

College students adopt elderly

College Misericordia's Campus Ministry appears to have struck a heart-warming cord with its "Adopt-a-Grandparent" program. Already an active part of life for several elderly at the Meadows Apartment complex on Lake Street, students also recently signed to adopt grandparents at Maher's Guest Home at Harveys Lake. All 22 guests at Mahers have been adopted, either as grandparents, aunts or uncles. The home was a beehive of activity throughout last week as students and senior citizens met and established the first bonds of friendship.

The purpose of the program is to encourage the intermingling of youth

and age. While the younger generation can learn much from the experience of the senior folks, the older ones find the excitement and exuberance of youth uplifting. Such give and take ultimately provides a basis for friendship between the two.

At Misericordia, the program has been overwhelmingly received. For more than a year, students have been involved in Luv-a-Nun, a friendship program with retired Sisters of Mercy living on campus. Father Jack Bendic, who along with Sister Noel, coordinates Campus Ministries said Luv-a-Nun puts students with retired Sisters who have similar interests.

Nursing students visit retired nurses. Education majors adopt former educators. The pairing provides a further intellectual basis upon which the friendship can flourish.

While adopt programs have been successful on other campuses, this is Misericordia's first attempt on a large scale. Still, the response is impressive. "We had more response from the students than we expected," explained Father Bendic. "They love it and so do the elderly." The contact is particularly good for those living away from home, although day students have also volunteered.

Despite its being well received by the elderly in the community, volunteers in the program are cautioned to observe a few guidelines. They are encouraged to visit at least once a week, but not more than twice. "Elderly people are very set in their day-to-day schedules, and an enthusiastic student can interfere with this," explained Father.

The students themselves have high expectations about what can result. "I don't know what we'll do exactly," remarked junior nursing major Annette Lorson. "I guess we'll play it by ear as you would with anyone."

Annette has adopted a

grandmother at Maher's and expects to be helpful as well as sociable. "If she needs help writing letters or reading, I'll be there."

The students adopted Maher's due to the efforts of Nettie Daley, dorm housemother, whose niece, Betty Maher runs the home. Nettie has been bringing the students out to meet the guests at Maher's. "They're amazed to see how nice the home is," said Nettie. "Some have the idea that boarding homes are like flophouses. They can't wait to get into the program. They're planning on bringing guitars out and entertaining. It's going to be a lot of fun for all of us."



Irene and Esther Hemnigan, sisters who live at Elizabeth Maher's Guest Home at Harveys Lake have been adopted by College Misericordia students.

Education Week activities planned

Parents of students attending the Dallas Township Elementary School have a busy schedule of activities available to them during Education Week. All parents have been invited to attend individual conferences concerning their children during the week.

The teachers of first

grade parents are inviting parents to see demonstrations and displays of first grade materials and activities. These programs will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 1:15 p.m.

Parents are invited to observe the fourth grade classes on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 1:30 p.m. Presentations that in-

clude condensed versions of reading and math classes are planned. Parents attending will participate with their children.

On Thursday, Nov. 18 at 10:15 a.m. the third grade will present a slide show written and produced by the students.

On Friday, Nov. 19 at 2

p.m. the second grade will present a Thanksgiving program in the gym.

Although special arrangements are made in the Dallas Township Elementary School for parent visitations during Education Week, parents are invited to make arrangements at any time during the school year to visit the building.

Myers named Merit semi-finalist

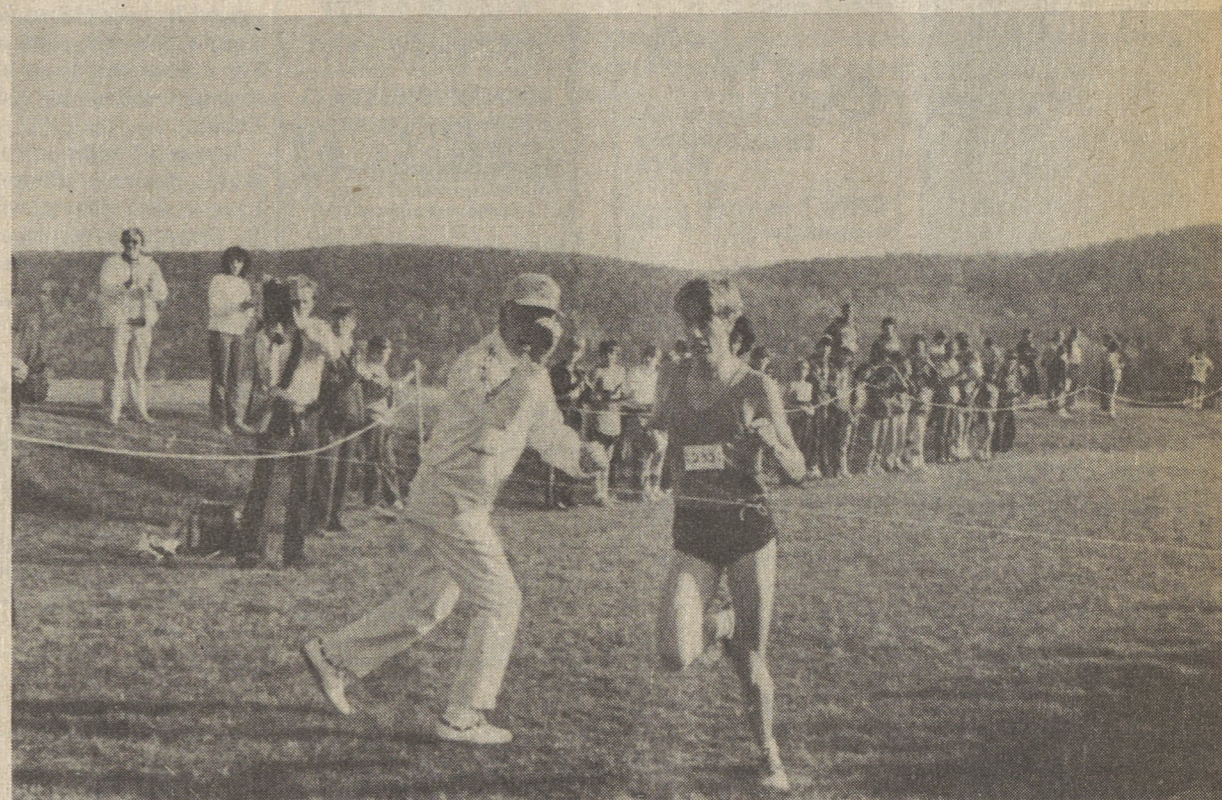
Edgar Hughes, principal of Dallas Senior High School, released the name of Marjorie Myers, senior at Dallas Senior High, who has been selected as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Marjorie is among 15,000 semi-finalists nationwide who will compete for 5,000 Merit Scholarships.

Marjorie is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Byron Myers, 26 Tamini Drive, RD 2, Wyoming. Dr. Myers is Dean of Academic Affairs at Luzerne County Community College. Mrs. Myers is an elementary teacher in the Dallas School District. Marjorie has been an outstanding student at Dallas Senior

High. She is a member of the National Honor Society. In her junior year, she maintained a 4.0 average. She has been on the Honor Roll in both junior and senior high.

She has received the Woman's Club Award for Short Stories, N.E.D.T. Certificates in seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th grades, also the Social

Studies Award in 10th grade. Marjorie has participated in band and chorus for five years. She has been active in drama productions and this year is a member of the year-book staff. In senior high, she qualified for the Gifted Program. Outside of school Marjorie is active in the Youth Fellowship Group.



Mark Richardson, eighth grader at Dallas Area became District Champ and topped all runners recently in the Junior High District Cross Country meets at Frances Slocum State Park. Mark ran the 1.8 mile track in 9:13. He led coach Dave Junta's junior high Mountaineers and all district competitors to help his team achieve third place in the overall standings. Paul Burke, another

junior high runner also received a medal for placing thirteenth out of the top 15. Dallas junior high ended the season with a 3-3-1 record, although no official league existed on that level. Junta said, however, an official junior high league has been established for the 1983 season.

Wilkes-Barre Fats

Takes Dallas over Myers in weekend grid game

BY LEE L. RICHARDS

It disturbs me when I hear fans getting on high school gridders and coaches during a game. According to several loyal Dallas fans such was the case during a recent Valley West game. It's obvious these people don't have things in perspective.

It also reminds me of the story about the person who plays every position, never makes a mistake and knows just what the opposition is planning every play. But so far, there's been no way to get him to put down his hot dog and program and come out of the stands!

--Coach Mark Kirk's Lake-Lehman team has already doubled last season's win total with four.

GAR Coach Charlie Flick told me last week the Knights have shown steady game-to-game improvement which can be attributed to Coach Kirk and staff.

--Dallas will entertain Meyers on Saturday and if the Big D lads can thwart Mohawks' air game and control the football, they've got a chance to come away with a W.

--Several coaches have called to my attention one of the most consistent performers in the area this season. He's GAR's Tony Khalife (6-2, 220). He's got the potential to be a real prospect in the future.

--Wyoming Sem will close out its season Saturday. My son, Doug, has enjoyed his experience performing for Coach Marv Antinnes and Gary Vanderburg. Marv is an excellent field general. He's at his best recognizing and making the necessary adjustments during a game. What has impressed me is how well prepared Sem is entering

each game.

--While most of the college grid polls had Washington ranked No. 1, I felt they were about sixth, simply because the Huskies really hadn't beaten a solid team in two years.

Several readers have inquired as to how I base my weekly Super Seven? The following factors are what I consider significant:

1-Watching as many teams perform as possible on TV. 2-Staff coaching and preparation. 3-Number of quality starters returning. 4-Opinions of various college coaches that I know. 5-Head-to-head meetings with quality foes over two years. 6-Caliber of opponent's win-loss record. 7-Game to game improvement.

It's obvious by the pattern of the weekly polls that very few casting ballots don't evaluate many factors. They simply vote teams with reputations and ones that roll up big scores.

--How about Billy Martin for the new baseball commissioner? That would give the stuff-shirts something to think about.

--Why college assistant coaches never get more recognition is beyond me. They do all the detail work, coach the respective positions and recruit the athletes, yet the head honcho reaps the credit!

Irish Cage Panthers:

Once again Notre Dame has topped a No. 1 ranked grid team. The Irish rose to the occasion in Pittsburgh

and defeated the previously unbeaten Panthers, 31-16.

While Pitt controlled the game, ND made the big plays when it counted. Early in the first period Pitt lost All-East safety Tom Flynn and this left a big void in the defense. ND's first score was set up with a 30-yard pass down the middle, after a fumbled punt. Both would have been handled by Flynn.

In the second half ND hit on a flea-flicker and Allen Pinkett ripped a 76-yard run. A total of 21 points was scored in Flynn's area.

ND's Tony Hunter said, "I was immediately aware when Flynn left. He might have made a difference then (30-yard pass) and on the flea-flicker. He's such an instinctive defensive back he might have picked up the plays."

However, Irish played a near perfect game. Their offensive scheme had some new wrinkles and their execution was picture perfect when it had to be.

It was a discouraging loss for Pitt, but Panther Coaches had no excuses. Coach Foge Fazio said, "Notre Dame executed real well and made the big plays when they had to. Sure we have a lot of injuries, but I'm not about to bring that up after the way Notre Dame performed."

Meanwhile, I had a chance to visit with former ND assistant Joe Yonto at Friday's practice. Joe was the man who designed Irish's defense for Ara and Devine. He told me he misses coaching, but is happy in administrative role with Irish. He ranks with the best defensive

minds in game in my book. Just ask Texas.

Plenty of Bowl folks around the Press party Friday night. All were talking about Pitt and Penn State, none too interested in ND? That will change.

Right now I'd say Penn State is in the drivers seat for Sugar, Orange or Cotton. Bowls will extend invites officially Nov. 20, but let me tell you that will be cut and dried by Sunday. There's so much wheeling and dealing.

I thought Pitt QB Dan Marino played particularly well with over 300 air yards and no interceptions.

Notre Dame, not recognized for its over all physical strength, appeared stronger in some areas than Panthers.

Irish secondary may not rank with quickest, but overpowering when they hit.

Irish entertain Penn State this week and there wasn't a lot of conversation in press box about game. To Notre Dame it's just another opponent. After all they've seen them all before.

Slowly the pretenders are falling and the real contenders for the No. 1 rating were stepped forward. My Super Seven is as follows: 1-Penn State-getting better each week. 2-Nebraska-Suspect pass defense. 3-Arizona St.-Very aggressive defense. 4-Georgia-No one can stop Hershel. 5-Pitt-Not performing to potential. 6-SMU-Superb ground game in so-so loop. 7-Florida St.-A team which improves every week.

Schoolboy Five: 1-Pittston Area, 2-GAR, 3-Coughlin, 4-Wyoming Area, 5-Meyers.

Agnes Heath celebrates 98th birthday



Agnes Heath

Agnes Heath, one of the first and the oldest resident at The Meadows Apartments in Dallas Township, celebrated her 98th birthday, Tuesday, Nov. 2. Over 100 persons attended the party held for Agnes in the community room of the apartment complex.

The celebration included a bag lunch, birthday cake and entertainment by the Meadowlarks, a singing group

from the apartments.

Before taking up residence at The Meadows, Agnes lived at 38 Church St., Dallas, for 14 years. She came to the Back Mountain after working for many years at the Philadelphia College of the Bible. There she was in charge of the mail and a dining-room cashier. She remained employed until well past her 80th birthday.

The former Agnes

Goodwin, she was born in Luzerne and lived a good part of her life in Kingston. She married Paul Heath, now deceased, and raised four children, Jean Brackett, Haddonfield Hills; Paul, West Chester; Richard, deceased; and Ralph, deceased. She has eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She is a member of the Huntsville Christian Church.

Auxiliary sponsors Bar-b-que

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Shavertown Fire Co. will hold a Bar-B-Que Supper at the Fire Hall on Friday, Nov. 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. 15.00 per person all you can eat, children

under six free.

This supper is open to the public and Vivian Newcomb, chairperson, announces that tickets are available from all Auxiliary members.

On Thursday, Nov. 18, the Auxiliary will also hold a bingo at the Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. Alberta Roberts and Theresa Bosak are chairpersons.

Public meeting at Jackson Twp.

Senator Frank O'Connell has called a public meeting at the Jackson Township Fire Hall concerning security

at the State Correctional Institute at Chase.

The meeting, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. will bring together

officials from the Bureau of Corrections, Chase Institute and state and local officials. The public is urged to attend.



They may look like an unusual crowd, but this bunch of snowmen, gypsies and crayons had one very good time at the Annual Dallas Jr. Woman's Halloween party. Shown left to right are, Vivian Riley, Greg Riley; row 2, Amy Bunola, Andrea Bunola, Tami Landon, Melissa Maisola, Kenneth Maisola, Gina Gialanella; row 3, Mark Metrick, Jessica Oravitz, Joyce Oravitz, Mark Hudak. (Dan Walsh Photo)

Pac Man greets Halloweeners

Area children enjoyed themselves at the GFWC Dallas Jr. Woman's Annual Halloween Party at Fino's in Dallas recently. This year's theme was a Pac Man Halloween and various ghosts and goblins arrived to share the fun.

Pac Man and Ms. Pac Man greeted the children

and guided them through a maze of witches and black cats. Pac Man fever filled the air as the children marched past the judges. After the winners were announced, the group enjoyed refreshments and the mystical magic of Bill Dixon.

The GFWC Dallas Jr. Woman's Club is a non-

profit organization for women between 18 and 40 years. The group provides a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior each year. It also contributes to other local charities and organizations including the Back Mountain Library, the Fall Fair Association and Meals on Wheels.