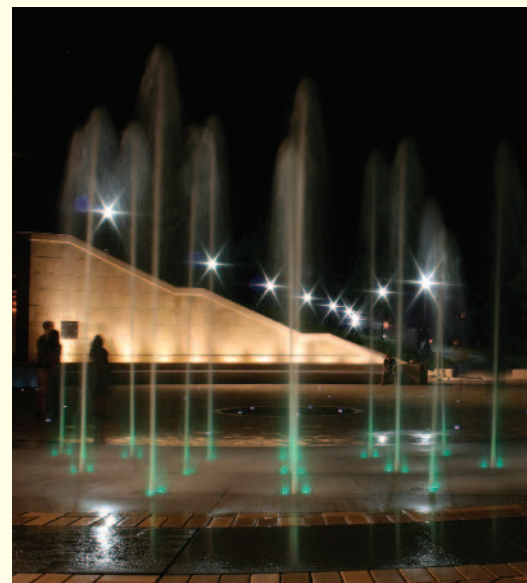


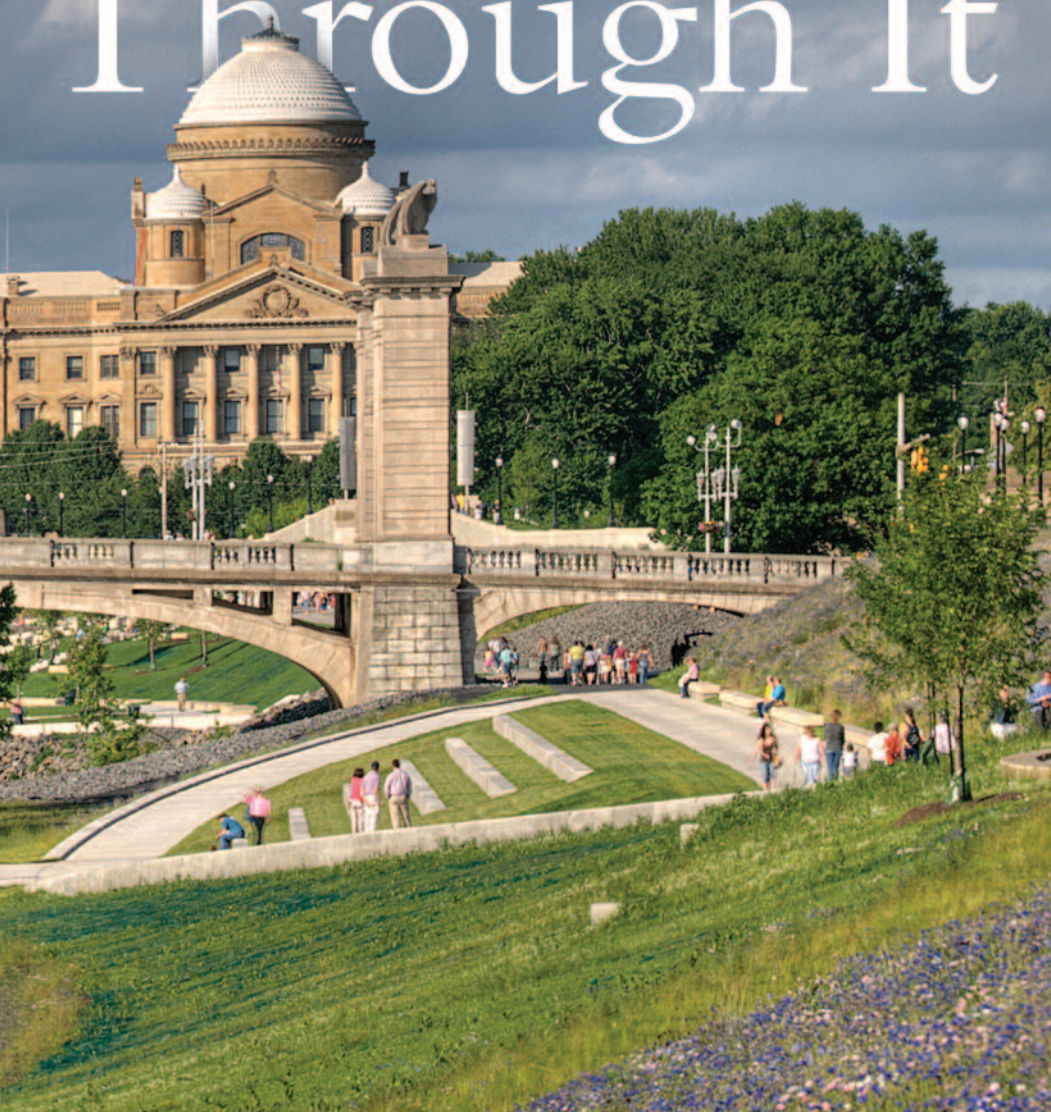
A River Runs



Views of the new River Common can be seen from the Wilkes campus.
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Through It



FEW UNIVERSITIES CAN say that a river flows past the front door of campus. Wilkes University is one of them. The proximity of the Susquehanna River has been a blessing and challenge over the years. For generations of alumni, the River Common—the lovely greenway fronting the river—provided a respite from the classroom. At other times, flooding—most notably following Hurricane Agnes in 1972—was the curse of having a campus bordering a river. A new system of levees completed in 2003 has reduced flooding issues. Now the River Common project, completed in June of this year, tops the flood wall and provides a new riverfront park facing the Wilkes Campus.

Two portals in the flood wall along River Street—with the southernmost located near the Wilkes campus—invite visitors to access the riverfront. Looking northeast from the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center, the new River Common provides opportunities for walking, cycling, boating and fishing along the river. An amphitheatre for open-air concerts, a boat launch and other amenities bring the promise of new recreational opportunities for Wilkes students and alumni.

More on the web: To take an online tour of the new River Common, go to www.wilkes.edu/rivercommon.

