



**Alumni plan reunion**

The Penn State Wilkes-Barre Alumni Society has set the date of Saturday, June 18 for the campus 1988 Alumni Reunion. At a recent meeting, the group also inducted new members to the board of directors. They are shown from left, seated: Dave Hoffman, Wilkes-Barre, Vice President; JoAnn Post, Dallas, President; Jim Brozena, West Pittston, Treasurer; and Charles Bantell, Pittston.

Standing: Jim Kerns, Edwardsville; Marianne Tucker Puhalla, Forty Fort; Jim Biondo, Gouldsboro; Bob Lamson, White Haven; Constance Dorula, Old Forge; Chris Borton, Forty Fort; Ron Sturgeon, Mountaintop; and Sue Stravinsky, Dallas. Missing from photo: Al Bidwell, Jr., Apalachin, NY; Bob Bayer, Dallas; Don Bosell, Dallas, Tx; Vera Cornish, Wilkes-Barre; Margie Esopi, Dallas; Evo Esopi, Dallas; John Hornza, Larksville; and Joseph Rymer, Alden. Those wishing more information about the reunion may call Marianne Puhalla at 675-9240.



Dr. Mary Glennon



Sr. Siena Finley



Linda Stallone

**Local women to speak at Penn State conference Saturday**

Three professional women from College Misericordia will present workshops during the 1988 Luzerne County Women's Conference. The conference will be held at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus on Saturday, June 4.

Dr. Mary Glennon, RSM, Misericordia's academic dean, will present a workshop on women's changing roles and attitudes as they gain on-the-job success.

"Pitfalls can be avoided if women are aware of potential conflicts in their personal and professional life," said Dr. Glennon. "As leadership skills develop and on-the-job responsibilities increase, women often have to deal with new tensions at work and at home."

Sr. Siena Finley, executive director of the Ethics Institute of Northeast Pennsylvania and professor of philosophy at Misericordia, will

present a workshop that compares and contrasts the way women and men address ethical problems.

"Research is emerging," said Sr. Siena, "that shows women construct a moral dilemma from an 'ethic of care,' whereas men do so from an 'ethic of justice.'" That these differences exist could account for misunderstandings associated with different ethical solutions to the same situations, she added.

"If men and women do operate from a different ethic, it is unacceptable to attribute more maturity or sophistication to one conclusion and naivete or immaturity to another," Sr. Siena explained.

Linda Stallone, director of marketing and college relations for Misericordia, will discuss the component of successful love relationships between couples. "Being Together: A Three Sided Affair" will reveal findings of the latest

research on the topic of love relationships, particularly the recent work of Yale professor Robert J. Steinberg. The workshop will provide a structure for understanding the components of complete love relationships from which participants can identify the strong and weak elements in their own lives.

"If your marriage is not supportive, it's difficult to focus on your next promotion," said Stallone. "But the potential exists for couples to draw strength from each other, even under the most stressful or traumatic conditions."

"Once you know what works and what doesn't work in your own relationship, you can spin out your own strategy for change," she added.

For information about the conference, contact the Information Hotline at 675-2171 or 1-800-426-2358.

**Billions in veterans benefits go unused as programs change**

Although over \$32 billion were paid out in veterans benefits last year, billions more went unclaimed in the past few years. Every year eligibility for benefits and the array of available benefits are changed and very few veterans or their survivors keep up with the latest rules. Because of this, and changes in their circumstances, many veterans, their families and survivors are now entitled to money and other benefits from the government even though they were not eligible in the past.

These were the findings of a study group of the Consumer Education Research Center, a 19-year-old national nonprofit consumer group. They found that over one-fourth of the money paid in veterans benefits goes to persons who never served in the armed forces of the United States. Most of these were related by blood or marriage to veterans but many were not. Others were members of the armed forces of countries who fought with us against our enemies.

Each year the Center compiles a book describing the latest rules on available benefits and how to qualify for those benefits. The 192-page Complete Guide to Federal and State Benefits for Veterans, Their Families, and Survivors with a foreword by Sen. Robert Dole and a separate book containing information and forms to obtain marriage, death, divorce and other vital documents needed to substantiate claims have just been issued. This set of two books is \$7 (plus \$2 p&h) from CERC-Vets, PO Box 336,

South Orange, NJ 07079 or by calling 1-800-872-0121 with credit card.

Mr. Robert L. Berko, executive director of the consumer group, says that many survivors of veterans are unaware that they might be eligible to receive money, medical care, educational assistance, help in buying a home or other benefits. In fact, eligibility and benefits change constantly and some people ineligible in previous years are now able to start receiving money.

The study found that many people are unaware that they are considered dependents or survivors of veterans. These include those involved in illegal marriages, those who remarried after the death of a veteran, children born out of wedlock to a veteran, parents of a veteran and even dependent grandchildren. Any of these may be eligible for benefits.

Mr. Berko says that the study questioned veterans about benefits and found that the majority were unfamiliar with most of the benefits now being granted under Federal and state laws. Even veterans now collecting were unaware of other benefits for which they were eligible and could be collecting.

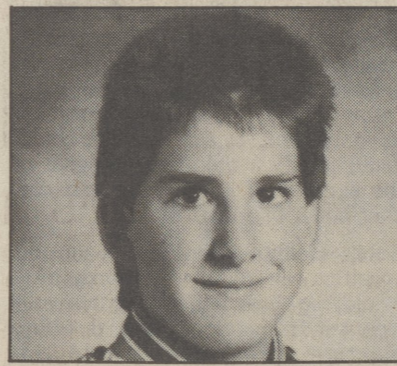
For instance, disabled veterans can receive apparel allowances if they use wheel chairs, artificial limbs or any prosthetic device that can wear or damage clothing and, if they have a spouse in need of care, they can receive an allowance to pay someone to provide that care.

**Paul May named national award winner in band work**

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Paul May has been named a United States National Award winner in band.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students attain. The Academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students. Paul May, who attends Dallas Junior High School, was nominated for this national award by Michael Pawlik, a music teacher and junior high band director at the school. Paul May will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly United States Achievement Academy award winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.



Paul May

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselor or other school sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy.

Paul May is the son of Maurice and Bobbie May. The grandparents are James and Eulilie May of Melbourne, Fla. and Margaret Medovich of Kirkwood, New York.

**Joan Meehan receives Mailey award at Wilkes**

Joan B. Meehan, Shavertown, has been presented with the Hugo Mailey Award, which is given annually to that graduate in the social sciences who has best demonstrated overall abilities in scholarship, intellectual curiosity, and community service during his or her career at Wilkes College.

Meehan, an accounting major, recently completed an internship with Arthur Andersen, one of the nation's largest accounting firms, in New York City. She began her pursuit of an accounting degree at Luzerne County Community College, where she earned an Associate in Service Business Administration with a grade point average of 3.97, and a Certificate of Specialization in Accounting with a 3.94 G.P.A. Since entering Wilkes in 1986, she has not missed being on the Dean's List.



Joan B. Meehan

She has also been the recipient of the Lavenhol and Horwath Scholarship and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship.

Meehan lives with her husband James and son Jonathan in Shavertown.

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