

First Flyboy Award Presented at Air Force ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

Michael Lewis '08 was presented with the first ever Flyboy Award during the May U.S. Air Force ceremony where he was commissioned a second lieutenant. This award will be presented annually to the distinguished graduate. It honors the more than 700 aviation cadets educated at Bucknell University Junior College in 1943 and 1944 as part of the U.S. Army Air Corps 6th College Training Detachment.

As Joe Rodowsky, secretary of the Flyboys, says, "The cooperation between BUJC and the Army Air Corps helped the war effort and sustained the school until the war ended and regular students returned. It was a great success." This annual award is a tribute to the success of the Wilkes Flyboys.

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Michael Lewis '08, center, received the Flyboy Award on the day he was commissioned a U.S. Air Force second lieutenant. With him are Trustee Emeritus Arnold Rifkin and Flyboy secretary Joe Rodowsky. PHOTO BY MICHAEL P. TOUEY

New Faces Join Alumni Board of Directors

The Alumni Association welcomed 10 new board members for 2008-09. Joining are:

- Karen Bednarczyk Cowan '96
- John H. Ellis '79
- Michael Mattern '04
- Mark Rado '80
- Charles Robinson '57
- Kristine Pruettt '99 M'06 (faculty/staff representative)
- Deborah Tindell (faculty/staff representative)
- Christine Corser (Student Alumni Association president)
- Carl Santana (student government president)
- David Sborz (senior class president)

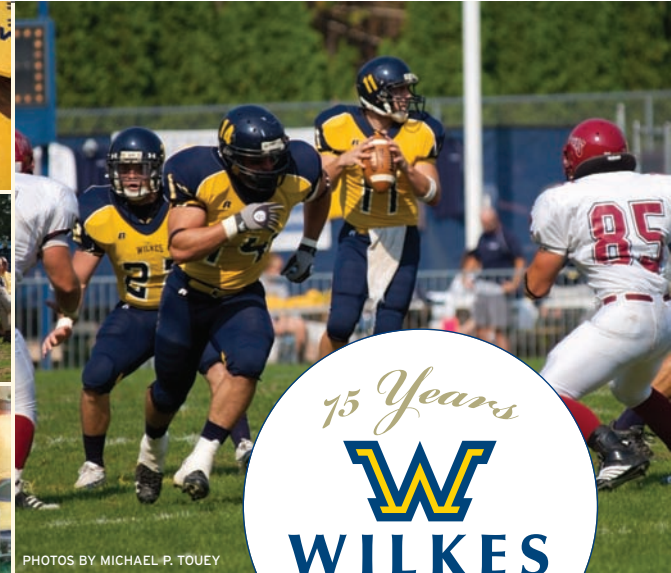
These officers were elected at the April board meeting and participated in the June meeting. Each board member serves on at least one board committee, which include alumni network, alumni services, homecoming, nominating, scholarship and undergraduate alumni relations.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Sandra Carroll, executive director of alumni relations, at (800) 945-5378 Ext. 4132 or sandra.carroll@wilkes.edu.

Come back for Homecoming 2008 and Wilkes 75th Anniversary!

Highlights of the weekend include:

- 75th Anniversary Parade
- Tailgate Tent
- George Ralston Alumni Golf Tournament
- Silent Auction of Dean Ralston's Bowties
- Celebration of the Golden Horde football teams and Coach Rollie Schmidt throughout the weekend
- Short courses on a variety of topics
- *Satisfaction* – a Rolling Stones tribute band – at the Kirby Center
- Opportunity to witness the revitalization of Wilkes-Barre
- And much more!



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Friday, Oct. 3

All day – Open classes

- 11 a.m. – George Ralston Alumni Golf Tournament, Irem Temple Country Club
- 11:30 a.m. – Bucknell University Junior College Luncheon and Shuttle Tour
- 3 to 7 p.m. – Welcome Reception and Registration for Golden Horde, Munson Fieldhouse and Ralston Field
- 3:30 p.m. – Alumni College sessions, Breiseth Hall
- 5 p.m. – Colonels Happy Hour, Rodano's on the Square
- 6 p.m. – Golden Colonel Welcome Back Reception and Induction, Kirby Hall
 - 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Dance, Irem Temple

Saturday, Oct. 4

- 8:30 a.m. – President's Breakfast (Ancestral Colonels, Golden Colonels, BUJC Flyboys), Henry Student Center Ballroom
- 9:30 a.m. – Alumni College sessions
- 10 a.m. – Homecoming 5K Ragin' Road Race
 - McAndrew Cup, Regatta on the River
- 10:30 a.m. – 75th Anniversary Parade, starting at West Ross and South Main, ending at Ralston Field
- 11 a.m. – Tailgate Tent and Colonels Carnival, Ralston Field
 - Reunion for a celebration of women's athletics at Wilkes (A Tribute to Doris Saracino), the Golden Horde and football alumni, and much more
- 12:30 p.m. – Celebration of the Golden Horde football teams and Coach Rollie Schmidt, Ralston Field
- 1 p.m. – Wilkes vs. Lebanon Valley football game, Ralston Field
- 4 p.m. – Tent Festival, Fenner Quadrangle
- 5 p.m. – Tour of campus and of the revitalization of downtown Wilkes-Barre, Alumni House
- 6 p.m. – Football Alumni and Current Team Reception honoring Coach and Mrs. Schmidt, Henry Student Center
- 7 p.m. – Class of '58 Dinner, Weckesser Hall
- 7:30 p.m. – Golden Horde Reunion and Dinner (by invitation), Henry Student Center
 - Reception at the F.M. Kirby Center
- 8 p.m. – Rolling Stones Tribute Band *Satisfaction*, Kirby Center

Sunday, Oct. 5

- 9:45 a.m. – Memorial Bells (Remembrance of Alumni)
- 10:30 a.m. – Athletic Hall of Fame Reception (Tribute to Coach Reese), 214 Marts and Henry Student Center Ballroom

Alumni College

Return to the classroom during Homecoming Weekend

Friday, Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m.

- History of Wilkes, by University Archivist Harold Cox
- How to Save on Gas!
- The Wilkes of Today and Tomorrow

Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.

- History of Wilkes, by University Archivist Harold Cox
- Forest Green, by Michael Steele, biology professor
- 19th and 20th century life in Wilkes-Barre: One Perspective, Juanita Patience-Moss '58
- Information about Identity Theft
- The 2008 Election, by Kyle Kreider, political science professor
- Emotional Intelligence: An Introduction, The Sovereign Center for Leadership and Business Development

Check The Colonel Connection for updates.

REGISTRATION

Coming back for Homecoming? Stop by the first floor of the Henry Student Center to pick up your name tags and all information about the weekend. **Register from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 4.**

To see more of what's happening during Homecoming weekend and 75th anniversary celebration or to register, go to <http://community.wilkes.edu/2008homecoming>