

PEOPLE

Susan Sordoni to be Misericordia speaker

Susan Fort Sordoni, past chair and trustee of College Misericordia's Board of Trustees and a Misericordia graduate, will address the graduates at Misericordia's 64th Commencement Convocation May 19 at 1 p.m., announced Dr. Pasquale DiPasquale, Jr., Misericordia's president.

Sordoni will receive an honorary degree of doctor of humane letters, one of Misericordia's highest honors, DiPasquale said.

"College Misericordia is very pleased to honor Susan Sordoni, who has contributed considerable time and effort to Misericordia and to many other community organizations," he commented. "She is a superb example to all of us, the

type of leader who plays important roles in the most significant projects in the world today."

In her Commencement address, Sordoni will stress the importance of maintaining the liberal arts curriculum in higher education, providing a value-oriented education, and continuing Misericordia's tradition of service to the region.

Sordoni graduated from Misericordia in 1968 with a bachelor of science degree in biology. She has served Misericordia during the past 14 years in a variety of roles, beginning in 1969 as director of recruitment and director of admissions.

She joined the Board of Trustees

in 1974, providing leadership to many of the board committees, and chaired the board from 1979-1982. She also chaired the presidential search committees at Misericordia in 1978 and 1988.

Sordoni is known for her work in community organizations and in education throughout the state. She is a director of Wilkes-Barre's Osterhout Free Library, chair of the Catholic Schools Office Committee for Special Education in the Scranton Diocese, member of the board of directors of Pennsylvania Blue Shield in Harrisburg and the Pennsylvania Ballet, a member and past president of the Commonwealth Board of Medical College, a former trustee and vice-chair of

the Board of Trustees of the University of Scranton, and a steadfast volunteer in a variety of other positions.

Her honors include the Volunteer Appreciation Award, presented by Mrs. George Bush for service to a public library; the 1983 Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council Award, for devoted service to the cause of human welfare, presented to her and her husband Andrew Sordoni, III; and the Pathfinder Award for distinctive service to higher education.

Mrs. Sordoni, the mother of five children, has dedicated considerable efforts to the improvement of education on all levels.



Chip Koehl

Koehl gains recognition

Chip Koehl financial consultant for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Inc. was awarded Executive Club recognition for 1990.

Admittance to the Executive Club is a company recognition of career performance, dedication, professionalism, and service to clients.

Koehl is a board member and treasurer of the Shavertown United Methodist Church, and is also an instructor of "How to be a Better Investor" at Luzerne County Community College.

He resides in Trucksville with his wife Kim and their children Hilary and Erica.

Miller to speak college conference



ELEANOR MILLER

A member of the administrative staff at Luzerne County Community College will be a presenter at the Third Annual Conference on Student Retention in Two-Year Colleges on Tuesday, May 15, at Mercer County Community College in New Jersey.

Eleanor Miller, of Shavertown, coordinator of the LCCC TeleCollege/TACKLE program, will speak on "Advocating Equal Opportunity for a New Minority," at the annual conference.

The conference will bring together national experts and faculty administrators and professional staff of two-year colleges in the Middle States Region to learn about successful programs and innovative support services for

student retention in two-year colleges. Themes of this year's conference will focus on faculty and staff development, programs and services for learning disabled students and cultural diversity.

Miller's presentation will emphasize the need to close the gap between the significant percent of the student population affected by learning difficulties and the percent who remain unidentified and misunderstood in the educational system. The presentation will also stress the moral obligation of public institutions of higher education to provide support services to students who have diagnosed learning difficulties, as well as the need for a major restructuring of the relationship between special edu-

cation and regular education in order to form a single educational system responsive to the individual needs of all students.

Miller's presentation will also include the need for educators, at every level of the education system, to develop an awareness of his/her role in changing and shaping positive new attitudes of acceptance and approval to replace the attitudes which have been associated with learning differences in the past.

Sponsors of the conference are the New Jersey Department of Higher Education, the New Jersey Community College Academic Officers Association, and Mercer County Community College.

Ehret named Payne production manager

Douglas J. Ehret, Dallas, has been appointed Production Manager for Payne Precision Color Graphics, according to an announcement made recently by Payne President and CEO, Thomas R. Gauntlett.

A native of Lehman and a graduate of the Lake-Lehman Class of 1971, Ehret has been active in the graphic arts for the past 19 years. From 1971 to 1984 he served as a photo lithographer at Payne and, in 1984 was promoted to Prepress

Supervisor. As head of the prepress department, Ehret was responsible for the camera, stripping and plate making functions of the nationally recognized graphic arts firm. During his tenure as prepress supervisor the Back Mountain resident also managed the operation of Payne's highly sophisticated Electronic Prepress and Computer Imaging Departments.

In his new position as Production Manager, Ehret is responsible for the effective scheduling of the

work flow at Payne.

In making the announcement, Payne President Thomas R. Gauntlett, said "We are certainly pleased and fortunate that Doug has elected to take on this important responsibility at Payne. His background, knowledge, and 19 years of experience in the graphic arts makes him the ideal candidate for this position."

Ehret is married to the former Mary Reistetter of Binghamton, NY. The couple resides in Dallas.



DOUGLAS J. EHRET

Christine Yezilski presents fashions at annual show

The Fashion Industries Association presented its annual Spring Student Fashion and Textile Design Show at Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, Henny Ave., on April 20.

A local participant Christine Yezilski, presented four garments in the show.

For Christine Sweater of fabric

scraps she was awarded 1st runner up from Aberdeen & Dunbar, a daywear manufacturing company.

Christine resides at 390 Ransom Road, Dallas. She is a sophomore fashion design student, dean's list, a member of Phi Psi Fraternity.

She is the daughter of Thomas and Carol Yezilski.

Robert LeGrand returns from political trip to South Africa

Robert B. LeGrand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. LeGrand, 107 Westminster St., Wilkes-Barre, has returned from Southern Africa where he accompanied Congressman Dean Gallo 11th Congressional District, New Jersey and several other congressmen.

The group met with Nelson Mandela and assessed the recent changes in South Africa politics and economic reform needs.

Mr. LeGrand is press secretary for Rep. Dean Gallo. He is a gradu-

ate of Coughlin High School, Shippensburg University attended Wilkes University and Rutgers University. Previous to going to Washington he was with the Senate in Harrisburg and New Jersey Senate.

Robert lives in Gaithersburg, Md. with his wife Martha, who is editor for Polo Magazine, a national edition with offices in Gaithersburg, Md. His mother is the former Esther Bennett from Holly Street, Trucksville.

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