

Bierly successor to be determined by search committee at branch

George W. Bierly, an integral part of Penn State-Wilkes-Barre for 33 years, will retire as the campus' director this fall. A search committee will be selecting his successor.

Bierly has held the position of director, the top administrative post on campus, for 22 years. During that period he made Penn State-Wilkes-Barre a leader and innovator in many areas of higher education, especially in associate degree programs in engineering technology.

Even as he prepares to retire, Bierly is involved in setting up two new associate degree programs in engineering technology, each of which is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation. These new programs in Telecommunications and in Railway Engineering Technology will offer their first classes this fall, just weeks after Bierly retires.

New and innovative programs designed to meet society's needs are nothing new for Bierly. As director he was instrumental in creating such programs as those in Biomedical Equipment Technology, Surveying Technology, Mass Communications-Broadcasting, and Highway Engineering Technology.

One of Bierly's biggest accomplishments as director was obtaining the beautiful 50-acre John N. Conyngham estate in Lehman Township as a gift. That multi-million dollar gift enabled the campus to move from its crowded quarters in the old Guthrie Building in Wilkes-Barre to its present site with attractive grounds and ample room for expansion.

That expansion began almost immediately after the Conyngham estate became the Wilkes-Barre Campus of The Pennsylvania State

University, thanks to a community-wide fund drive spearheaded by the campus' Advisory Board and Bierly. In addition to the two buildings that were once part of the estate, the stately Hayfield House and the Commons, the campus now includes a well-equipped Laboratory Building and a Classroom Building.

Bierly, a native of Berwick and an Army Air Force veteran of World War II who served in Italy, is a graduate of the former Bucknell Junior College and of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has done graduate work at Penn State and at M.I.T.

He first joined Penn State-Wilkes-Barre in 1947 as a part-time instructor and became an assistant professor of engineering in 1952. He taught courses in industrial processes, engineering calculations, engineering economics, and other subjects. In 1958 he was appointed campus director, a position he has held ever since.

Bierly's contributions to the community have extended far beyond the campus. He led the campus' Agnes Hurricane disaster relief efforts. He is a past chairman of the Regional Education Planning Council for the 14 institutions of higher learning in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He has been a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, American Society for Engineering Education, and other civic, educational, and professional organizations.

In 1976 he received the Outstanding Engineer Award of the Luzerne County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, and in 1972

was presented with the Kiwanis International Presidents Award for distinguished leadership of the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Club. Also in 1972, he was honored with a special dinner by the 200 members of the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis for service rendered as an officer of the organizations.

Bierly is well-known throughout Greater Wilkes-Barre as a promoter of Penn State-Wilkes-Barre and its educational programs. He has given numerous speeches to area organizations on the values of a Penn State education and has often appeared on local television and radio programs and been interviewed by local newspapers.

He said that one of the facts he is proudest of is that graduates of the two-year associate degree programs he helped create and guided at Penn State-Wilkes-Barre often obtain careers with higher starting salaries than graduates of four-year bachelor degree programs.

As director, however, he helped to bring bachelor degree programs to Penn State-Wilkes-Barre, and now students at the campus have their choice of more than a dozen associate degree programs and more than 120 bachelor degree offerings. Bachelor degree students complete their first two years at Penn State-Wilkes-Barre and their second two-years at another campus, usually Penn State-University Park.

Bierly said he has no particular plans regarding what he will do in retirement. The process for selecting a successor as campus director will include setting up a search committee, and the name of the replacement is not expected to be known for at least several months.



George Bierly

Annette Kowalski enrolls in U.S. Army

Annette D. Kowalski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kowalski, Route 1, Noxen, recently enrolled in the Army's Delayed Entry program.

This program is designed to allow the individual to take up to one year before actually entering active duty. Additionally, this delay insures that the individual will be able to select the training and even the location of assignment upon entry.

Upon entering the active army, the individual will undertake basic training learning

skills such as drill and ceremonies, marksmanship, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Completion of basic training is but the first step. After graduation, the individual will be assigned for training in a speciality field.

Kowalski has met the qualifications and elected to receive training as a policewoman.

She is a senior at Lake-Lehman High School.

Paul Simons on dean's list at Penn State

Paul Simons, of 37 Stites St., West Wyoming, was named to the Dean's List at Penn State-Wilkes-Barre for the winter term.

Simons is a sophomore majoring in the associate degree program in

Biomedical Equipment Technology.

Students are eligible for the Dean's List at Penn State-Wilkes-Barre if they carry a full course load and attain a grade point

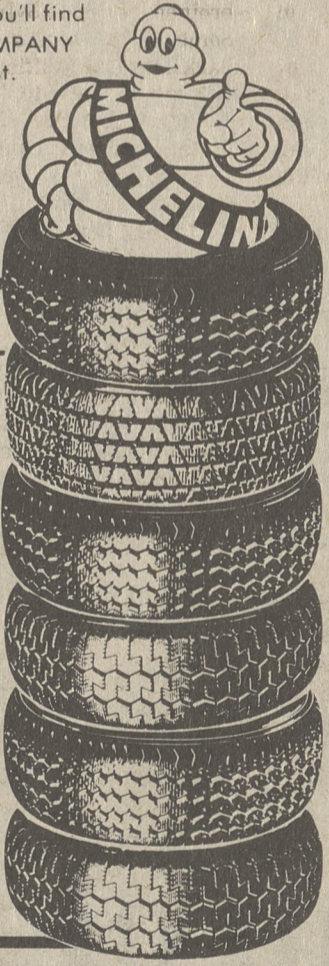
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Simons name was inadvertently omitted from the dean's list released earlier by Penn State-Wilkes-Barre.

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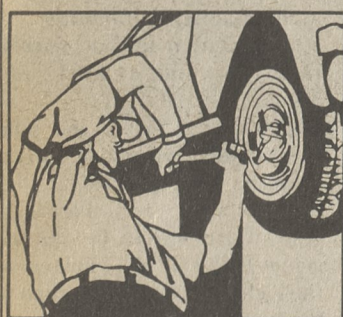


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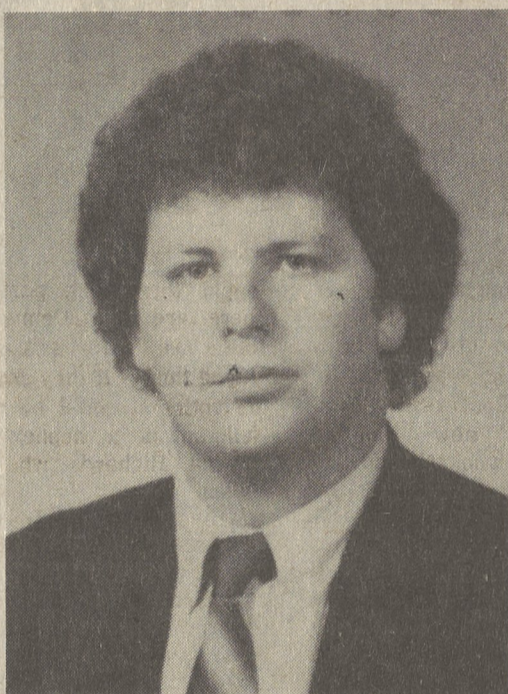
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WNB promotes staff members

Harold J. Rose, Jr., president and chief executive officer of The Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, announces the following promotions approved by directors at the annual meeting of the bank: Promoted from assistant vice president to vice president were Libro J. Ciarmatori and William V. Leandri; promoted to assistant vice president was trust officer Emil J. Warren. Staff members promoted to the office of

assistant cashier were Mrs. Jean A. Alexy, Mrs. Mary Kay Embleton, Mrs. Gertrude M. Matley, John S. May, Jr., Joseph Kevin Boylan, Miss Judith A. Menapace, Mrs. Patricia A. Kielly.

Eight additional staff members were given new functional titles and promoted as to responsibility.

Trudy Matley, 87 Price St., Kingston, promoted to assistant cashier, is affiliated with the bank's systems and data

processing departments and is systems project manager. She began her banking career with United Penn Bank in 1970 and joined Wyoming National's staff in 1977. She is a graduate of Dallas High School and is presently enrolled in A.I.B. courses at Luzerne County Community College; she received her A.I.B. basic certificate in 1978 and represents Wyoming National as

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