

People



Brownies stay dry

Brownies from Troop 641 of Lehman stayed as dry as they possibly could during the Sweet Valley Memorial Day parade by covering their float with a plastic sheet.

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A bright spot

Memorial Day brought with it some dreary weather this year, but the Lake-Lehman Marching Band, shown here being led by the color guard, added a little brightness to the Sweet Valley Parade.

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Degrees awarded to 225 at Misericordia

College Misericordia celebrated its 58th commencement exercises on Saturday on the south lawn of the Dallas campus. Two hundred and twenty five men and women received the following degrees: associate in applied science, bachelor of arts, bachelor of music, bachelor of science, bachelor of science in nursing, bachelor of social work, master of science in human services administration, and master of science in nursing.

The Honorable George M. Leader, former Governor of Pennsylvania, presented the commencement address to the class of 1984. Leader recalled his own graduation from the University of Pennsylvania in 1939, when he became the first Leader in eight generations to receive a baccalaureate degree.

"I believe that your parents will want you to remember your roots," Leader said. "Always be proud of your heritage and try to live up to the high expectations that your family has for you."

Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan, chairman of College Misericordia's board of trustees, conferred an honorary doctor of laws degree upon Governor Leader, in recognition of his distinguished service to the State of Pennsylvania, to education and to humankind.

An honorary doctor of humane letters degree was awarded to Sister Mary Maurita Sengelaub, R.S.M., senior advisor to the president of the Sisters of Merch Health Corporation in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Dr. James J. Pallante, academic dean of the College, presented the 227 degree candidates; Misericordia's president, Dr. Joseph R. Fink, conferred the degrees.

Cheryl L. Jones, Scott Street, Wilkes-Barre was recognized with several awards. A summa cum laude graduate of the music therapy program, Ms. Jones received the Alumni Award for scholarship, the Julia Janice Koons Bonin Award for proficiency in music, and the Music Therapy Award for professional growth in music therapy. She was also named to Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Grad-



Degree awarded

Sister Mary Maurita Sengelaub, R.S.M., senior advisor to the President of the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation in Farmington Hills, Michigan, receives an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan, left, chairman of Misericordia's board of trustees and Dr. Joseph R. Fink, right, president of the College. Sr. Sengelaub received her degree just as the skies broke and the resultant downpour forced the ceremonies into the College's auditorium.

uate Honor Society. Ms. Jones sang the National Anthem at the opening of the commencement convocation.

Other Wilkes-Barre residents honored with special awards include Mary Beth A. Kollesar, Madison Street, who received the Sister Mary Kateri Dowart Award for excellence and leadership in nursing; Don C. Kemmerer, Andover Street, recipient of the Rho-Tau Award for clinical excellence in radiologic technology; and Susan

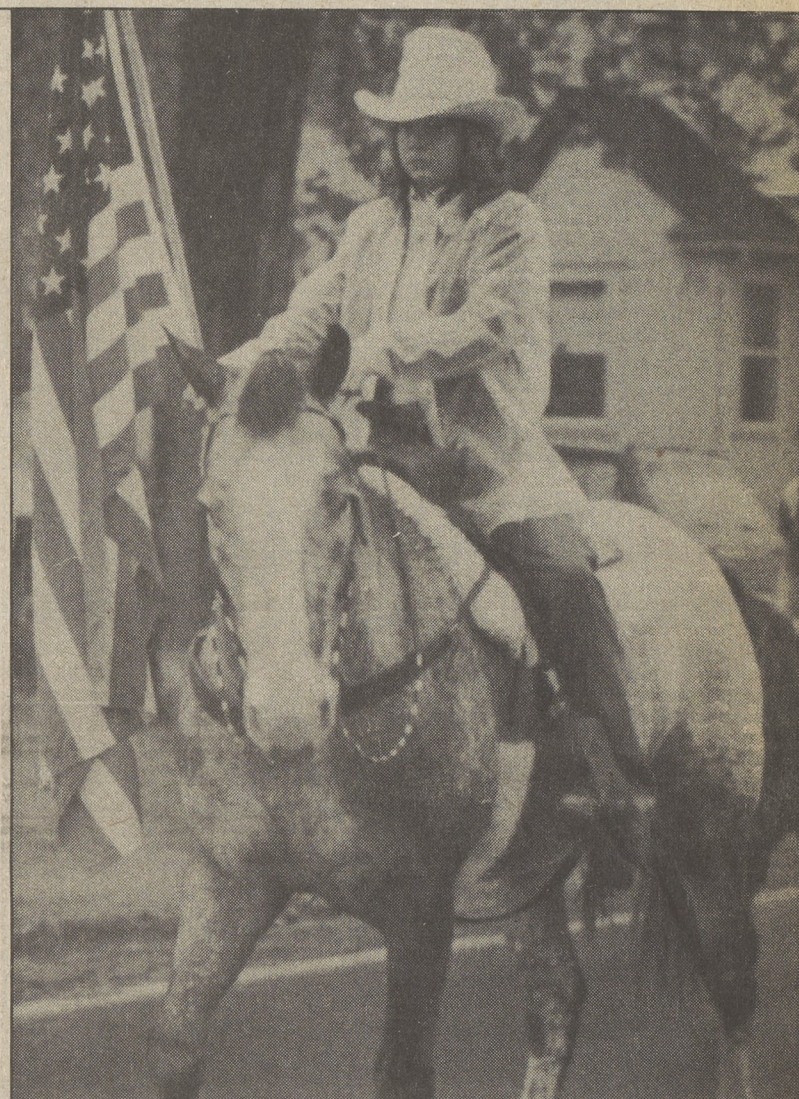
Marie Stimp also of Andover Street in Wilkes-Barre, received the Dr. Tatjana Petrychenko Award for outstanding achievement in Biology.

Carmen N. Chimento, of North Main Street in Plains, was recognized for earning the highest grade point average in the class of 1984. Mr. Chimento earned a 3.98 average, on a scale of 4.0.

The new graduates heard remarks by Margaret H. Spengler, president of College Misericordia's

Alumni Association. Ms. Spengler noted that "this present moment, this moment of your graduation is holy--for out of it your future emerges. Fill your future with a love for life and you will discover the essential elements for happiness."

The Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, former Bishop of Scranton, offered the benediction at the conclusion of the commencement ceremonies.



Parade participants

Christy Campbell of Lehman sits high and mighty upon her horse as she participates in the Memorial Day Parade at Sweet Valley.

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