offered a short comment on the decision to make Ratzinger pope.

"I congratulate him on the election. He has a very difficult job and I pray God will help him carry out his duties. We are happy to hear that he will continue the dialogue with our church that was started by John Paul II."

It may be worth noting that Orthodox Christians and Roman Catholics each tend to claim they are the "original" Christian church, and who split from whom depends on which side you're from.

Islam

Waghiu Taylor, a professor at Wilkes University, stressed "I'm an economist by training," and that her views on the new pope are hers alone. Then she began with a positive note.

"He looks pretty good. He sounds pretty good. We have to remember he is different than the previous pope. He is not a people's pope like the previous one. Just from what I've read and what I hear, he goes more by the book. He's not the type like the previous pope, who reached out to different communities and different religions."

The biggest fear is that, as Benedict XVI, Ratzinger will adhere to comments he made as a cardinal about Catholicism being the only true church. That, Taylor said, causes problems when done by any religion, and could cause friction with Islam. "From the point of view of other religions, I think a more liberal pope or a people's kind of pope would probably bring more people together."

"But on the other hand, remember he's there really as an interim pope, he's not going to be there too long," Taylor said. "We're just going to have to wait and see."

The man who met him

Benestad, the University of Scranton theology professor, said if Ratzinger the pope follows the pattern of Ratzinger the cardinal, it could improve relations with some other religions, particularly Islam.

"I think he's going to try to persuade the West to moderate relativism, and that may help get along with Islam a little."

"I avoid terms like conservative and traditional," Benestad said. "The question is, what is he conserving? If he's conserving the true teaching of Christ, that's what a Catholic should do."

Benestad has followed Ratzinger's career since the 1960s, and believes much of what has been said about him since he became pope was taken out of context. His reputation as an "enforcer" of Catholic doctrine, for example, is overrated.

"It was his job there. He was supposed to explain and defend the faith." What media reports often fail to mention, he added, is that Ratzinger was slow to take action, even against some very intransigent dissidents. In one case with a German priest, he worked 10 years trying to stop him from teaching things like contraception as Catholic doctrine, which it emphatically is not.

Similarly, complaints about Ratzinger's comment that the Catholic Church is the only true church are out of context. In the course of three lengthy interviews, Ratzinger "said the difficulty is that a lot of people these days no longer want to be Catholic, and he said what you're going to have is fewer who are really enthusiastic about understanding and practicing the faith, that's where we're going to have to go, and build the church from there. He's saying it's not the way he wanted it, it's just the way it happened."

The new pope, Benestad said, is warm, humble and extremely intelligent. He is a poet, musician and linguist.

"I met him last year in Rome, in February. I was there for a conference and I saw him on the street and walked up to him and introduced myself to him," Benestad said. "He's very open-minded. He will listen."

"He's not charismatic in a visible way, but he's a presence. When you see him, or hear him talk, or just be with him, you sense you're with a special person."

The future pope?

By the way, on the Internet, paddypower.com is already taking odds on who will succeed Benedict XVI. As of Friday afternoon, Angelo Scola of Venice was the favorite at 6-1. The longest shot, at 1000-1 is "Bono" of Ireland. With no other name or title given, we can only assume they mean the lead singer of U2.

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people and preclude women from full participation in the life of the Church," Taylor wrote.

"My faith teaches that all people can change, so my prayers today are that the eyes of Cardinal Ratzinger - now Pope Benedict XVI - will be opened to the unique giftedness and blessing that LGBT people can be to the Church."

Bahá'í

You probably didn't even know there are members of the Bahá'í community in our area, but Dave Jenkins is one. Bahá'í, he said, believe religion is progressive, with many messengers from God, from Abraham through Bahá'u'lláh, who established the community. All religions are one, though they may follow different messengers. Jenkins' view of the new pope keeps with that philosophy.

"I'm hoping he'll continue - and I'm sure he will - the interfaith dialogue that John Paul II started," Jenkins said. "What we are actually looking for is a greater understanding of what each religion brings to the table. Essentially we're not looking to make everyone in the world a Bahá'í, but we want a greater understanding between faiths so the animosity that is based on human limitations can be eliminated, so we can see each religion for what it is, as a reflection of God's truth."

Unity Church

As the Rev. Ann Marie Acacio describes it, the Unity Church shares some of the sentiment of Bahá'í. "A principle of Unity is that the universe is always on time," she said, even if we grow impatient with the pace of things.

Acacio is pastor of the Unity Church in Wilkes-Barre and the president of the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council. Like others, she admitted concern about Ratzinger's conservative past, but cast it in a positive light. If, as

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From left are Kiwanis president John A. Gavenonis, the Rev. Alan C. Bone, Polina Baskina, William A. Reese, treasurer, and Dr. Wagiha Taylor, guest speaker.

Kiwanis Club hears about 'Women in Islam'

An insight talk into "The Role of Women in Islam" and an explanation of the Muslim Koran, as well as a financial scholarship award to a graduating senior at Wyoming Valley West High School, were featured a recent meeting of the Plymouth Kiwanis Club.

Guest speaker was Dr. Wagiha Taylor, Ph.D., professor of international business and economics at Wilkes University.

The annual Kiwanis scholarship award was presented to Polina Baskina, an exchange student from Urals, Ekateunbourg, Russia. Polina has been a guest resident of Rev. and Mrs. Alan C. Bone since last August. Rev. Bone, retiring

pastor of Plymouth Christian Church and a religion column contributor to the Citizens' Voice, has been "host father" to Polina during her stay in this country. Polina soon will return to Russia to participate in comparative high school graduation exams. She hopes to return to the United States and attend college in this country.

Dr. Taylor, a native of Egypt, compared the Muslim Koran to the Christian Bible. She stated Christians comprise 32.9 percent of the world's population and Muslims, 19.8 percent. At conclusion of her talk, she was presented a Shawnee Indianhead statuette and a certificate of appreciation by Kiwanis president John A. Gavenonis.

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Kiwanis listens to Islam presentation, awards scholarship

At a recent meeting, the Plymouth Kiwanis Club was given a speech on 'The Role of Women in Islam' and an explanation of the Muslim Koran. A financial scholarship award was also presented to a graduating senior of Wyoming Valley West High School. Guest speaker was Wagiha Taylor, professor of international business and economics at Wilkes University. The annual Kiwanis scholarship award was presented to Polina Baskina, an exchange student from Urals, Ekateunbourg, Russia. From left: John Gavenonis, Kiwanis president; the Rev. Alan C. Bone; Baskina; William Reese, Kiwanis treasurer; and Taylor.

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'Women of Islam' topic

Wagima Taylor, dean of graduate studies and professor of economics at Wilkes University, will discuss "Women in Islam" on Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in Lebanon Valley College's Leedy Theater, located in the Mund College Center. The presentation, which is part of the college's Spring Humanities Colloquium, "The House of Islam," is free.

Taylor has acted as a consultant for the United Nations, and currently serves as president of the Congress of Political Economists, president of the Association of Egyptian American Scholars in the United States and Canada, and is a founding and life member

of both the Eastern Economic Association and the Congress of Political Economists.

She also served as president of the Pennsylvania Economic Association, chair of the board of directors of the Middle East Development and Science Institute in Washington, D.C., and president of the Northeast Pennsylvania Association of Arab-Americans.

Taylor has traveled on business to Europe, the Middle East, the Far East, South America, South Africa and Australia. She holds a master's degree in economics from Brown University and a doctorate in economics from Clark University.

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OTHER EVENTS**Today**

Dutch Wonderland Amusement Park, 2249 Route 30 East, Lancaster, opens for the season today. Hours, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Open daily starting Memorial Day Weekend. Information, 291-1888.

Easter Craft Show of Paradise, featuring more than 120 exhibitors, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday, Paradise Sales Building, Meadow Lane, 5 miles east of Lancaster off Route 30. Admission, \$2.50 ages 12 and older. Information, 656-3208.

Morlatton Postcard Club Inc. Show, 2 to 8 p.m. today; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster. Admission, \$1.50. Information, 263-1638.

Poetry Reading, 7 p.m., Capital Area Art Alliance Gallery, Progress Plaza on Progress Avenue. Donations accepted. Information, 233-2640.

Public Astronomical Observing Session, view Comet Hale-Bopp with members of the Astronomical Society of Harrisburg, 6 p.m. today through Sunday, ASH Naylor Observatory, Observatory Drive, Lewisberry. Information, 938-6041.

Saturday, March 29

Hersheypark Arena Public Ice Skating, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (In outdoor rink during Hersheypark Arena events.) Admission, \$5 ages 7 and older; \$2 ages 6 and younger. Skate rental, \$2. Hershey Figure Skating Club's Family Learn-to-Skate classes are held from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday in the Hersheypark Arena for \$6. Information, 534-3891.

Tuesday, April 1

Crafts by YorkArts, design and make a journal, led by Carol Oldenburg, 7 p.m., Borders, 3000 Whiteford Road, York. Free. Information, 755-0800.

Cyberart, T3 designs, two-dimensional computer creations, by William Thompson III, opening Tuesday, Art in the Cafe, Magaro's Cafe at Encore Books & Music, Hampden Twp. Information, 761-2665.

Science-Fiction Book Discussion Group, "Sacred Seven," by Amy Stout, 7 p.m., Encore Books & Music, Hampden Twp. Free. Information, 761-2665.

Used-Book Sale, includes paperbacks, fiction, nonfiction and special publications relating to Pennsylvania, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Millersville Univer-

sity of Pennsylvania, Ganser Library lobby and art gallery. Information, 872-3608.

Wednesday, April 2

LeVian Jewel Collection, on display, includes jewelry modeling, live musical entertainment and refreshments, noon to 8 p.m., The Bon-Ton Department Store, Colonial Park. Information, 757-7680.

Thursday, April 3

"Tax Preparation — Filing of Extension of Time," free program given by H & R Block, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Bosler Free Library, 158 W. High St., Carlisle. Registration required, 243-4642.

Wedding-Planning Seminar, featuring a variety of vendors with information, samples and advice, 7 p.m., Borders, 3000 Whiteford Road, York. Free. Information, 755-0800.

Continuing

Pennsylvania National Arts and Crafts Show, featuring juried crafts people and artists from 30 states, through Saturday, Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex. Hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission, \$5 adults; \$4 senior adults and ages 6 through 12. Information, 796-0531.

Pennsylvania German Easter Customs, display of customs from the 1800s, through Sunday, Landis Valley Museum, Route 272, the Oregon Pike, Lancaster. Live rabbits on display Saturday. Admission charged. Information, 569-0402.

Turbo Kourier, virtual-reality experience, continuing through Sunday, Museum of Scientific Discovery, Strawberry Square. Museum hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission, \$1.50 besides regular museum admission. Information, 233-7969 Ext. 10.

An International Exhibit of Holography, includes hologram portraits to the latest in computer-generated holography, through Monday, The Museum of Scientific Discovery, Strawberry Square. Museum admission charged. Information, 233-7969, ext. 10.

Black and White Photography Exhibit, by Stephen Eastham, through Monday, Magaro's Cafe at Encore Books & Music, Hampden Twp.

"Quilts of Adams County, Pennsylvania: 1830 to 1940," exhibit, through April 6, Gettysburg College, Schmucker Art Gallery. Gallery hours, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday; 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Free. Information, 337-6800.

"Uniforms of College Football Featuring the Big Ten," exhibit, through April 27,

FILMS

Wednesday, April 2

"**Lamerica**," 1995 Italian film, 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Shippensburg University, Cumberland Union Building, Orndorff Theatre. Information, Dr. Michael Pressler at 532-1135.

"**French Twist**," 1995 French film with subtitles, rated R, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and April 6, Capitol Theatre, 50 N. George St., York. Tickets, \$4. Information, 846-1111.

LECTURES

Tuesday, April 1

"**Rethinking Welfare Reform**," Part I, by Stanley Carlson-Thels and James Skillen of the Center for Public Justice, 7:30 p.m., Dickinson College, Memorial Hall, Carlisle. Information, 245-1796.

Wednesday, April 2

Joe Troiano, screenwriter of the film, "Big Night," 12:15 p.m., Dickinson College, Rubendall Recital Hall, Carlisle. Information, 245-1289.

"**The Future of the Garden in America:** Beyond the Wilderness and the Lawn," by Michael Pollan, editor-at-large at "Harper's Magazine" and writer/author, 7:30 p.m., Shippensburg University, Old Main Chapel. Free. Information, 532-1230.

Thursday, April 3

"**Citizens of the World:** Grassroots Activism in the Erie Canal Corridor, 1817-1862," multimedia presentation by Dr. Carol Sheriff, author and assistant professor at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., 3:30 p.m., Shippensburg University, Cumberland Union Building room 214B. Information, 532-1132.

"**The Hollywood Curriculum on Latinos:** A History of the treatment of Latinos in U.S. Motion Pictures," by Dr. Carlos E. Cortes, author and professor emeritus of history at the University of California, 7 p.m., Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Myers Auditorium at McCormey Hall. Free. Information, 872-3586.

"**Women in Islam**," by Dr. Wagha Taylor, dean of graduate studies and professor of economics at Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, 7 p.m., Lebanon Valley College, Mund College Center, Leedy Theater. Free. Information, 867-6030.

ter, 10:30 a.m., Bosler Free Library, 158 W. High St., Carlisle. Free. Information, 243-4642.

Tuesday, April 1

April "**Jr. Storytime**," for ages 3 and 4, features stories mixed with related rhymes and songs, 6:40 p.m., Bosler Free Library, 158 W. High St., Carlisle. Free. Information, 243-4642.

April "**Storytime**," for ages 5 and 6, features stories mixed with related rhymes, songs and games, 10:30 a.m. and 7:10 p.m., Bosler Free Library, 158 W. High St., Carlisle. Free. Information, 243-4642.

April "**Toddler Time**," for 2-year-olds and an adult, features stories mixed with related rhymes and songs, 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Bosler Free Library, 158 W. High St., Carlisle. Free. Information, 243-4642.

Story Time, 10 a.m., Borders, 940 Plaza Blvd., Lancaster. Information, 293-8022 or (800) 631-6797.

Story Time, for ages 4 and younger, 10 and 11 a.m., Encore Books & Music, Hampden Twp. Information, 761-2665.

Story Time, 7 p.m., Media Play, 5047 Jonestown Road. Information, 652-4200.

Wednesday, April 2

Play Preview, of York Little Theater's Children-Center's "The Adventures of Beatrix Potter and Her Friends," 7 p.m., Borders, 3000 Whiteford Road, York. Free. Information, 755-0800.

"**The Escape of Loopy Lion**," puppet show for ages 3 through 10, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The Puppet Place, 3475 Market St., Camp Hill. Donation, \$2. Information, 761-4694.

Tiny Tot Story Time, 10 a.m., Borders, 3000 Whiteford Road, York. Information, 755-0800.

Thursday, April 3

Mother Goose Time — Gosling Group, for babies through 23 months old, not yet walking, 11:15 a.m. Thursday and April 17, Bosler Free Library, 158 W. High St., Carlisle. Free. Registration required, 243-4642.

Story Time, for ages 4 and older, 4 p.m., Encore Books & Music, Hampden Twp. Information, 761-2665.

Continuing

Easter Bunny, available for photos, through Saturday, Hershey's Chocolate World. Hours, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday. Information,

RAMADAN: From

By MELISSA SCOTT
Chicago's Voice Staff Writer

For the next few weeks, the nearly 300 Muslims in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area will continue fasting from dawn until sunset each day. The effort is part of their observance of Ramadan, a religious holiday based on the Islamic lunar calendar. It began this year on Jan. 10, at the actual sighting of the new moon and is being celebrated by the 1.2 billion Muslims in countries all over the world.

The fast is a way for Muslims to learn discipline, self-restraint and generosity, according to information compiled by the Al-Noor Mosque Ramadan publicity committee. Fasting is one of the "five pillars" of Islamic faith, along with declaration of faith, daily prayer, charity and pilgrimage to Mecca.

A day during Ramadan can begin with supper, the pre-dawn meal. But it's a matter of personal choice, according to Dr. Wagih Taylor, Wilkes University's Dean of Graduate Studies. Taylor said she prefers to eat before bed, so she doesn't have to get up at 5 a.m.

"Sleeping is much more fun than eating," she explained. Because the daylight hours are so limited at this time of year, "you can get two meals in, easy," she added.

Ramadan is a lunar month. It begins about eleven days earlier each year. Although with modern technology, we can predict when the new moon will occur, Taylor said it is tradition to wait for the head of the Islamic Mosque to make the actual sighting before officially beginning the fast.

Because it occurs a little earlier each year, Ramadan will fall during both summer and winter months. It takes about 30 years to make a complete circle, Taylor said.

The celebration is not so easy during the summer, she added. For one thing, the days are longer, and sunset could be as late as 8 or 9 p.m. Also, when the weather is hot, people tend to get thirsty. But even water is forbidden. In fact, eating and drinking of any kind is forbidden, as is smoking and other pleasures.

That's why some people are exempt from fasting, including young children, the elderly, the sick

and pregnant or nursing women. Taylor said travelers are also excused, especially those who are traveling through different time zones, when the actual time of sunset "can get confusing."

Although Muslims fast all day during Ramadan, it is likely they will gain weight by the time the month is over. Taylor said that's because the fast is broken each night with an elaborate meal including plenty of desserts. On certain days, Muslims within a community may gather to break the fast together. Members of the Al-Noor Mosque on Scott Street, Wilkes-Barre are holding a covered dish dinner to break the fast at sunset every Saturday during the holiday.

While the fasting may be difficult, it "cleanses the soul," Taylor said. "It reminds you of poor people, who have nothing to eat."

But it's also a festive time, filled with religious feeling and good will. In Cairo, Egypt, where Taylor spent the first day of Ramadan on a business trip, lights decorate the entire city.

"It's beautiful," she said. There is even a lantern that has become symbolic of Ramadan.

It comes in all different sizes, with colorful, bright designs. The lantern adorns many businesses and hotels in the

city, including the Marriott and Sheraton in Cairo. In some places, the decoration is three or four feet tall and two or three feet high. "This is the big thing," Taylor said.

When Ramadan is over, the community gathers for communal prayers on the first day of the three-day Eid al-Fitr, or the Festival of Fast-Breaking. Just before Eid, Muslim heads of households donate a small sum in charity to help those in need enjoy the holiday as well.

The enthusiasm with which Muslims celebrate Ramadan and Eid is similar to that with which Christians greet Christmas, or Jews observe Hanukkah, Taylor said. And because the lunar month occurs 10 days earlier each year, in about three years, the Muslim holiday will fall during the month of December.

"It will be the first time in many years that the three major religions of the world that believe in the same God will celebrate their holidays at the same time," she said. "It will be very interesting."

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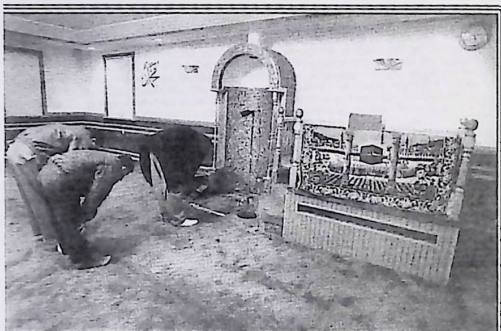
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ayer leader Caliph Smith, front, leads Akram Slam, left, and Ahmad al in the Three Rows Sunset Prayer in the mosque during Ramadan

MUSLIMS: Facts, traditions and misconceptions

It is traditional to break the daily fast with a drink of water and three dates.

Ramadan is also marked by daily prayer and reading the Quran (Koran.) In fact, the Quran is divided into 30 units, one for each day of the month.

Fasting in America is only slightly different than fasting in Muslim countries, where there are fewer exemptions, such as luncheon meetings, daytime celebrations and offers of food from friends. Non-Muslims can help Muslim friends and co-workers understand the significance of the holiday. In some places, Eid cards are even available.

Allah is the Arabic word for "God." It is the same word used by Arabic-speaking Christians when referring to God. Allah is not the "Muslim God," but the same God worshipped by Christians and Jews.

Muslims do not like the terms "fundamentalist," "radical" or "extremist." More neutral terms

include "Islamist" or "Islamic activist."

"Jihad" does not mean holy war. Instead, it means to strive, struggle and exert effort. The equivalent of the term "holy war" in Arabic cannot be found in the Quran.

Not all Muslims are Arab and not all Arabs are Muslim. An Arab can be Christian or Jewish.

"Black Muslims," the term used to describe followers of Elijah Muhammad, founder of the Nation of Islam, is no longer accurate when used to describe African-American Muslims. Minister Louis Farrakhan does not represent the Muslim community in America.

Under Islamic law, women have always had the right to own property and become educated. Islamic rules for modest dress apply to women and men.

(Information provided by the Al-Noor Mosque Ramadan publicity committee)

Dr. Wagiha Taylor, dean of graduate studies and economics professor at Wilkes University, recently attended a Washington, D.C., reception to honor the Prime Minister of Lebanon. The event, held Oct. 17 at Blair House, was hosted by Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Taylor, president of the Association of Egyptian American Scholars in the U.S. and Canada and past president of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans, was also a guest at the White House last year when she attended a

Twenty-One Gun Salute in honor of the King of Morocco's visit to the U.S. She was accompanied to the event by U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski, D-Nanticoke. *H.A.Z. TL. 11-24-96*

Dispelling stereotypes

Colloquium at LVC takes participants into the 'House of Islam'

By SETH WENGER

Special To The Daily News
ANNVILLE — One thousand, three hundred and eighty-six years ago, according to the Koran, the prophet Mohammed received God's word from the angel Gabriel and founded the religion of Islam.

At first rejected by his fellow Meccans, Mohammed soon gathered a loyal following and spread the faith throughout the Middle East. In succeeding years, the religion spread west to Africa and Spain and east as far as India and Indonesia.

Today, Islam includes over a billion believers and is the fastest growing religion in the United States. Aside from Christianity, it is probably the most important religion to the future of the western world. Lebanon Valley College has acknowledged the role Islam will play in our nation's future by dedicating its spring colloquium to the diversity and cultural contributions of Islamic society.

According to James Scott, coordinator of the colloquium and professor of German at Lebanon Valley College, the "House of Islam" series will feature films, discussions, music, an art exhibit, and other events. Scott says the colloquium will seek to create an open dialogue on issues of importance in Islam, such as the role of women and the portrayal of the religion by western media.

"All you have to do is go to the movies and you can see that Islam has been demonized," says Scott. "The Islamic terrorist has become the pop culture replacement for the Nazi and the Communist. Hopefully, we can help dispel some of these stereotypes."

The colloquium will kick off with a Ramadan celebration on Sunday, Jan. 19. One of the "five pillars" of Islam is to abstain from food and drink during the daylight hours of the month of Ramadan to commemorate the day that Mohammed received God's word. But the month is not as dry as it sounds; Ramadan also features large celebratory feasts at night, "to make up for time lost during the day," according to Dr. Scott. Lebanon Valley's version of the celebration will feature a 1:30 p.m. screening of the restored director's version of "Lawrence of Arabia" at the Allen Theater on Main Street. Winner of seven Academy Awards, this epic film tells the story of T.E. Lawrence, the British officer who united Arab forces to fight against the Turkish empire during World War I. The film will be followed by an open roundtable discussion in the adjacent M.J.'s at the Allen Coliseum.

At 5:30 p.m., the college will present a traditional Ramadan feast in the East Dining Room of the Munc College Center. Following the dinner, the Tunisian music ensemble "Carthage" will present a Ramadan concert in the Leedy Theater.

"I think our Ramadan party will raise awareness of how Islam works in the real world," says Noel Hubler, assistant professor of religion at LVC. "There is a real focus on community and helping others. In fact, the journey saved by fasting during Ramadan is to be given to the poor. That community focus is one of the real strengths of Islam."

Is Islam on the big and little screens

Islam's tumultuous modern history has provided ample dramatic material for filmmakers. Begin-



'Lawrence of Arabia,' David Lean's film about the British officer who united Arab forces against the Turks during World War I, will kick off Lebanon Valley College's colloquium, 'House of Islam.'

EVENTS IN 'THE HOUSE OF ISLAM':

Sunday, Jan. 19: Film, "Lawrence of Arabia," 1:30 p.m. in the Allen Theater (\$3 adults; \$1 students), followed by a roundtable discussion in M.J.'s Coffeehouse.

Sunday, Jan. 19: Ramadan Celebration, a traditional feast served at 5:30 p.m. in the east dining room of the Munc College Center. Following dinner, experience the sounds of Carthage, an eclectic Tunisian musical group that will perform the music of Ramadan in the Leedy Theater at 7 p.m.

There is a fee to attend the dinner.

Sunday, Jan. 28: Documentary, "Introduction to the End of an Argument," 4 p.m. in Miller Chapel Room 101.

Sunday, Feb. 2: Film, "A Wedding in Galilee," 4 p.m. in the Allen Theater (\$3 adults; \$1 students), followed by a roundtable discussion in M.J.'s Coffeehouse.

Sunday, Feb. 9: Documentary, "Ways of Faith," 4 p.m. in Miller Chapel Room 101.

Thursday, Feb. 13: Student Forum, "Salaam Aleikum—Nation of Islam," 11 a.m. in the Munc College Center's Faust Lounge.

Sunday, Feb. 18: Film, "Malcolm X," 4 p.m. in the Allen Theater (\$3 adults; \$1 students), followed by a roundtable discussion in M.J.'s Coffeehouse.

Thursday, Feb. 20: Lecture, "The Sufi Women of Damascus" by Dr. Barbara von Schlegel, Islamologist at The University of Pennsylvania, 7 p.m. in the Munc College Center's Leedy Theater.

Sunday, March 2: Documentary, "Islam is the Answer," 4 p.m. in Miller Chapel Room 101.

Sunday, March 9: Film, "Bab El-Oued City," 4 p.m. in the Allen Theater (\$3 adults; \$1 students), followed by a roundtable discussion in M.J.'s Coffeehouse.

Tuesday, March 11: Lecture/Forum, "Faith in the Arabian Nights," led by Dr. Amira el-Zein of Georgetown University's Islamic Studies Department, 7 p.m. in the Munc College Center's Leedy Theater.

Thursday, March 13: Lecture/Forum, "Political Islam," led by LVC adjunct professor of political science Dr. Robert Bookmiller, 7 p.m. in the Munc College Center's Leedy Theater.

Thursday, March 23: Art exhibit, The Spirit of Ornament: Objects from the Islamic World, opens in the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery. Open Thursday-Sunday 1-4:30 p.m. through April 13.

Sunday, March 23: Film, Hafeziye, Boy of the Terraces, 4 p.m. in the Allen Theater (\$3 adults; \$1 students), followed by a roundtable discussion in M.J.'s Coffeehouse.

Monday, March 24: Lecture/Forum, "Islam's Challenge to Capitalism," led by LVC associate professor of economics Dr. Paul Hise and LVC adjunct professor of economics Dr. Hashim Al-Ali, 7 p.m. in the Munc College Center's Leedy Theater.

Thursday, April 2: Lecture/Forum, "Women in Islam," led by Dr. Wahjia Taylor, dean of Wilkes University's graduate school, 7 p.m. in the Munc College Center's Leedy Theater.

Sunday, April 6: Film, "A Door to the Sky," 4 p.m. in the Allen Theater (\$3 adults; \$1 students), followed by a roundtable discussion in M.J.'s Coffeehouse.

Monday, April 7: Lecture, "Eyes Delight: Visual Culture from the Islamic World" by University of Pennsylvania distinguished professor of art history Dr. Renata Holod, 7 p.m. in Zimmerman Recital Hall.

For more information on any of the colloquium events, call 867-6030.

ning with the Ramadan screening of "Lawrence of Arabia," Lebanon Valley will present some of the best of these films on alternate weekends at the Allen Theater. Each will be followed by an open roundtable discussion in M.J.'s Coffeehouse.

While some of the films — such as Spike Lee's "Malcolm X" — offer a Western perspective on Islam, most are Arabic films by Islamic cinematographers. "Wedding in Galilee," by Michael Klieff, tells the story of a Palestinian wedding in which Israeli soldiers are guests of honor. The

award-winning "Bab El-Oued City" is a film about a young baker in Algiers who jeopardizes his neighborhood by tearing down a loudspeaker broadcasting Islamic fundamentalism.

On Sundays between films, LVC will present short video documentaries in the Miller Chapel. The videos range from "Ways of Faith," an overview of Islamic culture, to "We are God's Soldiers," a trip inside the Islamic movement in the Gaza Strip. Other films include, "Islam is the Answer," which examines the modern fundamentalist Islamic revival, and

"Introduction to the End of an Argument," which documents the portrayal of Palestinians and Muslims in the western media.

Films and videos will be shown at 4 p.m. Tickets to films are available for \$3 for adults and \$1 for students, with season tickets available for \$12 for adults and \$4 for students. Admission to videos is free.

Eyes' delight

From March 13 to April 13, the college will host an exhibit of Islamic art in the Suzanne H. Arnold Gallery. Drawn from premier East Coast galleries and the Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania Museum of Anthropology, the exhibit will feature works in pottery, textiles, carved wood, metals and glass.

"It will be unlike anything that's ever been shown in the gallery before," says Leo Mazow, director of the Arnold Gallery. "It is a visually intriguing show. Some items are in pristine condition, while others have been recovered from archaeological excavations."

The exhibit explores Islamic art from the 12th through the 19th centuries. It is an unusual opportunity to see some rarely exhibited yet extremely important objects testifying to the cultural richness and diversity of the Islamic world.

The art exhibit and the colloquium will culminate in a lecture by Renata Holod, internationally-known art historian from the University of Pennsylvania. In a discussion titled, "Eyes Delight: Visual Culture from the Islamic World," Holod will talk about the overlapping circles of art, religion and life in Islamic society.

From Arabian Nights to Islamonomics

Renata Holod's talk on Islamic art is only one of seven open discussions Lebanon Valley will host this spring. Professors, students and internationally known experts will lead talks on a wide range of Islamic issues, says Scott, who is quick to emphasize that these are "more than lectures."

"Our guests will not simply be talking — they will lead discussions, respond to questions, and involve the audience," says Scott. "I think the speakers welcome the idea of this kind of open exchange. It's what makes this a real colloquium."

In "Faith in the Arabian Nights," Amira el-Zein of Georgetown University will look at how Islam is portrayed in the classic story collection "1001 Nights." Waheba Taylor, dean of graduate studies at Wilkes University, will lead a dialogue on the subject of "Women in Islam," while Barbara von Schlegel of the University of Pennsylvania will address the role of women in Sufism, a mystical branch of Islam, in "Sufi Women of Damascus."

Robert Bookmiller, adjunct professor of political science at Lebanon Valley, will lead a forum on Islam in the modern political world. Economics faculty members Paul Hise and Hashim Al-Ali will focus on the economic aspects of Islam with their lecture on "Islamonomics."

On Feb. 13, Muslim students from Harrisburg Area Community College will join the event from Lebanon Valley for a forum on what Islam means to college students in America. The discussion will be held in the Faust Lounge of the Munc Student Center at 11 a.m.

"These students are of all races, and they represent all different doctrines of the Islamic faith," says Kim Saunders, multicultural coordinator at Lebanon Valley College. "It should be a very interesting discussion. Hopefully, it will enlighten people's awareness as to the importance of the Islamic faith as a growing religion in this country."

More information on the colloquium is available by calling 867-6161.

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Wilkes-Barre, to plan their 15th reunion.

Any interested classmate unable to attend is asked to contact Claire Koval Wert at 823-4945.

◆ Real Estate Investors to meet

The next meeting of the Wyoming Valley Real Estate Investors Association "Landlords Helping Landlords" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Ramada Hotel, Wilkes-Barre.

Speaker will be Thomas Calcaterra from American Lead Techs, Inc., who will present information on lead based paint legislation and how to comply with new laws.

Members are invited to bring guests.

◆ Attends reception in Washington



Dr. Wagiba Taylor

hosted by Secretary of State Warren Christopher. The reception was held in honor of the Prime Minister of Lebanon at the Blair House.

This is the second time Dr. Taylor has attended a Washington function. Last year she was in-

ited by Congressman Paul Kanjorski to attend a Twenty-One Gun Salute hosted by President Bill Clinton at the White House in honor of the King of Morocco's visit to the U.S.

Dr. Taylor is the past president of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans, and dean of Graduate Studies and professor of Economics at Wilkes University.

◆ Serra Club plans Christmas dinner

The Wyoming Valley Serra Club will hold its annual Christmas dinner on Monday, Dec. 2, in the Gold Room of King's College. A cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner. Bishop John M. Dougherty will be the principal speaker. Atty Thomas A. O'Connor will serve as toastmaster. Daniel F. Barnes is chairing the affair and is assisted by Joseph V. Pringle, co-chairman.

Bishop Dougherty, a native of Scranton, has served as pastor of Church of St. Patrick, Church of the Holy Cross, and Church of St. John the Baptist, Scranton. He is currently serving as Rector of Villa St. Joseph, Dunmore, and also Moderator of the Curia.

Former Chaplains: Msgr. James Clarke, Msgr. Francis Callahan, and Msgr. Anthony Norkunas will be honored at the dinner, along with the installation of new members: Todd Sloan, Daniel F. Barnes, Joseph Esposito and David Alusick.

All members, spouses, and guests are invited. Reservations close Nov. 25. Make reservations by calling 287-4756.

Dr. Taylor ^{City Hall} attends reception in Washington

Dr. Wagiba Taylor, president of the Association of Egyptian American Scholars in the U.S. and Canada and past president of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans, was recently invited by the Protocol Office at the State Department to attend a reception hosted by Warren Christopher, Secretary of State.



Taylor

The reception, in honor of the Prime Minister of Lebanon, was held at Blair House. During the reception Christopher made a policy statement in support of Lebanon, to which the Prime Minister responded, expressing appreciation.

This is the second time Dr. Taylor has attended a Washington function. Last year she was invited by Congressman Paul Kanjorski to attend a Twenty One Gun Salute at the White House, given by President Bill Clinton in honor of the King of Morocco's visit to the U.S. Dr. Taylor was accompanied by Kanjorski to the White House.

Dr. Taylor is the Dean of Graduate Studies and Professor of Economics at Wilkes University.

Wilkes University Graduate Programs Offer Quality, Diversity

WILKES-BARRE — Wilkes College had been functioning as a comprehensive university for some time and in 1990 the Pennsylvania Department of Education formally granted the title *Wilkes University*. A more accurate description of Wilkes, the change in status starts a new era of progress for one of the region's prominent academic institutions.

Wilkes continues to make major investments in new programs and facilities. The new \$7 million classroom/office building is just one part of a \$25 million campus improvement program.

"Wilkes is a university with a vision, making it an excellent setting in which to study, learn and prepare for the future," says Dr. J. Michael Lennon, vice president for academic affairs. "As a small university, Wilkes offers a level of faculty access rarely found in a university setting."

The progress experienced by the university as a whole has included the strengthening of graduate studies at Wilkes. Wilkes now offers master's level graduate programs in eight areas and doctorate level programs in two areas to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student body.

The latest addition at Wilkes is a cooperative program with Wyoming Valley Health Care System. Wyoming Valley Health Care System School of Nurse Anesthesia, established in 1970, has joined with Wilkes to offer a new concentration for the master's of science degree with a major in nursing. This fall the program will admit eight students. The combination of clinical experience and academic instruction offered through the health care system and Wilkes serves to produce a quality anesthesia provider — the certified registered nurse anesthetist.

The Wilkes portfolio of programs also includes a master's degree in educational leadership.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of Teacher Preparation and Certification has granted elementary and secondary principal certification program approval for the thirty-six credit program.

The competency-based program is grounded in the 1993 National Policy Board of Education research recommendations and publication, "Principles for Our Changing Schools: Knowledge and Skill Base."

The educational leadership program is designed for the 21st century school teachers. Credits will be earned while developing educational leadership plans of study that can be done within the participant's

current teaching and/or administrative role.

While educational leadership is a new graduate program, Wilkes has reengineered the popular master of business administration program to address the challenges of a rapidly changing business environment.

The new masters of business administration curriculum concentrates on the development of core managerial competencies and skills designed to develop more effective managers.

Emphasis is on core skills, such as enhanced communication abilities, team decision-making and cross-functional integration in the reengineered master of business administration.

It provides education at the master's level for those students who have had an undergraduate background in business, accounting or economics and also a background in other academic disciplines.

Wilkes's master of business administration curriculum is divided into foundation, core and elective classes offered during semester evening hours and trimester weekend hours throughout the academic year.

Graduate degrees at Wilkes University now include: masters of business administration, master of health adminis-

tration, master of science in educational leadership, master of science in electrical engineering, master of science in mathematics, master of science in nursing, master of science in physics, master of science in education (secondary education/biology-chemistry-English-history-mathematics-physics, option in educational computing, option in educational development and strategies); doctorate in electrical engineering and doctorate in physics.

"Graduate programs offered at Wilkes encourage personal growth, career advancement and professional development,"

— Wilkes Taylor,

dean of graduate studies. Besides the traditional classroom-based activities, outreach programs also exist to link external organizations with campus academic life and provide opportunities for applied research for graduate students and faculty members.

Graduate students at Wilkes have the option to choose courses offered in the evening and on weekends.

Degrees can be completed on either a full-time or part-time basis. Evening and weekend offerings provide the opportunity for full-time employees to pursue graduate study.

"Wilkes recognizes that most

graduate students hold demanding, full-time jobs and have families," Taylor notes.

Wilkes University is committed to providing a significant graduate education at a reasonable and affordable cost.

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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 Buhrowski, 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. Wagha Taylor, county commissioners Joseph Red Jones and Tom Makowski.

Employer input shaped education over 10 years

By MARY ONDRAKO & CHRIS GOLDBECK
For NE PA Business Journal

The needs of businesses to have managers and employees trained in the latest technology for the workplace has changed the way area colleges and universities deliver education as a product.

Over the past 10 years, "The business community has a lot of involvement in education," says Kathy Melusky, continuing education representative at Penn State's Schuylkill Campus in Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County. "We're doing a lot of one-on-one."

Looking at these higher learning institutions for the niche market they comprise, increasing non-traditional student enrollment over the past 10 years, has also caused educators to redefine continuing education.

"The term continuing education is a fuzzy term," Melusky explains. "In the past, people in certain professions would come to us in order to maintain their professional licenses. Ten years ago, continuing education offered general courses in things such as effective speaking. Continuing education changed. Companies started calling us, asking did we do management skills and computer training. They had specific requests. That's what we're doing now."

Although, continuing education is a growing niche for many colleges, serving traditional undergraduate students is the primary mission of many schools. Federal and state financial aid programs are geared toward full-time undergraduate students but are dwindling, according to Glenn Pellino, vice president of planning at the University of Scranton. "It used to be there existed a three-part partnership of federal, family and institutions in equal shares (contributing to financing a person's education)," Pellino says. "Now, federal (government) is withdrawing and the burden shifts to family and institutions. That's a real problem."

And tuition costs are increasing. For instance, the cost for a full-time undergraduate student at the University of Scranton was \$5,280 per year, or \$165 per credit hour, in 1986. It is now about \$12,480, or \$390 per credit hour, according to information from Jerry Zufelt, director of public relations for the University of Scranton. He adds that the university sets aside \$13.7 million in financial aid for students.

While undergraduates face higher costs in achieving their degrees, they may have to lower their job expectations once they obtain their diploma. And chances are they will need to spend more time and money on upgrading their skills.

Joan Blewitt, director of career planning and placement at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, says there has been a shift from students having expectations of high-paying jobs upon graduation during the 1980s to a concern for job security in the 1990s. The focus of education in 1996 is to

prepare students for change in a work environment amidst company mergers and reorganizations.

* Gary Giamartino, dean of the school of business, society and public policy at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, notes technology exposure and communications exercises in the classroom are addressing the demands of employers for new hires and their employees.

* "It's becoming a more knowledge-based economy," Giamartino opines. He notes development of problem-solving skills for situations with customers, new technology, media, and company stake-holders is becoming the job of educational institutions. The ability to work as a team is also being stressed. And negotiating, goal-setting, motivational skills and a "sensitivity to complexities in a diversified workplace" are also sought by companies, Giamartino adds.

The shift from a goods-producing to a service-producing economy contributes to changes in what educators deliver.

For example, Wayne Longbrake, dean of instruction at Penn College of Technology in Williamsport, says in 1986, an estimated 75 percent of what was then-

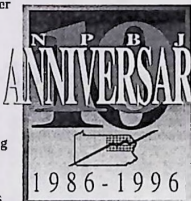
Williamsport Area Community College's total program offering was comprised of training programs for goods-producing industries, and 25 percent for service producing. Today, 60 percent of the college's curriculum is focused on preparing students for service-related jobs.

Additionally, employers seek employees who are able to adapt to changing economic trends, work with current and changing technology, and who possess critical thinking skills, global skills and career-related experience, Blewitt says. They want people who are flexible and willing to take on a variety of responsibilities, she adds.

* Giamartino says there is a trend in exposing students to realistic business situations through academic activities to adapt students to a changing environment. Some activities, according to Giamartino, include exposure to start-up business problems, case studies and short-term school-sponsored work experience. There also is an increasing effort toward an interdisciplinary approach to prepare students for the workplace, he says.

* "We're trying to prepare people to be employers and job generators, not just job seekers," Giamartino explains.

Also, about 85 percent of students enrolled in an undergraduate program, opt for an on-site internship experience to develop work skills, Blewitt says. In addition, undergraduates are planning careers earlier and finding it increasingly important to work career-related summer jobs, perform volunteer work and be involved in campus activities as a resume builder to approach employers looking for work-ready experience in new hires. Please see Education page 18



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says Blewitt.

Blewitt also points out that the first position a student lands out of college may not be the lifetime profession of that college graduate. Studies indicate a person will change jobs or careers eight to 12 times during his life, Blewitt says. Therefore, she notes, multiple skills in business, language, computers, even communications courses, can be an effective marketing tool.

The scope of programs universities and colleges are offering are also changing to accommodate the changing student profile from full-time campus dwellers to part-time commuters and distance learners, or people who study at home (off-campus) to earn college credits.

Changes in Student Demographics

Ann Marie Bachman, public relations coordinator at the Schuylkill Training and Technology Center in Frackville, Schuylkill County, observes that the number of adult students has increased since 1986.

"We have approximately 250 full-time students during the day and about 500 per semester in the evening," she says. "They take classes ranging from hobbies to computer training and industrial courses."

Sally McGuire, director of lifelong learning at King's College, says accelerated evening and weekend courses were put in place at King's in 1993 to accommodate adults seeking to obtain advanced or specialized degrees to assist them in their occupations. According to McGuire, about 125 of 500 part-time students are involved in a two-year weekend program to earn core credits in history, English literature or writing to use toward a baccalaureate.

Students may also obtain specialized certificates in human resources management, computer information systems, marketing and English writing, McGuire adds.

"Most of the students enrolled in this program are already in the work force seeking upward mobility in their companies," she says. "Their (students') time is so tight during the week with family and work obligations that these types of programs make it more convenient."

Meanwhile, McGuire notes women ages 30 to 45, after marriage and having raised children, are finding that free time allows them to re-enter the work force. Teacher certification is a burgeoning program, she notes.

"A lot of women are interested in health and human development courses and family studies," Melusky says. "Nursing and criminal justice have become popular. The trend is also for the adult population to make career changes.

Business and business management courses are becoming very popular."

Elizabeth Lott, director of graduate programs at King's College, explains the value of a higher education degree is also changing.

"The bachelor's degree used to be the ticket of acceptance," she says. "Now, the antes are up to a master's degree. Before, a master's degree was sought by persons looking for personal enrichment or to better their careers. But now, it is becoming necessary for job security and job advancement."

*Wagha Taylor, dean of graduate studies at Wilkes University, says although the number of graduate programs — seven offered in 1986 — has not changed drastically, the emphasis on course structure has. According to Taylor, a master's program in education and leadership instituted in the fall of 1995 focuses primarily on leadership principles.

*"All of the programs (at Wilkes) have been revised to suit business needs in the areas of manager skills, oral communication skills, . . . business, public policy and sociology (skills)," Taylor says.

According to Taylor, one credit hour of a graduate program at Wilkes cost about \$225 in 1986 compared to \$415 per credit-hour in 1995.

McGuire agrees with Lott, citing seniority in a company is no longer the way to earn promotions.

Now people working five to 10 years or more for a company must return to school to fulfill promotion requirements from their employers, especially in finance and healthcare industries. For example, Lott points out medical doctors are returning for healthcare administrative courses in light of changes in managed care policies and as healthcare becomes more business rather than clinical-oriented.

Technology has changed the manner by which professionals and other work force participants are upgrading skills.

Better Learning Through Technology

Elly Miller, director of non-traditional learning services at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke, supervises distance learning programs and telecourses.

Through telecourses, students can earn credits or an associate or specialized degree in a liberal studies program which includes courses in English composition, social studies, general psychology, mathematics and business, without having to be in a classroom.

Miller explains instruction is delivered via technology with video tapes offered by LCCC through the Consortium of Distance Education (CODE) based in Pemberton, N.J., satellite hook-ups and televised broadcasts. Miller says LCCC offers a TeleCollege program, now in its 15th year, through an affiliation with WVIA-TV in Luzerne County where students can earn credits by watching a weekly instruction segment. Other program participants include the University of Scranton, Marywood College, Wilkes University and Keystone College. Miller notes TeleCollege enrollment in 1986 was about 50 students; it now numbers 828.

Miller says typical candidates for a telecourse are persons employed part- or full-time and between the ages of 23 and 49, and married with at least one child.

Also, colleges and universities are emphasizing student convenience to increase enrollment through such services as academic advisement, 24-hour computer lab assistance, private tutoring, career workshops, extended professor's office hours, on-line and telephone registrations, e-mail, and faxing capabilities.



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Wilkes continues to invest in new programs, facilities

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Wilkes College had been functioning as a comprehensive university for some time, and in 1990 was formally granted the title Wilkes University.

In addition to being a more detailed description of Wilkes, the change in status also signaled the beginning of a new era of progress as an increasingly distinguished and prominent academic institution in Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes continues to make major investments in new programs and facilities. "It is a university with a vision, making it an excellent setting in which to study, learn, and prepare for the future," says Dr. J. Michael Lennon, vice president for academic affairs. "As a small university, Wilkes offers a level of access to faculty rarely found in a university setting."

The progress experienced by the university as a whole has included the strengthening of Graduate Studies at Wilkes. Wilkes now offers master's level graduate programs in eight areas and Ph.D. level programs in two areas to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student body.

The graduate degrees now offered are: M.B.A., M.H.A., M.S. in Educational Leadership, M.S. in Electrical Engineering, M.S. in Mathematics, M.S. in Nursing, M.S. in Physics, M.S.Ed. (Secondary Education/Biology-Chemistry-English-History-

Mathematics-Physics; option in Educational Computing; option in Educational Development and Strategies), Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, and Ph.D. in Physics.

"Graduate programs offered at Wilkes are designed to encourage personal growth, career advancement, and professional development," according to Dr. Wagha Taylor, dean of graduate studies.

In addition to traditional classroom-based activities, outreach programs also exist to link external organizations with campus academic life and provide opportunities for applied research for graduate students and faculty members.

Graduate students at Wilkes have the option to choose courses offered in the evening and on week-

ends.

Degrees can be completed on either a full-time or part-time basis. Evening and weekend offerings provide the opportunity for

full-time employees to pursue graduate study.

"Wilkes recognizes that the majority of our graduate students hold demanding, full-time jobs and have

families," Taylor notes. "Wilkes is committed to work with students to accommodate their specific University is committed to providing a significant

graduate education at a reasonable and affordable cost."

For more information contact Dr. Wagha Taylor at (717) 831-4419.

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The SUNDAY VOICE Salutes



Dr. Wagiha Taylor

Dr. Wagiha Taylor is an asset not only to the Wilkes University community, but to the entire Wyoming Valley.

As dean of graduate studies at Wilkes, Dr. Taylor brings years of international experience to the university and its students.

As a community leader, she serves this area in countless capacities. She donates her time to the Luzerne County Commission for Women. As

president of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans, Dr. Taylor helped local young go onto college through the NPAAA.

An accomplished writer, lecturer and world traveler, Dr. Taylor's main objective is to help her students excel. She is a dedicated educator who brings notoriety to her school because is a well-known expert on economics and the Mid-East. She has worked with the United Nations as specialist on Egyptian government.

Do you know someone who deserves a Sunday Voice salute?

Send the name of your nominee and a brief outline of what he or she has done to rate a salute. Mail to:

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From left are members of the Women's History Committee, first row: Rose Johnston, Dr. Wagiha Taylor, Maryann Toole. Second row: Ann Marie Adonizio and Francine Miller-Noonan. R 21 24 95

LCCW plans to celebrate Women's History Month

The Luzerne County Commission for Women has scheduled two events in March to celebrate Women's History Month.

On Thursday, March 16, "A Celebration of Theater and Art" will be held at Wilkes University's Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

A film entitled "Enchanted April" will be shown at 7 p.m., followed by a reception in the center's lounge.

Tickets are \$5 and may be obtained by calling the LCCW office at 825-1727 or may be purchased at the box office prior to the performance.

On March 30 the LCCW annual Women's History Month Dinner will be held at Convention Hall in Pittston. A cash bar will open at 5:30 and dinner will follow at 6:30.

Guest speaker is Madalaine Fitzgerald Volpetti, a former

award-winning reporter with WNEP-TV, who is an advocate for support programs for survivors of breast cancer.

Volpetti, who holds a degree from Temple University, spent five years at Hahnemann University and Harvard University in cancer research involving the immune response to various cancers.

The mother of two boys, Volpetti also founded the Northeastern Pennsylvania International Children's Theater Festival in 1988.

Tickets for the dinner are \$18 per person and may be obtained by calling the LCCW office at 825-1727.

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Wilkes University Graduates Seven Students with Master of Health Administration Degrees

WILKES-UNIVERSITY -- Seven students were graduated recently from the Wilkes University Master of Health Administration (MHA) program. As a part of the School of Business, Society and Public Policy, the Wilkes MHA program trains students to become professional administrators providing creative and innovative leadership.

Alumni of the MHA program have a vast range of diverse experience. Physicians, business people, lawyers, current health care administrators, and nurses have received MHA degrees from the University. The seven graduates, Dara-Lynne Purvis, Wilkes-Barre; Mary Ellen Jolley, Dallas; Allison R. Martin, Wilkes-Barre; Jean Denion, Wilkes-Barre; Xintian (Alice) Yang, Harrisburg; Douglas C. Savidge, Lewisburg and Edward S. Walburn, Danville, will now join 100 alumni who have graduated from the MHA program over the past ten years.

Dara-Lynne Purvis has worked as a graduate assistant to the dean of Graduate Studies at Wilkes University and as a corporate research and product development intern for Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania. She received a Bachelors degree in English and Sociology from William Jewell College, Kansas City, Missouri.

Edward S. Walburn is the manager of Member Services and Provider Relations of Geisinger Health Plan, Danville. He received a Bachelors degree in Urban/Regional

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1st ADD SEVEN GRADUATE FROM WILKES MHA PROGRAM

Planning from Bloomsburg University.

Douglas C. Savidge is the vice president of Health Plans, Marketing, and Sales of Geisinger Health Plan, Danville. He received a Bachelors degree in Marketing and Distributive Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He has also earned an Associates degree in Applied Science from Williamsport Area Community College.

Allison R. Martin has worked as a graduate assistant at Wilkes University and is currently an epidemiology intern at Merk Research Labs, Blue Bell, PA. She received a Bachelors degree in Health Policy and Administration/Business minor from Pennsylvania State University.

Xintian (Alice) Yang works as a home health companion in the Dallas area and has served as a volunteer for the American Red Cross. She received a Bachelors degree in Chemistry from Zhongshan University, China.

Mary Ellen Jolley is the secretary for the vice president of Development for Wilkes University. She received a Bachelors degree in Education from Wilkes College and also attended evening accounting and business classes there.

Jean Denion is a neurological physician assistant with the Geisinger Health Care System. She received a bachelor's degree in biology from Bloomsburg University and a physician assistant degree from King's College, and performed her post graduate surgical residency at Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

PHOTO: From left: Dr. Michael S. Garr, associate professor/chairperson of sociology/anthropology; Dara-Lynne Purvis, Wilkes-Barre; Mary Ellen Jolley, Dallas; Allison R. Martin, Wilkes-Barre; Jean Denion, Wilkes-Barre; Xintian (Alice) Yang, Harrisburg; Thomas M. McCaffrey, acting-director of the MHA program; Dr. Wagiha A. Taylor, dean of graduate studies. Douglas C. Savidge, Lewisburg and Edward S.

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OLENGINSKI PRESENTS 7TH ANNUAL MERIT AWARDS — Orthodontic Specialist Jan A. Olenginski, D.D.S. recently hosted a brunch at the Westmoreland Club to honor five outstanding senior high students. The graduates received over \$1,000 in Merit awards. Carolee Medico was the guest speaker. Winners were selected by Karim Kwak, executive assistant to the president, Luzerne County Community College; Robinn Steadle, administrative assistant, Trust Division, First Fidelity Bank; Dr. Joseph Plummer, assistant professor of Mass Communications, King's College; Ree L. Mitra, investment advisor representative, LPL Financial Services, and Dr. Wagha Taylor, dean of graduate studies, Wilkes University. Consideration was based on scholastic standing, extracurricular activities, hobbies and future goals. Winners are shown seated, from left: Tara Cooney, 1st place, Bishop Hoban; Melissa Domasiewicz, 2nd place, Wyoming Valley West; and 4th place tie merit award winners John C. Link III, Lake Lehman High, and Kathy Roberts, Wyoming Valley West, with Lori Perch, 3rd place, Crestwood High School. Standing: Thomas and Nancy Cooney, Gall Domasiewicz, Sharon and Jack Link, Dr. Olenginski, Richard and Ruth Roberts, and Joanne and Bernard Perch.

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Olenginski honors five outstanding student scholars

Orthodontic Specialist Jan A. Olenginski, D.D.S., hosted a brunch at the Westmoreland Club to honor five of his scholastically outstanding patients. The graduates received more than \$1,000 in merit awards presented by Dr. Olenginski. Carolee Medico addressed the graduates with emphasis on "how to achieve your goals."

Approximately 45 students participated from numerous high schools in the area. The winners were chosen by Karim Kwak, executive assistant to the president, Luzerne County Community College, Robinn Steadle, administra-

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Tara Cooney was selected as the first place winner. She is a recent graduate of Bishop Hoban High School and also attends the University of Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas

Cooney of Laffin. *CV 6-19-94*

Winner of the second place merit award was Melissa Domasiewicz, a recent graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School. She is the daughter of John and Gail Domasiewicz.

The third place merit award winner was Lori Perch, a recent graduate of Crestwood High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Perch of White Haven.

The fourth place tie merit award winners were Kathy Roberts and John C. Link III. Kathy is a recent graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roberts of Swoyersville. Link is a recent graduate of Lake Lehman High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Link II, Shavertown.

First row, from left: Dr. Jan A. Olenginski, Lori Perch, John C. Link III, Carolee Medico; second row, Melissa Domasiewicz, Kathy Roberts, Tara L. Conway.



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Open-Door Policy," during the 1982 Cairo Conference of American-Egyptian Scholars Dec. 27 in Egypt.

The theme of the four-day conference is "Science and Technology for Development" and Taylor's paper deals with the need for growth and the direction she believes growth should take.

Dr. Taylor is a member of the Association of Egyptian-American Scholars, American Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association and is listed in the Marquis' "Who's Who in the East."

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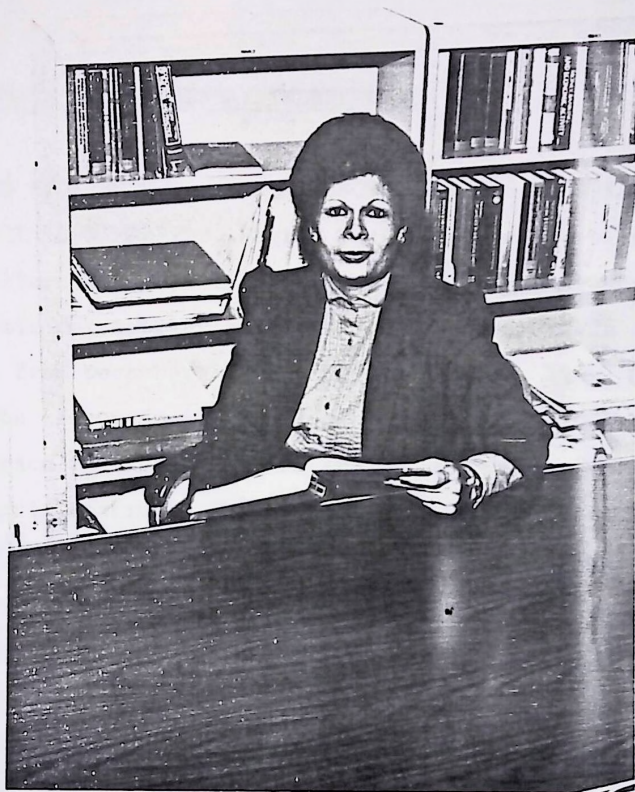
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WILKES PROFESSOR TO HEAD PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMISTS CONFERENCE

WILKES-BARRE -- Dr. Wagiha Taylor, President of the Pennsylvania Conference of Economists and Professor of Economics at Wilkes College, would like to invite the economic and business community in Northeastern Pennsylvania to attend the 1984 meeting of the Conference of Economists which will be held at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, on May 31 and June 1.

The program will include several sessions on a variety of subjects including Finance and Philosophy of Education, Developments in the Regional Economy, East-West Economic Relations, and Public Policy. There will be about one hundred and fifty participants from business, government, and academe.

Three invited speakers will present luncheon and dinner addresses. Will Meyers will speak at the June 1 luncheon. Mr. Meyers is an economist with the National Education Association and has had several years of experience in Washington at the Department of Education and the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. There he was largely responsible for a study entitled "Prospects for Financing Education in the States."

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At the Thursday luncheon R. Budd Dwyer, Treasurer of Pennsylvania, will speak. Dwyer served in both the House and the Senate of the Commonwealth, and was elected to his present office in 1980. During his years of service as a legislator, he earned a degree at the Dickinson School of Law. The title of his presentation is "Pennsylvania's Response to Challenge of the 80's."

Arthur Welsh will be the special guest speaker at Thursday's dinner session. Dr. Welsh is the program director at the Joint Council on Economic Education. He is especially interested in economic education at the university level. He earned his doctorate at the University of Illinois in 1963 and has been with the Council since 1966.

For further information you may call Dr. Wagiha Taylor at Wilkes College or Dr. James C. Luizer at Muhlenberg College.

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Wilkes Professor Prepares Program

Dr. Wagih Taylor, professor of economics at Wilkes College and vice president-program of the Pennsylvania Conference of Economists, has completed the program for the 1988 annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Economist which will be held at Allegheny College on May 26 and 27 extends an invitation to the business and economic community to attend.

Economists from various areas of education, business, industry, and government will read papers and lead discussions about public policy-oriented topics of regulation and deregulation, financial development, energy, labor, and taxation at the two-day Conference.

The Hon. James O. Pickard, secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce, will give a keynote address at noon on May 26 on "Economic Development Initiative by the Thornburgh Administration and the Department of Commerce." Richard B. McKenzie, Professor of Economics at Clemson University, will give a keynote address at 8 p.m. on May 26 on "The Limits of Economic Science" which will address the difference between analytically based economics and the philosophy of economics. Richard M. Cyret, president of Carnegie-Mellon University, will give a keynote address at 12:30 p.m. on May 27 on "The Concept of Uncertainties in Economic Theory."



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Panelists in the session on "The American Steel Industry" include: Donald De Pampillis, director-strategic planning and economic analysis at the National Steel Corp., The Hon. E.J. Frank, former commissioner of the US International Trade Commission, Anthony St. John, assistant vice president of Bethlehem Steel Corp., and David R. Dilley, chief economists of the US Steel Corp.

Panelists in the session on "Economic Outlook: Forecast by Business Economists" include: Douglas B. Atkinson, manager-economic services and futures assessments, PPG Industries; Elizabeth Atkinson, manager-economic research for the US Steel Corp., Stuart Hoffman, vice president-economist, Pittsburgh National Bank; and Jim Mosely, acting chief economist from Gulf Oil.

and Kurt Rethwisch, professor of economics Duquesne University.

Interested individuals and organizations that wish to attend the Conference may obtain further information by contacting Dr. Taylor at Wilkes College or Dr. Ken Ainsworth at Allegheny College.

51 State Economists Meeting 5/23 June 3-4 at Villanova Site

Dr. Wagiha Taylor of Kingston, Vice-President of Publicity for the Pennsylvania Conference of Economists, announced recently that the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Conference of Economists will be held on Thursday and Friday, June 3 and 4.

A professor of economics at Wilkes College, Dr. Taylor said, "I am extending a special invitation to all interested people from the economic world, in-

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The site of the June 3 program will be Villanova University. The day's program will be devoted to the study of various economic

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On Friday, June 4, the program will be held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. The day's activities will include a tour of the Federal Reserve Bank and discussions of timely topics such as Reagonomics and Monetary policy. Edward Boehne, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia will chair the luncheon, and Gerard Adams of the Wharton Econometric Forecasting Association will speak on "Reagonomics". Kenneth Mayland, Economist at the First Pennsylvania Bank, will chair a panel on "Monetary Policy".

"With Economic conditions the way they are," said Dr. Taylor, "this conference is a great opportunity for people from

business, industry, government, and education to be present and participate in discussions of issues and problems that affect all of us in Pennsylvania and the United States".

Further inquiries concerning the conference may be made to Dr. Kurt Retbisch, President of the Pa. Conference of Economists, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa., or Dr. Wagiha Taylor, Vice President-Publicity of the Pa. Conference of Economists, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



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WILKES PROFESSOR ASSIGNED BY UNITED NATIONS TO STUDY PROBLEMS

WILKES-BARRE--Dr. Waghia Taylor, professor of economics at Wilkes College has been assigned by the United Nations to work as an independent specialist with the Egyptian Government, to discuss problems and needs in educational programming.

As an independent specialist, Dr. Taylor will study problems selected by the Egyptian government in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programs Office in Cairo. The problems will deal with the needs of the Institute of Manangement and Development and fall within the areas of Dr. Taylor's field of expertise. The Institute is a subsidiary of the Academy of Scientific Reasearch and Technology.

Dr. Taylor's assignment is a part of a U.N. program which brings high level professionals from the United States to their country of origin on short consultancy assignments as a means of facilitating technology transfers. She has written a number of papers on various aspects of Middle Eastern economics particularly that of economics dealing with Egypt. She has also published and presented papers at several conferences both here and in Egypt.



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Dr. Taylor received her undergraduate degree from Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt, her master's degree from Brown University, Rhode Island and her PhD from Clark University in Massachusetts.

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Dr. Wagiha Taylor Presents Paper in Hong Kong

Dr. Taylor, Professor of Economics and Coordinator of the MBA program in the School of Business, Society, and Public Policy of Wilkes University, travelled to Hong Kong on January 2, 1990 to present her paper entitled "The Role of Women in Economic Development" at the Inaugural Convention of the Congress of Political Economists, International. Dr. Taylor is a founding member and President-Elect of the Congress of Political Economists, U.S.A, the U.S. Region branch of the Congress of Political Economists, International. Dr. Taylor's current research interests are concerned with work in the general area of the Economics of Development and Growth, with particular emphasis on the role of women in the development of their countries.

After the presentation of her paper at the Convention in Hong Kong, Dr. Taylor went on an educational tour of Mainland China where she spent time in Shanghai, Hanchou, Suzhou, and Beijing visiting Chinese universities and attending lectures on educational, cultural, and historical aspects of Chinese society. The highlight of her visit to Beijing was her walk in Tian'anmen Square just three days after the lifting of martial law in Beijing.

Dr. Taylor's three week trip to the far east concluded with a four day visit to Japan, with time spent in Tokyo, Kamakora (Japan's oldest capital), and Yokohama (Japan's oldest seaport).

Wilkes economics professor meets UN Secretary Gen'l

Dr. Wagiba Taylor, Professor of Economics and Director of the Graduate Business Program at Wilkes University, recently met with Dr. Butros Gali, an Egyptian national who is the Secretary General of the United Nations, in New York City.



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The theme of the four-day conference is "Science and Technology for Development," and Taylor's paper deals with the need for growth and the direction which that growth should take. This presentation is a different direction for the Wilkes professor, since she has previously concerned herself with writing and publishing in the area of the economics and financial effects of war and peace.

Dr. Taylor is a member of the Association of Egyptian-American Scholars, American Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, and is listed in the Marquis' "Who's Who in the East." She serves on the executive board of the Pennsylvania Conference of Economics, and is currently serving as the Vice President of Programs for the State Conference on Economics.

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Supporters question proposed end of college program

■ *Upward Bound, which prepares high school students for college, is not included in next year's federal budget.*

By JERRY LYNOTT

Times Leader Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Some local students might lose the chance to go to college if lawmakers close the door on the Upward Bound program at Wilkes University next year, program graduates said.

The federally funded program that provides high school students from Luzerne and Wyoming counties academic support and preparation for college is part of a larger program considered for elimination in next year's budget.

"The program is worth everything it's got. I think it's a shame they want to eliminate it," said April Aufiero, a graduate of the 1995 class.

Tenth- and 11th-grade stu-

dents who meet economic guidelines participate in a six-week summer residency program at Wilkes. They attend classes in mathematics, science, English, reading and study skills. They also participate in career placement and extra-curricular programs and receive information on obtaining financial aid.

High school seniors can take courses to prepare for college entrance examinations.

This year, \$463 million went to the TRIO program that includes Upward Bound, and the Educational Opportunity Center. Lawmakers approved reducing that amount by \$11.2 million, but President Clinton has threatened to veto the cut.

The National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations reported that U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Philadelphia, supported the cut. Specter, who has announced his candidacy for president, chairs the subcommittee on education appropriations.

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garet Camp, said the senator opted to fund other programs instead of TRIO.

Camp said the funding for TRIO increased \$44.5 million from the 1993-1994 year. Even with the \$11.2 million cut, she said, TRIO was still \$33 million ahead of that year.

"We can live with cuts, but to totally eliminate us I think eliminates far too many opportunities for students," said Anne Thomas, Upward Bound director at Wilkes.

For the 1994-1995 year, Wilkes received a grant of \$269,500, Thomas said.

How much will be available for the 65 students enrolled in this year's program is unclear, she said.

President Lyndon Johnson started Upward Bound in 1965 to expand educational opportunities as part of his "Great Society" domestic policy. Wilkes has had the program since 1967.

Without the program, Aufiero, a senior at Northwest Area High School, said she would not have made the honor roll or chosen to pursue a career in psychology.

Aufiero, 18, said she will attend Luzerne County Community College after graduation and then transfer to Kutztown University. She will be the first in her family to go to college.

Upward Bound specifically targets students who are the

first in their families to attend college.

Margaret Bau of Hunlock Creek, a graduate of the 1968 Upward Bound class, said she wouldn't have gone on to college without the program. Her parents did not graduate high school. Now, she and her husband discuss college with their children.

Bau, the president of the program's alumni association and a teacher in the Wyoming Valley West School District, objected to the proposed elimination of Upward Bound.

"I don't think it's a handout. I don't think helping kids get an education is a handout," Bau said.

Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas Judge Ann Lokuta, a graduate of the program's class of 1970, said she was appalled by the proposed cut. Upward Bound gave her a start, she said.

"It was the first thing I was successful at," Lokuta said, "And it set the tone for me."

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Wilkes University Professor Attends White House Ceremony

Wilkes-Barre--Wilkes University Professor of Economics Dr. Wagiha Taylor recently attended a White House ceremony with Congressman Paul Kanjorski to welcome His Majesty Hassan II, King of Morocco.

The ceremony included remarks from President Clinton and Vice President Gore. During the festivities, a 21-gun salute honored the King of Morocco.

Taylor, who is the dean of graduate studies at Wilkes, received her bachelor's degree in economics from Alexandria University in Egypt, her master's degree from Brown University and her doctorate degree from Clark University.

Taylor has served as the president of the Faculty Association and vice president of the Faculty Women's Caucus at Wilkes University.

Additionally, she is currently president of the Association of Egyptian-American Scholars in the United States and Canada and president of the Congress of Political Economists, USA. Taylor is also past-president of the Northeastern

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Pennsylvania Association of Arab-Americans and treasurer of the Islamic Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Residents of Kingston, Taylor and her husband Gene have three daughters, Nagwa, Gina and Jackie.



Wilkes presents degrees to 151

Wilkes University presented 151 graduate and undergraduate degrees to students at a commencement/convocation Thursday at the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center.

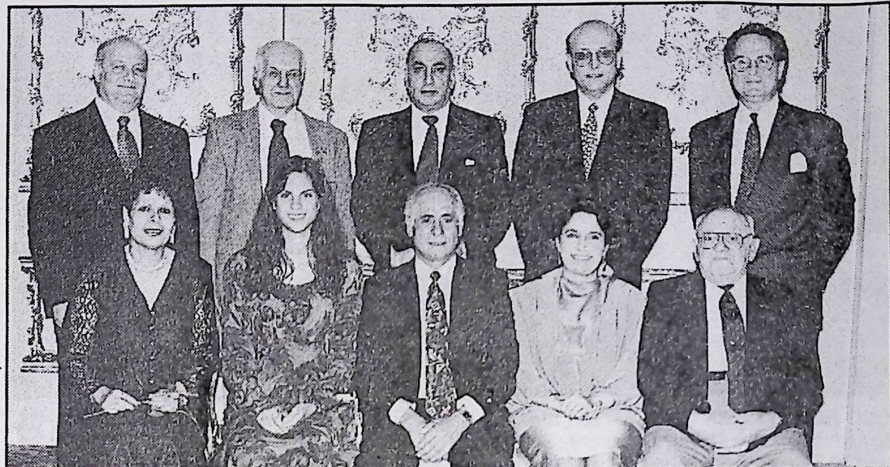
Dr. Michael Steele, associate professor of biology at Wilkes, delivered the commencement address. An honorary doctorate of humane letters was pre-

sented to R. Gerald Elias, who recently retired as the administrative director of the Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational Technical School.

Dr. Wagiha Taylor, professor of economics, leads the procession of graduates who received their degrees yesterday in the Henry Gymnasium of the Arnaud C. Marts Sports Center.

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BANQUET HOSTED BY ARAB-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION — The Northeastern Pennsylvania Arab-American Association recently held its twenty-first annual banquet at Genetti's Convention Center, Wilkes Barre. The installation of the new officers was held, a scholarship was awarded Christopher Kerlish, and a check for St. Jude's Children's Hospital was presented to John Moses, a member of the Hospital Board of Directors. Moses paid tribute to former members of St. Jude's Board of Directors, both deceased, Thomas C. Thomas, and John J. Thomas. Toastmaster, Gina Taylor presented past president J.T. Elias with a gift, as a token of gratitude for his leadership over the past two years. Officers present in the picture are, seated from left: Dr. Wagiha Taylor, past president; Gina Taylor, board member; George Saba, past president; Dallal Neddoff, Arabic secretary; and Thomas Namey, board member. Standing: Ahmed Kazimi, past president; Joseph T. Elias, outgoing president; John Hyder, president; Dr. Akram Zalatio, board member; and Dr. A.R. Barakat, board member. Absent are: Raid Attar, secretary; John Neddoff, treasurer; Ali Kazimi, board member; and Joanne Tennerillo, board member.

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Luzerne commissioners name two to top posts

By BOBSALITZA

Standard-Speaker Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — The Luzerne County Commissioners filled two high-level jobs Wednesday and made a number of appointments and reappointments to authorities and boards.

James P. Gallagher, of Moosic, Lackawanna County, was hired as administrator of the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Mental Health/Mental Rehabilitation Program at an annual salary of \$49,800.

Gallagher will take over the agency's top spot from Stanley L. Perry, who had been acting administrator since the departure of Gerry Gardner, of Philadelphia, who resigned.

Perry was reassigned within the MH/MR agency to the position of administrative officer at a salary of \$45,818.

Gardner had been receiving a salary of \$52,920.

The appointment of Gallagher and the reassignment of Perry will become effective March 14.

Meanwhile, Joseph A. Boyanowski, of Avoca, was hired as the county's management information system director at a salary of \$40,000.

Boyanowski, who was one of three finalists for the job, began his duties as head of the data processing department on Tuesday.

Boyanowski succeeds Eugene Kuchinski, who retired after holding the post of data processing director for many years. Kuchinski had been receiving \$35,500 per year at the time of his retirement.

Max Blaskiewicz, of Shickshinny, was appointed to a five-year term on Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority. He succeeds John Yarosz, of Swoyerville, who did not seek reappointment.

Seven other authority members were reappointed, also to five-year terms.

Among them were two residents of the Hazleton area: Paul N. Walser, vice president and publisher of the *Standard-Speaker*, and Bernice Hollock, 136 Woodlawn Dr., Mountaintop.

Joyce Skowronski, of Wilkes-Barre, was appointed to a two-year term on the county's Private Industry Council to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Thomas Torbik.

Five other PIC board members, all from the Wyoming Valley, were reappointed to 46-month terms.

Dr. Wagiha Taylor, of Wilkes University, was appointed to a three-year term on the Commission for Women.

In another personnel action, the commissioners approved the transfer of Shelly Quintana, 33 Fairview Park, Mountaintop, from certified nursing assistant to dietary aide at Valley Crest, the county nursing center.

The commissioners acknowledged the retirement of Mary Noyalis, a bookkeeper in the Tax Claim Bureau. She had been a county employee for 26 years.

Controller Joseph Tirpak was authorized to pay \$3,000 to Leadership Hazleton, 1 S. Church St., Hazleton. The payment represents

the county's 1994 allocation to the organization.

A payment of \$17,500 similarly was authorized for the Commission for Women.

Fairway Motors Inc., Route 309 North, Hazle Township, was awarded a contract to supply a 12-passenger van to the Recreation Department at the dealer-ship's low bid of \$15,799.

Northeastern Microcomputer Solutions Inc., Wilkes-Barre, received a \$34,487.89 contract to install a computer system in the Public Defender's Office, and a \$4,972.18 pact to supply a portable computer to the Emergency Management Agency.

A. Dancheck Inc., Kingston, was awarded a contract in the amount of \$11,295 to supply the EMA with meters to assess hazardous chemicals.

Also awarded were contracts to supply meat to Valley Crest.

Opened, then set aside for tabulation, were bids on four raised-roof, wheelchair lift-equipped vans for Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Transportation Department, a four-wheel-drive vehicle for the EMA, and meat for the county correctional facility.

Contracts are to be awarded March 16.

Russel E. Arnone, director of property and supply, was authorized to solicit bids on six 15-passenger vans for Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Transportation Department, and for groceries and non-perishable foods for Valley Crest.

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West Pittston



Scholarship established at Wilkes University in memory of Joseph Ruggere

Friends and family of the late Joseph V. Ruggere of West Pittston, met with members of the development staff at Wilkes University to establish a scholarship in his honor.

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"Our father always believed that he should help others establish small businesses," said Mrs. Carmella Ruggere Earl. "This

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For more information about the Joseph V. Ruggere Scholarship Fund at Wilkes University, contact the Office of Annual Giving at 831-4308.

Seated from the left, are: Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes University president, and Mrs. Carmella Ruggere Earl.

Standing, from left, are: Sandra Beynon, executive assistant to the vice president for development; Lene Ruggere Lewis, and Dr. Wagha Taylor, dean of graduate studies.



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WILKES UNIVERSITY'S GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FROM NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING

WILKES-BARRE -- The Wilkes University Graduate Nursing Program recently received accreditation from the National League for Nursing (NLN). Established in 1988, there are currently 31 students enrolled in the program.

According to the NLN, the achievement of accreditation indicates to the public and educational community that the Wilkes nursing program has a clear and appropriate educational mission and the conditions necessary to meet goals.

"This achievement is a direct reflection of the high quality of our nursing faculty and the well-designed curriculum," said Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth. "With an emphasis on gerontological nursing, our program meets and exceeds the University's mission of service to the community."

Wilkes University has graduated six nursing students with master of science degrees. Each is currently employed as an advanced practitioner and holds positions as clinical nurse specialists, college or university instructors, and mid-level administrators.

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1ST ADD WILKES GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM ACCREDITED

The program was designed with an eye toward accreditation, according to the Nursing Department Chair, Dr. Ann M. Kolanowski. "The accreditation represents years of work by the entire nursing faculty."

Wilkes University's Dean of Graduate Programs, Dr. Wagiha Taylor, sees the accreditation as proof-positive that the nursing program is on the right track. "I am proud of our nursing faculty, administration, and students," she said. "In a relatively short time, the University has achieved the high goal of accreditation."

The undergraduate nursing degree program, established in 1972, was re-accredited by the National League for Nursing. There are currently 180 undergraduate nursing students at Wilkes University.

The NLN Accreditation Program is founded on the belief that specialized accreditation maintains educational quality and provides a basic assurance of program improvement. Wilkes University was required to meet the most stringent qualifications to achieve accreditation.

The mission of the Graduate Program in Nursing at Wilkes University is to prepare an advanced practitioner in nursing able to focus on the complex needs of clients and to function in the roles of nursing administrator, educator, or clinical practitioner. The program encourages individual choice based upon the personal interests and career goals of the students. Flexible scheduling of courses enhances the ability of students to complete program requirements while maintaining employment or in full-time study.

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DEANS OF BUSINESS SCHOOLS MEET AT KING'S COLLEGE — The deans of area business schools met recently at the William G. McGowan School of Business, King's College, to discuss enrollment issues, curriculum, communication between 2- and 4-year colleges and accreditation of business programs. Shown, from left, first row are: Fred Croop, professor and chairman of business department, College Misericordia; Joseph Horton, dean of the school of management, University of Scranton; Dr. Wagiha Taylor, dean of graduate studies, Wilkes University; Sam Dagher, professor and chairman of the business and managerial science department, Marywood College. Second row: James Farrell, chairman of the business administration department, LCCC; Dr. Gary Giamartino, dean of the school of business, society and public policy, Wilkes University; Ed McLaughlin, dean of business, engineering and technology, LCCC; David Burnis, professor of business administration department, Penn State Worthington/Scranton; David Jobson, chairman of the business department, Keystone Junior College; and Edward Schoen, dean of the William G. McGowan School of Business, King's College.

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Taylor Named To Wilkes Post

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DR. WAGIHA TAYLOR

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Dr. Wagha Taylor

"Dr. Taylor's commitment to graduate studies and her strong linkage with the community will bring immeasurable opportunities to Wilkes University's programs and students," Brelseth said.

"As the demands of employers increase with the changing marketplace, Wilkes University's graduate programs will be poised to give our students the foundations to meet their challenge."

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Economics minor in Political Science

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WILKES HOSTS TOTAL QUALITY HEALTHCARE SEMINAR

EDITOR: Please note connection to your coverage area.

WILKES-BARRE -- Wilkes University recently hosted a seminar on total quality healthcare presented by administrators from The Williamsport Hospital and Medical Center.

The Hospital was recently selected to receive the 1993 Commitment to Quality Award, sponsored by The Healthcare Forum and Witt, Kieffer, Ford, Hadleman & Lloyd. The facility began adapting Total Quality Management (TQM) practices in 1986 and developed their own Continuous Quality Improvement Teams to facilitate the process.

"TQM is an organized approach to the management of service delivery that ensures the consistent satisfaction of our customers' expectations for the best healthcare and the most caring personal service," said Timothy A. Mannello, vice president of Human Resources at The Williamsport Hospital & Medical Center.

Co-sponsored by the Department of Health Services and the Office of External Affairs, the seminar is part of Wilkes University's commitment to serving all facets of the community through education.

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PHOTO: From left: Dr. Sybil M. Delevan, chairperson of the Wilkes University Health Services Administration; Thomas McCaffrey, J.D., Health Services Administration faculty; Donald Creamer, president of The Williamsport Hospital and Medical Center; Timothy A. Mannello, vice president for Human Resources, TWHMC; Dr. Wagiha Taylor, acting dean of Graduate Studies; Dr. Anne Heineman Batory, faculty associate to the president; and Steven Johnson, executive vice president, TWHMC.

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Arab American Association conducts flagraising

The Arab American Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania, headed by Jake Elias, Friday conducted special ceremonies at the Luzerne County Courthouse in observance of "Arab American Day." The Arab flag, representing a number of nations, was displayed at the ceremonies and then raised on a special standard on the south lawn of the courthouse.

Russel Arnone, director of property and supplies for the county, served as master of ceremonies due to the absence of county administrator Eugene Klein.

A special proclamation marking Arab American Day was presented by County Commissioners Rose

Tucker.

Thomas Namey led the group singing for "America the Beautiful" in Arabic.

Elias traced the history of Arab immigrants to the United States and the contributions made to society in this country.

Rev. Mark Sahady of St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, Wilkes-Barre, gave invocation and benediction.

It was noted by the speakers that Wilkes-Barre City has a mayor and Luzerne County a commissioner of Arabic origin. The Wilkes-Barre Area School District also has two superintendents of the same Arabic heritage.

Dr. Wagiha Taylor is past presi-

dent of the Arab American Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

John Hyder served as general chairman for the program.

Participating in the program were County Commissioners Frank Crossin and Jim Phillips, Wilkes-Barre Mayor Lee Namey, county officials and judges, and Dallal Neddoff, Andrew Mamary, John Namey, Dr. Akram Zalatimo, Benjamin Broody, Attorney Ferris Webby, John Charles, James Cardillo, Nino Sartini, George Saba, Mary Reh, Helen Koschak, Joan Tenneriello, Carol Decker, Georgene Sallitt, and Mrs. Mark Sahady.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
OFFICE

This has been an extremely active month in terms of the number of inquiries, applications, and registrations for the Fall Evening and Weekend Programs. The following is a brief account of this very unusual month.

1. In response to inquiries I sent 36 letters to prospective MBA students. Eighteen of these were to prospective Evening students, 14 were to prospective Weekend students, and 4 were to prospective international students. These letters included bulletins and applications, explained the admission process, and provided information on the GMAT and other information necessary for the application process (for example, for international students--TOEFL, housing, and financial information).

2. I also responded to another 188 inquiries and requests in person or by phone. These dealt with questions about Fall admissions. They came from individuals who had not previously contacted us, from individuals who have been thinking about Wilkes but had not yet applied, and from some who were already enrolled and had questions on various matters. These inquiries were centered on how to finalize one's application, what courses to take, and how to go about registering for classes. More than half of these inquiries dealt with either actual course approvals, registration for the Fall Evening or Weekend semester, or advice on what courses to take in the Fall semester.

3. I processed 24 applications for admission to in the MBA Program. (This was an unusually large number. For example, in August 1991 I processed 17). This required extensive review of the students' applications, letters of recommendation, GMAT scores, and college transcripts.

4. I certified 16 requests for approval for the Summer 1992 graduation. This entailed the examination of each student's record, including an evaluation of the satisfaction of undergraduate prerequisites and graduate requirements.

5. I also processed 4 change-of-status from provisional admission to regular admission. This required a review of both undergraduate course prerequisites and graduate courses that had been taken. I also reviewed a number of requests for Transfer of Graduate Credit.

6. In preparation for the start of the new school year I again began working on publicizing the MBA Program. I requested the support of Mark Davis, Director Of University Relations, in placing advertisements in the North-east Business Journal for this academic year as we had done last year. He graciously offered to split the expenses with me and kindly made arrangements with the newspaper for my ad to appear in the October 1992, and March and July 1993 issues. I also requested Tom Hadzor, Vice President of Development, to include my MBA flyers in the upcoming Alumni Weekend

Program and he graciously offered to put them on the Registration table and to move them from one event to another so that more alumni will see and take them. Tony Shipula, Director of Alumni Relations, has also been very cooperative in this matter, assuring me that the flyers will be placed in a prominent place so that alumni can easily pick them up (he had previously inserted them in his mailing). I also contacted Gail Haas, whose placement of our ad (free of charge) last year in The American Production Control Society (APCS) Newsletter brought more inquiries about our program. She will place the ad again in the October 1992 issue.

7. On August 5, I participated in a meeting of the Advertisement Committee of the School of Business, Society, and Public Policy. The committee had been initiated and is being spearheaded by Dr. Lennon. My participation has been primarily in the handling of the promotion of the MBA Program.

8. During the period August 8 to 12, I attended the 1992 Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) Professional Development Program II held at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. The Program, which operated in a workshop format, was designed to enhance the facility of administrators in graduate business areas to deal with both present and future practices and problems.

Many of the topics and problems which were treated are of direct and immediate concern to me in my administration of the Wilkes MBA Program. These included: increasing the visibility of the MBA Program; advertising the MBA Program more effectively; recruiting and evaluating international students; employing additional resources to help in implementing one's ideas (such as individuals, groups, materials, money); demonstrating the value of admissions to others within the organization (university); utilizing faculty and staff more effectively; obtaining more supporting funds for programs; analyzing the usefulness of feedback; working with others more effectively; and maintaining self-control.

9. While I was away at the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) Conference at Stanford University, my graduate assistant, David Noyle, looked after my office. During the period August 10 through August 14 he retrieved over 40 calls from my voice mailbox. Besides taking care of all messages and visitors to my office, David also sent out information packets in response to the inquiries he had received about our graduate program. Upon my return from California I returned the phone messages that David had received.

10. On August 25, I met with the new graduate assistants to discuss their duties, responsibilities, and schedules for the upcoming academic year.

11. On August 26, Dr. Anne Batory and I met over lunch with Mr. Keen Cornell, president of Cornell Iron Works, for the purpose of developing an MBA Alumni Program Assessment Questionnaire which is to be sent to all MBA graduates.

12. I continued to guide and support the officers of the MBA Students Association as they prepared for the organization's second year of existence. I also continued to nourish the MBA Advisory Council, and began to piece together the next issue of the Graduate Business Program newsletter. The most difficult and time-consuming aspect of this project has been getting the address labels to print from the disk.



Women's conference will attract 500-plus today at Penn State

Women from all walks of life in the Greater Wilkes-Barre Area and beyond will share their talents and wisdom on Saturday, June 6 at the Luzerne County Women's Conference. The all day conference will be held on the campus of Penn State Wilkes-Barre in Lehman. The public is invited and at least 500 women and men are expected to attend the eighth annual conference with the theme "Discovering Our Past, Exploring Our Future."

The Pennsylvania Council on the Humanities is co-sponsor and financial backer this year. Features of the conference, in addition to the almost 70 workshops, are a keynote speech by a Native American activist Suzan Shown Harjo, an art exhibit by nine local women artists, and storytelling by Christine Martinez San Jose. Call for registration information at 675-9114.

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First row, from the left: Dr. Wagiha Taylor, Judy Rimple, Peg Jones, Sally Teller Lottick, Ruth Borland, Lyn McDermott, Hetty Biaz, Ina Lubin, Sharon Laws Brittingham; second row, Carol Husa and Mindy Thalenfeld, co-chairs of this year's women's conference, Mary Laufer, Victoria Jean-Andres, Stephanie Bressler, Anna Ostapiw, Ellen P. Smith, Judith Hendin, Millie Lawson, Kathy Nast, Karen Dattilo, Pat Hoover, Mary Ann Yenason, Sue Strassman, Phyllis Belk, Jane O'Donnell, RSM; third row, Joan Broderick, RSM, Susan Yelen, Jan Kelly, Mary Jo Sebia, Grace Dove Ostrum, Joanne Ennis, Miriam Francis Stadulis, RSM, Judy Sedlak, Nina Davidowitz, Sharon Bowar, Betty Bryden Wills, Susan Kolesar, Evelyn Albert, Karen Leher, Chris Terhune and Kim Hirt.

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WILKES OFFERS NEW HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONCENTRATION FOR MBA STUDENTS

WILKES-BARRE -- The Wilkes University School of Business, Society and Public Policy will offer a concentration in Human Resource Management for graduate students pursuing a Master in Business Administration degree. The program was developed after suggestions from faculty and local business leaders.

"We are tailoring our programs to serve the needs of the business community," commented Dr. Wagiha Taylor, Director of Graduate Business Programs and Economics Professor at Wilkes. "Human resource management is an area receiving a great deal of attention. With increasing competition and tougher economic times, companies are requiring managers with the skills necessary to train and develop a diverse workforce. The Wilkes MBA program can provide managers with these skills."

The courses included in the concentration will cover human resource

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management, personnel training, and development, legal issues and compensation management. The concentration will be available to graduate students, including those enrolled in evening and weekend programs, in the Fall 1992 semester.

The Wilkes University MBA Advisory Council was instrumental in the development of the new concentration. More than a dozen leaders from the regional business community gather each semester with Wilkes faculty and administration to discuss the program, course offerings and the changing needs of the business world.

Current MBA concentrations available at Wilkes University include: Marketing; Management; Management Information Systems; International Business; Health Care; and Finance. The Human Resource Management concentration will update and replace the Labor concentration previously offered.

For more information on the Wilkes University Masters in Business Administration program, please call Dr. Wagiha Taylor at 831-4712.



DR. WAGIHA TAYLOR

Dr. Taylor Confers With UN Secretary

Dr. Wagih Taylor, Professor of Economics and Director of the Graduate Business Program at Wilkes University, met with Dr. Butros Gali, the recently-installed Secretary General of the United Nations, in New York.

Dr. Taylor also is the vice president of the Association of Egyptian-American Scholars in the United States and Canada. She was joined by the President of the Association, two other Egyptian-American dignitaries, and Arab-American leaders of other Middle Eastern associations for the meeting with the Secretary General, an Egyptian national.

A consultant for the United Nations, Dr. Taylor has conducted academic and governmental research, published papers, and lectured to numerous civic groups in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Taylor received her undergraduate degree in communication from Alexandria University and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics from Brown University and Clark University, respectively. She teaches both graduate and undergraduate business and economics courses at Wilkes University.

A well-known and respected civic leader, Dr. Taylor serves in a number of administrative positions with various local, regional, national, and international organizations including the Pennsylvania Economic Association and the Congress of Political Economists, both of which she serves as president.

At Wilkes, Dr. Taylor is the president of the Faculty Association and vice president of the Faculty Women's Caucus. She is also president of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab-Americans; treasurer of the Islamic Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania; a member of the board of directors of the TEQ Corporation; a member of the American Economic Association; and a founding and life member of the Eastern Economic Association.



DR. WAGIHA TAYLOR

Guest Speaker

A talk on "Women in Islam" will be given by Dr. Wagiha Taylor, professor of economics and associate dean at the school of business, society and public policy at Wilkes University at the monthly meeting at the Women's Association at Holy Name of Jesus at Holy Name School on Wyoming Avenue in Forty Fort, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Topics at the meeting will include plans for the Sedor Supper during Holy Week, Easter gifts for the adopted family, an evening retreat, and spring flower sale.

The public is invited.

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'Women in Islam' program is slated



Dr. Wagiha Taylor

Women's Association of Holy Name of Jesus Church will meet Wednesday, Mar. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Name School, Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort.

A talk on "Women in Islam" will be presented by Dr. Wagiha Taylor, professor of economics and associate dean of the School of Business, Society and Public Policy at Wilkes University.

Plans will be made for the Holy Week supper, the spring flower show, the evening retreat and Easter gifts for an adopted family. Public is invited.



Arab Americans host Christmas party for special kids

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans (NEPAAA) recently hosted their 15th consecutive Christmas party for special needs youngsters at Wyoming Valley Children's Association.

Robert Eastwood, WVCA board president, presented a special service award to the NEPAAA in recognition of its efforts. Mrs. Marilyn Elias re-

ceived a personal award recognizing her 14 years as chairperson for the party.

From the left are John Neddoff, treasurer NEPAAA; Dr. Wagiha Taylor, president NEPAAA; Eastwood, Marilyn Elias, chairperson of the Christmas party; Bernard Kolodziej, executive director, WVCA, and Joseph Elias, past president of NEPAAA.

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WILKES APPOINTS MBA ADVISORY COUNCIL

WILKES-BARRE -- The first luncheon meeting of the Wilkes University MBA Advisory Board was held recently to discuss ways to serve the business community through the various programs offered on the Graduate level. Area business people were called upon to serve as committee members and lend their experience to the further development of the University's MBA programs.

Dr. Wagiha Taylor, Director of the Graduate Business Programs and Economics Professor at Wilkes University explains the goals of the committee, "The purpose of the council is to provide advisement and enhance the effectiveness of the program with respect to the needs of the business community."

Wilkes University offers a Masters of Business Administration degree with eight possible concentrations, including: Marketing, Management, Management Information Systems, Labor, International Business Management, Health Care, Finance, and Accounting.

PHOTO: Members of the newly formed Wilkes University MBA Advisory Council include, seated from left to right: John Beberus, Director, Personnel Department, PG &W; Dr. Anne H. Batory,

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Associate Professor of Business Administration, Wilkes University; Dr. Robert J. Heaman Executive Assistant to the President and Acting Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Wilkes University; Dr. Wagiha Taylor, Director of the Graduate Business Programs and Economics Professor, Wilkes University; Mary Lou Shank, Human Resource Manager, Sallie Mae; and Dr. Peggy Glaser, Director of Human Resources, Northeastern Bank.

Standing, from left to right: Stephanie Simmons, Assistant Director of Public Relations, Wilkes University; Gary Malia, Assistant Administrator, Birchwood Nursing Home; Dr. Robert S. Capin, Professor of Accounting and Past President, Wilkes University; Frank Schoelch, Executive Director, Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce; Milton Keen Cornell, President, Cornell Iron Works; Dr. Bruce Weaver, Chairman of the Department of Business and Economics, Lycoming College; Frank Schray, Senior Manager, Network Development, Commonwealth Telephone Company; Mark "Craig" Davis, Director of Public Relations, Wilkes University; and Theodore J. Engel, Dean of the School of Business, Society & Public Policy.

Members of the Committee absent from the photo include: Richard Marshall, Manager, Rates and Finance, PG & W; Joseph P. McAndrew, Vice-President, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.; Hellen Lavelle-Miller, Lavelle-Miller Group; George Nichols, Nichols Village; Marino Santarelli, Senior Vice-President, United Penn Bank; Nelson Snyder, Parente, Randolph, Orlando, Carey and Associates; and Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President, Wilkes University.



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COCKTAIL PARTY SLATED — The finance committee for the election of Frank Crossin and Rose Tucker as county commissioners will hold a cocktail party Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Ramada in Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Wagiha Taylor is chairperson of the committee and Stephen Clemente is treasurer. Tickets for the affair are available from committee members. Shown from left to right, front row: Robert Reilly, county clerk of courts and a candidate for re-election; Jim

Bach, county Democratic chairman; Commissioner Frank Crossin, Rose Tucker, Alice Pallschak, Mary Welch, Dr. Taylor. Standing, from left: Attorney Thomas O'Connor, James Burns, Joseph Joyce, Eugene Brady, attorney Neil O'Donnell, Stephen Clemente and Allan Allan. Others on the committee are Dan Distasio, campaign chairman, John Radzwilla, Pat Capitano, Dr. Victor Greco, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Patemoster, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Liuzzi, attorney Pasco Schiavo and Frank Fay.

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CROSSIN-TUCKER PARTY — The finance committee for the election of Frank Crossin and Rose Tucker as county commissioners will hold a cocktail party Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre. At a recent meeting the finance committee elected Dr. Wagiha Taylor to serve as chairman. Stephen Clemente is treasurer. Tickets for the affair are available from committee members. Committee members are, front row, from left: Clerk of Courts Robert Reilly,

James Bach, Luzerne County Democratic chairman; Commissioner Frank Crossin, Rose Tucker, Alice Palischak, Mary Welch, Dr. Wagiha Taylor. Standing: Atty. Thomas O'Connor, James Burns, Joseph Joyce, Eugene Brady, Atty. Neil O'Donnell, Stephen Clemente, Allan Allan. Also serving on the committee are Dan DiStasio, campaign chairman; John Radzwilla, Pat Capitano, Dr. Victor Greco, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Paternoster, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Liuzzi, Atty. Pasco Schiavo, Frank Fay.

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ASSOCIATION OF ARAB AMERICANS HONORS

DR. CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH

WILKES-BARRE-- The Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans (NPAAA) recently recognized Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes University, with a plaque in recognition and appreciation of his leadership in education and his community service.

Dr. Wagiha Taylor, President of the Association presented the award and praised Dr. Breiseth for his dedication and commitment to the local community.

"This award is an unprecedented action by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans. Dr. Breiseth is the only non-member honored by the Association since its inception in 1973," said Dr. Taylor.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans is an organization which honors civic-minded people, awards scholarships to deserving young people, supports charitable organizations and promotes the education and enlightenment of both its members and the community by sponsoring appropriate speakers.

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Photo: Shown making the presentation are from left, Allan Allan, NPAAA Vice President; Dr. Wagiha Taylor, NPAAA President; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes President and George Saba, NPAAA Past President.

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PROFILE OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
ASSOCIATION OF ARAB AMERICANS
1991

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans is a local organization with strong civic feelings. Its civic activities include fund raisers to support charitable organizations at both the national and local levels. At the national level, the association regularly makes an annual contribution to the St. Jude children's research hospital and at the local level it makes a regular contribution to the Wyoming Valley Children's Association. It also encourages and support the educational interests of our youth by annually awarding scholarships to deserving undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate a continuing interest in arabic culture and heritage.

The Association also has a history of sponsoring events for the education and enlightenment of both its members and the community. This was recently illustrated at the Association's annual banquet when Dr. Christopher Breiseth, President of Wilkes University and keynote speaker, spoke on the topic, "Rethinking America's World Position."

In addition to its civic and educational interests, the Association strives to promote an Arab ethnic image in the eyes of the community by means of such major activities as the visit, also in 1991, to Wilkes-Barre by Congressman Paul Finley, author, lecturer, consultant, and former congressman from Illinois who spoke on the topic, "The Key to Peace in the Middle East."

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans, recently recognized Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes University, by the presentation of a plaque in recognition and appreciation of his leadership in Education and his efforts in the area of Community Service.

In awarding the plaque, Dr. Wagiha Taylor, President of the Association, praised Dr. Breiseth for his dedication and commitment to the local community. "This award is an unprecedented action by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans. Dr. Breiseth is the only non-member honored by the Association since its inception in 1973," said Dr. Taylor.

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Shown in the picture making the presentation are some leaders of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans. From left to right, Mr. Allan Allan, Vice President; Dr. Wagiha Taylor, President; Dr. Christopher Breiseth; and Mr. George Saba, Past President.

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Findley talk rescheduled; topic is the Middle East

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans has re-scheduled the public affairs lecture of former Congressman Paul Findley.

Findley's address, "The Key to Peace in the Middle East," will be held Wednesday, April 24, at 8 p.m. at Wilkes University's Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

The lecture is open to the public free of charge. Refreshments will be served after the presentation.

Findley served 22 years as the congressman from Illinois' 20th District. He took an active interest in U.S. Mideast policy. Since his departure from the U.S. Congress, Findley has become an author and lecturer and has made numerous appearances on television.

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Arab Americans to hold dinner dance

Dr. Wagiha Taylor, president of the board of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans, announced Dr. Christopher M. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, will be keynote speaker at the 18th annual installation of officers and scholarship award dinner to be held Saturday, April 13, at Genetti Best Western Inn.

Dr. Breiseth will speak on the "Re-thinking America's World Position"

Committee members of the dinner dance include: Allan Allan, Riad Attar, John Namey, Johanna Habib and Dallal Neddoff.

The event begins with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. Both American and Arabic bands will provide music for dancing. Persons interested in attending may contact any committee or board member for tickets.



Dr. Wagiha Taylor
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Arab Americans Hold Spring Dinner-Dance

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans (NPAAA) held its 18th annual installation of officers and scholarship awards dinner-dance Saturday night at Genetti's Best Western Motor Inn. Principal speaker for this event was Dr. Christopher Brieseth, president of Wilkes University.

This year the NPAAA Scholarship Awards were presented to the candidates by Dr. Wagha Taylor, president of the NPAAA. A check for \$1,200 was presented to Atty. John Moses, board member of St. Jude's Hospital. The 1991 scholarship recipients are: Marina Elias, Rachael Moses, Rima Saad and Gregory Mitry Ganim.

The following officers were installed: President, Dr. Wagha Taylor; first vice president, Norman Sallitt; second vice president, Allan Allan; secretary Riad Attar; treasurer, John Neddoff; Arabic secretary, Dallal Neddoff; Parliamentarian, William Obeld; sergeant-at-arms, John Hyder; members at large: Dr. Akram Zalaito, Atty. George Saba, J.T. Elias,

Johanna Habib, Joanne Teneriello, Rose Tucker.

Officers and board members of the organization are shown in the top photo. Seated, left to right, Johanna Habib, Dallal Neddoff, Dr. Wagha Taylor, Joanne Teneriello and Rose Tucker. Standing, John Hyder, J. T. Elias, Akram Zalaito, George Saba Jr., Norman Sallitt, William Obeld, George Saba and Allan Allan. In the lower photo, Dr. Wagha Taylor, Gregory Ganim, Rima Saad, Marina Elias, Rachael Moses and Dallal Neddoff.

(Photos by Ralph Frank)



Scholarship winners

TIMES LEADER/MARY THERESE BIEBEL

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans honored four young scholarship winners Saturday evening at Genetti's. The association awarded each of them a \$500 academic scholarship based on essays they had written about Arabic culture. From left are Dr. Wagiha Taylor, association president; Gregory

Ganim, a student at Cornell University; Rachel Moses, a senior at Wyoming Valley West who will attend King's College in the fall; Marina Elias, a teacher at New York University who will attend graduate school in the fall; Rima Saad, a biology student at Wilkes University and Dallal Neddoff, chairman of the scholarship committee.

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Arab-American Dinner Listed

Dr. Wagiha Taylor, president of the board of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans announces Dr. Christopher M.

wishing to attend may contact any board member or committee person for tickets.

Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, will be the keynote speaker at the 18th annual installation of officers and scholarship award dinner Saturday, at Genetti's Best Western Inn.



DR. TAYLOR

Dr. Breiseth's talk will be "Rethinking America's World Position."

The committee responsible for the dinner dance consists of Allan Allan, Riad Attar, John Namey, Johanna Habib and Dallal Neddoff. The affair will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Both Arabic and American bands will provide music for dancing. Anyone

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Arab Americans List Fall Events

The Board of Directors and its president, Dr. Wagiha Taylor, of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans announces its fall calendar of events starting with their annual End-of-Summer Cocktail Party at the Wyoming Valley Country Club.

This year's party will be held on Sunday, Sept. 9, from 5 to 9 p.m. and again will feature a Mid-Eastern buffet table along with a variety of cheese and fruit platters and beverages. Tickets are a donation of \$17.50 toward the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Fund Drive. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Allan Allan, Riad Attar or any NPAAA board member.

Also scheduled for this fall season is a Baltimore Inner Harbor trip on Saturday, Oct. 6. Included in the trip's schedule are visits to both the aquarium and planetarium. Interested members should contact either Joanne Tennerillo or Johanna Habib for more information or reservations.

Once again the NPAAA will sponsor a booth under the direction of Dallal Neddoff and Dr. Wagiha Taylor, at the Luzerne County Folk Festival on Oct. 25 and 26. This will be the 14th consecutive year the



DR. WAGIHA TAYLOR

NPAAA will be participating in the Festival.

The Board is also announcing the scheduling of Professor George Turner, chairman and professor of History, Bloomsburg University as guest speaker for the Nov. 11 general meeting. Professor Turner's tentative topic will be: "Search for Peace in the Middle East."



Wilkes board meets

The Wilkes College School of Business and Economics Advisory Board met recently at the college to discuss methods of enhancing relationships between the school and the regional business community. Shown in the first row above, left to right, are Kenneth Broadt, associate professor of accounting at Wilkes; Dr. Irving Bonavits, professor emeritus, the State University of New York at Albany; Laura Lewis, First Eastern Bank; Dr. Wagiha Taylor, professor of economics at Wilkes; Welton Farrar, professor of economics

at Wilkes; and Theodore Engel, dean of the Wilkes School of Business and Economics. Second row, Garry Williams, First Eastern Bank; Thomas Jacobs, Boscov's; Frank Hamilton, U.S. Small Business Administration; Fred Lohman, Wilkes-Barre Partnership. Absent from photo are Judd Shoval, The Guard Network; Libro Ciarmatori, Merchants Bank; Thomas Ward, Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company; William Lazor, Baron, Strassman, Zneimer and Company; and Vincent Tassitano, Nabisco Brands.

Wilkes Professor: Arab Women Emerging

By LIBBY BRENNAN
Staff Writer

Exploding the myth that women in the Arab world play an insignificant role in every aspect of life, Dr. Wagha A. Taylor, coordinator of the MBA Program in the School of Business and Economics, Wilkes College, reports that her studies indicate that the female is playing a significant and vital role in the development of growth.

Dr. Taylor returned last week from Cairo, Egypt, a land where she was born and spent her formative years.

There has always been a misunderstanding of women in the Moslem world. They are depicted as shadow figures, swathed in black robes with their head and faces covered with veils walking several steps behind their husbands when on rare occasions they are permitted to leave the confines of their homes," she said.

"Women dress in modern garb; they are educated, they may own land and property, they manage businesses, they are officials not only in their own businesses but large national and international corporations. They serve in many ministerial capacities in the government of Egypt," she explained.

"This is the era of the women," the professor said. "They have always been educated and they have had many rights conferred on them by the Koran and they have always exercised them. Education is vital to the Egyptians and to many of the other Islamic nations."

Dr. Taylor differentiated between the Arab women and the Iranian women. "The Iranians are Persians not Arabs," she explained.

"The leadership in Egypt gives a strong support to women's participation in all facets of life," she said.

In Egypt the private and governmental businesses make provisions for the female. There is sick leave,

and maternity leave. Even time for family rearing is provided so that when women wish to return to their work, their jobs are available," she continued.

The fact that women were emerging in this new era is nothing new.

In 1958 after she received her bachelor's degree in commerce from Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt, bearing her newly acquired sheepskin, she became a statistician in the National Insurance Company of Egypt.

She decided to continue her education and enrolled at Brown University in Providence, R.I., where she received a master of arts degree in 1962. Her thesis was on "The Economic Development and Foreign Trade, Egypt, a Case in Study."

As a recipient of an Egyptian Government Fellowship, she studied for and received a doctorate in economics in the United States.

Dr. Taylor's tenure at Wilkes began in 1966 and she has risen from the ranks of instructor of economics to a full professor in the master's program.

Interspersed with this she, in her educational career, has worked for the United Nations, has been principal speaker in seminars and meetings throughout the world. She travels to her native land at least once a year and utilizes that time to expand her understanding the knowledge of the people — particularly women.

Along with this she has married Dr. Gene Taylor, professor of physics at Bloomsburg and they have three daughters.

Whether in the concrete jungle of Wall St., or the campuses of the greatest university of the world, Dr. Taylor feels comfortable.

She is constantly moving, studying, writing, researching, talking with the President Mubarek of Egypt to the leading economist in the national and international scene.

She exudes vitality and aliveness. For Dr. Taylor there seems to be time for everything and everyone. "My mother is 81 and I spend time with her every year. I have asked her to come to the United States but she prefers to stay in Cairo surrounded by other members of the family and friends. She speaks Arabic and feels that it would be too difficult for her in America," Dr. Taylor explained.

"No matter where I travel or with whom I speak, I know that the time is here and the social conditions are ready for the era of women. Politically, socially, economically, psychologically the time has come and I know that the Egyptian women are on the forefront of assuming their roles."

A Sunni Moslem, Dr. Taylor says that the religion is compatible with the 21st century. "The wrong ideas have been spread of the woman's role. They are important and vital in the developing world."

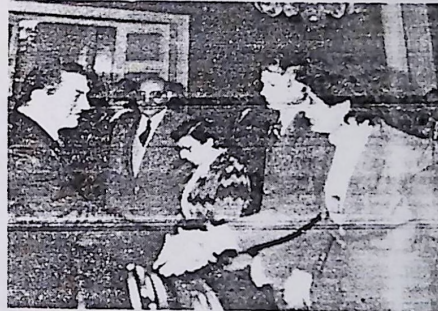
For the past few years, Dr. Taylor has been in Washington participating in a symposium of Institute of International Development and Strategic Studies of Southeast University's Issue of Diversity in Development in Women Culture and Age.

Dr. Taylor's knowledge and expertise in the field of women's emergence into the world of business, education as well as their acceptance as equals through her studies has been responsible for her being invited to speak in various parts of the world. She will attend conferences on women's development in Saudi Arabia in December and in the late winter, she will travel to Thailand where she will attend another international conference and be included among the featured speakers.

The amazing vitality of Dr. Taylor and her ability not only to keep her hand on the pulse of world events but her intense interest in all fields is amazing.



GATHERING DATA — Dr. Wagha Taylor is constantly assembling information on the Era of Women which she utilizes in her classes at Wilkes College as well as her role in international associations on the topic.



CHAT WITH PRESIDENT — Dr. Taylor and her husband Dr. Gene Taylor on her right, are shown at a reception prior to her meeting with Egyptian President Mubarek in Cairo two weeks ago.



AT PYRAMIDS — Seeing the Wonders of the World at Giza are Dr. Wagha Taylor and daughters. They were driven in an animal-drawn cart.

Penn State to host women's conference

"Women in the Arts," "Family Mapping," "The Art of Building Intimacy," "Women Who Love Too Much," "Values of Cultural Diversity in Wilkes-Barre" — these are only a few of the 63 topics to be offered as workshops at the sixth annual Luzerne County Women's Conference, Saturday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman.

There is still time to register for the all-day conference which is open to all interested persons, according to co-chairpersons Susan Davis and Lynn McDermott.

Brochures and registration forms are available at public libraries or by calling Penn State at 675-9114.

You also may register the day of the conference from 8 to 8:45 a.m. in the Student Commons on the Campus," Davis said. The cost of \$18 includes lunch. Child care is available for persons who call in advance.

Other how-to workshops include "Getting Elected and Effecting Change," "Entrepreneurism" and "The Actor Within."

School directors who will talk about campaigns and share views on what it's like to be on the hot seat in a volunteer job are Alice Corba, Esq. of Wilkes-Barre Area School Board; Sandra Feyrer of the Wyoming Valley West board, and Ellen Nagy of the Dallas board. Their workshop will be moderated by Phyllis Belk of Penn State, who was a school district administrator for 15 years.

The workshop on Entrepreneurism will be presented by Susan Shoval, Wendy Anzalone, Capple Evers and Tracy Sieminski. Their information on business will also touch on how they manage the complex inter-relationship of home and workplace.

Beverly Beers will lead the workshop on "The Actor Within" to teach participants how to use acting techniques in their daily lives.

The keynote speaker is Dorothy F. Cotton of Cornell University, a former staff associate of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who has worked actively for women's rights as well as for civil rights. Her talk is at 8:45 a.m.

The other general session occurs at 2:15 p.m. when two performing artists, Janet Lawson and Maggie Martin, present their unique act of "Tone Poems" combining words, sounds, and music.

These two women from the East Stroudsburg area have just won a fellowship from Pennsylvania Radio Theatre to produce a program of their unique style of artistry. Lawson is a jazz pianist and composer; and Martin is a poet.

Attendees at the conference may sign up for three workshops in addition to the general sessions. The program of workshops is divided into topics on Art, Business, Family, Health, Self-Discovery, and The World.

"There is something to interest every woman, no matter her age or her background. We have a workshop on the fun of peace-making and one to teach adults how to play; we have one on what it's like to be a high-visibility spouse and one on personality types and prayer. There are several touching on political issues, and many about family issues," said McDermott.

Other features of the conference are exhibits by local organizations and agencies with resources for women and families, and a book store.

For women who cannot afford the registration fee, assistance is available by calling Melissa Noderer at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.



PRESENTORS — From left, row 1: Phyllis Belk, Joyce Davis, Karen Campbell, Ellen Smith, Susan Davis, Lynn McDermott, Zaida Salamon, Mindy Thelenfeld, Melissa Noderer. Row 2: Sally Teller Lottick, Wendy Anzalone, Mary Kerr, Carol Husa, Charlene Yurko, Judy, Ehret, Ely Miller, Barbara Lockman, Terry Grabo, Wagline Taylor, Ann Herremann, Beteri, Vera Cornish. Row 3: Susan Kolesar, Yolonda Riggsbee, Sandi Feyrer. Row 4: Cletta Evers, Susan Shoval, Eileen Hewitt. Row 5: Capple Evers, Nancy Frey, Marguerite Mozak, JoAnn Rushton.

Briefly...

Arab Americans planning dinner

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans (NPAAA) will hold its 17th annual Officers' Installation and Scholarship Awards dinner on Saturday, April 28, at Gus Genetti's Best Western Motor Inn, Wilkes-Barre. Co-Chairmen of this year's affair are two board members, Allan J. Allan and George Saba.

Keynote address will be given by the incoming president, Dr. Wagiha Taylor.

Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a short program. Music for dancing will be by "The Dimensions."

This year, tickets are again approaching sell-out status, but can still be obtained through Neddoff's Restaurant, Andrew



Dr. Wagiha Taylor

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Local Arab group plans annual dinner

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Wagha Taylor

Board members Allan J. Allan and George Saba are co-chairmen of this year's dinner. Incoming president Dr. Wagha Taylor will give the keynote address.

Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and a short program. The Dimensions will provide music for dancing.

The tickets are nearly sold out, but may still be obtained through Neddoff's Restaurant, Andrew Mamary, Ahmad Kazi-mi, or any board member.

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WILKES PROFESSOR PRESENTS PAPER IN HONG KONG

WILKES-BARRE--Dr. Wagiha Taylor of Kingston, Professor of Economics and Coordinator of the MBA program in the Wilkes University School of Business, Society and Public Policy recently traveled to Hong Kong. Dr. Taylor presented her paper "The Role of Women in Economic Development" at the inaugural Convention of the Congress of Political Economists International. She is a founding member and President-Elect of Political Economists, U.S.A. , the U.S. Region Branch of the Congress of Political Economists International.

Currently, Dr. Taylor's research interests are concerned with work in the general area of the Economics

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of Development and Growth, with particular emphasis on the role of women in the development of their countries.

Following the presentation of her paper in Hong Kong, Dr. Taylor continued on an educational tour of Mainland China, where she spent time in Shanghai, Hanchou, Suzhou and Beijing. The tour included visits to Chinese universities and attending lectures on educational, cultural and historical aspects of Chinese society. The highlight of her visit to Beijing was a walk in Tiananmen Square just three days after martial law was lifted.

The three week trip to the Far East concluded with four days in Japan with a visit to Tokyo, Kamakora (Japan's oldest capital) and Yokohama (Japan's oldest seaport).

Conference Chairman

Dr. Wagha Taylor, president of the Pennsylvania Conference of Economists and professor of Economics at Wilkes College, invites the economic and business community in Northeastern Pennsylvania to attend the 1984 meeting of the Conference of Economists at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, May 31 and June 1.

The program will include several sessions on a variety of subjects including finance and philosophy of education, developments in the regional economy, East-West economic relations, and public policy.

Three invited speakers will present luncheon and dinner addresses. Will Meyers will speak at the June 1 luncheon. Meyers is an economist with the National Education Association and has several years of prior experience in Washington at the Department of Education and the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. At the Department of Education he was largely responsible for a study entitled "Prospects for Financing Education in the States."

Dr. Taylor to present her paper in Egypt

WILKES BARRE — Dr. Wagiha Taylor, professor of economics at Wilkes College, will present her recently-published paper, "Economics of Development: Egypt After the Open-Door Policy," during the 1982 Cairo Conference of American-Egyptian Scholars Dec. 27 in Egypt.



~~DR. WAGIHA TAYLOR~~ and Taylor's paper deals with the need for growth and the direction she believes growth should take.

Dr. Taylor is a member of the Association of Egyptian-American Scholars, American Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association and is listed in the Marquis' "Who's Who in the East."

She served on the executive board of the Pennsylvania Conference of Economics and is vice president of programs for the State Conference

Panel to Discuss Role Of Women in Religion

"The Role of Women in Religion Today" will be discussed by a panel of four women all active in their religions at Temple B'nai B'rith on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m., according to an announcement by Sol Davidson, chairman of the Temple's Adult Education Committee.

Dr. Wagiha A. Taylor of Wilkes College will put forth the role of the Moslem woman in today's world scene. She is a graduate of Alexandria University in Egypt and holds an M.A. degree from Brown University and Ph.D. from Clark University. At Wilkes College she teaches various graduate (MBA Program) and undergraduate courses in economics and business and supervises graduate and undergraduate student independent research.

Prior to coming to Wilkes in 1969, Dr. Taylor held positions as Lecturer in Economics at the Institute of Public Administration in Cairo, Egypt, Researcher in the Department

of Foreign Trade at the Ministry of Planning in Cairo and Statistician in the Statistics Department of the National Insurance Company in Alexandria, Egypt.

Rabbi Susan Abramson, Assistant Rabbi of the Main Line Reform Congregation in Wynnewood, Pa., will discuss the experiences of a female Rabbi in Judaism in the modern world. Appearing for the Protestant Faith will be the Rev. Marcella L. Klimas, a priest of the Episcopal Church serving at St. Luke's Church in Scranton.

Dr. Jane Kopas, OSF, Assistant Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Scranton, will speak on the emerging role of the woman in the Roman Catholic Faith. Mrs. Murray Miller will be the moderator. Rabbi Arnold M. Shevlin is the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai B'rith. The public is invited to attend.



DR. WAGIHA A. TAYLOR

Lifestyle



LCCW to celebrate Women's History Month

The Luzerne County Commission for Women will hold their eighth annual Women's History Month dinner on Friday, March 22, at Convention Hall in Pittston. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7.

Guest speaker is Dr. Jessica Kozloff, president of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Tickets may be obtained by calling the LCCW office at 825-1727.

Members of the commission are, from the left, first row: Rose Casiano Johnston, Dawn Klick, Margaret Bryant; second row, Dr. Wagiha Taylor, Diana Crecca and Yvonne Bozinski.