

PEOPLE

Jerry Kowalsi, JoAnn Post are honored by Penn State

Penn State Wilkes-Barre recently honored two Wyoming Valley community leaders and Back Mountain residents, one for outstanding community service, and the other for alumni service to the campus, by naming Advisory Board Scholarships in their honor.

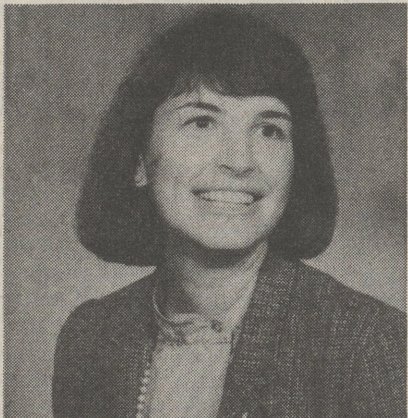
The honorees are Jerry Baird Kowalski, for her outstanding volunteer work and leadership as executive director of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon, and JoAnn Carney Post, showroom coordinator, Friedman Electric, for her service to Penn State Wilkes-Barre as president of the campus Alumni Constituent Society.

The awards were presented at a special campus Advisory Board dinner Wednesday, Nov. 16. Both will have \$1,000 scholarships named in their honor, and each will be asked to take part in commencement ceremonies at the campus in May, 1989. Their names will be added to a permanent plaque of award winners which is located in the foyer of Hayfield House. Both honorees have also agreed to visit the campus for a series of work sessions with honors and leadership students to share expertise and experience in their respective fields.

Kowalski of Dallas, was named for her community leadership as executive director of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon. She began her involvement with the project when it started as the Back Mountain Triathlon in 1981. Beginning as a volunteer at a water station, her involvement grew. In 1984, she was named volunteer chairperson and director-elect. That year's planning



Jerry Baird Kowalski



JoAnn Carney Post

was marred by the death of Dave Kramer, race director Pat Kramer's husband, who was killed the night before the race. Kowalski took over the day of the race as director, and has held the year-round volunteer post ever since.

In addition, Kowalski serves as a

member of the executive committee of Tri-America, the national triathlon association, and is a member of Tri Fed/USA, the governing body of triathlons.

She is office manager for Dr. Harry Reich, Kingston. The Kowalski's have three daughters, Amy, 16, Heather, 14 and Jill, 13.

JoAnn Carney Post, will be honored for outstanding alumni service to the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus.

She was named to the campus Advisory Board in 1983 and in 1986 agreed to organize a campus alumni society. She has served as president/chairperson of the organization since its inception, and helped spearhead the movement to organize the group into an official Penn State Constituent Society.

As Society president, she serves on the Penn State Alumni Council, and has coordinated four successful alumni reunions at the campus and various alumni events, including the alumni participation in the campus "Celebration 70" anniversary party held in 1986.

As a member of the campus Advisory Board, she has served on various committees including the external affairs committee, and currently chairs the student affairs committee, which assists the campus with policy and planning for various student activities.

Prior to joining Friedman Electric, she was employed with C-TEC for six years as an account executive and advertising coordinator.

Post lives in Dallas with her daughter, Kristin, 20, a junior at Penn State; Ron and Wade, 16, both students at Dallas High School.



DR. MAGANZIN HONORED AT MISERICORDIA- At a recent black tie event, College Misericordia officials honored faculty member Dr. Louis Maganzin of Dallas for his contributions to the college and community. At the dinner are, from left, Murray Uiberg, member of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Maganzin; Dr. Mary Glennon, RSM, academic dean; and Dr. Bruce Wilson, acting president of the college.

Dr. Maganzin honored by Misericordia for contributions to college and community

Dr. Louis Maganzin of Dallas was recently honored by the College Misericordia Board of Trustees, faculty and administration and community friends for his outstanding service to the college and community spanning 25 years. Maganzin, a professor at Misericordia, received the award at a black tie dinner held to honor Misericordia's contributors.

Dr. Maganzin was recognized for his part, and that of the entire faculty, in helping the college attain a reputation for high academic standards. A history professor for nearly 25 years at the Back Mountain institution, Dr. Maganzin held the position of Chair of the College Humanities Division for two decades. He attained his doctorate and masters degrees from Georgetown

University where he was distinguished for excellence in historical research from the Society of Colonial Wars. His bachelors degree was earned at St. Bonaventure University in New York.

"The fact that the Board of Trustees decided to give an award to honor faculty is significant," explained Maganzin in his acceptance speech, "because it recognizes the quality of our institution which is, in part, dependent on the quality of its faculty."

Prominent among Dr. Maganzin's contributions to the Misericordia community are the extraordinary results he has achieved with students as the Chair of Misericordia's Scholarship Committee for Graduate Awards and Grants. Dr. Maganzin established the commit-

tee several years ago and, during his tenure at the College, has helped Misericordia students earn International Rotary Scholarships, Harry Truman Scholarships, a Fulbright Scholarship, a scholarship from the National Endowment of the Humanities and an unusually large number of academic awards in relations to the size of Misericordia's student population.

Despite the changing times and attitudes of students and nearly a quarter century, the love of the classroom is still a large part of Dr. Maganzin's life. "I always wanted to teach. I enjoy working with students and seeing them develop and change," he said. "and at Misericordia, there is a willingness of faculty to cooperate with each other, and an academic freedom to perform without interference."



DALLAS NATIVE RETURNS TO SPEAK - David Long, Assistant Professor of Biology; Dr. Congdon; and Dr. Lester Turoczi, Chairman of Wilkes Biology Department.

Dallas native Dr. Justin Congdon is internationally known in his field

Internationally recognized Dallas native Dr. Justin D. Congdon returned to the area to speak on long-lived reptiles, particularly turtles, at Wilkes College recently as part of the Wilkes College Department of Biology Seminary Series.

Currently an ecologist at the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL) in Aiken, S.C., Dr. Congdon discussed "Evolution and Life History Strategies of Long-lived Organ-

isms."

Through the funding of the National Science Foundation, Dr. Congdon has spent the last 14 years studying a three-species community of turtles on the University of Michigan's E.S. George Reserve. This research is designed to test theories related to the evolution of life histories of long-lived organisms.

Son of Carl and Althea Congdon, Dallas, he received his B.S. and

M.S. from California State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo and his Ph.D. from Arizona State University. He has won numerous awards, grants and fellowships for his work, and is currently affiliated with the University of Georgia, Clemson University, the University of Michigan and SREL. He is a member of several professional associations, and has produced nearly 40 publications.

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