

CAMPUS CONSOLIDATION CONTINUES

Parrish, Chapman Halls Sold

Another round of changes to the Wilkes College campus has taken place during the summer of 1983 designed to result in a more compact, more efficiently utilized physical plant. Among those changes is the sale of Parrish Hall, Chapman Hall, and the "Parrish Parking Lot" to a private developer who plans to convert the structures into an office complex.

Parrish and Chapman Halls were constructed originally by the former Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company during the early 1900's; Parrish, in fact, still bears the name of the coal company in its cornice, and several doorknobs with the coal company insignia still remain in the building. Chapman Hall had served as a women's residence hall through the 1982-83 school year.

The administrative offices formerly housed in Parrish Hall have been moved to Sturdevant Hall on South Franklin Street, including the Business Office, Finance, the Registrar and Recorder, and the Office of Graduate Studies, Summer and Evening School. Joining those offices in Sturdevant, formerly another women's residence hall, are Financial Aid (from the lower level of Weckesser Hall) and the Upward Bound Program (from Ross Hall).

The Department of Commerce and Finance, the last remaining academic department in Parrish Hall, has been relocated to Bedford Hall on the corner of River and South Streets, a former men's residence hall. In addition to housing the offices of the faculty, several rooms will be used as classrooms in the building.

"Moving the administrative offices to Sturdevant Hall will be a blessing to the students," remarked Dr. Andrew Shaw, Dean of Management and responsible for the physical plant of the College. "The registrar, finance office, and financial aid will be much closer to the student deans in Weckesser Hall and to the Admissions Office in Chase Hall, thus making it easier for students needing those services to walk from one building to another," he continued.

Three buildings were determined to have outlived their usefulness to the College — Gore Hall and Dana Hall, both residence halls and both on South Franklin Street — have been razed along with Conyngham Hall Annex. The Gore and Dana Hall lots will be landscaped as "green areas" to open the vistas toward

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Stately Parrish Hall, once the home of such departments as Commerce and Finance, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, and Education, and a landmark to motorists crossing the Market Street Bridge into the city, is in the process of changing hands, to be developed once again into a commercial office complex, along with Chapman Hall (insert).

College Receives Bequest

President Robert S. Capin recently announced that the College has received a bequest in excess of \$500,000 from the estate of the late William L. Evans of Harvey's Lake, PA. A native of Wyoming Valley, Evans died in May, 1983, at the age of 91.

As a tribute to his generosity and philanthropic support for Wilkes and higher education, the Board of Trustees has officially renamed Founders Hall the William L. Evans Residence Hall. Located at the corner of South River and East Northampton Streets, Evans Hall is a 205-unit residence hall which was opened in September of 1982.

"We are extremely grateful to the late Mr. Evans for his generosity and vision which will assist us in maintaining the quality of education at Wilkes," said Capin in making the announcement. "Wilkes remains, and shall continue to be a strong force in the educational, cultural and social development of the students of Northeastern Pennsylvania largely because of wise and unselfish benefactors like William L. Evans."

A graduate of Coughlin High School, Evans began his professional career in the plastering business with his father, Daniel H. Evans, of Wilkes-Barre. Following a partnership with Builders Supply Company here in the city, Evans joined with William Sword in 1942 to originate the Petroleum Services Corporation of Wilkes-Barre.

Evans served as a member of the former Franklin Club, the Westmoreland Club, and Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas.

Our New Look

The end of the 1982-83 academic year also brought with it the final issue of the Wilkes College Quarterly, the college magazine which was distributed to alumni, parents, and contributors to the College, and published jointly by the Public Relations Office and the Office of Alumni Relations. After analyzing both the costs of the publication and the reaction of its readers to last year's alumni survey, External Affairs Dean Thomas Kelly and his staff decided to change the format to what you are now reading.

The 1982 alumni survey resulted in some interesting data concerning the readership of the Quarterly. For example, of the more than 500 survey responses, 40% indicated that the Quarterly was read only by the alumnus/a; 48% discarded the magazine within two weeks after receiving it; and only 3% passed it along to someone outside the family after reading it. Based on these findings, it was decided to publish the Alumnus as a less expensive black-and-white offering rather than the very costly four-color magazine.

In terms of content, the survey respondents indicated their highest interest in the areas of class notes, prominent alumni, and campus happenings. As you read through the pages of this issue, you will notice that we have attempted to include topics from these areas, along with other features that will appear from time to time.

The Alumni Christmas Shopper on page 6, for example, offers graduates and parents, especially those unable to make a personal visit to the Bookstore, the opportunity to purchase souvenir items displaying the College seal as well as a variety of articles of clothing, just in time for the holiday season. If you are interested in purchasing any items not pictured in the Shopper, just call or write Gene Manganello, manager of the Bookstore, for prices and availability of articles. You will want to order quickly, however, to ensure delivery in time for your gift-giving.

Another External Affairs change became effective on June 1, when the Development Office was reorganized under the directorship of Randy Xenakis. Xenakis, who is also the Director of Public Relations and Publications, follows James Aikman, who moved into the area of Administrative Computer Services last spring. Betsy Bell Condron '79 (MSed), Director of Planned Giving,

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the inner campus, especially Pickering Hall. The Conyngham Annex lot will be paved for parking to help offset the loss of spaces from the Parrish Hall lot.

Ross Hall, located on South River Street, will be deactivated as the Act 101 Program is relocated in Kirby Hall, while plans call for Hollenback Hall to be used once again as a residence hall. College employees recently completed the renovations to the third floor of the Conyngham Student Center into office spaces for various student organizations and the Beacon, further consolidating the student-oriented activities on campus. The College Infirmary, formerly located in Conyngham Annex, has moved to the second floor of the Student Center.

President Capin noted that "not only will these changes result in a more efficient utilization of our physical plant, but students will also benefit by the campus consolidation. We expect to see a marked change in the traffic pattern of students since the Commerce and Finance Department is now closer to the center of campus. Only by maintaining as efficient an operation as possible can we keep the costs to our students as low as possible."

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was advanced to Assistant Director of Development. Betsy will continue to write a column for the *Alumnus*, as will Randy and other members of the External Affairs Staff. Because the alumni play such a key role in the future progress of the College, a full page of each *Alumnus* will be devoted to the development function, bringing you items of interest about annual campaigns, special bequests, and ongoing needs of the institution.

While the change in format of this alumni newsletter was based on the responses to the survey conducted by the Alumni Office, we are very much interested in hearing from alumni who were not included in that survey (the survey sample was randomly selected by the computer) with their reactions to the *Alumnus*. Whether it's praise or criticism, or even contributions of original material, we offer each reader the opportunity to share with us and the alumni association your feelings. Keep in touch!

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News of and about Alumni . . .

The following Class Notes were compiled by the Office of Alumni Relations from information received through July 31, 1983: announcements of such events as births, deaths, marriages, earning of degrees, address or employment changes should be sent to the Alumni Office, Wilkes College, P.O. Box 111, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766.

1940

JAMES B. AIKMAN is a member of the faculty at Buffalo State College, as a Professor of Technology. Jim earned his M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Buffalo in 1950. Prior to returning to teaching, he was a founder and Vice-President (senior project engineer) of the Applied Design Company, Inc. He is an active member of his community, and has recently qualified as a licensed pilot.



1946

STEWART B. HETTIG is currently with the General Electric Company, Schenectady, NY, as a Manager-International Projects, Corporate Operating Services. Stewart has the responsibility for offshore construction of new company facilities. He is also the author of six articles published in various professional publications.



1949

We were sorry to learn that **JOHN A. BELLAS** recently passed away in Elmhurst, IL. John served in the U.S. Army during World War II in five major battles in the European Theatre and was awarded the Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife Julia and two daughters.

1950

ROBERT S. CAPIN was the recipient of two honorary degrees this past May, on successive days. On Saturday, May 21, Bob was honored by College Misericordia for his many contributions to Wyoming Valley and to higher education with the Doctor of Laws degree. On Sunday, May 22, Bob also became a member of our Class of 1983 as Wilkes awarded him the Doctor of Humane Letters in recognition of his distinguished achievements and contributions in the fields of teaching, administration, and community service.

Our sympathies go out to the family of **JOHN J. EVAN**. John recently passed away in St. Francis Hospital, Topeka, Kansas. Before retiring he had been employed as a federal bank examiner by the United States Controller of Currency. He is survived by his wife Stella and sons John Jr., Michael, Jeffrey and Mark.

1951

CHARLES F. WOODRING, JR., retired in December 1982 as an accountant with the Dupont Company, Wilmington, Delaware. He spent 31 years

with Dupont, Charles and his wife Christine reside in Wilmington. They are the parents of three children, all of whom reside in the Wilmington area. Best wishes for a long and happy retirement, Charles.

1952

JOSEPH L. REYNOLDS, III, has been elected Vice-President for Administration within American Electric Power Service Corporations fuel supply department. Joe received his Juris Doctorate degree from Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, PA.

1953

CAPTAIN TOM VOJTEK, USN, has retired from active duty with the U.S. Navy, having completed 30 years active duty and 3 years reserve service. During his career, he commanded three warships. During 1977-1980, he also served in a diplomatic assignment as the Defense and Naval Attaché, U.S. Embassy, London. During the past 3 years, he has been attending Temple University Law School's evening division. Upon retirement, Tom will continue his law studies. Best wishes on your retirement.

1954

Our condolences are extended to the family of **DR. LIONEL DANNICK**. Lionel was struck and killed by an auto while jogging.

1956

DR. ROBERT J. COON, III, passed away in November, 1982. Our sympathies go out to his family.

GILBERT D. TOUGH is the new President and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Earlier this year Gilbert marked his 25th Anniversary with Blue Cross. Before joining Blue Cross he served as assistant controller for the Glen Alden Coal Co.

1958

RALPH S. SMITH will retire after 25 years of service with Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Ralph is a resident of Dallas, PA. Best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

1959

ELIZABETH (SCHWARTZ) KING received her Master of Library Service at Rutgers University School of Communication, Information and Library Service in May of 1983. She is presently working as a librarian at Johnson and Johnson in New Brunswick, NJ. Elizabeth resides in East Brunswick with her husband Donald and their two children.

WARREN W. SCHMID has been appointed as Director of Personnel in the Hampton School System. Warren has been with the Hampton School System for twenty-five years as a teacher (5 years), elementary principal (18 years), and assistant principal junior high school (2 years).

1961

ROBERT J. HEWITT, Vermont Academy Science Department Head,

has been named Chemistry Teacher of the Year by the Green Mountain Section of the American Chemical Society. Robert resides in Vermont.

GLENN JOHNSON has been formally recognized as a Fellow of the American College of Medical Group Administrators. A Vice-President for operations at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA,



Glenn was one of only 20 persons across the country who were granted this recognition this year. He resides in Danville with his wife Sandra and their three children.

JAY P. KELLER is Senior Administrative Assistant with Irving Trust, Financial Institutions Banking Division, New York, NY.

BEVERLY (MAJOR) SCHWARTZ received notice recently that her second children's book, *Porcupine Stew*, won the American Book Award in the category "Book Illustration - Original Art." The book was published in September 1982 by Morrow Junior Books. Beverly also teaches art in Dexter City, Ohio. Beverly's husband **STEPHEN W. SCHWARTZ** '62 has also done well for himself. He is Director of Advising at Marietta College, and is also an Associate Professor of English. Steve also presented two papers at National Conferences this year. Congratulations to both of you.

1962

ESTELLE MANOS SOTIRHOS was recently named by President Reagan to the Peace Corps Advisory Council. Estelle has in the past received the Woman of the Year Award and the Heritage Volunteer Award, and served a three-year term on the Advisory Council on the Rights and Responsibilities of Women of the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. She and husband Michael reside in New York City with their children Michael and Stacey.

1963

CHIEF R. OLUSANJO SHOYINKA has been made a chief by his people in Nigeria. He is currently employed at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture.

1964

Congratulations to **WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS**, Field Training Consultant in personal insurance marketing with Metropolitan Insurance. Bill's "It's Up to Me in '83" theme was selected from more than 100 ideas submitted to Metropolitan as the marketing planning theme for the year.

1965

Our sympathies go out to the family of **TANYA ANNE TISSUE**. Tanya passed away recently in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, PA. She was a teacher at the Grebey Junior High School, Hazleton Area School District.