

PEOPLE

John Vaida will conduct choral concert Saturday

John Vaida, a Dallas resident, Director of Music at Wyoming Seminary and faculty member of Wilkes College will conduct the 50-voice Catholic Choral Club in concert, Saturday, June 3. The concert "Fourth Celebration of Sound", will be held at the Houlihan-McLean Cultural Center, Jefferson Avenue and Mulberry Street, Scranton. It will begin at 8 p.m. and tickets are available at the door. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. This concert will mark 40 years of fine entertainment for area music-lovers by this outstanding choral group. The program includes excerpts from favorite musicals, the classics, religious works and operatic areas.

Sharon Hudacek earns doctorate from Columbia

Sharon Hudacek, a member of the administrative staff at Luzerne County Community College was recently notified that she has successfully completed the requirements for a doctorate degree from Columbia University, New York.

Ms. Hudacek, of Shavertown, who is assistant director of nursing at the community college, earned a doctorate in education with an emphasis on administrative and professorial nursing.

A member of the LCCC staff since 1982, Hudacek began as a nursing instructor and was then promoted to assistant director of nursing in 1985. In her present position, Hudacek is responsible for budgeting and financial decision making, grant writing, hospital cooperative agency relations, satellite program planning, curriculum planning, and community affairs.

Hudacek also handles professional teaching of nursing issues and trends, is a lecturer for the college's lecture and community education series, and is a clinical nursing instructor for the college's R.N. Re-Entry Program. She also serves as a member of the College's Presidential Committee of Academic Excellence, and was responsible for the development and implementation of the college's associate degree satellite nursing program offered in Susquehanna County.

Hudacek earned a B.S.N. and M.S.N. from College Misericordia, and a M.Ed. in Nursing from Teachers College, Columbia University.



Sharon Hudacek

She currently has professional memberships with the Pennsylvania Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, Organization for the Advancement of Pennsylvania AD (Associate Degree) Education, and Association of Directors of AD Nursing.

Hudacek has published articles in the "AD Nurse" Fall, 1986 issue entitled "Design, Implementation and Evaluation of a CIA Math Module"; and the "Systems of Math Measurement", Delmar publications, entitled "Computer Assisted Instruction (CIA) Module". Hudacek resides in Shavertown with her husband, Stephen, and their son, Stephen.



Navich receives service award

John Navich, manager, Carrier Relations for Commonwealth Telephone Company, is shown at left receiving his service award from Scott Burnside, vice president, Revenue and Public Affairs at Commonwealth. C-TEC Corporation, of which Commonwealth is a subsidiary, recently presented service awards to all employees with five or more years of service. Navich started at Commonwealth in 1950 as a central office equipment installer. Since that time he has held the positions of central office equipment engineer, central office manager, division manager, general staff manager, network planning manager, and chief engineer. Navich is president of the Dallas Kiwanis, is also a member of the Board of Directors of the North East Area Independent Telephone Pioneers, and formerly served as chairperson of the Engineering Committee of the Pennsylvania Telephone Association. He resides in Dallas.



1939 NURSING GRADUATE - Shown, from left, are: Sandra Baird-Dymond, RN, second vice president, Dallas; Ethel Decker Kunec, RN, Dallas; Carol Castellani, RN, president, Hudson.

School of Nursing Alumni Association honors Kunec

Ethel Decker Kunec, RN, Dallas, was honored during the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association's Annual Homecoming recently. Decker Kunec is a 1939 graduate of the school.

A Wilkes-Barre General Hospital employee for 28 years, Decker

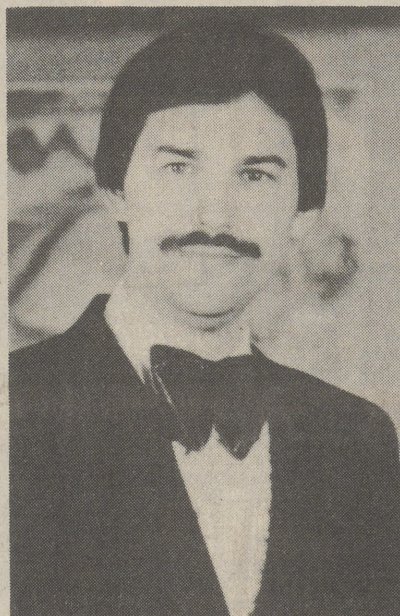
Kunec retired in 1985. She received a corsage from the alumni association president, Carol Castellani.

General's School of Nursing, which graduated more than 2,000 nurses and existed for 97 years, officially closed its doors in 1974.

Dr. Mechell to lead choral concert Sunday

Dr. Harry A. Mechell, of Dallas, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at College Misericordia, is one of three conductors who will participate in the "Choral Celebration" to be held June 4 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Wyoming Avenue in Forty Fort. Others conducting choirs in the concert are Myron Leet of Wilkes-Barre and Gene Kelleher of Forty Fort.

Dr. Mechell holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, and a Master's Degree in Choral Conducting from Temple University. His Doctorate in Choral Conducting was earned at the University of Illinois. Dr. Mechell has studied under some of the nation's leading conductors, including Dr. Harold A. Decker, Robert E. Page, and Helmuth Rilling.



Dr. Harry A. Mechell

Specializing in the performance of sacred works with chorus and orchestra, Dr. Mechell has worked many years with both high school choruses and various church choirs. Currently, he is Choral Director at Church of Christ United, in Kingston. At College Misericordia, Dr. Mechell's responsibilities include teaching voice, developing and conducting the choral music program, teaching conducting, voice class and music appreciation.

For this concert, Dr. Mechell's choir will perform Butler's "Sing To The Lord A Marvelous Song," and the men's ensemble will do a special arrangement of "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

This concert, sponsored by the Guild For Cultural Events, is open to the public and refreshments will be served following the program. There is no charge, offerings will be received. For further information, call the church office, 287-3840.

Area bank employees receive associate degrees

The Academic Affairs Office of Luzerne County Community College recently recognized area banking employees associated with the American Institute of Banking (AIB) for fulfilling the graduation requirements for an associate degree through the community college.

The AIB is the largest educational arm of the American Bankers Association, and its purpose is to educate and train bank employees. LCCC and the Wyoming Valley AIB Chapter have been working together for many years to al-

low students in the banking curriculum to earn an associate degree from the college as well as various banking diplomas through their AIB Chapter.

Among those completing degree requirements were, Barbara H. Gottsabend, Dallas, banking officer, United Penn Bank; Linda McCormack, Dallas, assistant vice president, First Eastern Bank; Debbie Piro, Shavertown, Merchants Bank.

In our service

FRANK PARULIS JOINS U.S. AIR FORCE

Frank P. Parulis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Parulis and husband of the former Stefanie Kravits, of 33 Roushey St., Shavertown, enlisted in the United States Air Force recently, according to SSGT. Dave Filchak, Air Force Recruiter for the Dallas Area.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, Frank will receive training in the Administrative Area. Frank is a 1987 graduate of Dallas High School.

Frank will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

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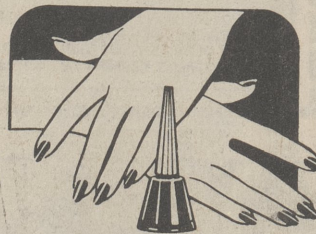
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