

To improve education

Schools engage in 'Project Excellence'

Gerald J. Wycallis, Superintendent of the Dallas School District, and Dr. M. David Preston, Superintendent of the Lake-Lehman School District, jointly announced recently a consortium endeavor called "Project Excellence" which involves instructional and administrative staff from both districts in a series of seminars-workshops presented by consultants from outside the districts.

"Project Excellence" is made possible by both districts sharing in a 4-million dollar appropriation, for the 84-85 fiscal year, by the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

The Dallas School District share (\$6,832) and the Lake-Lehman School District share (\$6,213) will be combined to fund "Project Excellence." Basically, the funding will be used to provide the consultants and to hire substitutes for participating teachers.

According to both superintendents, the districts also share a common desire to make available, to the instructional staff, the advantages of some systematic approaches to instruction, which have been developed over the past several years from the powerful "effective schools research." There is also a common desire to manage curriculum programs at an optimal level, closely articulating that which is written, that which is taught, and that which is tested. Impetus for improved curriculum management is obvious in the regulatory measures, such as Chapter 5 and TELLS, coming from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The purpose of "Project Excellence" is for each district, after interaction with the consultants, to design its own staff development and curriculum management programs. Such district programs would then hopefully be available for initiation and implementation during the 85-86



Discussing project

M. David Preston, left, superintendent of the Lake-Lehman School District, and Gerald J. Wycallis, superintendent of the Dallas School District, discuss "Project Excellence," a joint project being conducted by the two Back Mountain school districts.

school year, and thereafter. Staff development programs typically encompass four to five year schedules involving 20 to 25 percent of the instructional staff each year.

Expected results of such programs are improved instructional delivery systems, complimented by a staff supervision program, which, contrasted with typical staff evaluation programs, is designed around mutual goal setting, strategy application and data-based assessment between teacher and supervisor in a non-threatening setting.

An expectation of effective curriculum management is a closer articulation between "the written, the taught, and the tested," and greater student achieve-

ment. Curriculum management programs, like staff development programs, typically follow a schedule or cycle in which certain areas and grade levels are systematically reviewed and upgraded in terms of planned courses, instruction, and testing.

"Project Excellence" began on February 11 with presentations from Dr. Edward Pino from Parker, Colorado. Dr. Pino is a consultant with internationally recognized expertise in the areas of instruction and curriculum. He is often a key presenter at state and national conventions for school board members, administrators, teachers, and curriculum specialists. He has recently been doing a great deal of work with Canadian schools in the areas of "quality circles," "career lad-

ders," and "computer assisted instruction."

Several years ago, Dr. Pino presented a seminar on "Discipline Strategies That Work" for both the Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts. Another consultant for "Project Excellence" will be Vito Forlenza, Curriculum Specialist at I.U. No. 19, and contributing editor for the PASC (Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) Journal. Dr. Forlenza has made many presentations throughout the state on the topic of effective curriculum management.

Dr. Leo Gensette, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education in the Hollidaysburg Area School District, also an expert in the area of curriculum management, will present the model being implemented in his district. He likewise has presented seminars and workshops throughout the state.

The first phase of "Project Excellence" is scheduled to conclude on April 29 and 30 with a presentation from Dr. David Archibald, Director of Staff Development, Neshaminy School District. Dr. Archibald has been trained in the Madeline Hunter-UCLA Staff Development-Supervision Methods, and is implementing such in his school district. He has been involved in recent PSBA (Pennsylvania School Boards Association) programs on staff development. Concurrently, both school districts have also been working with Dr. Thomas O'Donnell, Curriculum Director, I.U. No. 18, who has provided resource persons, materials and programs for school improvement. Recently (Jan. 8 and 9), administrative personnel from both the Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts participated in a PDE (Pennsylvania Department of Education Executive Academy on Supervision and Evaluations, sponsored by I.U. No. 18.

Misericordia campaign goes well over the top

The raising of \$1,588,901 in College Misericordia's "A Gift of Quality" capital campaign as celebrated last Wednesday as friends, alumni and the college community gathered at Genetti's and cheered President Joseph Fink's announcement, "We went over the top of our \$1.5 million goal!"

"We are overwhelmed by the community's response to our first comprehensive capital campaign," said the president. "On behalf of the college, I want to thank the community and our corporate friends for contributing to the success of this major fund drive."

Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan and Attorney Harold Rosenn served as co-chairmen of the campaign. "Their leadership was invaluable and ensured the achievement of our goal," stated Dr. Fink.

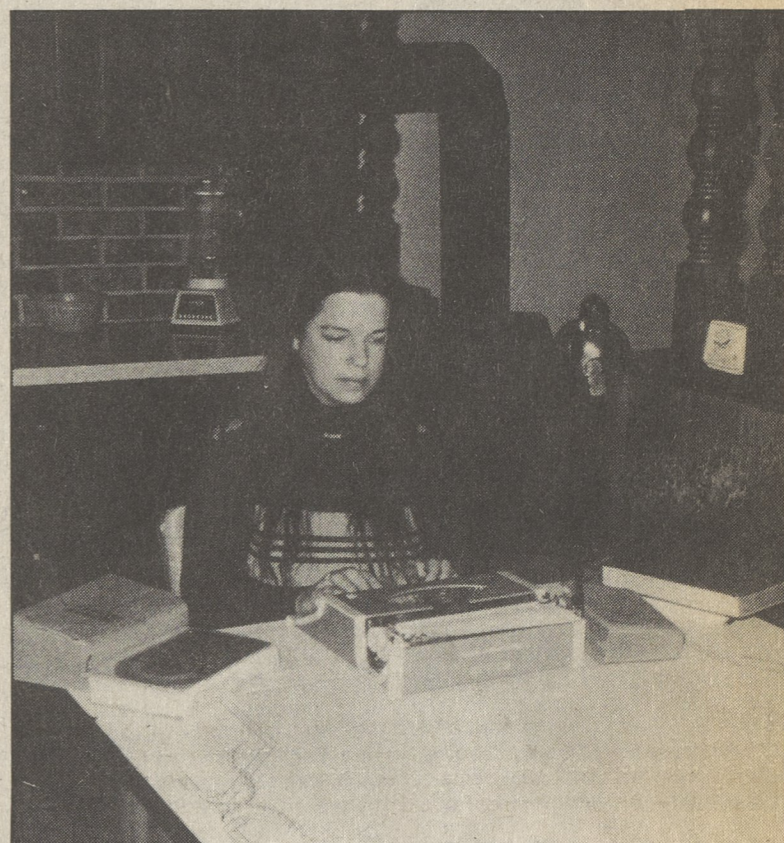
The purpose of the capital campaign is to provide funds for endowment development for scholarships and financial aid to students; curriculum development and research;

purchase of equipment for professional curricula and repair and energy conservation for buildings.

"Major renovations, funded in part by the capital campaign including alumni donations, have been completed on the third floor of the administration building," said Rosenn. Through modernization of this 60 year old academic complex, three classrooms, a tiered lecture hall, two computer labs and a faculty office suite were added.

Campaign funds were also used to develop a new program of Presidential Scholarships in Law and the Humanities. Full tuition grants and honor awards are made to students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement.

"We are better prepared to serve the educational needs of our students and the community," said Dr. Fink. Our commitment to excellence in education is a gift of quality which the Sisters of Mercy gave to this region, over 60 years ago, when they founded College Misericordia.



Puzzling situation?

Dallas Post/Joan Kingsbury

Elsa Sennett is surrounded by the dictionaries she uses when working on her crossword puzzles. Elsa, a resident of Harveys Lake, will have her crossword puzzles featured every week in The Dallas Post, beginning on February 20.

Crosswords will debut in The Dallas Post

Crossword puzzle fans can look forward to a weekly puzzle in The Dallas Post, beginning with our February 20th edition.

Elsa Sennett of Harveys Lake will be composing custom crossword puzzles, sometimes using words that apply to area happenings. Elsa, who has lived in the Harveys Lake area for eight years with her husband, Gerald, is a real crossword puzzle fan. She has been enjoying the puzzles for years, so she decided to try to make up her own. The results were quite good as readers will see in following issues.

Dictionaries give Elsa some help in creating her puzzles as do the many books she reads.

Elsa is fond of the Harveys Lake area, so from time to time, this community is sure to make an appearance in her puzzles.

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Weis Markets helps locate missing kids

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"This is believed to be one of the most innovative steps taken to help solve the national problem of abducted children," reported a spokesman of Weis. "We at Weis Markets are convinced that our milk carton side panel program will be very effective in our marketing area." Statistics show that children are almost never located in their own local community.

The initial printing of two photographs for each half gallon carton will include a total of 14 different children. Approximately 80,000 of these half gallon cartons will be distributed to Weis Markets in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia each week.

A total of 24 photographs will eventually be available from the International Paper Company, the

producer of our cartons. The photographs and biographies are taken from a catalog printed by the National Child Safety Council in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice and is updated every three months.

Child abduction is now a threat to every parent. Missing and abducted children statistics are staggering.

Fire officers named

The following have been elected as officers of Dallas Fire and Ambulance Incorporated for 1985:

President, Robert Richardson; vice president, Timothy Carroll; secretary, Lynn Sheehan; treasurer, Paul Labar; Board of Directors: Edwin Roth, William Baker, William Ward, Donald Shaffer, Donald Bulford; ambulance chief, Jack Wega; assistant ambulance chief, Frank Michael; fire chief, Robert Besecker; assistant fire chief, Thomas Doughton.

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WEIGHT: 72
HAIR: Brown



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DOB: 5/5/71
WHITE FEMALE
EYES: Gray
HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 85
HAIR: Auburn, curly

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Carton label

Shown here is an example of a milk carton produced by Weis Markets, Inc. The carton labels will contain photos and information of missing children from all over the United States in an effort to locate them.

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