

Memo regarding the Research and Graduate Center at
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Friends of Wilkes College:

The recent dedication of the Research and Graduate Center marks the beginning of a new era in the development of the College and the Community. This science facility strengthens and broadens the work of the science faculties and provides opportunities for the research and graduate study required by modern technological industries. Once again the development of the College is associated with the continued progress of the Community.

Because the erection of the new facility was motivated by the need of Northeastern Pennsylvania for a science research and graduate center, it seemed appropriate to focus attention upon the dedicatory theme, "Wider Regional Horizons through Education and Research." In the two-day convocation, local, state, and national leaders discussed varied aspects and needs of regional development. From their remarks we can gain a clearer understanding of policies and practices that have proved effective.

The speakers noted the part that must be played by private enterprise and local initiative in all plans for regional development. The importance of cooperation between private sectors of our economy and local, state, and federal governments was emphasized.

The value of such cooperation is demonstrated in the construction of the new science center. The initiative and planning came from the College and the responsibility for its operation rests with the College. The cost of construction was shared by individuals, businesses, foundations, and the Federal Government. All gave because of their conviction that they were strengthening the economy of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

We hope you will find the attached report of the dedicatory convocation of interest.

For the privilege of working with you in the College and Community, I am,

Gratefully yours,

Eugene S. Farley

