

## Misericordia Graduated 209 At 48th Annual Ceremonies

College Misericordia conferred baccalaureate degrees on 209 students, including 24 Back Mountain residents, Saturday afternoon in commencement ceremonies held on the front lawn of campus. It was the 48th annual graduation ceremony for the college.

Principal speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Clarence C. Walton, president of The Catholic University of America. In a brief address, Dr. Walton told the graduates his message was, "You count."

Urging the students to become actively and creatively involved in forming a better world, Dr. Walton told them to "... give your hearts gaily to God; stretch your hands to man; ... and make this day a special, sacred event in your lives."

He described the world today as full of insecure people forced to prove the truth because of credibility gaps and who measure the value of a human being in terms of success. Quoting George Orwell, he described American literature as "obsessed with violence."

After painting that gloomy picture of America, Dr. Walton then challenged the graduates to change it through "involvement, participation, ... or at least, understanding."

Following Dr. Walton's address, Sister Miriam Teresa, RSM, president, formal-

ly conferred degrees on the 209 students. The Most Rev. J. Carroll McCormick, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, presented the diplomas as Dr. Leo R. Downey, academic dean, called out the names.

The ceremony was concluded with the benediction presented by the Rev. Michael J. Rafferty, chaplain of Misericordia.

Included among the graduates were 24 Back Mountain residents, several of whom graduated with academic honors.

Back Mountain students receiving degrees were Bonnie Brokenshire, Jan Bitenbender, Barbara Connolly, Joan

Evans, Mary Fertal, Noreen Gallagher, Lynne George, Kathleen Nulton, Charlene Park, Rita Pieczynski, Sister Barbara Rowe, RSM, Jane Smith, Eileen Sundra, and Gail Williams, Dallas;

John Brice, Miriam Isarel, Greta Johnson, and Patricia Kreidler, Harveys Lake; Barbara Hill and Carolyn Smith, R.N., Shavertown; Deborah Anderson, Antoinette Kardell, Bonnie Long, and Carolyn Wadas, Trucksville.

John Brice was the first male student in the history of Misericordia to receive a degree. In addition to his B.A. degree in

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## Sweet Valley Fair Starts This Weekend

One of the most popular events in the Back Mountain area, the Sweet Valley Fair, is scheduled for this weekend, May 24, 25 and 27, at the Ross Elementary School Grounds, Sweet Valley. Sponsored by the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company, the annual Memorial Day parade and fair will open this year at 6:30 p.m. Friday with an Enduro Motorcycle Show which promises to be as thrilling as ever.

On stage at 8:30 will be the "Al Hess Family" bringing the finest in musical entertainment.

The grounds will open at 3:30 p.m. May 25 with a pony show, strictly limited to children 12 years old and under. To be eligible, all ponies must be 13 hands (52") high or under. All entries will be taken the day of the show prior to the various classes. Further information is available by contacting Harold Post at 256-3622.

"Phase II", a group of teenagers from Northwest Schools, will provide musical entertainment Saturday afternoon and evening. They take the stage at 5 p.m. Back by popular demand will be "Johnny and the Rancheros" at 8 p.m.

The "RipCORDS", enjoyed by thousands every year, will return this season with three big shows. They will give an exhibition of skydiving at dusk Saturday and will put on two shows Monday, one at approximately 4 p.m. and another at 8. Steve Gay of Tunkhannock will put on an

aerial acrobatic show at 3:30 p.m. Monday.

Monday's Memorial Day activities get underway at 10 a.m. with a Western Horse Show. At 1:30 p.m., the famous Sweet Valley Parade starts down the road, impressive this year with many floats, marching units, clowns, antique cars, bands, horses and fire and ambulance equipment. This big parade has attracted thousands from all over the area for many years.

More music is scheduled on Monday. At 3 p.m. a group of young people will provide music for listening and at 6, a professional group called "Tommy Rynick and the Fabulous Country Travelers" will take the stage. The group, which plays Country Western music, will feature vocalist Norma Sherry, a recording artist who has appeared on WWVA.

The Sweet Valley Ladies Auxiliary and Firemen will present a patriotic show at 8:30. The show will feature members of the fire company and auxiliary.

The Sweet Valley Fair features something for everyone...rides, games, food, helicopter rides for the adventure-some. Parking and entertainment is free.

The show will come to a close with a gigantic aerial display of fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

## Greenstreet Staff Members Given State Press Awards

The Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association and the Pennsylvania Society of Newspaper Editors honored a photographer and two editors

## Fresh Air Fund Designates Dallas 'Friendly Town'

"Good Growing Weather" is one commodity the Back Mountain area has plenty of—both for crops and children. Knowing this, and knowing too, of this community's many warm-hearted residents, the Fresh Air Fund of New York City has once again designated the Dallas area as one of its 340 Friendly Towns.

Again this year, applications are being accepted from prospective host families who want to participate in the Fund's Friendly Town program by inviting a city youngster to share in their family's summer fun. These hosts provide two-week vacations for needy children from New York City, with transportation and insurance provided by the Fresh Air Fund.

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Photo by Chukinas

Sister Miriam Teresa, RSM, president of College Misericordia, presents a baccalaureate hood to music major Thomas Lewis during the annual hooding ceremony held in preparation for graduation. Mr. Lewis was the first male student in the history of the college to receive a baccalaureate hood.

## Wilkes-Barre Fiesta A Salute to the Arts

A fine looking lady in her fifties, in revealing ankle length skirt and hair that barely touched her bare shoulder blades, paused before a painting and smiled. A slight breeze carried a whiff of lavender

in the direction of a Bohemian type who was digging his toes into the grass and his fingers into his beard. He was smiling too.

Why were these people smiling?

They were enjoying greater Wilkes-Barre's 18th Annual Fine Arts Fiesta held last weekend on Public Square.

If a city's overall health can be measured by its fine arts then Wilkes-Barre is fairly brimming with vim, vigor, and vitality.

Dozens of local artists put their finest work on display and it was good. Craftsmen displayed their wares and gladly showed all comers their techniques.

On the stage a procession of folk dance groups, ballet troupes, poets, orchestras, choruses, puppet shows, theater groups and many more provided continuous live entertainment.

St. Andrews Orthodox Church ran a "Cafe Under the Trees," providing sustenance for hungry strollers.

Children, small and large, of all ages, eyed the ever spinning pottery wheels. Their faces reflected an obvious desire to plunge elbow deep into the glistening clay. The Wilkes College art students running the pottery display obliged them more often than not.

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Photo by Kurt Weidner

Rugmaking at the Fiesta. Arline Umlauf, Luzerne, demonstrates a looping device used in rugmaking. She and her husband, Theodore, added rugmaking to their list of crafts a little better than a month ago. He also does leatherwork and saddle repair and she paints in acrylics and does pastels and pencil sketches.

## Primaries Hold Few Surprises

The Back Mountain primaries held literally no surprises, Attorney Jerry Grimaud came close to T. Newell Wood in several districts for the state senate's 20th district nomination on the Republican ticket. But close was not nearly enough and the incumbent senator won handily in most districts.

Most candidates were unopposed. Dan Flood, U.S. Congress; Michael Lewis, state senate, and Robert Scovell were all unopposed. Republicans running unopposed included Senator Richard Schweiker, Ken Lee, lieutenant governor; Richard Muzyka, who has virtually no chance against Dan Flood for congress in the general election; and Frank O'Connell, general assembly.

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## Luzerne Agency To Do Chores

United Services in Luzerne County will utilize some of its personnel currently engaged in housing relocation to organize a chore service for the aged and handicapped.

There are presently five Vista Volunteers working on housing problems in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties. It has been their experience, according to Paul Zbiek, a Vista Volunteer from Plymouth Township, that many families would not have to be relocated if certain repairs

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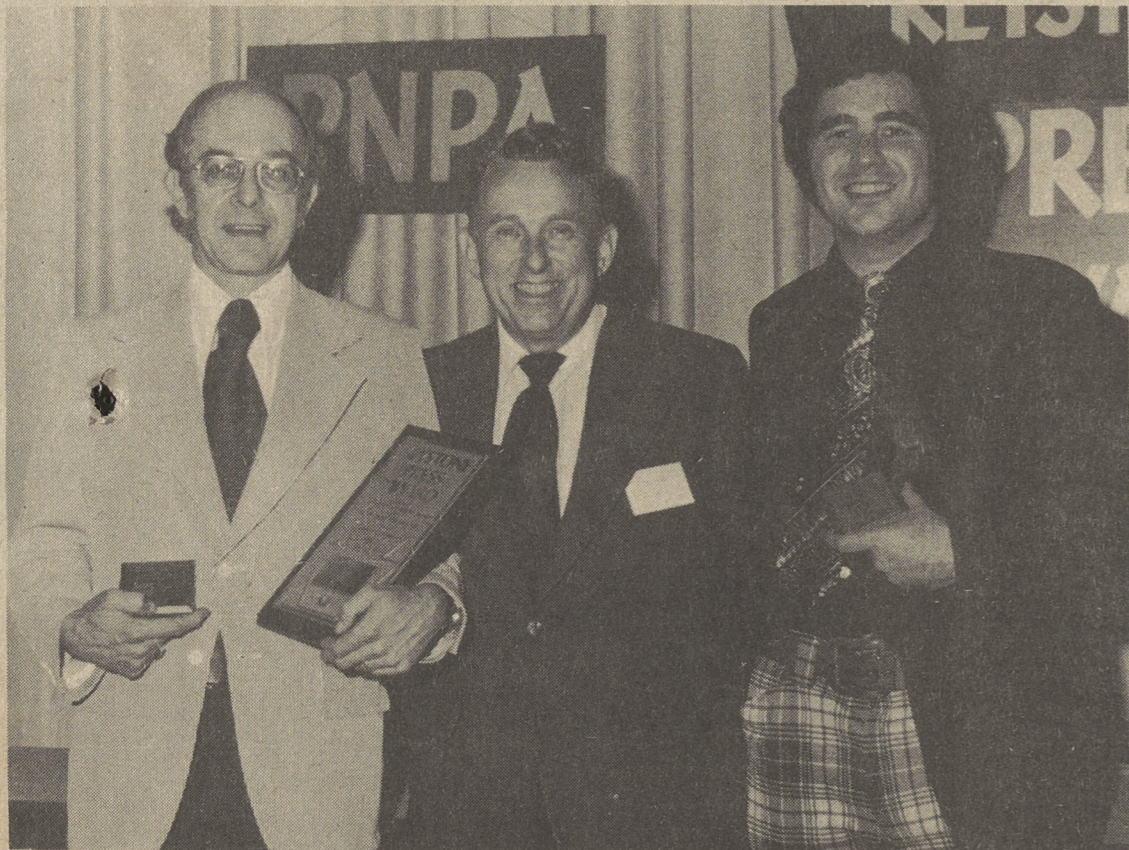


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Greenstreet News Company editor-in-chief J.R. Freeman (left) and Carl Davies (right), editor of the Mountaintop Eagle, display awards won in the Keystone Press Awards competition. Awards were presented during the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association convention in Harrisburg Saturday. PNPA executive director Richard Dew (center) congratulates the award winners.