



SPECIAL CAMPERS— College Misericordia's Dr. Kathleen Nolan designed a camp for children with special needs which focused on the creative arts. The camp's main event, a musical variety show, gave campers an opportunity to sing, dance, play instruments and even lipsync. Shown with the children are staff members. From left, kneeling, Ann Norton, head teacher. Standing, Kelly Kennedy, teacher assistant; Patricia Dworak, teacher assistant; camper; Dr. Kathleen Nolan, camp program director; Karen Pugh, teacher assistant; Carmela Maccarone, teacher.

A special camp for special campers

It was a sight that would have made any parent happy, maybe even shed a few tears of pride and joy. But for parents of nine "special" children in the Wilkes-Barre and Back Mountain areas, the grand finale at summer camp was truly something wonderful.

What these parents observed was mildly to moderately physically and mentally handicapped sons and daughters who were singing, dancing, playing musical instruments and even displaying their own individual sense of humor through a lipsync routine in a musical variety show entitled, "The Swingin' 'n Singin' Jamboree."

"No one has ever done that before with Justin," said Maureen Lucchino, a mother of a camper. "He was given an opportunity to perform. He played the omnichord and rang the bell all by himself in one of the songs. It was his solo performance," she proudly added. "I could not believe what those teachers and counselors were able to do with those children in such a short time," confirmed Barbara Scheonig, the mother of a 12-year old camper, Jackie. "Jackie may have musical instruments at home to play with, but to actually take part in a musical variety show with kids his own age was really wonderful."

Organized and directed by Kathleen Nolan, Ph.D., program director for College Misericordia's ele-

mentary education teacher training program, the Special Needs Summer Day Camp was designed to provide local residents with services which would build upon—or at the very least maintain—the vital skills already learned at home and in school. While the delivery system was recreational, the camp focused on the cognitive, social, communication, motor and adaptive skills of each of the campers. "We designed the curricular activities to be recreational in nature, but stressed the creative arts of dance, music and art," explained Dr. Nolan. "Through the creative arts, we were able to provide on-going development of skills taught during the regular school year as well as give these children exposure to activities that often aren't stressed in school."

From Monday through Friday for four and a half hours each day, these children went swimming, danced, took nature walks, had picnics and traveled on field trips. And while the camp experiences might have been regarded as pure recreation for children without disabilities, these special children found each day to be a valuable learning experience.

"Something as simple as going on a picnic draws on skills all of us use every day, but take for granted," explained Dr. Nolan. "Picnics require physical skills to get to a location, social skills to talk and play with other children,

adaptive or self help skills to prepare the food, eat and clean up after ourselves."

Another unique feature of the camp was a two-part, Leisure Education Workshop designed for the parents of the campers. The parents who participated were given suggestions and strategies to improve their children's and families' leisure pursuits and recreational activities.

"Justin is unable to use his spare time appropriately," said Lucchino. "What I found out is that children need to learn how to play. They need to be allowed to learn how to play. As an adult he may be limited in what he can do. He needs to learn how to use his spare time now as building blocks for the future," she said. Andrea Dougherty, mother of 14-year-old camper Erin, added, "This camp gave us the tools to encourage our children to try. Kathy Nolan reassured us that what we were doing was right. She is one of the first professionals I've dealt with who appreciated that these children do not change overnight."

"Jackie has matured nicely this summer," said Scheonig. "He's become more of a teenager through the great opportunities he's had to socialize in the camp, an opportunity he doesn't have in his own neighborhood. I don't think that would have happened without the camp."



Honor Society members

College Misericordia recently inducted seven students into the Continuing Education Honor Society, Alpha Sigma Lambda. The part-time adult students pictured have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.2, have completed 30 credits at Misericordia, and have also demonstrated leadership abilities within their major. Seated, from left, Sue Pecukonis, business; Sandra Stefanowicz, business; Judith Ellis, business; and Barbara Gail Marshall, Nursing. Standing: Kathie Flanagan Herstek, Director of Experiential Learning; Joe Stec, business; Thomas Niznik, business; Georgetta Potoski, liberal arts; Thomas O'Neill, director of Continuing Education; Dr. Mary Glennon, RSM, Academic Dean; and Claire Karpov, former Alpha Sigma Lambda member. Also inducted were: Catherine Barry Suttie, accounting; Patricia Bogdan, liberal studies; William Rowan, business; and Michael Yalch, business.



Staff honored

Penn State Wilkes-Barre honored 20 staff and faculty members for dedicated service at a special awards ceremony held on campus recently. Those honored included those who have served the campus for five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years, each receiving a special gift from Campus Executive Officer Dr. James H. Ryan. Shown front, row, from left are five year honorees: Ina Lubin, area representative, Continuing Education; Jean Dietz, instructor of German; Jane Goodwin, bookstore clerk; Gerri Goodwin, receptionist; and Margie Zikor, faculty secretary. Standing, Five years of service: Dr. David Rice, director of academic affairs; 10 years of service: Nancy Farkas, registrar; and Jackie Allabaugh, secretary to the director of Business Services; 15 years of service: James Campvelli, director of Continuing Education; John Graham, instructor of mathematics; and Dr. Wayne L. Felty, assistant professor of chemistry; 20 years of service: Barbara Judge, Admissions secretary; 30 years of service: Robert G. Balla, associate professor of engineering; and 35 years of service: Edward A. Dreisbach, P.E., associate professor of engineering, shown wearing the Penn State blazer he receive from the campus for his 35 year award. Absent when photo was taken: five year recipients: Jack Edwards, security officer; Richard Fanning, instructor of computer science; and Thomas Youkoski, technical services; 10 year award recipient Al Miller, foreman, technical services; 15 year recipient Joe Wyda, technical services; and 20 year recipient Dick Mills, bookstore manager.

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