

## GRADUATES ACCEPT ASSISTANTSHIP AND MATH POSITION WITH IBM



Ann Black

Ann Black, Misericordia graduate from Huntsville, will enter Villanova University this fall on a graduate teaching assistantship in biochemistry. Assistantship is a waiver of tuition and fees for which Ann will do chemical research.

While at Misericordia, Ann majored in chemistry and minored in mathematics. During the last semester, Ann began research on the enzyme catalase and its activity in the human blood. Project was undertaken under the direction of John Filar, professor of chemistry.

Catalase is the enzyme which protects living cells by decomposing toxic hydrogen peroxide into water and oxygen.

Ann explained: "Thus far our aim is to show eventually that catalase activity of blood is or is not an indication of health."

"Thus far our results from hemoglobin measurements and catalase activity determinations, using blood samples from hospital patients, have revealed no apparent relationship between the two."

Further work will include establishing normal ranges to which diseased states could be compared. Ann hopes to determine what specific diseases show abnormal catalase activity.

In her junior year at Misericordia, Ann participated in Project



Marilyn Getchonis

Marilyn Getchonis, a June graduate from Duryea, will apply her mathematical skills in a position she has accepted with IBM Corporation.

A mathematics major and physics minor, Marilyn was a dean's list student for three years and served as news editor of the *Miss Recordia* during her senior year. Marilyn also was named to Who's Who, Sigma Phi Sigma and Kappa Gamma Pi.

SGO-T. Purpose of the project was to examine the validity of some practices in the conventional methods of estimating the activity serum glutamic oxalacetic transaminase in human blood serum.

Project SGO-T, the brain-child of Mr. John Filar, served as an introduction to research for the students.

Serum glutamic oxalacetic transaminase, (SGO-T), is an enzyme concerned with the manufacture of amino acids which are essential to protein synthesis.

Although SGO-T is found in all human and animal cells, it is particularly abundant in the heart muscle and liver. The enzyme becomes concentrated in the blood serum following the destruction of cells of these organs through disease.

## Gate of Heaven Enrolls 800

On September 4, 1963, Gate of Heaven School, Dallas, Pa., will open its doors for the 1963-64 school year to an enrollment of over 800 elementary school children. Students from eight different parishes attend the school.

At the invitation of the Pastor, Reverend Francis A. Kane, the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Scranton Province have staffed the school since its initial opening in 1951. Former teachers at the school include the former Mother Provincial, Mother M. deLourdes, and Mother M. Ignatius who were on the first faculty of Gate of Heaven School. Our former principal, Sister M. Sebastian, a former member of the council has been transferred to St. Paul's School in Butler, Pa.

In her place the new principal, Sister M. Damion, a native of Altoona, Pa., comes well qualified to take up her duties as principal. She studied at Saint Francis College, Loretto, Pa., received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from College Misericordia, Dallas and earned her Master of Arts Degree in Education at Catholic University of America, Washington D. C.

Further graduate work has been done at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa. Her teaching years comprise both elementary and high school teaching in the Dioceses of Altoona-Johnstown, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh as well as college courses taught at Mount Aloysius Junior College, Cresson, Pa. During the past thirteen years she has held positions as principal in three different elementary schools in Altoona and Butler, Pa. Before coming to Dallas, she was principal of Saint Paul School, Butler, and was a member of the supervisory board of the schools in the Pittsburgh Diocese. Recently she was appointed a member of the Provincial Council of the Sisters of Mercy of the Scranton Province. The other members of the teaching staff are Mrs. William Kennedy, Miss Celestine Mulholland, Mrs. Rose Fornadell, Mrs. Catherine Polack and twelve Sisters of Mercy who have received their educational training at College Misericordia. Sister M. Chrysostom, a college Misericordia graduate, who has been a member of the faculty of Gate of Heaven School for the past four years, recently received her Master of Arts Degree from Marywood College, Scranton, Pa.

## Symposium Discusses Golding



One of the most recent discussions was on William Golding. Participating were members of Campion Society of King's College and Misericordia's Literary Club.

Pictured, left to right, are James Godwin, president of the Campion Society; Barry Jedrick, vice president of society; Sara Ervin, president of the Literary Club; and Eileen Ferry, member of Literary Club from Dallas.

## College Literary Club Has Successful Season

Literary Club is one of the most vibrant on campus with discussions or speakers on contemporary literature scheduled once a month. During the past year, students discussed merits of J. D. Salinger, John Steinbeck and William Golding.

Besides this the Literary Club sponsors an annual theater party to New York. Last year, members saw Peter Ustinov's play, *Photo Finish*, as well as Arthur Kopit's off-Broadway hit, *Oh Dad, Poor Dad (Mamma's Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feeling so Sad)*.

Mary Anne Toth, a senior English major, had this reaction to the play:

"In a strongly cynical and vividly probing manner, Kopit attempts to present a meaning of man in a world that has no meaning, which is the basic philosophy of the modern playwrights who belong to the Theater of the Absurd. Kopit keeps the audience laughing even though at times they don't know exactly what they are laughing at!"

"The combination of the young, experimental, bizarre humor of

Arthur Kopit and the older, more subtle wit of Peter Ustinov will indeed leave a lasting impression on many minds."

In the discussion of William Golding, the students found that in *Lord of the Flies*, Golding developed the theme of the effect of original sin on man's nature through a tale of boy-survivors on an island.

Reviewers found Golding to be concerned with the relation of human personality to the conditions of society with defects of society being rooted in defects of human nature.

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## Les Belles Chanteuses Continue Tradition Of Joint Concerts

Following the tradition of combining their voices with those of other colleges, members of Misericordia's Glee Club climaxed last year's musical offerings with a concert with Scranton University Glee Club.

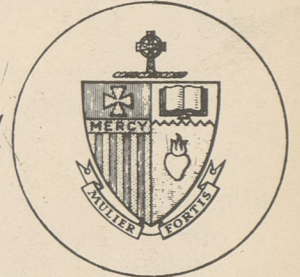
First performance in Wilkes-Barre, under the direction of Sister Carmella Marie, was given in honor of Sister M. Celestine, president of the college.

Second was given in Scranton as part of the University's Diamond Jubilee celebration.



Pictured above is the Main Building of King's College, on North River Street, Wilkes-Barre.

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Registration dates for the fall term are September 17th through September 20th. Classes will begin Monday, September 23rd.

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