

Ryan leaving for main campus job

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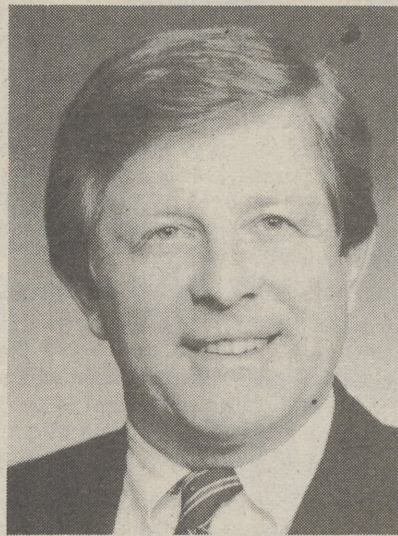
"It was a tough decision to make," Dr. James H. Ryan, head of Wilkes-Barre Campus, said Monday morning, commenting on his promotion to the main campus. "The decision to leave this area is the most difficult decision I have had to make in my professional career."

"Looking at the educators, my friends, the campus growing and the environment-my wife and I just love this place but in the new job I will be right in the middle with strategic plans for this campus and being able to encourage more continuing education development at our other campuses," Ryan said.

"The strategic plan of the University has made continuing education a priority and as the new vice president, I will be charged with taking the initiative to increase the university outreach to new audiences with new delivery systems."

Ryan, who has been head of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus for nine years, will become vice president of continuing education for the University, July 1, with responsibility for continuing education at all 23 sites of Penn State including the Hershey Medical Center.

"Continuing education has always played an important role at Penn State and becoming the leader of the program is a wonderful opportunity. The program started in the nation in the 1800's and the



DR. JAMES H. RYAN

international programs the University is engaged in will also fall in the province of my responsibility," Dr. Ryan explained.

Dr. Ryan said his leaving will have no effect on the Back Mountain Citizens' Council nor the Arts at Hayfield, two organizations he has contributed greatly to.

"The Citizens' Council has been committed to being a central focus for activities in the Back Mountain. It has worked so well that I plan to work at having similar groups organized in the 22 other sites I will have under my jurisdiction."

"The local campus has its best years ahead because together we have repositioned the campus to a new level of visibility in the region with clear purpose and direction. As I told my colleagues, although I will miss being part of the staff on campus, I intend to be a regular visitor 'because what is happening in Northeast Pennsylvania is very important to the Penn State system. The university intends to be a major player in the partnerships of business, industry and education beginning to form in the region," Ryan continued.

The process of selecting Dr. Ryan's successor at the local campus will begin in the next few weeks. An acting campus executive officer (CEO) will be appointed while a national search is conducted. Ryan succeeded George Vierly, who was CEO for 22 years. The campus in Lehman has developed from a branch extension in Wilkes-Barre to a campus with 1,000 students, and offering the first two years of 150 majors.

University President Bryce Jordan told the trustees that Dr. Ryan has exceptional administrative insight and leadership abilities for the position. He has exhibited a keen grasp of the complexity of the University system and has a successful background in continuing education, community and economic development, Jordan said.

Since 1981, the campus has doubled its credit enrollments to 1,000 while also experiencing a ten-fold increase in non-credit students to 9,500. Physical facilities have increased by \$8 million during Ryan's tenure; \$2.5 million was raised for a Center for Technology and a \$1 million grant received from Bell of PA to support telecommunications engineering.

Dr. Ryan was a founding member of the Committee for Economic Growth and served for six years as vice-chairman. He is also a member of the board of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership Inc. and of the National Labor/Higher Education Council.

The Wilkes-Barre Campus will experience a double loss in Dr. Ryan's departure since his wife, Mrs. Diane Ryan, is the coordinator of counseling and advising. She initiated the formation of a strong Center for Individual Development and the CID is now a model in the Penn State system.

The Ryans live in Shavertown with their 15-year-old son, Chris, who is a student at Lake-Lehman High School.

"My wife and I had second thoughts about leaving the area which we both love, but since making the decision we are now excited about making the move. There is no guarantee that Diane will have a position but I am sure once we are settled she will decide to do something in her career field."

"My son is excited about leaving. He went to camps at University Park during the summer and says 'It's a wonderful place to grow up. There is so much to do,'" Ryan said.

Dr. Ryan is a native of Danville, attended the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. He came to Penn State from Indiana University at South Bend, where he was director of the division of continuing studies and also associate professor of continuing studies and a public and environmental affairs.



TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER - Darren Michael, Dallas High School senior, signed his letter of intent for Wilkes College last Friday at the high school. The recipient of Wilkes College Board of Trustees Scholarship, Darren is shown above with his parents, coach and school officials. Seated from left are Clarence Michael; Darren; his mother, Morag Michael; standing, John McCafferty, Dallas High School soccer coach; Devon; Bernard Vinovski, Wilkes Dean of Admission; and Frank Galicki, Dallas High School Principal. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Darren Michael garners Wilkes scholarship

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Dallas High School Senior Darren Michael is the recipient of a full four-year scholarship to Wilkes University. The Board of Trustees College Scholarship will pay Darren's tuition for his four years at the school. His only financial responsibility will be the cost of his books and his room and board, since he plans to stay at the college rather than commute.

Darren, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Michael, Woodcliff Road, New Goss Manor, Dallas, is a member of the Dallas High School's National Honor Society with a four-year average of 3.9.

He was one of more than a hundred students who applied for

the scholarship and was one of 12 selected from the more than 40 finalists, who submitted the application, for the scholarship. Darren plans to major in biology as a pre-med student.

While a student at Dallas, Darren was a member of the varsity soccer team for four years and the high school tennis team for three years. He also played basketball in his sophomore year.

In addition to his membership in the National Honor Society, Darren was a member of the Junior Class steering committee and this year is a member of the Senior Class steering committee. He also likes skiing and golf although he modestly says "I'm only an average golfer."

"I am presently training as a lifesaver at the YMCA and during this summer I hope to be a lifeguard at a pool such as Frances Slocum or the Country Club," Darren said. "I plan to play soccer at Wilkes if I make the team," he said.

Darren's older sister Stephanie is a junior at Bloomsburg University where she is majoring in education. His younger brother, Devon is in fifth grade at Dallas Elementary.

His father, Clarence is a guidance counselor at Wyoming Valley West and is currently president of the Dallas School Board. Darren's mother, Morag, is associated with The Bay Window Shops, Overbrook Road, Dallas.

Library news

Author will speak at luncheon

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library and its newly activated 'Friends of the Library' group is sponsoring the second annual 'Luncheon with a Special Author'. The gala affair is scheduled to be held at the Irem Temple Country Club on Friday, April 27 beginning at 12 noon.

Sue Demodovich is general chairman of the luncheon and has announced the author Catherine Gourley will review her book, "The Courtship of Joanna". The reservation deadline for the luncheon is April 20. Tickets are \$15.00 each and table seating will be available for 8 in a group. Ms. Gourley is a native of Wilkes-Barre and has brought to her book the story of mining in the 1880's with a strong historical perspective and sensitivity to the human issues of the time.

Reservations can be made at the library. There will be a choice of luncheon platters which can be decided when the reservation is made. Please call the library if more information is desired.

The 44th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction is scheduled for July 4 through the 8th on the auction grounds behind the library. Opening day will bring with it a new variety of activities to honor and celebrate the 4th of July. Wednesday, July 4 will feature a craft fair with booths available for rent on the grounds. There will be special entertainment and special refreshments with a chicken barbeque scheduled from 7 to 9 in the evening. There will be a small amount of antiques and other items auctioned off during the evening hours. The year is 1990, we will begin our 44th auction on the 4th of July, and we will have the honor of welcoming our 5th female auction chairman to the auction block. Connie Scott is general chairman with Monty Evans as co-chairman.

A very exciting special announcement from the auction committee is the Kick Off Dinner dance which will be held Thursday, May 17 at the Irem Temple Country Club. This promises to be a lovely evening and will include a mini auction during the evening.

New books at the library: "Like We Used To Be" by Jean Stubbs is a novel that is warm, beautifully woven and utterly absorbing in a tale of two sisters and their interlocking destinies. The story is rich in detail and subtly rendered emotion, and yet looking at our own era, we will see a story of greater power and resonance than ever before.

"Sweet Alice" by Coral Lansbury is the story of deliciously, beautiful Alice Morell, who was raised to expectations of splendor but seemingly doomed by her family's curse of poverty. She is about to be evicted from her ancestral home. An exciting story.

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Reform

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phia, and that he will not be allowed to take part in any graduation ceremonies this year at Lake-Lehman. It is not known when Smith will be sent to the reform school.

Smith was charged and convicted of manslaughter following

the shooting death of 18-year-old Richard Hillman last June.

The incident occurred after the two youths had argued at a graduation party.

The two reportedly had been arguing over a female and in the

early morning hours outside of Smith's house, Hillman was shot twice, once in the head and once in the abdomen.

Most details of the case have been kept confidential because of the gag order.



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