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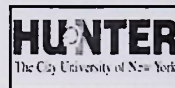
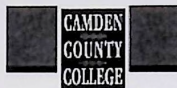
From the left are Dr. William Terzaghi, associate professor of biology and club advisor; Brynn Beaver, Ashley Moore, Megan Feusner, Lorraine Shemanski, Sam's Club general manager; Paul Martin, merchandise manager.

Wilkes biology club gets Sam's Club grant

Students in Wilkes University's biology club recently accepted a check for \$600 from Sam's Club in Wilkes-Barre Township. The store matched \$600 that the students raised in March when they participated in the company's Burger Burnout community service program.

The biology club will use the money to offset the cost of educational trips to the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Philadelphia Zoo and Franklin Institute. Many members of the club are active in research, and the club will send them to meetings to present their work.



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what thousands of determined youth delegates asked the U.S. government at the 2005 U.N. Climate Change Conference, held in Montreal, Canada, just weeks ago. Friendships were formed and global issues were challenged at this gathering of political leaders and youth demonstrators, which resulted in the largest climate change conference in history. U.S. youths were clamoring for their voices to be heard with slogans like, "Stop asking how much it will cost you and start asking how much it will cost us!" intended to pressure the U.S. government to focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The delegates even passed out fortune cookies with their own fortunes printed inside, like "You will not stand for increasing emissions," and "A clean renewable

From Britney Backup to Self-Made Star

Fairy tales do come true. It did for small-town southern girl KILEY DEAN. From singing in her church choir to landing a backup gig with BRITNEY SPEARS, she's slowly conquering the music industry. With two singles out -- "Who Will I Run To?" and "Make Me a Song" -- her music boasts sensual grooves, edgy rock, and lots of sass. Be on the lookout for the 23-year-old's upcoming album, "Changes." "I just think that this album is so real and personal. Over the last few years, I've experienced so much in my life," she explains. "I was able to let it out on this record. It talks about the things everyone can relate to."

-Ysolt Usigan



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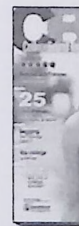
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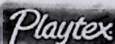
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energy future is near." One youth demonstration, entitled "Fiddling While the Earth Burns," involved 50 teens who donned togas, wreaths, and masks of President George Bush, and made a show of fiddling with giant puppets in an attempt to influence the U.S. government to take environmental issues more seriously. With the help of their creative, although slightly offensive, antics, the U.N. meeting went quite well. It was originally supposed to last only 30 minutes, but ended up being extended to over two hours, and the International Youth Declaration, which states specific goals regarding emissions, received recognition and support from all over the world.

-Elise B. Zito

Photo Credit: Matthew Carroll

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loves Zuri," says the owner of this 2-and-a-half-year-old Samoyed. Fluffy, friendly, and extremely loveable, Zuri has been paying visits to stressed-out students at Wilkes University (Wilkes, PA) and showering them with doggie affection. Professor William Terzahgi and his wife, Vivien, are the owners of this playful pooch, and they made their way through campus during both midterms and finals weeks of the fall 2005 semester. A member of Therapy Dogs International (TDI), Zuri is one of several dogs whose owners volunteer their time to cheer up the downhearted with the

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love of a pet. According to Vivien, animals are known to have a relaxing effect on people, as their presence has the power to lower blood pressure and calm nerves (such as those of the finals-frenzied). So even if you're not a dog-lover, don't be afraid to snuggle up next to one when you're on the edge of a study-induced breakdown.

-E.B.Z.

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you want to lose weight, lose that pre-taped exercise segment on TV and turn on Fitbeats. It's the latest in fitness fab: downloadable songs with instructional voiceovers that guide you through your workout. It's like having a personal coach on the go. There are Fitbeats to instruct you through everything from abdominal exercises to cycling, by professional athletes and coaches in the fields. Each song caters to a different part of your routine, allowing you to mix-and-match them to create a personalized health regimen. Most songs are \$4, running as long as 10 minutes, and can be downloaded onto any MP3 player through the Fitbeats Web site. At a price of \$59.99, you can purchase the official Fitbeats MP3 player that comes pre-loaded with songs. Visit www.fitbeats.com to preview samples, or to order.

-Genevieve Blaber

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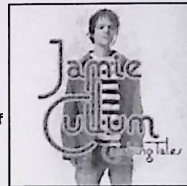


Rock in the Vault
What's in the vault? Posters, photographs, T-shirts, vintage



Catch a Jamie Tale

Putting a new twist on jazz, pianist JAMIE CULLUM is bringing you something different than the bubblegum pop and lame lyrics that plague the airwaves. Listen for yourself on his latest compilation, "Catching Tales." For a chance to see Jamie live in concert, go to



www.ververecords.com/jamiecullumsweeps/collegebound. The grand prize winner will receive a trip for two to Los Angeles, CA, to see Jamie on stage. The first runner-up will receive a one-year subscription to Rhapsody, an online music player. The first 1,000 people who sign up will each receive a free CD sampler from Verve Music Group. The sweepstakes ends January 25, 2006.

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Wearing sweatshirts and sporting bumper stickers are so last season. This year, show your college pride via home footwear. For starters, shop at www.collegeslippers.com, a leading provider of NCAA licensed slippers. They recently launched a new line of university-branded, oversized sneaker slippers including Notre Dame, Penn State, Michigan, Boston College (pictured), Ohio State, Purdue, Virginia Tech, and more. A pair of comfy slip-ons can be yours for \$24.99. Now go show your college pride around the dorm -- if you're feeling lazy, you can even wear 'em to first period. After all, they do look like sneakers.

tickets and backstage passes, swag, just to name a few, of PEARL JAM, U2, NIRVANA, and other rock legends. You can try the eBay thing, but if they don't have the band paraphernalia you're looking for, or if you'd rather purchase from a legitimate retailer for authentic rock goodies (and not some weird guy at the flea market who claims he got KURT COBAIN's autograph), Wolfgang's Vault (www.wolfgangsvault.com) can satisfy your requests.

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Students benefit from new technology

By Nichole Dobo
Staff Writer

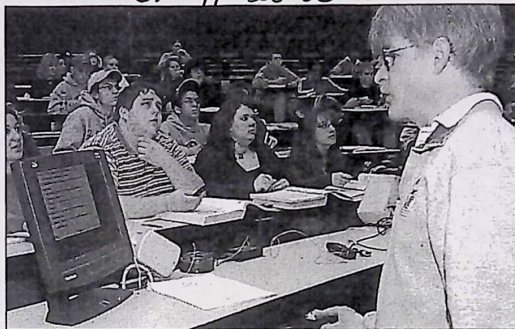
WILKES-BARRE — As class begins, about 80 students pick up remote control devices after a cue from the professor.

A multiple-choice question pops up on a movie theater sized screen in a Wilkes University classroom. It's a question about blood type and genetics.

"This is what you should have got out of last week's lab," says Dr. William Terzaghi, a Wilkes University biology instructor.

A few seconds later, students press keys on the 4-inch long clickers and plug in their answers.

The introduction to biology class is using a new technology that allows the professor to get a real time grasp of just how



JACK KELLEY / THE SUNDAY VOICE

At the moment, Dr. William Terzaghi, a Wilkes University biology teacher, is the only teacher taking advantage of the new technology. That could soon change, however.

well his students are picking up on Punnett squares, a tool in genetics used by biologists to determine the probability of

an offspring expressing a particular genetic makeup.

In a high-tech world where iPods, cell phones and lap top

computers are common campus gadgets, pen and paper pop quizzes are becoming a relic.

"This is a way to catch what they aren't getting early," Terzaghi said of the new classroom technology.

On a recent day, most of the students were having trouble with some genetics concepts.

After the students finished answering the question, Terzaghi is only a few clicks away from a real time gauging his students' comprehension.

Sixty-six percent of the students in this introductory biology class select the right answer for the day's first electronic quiz.

"Let's scratch this one out for those who didn't get it," Terzaghi tells the students as he begins drawing a Punnett square

on the computer screen in red.

This is the only class at Wilkes University where this type of instant polling is used, but a handful of Wilkes professors are thinking about adding it next semester, Terzaghi said. The technology is common at bigger universities like the University of Pittsburgh, he said.

Besides replacing the oft-dreaded pop quiz, this technology helps Terzaghi track attendance and grades. The program keeps a database on his 215 students.

"If someone is routinely scoring high in class but low on exams I can figure out what they need," he said, scanning the grades of a student that answered every question correctly that day.

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Fungus found in state may present threat to oak trees

By Tom Vanecko
The Sunday Voice

Could the mighty oak tree go the way of the American chestnut or American elm in Pennsylvania?

It's possible, as the fungus that has killed thousands of oaks in California and other states has been found in Pennsylvania.

Last month, the state Department of Agriculture announced the fungus, which causes sudden oak death, had been confirmed in a hemlock tree shipped to the southeastern part of the state from California.

The finding has sent agriculture and forestry officials scrambling to determine if there is a pathway for the fungus through nursery shipments and if it has become established in the state's forests.

Walt Blosser, state plant regulatory official with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, said the fungus hasn't been found in the wild in Pennsylvania at this point in time.

But he stressed the pathogen is being taken very seriously because it could pose a tragic threat to the state's economy and environment.

"Pennsylvania hardwoods are some of the best in the wild. If we were to find this, it could throw up some trade restrictions for Pennsylvania lumber," Blosser said. "Oak trees are an important crop, that's our lumber industry."

Dr. Will Terzaghi, associate professor of biology at Wilkes University, said the disease has been very devastating to oaks in California and if it were to be found in the wild here it would be "very bad news."

He said the fungus can grow on so varieties of host plants, such as rhododendron, honeysuckle and conifers, and because it has already been found on one species a very serious question has been raised.

"There's been an infected plant transported from California to Pennsylvania. How many others are there that haven't been found at this point?" he said. "It could move into the east on a variety of different hosts."

One aspect that puts infected oaks at a disadvantage is the point of infection. Terzaghi said the fungus infects oak trees in their trunk, just underneath the bark. Other trees are infected in their leaves and can stop the fungus from spreading by simply dropping the tainted leaf.

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Pennsylvania Department of
Agriculture

One aspect that may work to the benefit of oak trees is the climate in the state.

Terzaghi said Pennsylvania's climate is too "variable" for the fungus to thrive, meaning the weather is either too wet or too warm.

Blosser said researchers are still determining if the fungus can establish itself in Pennsylvania's climate, and areas that are cooler and wetter - that mimic the California coast, may be more at risk.

But if the climatic conditions are right and the fungus establishes itself, Blosser said it could be as devastating as the American chestnut blight or Dutch elm disease.

"It has that potential, but a lot of things need to fall into place," he said.

In the meantime, scientists hope the current regulations, including trade restrictions on nursery imports, testing and certification requirements will prohibit the fungus from spreading into Pennsylvania.

Blosser added it's possible the fungus has already been imported into the state and is established, but it could take years before an outbreak is seen.

"We have a list of 32 plant genera that are hosts, and efforts are underway to determine if it's here and if there's a pathway for it to get here. It's being taken very seriously," he said.



FOR LEFT: OAKS / OAK FOREST SERVICE
For left, lesions found on a trunk of an oak tree is a common sign of sudden oak death (SOD).

Left, extreme case of SOD on a oak tree trunk.

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BY TOM VENEKY
TIMES-SHAMROCK NEWSPAPERS

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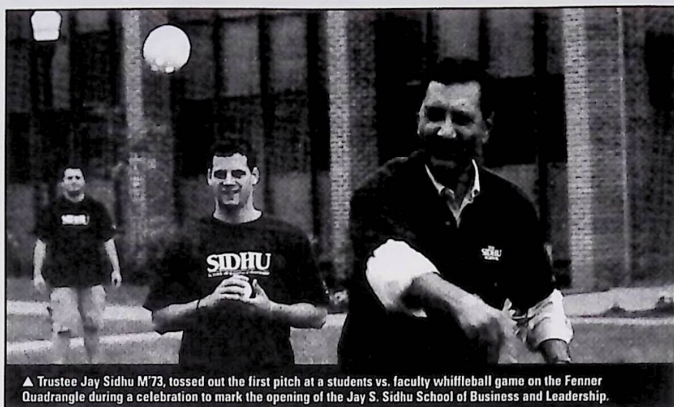
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▲ Trustee Jay Sidhu M'73, tossed out the first pitch at a students vs. faculty whiffleball game on the Fenner Quadrangle during a celebration to mark the opening of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership.

Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership Officially Opens at Wilkes

Wilkes celebrated the official opening of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership on August 31st with a picnic on the Fenner Quadrangle. Mr. Sidhu, President Gilmour, Dean Browne and Business and Accounting Club president Gina Barerra, addressed the crowd of students and faculty. After the Sidhu School plaque was unveiled, attendees were treated to a picnic-style lunch. Students and faculty also competed in a whiffle ball tournament. Sidhu, a Wilkes trustee and 1973 graduate of the University's MBA program, and Sovereign Bank, the Reading-based financial institution he leads

as chairman and CEO donated \$3 million for the establishment of the new business school. The expanded curriculum ties leadership development activities into core courses while placing an emphasis on experiential learning, internships, mentorship and practical applications. Students develop personal values, strong business skills and a belief in continued learning on the road to becoming authentic, entrepreneurial business leaders.

First Annual "Party on the Square" a Success

The first annual Downtown Colletown "Party on the Square" was held on Saturday, September 25th. A collaborative effort among the area's five

colleges and universities, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, Diamond City Partnership, and the City of Wilkes-Barre, the event was billed as a first step in creating a more "college-friendly" atmosphere in Wilkes-Barre.

In attendance were hundreds of students, faculty, community members and parents in town for Family Day at both Wilkes and neighboring King's College.

The six-hour event included live music, food, giveaways, rides, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and attractions such as a mechanical bull, Sumo Suits and Moon Bounce. Senior communications major Bridget Giunta and Alex Hairston '04, who are working at the Chamber as interns for the fall semester, coordinated the event.

Biology Students Present Research Findings in Florida

Dr. Will Terzaghi, associate professor of biology, and eight undergraduate biology students presented posters of their research at the American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB) annual meeting in Orlando, Florida this summer.

Fritz Delva, Teresa Genna, James Husinger, Yueh-Ju Hsiao, Kamran Kalim, Drew Layer, Christopher Pray, and Shuja Shafiqat shared their research findings on oak regeneration and seedling dispersal, DNA fingerprinting in oak forests, and chilling sensitivity in certain plants.

Many of the students also presented at last year's ASPB meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. The National Science Foundation and Merck Corporation provided support for the research.

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Wilkes Students Name Terzaghi Innovative Professor of the Year

Dr. Terzaghi is an associate professor of biology. He has also received the Outstanding Faculty Award and the Faculty Choice Award.

Dr. William B. Terzaghi, Associate Professor of biology at Wilkes University, has been named the recipient of the Innovative Professor Award for the 2002-2003 academic year. The announcement was made during a recent faculty recognition night.

The Innovative Professor Award is presented to a Wilkes University faculty member who excels in creative, motivational and interactive student-centered teaching methods. Nominations for this award are gathered from Wilkes University students. The criteria for selection includes evidence of teaching methodologies that are non-traditional and progressive.

"I really enjoy teaching by getting my hands dirty working with students on projects, and it was wonderful to find that some agreed that this is a great way to learn," said Dr. Terzaghi.

Dr. Terzaghi was nominated for the Innovative Professor Award for his course titled "Topics in Informatics". This course was based on projects and assignments, rather than on a typical lecture-style format.

Del Lucent, a Wilkes student nominated Dr. Terzaghi for the Innovative Professor Award. "It is my pleasure to say that his (Dr. Terzaghi's) guidance as a mentor and instructor has been the single most instrumental factor in my success here at Wilkes and the success I expect to have in my graduate work," said Lucent.

Dr. Terzaghi has been teaching at Wilkes since 1995, first as an Assistant Professor of biology and currently as an Associate Professor. He serves as chairman of both the Wilkes University Faculty Development Committee, and the Institutional Biosafety Committee. He is also a member of the Core Review Committee and serves as the advisor to the biology club, the running club, and the biology department newsletter.

Dr. Terzaghi received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Waikato in Hamilton New Zealand. He continued his education at the University of Utah, where he received a Ph.D. in Plant Cell Biology. Dr. Terzaghi also completed post-doctoral work at the Carnegie Institution of the Washington Department of Plant Biology and the University of Pennsylvania Plant Science Institute.

In addition to the Innovative Professor Award, Dr. Terzaghi received this year's Outstanding Faculty Award and the Faculty Choice Award.



Since 1996, Dr. Terzaghi has been the recipient of six grants for subjects ranging from interactions between food-hoarding animals and oaks to cloning. This July, Terzaghi and eight students will present abstracts of student research at the American Society of Plant Biologists meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.

PHOTO: Dr. William Terzaghi

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Wilkes study targets decline of oak trees

By Timothy
Starnes

Oak trees are the backbone of Pennsylvania's forest. Their seed canopies and towering trunks provide valuable cover and food for a variety of wildlife, and a lumber is popular for its strength and durability. But due to a number of factors, once mighty oaks are in a decline and regeneration for some species is occurring at a dangerously slow pace.

A multi-faceted study being conducted by Wilkes University may provide answers to declining oak populations and regeneration in the state.

The four-year study is looking at number of variables surrounding acorn dispersal and is set to wrap up next summer. Funded by a \$800,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, the study is being led by Dr. Michael Steele and Dr. William Terzaghi, who serve as associate professors of biology. Dr. Amy McEwen, a post doctoral researcher in forest ecology, Dr. John Johnston of Penn State University and Dr. Peter Smallwood of the University of Richmond in Virginia.

In addition, the grant funded positions for at least 60 undergraduate students to participate in the work.

The study is being conducted on sites in Luzerne County's Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. In Berks County, the Powder Mill Nature Sanctuary in western PA and another location in western Maryland.

Steele has been researching oak seeds for 10 years and said the current study is an extension of his work. He said although they don't have an answer to explain the decline, the study has yielded several findings that could place the puzzle together.

For example, Steele has found that acorns of the red oak are more likely to be carried and cached by mice than white oak acorns, which are usually eaten on the spot.

A result of this is the red oak acorns are dispersed farther from the tree than white oak acorns, which could speed up regeneration.

"If this is the case, it's going to have a dramatic effect on forest structure," Steele said.

He explained there are several possible explanations for the dispersal disparities, such as palatability and perishability. Animals animals that eat white oak acorns to red oak, which are bitter.

Also, Steele explained, the white oak acorns germinate as soon as they hit the ground, which means they aren't a long-lasting food source. Red oak acorns germinate after the winter and can be stored for months.

Steele acknowledged a decline in oak populations and said one factor is browsing by deer. But, he added a larger factor may be the lack of natural fires, which is allowing maple trees to take over the forest.



Mike Shirk, left, and Seth Reed collect acorns in baskets for oak tree study conducted by Wilkes University.

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"Maples are highly susceptible to fire, while oaks are highly tolerant," Steele said. "Fire seems to be an important component of the oak forest because it eliminates competing trees. But in for some time, it's been suppressed."

"In some sites there is less oak regeneration due to deer, but that's only one of several factors. Fire, or the lack of, is the big one."

Steele said it's important to learn how animals disperse the oak seeds in order to determine the natural modes of regeneration. If forests are going to be managed for oak production, he said it's critical to understand how animals disperse the seeds so they can be managed too.

"One thing is clear, the white oaks don't have any advantage when it comes to dispersal," he added. "In six months we will have a much better picture of what's happening."

Terzaghi's work is focusing on utilizing DNA technology to determine the parent oaks and their seedlings and how it relates to reproduction and dispersal distances.

During his four years on the project, Terzaghi and his students extracted DNA samples from 2,700 adult trees and seedlings.

He found the acorns are being dispersed much further than originally suspected, and some have been found more than 100 yards from the parent tree.

"It means when you're trying to reforest an area, such as mine lands or an abandoned farm field, it will be a shoveling back at a

greater distance and re-colonized much more rapidly," he said.

Terzaghi's work also showed that very few acorns reach the seedling stage, and he estimated only one in a million acorns will sprout into a seedling.

And just because an acorn reaches the seedling stage doesn't mean it's a sure bet to grow into a towering tree.

Sometimes, Terzaghi said, a seedling could remain idle for 80 years on the forest floor waiting for its chance to grow.

"When a tall tree blows down, then they'll take off," he said. Interestingly, Terzaghi's work showed in many cases the leaves of oak seedlings on the forest floor aren't adapted to dim light conditions.

He said a tree that makes a leaf that works well in dim light will get burned in bright sunlight.

Since the seedlings stay idle until a larger tree falls and allows more light to reach the floor, they will have leaves ready to adapt to the new conditions.

"They're waiting for the light to get brighter and stimulate photosynthesis," Terzaghi said. "It's a very important mechanism for adjusting to the environment."

Although the study is set to wrap up next summer, Steele said the work has spawned additional questions that need to be answered. He said they will be seeking more funding to keep the project going to study two more areas.

"We want to look at how forest fragmentation affects dispersal of oaks and wildlife species," Steele

PENNSYLVANIA OAK TREES



Northern Red Oak (Quercus rubra L.)
LEAVES: Alternate, simple, 4"-6" long, to 2" wide, with 7-11 bristled-toothed lobes, smooth between lobes and finely hairy in the midrib. Smooth, dull green above, with small tufts of reddish-brown hair in venetous beneath.

TWIGS: Greenish brown to reddish brown, smooth when mature. Buds pointed, light brown, smooth.

FRUIT: An acorn, 1/2" to 1 1/4" long, the cap shallow, acorn shaped, covering 1/4 of the nut, capsule reddish-brown, hairy, sometimes fuzzy on the edges. The acorn needs two growing seasons to ripen; the kernel is bitter.

BARK: Smooth and greenish-brown or gray, mottled to dark gray or nearly black and is divided into rounded ridges.

GENERAL: A dominant forest tree throughout the state growing to 90' in mature to dry oak. Deer, bear, and many other mammals and birds eat the acorns. It is often planted as a shade tree. The hard strong wood is used for furniture, flooring, railroad ties and veneer. The "red oak group" includes all oaks with bristled-toothed leaves and acorns ripening over two seasons.



Chestnut Oak (Quercus montana Mill.)
LEAVES: Alternate, simple, 3"-6" long, to 3" wide with coarse, rounded teeth. Dark green and smooth above, paler and occasionally downy beneath.

TWIGS: Smooth, orange-brown to reddish-brown, buds light brown, sharp pointed, edges of scales hairy, 1/2" to 1" long.

FRUIT: An acorn, 1 to 1 1/4" long, rich dark brown, shiny, the cap hairy inside, enclosing 1/2 of the nut, cap scales leathery. Fruit ripens in one growing season with leaves moderately sweet.

BARK: Gray and smooth on young trees, later brownish gray to dark gray, thick, rough, deeply furrowed.

GENERAL: Also called black oak and black oak 40' is grown to 80' on dry slopes and ridges. Produces large amounts of acorns produced every 4-7 years are important food for deer, bear, turkey and many other birds and animals. The bark is very rich in tannin, the wood heavy and strong. It is used for furniture, flooring, mill, and railroad ties.

FRUIT: An acorn, 1 1/2" to 2" long, somewhat round, light brown. The cap is leathery, enclosing 1/2 of the nut, cap scales covering 1/2 or more of the nut; cap scales sharp-pointed, forming a loose fringe at the rim. Black oak acorns need two growing seasons to ripen; kernels are yellow and extremely bitter.

BARK: Smooth and dark brown for many years, older trunks are dark black, furrowed, furrows forming irregular black, inner bark orange to orange-yellow.

GENERAL: A relatively fast-growing tree to 70' high, one of the most common oaks on dry, upland sites. The acorns are eaten by wildlife, but not preferred by deer. A yellow dye can be made from the bark. The wood is largest of other oak species and is used as oak for general construction lumber and furniture.

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which seeds are preferred by wildlife.

"Dispersal might depend on the availability of other seeds, so the composition of the forest could determine oak regeneration," he added.

EDUCATIONLIFE

Students at Wilkes University get research opportunities

A trip to Hawaii with college friends might sound like an ideal vacation, but for eight Wilkes University biology majors, it was all business.

James Hunsinger, Valerie Breznak, Eric Luther, Deana Mikhailova, Michael Brown, Fritz Delva, Yueh-Ju Hsiao and Teresa Genna traveled to Honolulu this past summer to present their research findings at the annual meeting of the American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB). Led by assistant professor of Biology Dr. Will Terzaghi, the undergraduates were among just 40 students selected to attend.

"I was surprised and quite impressed by the fact that we had such a large delegation," said Genna, a senior biology and secondary education major.

"I was proud for Wilkes."

In their research, the students used DNA fingerprinting to determine how far oak seedlings travel from their parent trees, how well relocated oaks adapt to new conditions, and why some oak species no longer regenerate. A second research project involved the study of chilling sensitivity in crops.

Although opportunities for Wilkes students to present in paradise are rare, opportunities to participate in research are not. Undergraduates frequently participate in scientific research in a variety of disciplines and sub-specialties. The projects give students the chance to put their



Kneeling: Fritz Delva. Standing, from left: Valerie Breznak, James Hunsinger, Nadia Terzaghi, Teresa Genna, Yueh-Ju Hsiao Back Row: Deana Mikhailova, Eric Luther, Michael Brown.

education to work in a way that has value within the scientific community.

"Doing research with students is one of the most rewarding parts of my job," said Terzaghi. "I enjoy turning them on to science, and they enjoy experiencing the thrill of discovery firsthand. Many tell me they learn

more working in the laboratory than they learn in any course."

Even though it is primarily an undergraduate institution, Wilkes competes successfully with much larger research universities to secure funding in support of research.

Over the past four years, Wilkes has received \$1.7 million

in grants that have supported more than 50 student projects and presentations at state, national and international conferences. According to Terzaghi, funding agencies are beginning to recognize the value of research at the undergraduate level and are directing funds accordingly.

"Learning to work in a lab is a bit like learning to play the piano," he said. "There are physical skills involved, and the sooner you start, the better you will be."

"If you want to do research, you just have to ask and a professor is more than willing to help and team up with you," said Brown, a senior biology major and pre-med scholar who has been conducting research with Terzaghi since his freshman year. "We do things that I never thought we'd be able to do. I know we wouldn't have had opportunities like these at other schools."

In fact, research activity at larger institutions is often limited to graduate students, post-doctoral fellows or technicians. At Wilkes, students like Brown and Genna have access to sophisticated equipment like the Licor Li6400, an instrument that measures the amount of carbon dioxide consumed by plants during photosynthesis.

"At larger universities, it's more about competition than learning," said Genna.

Not only that, opportunities like the Honolulu trip are another perk smaller universities offer their undergraduates. According to Genna, the trip was the experience of a lifetime, even though the students had only one free day to discover the island.

"We weren't there for a vacation," she said. "We were there to work."

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PRE-MED DAY ... North Penn High School students Jess Kreger, center, and Carla Martin, far right, watch biology professor Will Terzaghi expose hissing cockroaches to the effects of nitrogen and carbon dioxide during Wilkes University's annual Pre-Med Day. More than 150 area high school juniors and seniors participated including six students from North Penn High School. The event is held for high school students interested in careers in medicine, dentistry, optometry podiatry and veterinary medicine.

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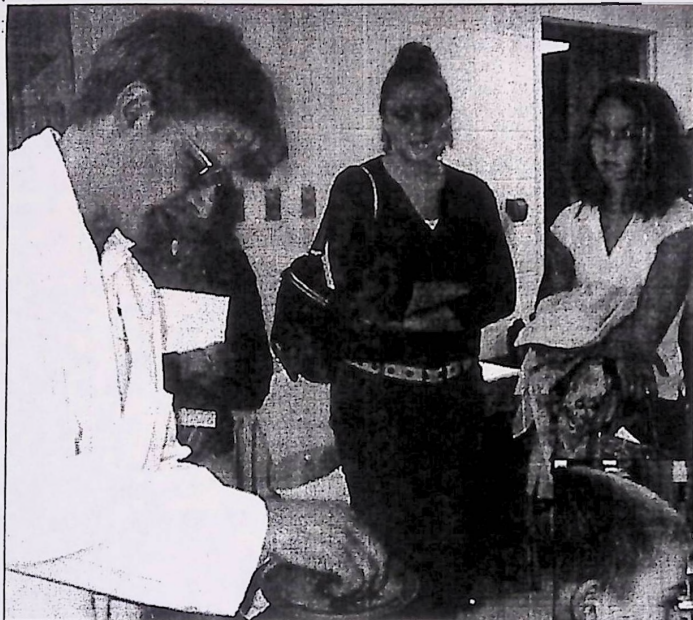
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Above — West Snyder High Schools interested in a career in medicine took part in Wilkes University's annual Pre-Med Day.

Students Udele Shawver and Lonni Wagner watch biology professor Will Terzaghi expose hissing cockroaches to the effects of nitrogen and carbon dioxide. More than 150 high school students from several schools participated in the event.

What's buggin' these students?

Bugs were all the rave at two schools in the Midd-West School District this past week.

Below — Second grade students in Heather Portzline's class at Beaver Adams Elementary School have been studying bugs and their life cycle. They observed mealworms turn into a darkling beetle.

Beaver Adams students Caitlyn Holland, Jeffrey Furgison and Aidan Edmiston look at their bugs through magnifying glasses.



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Wilkes University: Two faculty members have received teaching awards.

• Dr. William B. Terzaghi, associate professor of biology, received the Innovative Professor Award, presented to a faculty member who excels in creative, motivational and interactive student-centered teaching methods.

Terzaghi was nominated by student Del Lucent for his course, "Topics in Informatics," which was based on projects and assignments rather than a typical lecture-style format.

Terzaghi joined the Wilkes staff

in 1995 as an assistant professor of biology.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Waikato in Hamilton, New Zealand, and a doctorate from the University of Utah.

He completed post-doctoral work at the Carnegie Institution of the Washington Department of Plant Biology and the University of Pennsylvania Plant Science Institute.

He also received the Outstanding Faculty Award and the Faculty Choice Award.

• Dr. John Hepp, assistant professor of history, received the annual Carpenter Outstanding Teacher Award, which recognizes an outstanding educator over a three-year period.

Nominations are generated by a committee of colleagues.

Previously, Hepp taught at the University of North Carolina, where he received a doctorate in American cultural history.

He holds a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Temple University, a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina.

His first book, "The Middle-Class City: Transforming Space

and Time in Philadelphia, 1876-1926," is expected out this summer from the University of Pennsylvania Press.

He also is a recipient of the National Endowment for the Humanities summer stipend to complete research for his second book, which will be a cultural study of the Centennial Exhibition.

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Students Present at American Society of Plant Biologists Meeting

(April 23, 2004) -- Biology major honored with distinguished award for her presentation.

Fourteen Wilkes University students recently attended and presented at the Mid-Atlantic meeting of the American Society of Plant Biologists, held in association with the Washington Academy of Sciences at the National Science Foundation headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Prior to the meeting, five student groups submitted abstracts of their projects and were invited to give talks about their work. The student working on the project the longest, Melody Hsiao, was chosen to give a talk to an audience of about 60 attendees.

Hsiao was given the Marsho Award for the best research presentation by an undergraduate student. Her team, which consisted of three Wilkes students, studied how plant mutants are unable to make certain kinds of fatty acids coping with low temperatures.

More than 30 societies affiliated with the Washington Academy of Sciences participated in meeting with over 500 attendees.

Biology professors William Terzaghi and Amy McEuen accompanied the students.



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Wilkes running club helps residents heat homes

Money raised at group's 100-mile relay will go toward helping neighbors pay their fuel bills.

By LANE FILLER
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WILKES-BARRE – The price of heating a home this winter has been sky-high.

And although some folks might just shrug unhappily and fire off a check to their utility or oil company, others are forced to decide between heat and rent, heat and food or heat and medicine.

The Running Club of Wilkes University hopes to make that choice a little less dire with its 100-mile relay and fundraiser set for Saturday.

"All the clubs are expected to do some public service," said professor William Terzaghi, who advises the newly formed club. "Folks started suggesting aid for tsunami victims and I thought, 'Why not start the charity at home?'"

Terzaghi learned of the heating prob-

HOW TO GIVE:

Anyone interested in donating a set amount or a per-mile pledge is asked to send checks to "Relay For Heat," care of Dr. W. Terzaghi, Wilkes University, 84 W. South St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766. Checks should be made out to the Wilkes University Running Club, with MLK Fuel Fund on the memo line.

lem from his wife, Vivien, who works at First Presbyterian Church. First Presbyterian is active with the Commission on Economic Opportunity's Martin Luther King Fuel Fund.

"I know when I opened my fuel bill in January, it was double last year's and I used less fuel," Terzaghi said. "Obviously, a lot of people must be impacted."

David Ritter, the commission's director of housing/outreach, agreed. "The price of fuel oil is up more than 30 percent over last year; propane and natural gas are up and it has been a bit colder than last year. We are seeing working families forced to make very difficult choices about what to buy and

what bills to pay."

Ritter said the organization is particularly concerned about families with small children, and elderly folks who live alone.

"It's wonderful that this club is willing to help this way, and it goes along with our motto, which is 'People helping people.'"

Terzaghi said about 20 runners have signed up for the event, which will feature each athlete running a four-mile stretch, two miles each way on the dike, before handing off to the next runner. Depending on the turnout, some runners may have to do eight or more miles.

Having run marathons in the past, Terzaghi is ready to pull his share of the load and more, if necessary.

The event is scheduled to start at 6:30 a.m. and will likely take at least 12 hours to complete. Donors are asked to pledge an amount per mile or a fixed amount.

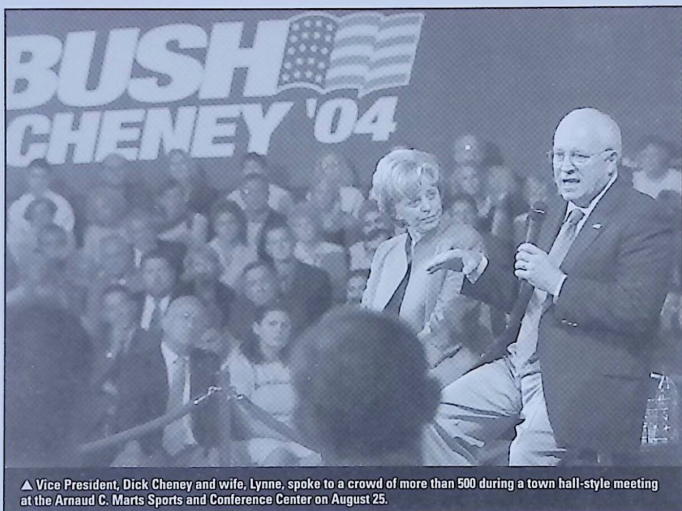
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A snapshot of a successful university

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Vice President Cheney Makes Campaign Stop at Wilkes



▲ Vice President, Dick Cheney and wife, Lynne, spoke to a crowd of more than 500 during a town hall-style meeting at the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center on August 25.

The Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center was selected by the Bush/Cheney '04 campaign as the venue for a visit by Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife Lynne on August 25th. The town hall-style meeting was attended by more than 500 supporters and garnered local, regional and national publicity for the University.

Joining the Cheneys were daughter Elizabeth and three grandchildren. After weaving personal stories and an announcement about their 40th wedding anniversary into the introductions, the Vice President firmly supported the war on terrorism. On the domestic front, he spoke about the economy, tax cuts, and the creation of new jobs.

The tone of the hour-long event was strengthening the economy, an emphasis on family and values, and protecting national security.

Northeast Pennsylvania has been an active area

for campaign stops during the presidential election. Democratic candidate John Kerry made Scranton his first campaign stop after the Democratic National Convention and vice presidential candidate John Edwards held a rally at Kirby Park. President Bush also held a rally at Lackawanna County Stadium for more than 15,000 supporters.

"The Cheney visit to Wilkes, as well as the Edwards visit to Wilkes-Barre city, reflects the importance of Pennsylvania in this election year," said Dr. Tom Baldino, professor of political science. "Moreover, northeastern Pennsylvania is a critical region within the state. If Bush/Cheney can pull enough votes in NEPA away from Kerry, it will help overcome the expected Kerry vote in southeastern PA."

Wilkes Awarded \$1.7 Million Grant

Wilkes was recently awarded a five-year, \$1.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The Title III, Part A grant called "Strengthening Institutions" will help Wilkes provide students with superior, individualized advising and support through mentoring and supplemental instruction. Wilkes was one of 53 chosen to receive a grant out of the more than 250 higher education institutions that applied nationally.

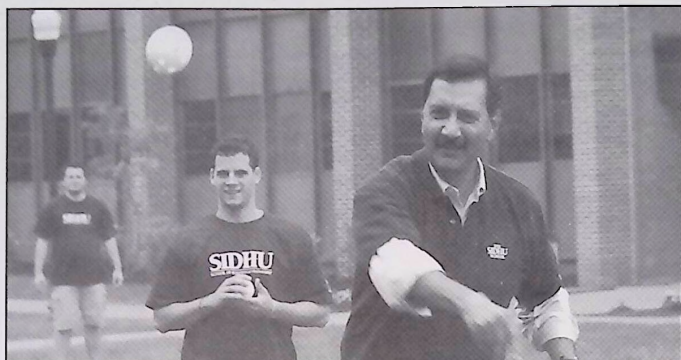
In a recent issue of *The Beacon*, Dr. Maravene Loeschke, Wilkes provost, stated, "This is a very, very difficult grant to get. So when an institution, receives it, it tends to move it up to another level of national recognition. People are going to be watching us (Wilkes), because schools that get these are on the move."

The grant will be used to offer more deliberate guidance in the student advising process by allowing faculty and professional advisors to coordinate academic advising through the newly structured Academic Advising Center, a highlight of which is an electronic learning portfolio that students will update and keep to aid in personal and professional development.

Wilkes will receive \$355,518 the first year and approximately the same amount each additional year of the grant.

Football Standout Breaks Record

Senior running back Brett Trichilo became the Middle Atlantic Conference's (MAC) all-time rushing leader during the September 18th football game against Lycoming College. Trichilo rushed for three yards late in the third quarter and finished with 4,422 career yards. He broke the previous record of 4,399 yards set by former Wilkes player, Mike Hankins. Last year, Trichilo broke the MAC single-season rushing record and was also named a Division III All-American by *Street & Smith's* magazine.



▲ Trustee Jay Sidhu M73, tossed out the first pitch at a students vs. faculty whiffleball game on the Fenner Quadrangle during a celebration to mark the opening of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership.

Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership Officially Opens at Wilkes

Wilkes celebrated the official opening of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership on August 31st with a picnic on the Fenner Quadrangle. Mr. Sidhu, President Gilmour, Dean Brown and Business and Accounting Club president Gina Barerra, addressed the crowd of students and faculty. After the Sidhu School plaque was unveiled, attendees were treated to a picnic-style lunch. Students and faculty also competed in a whiffle ball tournament. Sidhu, a Wilkes trustee and 1973 graduate of the University's MBA program, and Sovereign Bank, the Reading-based financial institution he leads

as chairman and CEO donated \$3 million for the establishment of the new business school. The expanded curriculum ties leadership development activities into core courses while placing an emphasis on experiential learning, internships, mentorship and practical applications. Students develop personal values, strong business skills and a belief in continued learning on the road to becoming authentic, entrepreneurial business leaders.

First Annual "Party on the Square" a Success

The first annual Downtown Collegetown "Party on the Square" was held on Saturday, September 25th. A collaborative effort among the area's five

colleges and universities, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, Diamond City Partnership, and the City of Wilkes-Barre, the event was billed as a first step in creating a more "college-friendly" atmosphere in Wilkes-Barre.

In attendance were hundreds of students, faculty, community members and parents in town for Family Day at both Wilkes and neighboring Kings College.

The six-hour event included live music, food, giveaways, rides, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and attractions such as a mechanical bull, Sumo Suits and Moon Bounce. Senior communications major Bridget Giunta and Alex Hairston '04, who are working at the Chamber as interns for the fall semester, coordinated the event.

Biology Students Present Research Findings in Florida

Dr. Will Terzaghi, associate professor of biology, and eight undergraduate biology students presented posters of their research at the American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB) annual meeting in Orlando, Florida this summer.

Fritz Delva, Teresa Genna, James Husinger, Yueh-Ju Hsiao, Kamran Kalim, Drew Layer, Christopher Pray, and Shuja Shafqat shared their research findings on oak regeneration and seedling dispersal, DNA fingerprinting in oak forests, and chilling sensitivity in certain plants.

Many of the students also presented at last year's ASPB meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. The National Science Foundation and Merek Corporation provided support for the research.

Snapshot of a successful campus



Russian Scientists Study GIS on Campus

This past summer, a delegation of 17 Russian conservation scientists and three interpreters spent two weeks on the Wilkes campus studying GIS technology. The diverse group traveled from all reaches of Russia to participate in the Russian GIS Environmental Training Project, hosted by the University's Center for Continued Learning, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, PA GIS Consortium and the American Heritage River group. The trip was made possible by a grant program initiated by the USFWS to help Russia's nature reserves and national parks. The scientists were accompanied into the field by Wilkes University professors to learn about GIS and how to implement the technology back home. Dr. Dale Bruns, Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, professors Marleen Troy and Brian Oram and GIS Analyst Bill Toothill and Jim Thomas coordinated classroom learning opportunities and field experiences. The scientists will implement the GIS technology in their work as environmental scientists in Russia.

Major League Baseball History Made at Wilkes Field

Synonymous with home runs, baseball lore and pinstripes, Babe Ruth is known as the Sultan of Swat. And as of August 2003 Ruth is also

known as the player who hit the longest home run in baseball history - at Wilkes University's Artillery Park. According to baseball historian Bill Jenkinson, the Babe hit a home run that traveled at least 600 feet at Artillery Park in 1926. Ruth came to the Wyoming Valley on October 12 to take part in an exhibition game between Hughtestown and Larksville. After challenging Larksville pitcher Ernie Corkran to throw his fastest pitch over the plate, Ruth cracked what is now deemed to be the longest ball in baseball history. News of the home run landed Wilkes in local and national media as well as a place in sports history.

Booming Enrollment

Wilkes University welcomed 535 freshmen—the largest class in 15 years—to campus for the 2003–04 academic year. The class of 2007 represents an increasing trend of enrollment growth at Wilkes. The University's 2010 Vision calls for the enrollment of 2200 undergraduate and 1800 graduate students. As enrollment is booming, so are retention rates, average SAT scores and unsolicited inquiries to the University. Enrollment increases in the health sciences, education, nursing and criminology majors are all increasing—doubling or tripling in some cases—over the past few years.

Summer Commencement

More than 400 students received degrees during Wilkes' annual summer commencement ceremony held on September 7, 2003. More than 300 graduated from the Graduate Teacher Education program with master's degrees. The Graduate Teacher Education program enrolls approximately 5,000 students at 35 locations across eastern Pennsylvania.

Biology Students Make Educational Trip to Hawaii

Biology majors Michael Brown, Yueh-Ju Hsiao, Teresa Genna, Fritz Delva, James Hunsinger, Valerie Breznak, Eric Luther and Deana Mikhalkova traveled to Hawaii this summer to present posters at the American Association of Plant Biologists Annual Meeting in Oahu. As undergrads, they've conducted research on the chilling factor in certain fruits and vegetables as well as DNA fingerprinting of Oak Forests. The students' trips were funded by grants from the National Science Foundation and the American Association for the Advancement of Science/Merck Corporation and all work is done in collaboration with Dr. Will Terzaghi, associate professor of biology who received this year's Innovative Teacher Award.



Prestigious Student Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to seniors Emily Gabardi (Business Administration) and Kristopher Fayock (Biochemistry), recipients of two

prestigious scholarships this year. Gabardi was named the 2003-04 recipient of the William G. McGowan Scholarship. She will receive a full-tuition award for her senior year. Gabardi is the president of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), and a student ambassador. Fayock is the 2003-04 recipient of the John J. Chwalek Memorial Scholarship. He will receive a partial tuition award for his senior year. Fayock is a member of the Captain's Council for the football team and president of Circle K International.

Accounting Prof Named Educator of the Year

Cynthia J. Chisarick, CPA, associate professor of accounting, was chosen as the Pennsylvania Institute for Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) Outstanding Accounting Educator for 2003. This annual award recognizes a full-time Pennsylvania college or university accounting educator who has distinguished him or herself in the classroom setting and is actively involved in the accounting profession. Chisarick chairs the accounting department and serves as director of the accounting internship program. She also coordinates the Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) program which provides a community service to low income and elderly taxpayers, and offers students an opportunity to apply what they learned in the classroom. Chisarick has also served as co-chair of the Wilkes Tax Clinic, an annual continuing professional education session for CPAs.

Campus Becomes a Safer Place

Wilkes students, faculty and staff are seeing an increased presence of safety officers across campus. The Office of Public Safety was restructured with all officers on bike patrols and the implementation of security technology, including four free-standing emergency phones at points across campus. A new service center extension was also activated. For all facilities, housekeeping, parking and security requests or concerns, dial 2FIX on campus or 408-2FIX.

Student PR Firm Helps Client Win Award

An account team at Zebra Communications, Wilkes' student run public relations firm, received word that their client, the Schuylkill County Chamber of Commerce, recently received a regionalization award for the

publication "Work and Play in Northeast PA." The Zebra account team wrote copy, made editorial decisions, conducted market research and served as models for the publication. More than 30,000 copies have been printed and distributed in seven Pennsylvania counties.

The New Face of Wilkes Athletics Unveiled

A new energetic and contemporary family of logos and word marks for the University's intercollegiate athletic program was publicly introduced during a recent ceremony in the Fenner Quadrangle. The new identity for Wilkes Athletics was created by the nationally-recognized Phoenix Design Works out of New York City. The new primary mark replaces the previous Colonel logo, which had been utilized by the Athletic Department for more than a decade.



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Passion

What are the hobbies, interests or passions that balance your life?



Someone who believed in me

BY DR. TIM GILMOUR, WILKES UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

BY ANY MEASURE, WILKES ALUMNI ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN THEIR CAREERS. WE educators like to claim a fair degree of credit for this achievement, citing the proven blessings of the liberal arts, dedicated faculty, superior facilities, a curriculum focused on career opportunities and the advantages of the Wilkes "reputation" conferred on each graduate.

None of these attributes, however, quite captures the gratitude that I hear from our most distinguished alumni. Years ago, someone at Wilkes truly believed in you. It may have been an athletic coach, the theatre professor or the faculty advisor to the debate team. This person made a difference in your choice of a career, your aptitude for rewarding work and became a role model for a life of purpose and dedication. We call this marvelous human interaction by a host of names, but for our purposes, let's call it mentoring.

Mentoring is as old as humankind. It is the unselfish passing forward of wisdom from one generation to another. The word is derived from the Greek — Mentor — a friend of Odysseus who was entrusted with the education of Odysseus' son, Telemachus. Mentoring in our world is a voluntary, individual activity — freely entered into by the persons involved. Take away this freedom of choice and you can still have learning, as in "learning the ropes" on British warships. Put the State in charge of mentoring and you witness the weird world of Sparta. We know what is good about mentoring and that it has been a significant part of the Wilkes experience. Will it become an even bigger part of our future?

This University will be dedicating itself over the next year to investigating how to turn the mentoring experiences we currently provide into a powerful, individualized experience for every student. Indeed, we want Wilkes to be known for providing the best mentoring experience in the country for alumni, students, faculty, and our staff. It will be University wide and it will be what we are about as an institution and a culture. We believe that mentoring lies at the heart of a superior education. Over the next several issues of the *Universe*, we will be reporting on our efforts to build a great mentoring program, and we will be calling on many of you to help us in this major undertaking. [1]

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Development Announces New Leadership Team

Martin Williams was recently appointed Vice President for Development. Marty will serve as the University's chief fund raising officer and will oversee the development and alumni relations offices. Prior to joining Wilkes, Williams served as senior resident director and consultant for "The Campaign for a Brighter Future" at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa. where he directed a \$42 million campaign. Throughout his career, he has served as director for a variety of capital campaigns including the \$1.5 million community capital campaign for WNIN Public Television. He has also served as vice president for advancement at The University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Salisbury University and Washington College. At Salisbury University, Williams achieved 1st place among 13 Maryland institutions conducting capital campaigns, raising more than twice the original goal. Outside of academia, Williams served as an account executive for Dean Witter Reynolds and Wheat First



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Securities and is registered as a financial consultant with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Williams earned a bachelor of arts degree in English Literature and a master's degree in psychology from Washington College and has completed research and special studies at Oxford University's Manchester College, England.

William F. Behm began as Executive Director of Development on January 31, 2005. In this capacity, Behm will manage the operations and staff of the department including individual giving, planned giving, major gifts, Wilkes fund, special events and research. He will also be responsible for developing strategies, work plans and objectives to launch and complete a successful capital campaign.

Behm previously served as director of major gifts and planned giving and director of annual giving programs at King's College. He was also the managing director of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Vector Control Association's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.



ZABRISKI

He is the president-elect of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, vice president of the Wyoming Valley Serra Club and immediate past president of the United States Naval Academy Parents Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Behm also serves as a board member for the Mountain Top (PA) Area Joint Sanitary Authority and the Wyoming Valley Children's Association.

Behm earned his bachelor of arts from King's College and master of public administration from Marywood University.

Michele Zabriski was recently appointed Director of Individual Giving. Michele will manage the Wilkes Fund, the community business campaign and the Wilkes family campaign.

Prior to joining Wilkes, Zabriski served as an alumni and development specialist at Penn State Wilkes-Barre where she directed and organized the Annual Fund, administered the student mentor program and created, reviewed and approved the annual donor report. She also coordinated various events and trained students for the phonathon.



WILKES HOSTED AN ALUMNI RECEPTION IN CALIFORNIA. FRONT ROW: DR. PAUL ADAMS '77, DR. TIM GILMOUR, DR. PAUL BROWNE, ANNA MAE STANLEY '91, MARTY WILLIAMS, ARTHUR WILLIAMS '44. SECOND ROW: REBECCA VAN JURA, STUART JED '68, JEAN ADAMS '78, JAMES OGDEN, HELEN LE '04, PETE GUINOSSO '91, BILL HARRIES '89, ED NOWICKI '88, DR. JESSE CHOPER '57, DR. DAVID WELLS. ANN WILLIAMS, KOUNDE ARSENE.

She previously held the position of administrative campaign secretary of institutional advancement at King's College, where she managed the president's dinner and provided research information for cultivation and solicitation visits. Zabriski also managed data entry and support for the Harris Survey project. She is a member of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association and the King's College Alumni Association.

Zabriski earned an associate degree in business administration from King's and a bachelor of arts in English writing from King's.

Register Now for A Taste of Italy!

Join the Wilkes Alumni Association and friends June 15-24, 2005, to experience the wonders of Italy — from Venice to the Island of Capri. This unique trip offers all the advantages of group travel plus the freedom to pur-

sue personal interests — shopping, sightseeing, dining. The cost is \$1,875 per person, based on double occupancy, and includes taxes. A \$250 deposit is required to reserve your spot.

Connecting arrangements can be made no matter where you live. Visit our web site at: www.wilkes.edu/alumni/events/italy.asp for more information.

California Recap

In late September and early October, Wilkes President Tim Gilmour, V.P. Development Marty Williams, V.P. Student Affairs Paul Adams along with Dr. Paul Browne, Dean of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership and Dr. David Wells, Director of the Division of Engineering and Physics, hosted alumni receptions in Los Angeles at the Manhattan Country Club, Manhattan Beach, Calif. and in Berkeley at the Faculty Club on the

campus of the University of California, Berkeley where Jesse Choper ('57) is a faculty member.

Dr. Browne and Dr. Wells described and explained current programs and future plans for the Sidhu School and the Engineering and Physics Department.

During the reception at the Manhattan Country Club the Christmas episode of the television show "The O.C." was being filmed. The Faculty Club reception in Berkeley happened to fall upon the night of the first Presidential debate which made for interesting conversation among the diverse attendees and their political affiliations.

The responses at each gathering were overwhelmingly complementary and everyone had a wonderful time visiting with old friends and meeting new friends, as part of the University's alumni relations outreach efforts.



ANGIE CARDOSO '01 (WITH MATT MCCAFFREY '94, M'97, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS) VOLUNTEERED HER TIME TO REPRESENT WILKES AT A COLLEGE FAIR NEAR HER HOME IN CONNECTICUT.



AMY (SCHUKIS) SHEEHAN '91, PICTURED WITH HUSBAND JAY, RECENTLY MET WITH PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND PARENTS AT COLLEGE FAIRS IN THE HARTFORD, CONN. AREA.

Recruiting Assistance

Alumni Amy (Schukis) Sheehan '91 and Angie Cardoso '01 recently represented Wilkes and assisted in recruiting efforts at college fairs in the Southern New England area. Amy, a vice president at Westbank Corporation in Springfield, Massachusetts, attended fairs at South Windsor High School and Glastonbury High School near Hartford, Conn. Angie, a math instructor at Platt Technical High School in Milford, Conn., represented Wilkes at a fair at St. Joseph High School in Trumbull, Conn. Amy and Angie shared their Wilkes experiences with prospective students and parents and fielded questions about

academic offerings, campus activities and athletics.

As Wilkes builds on two consecutive years of record enrollment, alumni who wish to assist with recruitment, or represent their alma mater at events such as college fairs are encouraged to contact Matt McCaffrey '94, M'97, associate director of undergraduate admissions at 1-800-WILKES-U, ext. 4404 or mccaffrey@wilkes.edu.

Alumni Association Looking For Mentors

The Wilkes University Mentoring Program provides career networking opportunities and facilitates better

career decision-making for students and alumni through the exchange of information, development of professional contacts and the sharing of professional experiences. The program, developed by the Alumni Association, matches a student or Wilkes alumnus with a mentor in a career related to the mentee's academic major or career experiences.

While expanding the experiences of the students or alums, mentoring also enriches the lives of those alumni who choose to participate as mentors. It adds to their life experience and brings the satisfaction of knowing they've helped a young person find a path in life.

The Mentoring Program is looking for alumni to become mentors. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please call Nancy Weeks at 1-800-WILKES-U ext. 4130. Or, log on to www.wilkes.edu for more information.

Alumni Benefits

As a member of Wilkes University's Alumni Association, you are entitled to a number of special benefits including:

e-Newsletter

Go to www.wilkes.edu/alumni to sign up for a monthly email newsletter to help keep you updated on Wilkes events.

Group Insurance Program

Liberty Mutual Insurance offers a special discount on auto and homeowners insurance for alumni. Call 800-526-1547 for more information.

Hotel Discount Plan

Your S.O.S. (Significant Organization Savings) card will save you 20% on any member of the Choice Hotels International including Sleep, Comfort, Clarion, Quality, Ridgeway, EconoLodge and Main Stay Suites. [1]

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THE OFFICE OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT COORDINATES A HOST OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS. PICTURED ABOVE ARE A GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO RECENTLY ATTENDED THE SALVADOR DALI EXHIBIT AT THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART.

Well-rounded... well prepared

BY DAWN LEAS

Learning opportunities outside the classroom prepare today's students to become tomorrow's leaders.

LEARNING AT WILKES IS MORE THAN GOING to class, taking tests, completing projects and checking courses off a required list while inching toward a diploma semester after semester. The undergraduate experience at Wilkes is a four-year journey that is multi-purposed, multi-layered and interconnected. It is no longer "good enough" to direct all energies in one area. To do a job well today, people need to cultivate a stable of skills including core knowledge of field of study, interpersonal skills, team thinking, and leadership. And the University is making strides in creating an atmosphere in which students have many opportunities to hone skills, realize talents, and become well-rounded as they

get ready for the real world.

At Wilkes, students are encouraged to look beyond the classroom and academics to outside activities that not only enhance the educational experience, but also nurture personal development.

A FEW POSSIBILITIES...

According to Philip J. Ruthkosky, director of student development, a goal of his office is to "offer diverse and creative programs that allow all students with different backgrounds and interests to participate." The Office of Student Development encompasses community service, internships, leadership programs, student activities, the multicultural affairs office and campus interfaith. Offering a cross-section of

programs including volunteer opportunities, work experience through internships, outings to sporting and cultural events, skydiving, rock climbing, skiing, and ice skating, Wilkes allows students to learn through experience.

He added, "We are capturing the value of experiential learning. (We) act as liaison between the classroom and the real world."

Community service opportunities at Wilkes are many and varied including Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross Blood Drives, and Alternative Spring Break programs. Ann Loyek, coordinator of community service, believes that service is a learning experience that helps students grow while creating a sense of social responsibility and self-awareness.

learning needs to as well. Students are now seeing the importance of participating in group activities and hands-on experiences to gain knowledge for tomorrow.

Dr. Maravene Loeschke, Wilkes University Provost, explained that often times outside activities can strengthen the skills students are learning in academic disciplines. She also pointed out that well-rounded students are better prepared for professional success. To achieve this, Wilkes faculty and staff act as guides in a very active and deliberate advising process to help students select extracurricular activities that best fit their needs. For example, a student who lacks team experiences may be directed to join a sports team or a play to learn skills that can be carried over into a first job.

Personal independence. Community responsibility. Awareness of self and of the big picture. Solid academic foundations complemented by innovative extra and co-curricular activities that aim to produce exceptional students who are well-prepared for life after college. The educational experience at Wilkes is continually strengthening and adapting to an environment that is becoming more and more globally connected. ■■

"We are capturing the value of experiential learning. (We) act as liaison between the classroom and the real world."

PHILIP J. RUTHKOSKY
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS SUCH AS LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL TOY DRIVE FOR HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS. PACKING BOXES WITH TOYS AND GAMES FOR CHILDREN AT THE JANET WEISS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN DANVILLE, PA. ARE (LEFT-RIGHT): DEANA SABOL, AMANDA EDWARDS, LINDSEY HANNA AND REGINA HINKEL.

"Overall, we help link students with service opportunities in the community," Loyek explained. "(It) is a two-way street; we are the bridge between them."

Studying abroad for a semester, a summer or an academic year is also an option for students to learn more about their majors and how their fields of study relate globally while also having the experience of living in a new country and culture.

Dr. Wagih Taylor, professor of International Business and Economics, organizes a spring break trip abroad for the students in MBA 598 Global Business Experience and BA 398 International Business Experience. This year she accompanied 49 students and several chaperones to London, Paris, Brussels, Frankfurt and Amsterdam to study these large financial centers of the world. The group spent two days in each city with tour directors giving educational presentations at various sites. Dr. Taylor feels that whether the students are business majors or using the course as an elective, the trip teaches them that global thinking is the future.

"I really enjoy the fact that there are

no limits to the lessons learned through travel," Dr. Taylor said. "I like the fact they will always remember the educational experience they get from these journeys."

The bottom line is that well-roundedness is achieved by getting involved - doing community service, playing a sport, working on a play, joining a club, taking an educational trip abroad, completing an internship, studying in a foreign country or writing for *The Beacon* or *Manuscript*. The possibilities are literally endless.

A LARGER VIEW...

The world is growing smaller every day. Students are finding employment with international companies, working with people of diverse backgrounds, and traveling for business. As the world becomes more interrelated,



TEACHER AND SCULPTOR DENIS YANASHOT M'01 AND '03 IN HIS HOME IN SCRANTON, PA.

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Never stop learning

BY KALEN CHURCHER '97

For some teachers, summertime means furthering their own educations. For others, it's a chance to finish those put-off-until-tomorrow tasks. Whatever the situation, vacations allow for the 'me-time' that is often forgotten during the school year.

WHEN SCHOOL LETS OUT for the summer, teachers are often quick to immerse themselves in their favorite pastimes. Dr. Michael Speziale, Wilkes' director of graduate teacher education, who himself enjoys woodworking when time permits, says that behavior ultimately enhances what teachers have to offer.

"The richer their background, the more they can bring to the classroom. It's applying your mind in a different way."

Painting initially drew Denis Yanashot M'01 and '03 to art. The Scranton, Pa.,

resident wielded an airbrush and spray gun and attacked oversized canvases to create his pieces. Today, he's all but retired those materials.

"I don't even want to paint anymore. I just want to carve stone," Yanashot explained. "I still keep a studio on my third floor, but there hasn't been anything on the easel for some time."

An art instructor at Riverside Junior/Senior High School in Taylor, Pa., Yanashot teaches three-dimensional design, including ceramics and sculpture. For him, summer signifies eight-hour workdays in his outdoor studio, carving multi-hundred-pound

slabs of stone. The process begins in springtime when he heads to Vermont to choose the stone. Typically, he leaves with a few pieces and an occasional antique or two (another passion of he and his wife, Mary Grace).

Eventually, the Wilkes alumnus hopes to carve enough large pieces — about 20 — to hold a gallery showing. And even though Yanashot would love to spend every day carving, he beams when he tells of a student's work displayed at a prestigious art gallery.

"It's nice to see your students get awards. You think, maybe they did get something from (class)."



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TRACY KAUFFMAN M'03 WITH HOMER, AN EIGHT-MONTH-OLD PIT-BULL MIX AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF HARRISBURG'S EAST SHORE SHELTER.

One might say it just wasn't in the cards — or in this case the tiles — for Jeff Baird to become a millionaire.

Baird, who received an Instructional Technology Specialist certificate from Wilkes in 2003, spends most of his time as a learning support and lead technology teacher at South Mountain Middle School in the Allentown (Pa.) School District. But not so long ago, the Trivial Pursuit aficionado, prompted by his wife and son, auditioned for — and secured — a seat on ABC's *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*.

"From the day I got the phone call, 'til the day that I got on the show, I don't think there was a second that it wasn't in my head," Baird recalls. "I studied my butt off."

Unfortunately, Scrabble wasn't on his study list, and Baird vividly remembers the question that stopped his \$1 million quest.

In the game of Scrabble, what does a red square signify?

Out of lifelines, most of whom were Wilkes professors or students, he left the game with \$8,000 and show host Meredith Vieira to provide the answer: *triple word score*.

Millionaire or not, it was an exciting break. Baird, also an instructor in Wilkes' Graduate Teacher Education Program, stayed in the same hotel as romance novel heartthrob Fabio, and managed a passing hello to *Millionaire's* original host, Regis Philbin. "It was very exciting and intimidating... the whole process was like being king for a day."

There's no doubt the dog days of summer are a favorite for Tracy Kauffman M'03. As a reading support teacher, head teacher, and instructional support teacher at South Lebanon (Pa.) Elementary School, Kauffman has minimal free time. And as summer rolls into place, her pace only quickens.

For five years, Kauffman has volun-

teered at the Humane Society of Harrisburg and is a founding member of "The Fur Ball," held annually in November. Last year's formal event, that included a live and silent auction, raised \$37,000, bringing the Ball's three-year total to \$83,000.

"I love animals, and I grew up on a horse farm (in Bucks County, Pa.)," Kauffman explained. "We learned to respect and have compassion for animals from my parents."

That compassion has led her to rescue pit bulls and involve her entire school in collecting food and supplies for the local animal shelter. The project is something in which the children become very involved. "The first year, (donations) lined up and down the hallways. That pumped up the kids and they wanted to do more."

With the 2004 Fur Ball barely behind her, the Wilkes alumna is already gearing up for this year's event. And with summer vacation only a few months away, a time when she does much of her volunteering, it's likely she'll be stepping out of the classroom and into the kennel very soon. ■



JEFF BAIRD ON THE SET OF ABC'S *WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE*.



FIELD HOCKEY PLAYER ALICIA CAIN '07 ABANDONS HER CLEATS AND STICK FOR JODPERS AND A SADDLE WHEN SHE RIDES TRINITY AFTER CLASS AND ON WEEKENDS AT A STABLE NEAR CAMPUS.

Juggling more than grades and games

BY STEVE BENNETT

FOR SOME STUDENT-ATHLETES, juggling time between athletics and academics can be tough. Rarely is there enough time for anything more than books, practices and games.

But for three Wilkes University student-athletes, there is more to college life than just the classroom, athletics and gymnasiums.

Sophomore Alicia Cain of Hummelstown, Pa., not only plays field hockey, but also rides horses. Senior John Muscarella is a wrestler, but has his artwork displayed in a storefront in downtown Wilkes-Barre. Beth Horn, a freshman from Flemington, N.J., is on the tennis team, but when she is not returning serves or rushing the net, she is a semi-professional BMX bike racer.

They are all certainly unique interests, but interests they obviously enjoy.

Cain grew up around horses and her mom, Theresa, liked to ride as well. However, there was one problem for Alicia — she was allergic to horses. Forced to wear a surgeon's mask when she began riding at age 13, she eventually grew out of having to wear the mask and now travels throughout Maryland and Pennsylvania for competitions.

"I was determined to do it when I was 13," Cain said. "I had a pony when I was little. My mom's background helped me out a lot. I was very lucky she was interested. Now, my mom has one of my older horses."

Cain's current horse Trinity, made the trek from Hummelstown to Northeast Pa. with her when she

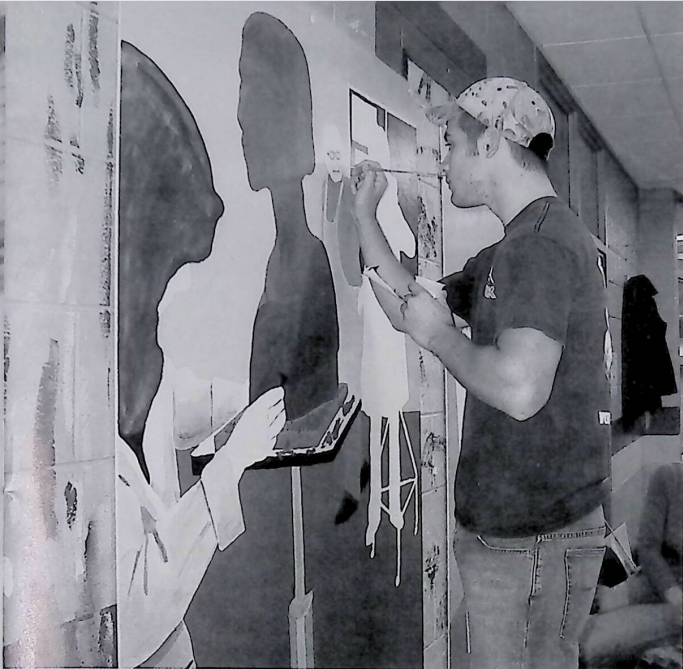
enrolled at Wilkes. Cain wanted to make sure there was a place for Trinity to stay before she came to college. During the field hockey season, Cain rides about three times a week. After the season, the number jumps to about five or six times per week.

"I have done a lot of flat work," Cain said. "Within the past few years I have gone to competitions in Maryland and Pennsylvania and next year I am going to go to New Jersey."

Cain's accolades include the first level GMO (Group Member Organization) and the Luzerne Championship. Riders are considered Junior Young Riders until they turn 21. There are eight regions in the United States and she took first place for her division.

Because riding horses is a passion, the pharmacy major recently founded an Equestrian Club at Wilkes.

"The club is for people who want to learn about horses. I hope by the time I graduate, it will be a club where we could compete competitively. I have talked to a lot of people on campus who



OFF THE MAT, GRAPPLER JOHN MUSCARELLA '05, TAKES TO PAINTING, PRINTMAKING, AND PHOTOGRAPHY.

are interested in horses."

While Cain is out riding horses, John Muscarella is painting murals. The business major with a minor in art, has taken an art class every semester he has been at Wilkes and credits his art teacher, Sharon Bowar, with keeping him interested.

"She was the driving force behind it," Muscarella said.

Muscarella painted a mural that hangs in the Stark Learning Center and recently took part in a project to help beautify empty downtown storefronts in Wilkes-Barre.

Muscarella took his first art class when he was a sophomore at Riverdell High School (N.J.) and continued once he got to Wilkes. While he has no idea how far his art will take him, he plans on continuing to pursue his interest.

"I still plan on doing it," Muscarella said. "I don't know where I will go with it, but it is something I enjoy doing."

Muscarella has also taken classes in

sculpture, ceramics, watercolor, photography and printmaking.

When Beth Horn is not attending classes or playing on the tennis team, she is out riding her bike. But she is not on your typical bike ride through the Wilkes-Barre area. She is a competitive BMX racer with an eye on the Olympics in 2008 when it becomes a medal sport.

She began riding quads in 2000 with her father. But with her mother thinking quads may be too dangerous, she settled for dirt bikes — a decision that has definitely turned out for the better.

"I grew up around racing and I have been racing for five years," Horn said. "I turned Elite when I was 16."

Horn currently has ten sponsors and mostly races in her home state of New Jersey. She practices during the week in the Wilkes-Barre area and has been to Harrisburg to race on occasion. She currently ranks second in the state and 21st in her Region.

"I practice March through December and during the week I practice in Wilkes-Barre," Horn said. "I mostly compete in New Jersey."

What has helped her career is training with Greg Morgan, also a New Jersey native who is No. 1 in the World. It is that experience which she hopes will help her get to the Olympics.

"That's definitely a goal," Horn said. "There are national competitions all over. I have never been to the grand nationals."

Despite already having ten sponsors, in order to get to the world competition she needs to find a national sponsor.

"I'm looking for some new sponsors, I need a national sponsor to get to worlds, that is what I am training for right now. This is something that is really fun and I enjoy doing it." (1)

FRESHMAN TENNIS PLAYER, BETH HORN, IS AN OLYMPIAN-IN-TRAINING... FOR THE NEW BMX BIKE RACING MEDAL COMPETITION.



"You do not annex a hobby,
the hobby annexes you...
What is a hobby anyway?
Where is the line of demarcation
between hobbies and ordinary
normal pursuits?"

— SAND COUNTY ALMANAC

Passion

FOR THREE WILKES UNIVERSITY GRADUATES WHO ZEALOUSLY PURSUE INTERESTS

THAT ARE ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY, THAT LINE FALLS AWAY AS EASILY AS SAND THROUGH WATER.

WHETHER TRACKING BIG GAME IN ALASKA, ENTHRALLING AN AUDIENCE WITH A MAGIC TRICK

OR BREATHING LIFE INTO A CIVIL WAR CHARACTER WHO'S BEEN DEAD FOR DECADES,

THESE WILKES ALUMNI DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY

TO WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS TRUE PASSIONS.

BY DAWN SHURMAITIS

Why such dedication? According to Wilkes University psychology professor Dr. Carl Charnetski having interests outside work and family can lead to personal satisfaction, a sense of meaning and a degree of happiness rarely found anywhere else. "Balance is an important piece of life," says Charnetski, co-author of "Feeling Good is Good for You." The book details how pleasurable activities such as eating chocolate and even petting a dog can boost your immune system. "If you're truly interested in something, a pleasurable activity can help keep you healthy," says Charnetski. Maybe that explains why Americans spend more than \$25 billion a year on crafts and hobbies.

For Dr. Jay Ungar '70, it comes down to this: "My magic is my life." For Mollie Back '56, Civil War re-enactment served as an antidote to sorrow, an interest that broke through the fog of grief that enveloped her after her husband died. For Edward Mollahan '81, an investment banker who spends his work days practically attached to three phone lines, a computer and his cell phone, big game hunting provides the perfect solution for stress. Ungar goes one step further, incorporating tricks into his medical practice as a "magic formula" for a long, healthy life. No matter what their interest, each steadfastly supports diversions that beckon long after the work day is done. "If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't do it," says Back. "It's where your interests take you. They become your life's work."



"Go to sleep with a clear conscience. Be proud of the reflection that greets you in the morning. Find your passion and live it. Sweat the details. You'll stand out in a crowd. Always say hello."

Dr. Jay Ungar at his practice in Long Meadow, Mass.

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A MAGIC TOUCH

Uttered by magicians everywhere, the word "abracadabra" actually comes from the Hebrew expression "I create as I speak." For dedicated magicians like Ungar, magic is far more than mere "tricks." The real magic is in the connection between the magician and the audience. Ultimately, Ungar tries to make people feel better, whether they're friends at a party or patients at the other end of his stethoscope. "There is a definite overlay between medicine and magic," he says. "I've got my family, my medicine, my friends and my magic. It's all rolled into one."

A big believer in helping others, Ungar also spreads wisdom learned from more than 25 years as a doctor to students and aspiring physicians. In a lecture entitled "Making Magic Happen,"

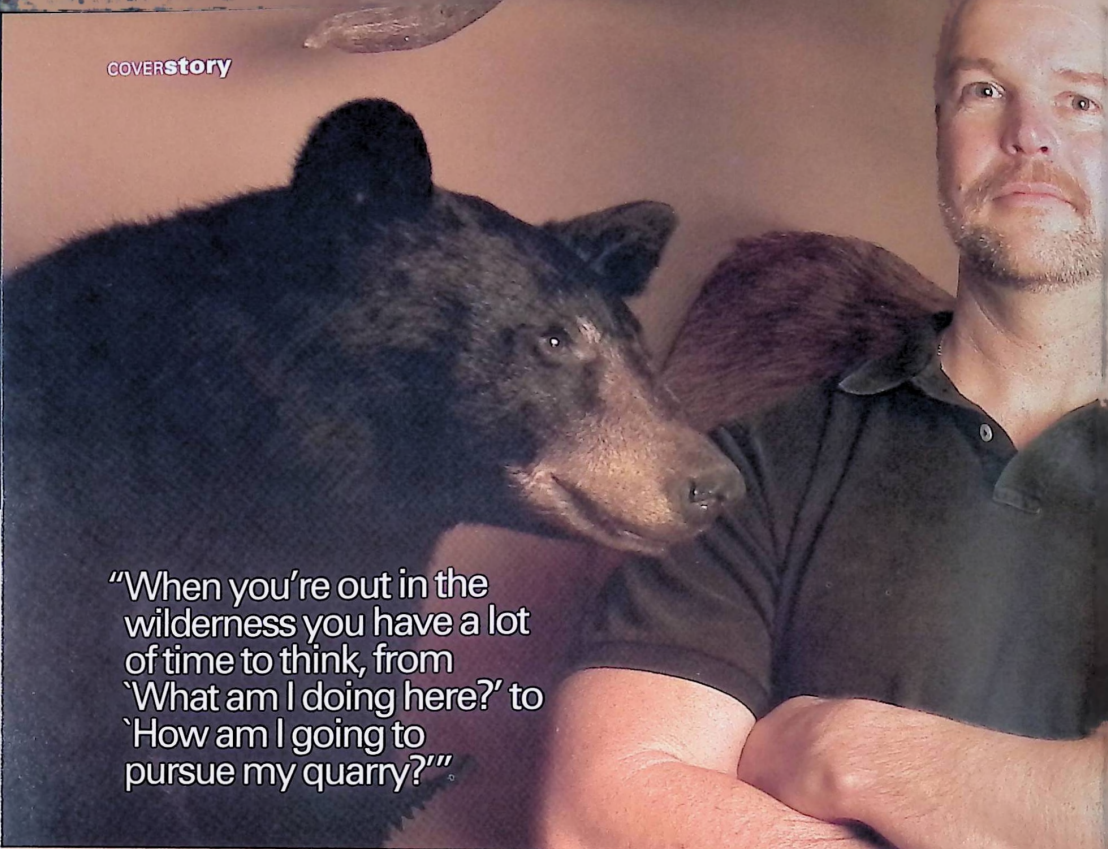
he offers the following set of rules: "Go to sleep with a clear conscience. Be proud of the reflection that greets you in the morning. Find your passion and live it. Sweat the details. You'll stand out in a crowd. Always say hello."

"This prescription will make magic happen," says Ungar, an internist as well as a geriatric specialist in Massachusetts, where he treats (and tricks) patients aged 16 to 106. "I really believe people are pretty much the same, regardless of age," he says. "If you treat everybody with respect and dignity, and make them feel special, you'll transcend age." At the end of each office visit, Ungar asks patients if they want to see some magic. "People who've been coming to me for years say 'Doc, I'm fine. Let's get to the fun stuff.' It's the whipped cream and cher-

ry on top of the visit."

Ungar's fascination with magic — feared as the devil's handiwork in medieval Europe and outlawed in the British colonies — dates to first grade, when someone pulled a nickel out from behind his ear. "It was like 'shaz-am.' I read all the magic books I could," he says. He continued practicing and performing magic through medical school and residency, taking lessons along the way from some of the top magicians in the world, including Slydini, a true master of misdirection. The brand of magic Ungar has mastered is called "close-up" magic, a very intimate magic relying more on sleight-of-hand card and coin tricks instead of disappearing rabbits, sawing people in two and the like.

For Ungar, the "shtick" is the trick.



"When you're out in the wilderness you have a lot of time to think, from 'What am I doing here?' to 'How am I going to pursue my quarry?'"

Instead of mere "now you see it, now you don't," Ungar incorporates stories about his own experiences, feelings and beliefs into his act to further enthrall his audience. He has so many stories he's written a 250-page book called, "Bringing Magic to Life." The book, which he hopes to publish this spring, is his take on magic, medicine and life. The "author" is Ragnu (Ungar, spelled backwards). "I'm a kid at heart who likes to share the excitement and wonder of magic with others," he says.

Along the way, Ungar's amassed a library of illusion that's as extensive as his medical library. He also religiously attends magic conventions, always on the lookout for that next, great trick.

Magic, he says, helps keep his energy level up, his mind sharp and his body healthy. It also makes him feel good, especially when he performs at charitable functions. "When people take up magic as a vocation, they get stuck on it. People who are into magic, are really into magic. I think passion is really important in life."

A BIG HOBBY

When Ed Mollahan '81 talks about hunting, he becomes almost Zen-like in his descriptions. From the start, he says, it was never about just bagging a deer. "A lot of people think hunting is just 'I have a gun. A deer runs in front of me. I shoot it.' It's really not about

the shooting," says Mollahan, a Sr. V.P. for JP Morgan Chase & Co., in New York City. "It's about the tracking, the understanding of the animal's habitat. When you're out in the wilderness you have a lot of time to think, from 'What am I doing here?' to 'How am I going to pursue my quarry?' It's not just about killing something."

For Mollahan, there's his career. There's his wife and two children. And then there's hunting. It's an activity that fills his life — and his house. He now has so many animal heads and antler racks in his office he's seriously considering adding on another room to his Andover, N.J. home. When he isn't actually hunting, or planning a hunt.



...n of his home in Andover, N.J.

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Mollahan is reading about hunting, honing up on his woodsman and survival skills with magazines like *Field and Stream*, *Outdoor Life* and *Peterson's*. Is he obsessed? Charnetski says no. "Only in the extreme can activities become detrimental — if a hobby interferes with your life in some way and becomes counter-productive."

In a typical year, Mollahan might spend upwards of \$7,000 on his hobby. Aside from the cost, such trips also mean time away from work and family. So far, Mollahan's wife has proved supportive. As balance, Mollahan spends most of his weekends with his kids, coaching ball and volunteering at his community recreation center. Luckily,

his children — aged 13 and 7 — are both into hunting and target shooting. Will they ever join him on the trail? "Ultimately," he says, "it's up to them."

Mollahan's interest in the outdoors began as a child, when his grandfather would take him and his three brothers fly fishing in what was then rural New Jersey. During visits to family near Wilkes-Barre, Mollahan would hunt small game like pheasant and rabbit with a 20-gauge shotgun. He eventually graduated to deer hunting. In the late 1980s, he began pursuing bigger game like mountain goats, pronghorn sheep, elk, black bear and even grizzly bears.

For him, hunting is a social activity, something he shares with boyhood

pals he expects to grow gray with. It also provides the best possible relief to the demands of a strenuous job. "It's a counter balance to work," he says. "Investment banking can be crazy." So far, his most remote big game hunt has been to Alaska's rugged Brooks Range. His first trip took place in 1997, with two friends. The camp was so remote they had to charter a small plane and ride on horseback to get there. There was no noise. No lights. No nothing. Except animals. "Alaska is crazy. You see all these moose, wolves and bears walking around. In some cases, the animals have never seen humans before. It's a really different experience."

Camping in mountains 7,000 feet

"I don't care if you're 25 or 75 – I talk to cabbages or kings. I enjoy people. You've got to keep active and keep your spirits up."

Mollie Back at the Lightner Farmhouse Bed & Breakfast in Gettysburg, Pa.

above sea level, dealing with torrential, tropical-like downpours by day and snow at night, tracking prey for 12–14 hours a day. It wasn't exactly Cancun. Mollahan loved it. "It's one thing to go to a farm in Pennsylvania and sit in a tree stand. It's another to go to Alaska. You better be prepared," Mollahan says. "It can drop 40 degrees in one day."

Nature's hazards aside, just consider this: an Alaskan grizzly can weigh 1,300 pounds and stand more than 10 feet high. "If you get close to him, you better have a high caliber rifle," Mollahan says. Seeing a bear close up, in the wild, like that can be completely unnerving. There's an element of risk you thrive on. You don't want to err."

On another trip, the crew set their sites on rams. But not just any rams. Rams with horns that curled at least 38 inches. Trophy rams. Using \$2,500 spotting scopes, the hunters spent most of the first few days hiking up and down mountains in pursuit of the perfect horn. Eight days in and the closest they came was a ram whose horns measured a mere 37 inches. Not good enough. "It can be nerve wracking," Mollahan says. "It was legal to shoot rams that were smaller. But that wasn't what we wanted." They ended up going home empty handed.

To Mollahan, the trip was still worth every penny — every considerable penny. Big game hunting is not cheap. According to a recent U.S. Fish and Wildlife survey, nearly 40 percent of U.S. adults — or 77 million people — spend about \$101 billion on wildlife-related pursuits annually. Big game hunters must calculate airfare, licensing fees, equipment, outfits, guide fees and gear (Mollahan owns about 14 shotguns, rifles and muzzle loaders). A

single excursion can run into the tens of thousands. And that's not counting taxidermy fees. Typically, hunters donate the bulk of their kills to homeless shelters near where they hunt. They take home the skin and the head, in special packing. The biggest concern is breakage. Horns can be fragile. "Once, I literally carried a set of horns through Newark airport on my back. That got a lot of looks."

So far, Mollahan has hunted in all but one of Canada's provinces, Alaska, Florida, Texas, New Mexico, North and South Dakota, Montana, Illinois, Maine, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Wyoming, where he got caught in a blizzard for nearly three days, stuck in a snow drift with winds blowing 40 mph. The goal is to "shoot bigger" than the last hunt. So far, the biggest animal Mollahan's bagged has been an 850-pound elk from Canada. Yet, he insists it's not about the size or even the kill. "For a lot of guys, a successful hunt depends on whether they kill something. When you're paying a lot of money you can understand that. But, for me, I'm not going to harvest an animal unless it's a quality animal."

He takes one hunting trip a year. Coming up: South Dakota, for white tail and mule deer. Nirvana? Africa. But with a safari running at least \$15,000 — and two college funds to consider — it may take a while. "I enjoy the challenge in anything I do, whether it's work or family. It's all a different challenge. It makes life interesting. I love it."

A CIVIL ACTION

Mollie Back '56 remembers the exact moment she decided to take back her life. Her husband, Pete '61, had died of

kidney and heart failure. In mourning, she had an epiphany. "I was sitting in the rocking chair watching TV, just listening to the clock tick and a light bulb went on over my head. I thought 'I've got 20 or 30 more years to go. I'm not going to just sit here in this rocker.' I was in a blue funk for three years. It takes a while to really sing again." For Back, what brought her back to the land of the living was a deepening interest in Civil War re-enactment.

Charnetski says hobbies and interests are a great way to combat depression, which is often highlighted by periods of great inactivity. "A marked symptom of depression is an inability to get pleasure," he says. "You've got to get yourself up and moving."

Back went so far as to move all the way to Gettysburg, the Civil War's most hallowed ground. But before she did, she became a devotee of re-enactment, which is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the United States. One of the many web sites dedicated to the pastime says re-enactment "reinforces our sense of pride in our heritage...it's something in which the entire family can participate. It's educational and, finally, it's a great way to escape the worries of today and 'pretend' in the great outdoors."

Immersed (and encouraged by her three grown children), Back pored over Civil War books, diaries and battle accounts. She was hooked on history, taking as many adult history classes at the community college as she could. Eventually, she became a civilian interpreter at the historical home of Mt. Ida, at the ruins of the Patapsco Female Institute in Ellicott City, MD and at the Schriver House in Gettysburg. She's also an experienced storyteller of dra-

matic Victorian tales, or ghost stories, and is the founder of "The Historical Impostors," a group dedicated to first person impression.

"I'd never been a storyteller my whole life but I thought 'Why not?'" Now, Back considers herself the "female Stephen King." "If I can't scare the bejeebers out of someone I haven't done my job," she says. She uses a set of Civil War books on ghosts as a launching pad, but embellishes as she sees fit, turning the stories into 90-minute dramatic presentations. She tells her stories to Girl and Boy Scouts, church groups and even at local B&Bs. She's also co-authored "Ghost Encounters," tales of the supernatural.

As with any hobby or passionate interest, there are special nuances to consider and master. In Civil War reenactment terms, "first person" means speaking to fellow re-enactors and the public in the "persona" of someone living through the 1860s. When she's in character, Back speaks as though the War Between the States is current — as Mrs. James Pierce, a Gettysburg civilian and mother of four whose husband is a butcher. Mrs. Pierce offers a pretty strong opinion on President Lincoln, in town for the Gettysburg Address.

"Lincoln was not welcome. Everybody thought he was a buffoon. But I was so impressed by that speech, my impression changed," she says, speaking as Mrs. Pierce. In addition, Back is also Mrs. Phelps, headmistress of the Patapsco Feminist Institute, which was in existence from 1832-91. She also becomes Mrs. Disney, who owned a hotel (and is no relation to Mickey).

Truly dedicated re-enactors generally avoid anything "farby," a term for any-

"If you're truly interested in something, a pleasurable activity can help keep you healthy."

DR. CARL CHARNETSKI
WILKES UNIVERSITY PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR

thing not typical of the period, such as a plastic mug or a polyester uniform. Some take their interest even further. The re-enactors who insist on a historically accurate impression — down to fabric and buttonholes with the same thread count typical of the time — are called "stitch nazis." Back — who is NOT a stitch nazi — nonetheless wears seven layers of Civil War era clothing, including a hoop skirt. Her clothing is not a costume, she's sure to point out. It's period dress. Her first dress was made by preeminent Civil War dressmaker Beth Miller, and cost \$250. "I figured if I'm going to do it, I'm going to do it right," Back says.

The outfits feature sloped shoulders, narrow waists — and a corset. The skirt alone required five yards of material. As a finishing touch, Back wears her hair pushed back into a bun and covered with a very fine hair net. Her shoes are ankle high granny boots, characterized by a rounded toe with stitching, and a low heel. Research extends to details like "what kind of socks would she wear?" Such considerations, says Back, spark friendly arguments whenever Civil War buffs gather. One detail Back ignores concerns drawers. Most Civil War era women did not wear them. Back does. "They were considered male garments," she says.

Back also attended a Civil War workshop to learn how to make her own outfit from the skin out, from the underpinnings to the coat, shawl and

bonnet, a process that takes up to two months to complete. Back says her Civil War wardrobe is now more extensive than her own wardrobe. "It's not an inexpensive hobby," she says. "Silk is \$30 a yard and each dress requires at least seven or eight yards to make."

Along the way, she appeared as an extra in the Civil War movie, "Gods and Generals," though she admits you'd be hard pressed to pick her out in the crowd.

In addition to a re-enactor, Back is also an artist. She began painting in watercolors when her children were small. "It was my sanity break," she laughs. "I was always sketching and doodling. Then, I discovered watercolors, and it became a passion." Her specialty is landscapes and winter scenes. If she can't see them, she just makes them up. In addition to producing her own work, Back used to set up teaching workshops for nationally known artists.

If all that wasn't enough, she recently began getting involved with the local SPCA. "I have friends who say I'm too busy. I say I only do what I want to do," she says. "I don't care if you're 25 or 75 — I talk to cabbages or kings. I enjoy people. You've got to keep active and keep your spirits up." (1)

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The real *CSI* lab

BY ELIZABETH ALLES '03

Tiffany Leptuck graduated from Wilkes in 2004 with a B.S. in biology and currently works as a DNA analyst and research scientist for the Bode Technology Group in Springfield, Virginia. Tiffany works in the high throughput case department to clear backlogs of cold cases and sexual assaults. She is also helping to develop an automation system for FBI criminal cases.

BETH ALLES: How did your experience at Wilkes prepare you for your career?

TIFFANY LEPTUCK: Dr. Will Terzaghi, associate professor of biology, was one of the most influential people in jump-starting my career. Under his guidance, I learned proper molecular biology techniques and was given great advice on getting my resume out to prospective employers. Dr. Debbie Tindell, associate professor of psychology, was also a great professor and very knowledgeable woman. The psychology

department helped me learn how to read people and interpret their words and actions — skills I can use anywhere.

BA: Describe your work environment or what your job is like on a daily basis?

TL: Everyone at Bode is committed to making the world safer through generating convicted offender profiles, eliminating backlogs in state laboratories, providing paternity testing and working on sexual assault cases. On a daily basis, I tend to arrive early, load samples and analyze data from the previous afternoon. Later in the day I load more samples and analyze the data from the morning.

BA: Do shows like *CSI*, *Cold Case* and *Law and Order* reflect what a DNA analyst does during the workday?

TL: Yes and no. We do conduct some of the work they show, however it does not happen that quickly. Turnaround

time can be 2–3 days, depending on what we are doing. Also, we don't load a sample into the machine and the data comes out immediately and so clean. Sometimes it is necessary to run a sample a few times to get good data. Gil Grissom also doesn't show up and say, "Here, run this."

BA: As a recent graduate who has found success in your field, what advice would you give to future graduates, soon entering the job market?

TL: While in school, it is important to try and get involved in as many projects as possible related to your major as well as participate in activities not related to your major in order to be a well-rounded and appealing prospect to employers. Use professors and conferences as a way to make contacts in your field and as references when applying for jobs. Let as many people know as possible what field you are interested in so they can make you aware of any job openings. Also, send your resume to as many companies as possible, even temp agencies. Don't ever be afraid to apply just because you are afraid of not getting the job or being rejected. I went on a few job interviews before I received an offer I wanted to accept. It really is a full-time job to look for and obtain a real full-time job. [E]

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1948

Joseph F. Litchman was named an honorary member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). This designation is given to certified public accountants who have been members of the AICPA for 50 years.

1956

Paul Shiffer is the director of the Canastota Community Band, Chittenango, N.Y.

1961

Catherine Kovac BSNE, R.N., LNHA is the director of health services and a health enforcement officer at the Lansdale Department of Health. Catherine resides in Trappe, Pa.

1966

Henry "Chip" O'Reilly won two medals at the Empire State Senior Games. He placed second in the 1,500

meter and 800 meter runs.

1967

David Cowan is an administrator at Family Extended Care, Lakeland, Fla.

1968

Christine (Magnatta) Hoffman is a pianist with the Senior "Pop" Orchestra of Long Island, N.Y. Christine retired from teaching in the public school system, Queens, N.Y. She resides in Huntington Station, N.Y. with her husband, John.

Marty Hurley is the chairman of the fine arts department at Brother Martin High School, New Orleans, La. Marty was recently inducted into the World Drum Corps Hall of Fame. He resides in New Orleans with his wife, Paulette.

1971

Valerie Neff Newitt was awarded the

2004 First Place Keystone Award for page design by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association. Valerie is a editor and page designer for the Times Herald Newspaper, Norristown, Pa. She resides in Audubon, Pa. with her husband and son.

1973

Sheila Fuqua Carter is a partner at the legal firm of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP in Dallas, Texas. She resides in Dallas with her husband, Benjamin.

1974

Andrew Bowalick, Jr. resides in Waldorf, Md.

RETRACTION: In the last issue, we mistakenly listed the death of Michael Murphy. We apologize and deeply regret this error.

1976

Joe Jedju retired from teaching in the Montgomery Township Schools, N.J. Joe resides in Rockland, Maine with his wife, Linda.

Charles Jones is the vice president of operations with the Yoh Company, Richardson, Texas. Charles resides in Richardson with his wife, Jeanie, and his children, Douglas and Jordan.

1977

Gayle Donaleshi is the northeast associate director for respiratory, dermatology, infectious disease and neuroscience clinical research for Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. Gayle resides in Chatham, N.J.

Mary Ellen (Dwyer) Jolley M'94 is an off-campus program specialist with Luzerne County Community College. Mary Ellen resides in Dallas, Pa. with her husband, Robert. She has two children, Jason and Dana.

Patricia Kozick was the 2004 local Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. Patricia is a fifth-grade teacher at Dodson Elementary School, in Wilkes-Barre.

Paulette (Kulesa) La Conte is a nursing manager at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Lakeland, Flor. Paulette resides in Lakeland with her husband, Kenneth.

Paul Spellman is a principal at FT Financial Services, LLC in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Paul resides in Mount Joy, Pa. with his wife, Tina.

Dianne (LaCava) Trawick married Stephen Trawock on September 26, 2004. Dianne is a chief warrant officer

with the United States Coast Guard. They reside in Danbury, Conn.

1978

David Stull is a chemistry teacher in the Mid-West School District, Sunbury, Pa.

1979

Lois (Enama) Pluskey is a graphic designer with InterMetro Industries, Wilkes-Barre. Lori resides in Plains, Pa. with her husband, Joseph, and her two children, Lauren and Jason.

1981

Dina (Sauer) Hayduk is the owner and president of BicyclingWorld.com. Dina resides in Kutztown, Pa.

1982

Michael Zwiebel has been selected to attend the United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pa. Michael is the director of the technology core at the Aberdeen Test Center. He resides in Bel Air, Md. with his wife, Dina.

RETRACTION: In the last issue, we mistakenly listed Robert Capin as senior vice president and financial advisor at Morgan Stanley. The listing should have read *David Capin*. We apologize and regret this error.

1983

Margie (Eckroth) Bucher earned her doctor of nursing degree from Widener University. Margie is an assistant professor at Bloomsburg University. She resides in Bloomsburg, Pa. with her husband, Barry.

Susan Poirier married Thomas Ross. They reside in Tallahassee, Fla.

Joy (Vilchock) Zukauskas is the director of health and human safety with the American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem, Pa. Joy resides in Coplay, Pa. with her husband, Joseph, and her two children, Aimee Joy and Sarah.

1984

Kurt Tietjen is the director of operations at Fortunecity.com, Inc., New York City, N.Y. He resides in Floral Park, N.Y.

Frederic Krome is the managing editor for American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio. Frederic resides in Cincinnati with his wife, Claire, and his two children, Karen and Chris.

1985

Cherie Burke is a certified registered nurse anesthetist with Northeastern Anesthesia Associates, Allentown, Pa. Cherie resides in Macungie, Pa. with her husband, Todd, and her two children, Collin and Kelsey.

Ahmed Harris is the vice president for accounts and acquisitions of DYB Entertainment, Chester, Pa. Ahmad resides in West Chester, Pa.

1986

Barry J. Frauens, O.D. is the chief of primary care at Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry, North Miami Beach, Fla. Barry resides in Coral Springs, Fla. with his wife, Danette, and his daughter, Reanna.

Nadine (Wieder) Hromisin is a certified public accountant and audit manager with Parente Randolph, Wilkes-Barre. Nadine resides in Dallas, Pa. with her husband, Ron, and her two sons, Kyle and Evan.

Perri Nejib married George R. Packard II. Perri is a senior systems engineer with ProObject Inc. They reside in Annapolis, Md.

1987

Bob Fernandez is a systems coordinator with Geisinger Health Care Systems' Marworth Treatment Center, Waverly, Pa. Bob resides in Shavertown, Pa.

Paul Isaac married Malinda Copenhagen on November 26, 2004. Paul is an employment specialist with Northwestern Human Services, Sharon Hill, Pa.

Tim Grant is the head finance controller for United States Medical Departments at Sonofi-Aventis, Bridgewater, N.J. Tim resides in Parsippany, N.J. with his wife, Debbie, and his daughter, Katherine.

1988

Paul Matticks is a safety director for Fabcor Inc. Paul resides in Olyphant, Pa. with his wife, Kathy Jo, and his two children, Zachary and Zoe.

1989

Michelle Ciliberto is an eighth grade science teacher at Log College Middle School, Warminster, Pa. Michelle resides in Gilbertsville, Pa. with her husband, Danilo, and her daughter, Danielle.

Christopher Wojtowicz is a senior project engineer with The Shaw Group, Virginia Beach, Va. Christopher resides in Virginia Beach with his wife, Cheryl, and his children, Alex and Elise.

1991

James Burke is the vice president and

relationship manager for Wachovia's Business Banking Division. James resides in Clarks Summit, Pa. with his wife and two children.

Tanya Daigle M'95 married Roger Zegers. Tanya works at Bellevue Hospital in the Vocational Rehabilitation in Addiction Medicine department. They reside in New York, N.Y.

Mary Gould is a major in the United States Air Force. Mary recently returned from a 120-day deployment in the Middle East.

Vince Purcell is a youth development counselor manager for the Pennsylvania DPW North Central Secure Treatment Unit, Danville, Pa. Vince resides in Coal Township, Pa.

Susan (Dalton) St. Onge and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Jane, on September 1, 2004. Susan is the Director of Admissions at the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N.J. The family resides in Fanwood, N.J. with their daughter, Molly.

Maria (Lettieri) Wheatley is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Amgen in Thousand Oaks, Calif. She resides in Moosic, Pa. with her husband, Robert.

1992

Suzanne Abele and her husband, Walt, announce the birth of their third child, Nicholas. They reside in Enfield, Conn. with their children, Joe and Rachel.

Mike Fontinell is an environmental staff member for DENSO Manufacturing

Tennessee, Inc. Mike resides in Maryville, Tenn. with his wife, Julie, and his three children, Sydney, Cierra and Dylan.

Ronald Hartzell is a vice president for the National Penn Bank, Pottstown, Pa. Ronald resides in West Lawn, Pa.

Gina (Costanzo) Kreiger is a special education teacher and assistant girls basketball coach at East Stroudsburg Area High School, East Stroudsburg, Pa. Gina resides with her husband, Steve.

Lisa (McCarty) Lesko and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella, on May 14, 2004. The family resides in Sinking Spring, Pa. with their children, Carter and Ryan.

Dr. Armando Sallavanti was the commencement speaker for Old Forge High School, Old Forge, Pa. Armando is employed by Physicians Health Alliance at Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton, Pa. and serves as Old Forge School District's physician.

Melissa (Summa) Sherman M'02 is a chemistry teacher at Valley View High School. Melissa resides in Clarks Summit, Pa. with her husband, David, and her daughter, Sierra.

1993

Michele (Vecerhauskas) Evans and her husband, Tristan, announce the birth of their first child, Owen, on August 14, 2004.

Nicolette Yevich married John Perkins, DMA. Nicolette is the director of the Women's Center at Shippensburg University. The couple resides in Shippensburg, Pa.

1994

Scott Caloiaro was named Officer of the Year by the Lawrence Lions Club, Hopewell, N.J., in honor of his dedication and hard work. Scott has been a police officer for ten years.

Charlene (Klynowsky) Decker M'96 is a payroll finance manager with Diamond Auto Glass, Inc., Kingston, Pa. Charlene resides in Trucksville, Pa. with her husband, Brett.

Jennifer (Meyers) Herpen and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their first child, Michael, on August 7, 2004. Jennifer is a bond trader with Wolfe and Hurst Bond Brokers, Jersey City, N.J. They reside in Tabernacle, N.J.

Suzanne (Stchur) Jones and her husband, Stephen, announce the birth of their second child, Andrew, on November 15, 2004. They reside in Saranac Lake, N.Y. with their daughter, Rebekah.

Wendy Roughley-Mello is a intranet managing editor with Arbirtron, Inc., Columbia, Md. Wendy resides in Burtonsville, Md. with her husband, Daniel, and her two children, Anthony and Dominic.

Cheryl (Cator) Reinke and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma, on October 11, 2004. Cheryl is a registered nurse at the Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, N.J. The family resides in Ridgewood, N.J. with their two sons, Luke and Ben.

Lisa (Lazorchak) Smith and her husband, John, announce the birth of twins, Daniel and Sarah, on October 3, 2004.

Lisa is an administrative assistant with John Lazorchak Associates, Inc., North Branch, NJ. They reside in Raritan, NJ.

Laurence Socci is the chief executive manager of The C.L.A. Group, LLC, Washington, D.C. Laurence resides in Alexandria, Va. with his wife, Amanda.

1995

Lori Courtney Bantel is a first grade teacher in the Wyoming Valley West School District. Lori earned her reading specialist certificate and master's in reading. She resides in Swoyersville, Pa.

Julie (Good) Heffner resides in Lititz, Pa. with her husband, Chad, and her son, Owen.

Jesse Gross is a global EHS assurance manager with Cadbury Schwepps, Parsippany, N.J. Jesse resides in Flemington, N.J. with his wife, Amy, and his two children, Jessica and Adam.

Nichole Hydro M'03 is a first grade teacher in the Lehigh School District, Lehigh, Pa. Nichole resides in Tamaqua, Pa. with her husband, Edward, and her daughter, Natalie.

Chad Lojewski is a first vice president of investments at Wachovia Securities.

Michael Palumbo married Catherine O'Brien. Michael is an intensive case manager for Northwestern Human Services, Bethlehem, Pa. They reside in Bethlehem.

Cara Reed is a nurse manager at Mountain View Care Center, Scranton, Pa. Cara resides in Old Forge, Pa. with her husband, Michael.

Gia (Andrejha) Shedd and her husband, Tony, announce the birth of their first child, Kalyssa Sophia, on July 29, 2004. Gia is a 7th grade teacher in the Valley View School District, Archbald, Pa. They reside in Jessup, Pa.

1996

Jonah Aben is the librarian of the Plymouth Public Library.

William Bratten is the director of bands at Indian Valley High School, Lewistown, Pa. He resides in Harrisburg, Pa.

Diana Drozd is a program director for Impact Systems, Wilkes-Barre. Diana resides in Clarks Summit, Pa. with her partner, Sheila.

Stephanie Hastings is a resource coordinator with Dauphin County social services in Harrisburg, Pa. Stephanie resides in New Cumberland, Pa.

Timothy Legg recently completed his Ph.D. in health science education from Touro University. Timothy resides in Wilkes-Barre.

Michelle Murnello married Scott Stuccio. Michelle is an ENG editor for WBRE-TV, Wilkes-Barre.

LoriAnn (Gorrick) Pajalich M'04 is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Nursing at Wilkes University. She resides in Moosic, Pa. with her husband, Mark, and her son, Jake Ryan.

Dr. Tony Stuart Reed is a member of the sports medicine team at Geisinger Specialty Clinic Wilkes-Barre and Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

Amy (Blease) Strockoz is a graphic arts specialist for OraSure Technologies, Inc., Bethlehem, Pa. Amy resides in Nazareth, Pa. with her husband, Todd, and her son, Logan.

Tara (Kurland) Tenasco is an at-risk counselor at Pelham High School, Pelham, N.H. Her husband, Timothy Tenasco, is a coach and social studies teacher at Coe-Brown/Northwood Academy, Northwood, N.H. They reside in Raymond, N.H.

1997

Jennifer (Belandi) Christianson is a pharmaceutical sales representative with First Horizon Pharmaceutical, Alpharetta, Ga.

Louis Mariell has completed the Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Officer School at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada. Louis is a captain in the United States Air Force.

Captain Bill Pastewait received his master's of business administration degree from the Florida Institute of Technology. Bill is an Air Force ROTC instructor at the University of Washington, Seattle. He resides in Seattle with his wife, Stephanie (Follmer '01).

Ellen Mancini married Robert Spathelf, Jr. on August 21, 2004.

1998

Tracy Banks is a business analyst in Philadelphia, Pa. where she is responsible for design, development, testing and deployment of software applications.

Shannon Crane M'00 is an attorney for Smith Ford and Associates, Wilkes-Barre. Shannon resides in Exeter, Pa.

Mike Gundersdorf resides in Hackettstown, N.J. with his wife, Lauren, and his sons, Michael and Luke.

Courtney Gustafson is a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Kansas. She resides in Shawnee, Kan.

Paul Klimek is a launch support segment leader with Northrop Grumman Space Technology. Paul resides in Hermosa Beach, Calif.

Larry Tabbitt is a hospital auditor in Austin, Texas. Larry earned his master's of business administration from Touro University International, Cypress, Calif.

Barbara (Farbanish) Timpani and her husband, Dominic, announce the birth of their third child, Raffaele Dominic, on May 9, 2004. Barbara is the director of Kiddie Academy, Flanders, N.J. They reside in Dover, N.J. with their two daughters, Christina and Nicole.

1999

Randy A. Engelman D.O. earned his doctor of osteopathy degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. Randy will now participate in an internal medicine residency program at Ohio Valley Hospital, Wheeling, W.Va.

Frank Tomaszewski is an executive producer for WCAU-TV, Philadelphia, Pa. He has been nominated for an Emmy Award and received a GE/NBC Ovation award for Outstanding Performance.

Robert Yurick is a principal engineer with Montgomery Watson Harza Engineers, Mayfield, Pa. Robert resides in Duryea, Pa. with his wife, Bonnie.

2000

Rodney Craig is an oncology clinical pharmacist at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. Rodney and his wife, Deidre reside in West Conshohocken, Pa.

Dustin Daniels is a QA manager at Power Packaging in Reading, Pa. Dustin resides in Laureldale, Pa. with his wife, Amy.

David DeCicco is a lead chemist for Noramco, Inc., Wilmington, Del. David resides in Newark, Del.

Jessica (Murray) Kroesen is a pharmacy manager for continuing care. Jessica resides in Elizabethtown, Pa. with her husband, Curtis, and her two children.

Nathan Lipton married Jennifer Evans '02. They reside in Exeter, Pa.

Jason R. Marie and Jill Ronkowski were married on November 1, 2003. Jason is a project engineer with Carollo Engineers, Inc., and Jill is a project engineer with HDR Inc. They reside in Mesa, Arizona.

Darlene Noel was named Warren County Teacher of the Year in the New Jersey Department of Education 2004 Governor's Teacher Recognition program. Darlene resides in Easton, Pa. with her husband, Matt.

Jennifer (Gruscavage) Pachick and her husband Raymond announce the birth of their daughter, Makenzie Michelle, on December 26, 2002.

Andrea Petitto-Long is the director of pharmacy and pharmacist manager at Salerno's Pharmacy, Bartonsville, Pa. Andrea resides in Dunmore, Pa.

Duane Ritter is the new wrestling coach for the Oneonta State Red Dragons, of New York.

Kevin Silinskie married Mindee Hite. The couple resides in Webster, N.Y.

Abby (Sherburne) Stroud is a counselor with Northern Tier Counseling, Towanda, Pa. Abby resides in Towanda with her husband, Jake.

Kimberly Vance is a business education teacher in the Pocono Mountain School District, Swiftwater, Pa. Kimberly resides in Mount Pocono, Pa.

David Wolovich married **Rachel Hammond '04**. David is a software engineer for Lockheed Martin, King of Prussia, Pa. and Rachel is a pharmacist for CVS Pharmacy in Limerick, Pa. The couple resides in Royersford, Pa.

Suzanne (Viola) Wunder married Matthew Wunder. The couple resides in Ashbury, N.J.

2001

Angelina Cardoso is a math teacher at Platt Technical High School, Milford, Conn.

Claire Cole graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. and has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

Jennifer (Tingley) Domzalski and her husband, James announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Grace. Jennifer is pharmacist with Wegman's Pharmacy and teaches at King's College.

Karen (Coolbaugh) Gilchrist is a pharmacist at the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, Old Forge, Pa. Karen resides in Old Forge with her husband and her two children.

Joe Gromelski earned a juris doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law. Joe resides in Arlington, Va.

Greg Johansen married Elizabeth Kordek. Greg is attending nuclear school in Charleston, S.C.

Michael Koch and his wife, Dianne, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas John, on June 24, 2004.

Martha Marchand is a pharmacy manager. Martha resides in Yakima, Wash.

Nathaniel Martin is an engineer with New Century Productions, Allentown, Pa. Nate resides in Danielsville, Pa.

Stephanie (Follmer) Pastewait is a consultant pharmacist with Long Term Care Pharmacy in Seattle, Wash. She resides in Seattle with her husband, **Bill '97**.

Christina Soule and her husband, Kenneth, announce the birth of their daughter, Jillian, on January 26, 2004. They reside in Jackson, N.J. with their daughter, Brianna.

2002

Tim Caron is the owner of Ground Zero Gaming, West Chester, Pa.

Beth N. Danner is the assistant director of residence life at King's College. She earned her master's of science degree in organizational management from College Misericordia.

Kathleen (Gallagher) Dennis is an engineer for the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, Va. Kathleen resides in Fredericksburg, Va.

Heather (Ernest) Drake and her husband announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Marie, on January 21, 2004. The family resides in Elmira, N.Y.

Justin Lewis is a 1st lieutenant and an ICBM Deputy Combat Crew Commander in the United States Air Force. Justin was a distinguished graduate from the Malmstrom ICBM Initial Qualification Training at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. He resides at the Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana.

Geremia Palmioli IV married Tracey Stolarczyk. Geremia is a staff assistant to United States Representative Paul Kanjorski. The couple resides in Shavertown, Pa.

Erin Priestman is a mechanical engineer with the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Philadelphia, Pa. She resides in Brookhaven, Pa.

Shelby Rohwedder is an account executive for Stern + Associates, Cranford, N.J.

Beth Rosenberg is an assistant site editor for TechTarget, Boston, Mass.

Lisa (Finnerty) Smith and her husband, Bryan, announce the birth of their first child, Ryli Marie, on July 20, 2004. They reside in Pittston, Pa.

Mary Grace Tambasco married Giuseppe Caponera on June 12, 2004.

Robert Waite is a medical ICU Pharmacist. He resides in Orlando, Fla.

Bethany Yemmer is the deputy press secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Education. She resides in Enola, Pa.

2003

Jason Ambrose is a graduate student in the University of South Florida School of Public Health. Jason resides in Tampa, Fla.

Lisa Charneski is a faculty member at St. John's University, New York, N.Y. Lisa resides in New York City.

Alicia Cymbala is a clinical pharmacy specialist for Kaiser Permanente. Alicia resides in Denver, Colo.

Justin D'Angelo is a tour coordinator for Roadrunner Records, New York, N.Y.

Jonathan Ference is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma. Jonathan resides in Tulsa, Okla.

Laura Gerard is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy. Laura resides in Houston, Texas.

Derrick Hall is a full-time emergency medical technician with the Sayre Greater Valley EMS, Sayre, Pa.

Timothy Millard earned his master's of science in broadcast journalism from Syracuse University. Timothy is a reporter and anchor for WKOK-AM 1070, Sunbury, Pa.

Jed Starnier is an electrical engineer and GIS coordinator at the Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg, Pa. Jed resides in Chambersburg.

2004

Kristin Hake is the community relations coordinator for the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, Scranton, Pa.

Jessica Hinkel is as assistant development coordinator for Upper Schuylkill, Mahanoy City, Pa. Jessica resides in Ashland, Pa.

Tiffany Leptuck is a DNA analyst with Bode Tech, Springfield, Va.

Michael Mattern is an electronics engineer with the Federal Communications Commission. Michael resides in Quincy, Mass.

Rachael (Minotti) Arsenault is a third grade teacher at Winstead Elementary, Wilson, N.C. She resides in Wilson with her husband, Jason, and their daughter, Kayley.

Pamela Zielen married Christopher Tedesco. Pamela is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The couple resides in Philadelphia, Pa.

Master's

1989

Christine Di Stadio is vice president of marketing and new media at The New York Times Company broadcast media group.

2003

Stephen Batory married Deanna Hoy on April 24, 2004. Steve works for Fastenal. The couple resides in Pottsville, Pa.

Diana Stevenson served as a judge for the 39th Annual Media Art Exhibit and

Craft Fair, Delaware County, Pa.

2004

Michael Madden is a senior specialist with Merrill Lynch, Plainsboro, N.J. Michael resides in Bensalem, Pa.

Friends

Max Bartikowsky was honored by the Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley for providing leadership in community efforts to benefit children and families.

In Memoriam

1939

Wilbur Troy died December 2, 2004. Wilbur co-owned Troy Tire Service and later worked as a substitute teacher for the Wilkes-Barre School District. He is survived by his wife, Jane, one son and one daughter.

1944

Anna D. Cumberland died January 10, 2005. Prior to retirement, Anna was a teacher in the Claymont School District. She is survived by her two sons, Stephen and Donald.

1947

Beverly Smith Mecker died November 1, 2004. She was employed by the YMCA and served as past president of the Westside Women's Club. She is survived by her husband, Robert, and two daughters.

1948

Thomas A. Gilboy Ph.D. died October 26, 2004. He is survived by his sister, Rose.

Harry Scott, Jr. died October 24, 2004. He served as assistant principal of the

Wyoming Valley West Middle School and was a member and past president of the former King Hiram Lodge 721. He is survived by his wife, Florence, and two sons.

1949

James Hayden died December 25, 2004. James was a metallurgical engineer with Buick, Flint, Mich. He is survived by his stepson, Richard.

1950

Fred Fisher died September 21, 2004. Prior to retirement, Fred was in the Army Reserve and served as a Colonel. He is survived by his wife, Norma, a daughter and a son.

John Joseph Loftus died November 23, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Betty, three daughters and one son.

Allan Strassman died November 3, 2004. Prior to retirement, Allan was a partner in the accounting firm of Barou, Strassman, Zneimer and Company. He is survived by his wife, Sue, six sons and one daughter.

Russell Williams died November 21, 2004. Russell was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, and two sons.

1951

John Seaman died October 12, 2004. Prior to retirement, John was an air traffic controller in New Jersey. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and two children.

John W. Williams, Jr. died December 26, 2004. John was an inventory parts manager for the Navy Ships Parts Control, Mechanicsburg, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Henrietta, and two daughters.

1956

Gerald Levandoski, Sr. died December 6, 2004. Gerald was employed by Merck & Company for 36 years and served as plant manager of the Cherokee plant. He is survived by his wife, Ann, and two sons.

1957

Marjorie Kohlhaas died September 1, 2004. Prior to retirement, Marjorie served as director of nursing at the Wyoming Valley Hospital and an instructor at Wilkes. She is survived by her two sisters.

Peter Shuma, Jr. died December 8, 2004. Pete was a veteran of the U.S. Army and had been employed by Bell Telephone Laboratories and Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and two sons.

1959

George Hutter died January 9, 2005. George served as an auditor in the hotel industry. He is survived his four sons and one daughter.

1961

Lawrence Kunitis died September 12, 2004. Prior to retirement, Lawrence served in the United States Navy Department. He is survived by his wife, Irene, and three children.

1960

Charles John Kuschke II died October 6, 2004. Prior to retirement, Charles was associated with Robert D. Juschke Insurance Agency, Plymouth, Pa. for more than forty years. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, a son and two daughters.

Benjamin Badman, a community pioneer



Ben Badman '41, former President of Wyoming Valley Hospital, Executive Vice President of Geisinger Wyoming

Valley Medical Center, and Executive Director of the Sordoni Foundation passed away on August 27, 2004, at his home in Kansas.

During his long and distinguished career, Ben's determination and dedication to excellence resulted in the construction of Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. He was the driving force behind many different community groups, serving on the Board of Directors of The Salvation Army, Visiting Nurses' Association, Valley Crest Advisory Board, and Leadership Wilkes-Barre. He was a Past President of the United Way of Wyoming Valley, Past President of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, Past President of the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Club, and Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees at (then) Wilkes College.

Ben was a decorated World War II veteran. He served as a bombardier/navigator in the United States Army and flew 35 missions over Germany. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters for his military service.

John J. Pagoda, Jr., a life taken too soon



Alumnus and staff member John J. Pagoda Jr., '98, whose passion for learning and research will be remembered by stu-

dents, faculty and alumni of the GeoEnvironmental Science and Engineering Department, died January 9, 2005 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia of complications from heart surgery. He was 28.

Pagoda, worked part-time as a lab assistant in the University's water quality lab and was recently awarded a full-time position that would have begun January 24th.

"He did so much beyond his regular work," said Dr. Prahlad Murthy, Chairperson of the GeoEnvironmental Sciences and Engineering Dept. "He assisted us in recruiting, he represented our department at various fairs and he didn't have to do that. He used to work 60 to 70 hours a week easily... He did more for us than what we could ever do for him and we are extremely proud of him."

He is survived by his mother, Pauline (Chorey) Pagoda, maternal grandmother Angela Chorey, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Andrew Rushin died October 9, 2004. He was a sales manager with IBM for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Arlene.

1962

Joseph Barnard died September 18, 2004. Joseph was a United States Navy veteran. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne, and a son.

Dorothy Turley died September 24, 2004. She was a registered nurse with the Nanticoke State Hospital and retired as supervisor. She is survived by her sister, Ruth, and brother, Sheldon.

1965

Lucy Kay Goodwin died August 30, 2004. She volunteered for many years at the Navy Relief Office. She is survived by her husband, James, two daughters and one son.

1967

John DiGiuseppe died November 10, 2004. John earned his pilot wings as a Naval Pilot and served in active duty in Naples, Italy and Athens, Greece. He is survived by two brothers and one sister.

1969

Suzanne Rash died November 4, 2004. She was a reading specialist in the Wilkes-Barre School District. She is survived by her daughter and two sons.

Kenneth Zura died October 22, 2004. Kenneth was a math and technology teacher in the Pittston Area School District. He is survived by his wife, *Alyce Puscavage* '70.

1978

Dr. John R. Azain died September 20, 2004. John was a doctor of internal

medicine with a practice in Easton, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Betsy.

1982

Dr. Jon Sorber died September 26, 2004. He is survived by his wife, JoAnne, a son and a daughter.

1993

Eric Botyrius died September 16, 2004. He previously worked for Nortel Networks and Siemens in West Palm Beach, Fla. He is survived by his parents, a brother and a sister.

Master's In Memoriam

1999

Genevieve McMonigle died November 12, 2004. She served as chemistry teacher at Bishop Hafey High School for 24 years and recently as chair of the science department. She is survived by her husband, Peter, and five children.

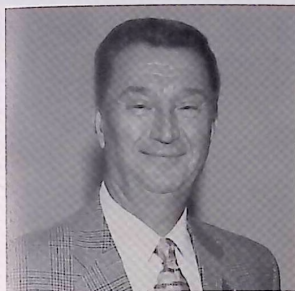
Friends

Richard Chapline died October 2, 2004. Prior to retirement, Richard was a professor of music at Wilkes for 38 years. He is survived by his brother, Joseph.

Glenn Forney died November 2, 2004. Glenn was appointed to the Board of Governors of the State System of High Education by Tom Ridge. He is survived by his wife, his son, stepson and daughter. |||

What Wilkes means to me

BY CHARLES F. JACKSON '51



I ENTERED WILKES COLLEGE IN THE YEAR it was chartered, 1947. The student body was, to a large extent, made up of WWII veterans and G.I. Bill students. Education and learning were serious business. Competition was keen. Mature student leaders were in abundance and very capable.

Wilkes was, and still is, an integral part of my life. It played a major role in my personal and professional development. At graduation, I felt equipped to begin my teaching and coaching career. Wilkes provided me with the resources to develop my mind, body and spirit. I was prepared to face and overcome whatever insecurities and uncertainties

were out there.

Now I reminisce while reviewing my 45-year career in secondary education, I feel content and satisfied in knowing that I gave it my 'Wilkes best!' As many of you know, in those early years monetary rewards were relatively meager. Far more gratifying and rewarding to me as an educator charged with the job of building lives was (through these years) being recognized and rewarded as Teacher of the Year, Coach of the Year, Principal of the Year and more recently, Outstanding Retiree Volunteer of the Year. All of these awards were deeply rooted to the mature work ethic and moral compass that I was exposed to throughout my 'Wilkes Experience!'

In reality, an awful lot of the meaning of Wilkes could be found and interpreted in its Alma Mater. Let me share this one personal experience with you...

In the summer of 1947, John Florkiewicz ('50) and I were helping Mr. Jervis and a few other maintenance crew workers put up the Wilkes College sign in the front of Chase Hall. After its completion, John and I were sent to the President's house (Annette Evans Alumni House, today) to move

some furniture. As we entered, Mrs. Farley was at the piano playing the Alma Mater. She saw us and immediately asked, "John and Charles, I need your help. Would you please come over here and as I play, sing along." If you were there and witnessed it all, you would still be laughing. After our first "slosh thru," Mrs. Farley looked at us in a very understanding way and said, "Boys, lets do it again." So away we went. "Wilkes, Our Alma Mater, We pledge out hearts to thee. Honor, faith, and courage, Truth and loyalty..." Now its your turn, go ahead....finish it!

For professional growth reasons I completed various graduate studies and programs at Temple, Penn State, Villanova and Walden Universities. Each institution afforded me a different and unique perspective of my chosen career. They were invaluable blocks in the building of my life's work. Yet, the passing of time affords me invaluable insight. This insight leads me to the conclusion that the keystone in my building is and was Wilkes. I am eternally indebted to the Wilkes Family for a lifetime of health, happiness and prosperity. !!!

Get married?
Have a baby?
Get a promotion?
Win an award?
Earn a degree?
Open a business?
Retire?

If you have, fill in your fellow alumni on your accomplishments. After your event has occurred, go to www.wilkes.edu/alumni, click on the link for CLASSnotes, and fill out the form. If you would like to send your note, please mail to:
CLASSnotes
 Alumni Relations Office
 Wilkes University, 84 W. South Street
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E-mail your news items, story ideas, feedback, or anything else you want to say, to alumni@wilkes.edu. Thank you for staying in touch!

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The Future at Wilkes

Looking ahead and planning for growth.

The Buck Stops Here

BY DR. TIM GILMOUR, WILKES UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

SCANDALS AT PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANIES LIKE ENRON AND MCI-WORLDCOM so enraged lawmakers several years ago that Congress passed the Sarbanes Oxley Act in 2002, which makes for-profit CEOs and CFOs liable for the accuracy of their financial reports. This has naturally led to a call for higher education to adopt the same financial reporting principles.

This summer the Board of Trustees of Wilkes, along with the administration, engaged in the major task of planning Wilkes' future through the year 2015. This task included adoption of a very ambitious master plan and discussions about projected budgets, tuition charges, debt level, governance structure and how all of these fit with our mission. Another part of that planning included ways in which Wilkes could improve its financial reporting. Towards that end, the board is considering creating a Governance Committee and elevating the Audit Committee to a full-standing committee. Both steps are in keeping with best practice in the for-profit sector and will probably be required in two or three years. More importantly, these changes are the right thing to do. Such an intensive study of our future and an even deeper commitment to ethical business practices will take Wilkes to the forefront of its peer institutions.

I believe that being ethical and true to our mission is the heart and soul of responsible leadership. My inclination, in fact my strongly held belief, is that we must disclose as much as possible. In today's climate of public relations, this is known as "transparency." Frankly, telling people where you are headed is part of this trust. We are committed to being an organization that is ethical and socially responsible.

This openness and transparency were evident in the way Wilkes developed its master plan, which commits us during the next decade to a significant upgrade of our physical plant, including the construction of a new health and sciences building, connections to riverfront development and a greener, more pedestrian-friendly campus. In this issue, you will learn more about the Wilkes master plan. This commitment also calls on Wilkes to bolster continuing education and graduate programs. We will invest in significant enhancements to Wilkes' tradition of caring deeply about its students, to build a one-of-a-kind mentoring culture for our students, alumni and staff, which we believe will make Wilkes the top choice for the next generation of students. Future Wilkes students will come, not because it's the local, affordable university; but because the university is their first choice. We will continue investing in attracting and retaining the best faculty and staff by offering competitive compensation and health care and retirement benefits.

So what's the rub? Our budget projections to 2015, which are based on this ambitious agenda, will require Wilkes to run itself more efficiently and raise more private gifts. As an important stakeholder in Wilkes University, we hope you feel the challenge and excitement as much as we do. If you do, I ask that you choose to support Wilkes generously in this quest for greatness. (1)

Tim Gilmour

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Wilkes University is an independent institution of higher education dedicated to academic and intellectual excellence in the liberal arts, sciences, and professional programs. The University provides its students with the experience and education necessary for career and intellectual development as well as for personal growth; engenders a sense of values and civic responsibility; and encourages its students to welcome the opportunities and challenges of a diverse and continually changing world. The University embraces the tradition of strong student faculty interaction in all its programs, attracts and retains outstanding people in every segment of the University, and fosters a spirit of cooperation, community involvement, and individual respect within the entire University.

On the cover: From left, Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom Leighton, Wilkes University President Tim Gilmour and student Jenna Strzelecki discuss the University's 20-year Master Plan.

ASSOCIATIONnews

Architecture for the Future

When you use the term "By-laws," most people will yawn, roll their eyes, or excuse themselves from the conversation. Most organizations have them, however, and may unconsciously use them, yet generally don't know whether they operate according to them or not. Not so at Wilkes! In their effort to map a clear path to future growth and success, the Board of Trustees determined that it was time to focus their energy and expertise on the Alumni Association and its efforts. As a result of their review, they found that the existing by-laws didn't provide an adequate foundation for responsive participation in the Wilkes of the future.

The Board therefore commissioned a Task Force comprised of trustees, active alumni, and staff, including President Gilmour, and, after only two months, the group has drafted an organizational roadmap that anticipates growth, activism, and strength of purpose.

Two of the key issues addressed are the broad engagement of alumni and the assurance that there will be a continual renewal of talent through term limits. Also, while all alumni may vote in the presidential election, only those who give may serve as a member of the Board of Directors or as an officer.

Wilkes' future success will depend on the commitment of its alumni—a commitment of time, talent, and dollars. The presidential candidates and their biographies on the following page represent an example of alumni willing to give of their talents, and the Trustees hope you will make your own investment of time and resources.

For a complete copy of these guidelines, please visit our website at: www.wilkes.edu/alumni/association.

Clayton and Theresa Karambelas honored at Annual Alumni Scholarship Dinner

The Annual Alumni Scholarship Awards Dinner took place on April 30, 2005 honoring Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Karambelas '49. "They have served as an inspiration to Wilkes University and to our community by their generosity of spirit, intelligence, and philanthropy," said Andrea Petrasko '69, Chairman of this year's event.

The ballroom at the Henry Student Center was packed with more than 150 friends, family, and community members who came out to celebrate this wonderful occasion. The

large crowd signified the impact the Karambelas's have had on the community for many years.

Each year at this event, the Wilkes University Alumni Association also awards the annual scholarship. This year's recipient was James Bochicchio '07. Last year's recipient, Sarah Williams '05, spoke at the affair and explained to the crowd the impact the scholarship had on her, imbuing her with a sense of gratitude for the Alumni Association and responsibility for demonstrating her appreciation through high achievement. The event raised \$5000 for the fund and was declared a huge success.

Wilkes Society To Honor Donors

Wilkes University treasures its donors. No institution, large or small, can operate effectively without the generosity of those who understand and support its mission. The University has been honored by many individuals who continue to recall the benefits they received at Wilkes and repay those debts by sharing their good fortune with the University. This generosity helps Wilkes shepherd current students toward their own graduation and life-success.

A responsibility that Wilkes takes very seriously is stewarding those donors who assist the University in a major way. To recognize and honor Wilkes' most significant donors, the University has reformed the John Wilkes Society. Named in honor of the University's namesake, the Society celebrates those donors who invest \$1,000 or more each year in Wilkes University.

There are a number of benefits associated with the John Wilkes Society, including limited parking privileges and preferred seating at selected special events such as the Rosenn Lecture Series, the Sidhu Leadership Forum, and the Kirby Lecture Series. Benefits will also include use of the Farley Library and discounts at Dorothy Dixon Darte Center events.

A true highlight of the John Wilkes Society will be the Society Dinner. This invitation-only, black-tie event is scheduled for the Saturday of Homecoming, September 24, 2005. A cocktail hour will be followed by a spectacular dinner at 7 p.m. A Save-The-Date card will be sent shortly.

For further information about the John Wilkes Society, including membership requirements, please call the University Development Office at (570) 408-4319.

ONLINE VOTING IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.WILKES.EDU/ALUMNI



GALLAGHER '81



TARBART '70

Alumni Association to Elect New Leader

Your vote is important. According to the Alumni Association's newly adopted Constitution and By-Laws (available at www.wilkes.edu/alumni/association), it is time to select the next president. Listed here for your review are the biographical statements of the incumbent, Bill Tarbart '70, and Homecoming Chair, Colleen Gallagher '81 (a past president). Please take a moment to complete the ballot reply card or vote online at www.wilkes.edu/alumni.

This is an exciting time at Wilkes—be counted, be heard, be involved...VOTE!

Colleen M. Gries Gallagher '81

"Wilkes University is poised at an exciting juncture and is positioned to take a giant leap forward to become a truly great University. And I believe that the Alumni Association is ready to take that leap, too.

The Alumni Association should be an active agent and partner in this progression by taking a leadership role in developing an alumni body that is increasingly connected to and proud of its alma mater. While we should honor past traditions, we should not remain anchored there. Rather, we should look

to the future and adapt rapidly to the changing needs of both the alumni and the University.

As President, I would make it my priority to lead an Alumni Association that is recognized for its leadership and sought out for its views.

My experience as a senior manager at both Pepsi-Cola, Inc., and Accenture has allowed me to develop skills in leading diverse groups of people in new directions and has given me the skills to plan for and implement change.

Since 1988, I have been providing service to Wilkes, serving as current Chairman of the Alumni Services Committee, Chairman of Homecoming 2004, Past President of the Alumni Association and member of the Board of Trustees, Alumni Association Secretary, and Board Member. I want very much to gain your support. Together, we will make Wilkes University the great university I know it can be. To learn more about my goals and accomplishments, e-mail me at Vote4Colleen05@aol.com."

William Tarbart '70

"In my next term my objective is to continue to improve relations with Trustees and Administration, continue to professionalize staff and the Board,

and increase funding for alumni and student programs. We must give to our Alumni before we ask them to give to us. I financially support the University as a member of the John Wilkes Society."

Business experience:

- Fifteen years with Equitable Life
- Vice President Equico Securities
- Founder & Executive Vice President Tandem Financial Group
- Founder & Principal Orthopedic Rehab Specialty Clinics
- Founder and Principal Globalogix

Charitable endeavors include:

- Board of Directors major hospital
- Chairman Children's Tumor Foundation
- Current President Wilkes Alumni Association

During my two year term at Wilkes:

- Re-drafted the Association By-Laws
- Assured that Alumni Association played the major role in developing the University's Mentoring Program
- Fought hard to improve the Trustees' and Administration's perception of the Alumni Association
- Worked with University to professionalize Advancement and Alumni offices (1)

SIFE Team Captures Fourth Consecutive Regional Championship

Wilkes University's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team recently captured their fourth consecutive Regional Championship at the 2005 SIFE Regional Competition and Career Opportunity Fair in New York City. The event was one of 21 SIFE Regional Competitions being held across the United States in April. The team advanced to the national level of competition at the SIFE USA National Exposition in Kansas City, Missouri.

After presenting a report of their year-long community outreach projects to a panel of business leaders, the Wilkes SIFE team was named the regional champion in the overall competition and finalist in the Investment Banking and Marketing Division of HSBC SIFE USA National Personal Financial Success Skills Competition.

During this academic year, the Wilkes SIFE team organized 11 projects serving the Wilkes-Barre and north-eastern Pennsylvania communities. They included the elementary school Building a Global Community Program; the high school European Expansion Program; the regional high school Wilkes University Entrepreneurial Experience Program; the Northwestern Lehigh High School Futures II Mentoring Program; the university freshman Integrated Management Program; the community service REACH Program; the high school Personal Finance Series Program; and the university Kirby Lecture Series in Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship.

SIFE is an international non-profit organization that mobilizes university students to create economic opportunity for others while discovering their own potential.

Curtis Silcock Photography



THE WILKES UNIVERSITY SIFE TEAM CELEBRATES THEIR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WIN. PICTURED ARE (BOTTOM ROW, L-R): DENISE COLE, TARA SMITH, ALCIA VIESELMAYER, DENNIS NELSON. (TOP ROW, L-R): CASEY GRIMM, ANDREW ECKERT, DR. JEFFREY ALVES, SIFE ADVISOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE ALLAN P. KIRBY CENTER FOR FREE ENTERPRISE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP. ABSENT FROM PHOTO: ARIANNA FELEGI, NICOLE HAHN, DANIELLE NAMIOKHA, JENNA STRZELECKI.

Governor Rendell Discusses Issues in Higher Education with Young Democrats at Wilkes

Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell visited campus on April 6, 2005 to speak with students, faculty, and members of the University's newly formed College Democrats club to discuss issues in higher education and to rally young voters for the 2008 election.

Sophomore political science major Rob Donahue, founder of the College Democrats club, invited the Governor to speak at Wilkes after learning he would be in town as the keynote speaker at another event.

The Governor accepted Donahue's invitation and took the opportunity to help energize the local Democratic Party and address issues such as tuition costs, student loans, and city revitalization.

Pharmacy Students Awarded Rotations

Three students in their final year in the Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing are completing summer fellowships and rotations.

Jonathan Ritter is participating in the summer undergraduate research fellowship (SURF) program with the pharmaceutical sciences department at Purdue University.

Lillian Kang is completing a rotation experience with the American Society of Managed Care Pharmacy at the Cincinnati Veterans Medical Center.

Tyler Bubbs was chosen for an undergraduate research rotation with the University of Michigan's department of pharmaceutical sciences through a grant from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET).

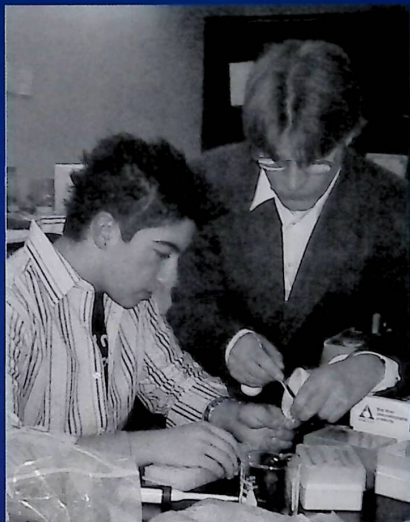
JOHN ZELENKA '04 COMPETES IN THE TIRE FLIP EVENT DURING THE COLONELS CHARITY CHALLENGE AT THE RALSTON ATHLETIC COMPLEX. MORE THAN 200 STUDENT ATHLETES, COACHES, AND MEMBERS OF THE WILKES COMMUNITY PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT, WHICH HELPED RAISE MORE THAN \$2500 FOR CHARITY.



BIOLOGY MAJOR AWARDED RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Sophomore biology major Shuja Shafqat was recently awarded a \$3,500 summer undergraduate research fellowship from the American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB). This highly competitive fellowship program provides opportunities for students to pursue meaningful research in plant biology at their home institutions early in their college careers. Shafqat was one of only three students nationwide to be selected in the small school division. Since his freshman year, Shafqat has been involved with faculty-mentored research in oak forest regeneration. In collaboration with Dr. Will Terzaghi, associate professor of biology, Shafqat uses DNA fingerprinting to determine the parents of seedlings in native oak forests. Shafqat will soon begin the 10-week fellowship to continue the oak seedling research with Dr. Terzaghi. He will present his findings at the ASPB annual meeting in Boston, Mass., next summer.

Shafqat is a Pre-Med Scholar and was accepted into Wilkes University's guaranteed placement program with Drexel University's College of Medicine in Philadelphia. He is a member of the Tri Beta Biological Honor Society, the biology club, and the Multicultural Student Coalition. He also serves on the Executive Board of Student Government.



1ST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: DR. ANDREA FRANTZ, REBECCA GOODMAN, TODD WEIBEL, KRISTIN KILE, LINDSAY WOTANIS. 2ND ROW: JULIE MELF, VICKY WHITE, NORA JURASTIS, JAMIE BABBITT, JOE DEANGELIS, NICK ZWIJEWESKI, GABE LEDONNE, SARA HERBERT.

The Beacon Wins National Award

For the third consecutive year, Wilkes University's student newspaper, *The Beacon*, received first place honors in the American Scholastic Press Association's (ASPA) annual newspaper contest. The ASPA reviews over 2,000 schools annually (colleges, universities, community colleges, and high schools) that are competing in categories based on designation and size. *The Beacon* was described by one judge as "a window to your school for everyone to view. By attempting to follow professional guidelines, you have opened this window and succeeded in showcasing the best your students have to offer."

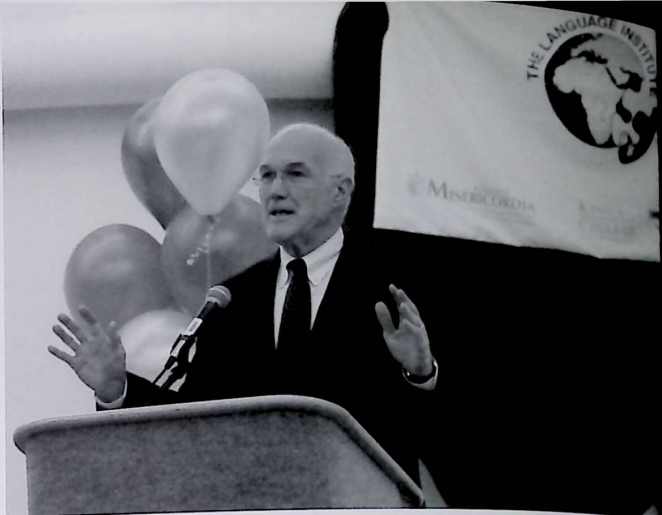


(BACK ROW, L-R): ELI PHILLIPS, JR., PHARMACY STUDENT; ELI PHILLIPS, SR., CVS PHARMACY SUPERVISOR; ERICKA KERR, CVS REGIONAL MANAGER. (FRONT ROW, L-R): MADELYNE DIMARIA, CVS PHARMACY SUPERVISOR; JEFF MIDDENDORF, CVS PHARMACY SUPERVISOR; SCOTT BAKER, CVS REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT; DR. BERNARD GRAMAI, DEAN, NESBITT COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND NURSING; DIANA JOHNSON, CVS MANAGER, PROFESSIONAL AND COLLEGE RELATIONS; MARY ALVIS, PHARMACY STUDENT; DR. TIM GILMOUR, PRESIDENT, WILKES UNIVERSITY; BRIAN JUDGE, CVS DISTRICT MANAGER.

Grant Funds Renovations of Pharmacy Practice Lab

The Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing recently renovated its pharmacy practice lab in the Stark Learning Center thanks to a \$50,000 grant from CVS Pharmacy. Representatives from CVS, including regional vice president Scott Baker and six district managers, were on hand for the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the "CVS Pharmacy Practice Laboratory." The lab is considered to be the most technologically advanced facility on campus and includes new computers, an examination table, intravenous preparation and counseling areas, a new sound system, and whiteboard technology. The laboratory is also a smart classroom with new wireless technology.

PRESIDENT GILMOUR SPEAKS AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE.



Wilkes Helps Establish The Language Institute

Wilkes University has partnered with King's College and College Misericordia to establish The Language Institute, a collaborative effort designed to promote and enrich foreign language study on each campus and throughout the greater community. Through the shared resources and combined expertise of the three member colleges, The Language Institute will provide diverse opportunities for foreign language study that meet the needs of traditional students, adult learners, working professionals, and the general community. This will be accomplished by supporting the development and expansion of academic majors and undergraduate degree programs in Spanish and French and by providing professional development opportunities through credit and non-credit continued learning courses. The Institute will also preserve languages that have contributed to the culture and heritage of the region, such as Polish, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, and Italian, as well as provide educational programs that support knowledge and understanding of other cultures.

Revitalizing the study of foreign languages will help the region compete in a global economy and improve the region's quality of life by facilitating

the appreciation and understanding of foreign cultures. "Given the economic and political realities of today's world, the importance of learning a foreign language has taken on a critical urgency," said Jenny Blanchard, Coordinator of the Institute. "The Language Institute will help to prepare our students and our region for the responsibility of living in this new global community."

Communication Studies Student Publishes Book

Donna Talarico, a junior communication studies major, recently published a collection of personal essays titled, "*Kids, have you seen my backpack...?*" and *Other Inspirational Stories of Non-Traditional Students: An Adult Learner Anthology*. In the collection, 22 non-traditional students from across the country share their struggles and successes in the pursuit of education. One of the adult learners profiled is Beth Wenner, an MBA student and graduate assistant in the Sidhu School. Herself an adult learner, Talarico was inspired by stories of other non-traditional students she met while an admissions counselor for a technical career school. "I left college when I was 19 to enter the workforce, but always wanted to return," she said. "It wasn't

until I began working in admissions that I became serious about it. I was able to help so many wonderful adults achieve their dreams, and their remarkable stories are what inspired me to compile this book and return to school." The book is published by iUniverse.

Sovereign Center for Executive Education Launches Conference Series

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership's Sovereign Center recently launched a series of two- and three-day conferences on campus to help businesses and individuals improve their performance. The sessions focus on project leadership, leadership enhancement, and finance and are designed for middle-level managers and project team members in businesses and other organizations whose members lead, participate in, or sponsor projects or project-like initiatives. Sidhu School professors Edward Fox, Ted Engel, and Dean Frear led the conference along with noted project management consultants, authors, and emotional intelligence coaches.

Joint Urban Studies Center Targets City Growth

Wilkes University created the Joint Urban Study Center (JUSC) in June 2004 in an effort to help regional governments, including the City of Wilkes-Barre, stimulate economic growth and create more vibrant communities.

JUSC is a partnership of businesses and institutions of higher learning. The center's stakeholders include small- to mid-sized communities that need assistance researching proven government reforms. The center also provides the local consultation and analysis needed to implement the recommendations.

The JUSC believes creating a community-wide housing strategy for Wilkes-Barre that promotes ownership of various types of homes is integral to winning back population. A recent report from the center details recommendations on creating housing through preservation of historic homes and creation of urban villages and single-family and multi-family units.

Understanding how the past has affected the region is important to understanding the future. That was the topic of another JUSC report—how the past 50 years has changed the region and what would happen if the region met critical economic indicators, like job growth.

JUSC believes that significant change—on all levels and in all sectors—is needed now, according to Teri Ooms, JUSC executive director. "Past practices will no longer suffice in today's world. The region must work together to embrace change, must act immediately to institute proven strategies, and must be selfless and work together," Ooms said.

Interested individuals can access any of the reports by visiting www.urbanstudies.org.

Michael P. Touhy



Wilkes Confers 600 Degrees at 58th Annual Spring Commencement

President Gilmour conferred 264 bachelor's, 269 master's and 67 Pharm. D. degrees during the university's 58th Annual Spring Commencement held May 21, 2005. The degrees were presented to 597 graduates, the university's largest graduating class in more than 10 years. The outdoor ceremony took place on the Fenner Quadrangle in the heart of campus. More than 3,500 graduates, faculty, and guests were in attendance.

Environmental advocate, attorney, and political activist Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. delivered the keynote address titled, "Our Environmental Destiny." In his address, a transcript of which is available on the Wilkes website, Kennedy delivered a powerful and shocking report on the state of the environment.

"One out of every six American women now has so much mercury in her womb that her children are at



Michael P. Touhy

risk for a grim inventory of diseases—autism, blindness, mental retardation, heart, liver, and kidney disease. I have so much mercury in my body—I got my levels tested recently—just from eating fish, my levels are double the levels that EPA considers safe."

Following the address, Wilkes presented Kennedy with a Doctor of Laws *Honoris Causa*.

The university awarded two graduates for outstanding academic and personal achievements. Lindsey Wotanis, of Dickson City, received the Alumni Award for Leadership, which is given by the Wilkes University Alumni Association to the graduate who has made the strongest contribution to student life and the activities program of the university. She graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in communication studies and a minor in business and will pursue a master's degree in rhetoric from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.



ASHLEEN AND NEIL GERWAL PERFORM THE PUNJABI DANCE DURING WILKES' ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FASHION SHOW.

During her career at Wilkes, Wotanis served as staff writer, features editor, and managing editor of *The Beacon*. She also served on the executive board of Zebra Communications, Wilkes' student-run public relations agency, and on the student government executive board, as commuter council president. She was co-coordinator of the Tom Bigler Journalism Conference for area high school students and was a member of the Lambda Pi Eta, the communications honor society.

Wotanis and Kristopher Smith of Wilkes-Barre were presented with the Mabel Scott Wandell and Sterling Leroy Wandell Award for attaining the highest grade point average (GPA) in their four-year career at Wilkes. Wotanis attained a 3.97 GPA and Smith attained a 3.95 GPA.

Smith earned a bachelor of science degree summa cum laude with a major in computer science and a minor in art. He has worked on campus in the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) center and used his computer science and art skills to design an animated logo used to represent the signature undergraduate experience at Wilkes. Smith also served as president of the

math and computer science club.

In a separate ceremony following commencement two Wilkes students were commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Air Force. Joshua Hall from Douglasville, Pa., received a B.S. in mechanical engineering. He has been selected as a developmental engineer in Cape Canaveral, Florida. James Lemoncelli received a B.S. in mechanical engineering. He has been selected as a civil engineer at Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas.

Worldwide Style

The Wilkes community celebrated its diversity April 9 during the annual International Fashion Show, organized by the Multicultural Student Coalition and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Alumni, staff, faculty, and students were invited to contribute clothing from the countries of their ethnic background, as well as fashions from the local community.

"It's a fun event to learn about different cultures in an open, friendly environment," said Andita Parker-Lloyd '96, coordinator of multicultural affairs.

Among the fashions modeled in the ballroom of the Henry Student Center

were ensembles from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, as well as urban wear, tropical wear, and Wilkes wear. During breaks in the show, students performed Indian, tap, belly, break, and African dances that related to some of the fashions. The free event ended with samples of ethnic foods.

Next year's International Fashion Show will be April 8.

Wilkes University Prepares for Homecoming

Mark your calendar now for Homecoming 2005, Sept. 23-25!

"We have so much planned that you won't want to miss this great weekend for visiting old friends and making new ones," said Michelle Diskin '93, associate director of alumni relations.

Here is what's in store:

- Alumni golf tournament (and clambake!)
- BUJC ladies' luncheon
- "Wilkes in the Woods" Happy Hour
- Learn about the university's new mentoring program and the new Wilkes brand
- President's Breakfast honoring the class of 1955 and Ancestral Colonels
- Continuing and graduate education short courses

- Dave Russo '93 live comedy
 - Tailgate tent (back by popular demand)
 - Kids' carnival
 - Reunions for classes in years ending in "0" and "5"
 - Reunion at Evans Under the Stars
- Wilkes welcomes all alumni (and their families) back to campus for a host of events during this weekend. Class reunion letters and the Homecoming brochure are in the mail. If you missed last year, browse our photo gallery at www.wilkes.edu/alumni/homecoming/photos04.asp.

The Alumni Association sponsors Homecoming, and many alumni, staff, and student volunteers work hard to make this a great event. If you have questions, contact your alumni office at 1-800-945-5378 or alumni@wilkes.edu.

Wilkes Sponsors Forums to Gauge Support for Arts Center

With the adoption of Wilkes University's master plan and the revitalization of Wilkes-Barre well underway there is reason to believe the future of both the university and city is bright.

Adding to that optimism is another promising project under consideration—the establishment of a non-profit arts and cultural center in downtown Wilkes-Barre. This project recently received the green light from a firm retained to gauge whether enough support existed to make the project successful.

Wilkes and the Cultural Council of Luzerne County (CCLC) sponsored two days of community forums to discuss the establishment of a venue for smaller scale dance, theatre and musical performances that would accommodate anywhere from 50 people in

a café-style setting to as many as 300 with theatre-style seating.

The forum was led by Artspace, the nation's leading non-profit real estate developer and consultant for the arts. The Minneapolis-based organization recently reported that regional support exists to back an art and cultural center downtown, said Shelly Pearce, chairperson of the CCLC and director of the Conservatory at Wilkes University.

"Wilkes and the Cultural Council envision the development of a vibrant and diverse arts center which would become a meeting place for community members of all ages and backgrounds to appreciate the arts and all artistic media," said Pearce.

The center would also include gallery space for the exhibition of large-scale visual arts, as well as an intimate space for student and amateur artwork. Space for community meetings, arts instruction of all kinds, a café, a gift shop, and possibly for various nonprofit organizations to lease would also be included.

While new construction is also a possibility, several locations, including the Sterling Hotel Annex, the Wachovia building on West Market Street, the Irem Temple building on North Main Street, and the Studio Cafe building on Public Square, are being considered as possible locations for the proposed arts center.

Admission Numbers Tell Story of Growth

Full-time undergraduate enrollment continues to be strong, with more than 2,700 freshmen applications (up over 40 percent in three years) and nearly 500 transfer applications received for the fall 2005 semester. For the fifth

consecutive year, an expanding applicant pool has led to a decline in the percentage of students admitted.

Students from a larger region are attracted to Wilkes. This year, one out of four freshmen reside out-of-state, up 7 percent from 2004. While enrollments from northeastern Pennsylvania remain strong, residents outside the region are growing dramatically—from 84 two years ago to 128 this year. As a result, the percentage and number of students residing in campus-operated housing is growing, too. Typically, 70 percent of freshmen reside on campus (with commuting students accounting for the remaining 30 percent). This year 79 percent will live on campus, where housing has been increased to accommodate almost 1,000 students.

The sciences continue to lead the enrollment growth, but interest in other majors also remains strong. Nursing applications have grown from 76 in 2002 to 210 this year, while enrollees have grown from 18 to 52 in the same period. Applications and enrollments in biology, biochemistry, and chemistry are soaring. Interest in the pharmacy guaranteed seat program has grown to such a level that a significant wait list exists for applicants. In other majors, applications over the last four years have also risen: 38 percent in engineering, 47 percent in business, 48 percent in communications, 79 percent in criminology, and 126 percent in English.

It is expected that the recent additions of special education certification and new majors in entrepreneurship, integrative media, and pharmaceutical science will help ensure strong and steady enrollments into the future. **||**



WHILE VISITING BERLIN, STUDENTS POSE AT A REFURBISHED COURTYARD THAT ONCE WAS USED AS HORSE STABLES.

Students Visit Sites from Holocaust

BY ELIZABETH ALLES '03 M'05

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN Wilkes University's Alternative Spring Break program traveled overseas this year to Berlin, Germany, and Oswiecim, Poland, the site of the infamous Nazi concentration camp, Auschwitz. The trip, planned by the global service organization, Amizade, was to include service work on the concentration camp and discussions with Holocaust survivors. Due to inclement weather and frozen ground conditions, the students were unable to complete the service work but instead were involved in an educational and explorative trip through Germany and Poland.

In Berlin, students toured the site of the Berlin Wall and the Brandenburg Gate, the most well-known landmark in Berlin and the symbol of the reunification of the city. Students were able to gain a sense of what Germany was like before, during, and after World War II and the importance of a united city. The group also toured the Allied Museum, where they learned about the role of the Allied Powers during the war and separation of Germany. Students viewed the Wannsee Mansion, where Hitler's men made the final decision to use the Holocaust. During their tour, they learned that Hitler was not present at the conference and that he did not sign off on



HALINA BIRENBAUM, A SURVIVOR OF AUSCHWITZ AND NOW A CELEBRATED AUTHOR AND POET, SHARED HER STORY WITH THE STUDENTS. BIRENBAUM SIGNED HER BOOK, "HOPE DIES LAST."

any of the documents issuing the use of the Holocaust.

From Berlin, the students traveled by train to Oswiecim, Poland to visit Auschwitz and the Nazi death camp, Birkenau. Here they saw the train tracks that brought prisoners to the camps and the buildings and chambers where they were kept. Dressed in warm clothes, the students were horrified to think of prisoners in



STUDENTS STEP INSIDE THE MAIN GATE AT AUSCHWITZ.

these buildings for numerous weeks and months with nothing to keep them warm from the harsh winters of Poland. Speaking with Halina Birenbaum, an Auschwitz prisoner for two years, helped the students to understand the cruelties that occurred during this horrible time in history. Kevin Gaughenbaugh, coordinator of campus interfaith, noted, "This trip was eye-opening because this event didn't happen hundreds of years ago; it is part of our very recent history. We can't ever allow anything like this to happen again."

When the students weren't touring museums or landmarks, they walked through the towns, spoke with the local inhabitants, and learned about the culture. They dined in German and Polish restaurants and shopped in the many stores throughout the area. The abundance of people speaking English amazed the students as did their friendly attitude toward Americans. Even though the weather was cold and the service project was cancelled, students gained a better understanding of another part of the globe as well as a very important part of history. |||

Wilkes Explores Relationship with Punjabi University



WILKES UNIVERSITY RECENTLY SIGNED MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING TO EXPLORE IN DEPTH A RELATIONSHIP WITH PUNJABI UNIVERSITY, PATIALA, INDIA. THE AREAS OF POSSIBLE COLLABORATION AND EXCHANGE INCLUDE BUSINESS, PHARMACY, ENGINEERING, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION. SEATED FROM LEFT ARE: PRESIDENT GILMOUR, JAY S. SIDHU M'73, WILKES TRUSTEE; SWARN SINGH BOPARI, VICE CHANCELLOR, PUNJABI UNIVERSITY; STANDING FROM LEFT ARE: DR. BALTEJ SINGH MANN, PROFESSOR INCHARGE, DR. RAJINDER GILL, SENIOR LECTURER IN MUSIC, AND DR. JODH SINGH, PROFESSOR OF SIKH RELIGION FROM PUNJABI UNIVERSITY.

WILKES UNIVERSITY
ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

SEATED (L TO R): JASON SMITH, CO-CAPTAIN OF THE 1993 FOOTBALL TEAM; DORIS SARACINO, REPRESENTING INDUCTEE ROSE (HALLET) WILLIAMS; ADDY MALATESTA, REPRESENTING INDUCTEE TONI FARINELLA; AND MIKE MCCREE, CO-CAPTAIN OF THE 1993 FOOTBALL TEAM. STANDING (L TO R): JOE DEMELF, HEAD COACH OF THE 1993 FOOTBALL TEAM; ALAN ZELLNER, REPRESENTING INDUCTEE ALAIN ARNOULD; INDUCTEE JACK DRABANT; INDUCTEE JAKE COLE; BRIAN GRYBOSKI, REPRESENTING INDUCTEE KEVIN GRYBOSKI; AND INDUCTEE BILL NOONE.

Seven Individuals and One Team Inducted in Hall of Fame

BY JOHN SEITZINGER

INDUCTION INTO THE ATHLETICS HALL OF Fame is a grand accomplishment for Wilkes University's former student-athletes. These alumni are saluted for their accomplishments not only on the field or court, but off them as well. They are chosen not only for what they did as students, but who they are now.

A formal induction ceremony is held each year, during which the alumni are presented with a plaque commemorating this feat. A second, identical plaque is mounted on a wall in the Hall of Fame Room (214) of the Arnaud C. Maris Sports and Conference Center on South Franklin Street.

The 13th class was inducted into the Wilkes University Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Saturday, June 4th, on the Wilkes campus.

Members of the class of 2005 included wrestling standout Alain Arnould

'73; basketball star John Brabant '76; football star Jacob Cole '95; field hockey standout Toni Farinella '94; baseball star Kevin Gryboski '95; baseball standout William Noone '95; women's basketball and field hockey star Rose (Hallett) Williams '65; and the MAC champion 1993 football team.

The Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame was established in 1993 to honor those players, coaches, and other non-participating individuals who have made outstanding contributions to athletics at Bucknell Junior College, Wilkes College, and Wilkes University.

Alain Arnould '73

Arnould was a four-year standout performer on the wrestling mat for Wilkes. During that time he helped the Colonels capture four Middle Atlantic

Conference championships.

During his four seasons on the mat the Colonels posted a dual match record of 45-5, including a perfect 13-0 mark during the 1970-71 campaign. Wrestling in the heavyweight class, Arnould fashioned a career dual match record of 34-4-3. His .866 winning percentage ranks 14th all-time at Wilkes.

Arnould saved his best performances for the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships, where he claimed three individual crowns. In 1971, Arnould became the first Wilkes heavyweight to earn All-America honors after finishing fourth at the NCAA College Division Championship. During that NCAA Championship, he also earned the award for the most pins in the least time after winning five matches by fall in less than 19 minutes.

John Brabant '76

Brabant was a standout performer on the basketball court for the Wilkes hoops squad from 1972 through 1976. During that time he established himself as one of the premier scorers and rebounders in Colonels history.

A three-time All-Middle Atlantic Conference selection, Brabant amassed 1,407 points during his four seasons, good for seventh place on the all-time scoring list at Wilkes. He also ranks fourth on the all-time rebounding list for the Colonels after snagging 805 boards.

Brabant led Wilkes to an overall record of 57-40 during his career. As a junior he helped the Blue and Gold fashion an overall record of 19-6, which included berths in both the Middle Atlantic Conference and Eastern College Athletic Conference playoffs. It marked the first playoff appearance for the Colonels since the 1958 season.

Jacob Cole '95

Cole was a four-year member of the Wilkes football team from 1991 through 1994. During that time he helped the Colonels win the Middle Atlantic Conference title in 1993 and the Eastern College Athletic Conference Southeast crown in 1994.

A standout on defense for the Colonels, Cole amassed 190 tackles during his career, while also contributing 30 sacks, six forced fumbles, and nine fumble recoveries. During his junior season in 1993, Cole tied a Wilkes record by registering 14 sacks in only ten games.

Cole was recognized for his outstanding effort by being named to the All-Freedom League first team during his junior campaign. That same season he also earned first team All-Eastern College Athletic Conference honors and was named to the *Champion USA*

All-America first team and the *Don Hansen Football Gazette* All-America second team.

Cole continued to rack up the honors following his senior season. He was named to the All-Freedom League first team for the second consecutive year. Cole was also named a third team All-America by both the *Football Gazette* and the Division III Sports Information Directors.

Toni Farinella '94

Farinella was a four-year standout for the Wilkes field hockey team from 1990 through 1993. During that span she helped the Lady Colonels post three winning seasons and amass 34 victories.

Farinella began her career by scoring six goals during her freshman season, when Wilkes posted a record of 8-6-3. After scoring five goals and handing out one assist as a sophomore, she elevated her game as a junior and tallied 11 goals and three assists during the squad's 10-8 campaign.

In 1993, Farinella's senior season, the Lady Colonels fashioned an overall record of 9-8-1 and claimed the Freedom League championship. She was named the team's Offensive Most Valuable Player after scoring 12 goals and dishing out one assist.

Farinella, who ranks tied for fifth on the all-time scoring list at Wilkes with 34 tallies, was named to the All-Freedom League first team as a senior. That same season she earned College Field Hockey Coaches Association (CFHCA) first team North Region All-America honors, and was named to the CFHCA All-America third team.

Kevin Gryboski '95

Gryboski was a four-year starter for the Wilkes baseball team. During that span the right-handed pitcher posted an overall record of 18-13 and had a

solid 3.15 earned run average. Gryboski struck out 193 hitters in 205.1 innings of work on the mound.

During the 1994 season Gryboski posted a 6-4 record with a team-leading 2.18 earned run average. He helped Wilkes claim the Middle Atlantic Conference baseball title, while also helping the Colonels earn an Eastern College Athletic Conference playoff berth. Gryboski was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the 16th round of the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, but opted to return to Wilkes for his senior season.

Gryboski continued to impress the scouts during his senior season in 1995. He went 5-4 during the campaign with a 4.33 earned run average and tossed seven complete games. Gryboski, who owns the Wilkes career record with 22 complete games, was again drafted in the 16th round of the draft, but this time by the Seattle Mariners.

Gryboski signed with Seattle and spent seven seasons in their minor league system before being traded to the Atlanta Braves in January of 2002. Since his arrival in Atlanta, Gryboski has been a mainstay in their bullpen and has helped the Braves win three of their record 13 straight National League East titles.

Gryboski has appeared in 201 games during his time in Atlanta and has posted an 11-7 record with two saves and a 3.28 earned run average. He has been even more impressive in the post-season, where he has pitched in 13 games and has an outstanding 1.64 ERA.

William Noone '95

Noone was a standout performer on the baseball diamond for Wilkes during each of his four seasons. A right-handed pitcher for the Colonels, Noone helped lead Wilkes to the 1994 Middle Atlantic Conference championship and

a berth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference playoffs.

Noone was a two-time All-Freedom League and All-Eastern College Athletic Conference selection, while also earning Freedom League Most Valuable Player honors in 1994. During that campaign he fashioned a record of 7-0 and had a 3.95 earned run average. Noone also ranked 13th in the final NCAA Division III rankings after striking out an average of 10.7 hitters per game.

During his career, Noone posted an overall record on the hill of 17-7. He had a 3.14 career earned run average and struck out 216 hitters in 195 innings of work.

Noone's outstanding effort at Wilkes attracted the attention of major league scouts. He was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 37th round of the 1995 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft and spent time in their minor league system.

Rose (Hallet) Williams '65

A two-sport standout, Williams was one of the pioneers of women's athletics at Wilkes during the early to mid 1960s. Williams excelled in both basketball and field hockey during her Lady Colonels career.

On the basketball court Williams was a four-year letter winner. She helped lead a young program that began in 1961, just one year prior to Williams' arrival at Wilkes.

Williams was also a standout performer on the field hockey team for the Lady Colonels. She earned three varsity letters in field hockey during her career and served as one of the team's captains.

Her play on both the basketball court and field hockey pitch earned Williams the Wilkes Women's Athlete of the Year award in 1965. She was also the Letterwomen's scholarship recipient in 1963 and served as the first



SARAH MILLER '08 GREETES ALUMNI AND TEAMMATES AFTER BEING INTRODUCED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SOFTBALL ALUMNI DAY CONTEST AGAINST ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE.

president of the Letterwomen's Club in both 1963 and 1964.

1993 Football Team

The 1993 football team ranks as one of the best in Wilkes history. The Colonels, under the guidance of head coach Joe DeMelfi, fashioned a perfect regular season record of 10-0 and claimed the Middle Atlantic Conference championship. The squad was also the first Wilkes football team to earn a berth in the NCAA Division III Championship.

The Colonels, who ended the year ranked eighth nationally according to *Don Hansen's Football Gazette*, had plenty of stars to choose from both offensively and defensively. The offense averaged 398.4 yards and 28.2 points per game, while the defense, which posted three shutout victories, surrendered a mere 207.6 yards and 7.3 points per contest.

Wilkes had 11 players earn first team All-Freedom League honors. Players named on offense were center Brian Caloiaro, wide receiver Steve Endres, guard Brian Lipinski, quarterback Boo Perry, and running back Jason Smith. The defense was represented by ends Larry Trakes and Jake Cole, tackle Jason Feese, linebacker Mike McCree, and defensive back Ben McKeown. Kicker Joel O'Donnell was also selected to the first unit.

Four Colonels, Perry, Endres, Lipinski, and Cole, were named to the All-Eastern College Athletic

Conference team. Additionally, Cole was a first team honoree and Feese was a second team selection to the *Champion USA All-America* team. Feese was also named a first team All-American by *Don Hansen's Football Gazette*, while Cole was named to the second unit.

New Softball Field

The 2005 softball season saw the premiere of the Lady Colonels' new softball stadium. Located at the Ralston Field Complex behind the football stadium, the field includes lighting for night games, a new scoreboard and press box, and many other amenities.

"The softball complex represents the future of Wilkes athletics," said Addy Malatesta, Director of Athletics. "We now have a state-of-the-art softball complex that will benefit Wilkes athletics for years to come."

In May, the 2005 Freedom Conference Softball Championship was held at the field. The Lady Colonels boasted a 27-13 overall record in 2005, with a 9-5 conference record, which earned them the number 3 seed in the championship. ||



The Future at Wilkes

BY TRACEY M. DOOMS

The university's new master plan and revised strategic plan paint a picture for decades to come.

WILKES UNIVERSITY HAS LOOKED INTO ITS CRYSTAL BALL AND SEEN THE FUTURE. IT'S A FUTURE THAT INCLUDES STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, BUILDING AN EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL, PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY CAMPUS, ENHANCING CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES, AND RENEWING THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE AND THE SURROUNDING REGION.

THIS VISION FOR THE FUTURE IS OUTLINED IN AN AMBITIOUS MASTER PLAN DEVELOPED BY ADMINISTRATORS, PLANNERS, AND ARCHITECTS, WITH INPUT FROM FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. IT MAPS THE UNIVERSITY'S PHYSICAL GROWTH OVER THE NEXT 15 TO 20 YEARS AND IS GUIDED BY A STRATEGIC PLAN THAT FOCUSES ON ACHIEVING WILKES UNIVERSITY'S ACADEMIC MISSION. ALTHOUGH THE MASTER PLAN EXTENDS TO THE YEAR 2025, IT LEAVES PLENTY OF ROOM FOR ADAPTING TO CHANGES ALONG THE WAY, ACCORDING TO SCOTT BYERS, VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND SUPPORT OPERATIONS.

"WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A CONCEPTUAL PLAN, A LIVING PLAN THAT WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE AS WE WORK WITH THE CAMPUS, COMMUNITY, AND FRIENDS," HE SAID. "IT'S NOT A PLAN OF ANSWERS. IT'S A PLAN OF STARTING POINTS."

Working Together

Because Wilkes University is an urban university, a major component of the master plan involves helping to revitalize downtown Wilkes-Barre for the benefit of students and residents alike. "We don't operate in a vacuum," noted Byers. The plan acknowledges interdependency and advocates for partnerships with the city of Wilkes-Barre, King's College, Luzerne County, and private developers. The master plan, he explained, strives to answer the question, "What must Wilkes University do to be really great at supporting on-campus learners and to be a good neighbor, citizen, and partner with the community?"

Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom Leighton said city officials have worked together with representatives of Wilkes University and

King's College to build a strong relationship while planning for "a true downtown atmosphere that will enhance the lifestyle of the college student." For example, the university's master plan puts some operations downtown, which will encourage students and faculty to shop in stores, eat in restaurants, and patronize other downtown resources.

"The Wilkes plan ties in well with city and county projects," said Leighton, who discussed plans to build a new theater complex and a new labor and industry building, to develop the riverfront, and to increase police levels for added safety.

A More Beautiful Campus

Overall, the master plan prepares Wilkes University to serve up to 3,000 full-time undergraduate students—a 33 percent increase from the current 2,250 students—by 2015. Today's buildings will be





renovated, relocated, or sold, and new buildings will accommodate growth. The main campus quad will be completed, with view corridors providing visual connection from the quad to Riverfront Park. Residential quads will form neighborhoods at each end of campus, building on the concept of a green campus in an urban setting. A more pedestrian-friendly environment will be created, with cars on the outside and people on the inside.

"We will create a campus that builds on the old framework, but it will be a greener and more beautiful campus," said President Tim Gilmour.

Though most construction and renovation projects will take place from 2006 to 2018, the campus community and the community at large will see results from the master plan beginning

this summer. Three projects will kick off the 20-year plan:

- The 40-year-old Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts will receive an interior facelift and infrastructure renovation, beginning this summer and scheduled to be completed in August 2006. The Darte Center will be an anchor for an arts district and for the south end of campus, complementing the Riverfront Park development.
- Completion is also expected in August 2006 for major interior and exterior renovations to Chesapeake and Delaware residence halls.

Built in the 1880s as a block of four houses with a common façade, the halls are among the university's oldest buildings. The project includes transforming asphalt parking areas into green space and gardens.

- The university hopes to begin moving into the recently purchased University Center on Main in January (see sidebar, page 19).

Next on the agenda is a new health and sciences building, with construction expected to begin in 2008. Departments for the sciences, engineering, pharmacy, and nursing, among others, currently housed in Stark Learning Center and Pearsall Hall, will relocate to the new building. Modern, high-tech labs and classrooms are included in the plan, alleviating the need for a costly renovation to Stark

"It's not a plan of answers. It's a plan of starting points."

SCOTT BYERS
VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND
SUPPORT OPERATIONS

Incoming Chairman of the Board of Trustees John R. Miller is ready to take action



JOHN R. MILLER

"We've done some really excellent work on our strategies, master plan, and in creating a true Wilkes team," said Miller, a member of the board since 1999. "Now it's time to focus on executing."

According to Miller, carrying through on the master plan is critical to "ensure a 'willed future' for Wilkes." The physical aspects of the plan are also vital for the future of the entire community, he added.

Another important item on Miller's agenda is making mentoring a part of the structure of a Wilkes education (see related story on page 20). "We at Wilkes have always had a culture of mentoring," he said. "Now we need to take that to a new level to help our students achieve their future."

Miller also said Wilkes must commit to developing the university mission, vision, and values statement. He said the leadership team will carefully refine it before rolling it out later this year. The new statement will, Miller emphasized, "drive the execution of the university's master and strategic plans."

The former vice chairman of the board of trustees, Miller serves on the Audit, Executive, and Finance & Support Operations board committees and on the Strategic Long-Range Planning subcommittee. A Wilkes alumnus and resident of Rye, N.Y., he is a leading national authority on government accountability and management, having chaired the 1st Annual World Competitive Cities Congress. He recently retired after 35 years at the international accounting and tax firm KPMG LLP, where he was a partner and vice chairman. Miller serves on the board of trustees of the Osborn Retirement Community. He is also a trustee of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and a vestryman of the Parish of Trinity Church in New York City.

and providing for future flexibility.

The Wilkes Master Plan also includes the following long-term projects, which are scheduled to begin after 2010:

- Demolishing the original wings of Stark and renovating the freestanding, northeast portion for growing programs in integrative media, communications, and business. The renovated building will house classrooms as well as a television studio, radio station, and the student public relations firm and newspaper.
- Renovating the remaining front of Stark Hall, along South River Street, for student residence suites.
- Improving athletic fields by partnering with the city and expanding into Kirby Park, laying artificial turf and expanding both the Munson Field House and the Marts Center.
- Renovating the Annette Evans Alumni House, which dates to 1928.

The Strategy

Underlying the master plan is the updated strategic plan adopted by trustees at their June meeting. The original "Vision 2010" strategic plan was developed in 2001 and 2002 and set goals to be achieved by 2010.

"We did very well in terms of moving on the goals," President Gilmour reported. For example, in fall 2004 the university surpassed the 2,200-student on-campus enrollment goal that had been set for 2010. As a result of this performance, the trustees and administration revised the strategic plan and decided to "shoot higher."

"Instead of focusing on how to turn the organization around, we can



LEFT: WILKES PURCHASED THE 80,000-SQUARE FOOT CALL CENTER AND ADJACENT 550-SPACE PARKING GARAGE FROM THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE. BOTTOM: PRESIDENT GILMOUR ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY'S PURCHASE AND MASTER PLAN DURING A NEWS CONFERENCE.

concentrate on 'how we make Wilkes a great University.' "

The revised strategic plan calls for the university to build a great institutional brand, develop a world-class support environment, and build institutional financial and alumni strength, Gilmour emphasized. The following steps are necessary to accomplish those goals:

- Design and implement a university-wide mentoring system (see related story on page 20).
- Develop lean, customer-focused support operations.
- Implement the master plan.
- Work with the city and county to create a supportive environment.
- Develop and implement a strategy to create a world-class

alumni organization.

- Initiate a five-year, \$50-\$60 million capital campaign, following on the success of the \$31 million campaign completed in 2001. (A feasibility study for the campaign will probably begin in January, Gilmour said.)

"The real key for us, looking forward, is to execute the strategic plan," Gilmour said, noting that a superb leadership team stands ready to do just that. "If we are successful, we will be a significantly changed institution—one that has a chance to make a real difference in what higher education is all about." ■

From Call Center to University Center on Main

At a recent news conference Mayor Tom Leighton and President Tim Gilmour announced the university's intent to purchase the former call center and adjacent parking garage on South Main Street. Wilkes renamed the building University Center on Main.

Wilkes purchased the facilities from the city's Redevelopment Authority for \$7.9 million—a deal both city and university officials said will re-orient the university's campus and breathe new life into the business district.

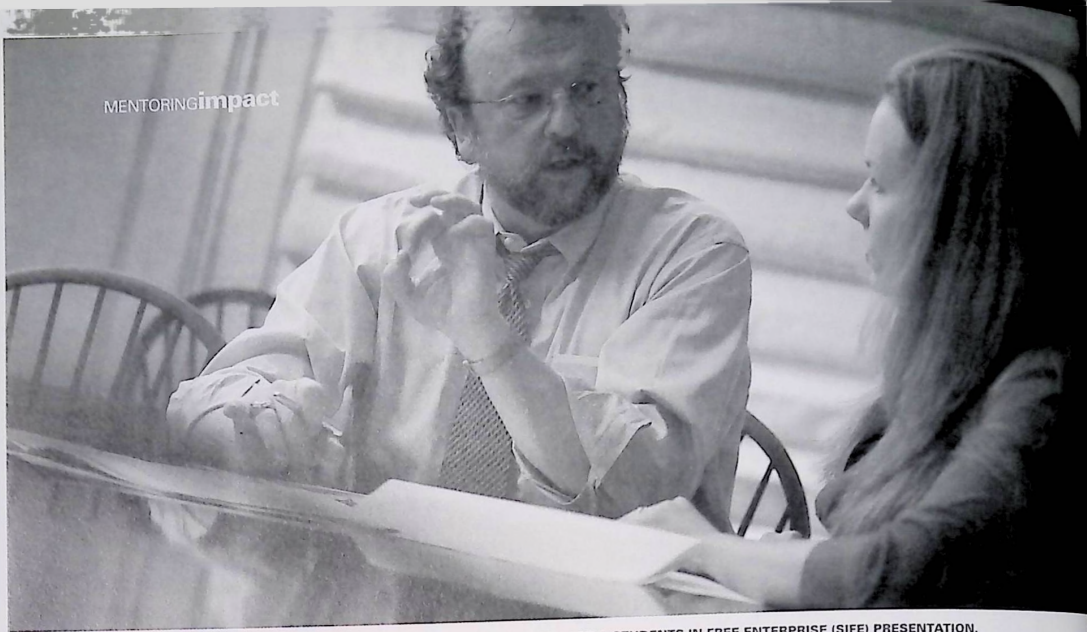
"This is what I mean when I say I believe in Wilkes-Barre," said Leighton. "Good things are happening. Wilkes University is a great partner."

For Wilkes, the agreement is the first major step in implementing its new 20-year master plan. "This new build-

ing gives Wilkes the room we need to offer more and better services to our students, helps the city to revitalize the business district with a stable partner, and makes us a greener, more pedestrian campus," Gilmour said.

Wilkes plans to spend an additional \$1.9 million renovating University Center on Main (UCOM) to provide new space for student services and athletic and recreational activities, office operations, classrooms for graduate programs, and consolidated administrative services. UCOM will also re-orient the campus east and west towards the river and business district—a major recommendation of the university's master plan. Wilkes is also exploring locating a food service provider in the Main Street storefront area.

For the city, the agreement will free up \$7 million in debt service payments, including \$1 million in annual debt service, insurance, utility, and maintenance costs. Wilkes' presence on Main Street provides stability—and a substantial increase in foot traffic to local businesses. The 550-space parking garage will help hundreds of students and faculty integrate with the business district. Wilkes plans to relocate its public safety unit to the first floor of the Park and Lock South parking garage to provide added security.



DR. JEFFREY ALVES AND DANIELLE NAMIOTKA '06 DISCUSS STRATEGY FOR A STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (SIFE) PRESENTATION.

The Power of Mentoring

BY TRACEY M. DOOMS

Successful pilot program shows that mentoring can make the difference for Wilkes students.

OVER THE YEARS, MANY Wilkes students have benefited from informal mentoring and from small, organized mentoring programs in biology, pharmacy, nursing, and other areas. Now the university is cementing that process through a new, campus-wide program.

"The university recognizes that one of the hallmarks of a Wilkes education is the mentoring relationship," said Sandra Carroll, executive director of alumni relations. "Being so intentional about it and acknowledging it as one of the key aspects of a Wilkes education makes us stand out from other institutions, where mentoring is just a byproduct of the educational experi-

ence. In a year or two, there will be university-wide mentoring programs in place that permeate the culture."

The first part of the Wilkes University mentoring program was initiated in fall 2003, when the alumni association's mentoring committee proposed a conduit for alumni to share their life and professional experiences with current students and other alumni. A study showed that both students and alumni were interested, said Michelle Diskin '95, associate director of alumni relations and committee member.

In February 2004, the mentoring team met with the university's four deans to present a conceptual design. Dr. Paul Browne, dean of the

Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership, was eager for his school to run a pilot program. "In the Sidhu School in particular, with its commitment to nurturing a skill set for leadership, mentoring is very important," Browne said.

Business faculty recommended top students to participate in the pilot, and eight students were paired carefully with mentors in the spring of 2005, explained Colleen (Gries) Gallagher '81, alumni association board of directors and mentoring committee member.

The goal was not to be a job placement or referral service, but rather to provide career networking opportunities and help students make bet-

"The mentor needs to be good and wise and insightful."

ter career decisions by exchanging information, developing professional contacts, and sharing personal experiences. Students would be able to discover career options, explore various fields of study, experience jobs firsthand, learn about possible internship opportunities, and build meaningful, long-term relationships.

Matthew Sowcik '00, Personal and Professional Development (PPD) coordinator for the Sidhu School and a member of the alumni association's mentoring committee, said that the mentor-student relationship varied from pair to pair. "It really depended on where the students were in their careers," he said. For example, juniors might focus on preparing for their job search by getting résumé and letter-writing tips, while seniors are more interested in the networking that might lead to a job.

Alumni association board of directors member Garfield Jones '72, vice president of Wilkes-Barre-based Comfort Designs, was paired with Angela Lange, who was about to graduate with a degree in business. Lange had a very specific career goal: to become a buyer in a retail chain or department store in the Phoenix, Arizona, area. Jones had never held that particular job, but he was able to help Lange network with three representatives from his furniture company who "gave her a leg up" on the dynamic world of retailing. He also put her in touch with his former Wilkes roommate, John Holland '74, whose daughter-in-law works in Arizona retailing.

Despite busy schedules, Lange and Jones were able to talk via email and

on the phone several times before meeting in person to discuss how Jones runs his business. "He gave me a lot of great information that I didn't know before," Lange said. From the mentor's perspective, Jones said the relationship gave him the opportunity to reflect on his career path and to give back to a university that "has been very good for me" (and for son Matthew, a current Wilkes student).

As a result of the pilot program, the Sidhu School decided to implement mentoring on a larger, structured scale, incorporating it into the one-credit (PPD) course, according to Sowcik. Every PPD student will be guaranteed a mentor during the sophomore year, including the 70 students who are taking the class in 2005-06.

Browne noted that the value of the mentoring program will go beyond the information students receive from their mentors during the PPD course. In addition, students will learn *how* to be mentees and mentors and *how* to network—skills they can use throughout their careers, he said.

"Effective mentoring relationships depend on the skills of both parties in that relationship, the give and take," Browne explained. "The mentor needs to be good and wise and insightful. The person receiving the mentoring needs to be open, willing to reach out, capable of integrating the guidance he or she is receiving." Wilkes students will learn how to do just that as part of the mentoring program.

DEAN OF THE JAY S. SIDHU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP

DR. PAUL BROWNE

More Will Benefit

Carroll said the pool of potential mentors is expanding, thanks to the work of people in the alumni relations office. More than 140 alumni in a variety of fields have already signed up, and more have expressed an interest via the Alumni Mentor Interest Form available on the web at www.wilkes.edu/alumni. Interested mentors can also fill out the reply card in this issue. "I think one of the things that any mentor relationship affords mentors is the confirmation that what they're doing is valued and valuable," she added.

The university also benefits from maintaining a connection with alumni. "Mentors traditionally feel a very strong relationship with any institution that allows them to interact at that level," Carroll continued. "Alumni who enjoy being mentors may go on to become involved with the university in other ways, such as attending events and contributing financially. I'm hoping we'll build the program so that students who are mentored will become mentors when they graduate," she said.

Mentoring has always been a passion for Carroll, and she's excited about the potential for a university-wide mentoring program at Wilkes. "One of the best aspects of our institution is the relationship between alumni and students," she said. "We really have some magic going on." ||

CLASSnotes

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1964

Arthur Trevelthan M'68 is the director of Nationwide Insurance, Columbus, Ohio. Arthur resides in Westerville, Ohio with his wife, Cheryl.

1965

Donald Ungemah is the vice president for MWH Global, Inc., Broomfield, Colo. Donald resides in Littleton, Colo. with his wife, Marie. The couple has two children, David and Joseph.

John Wasileski is the associate vice president of information technology at the University of Memphis, in Tenn. John resides in Germantown, Tenn.

Rose (Hallett) Williams was inducted into the Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame. (For full story, page 12.)

1966

Dr. David Greenwald is the president of the medical staff for the Wyoming Valley Health Care System.

1969

Will Hooper retired from Albion High School, Albion, N.Y., where he was a teacher and principal for 34 years. Will resides in Rochester, N.Y. with his wife, Carol. They have a son, Marc.

Phillip Howe is the president of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Phillip is the owner and principal of Prospective Consulting, Allentown, Pa.

1970

Brent Spencer is the chair of the English department and co-director of the graduate program at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. Brent resides in Denton, Neb. with his wife, Jonis.

1972

Judith (Greenstein) Davis is the human resource manager for Bradley Arant Rose and White, LLP, Birmingham, Ala. Judith resides in Mountain Brook, Ala.

with her husband, Patrick, and two children, Abby and Jamie.

Joanne Schoonover retired from the United States Air Force after 25 years of service. Joanne is a strategic planner for defense company, Raytheon.

1973

Arlain Arnould was inducted into the Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame. (For full story, page 12.)

Debbie (Boyer) Webster retired from teaching special education after 30 years. She resides in Reeders, Pa. with her husband, Steve.

1974

Jennifer Anderson is president of the family business Davis Ace Hardware in Davis, Calif. She resides in El Macero, Calif. with her husband, William Fleeman, and their two children, Andrew and Alina.

Christine Mayo is an adjunct professor at the University of Central Arkansas. Christine resides in Conway, Ark. with her husband, George, and son, Eamonn.

1976

John Brabant was inducted into the Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame. (For full story, page 12.)

Bill Goldsworthy is a licensed agent at Rothstein Inc. Realtors. Bill resides in West Pittston, Pa.

Noel Jorgensen is the vice president of marketing and public relations for Doherty Enterprises, Allendale, N.J. Noel resides in Emerson, N.J.

1977

Jacqueline (Reinhard) Ott is an independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay Inc. Jacqueline resides in Mt. Laurel, N.J. with her husband, Steven.

Karen Sychowski Rogowicz married Joseph Dussinger. Karen is a marketing manager for Mericle Commercial Real Estate, Wilkes-Barre. They reside in Tunkhannock, Pa.

1979

Scott Bell is a production manager for Jenisis Engineered Products, Inc., Wilkes-Barre. Scott resides in West Wyoming, Pa. with his wife, Judith, and four children, Ian, Scott, Kyle, and Steven.

Frank McGrady was honored for 25 years of service to the American Cancer Society. Frank serves as the chief operating officer of the American Cancer Society.

Michael Supczynski is the director of laboratory services for Berwick Hospital Center. Michael resides in Trucksville, Pa. with his wife, Theresa, and two children, Melissa and Michael.

1980

Charles Hagen works at the Syracuse Research Corporation, where he tests information fusion systems for the United States Air Force. He has three children, Raymond, Katherine, and Lee Ann. He resides in Rome, N.Y.

Patricia (Lupe) Stoudt is the music director chair and drama director at Mariner High School, Cape Coral, Fla. Patricia resides in North Fort Meyers, Fla. with her husband, Bill. The couple has two sons, Tim and Nathan.

Shepard Willner is an emergency management specialist with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, D.C. Shepard resides in Arlington, Va.

1981

Paul Kanner M'87 is a human relations representative for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. Paul resides in Harrisburg, Pa.

Louis Zack, Jr. M'86 is the chief financial officer for the Clarks Summit State Hospital, Clarks Summit, Pa. Louis resides in Dupont, Pa. with his wife, Joanne '86, and daughter, Kira.

1982

Alan Wirkman is the vice president of claim operations for Travelers Insurance, Dallas, Texas. Alan resides in Allen, Texas with his wife, Cindy, and two children, Corey and Brittany.

REMEMBERING: Dr. Johnyne Supulski '70, a selfless caregiver

Johnyne Supulski, MD, of Goffstown, New Hampshire, died December 6, 2004, following a yearlong battle with cancer.

Drawn to medicine as a way of helping others, she worked as an emergency room physician until her illness and brought comfort to the sick and lonely through her work as a Eucharistic minister.

"My mother was an extremely graceful and strong person who lived her life making sure that she contributed to her community," said her daughter, Kristen Elechko. "She was selfless. Her life was all about community."

And her family. When her husband, Dr. Joseph R. Elechko '70, was left incapacitated by a stroke eleven years ago, she won a bitter legal battle to ensure her husband's medical care. "Her family meant everything to her," said longtime friend Jean Ste Marie. "The faithfulness she had to her husband—that's a beautiful thing. She visited him every day in the nursing home."

She is survived by her husband, by children Kristen, Jennifer, Peter, and Jonathan, all of New Hampshire, and by a brother, Joseph Supulski of West Wyoming, Pennsylvania.

*Information supplied by *The Union Leader* (Manchester, NH).

1983

Karen Knolly M'95 is the accounting manager for CTSI, LLC, Dallas, Pa. Karen resides in Swoyersville, Pa. with her husband, Gene, and two sons, Robert and Ian.

Dale Scanlon owns his own dental practice in Exton, Pa. Dale resides in West Chester, Pa. with his wife, Laura, and two daughters, Cayley and Eilyse.

1984

Susan Kaskoun is a programming specialist with Alliance Healthcare Information. She earned her bachelor of science in computer information science from Gwynedd-Mercy College. She resides in Warrington, Pa. with her husband, Anthony. The couple has two sons, Chris and Daniel.

Anthony Kubasek is the director of instrumental music at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Kingston, Pa. Anthony earned his master of arts in music education from Marywood University, Scranton, Pa. He resides in Mocanqua, Pa.

Thomas Mollahan is a controller at Lincoln Park Care Center, Lincoln Park, N.J. Thomas resides in Boonton, N.J. with his wife, Micki, and four children, Madeline, Meghan, Caitlin, and Kelly.

Robert Unrath is the corporate cash manager for Maher Terminals, Inc., Berkeley Heights, N.J. Robert is council president for Denville, N.J. He resides in Denville with his wife, Donna, and two children, Matthew and Melissa.

Kurt Tietjen owns a controlling interest

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in Paymaster Payroll Services, Garden City, N.Y.

Lisa Warden is a chemist with Hewlett Packard and Oregon State University. Lisa recently had two patents issued. She resides in Corvallis, Oregon.

1985

Marianne (Scicchitano) Rexer was appointed full professor at Wilkes University, where she is also chair of the business and accounting programs in the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership. She resides in Mountaintop, Pa. with her husband, Chris '85, and three children, Tim, Meagan, and Ken.

1986

David Post is chief of the specialist branch for the Air Force Reserve Command at Robins Air Force base, Ga. David was recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. He resides in Kathleen, Ga. with his wife, Regina, and two children, David and Bethany.

1987

Allan Knox was recognized as the United States Air Force Rescue Coordination Center Officer Controller of the Year for 2004. Allan resides in Yorktown, Va. with his wife, Elizabeth, and two children, Mackenzie and Shawn.

Doug McClure was profiled in the *Poughkeepsie Journal* for his work as an environmental engineer. Doug is employed by The Chazen Company.

Stacey (Baldwin) Piotrowski resides in Midlothian, Virginia with her husband, Paul, and three children, Allison, Kaitlyn, and Benjamin.

Kimberly (Seward) Scott is the lead medical technologist for Kindred Hospital. Kimberly resides in Kernersville, N.C. with her husband, Ronald, and child, Casey.

1988

Diane (Fendrock) McFarlane is an income maintenance caseworker for the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, Wilkes-Barre. She is attending the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa. for her master's degree in school counseling. Diane resides in Wilkes-Barre with her husband, Courtney '90, and two children, Lydia and Aidan.

1989

Tony DeCosmo is the marketing manager for Grotto Pizza. Tony resides in Swoyersville, Pa. with his wife, Laura, and two children, JR and Katie.

Andrew Morrell is the director of program continuity for WVIZ/PBS.

90.3 WCPN, Cleveland, Ohio. Andrew resides in Shaker Heights, Ohio with his wife, Michelle.

1990

Marcie (Kreinces) Bono and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Richard, on March 3, 2005. They reside in Hamilton, N.J. with their daughter, Courtney Elaine.

Todd DeRosa M'93 is the owner of Aquatic Care Aquarium Service, Kingston, Pa. Todd resides in Kingston with his wife, Cindy, and daughter, Sara.

Courtney McFarlane is the used car manager at Pompey Dodge, Kingston, Pa. and an independent financial planner for Metropolitan Life. He resides in Wilkes-Barre with his wife, Diane '88, and two children, Lydia and Aidan.

Michael Secherman M'97 is the director of the Harrison Career Institute, Philadelphia, Pa. Michael resides in Elkins Park, Pa.

Jeff Steeber is an environmental staff engineer with UGI Development Company, Hunlock Creek, Pa. Jeff resides in Shickshinny, Pa. with his wife, Kelley, and three children, Jeffrey, Alexis, and Sarah.

1991

Judy (Fitch) Guinasso was recently a contestant on VH1's *In Search of the Partridge Family*.

Edward Kwak, Jr. and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of their first child, Brian, on January 21, 2005. Edward is a carrier account manager for Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises.

They reside in Wilkes-Barre.

1992

Brian Carl is an optometrist with Weaver Eye Associates, Dallastown, Pa. Brian resides in Red Lion, Pa. with his wife, Wendy, and two children, Garrett and Allison.

Marnin Michaels is an attorney with Baker and McKenzie, Zurich, Switzerland. Marnin is the president of the Central European Chapter of Syracuse University Alumni Association and completed his two-year term as president of the American Club of Zurich. He resides in Zurich.

Laura Shaderowsky M.D. is a pediatrician for the Scranton Primary Health Care Center, Scranton, Pa. Laura resides in Moscow, Pa. with her husband, Paul, and son, Jonathan.

Darrin Woodruff is the vice president of human resources at Intermetro Industries and Emerson Electronics. Darrin resides in Lewistown, Pa. with his wife, Lisa '90, and their child, Dallas.

1993

Albert Mueller II was named a Fulbright Scholar for the 2005–2006 academic year. Albert is an associate professor of communication arts and sciences at Penn State University, Mont Alto, Pa. Albert resides in Fayetteville, Pa. with his wife, Lusine, and his daughter, Helena.

Jeffrey Myers is a technician for Lincoln Mercury of Kings Automall, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1994

Toni Farinella was inducted into the

Funny Man's Comedic Career Takes Off

David Russo '93 recently appeared as a contestant on Wayne Newton's reality show "The Entertainer" on E! Entertainment



Television. For a ten-week run in Sin City, he competed against nine other aspiring entertainers for a million-dollar contract. Known on the show as "The Wise Guy," Russo finished second, and, while he may not have nabbed the title "The Entertainer," Newton signed him to a contract.

This representation Russo says is one step further in the business, as Newton and his team are managing his career and are in negotiations to secure him more show-biz opportunities.

"Wayne has been a great mentor. It really pumps you up to see Wayne Newton laugh at you," he said. "This is the guy who was given his break by Jack Benny and Jackie Gleason, and now he's giving me mine."

Russo currently lives in Las Vegas and regularly performs at Tropicana Casino's Comedy Stop. He also joined Newton on a USO tour and plans to kick off another college tour. While not exactly part of his college tour, Russo also is slated to perform at his alma mater, where he will be performing with another funny alumnus, Terri Granahan '93.

"The positive reception I have gotten from the Wilkes family has been fantastic. I've gotten e-mails, calls, and a lot of support from old classmates."

Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame. (For full story, page 12.)

Dawn Filipowicz M'96 is the senior access control and compliance engineer for the Depository Trust and Clearing Corp. Dawn resides in Euless, Texas with her husband, Michael. The couple has two daughters, Kimberly and Kenley.

Heather Mabin married *Steven Krotzer*. Heather is the owner of Lavender Rose, a fine gifts and accessories store. The couple resides in Newtown, Pa.

Heather Petruzelli is a voice faculty member at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, New York, N.Y. Heather also owns her own opera company.

1995

Jacob Cole was inducted into the Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame. (For full story, page 12.)

Jesse Gross is a global environmental engineer for Cadbury Schweppes. Jesse resides in Macungie, Pa. with his wife, Amy, and two children, Adam and Jessica.

Kevin Gryboski, relief pitcher for the Texas Rangers, was inducted into the Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame. (For full story, page 12.)

Megan (Welliver) Kelly and her husband, John, announce the birth of twins, Kacey and Connor, on February 1, 2005. Megan is a physician assistant with the Geisinger Medical Group, Moosic, Pa. They reside in Moosic, Pa. with their son, Adam.

Amy (Nieroda) Machold and her husband, David, announce the birth of their first child, Anthony William, on March 16, 2005. They reside in Indian Trail, N.C.

William Noone was inducted into the Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame. (For full story, page 12.)

Christina Ortiz is a clinical social worker for the Department of Veteran Affairs, East Orange, N.J. Christina resides in Hoboken, N.J.

Joseph Ruane is a special projects engineer for Smiths-Aerospace, Wilkes-Barre, and owns a home inspection business, The Bottom Line. He is pursuing his master's of business administration at Wilkes' Sidhu School of Business and Leadership. He resides in Jenkins Township, Pa. with his wife, Jackie, and daughter, Jordyn.

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Andrew Carter is a senior environmental health and safety specialist for Progress Energy. Andrew resides in King of Prussia, Pa. with his wife, Linda, and two daughters, Kathleen and Lauren.

Leanne Cole is a physical therapist with Olympic Physical Therapy, Renton, Wash. Leanne resides in Snoqualmie, Wash. with her husband, Kenneth, and two children, Olivia and Tanner.

Tricia (Kirk) Eberhart resides in Coatesville, Pa. with her husband, Steve, and her son, McKinley.

Tracy Lucarino is the clinical coordinator in the telemetry unit at Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg, N.J. Tracy

received her master of science degree in nursing and business administration from DeSales University, Allentown, Pa.

Eric Morinello is a supervising health scientist for the toxicology/risk assessment consulting company ChemRisk. He resides in San Francisco, Calif.

Dr. Susannah Stair married Jay Edward Holderer. Susannah is a physician in Easton, Pa. The couple resides in Oreland, Pa.

Angel Raymond is a software engineer for the United States Coast Guard, Alexandria, Va. Angel resides in northern Virginia.

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Paul Chimock is a mortgage loan originator at the First National Community Bank. Paul resides in Duryea, Pa. with his wife, Meredith.

Geoffrey Little is a project scientist with EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Sparks, Md. Geoffrey resides in Bel Air, Md. with his wife, Denise, and two children, Gavin and McKenzie.

Meredith (Cabrey) Nascimento is a sales associate for fixed income sales company Cantor Fitzgerald. She resides in Conshohocken, Pa. with her husband.

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Denise (Schembari) Collie is the owner of United Marketing Solutions for Marin County. She and her husband, Darren, reside in San Rafael, Calif.

Jill Ann (Roth) Edelson is a security analyst with the United States Accountability Office, Washington,

D.C. Jill resides in Columbia, Maryland with her husband, Jonathan.

JJ Fadden is a regional sales manager for football field equipment sales company Rogers Athletics. He resides in Boston, Mass. with his wife, Michele.

Maria Giunta earned her master of business administration from the University of Phoenix, Arizona. Maria is a therapeutic activities services worker at the White Haven Center, White Haven, Pa. She resides in Weatherly, Pa. with her son, Roberto.

David Mrochko is director of implementation services at Sales Activity Management in King of Prussia, Pa. Dave resides in King of Prussia.

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Thomas Lavan is a senior studio technician with ESPN, Bristol, Conn. Tom resides in Bristol with his wife, Melissa, and son, Aiden.

Nicole Metzger is a secondary guidance counselor and varsity men's and women's cross country coach at Pocono Mountain East High School. She resides in Effort, Pa.

Colleen Smith is a physical therapist at Mercy Hospital in Scranton, Pa. She resides in Kingston, Pa.

Andrew Snyder M'03 is a teacher and head wrestling coach at Pocono Mountain West High School. Andrew resides in Factoryville, Pa. with his wife, **Sarah (Keisling) '99**, and their son, Aiden.

Andrew Solinski is a senior product development engineer for Jacuzzi

Whirlpool Bath. He resides in Little Elm, Texas with his wife, Tricia.

Matthew Sumski is a client services specialist with Cendant Mobility, Danbury, Conn.

2000

Marc Eakin is a physician assistant for prison health services in Collegeville, Pa. Marc resides in Philadelphia, Pa. with his wife, **Sarah (Becker) '03**.

Jason Evans is a producer for Paradise Television Network, Lahaina, Hawaii.

Jennifer Gadomski received her master's of science in nursing from Wilkes University. She resides in Plains, Pa. with her fiancé, Scott.

Michael Krasulski authored an article in the *Journal of Interlibrary Loan*, "Document Delivery and Electronic Reserve." Michael resides in Philadelphia, Pa.

Sarah (Kraus) O'Donnell is a registered nurse for Crozer Keystone Health Systems. Sarah resides in Prospect Park, Pa. with her husband, Joseph, and child, Brilliana.

Jeffrey Reichl is a secondary guidance counselor and varsity assistant boys basketball coach at East Stroudsburg Area High School North. He resides in East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Holly (Fields) Schramm earned her master's in special education from Marywood University, Scranton, Pa. Holly resides in Kirkwood, N.Y. with her husband, William, and son, Alexander.

Tanner Spadafore is working at the

Rittenmeyer to Lead Global Service Delivery

Ronald A. Rittenmeyer '72

was recently appointed executive vice president of Service Delivery of EDS Global Communications, a leading global technology services company. Rittenmeyer oversees EDS's worldwide delivery operations and capabilities.



Rittenmeyer joined EDS from The Cypress Group, a private equity firm based in New York, where he served as managing director responsible for all operating aspects of the company's \$3.5 billion investment portfolio. Previously, he was chairman, CEO and president of Safety-Kleen, where he successfully led the company's reorganization from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Rittenmeyer has served as CEO and president of AmeriServe and RailTex and as president and COO of Ryder TRS and Burlington Northern Railroad. He also has held key executive positions at Frito-Lay and PepsiCo Foods International.

Rittenmeyer has been a board member of Safety-Kleen, Sterling Chemicals, AmeriServe, RailTex, Ryder TRS and Merisel, among others. He currently serves on the board of directors of the North Texas Kidney Association and is a trustee of Wilkes University. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Wilkes University and a master of business administration degree from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo. He lives in Plano, Texas with his wife, Hedy (Wrightson) '74. They have two children, Chris and Ashley.

National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md. where she is employed by the American Society for Testing and Materials in the cement and concrete reference laboratory division. She resides in Frederick, Md.

Will Taylor is the director of photography for the New York Giants and a new television show on the YES Network. Will resides in Ridgefield Park, N.J.

Kimberly Vance is a business education teacher and advisor to the Future Business Leaders of America program at Pocono Mountain East High School. She resides in Mount Pocono, Pa.

Heather Webb is the auction and special events coordinator at PBS affiliate WVIA-TV/FM in Pittston, Pa. She resides in Pittston.

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Loan Do works for the Philadelphia Insurance Companies, Bala Cynwyd, Pa. Loan resides in Pennsauken, N.J.

Greg Johansen is an engineering aid for the United States Navy. Greg resides in Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri with his wife, Elizabeth, and daughter, Autumn Rose.

Stacy (Geiger) Mesics and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of their first child, Carson Charles, on January 28, 2005. The couple resides in Germansville, Pa.

Jason Schultz is an information technology specialist for the United States Navy. Jason resides in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

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Lance Mabry is enrolled in Army-

Baylor University's Doctorate of Physical Therapy program. Lance resides in Universal City, Texas.

Brian May married *Lorelei Morgans* '03. Brian is a southeast sales representative for the Diamond Manufacturing Company. Lorelei is an elementary school teacher at Blythe Elementary. The couple resides in Huntersville, N.C.

Raymond Ortwein received his Juris Doctorate degree from Dickinson School of Law. Raymond resides in Hellertown, Pa.

Brian Toll is the assistant to the vice president and general manager for Computer Sciences Corporation, Falls Church, Va. Brian resides in Alexandria, Va.

2003

Sonia Ebert is a project engineer for S.E. Consultants, Scottsdale, Ariz. Sonia resides in Phoenix, Ariz.

Robert Gcbhard received his master's of science in management from Steven's Institute of Technology. He is a process engineer for Elastimold. He resides in Hackettstown, N.J.

Heather Hite is a counselor of adolescent females at Cornell Abraxas, Danville, Pa.

Erin Schultz is an English teacher in the Dallas School District, Dallas, Pa. Erin resides in Kingston, Pa.

Kelly (Cassidy) Sweet is the pharmacist in charge at CVS Pharmacy, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Kelly resides in Tequesta, Fla. with her husband, Michael.

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Lauren Brennan is an equal opportunity employment assistant at the Tobyhanna Army Depot, Tobyhanna, Pa. Lauren resides in West Nanticoke, Pa.

Kristy Haupt is a patent examiner for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, Va.

Bob Jones is a product presentation coordinator for Southern States Cooperative, Inc., Richmond, Va. Bob resides in Powhatan, Va. with his wife, Marylee, and two children, Brian and Erika.

Melissa Jurgensen is the assistant director of practice development for Goldberg and Connolly Construction Law. Melissa resides in Commack, N.Y.

Sabrina McLaughlin is a graduate student at Binghamton University, Binghamton, N.Y.

Brandis Mooney is a biological product representative for Sanofi Pasteur, Scranton, Pa. Brandis resides in Wilkes-Barre.

Stephanie Smith married *Rob Cooney* '01. The couple resides in Freeport, Pa.

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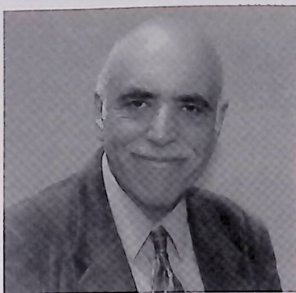
Paul Semanek, Jr. is assistant vice president, loan officer, and asset recovery manager for Luzerne National Bank.

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Karen Armstrong is the director of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania. Karen resides in Loyalsock Township with her husband, Neil, and two children. ■■

Help!!

BY ANTHONY L. LIUZZO, J.D., PH.D.



ARCHIE BUNKER ONCE LAMENTED that there had not been a "good waitress since the depression." And, as often as his bigoted tirades and malapropisms have been ridiculed, I cannot help but muse that, at least with respect to this observation, he was correct.

Where has all the service gone? In restaurants, airports, retail establishments, banks, and even places of worship, all one is met with these days is rudeness, lack of consideration, and a sense of being ignored. It is true that we live in a time of advanced education, nearly unlimited access to Internet information, and tremendously exaggerated perceptions of self-worth. It is also true that many of the employees engaged to provide service and otherwise interact with the public receive compensation that could certainly stand enhancement. And,

finally, businesses, finding themselves in an intensely competitive, global environment, have slashed budgets to bare bones, cutting back on customer interface.

However, I remain unconvinced that customers and clients would not greatly appreciate a small dosage of quality service—and might even be willing to pay for this luxury. I can only faintly remember the days when I might place a rotary-dialed telephone call to a business and be greeted by a human, rather than electronic, voice, who might even exchange a few pleasantries with me. I would not be required to listen to a litany of menu choices, none of which proximately match the description of my inquiry. I would not be placed on hold for a seeming eternity, subjecting my sensitive ears to the recreation of one of my favorite Creedence Clearwater Revival tunes. I would not be mandated to punch endless numerals, pound signs, and number signs, entering my seventeen-digit account number. (As an aside, why are account numbers so long, when ten digits would be adequate to cover every human currently inhabiting the planet?) I would not be required to recall to memory an assortment of Personal Identification Numbers, consisting of a prescribed quantity of numerals and

letters; and, should my memory lapse and I forget this particular PIN, I would not be obliged to provide my mother's maiden name, my pet's name, or the name of my favorite television show.

I can recall a time when, during my shopping ventures, I would be greeted by an attentive salesperson who would oftentimes disappear into a back room, emerging with the article I sought, in the size and color of my preference. I would not be charged for approaching the window of a human teller in a bank. I knew the names of the persons who represented my insurance company and travel agency. I never needed to fill my own gasoline tank, because a friendly mechanic would perform this service, ensuring that my oil and fluid levels were appropriate and that my windshield was clear, while locating the cause of that annoying knocking sound (the soft drink can under the seat). I could ask questions of a human, and not be admonished to visit the company's website or send an e-mail.

If Archie were around today, no one would be offended by his tirades and malapropisms. They wouldn't even be listening.

Anthony L. Liuzzo, J.D., Ph.D. is Professor of Business and Economics and Director of the MBA Program at Wilkes University. [1]

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Wilkes running club helps residents heat homes

Money raised at group's 100-mile relay will go toward helping neighbors pay their fuel bills.

By LANE FILLER
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WILKES-BARRE — The price of heating a home this winter has been sky-high.

And although some folks might just shrug unhappily and fire off a check to their utility or oil company, others are forced to decide between heat and rent, heat and food or heat and medicine.

The Running Club of Wilkes University hopes to make that choice a little less dire with its 100-mile relay and fundraiser set for Saturday.

"All the clubs are expected to do some public service," said professor William Terzaghi, who advises the newly formed club. "Folks started suggesting aid for tsunami victims and I thought, 'Why not start the charity at home?'"

Terzaghi learned of the heating prob-

HOW TO GIVE:

Anyone interested in donating a set amount or a per-mile pledge is asked to send checks to "Relay For Heat," care of Dr. W. Terzaghi, Wilkes University, 84 W. South St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766. Checks should be made out to the Wilkes University Running Club, with MLK Fuel Fund on the memo line.

lem from his wife, Vivien, who works at First Presbyterian Church. First Presbyterian is active with the Commission on Economic Opportunity's Martin Luther King Fuel Fund.

"I know when I opened my fuel bill in January, it was double last year's and I used less fuel," Terzaghi said. "Obviously, a lot of people must be impacted."

David Ritter, the commission's director of housing/outreach, agreed. "The price of fuel oil is up more than 30 percent over last year; propane and natural gas are up and it has been a bit colder than last year. We are seeing working families forced to make very difficult choices about what to buy and

what bills to pay."

Ritter said the organization is particularly concerned about families with small children, and elderly folks who live alone.

"It's wonderful that this club is willing to help this way, and it goes along with our motto, which is 'People helping people.'"

Terzaghi said about 20 runners have signed up for the event, which will feature each athlete running a four-mile stretch, two miles each way on the dike, before handing off to the next runner. Depending on the turnout, some runners may have to do eight or more miles.

Having run marathons in the past, Terzaghi is ready to pull his share of the load and more, if necessary.

The event is scheduled to start at 6:30 a.m. and will likely take at least 12 hours to complete. Donors are asked to pledge an amount per mile or a fixed amount.

Lane Filler, a Times Leader staff writer, may be reached at 829-7250.

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Students and Faculty Collaborate to Study Regeneration of Oak Trees

(November 24, 2003) -- The study is funded by an \$850,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

The following story appeared in a recent edition of *The Citizens' Voice*.

By: Tom Venesky

Oak trees are the backbone of the Pennsylvania forest. Their broad canopies and towering trunks provide valuable cover and food for a variety of wildlife, and the lumber is popular for its strength and durability.

But due to a number of factors, the once mighty oaks are in a decline and regeneration for some species is occurring at a dangerously slow pace.

A multi-faceted study being conducted by Wilkes University may provide answers to declining oak tree populations and regeneration in the state.

The four -year study is looking at a number of variables surrounding acorn dispersal and is set to wrap up next summer.



Funded by a \$850,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, the study is being led Michael Steele and Dr. William Terzaghi, who serve as associate professors of biology; Dr McEuen, a post doctoral researcher in forest ecology, Dr. John Carlson of Penn State Univ and Dr. Peter Smallwood of the University of Richmond in Virginia.

In addition, the grant funded positions for at least 50 undergraduate students to participate the work. The study is being conducted on sites in Luzerne County, the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Berks County, the Powder Mill Nature Sanctuary in western PA and another I in western Maryland.

Steele has been researching oak trees for 10 years and said the current study is an extension of his work. He said although they don't yet have an answer to explain the decline, the study yielded several findings that could piece the puzzle together.

For example, Steele has found the acorns of the red oak are more likely to be carried and by animals than white oak acorns, which are usually eaten on the spot.

A result of this is the red oak acorns are dispersed farther from the adult tree than white acorns, which could speed up regeneration.

"If this is the case, it's going to have a dramatic effect on forest structure," Steele said.

He explained there are several possible explanations for the dispersal disparities, such as palatability and perishability. Animals prefer the taste of white oak acorns to red oak, which is bitter.

Also, Steele explained, the white oak acorns germinate as soon as they hit the ground, which means they aren't a long-lasting food source. Red oak acorns germinate after the winter and can be stored for months.

Steele acknowledged a decline in oak populations and said one factor is browsing by deer. But, he added a larger factor may be the lack of natural fires, which is allowing maple trees to take over the forest.



"Maples are highly susceptible to fire, while oaks are highly tolerant," Steele said. "Fire seems to be an important component of the oak forest because it eliminates competing trees. But in for some time, it's been suppressed.

"In some sites there is less oak regeneration due to deer, but that's only one of several factors. Fire, or the lack of, is the big one."

Steele said it's important to learn how animals disperse the oak seeds in order to determine natural modes of regeneration. If forests are going to be managed for oak production, he said, it's critical to understand how animals disperse the seeds so they can be managed too.

"One thing is clear, the white oaks don't have any advantage when it comes to dispersal," he added. "In six months we will have a much better picture of what's happening."

Terzaghi's work is focusing on utilizing DNA technology to determine the parent oaks and seedlings and how it relates to reproduction and dispersal distances.

During his four years on the project, Terzaghi and his students extracted DNA samples from 2,700 adult trees and seedlings. He found the acorns are being dispersed much further than originally suspected, and some have been found more than 100 yards from the parent tree.

"It means when you're trying to reforest an area, such as mine lands or an abandoned farm, it will be converted back at a greater distance and re-colonized much more rapidly," he said. Terzaghi's work also showed that very few acorns reach the seedling stage, and he estimates only one in a million acorns will sprout into a seedling.

And just because an acorn reaches the seedling stage doesn't mean it's a sure bet to grow into a towering tree.

Sometimes, Terzaghi said, a seedling could remain idle for 60 years on the forest floor waiting for its chance to grow. "When a tall tree blows down, then they'll take off," he said.

Interestingly, Terzaghi's work showed in many cases the leaves of oak seedlings on the forest floor aren't adapted to dim light conditions. He said a tree that makes a leaf that works in dim light will get burned in bright sunlight.

Since the seedlings stay idle until a larger tree falls and allows more light to reach the forest floor, they will have leaves ready to adapt to the new conditions.

"They're waiting for the light to get brighter and stimulate photosynthesis," Terzaghi said. "It's a very important mechanism for adjusting to the environment."

Although the study is set to wrap up next summer, Steele said the work has spawned additional questions that need to be answered. He said they will be seeking more funding to keep the

project going to study two more areas.

"We want to look at how forest fragmentation affects dispersal of oaks and wildlife species," Steele explained. "Also, many of the experiments have been done in a controlled situation quite possible if you have red oak and hickory nuts in close proximity, the red oaks might have a dispersal disadvantage when it comes to which seeds are preferred by wildlife."

"Dispersal might depend on the availability of other seeds, so the composition of the forest will determine oak regeneration," he added.

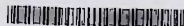


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Fungus Could End Mighty Oak's Time in Pennsylvania

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Thousands of oaks have already been killed in other states.

BY TOM VENESKY
TIMES-SHAMROCK NEWSPAPERS

Could the mighty oak tree go the way of the American chestnut or American elm in Pennsylvania?

It's possible, as the fungus that has killed thousands of oaks in California and other states has been found in Pennsylvania. Last month, the state Department of Agriculture announced the fungus, which causes sudden oak death, had been confirmed in a bonsai tree shipped to the south-

eastern part of the state from California.

The finding has sent agriculture and forestry officials scrambling to determine if there is a pathway for the fungus through nursery shipments and if it has become established in the state's forests.

Walt Blosser, state plant regulatory official with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, said the fungus hasn't been found in the wild in Pennsylvania at this point in time.

But he stressed the pathogen is being taken very seriously because it could pose a tragic threat to the state's economy and environment.

"Pennsylvania hardwoods are some of the best in the wild. If we were to find this, it could throw up some trade restrictions for Pennsylvania lumber," Blosser said. "Oak trees are an important crop, that's our lumber industry."

Dr. Will Terzaghi, associate professor of biology at Wilkes University, said the disease has been very devastating to oaks in California and if it were to be found in the wild here it would be "very bad news."

He said the fungus can grow on 60 varieties of host plants, such as rhododendron, honeysuckle and conifers, and because it has already been found on one

species a very serious question has been raised.

"There's been an infected plant transported from California to Pennsylvania. How many others are there that haven't been found at this point?" he said. "It could move into the east on a variety of different hosts."

One aspect that puts infected oaks at a disadvantage is the point of infection. Terzaghi said the fungus infects oak trees in their trunk, just underneath the bark. Other trees are infected in their leaves and can stop the fungus from spreading by simply dropping the tainted leaf.

"The hosts that get infected in the leaves are very rarely killed," Terzaghi said.

One aspect that may work to the benefit of oak trees is the climate in the state.

Terzaghi said Pennsylvania's climate is too "variable" for the fungus to thrive, meaning the weather is either too wet or too warm. Blosser said researchers are still determining if the fungus can establish itself in Pennsylvania's climate, and areas that are cooler and wetter — that mimic the California coast, may be more at risk.

But if the climatic conditions are right and the fungus establishes itself, Blosser said it could be as devastating as the American chestnut blight or Dutch elm disease.

"It has that potential, but a lot

of things need to fall into place," he said.

In the meantime, scientists hope the current regulations, including trade restrictions on nursery imports, testing and certification requirements will prohibit the fungus from spreading into Pennsylvania. Blosser added it's possible the fungus has already been imported into the state and is established, but it could take years before an outbreak is seen.

"We have a list of 32 plant genera that are hosts, and efforts are underway to determine if it's here and if there's a pathway for it to get here. It's being taken very seriously," Blosser said.

AWARDS TL 6-15-03

Wilkes University: Two faculty members have received teaching awards.

- Dr. William B. Terzaghi, associate professor of biology, received the Innovative Professor Award, presented to a faculty member who excels in creative, motivational and interactive student-centered teaching methods.

Terzaghi was nominated by student Del Lucent for his course, "Topics in Informatics," which was based on projects and assignments rather than a typical lecture-style format.

Terzaghi joined the Wilkes staff

in 1995 as an assistant professor of biology.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Waikato in Hamilton, New Zealand, and a doctorate from the University of Utah.

He completed post-doctoral work at the Carnegie Institution of the Washington Department of Plant Biology and the University of Pennsylvania Plant Science Institute.

He also received the Outstanding Faculty Award and the Faculty Choice Award.

- Dr. John Hepp, assistant professor of history, received the annual Carpenter Outstanding Teacher Award, which recognizes an outstanding educator over a three-year period.

Nominations are generated by a committee of colleagues.

Previously, Hepp taught at the University of North Carolina, where he received a doctorate in American cultural history.

He holds a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Temple University, a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina.

His first book, "The Middle-Class City: Transforming Space

and Time in Philadelphia, 1876-1926," is expected out this summer from the University of Pennsylvania Press.

He also is a recipient of the National Endowment for the Humanities summer stipend to complete research for his second book, which will be a cultural study of the Centennial Exhibition.



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Wilkes University Names Terzaghi Innovative Professor of the Year

Wilkes-Barre – Dr. William B. Terzaghi, Associate Professor of biology at Wilkes University, has been named the recipient of the Innovative Professor Award for the 2002-2003 academic year. The announcement was made during a recent faculty recognition night.

The Innovative Professor Award is presented to a Wilkes University faculty member who excels in creative, motivational and interactive student-centered teaching methods. Nominations for this award are gathered from Wilkes University students. The criteria for selection includes evidence of teaching methodologies that are non-traditional and progressive.

"I really enjoy teaching by getting my hands dirty working with students on projects, and it was wonderful to find that some agreed that this is a great way to learn," said Dr. Terzaghi.

Dr. Terzaghi was nominated for the Innovative Professor Award for his course titled "Topics in Informatics". This course was based on projects and assignments, rather than on a typical lecture-style format.

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Title: Terzaghi Named Innovative Professor of the Year

Del Lucent, a Wilkes student nominated Dr. Terzaghi for the Innovative Professor Award. "It is my pleasure to say that his (Dr. Terzaghi's) guidance as a mentor and instructor has been the single most instrumental factor in my success here at Wilkes and the success I expect to have in my graduate work," said Lucent.

Dr. Terzaghi has been teaching at Wilkes since 1995, first as an Assistant Professor of biology and currently as an Associate Professor. He serves as chairman of both the Wilkes University Faculty Development Committee, and the Institutional Biosafety Committee. He is also a member of the Core Review Committee and serves as the advisor to the biology club, the running club, and the biology department newsletter.

Dr. Terzaghi received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Waikato in Hamilton New Zealand. He continued his education at the University of Utah, where he received a Ph.D. in Plant Cell Biology. Dr. Terzaghi also completed post-doctoral work at the Carnegie Institution of the Washington Department of Plant Biology and the University of Pennsylvania Plant Science Institute.

In addition to the Innovative Professor Award, Dr. Terzaghi received this year's Outstanding Faculty Award and the Faculty Choice Award.

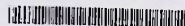
Since 1996, Dr. Terzaghi has been the recipient of six grants for subjects ranging from interactions between food-hoarding animals and oaks to cloning. This July, Terzaghi and eight students will present abstracts of student research at the American Society of Plant Biologists meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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PHOTO: Dr. William Terzaghi

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Wilkes professor's grant to aid Port Carbon student, others

Dr. William Terzaghi, assistant biology professor at Wilkes University, recently received a \$49,869 grant by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to study fatty acid synthesis in soybean plants.

Results from the two-year project may ultimately lower the costs to the consumer.

The grant will help Terzaghi and his team of 16 Wilkes students, including Jason Phillips, Port Carbon, study one of the genes involved in fatty acid synthesis.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

"The students will be working on all aspects of the project for course study credit or as volunteers," said Terzaghi.

Marine receives promotion

Marine Sgt. John C. Lipshaw, son of John C. Sr. and Josephine Lipshaw, Frackville, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

A 1995 graduate of North Schuylkill High School, he joined the Marine Corps in November 1995.

2 start basic training

Brett R. Hart and Harmony L. Donmoyer have joined the Army under the Delayed Training Program at the Army Recruiting Station, Pottsville. After completion of basic military training, most soldiers get advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

Hart, who will report Wednesday to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., is a son

of Dorothy A. Schrader, Orwigsburg, and Robert L. Hart, Harrisburg.

Donmoyer, a 1997 graduate of Pine Grove Area High School, reported to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. for basic training today.

She is a daughter of Tim L. and Barbara J. Donmoyer, RR2 Pine Grove.



Dr. Terzaghi awarded a grant for study

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Class debates impeachment case

By OSHRAT CARMIEL

Times Leader Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Wearing a tie speckled with American flags, James Yoho stood at the lectern of his American government class, prepared to teach his Wilkes University students how the system works.

But as Yoho, assistant professor of political science, discussed the president's impeachment trial, the textbook on his desk couldn't offer a case study. Despite 200 years of constitutional precedent, the outcome is anyone's guess, Yoho said.

"Frankly, they're flying by the seat of their pants," he said of the Senate trial.

The trial is a political one, he recently told students in his "Introduction to American Politics" class. Unlike a criminal trial where guilt must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt, Yoho said, elected officials are struggling to define how the crime should be tried and whether guilt means Clinton should be removed from office.

"It's like going into a football game and they make up the rules as they go. It's pretty weird isn't it?" he asked. "That's what the Senate's going to do."

But as silver-haired senators speak at length that the trial is not about sex, the students — most of whom admitted to not knowing their senators' names — implied that it was.

"I think the whole thing is pretty stupid," said one student. "If the press went up to the aver-



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Assistant professor James Yoho called a vote among his Wilkes University students: Should the president be acquitted by the Senate? Most said yes.

age guy and said, 'Did you cheat on your wife?' he wouldn't admit it to the whole nation. It's none of their business to begin with."

"He didn't rape her," his classmate offered. "It was consensual on both sides."

However, a third student said: "In the military, a female general officer had an affair with an enlisted man and she was stripped of her title. Clinton is the commander in chief and he should follow the same guidelines."

Acting as the moderator, Yoho told the novice politicians that the very definition of sex was in question, based on Clinton's legal terms.

When one student offered a biological explanation — "a thing that goes into a thing" — others

countered the president still had relations with Monica Lewinsky, even if he didn't follow that formula.

Putting indecency aside, Yoho wove in a quick lesson on party politics, explaining to the class that members of Congress had to answer to their party as well as their constituents. House Republicans feared the wrath of their party if they voted against impeachment, but also feared supporters who voted for Clinton.

"It's all in there and the mix is all churning," he said.

Though no witnesses were called, Yoho ended the debate and called for a vote: "How many think it is already clear that the president should not be removed from office?" Thirteen out of about 20 voted yes.

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The tests were composed by Dr. Vee Ming Lew and Dr. John W. Harrison, assistant professors in the Wilkes Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. They will be administered and corrected by participating LCCTM teachers. Top prize winners in the junior and senior divisions will receive a full tuition scholarship to Wilkes University.

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To be eligible, students must be nominated by their high school mathematics teachers. Forms were recently mailed to all Luzerne County school districts. To obtain a nomination form, or for further information, contact Vivien Terzaghi at 408-4830.

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The symposium's sessions focused on the applications of GFP in science and industry, featuring such topics as microscopic imaging, confocal microscopy, cell sorting and high-throughput screening. More than 32 companies participated in workshops and vendor displays. Parallel sessions on Saturday and Sunday, included interactive workshops, showcasing the unique role of GFP in biotechnology education at the high school and community college levels.

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Wilkes awarded \$60,000 to fund research projects

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The grant, awarded to Wilkes over a three-year period, will support three collaborative research projects employing students and will fund a joint biology/chemistry seminar series.

Dr. Will Terzaghi, associate professor of biology at Wilkes, said this award recognizes the dedication of the university's biology and chemistry departments to providing research experiences for undergraduate students.

The grant also will provide new opportunities for student/faculty collaboration, Terzaghi said.

Research projects funded by the grant include correlating differences in acorn lipid and tannin composition with their consumption, hoarding and dispersal by small mammals and studying the role of plant surface lipids in removing iron from abandoned mine drainage.

The Merck/AAAS Undergraduate Science Research Program was launched in 1993 to forge interdisciplinary bonds between biology and chemistry by providing undergraduate students with research experiences that encourage them to pursue graduate studies.

The program targets small liberal arts colleges that confer annually 10 or fewer graduate degrees in biology or chemistry combined and whose chemistry departments have been approved by the American Chemistry Society.