

Sisters of Mercy give \$297,417 to Misericordia

Sisters of Mercy, Scranton Province, commemorated Mercy Day on Monday by presenting College Misericordia with a check for \$297,417 which represents the contribution of the Sisters of Mercy for 1979.

The check presentation was made by Sister Mary Ann Dillion, R.S.M., Provincial Administrator, to Dr. Joseph R. Fink, President of College Misericordia.

In presenting the gift, Sister Mary Ann said, "It is fitting that this gift is made on Mercy Day, Sept. 24. This is the annual, world-wide celebration of our community's dedication to the service of the poor, the

sick, and the uneducated. This year, the Sisters of Mercy commemorate 148 years of life."

Mercy Day is also the 55th anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy sponsorship of College Misericordia. The Sisters opened the doors at Misericordia to the community in 1924, graduating their first class of five students in 1927.

In the ensuing half century, the Sisters have been responsible for accepting over 6,000 sons and daughters of the community and returning educators, community leaders, and other professional people.

Sister Mary Ann called that service the act of

"providing an environment for learning which demonstrates and makes viable Christian values."

There are 20 Sisters of Mercy currently serving on the faculty at College Misericordia, with seven serving in Administration. Two, top administrative posts, Academic Dean and Dean of Students, are served by Sister Marie Dolores Moore, R.S.M., and Sister Martha Hanlon, R.S.M., respectively.

"The service of the Sisters of Mercy to College Misericordia is an invaluable asset," according to Dr. Fink, "which cannot be measured in terms of money alone. Their

presence in administrative and faculty posts has imbued the College with a sense of dedication to the

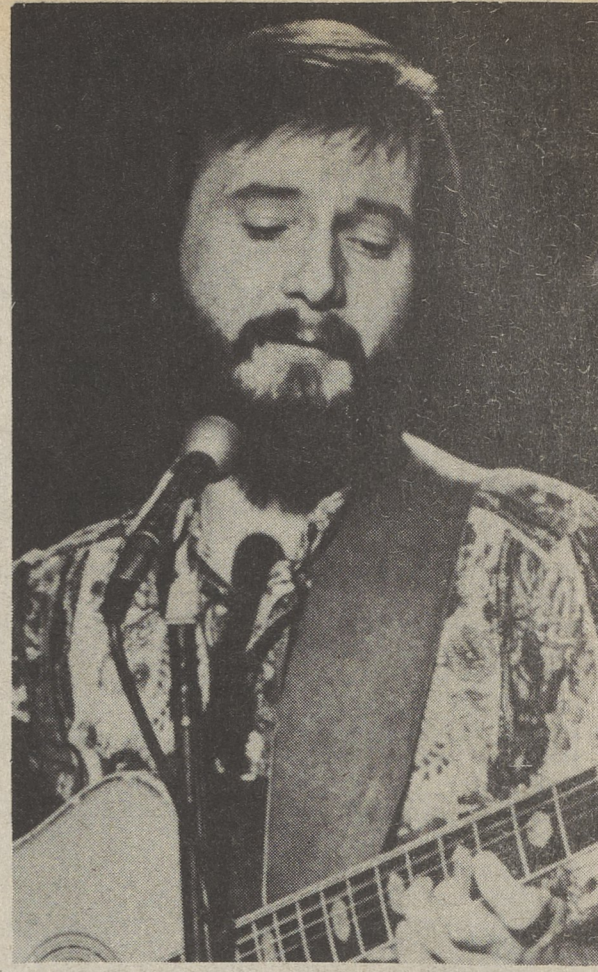
education of the student as a whole person."

"We commend the Sisters of Mercy on this day of celebration," Dr.

Fink said, "and thank them for their contributions not only to College Misericordia but also to the community."



PRESENTATION—Sister Mary Ann Dillon, RSM, Provincial Administrator of the Sisters of Mercy, Scranton Province, presents a check, above, for \$297,417 to College Misericordia President Dr. Joseph R. Fink as part of the Mercy Day celebration at the college. With Sister Mary Ann is Sister Denis Murphy, RSM, president of the Society of Sisters of Mercy of Wilkes-Barre, the organization which founded the college in 1924.



TO PERFORM—Singer-sonwriter Ed Williams, above, will perform at College Misericordia on Sept. 29 at 9 in the college's Coffe House. The Philadelphia-based Williams is well known on the city's cabaret circuit and has received some national exposure through several television appearances. He has performed with Marty Robbing, Paul Williams, and The Melissa Manchester Band, with whom he recorded his prize-winning song, "Harmony." Williams is a four time winner in international song writing competitions and recently won first prize for folk song writing in the American Song Festival held in Los Angeles. Williams has local ties as his brother Lee and his family reside in Trucksville. Lee is an associate professor of history and political science at College Misericordia. The college concert is being presented by the student government. Tickets will be available at the door.

Pam Adams commended

Principal James L. Nicholas announced today that Pamela J. Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, has been named a commended student in the 1980 National Merit Scholarship Program.

In achieving this distinction Miss Adams is one of approximately 35,000 students who earned a score placing

them in this elite academic group.

An active member of the Lake-Lehman student body, Miss Adams has been a member of the award-winning band and has served as a section leader. She has also been a member of the yearbook and newspaper staffs and was elected Key Club president. She is also serving as yearbook business manager.

In both her ninth and tenth grade years Miss Adams received certificates for her performance in the National Educational Development Test. In both cases she placed in the 99 percentile which places her in the top one percent of students taking the test nationwide.

Presently undecided about her future college choice, Miss Adams is considering Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Virginia and Cornell Universities for a career in Electrical Engineering.



Pam Adams

Results of S.K.I.L.S. program

program

The Dallas School District has received the evaluation of its federally funded E.S.E.A. Title I program; "S.K.I.L.S." Results of the program indicated that students involved in Title I reading and math programs in grades 1-8 (1-6 for math), showed evidence of "significant gains."

Students are enrolled in the program for approximately eight months, and are expected to gain one month in grade level per one month of instruction, or a total gain of eight months. Dallas students' average gain for grades 1-8 in reading was 19.5 months or 1.75 years. In math, grades 1-4, the average gain was 21.9 months or 1.99 years.

The Dallas S.K.I.L.S. program is designed to aid those children who qualify under the E.S.E.A. Title I guidelines in improving their basic skills in reading and math. The program involves 13 staff members as follows: five reading specialists, three learning resource specialists, and five instructional aides.

They are reading specialists: Linda Baird, Florence Gauthier, Sharon Hartshorne, Rita Mundy, and Jack Wega; learning resource specialists: Cathy Flick, Grace Fries and Jean Utter; instructional aides: Janet Evans, Evelyn Farrell, Alice Krispin, Dolores Ostrum, and Sandra Stirling.

Anyone interested in further information should contact Wega at 675-5201 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



ART EXHIBIT—Donald Bennett, third from left, Dallas, was among guests at the recent opening of the Keystone Junior College 1979-80 Art Exhibit Series at the school's Art Gallery on its 200-acre, suburban campus in La Plume (near Scranton). The exhibit, which remains through October 31 and is open to the general public at no charge, features drawings and sculptures by Peter Traugott, an art professor from Kutztown State College. Pictured, left to right, with Bennett are: Mary Hart, Dalton; Ellen Brier, La Plume, and Scotty Neuroth, right, Clarks Green.



RECOGNIZED—The counseling staff at Luzerne County Community College has received statewide recognition for its overall performance in carrying out its functions and will receive an award from the Pennsylvania Personnel and Guidance Association at its annual conference on Friday, Nov. 2, in Gettysburg. Among the counselors at Luzerne County Community College, who share in the honor, are, from left, seated—Ruth Donohue, Wilkes-Barre, senior counselor; Linda Walters, Kingston; and Theresa Gaza, Dupont. Standing—Dr. David R. Duncan, Dallas, dean of student services; Edward M. Garrity, Hazleton; John Pisano, Plains; and Gerard J. O'Connor, Archbald, senior counselor.

WPSI-FM 'on the air' again

WPSI-FM, the student-operated radio station at Penn State-Wilkes-Barre, is back on the air.

The station, 89.1 on the FM dial, broadcasts Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. to midnight. From 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. the station features contemporary music, and from 8 p.m. to signoff it highlights album-oriented rock. The station also has news, sports, and special programs.

The station is operated by the campus Broadcasting Club, under the advisement of Ralph Carmode, assistant

professor of speech communication.

Station officers include Joanna Guildoo, station manager, of Annyville; Leonard Sorrell, program director, of Main Rd., Nuangola; Barb Yacobowsky, secretary-treasurer, of R.D. 6 Dallas; Perian Cohen, news director, of 11 Lackawanna Ave., Dallas; Darrell Reider, sports director, of Trucksville; Barry Georgetti, arts-promotions director, of Market St., Lehman; Kevin Spiegel, public affairs director, of Trucksville;

Bob Edder, music director, of Trucksville; Sherry Benfer, traffic director, of R.D. 4 Dallas, and Mark Clauser, production manager, of Trucksville.

The operation of the station is an integral part of the associate program in Mass Communications-Broadcasting at Penn State-Wilkes-Barre.

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