



Misericordia graduates

College Misericordia conferred bachelor's and master's degrees on 305 graduates, Saturday, May 15 during the College's 67th Baccalaureate and Commencement held in the new Anderson Sports-Health Center. Shown from left are 1993 College Misericordia graduates from the Back Mountain, 1st row, seated: Dawn Katherine Clark, Harveys Lake, BS in Special Education, Magna Cum Laude; Mary Powers-Sprau, Shavertown, BS in Occupational Therapy; Tracy Hunter, Trucksville, BS in Business Administration; and Jill Urbanas, Dallas, BS in Liberal Studies; 2nd row, standing: Dawn Marie Cragle, Dallas, BS in Elementary Education, Cum Laude; Edward Raver, Jr., Shavertown, BS in Business Administration; Cindy Turchin, Dallas, BS in Business Administration; Terry Stelacone, Dallas, BA in History; Wendy Stritzinger, Dallas, BS in Elementary Education; Kim Sevenski, Noxen, BS in Accounting; Susan Luksic, Dallas, BS in Psychology; Margaret Royal Charnick, Shavertown, BA in Liberal Studies with Degree Honors, Summa Cum Laude; Dan Shission, Sweet Valley, BS in Accounting; and Melissa Culver, Wyoming, BS in Business Administration.

Rep. Hasay proposes stricter litter law

Rep. George C. Hasay has introduced legislation which would provide an added special penalty for littering in "Adopt-A-Highway" zones which volunteers try to keep free of litter.

Under the Adopt-A-Highway program, volunteers, with the help of PennDOT, agree to pick up litter on a designated stretch of highway four times a year. The measure Hasay sponsored, a special penalty for littering on these designated stretches of highway.

In addition to the regular fines,

those found guilty of littering on these highways could be required to pick up litter in the litter-free zone for up to 16 hours of work or spend time in jail if they do not agree to participate in a litter clean up themselves.

The normal littering fine is \$300.

Under current littering laws those found guilty are subject to a \$300 fine and are required, if physically able, to pick up litter.

For those with no prior offenses, the requirement is not less than 16 hours. Upon a second conviction the requirement would be up

to 32 hours of litter pick up service.

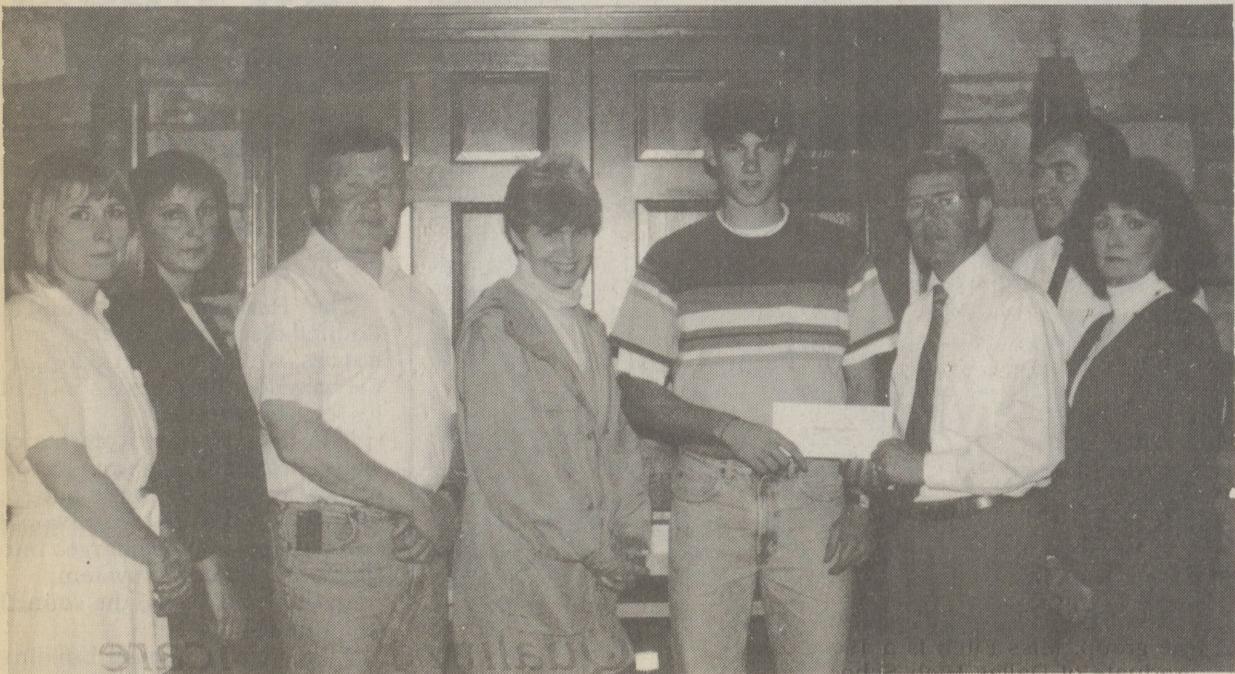
"The Adopt-A-Highway program has become very popular throughout the Commonwealth," Hasay said. "The volunteers work very hard donating their uncompensated time to clean up a highway zone. This special penalty to those who litter on "Adopt-A-Highway" zones is a way to stand behind these volunteers who are doing a valuable public service."

Hasay said that since the bill amends the vehicle code, it has been referred to the House Transportation Committee.



Horse show aids library

A horse show May 29 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds will benefit the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The all-English event for adults and children will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry fees are \$8 and \$10 with judging by Wissie Brede of Allentown. Refreshments will be provided by the Dallas Rotary. For more information, call Kathy Shaskas at 675-0313.



Earns book scholarship

The Dallas High School Soccer Booster Club is pleased to announce that Matt Sleightholm was selected as the 1993 recipient of the annual Book Scholarship Award sponsored by the Soccer Club. Matt has achieved numerous scholastic and athletic honors during his high school career. He is the son of Dave and Pat Sleightholm and will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall. Shown, from left, Molly Sowcik, Sharon Cosgrove, committee members; Reese Finn, assistant coach; Pat Sleightholm, Matt Sleightholm, John McCafferty, coach; Ken Chapple, president; Carole Chapple, chairman, Scholarship Committee.

Starting a forest fire could be expensive

Wildfires have destroyed 1,495 acres of Pennsylvania forestland so far this spring, according to the state Department of Environmental Resources (DER).

"The recent summer-like weather combined with little rainfall has resulted in dry forest conditions across the state and a total of 379 wildfires to date, state forester Jim Nelson said. "We're urging residents and visitors in wooded areas to be especially careful with fire."

Pennsylvania experiences 83 percent of all wildfires in the

spring. Ninety-eight percent of all wildfires in Pennsylvania are caused by people. Of those, three-fourths are caused by burning trash or committing arson. This spring, several large fires were caused by debris burning out of control.

"The law states that if you accidentally start a wildfire in Pennsylvania, you can be held responsible for paying the costs of extinguishing that fire," Nelson said. "And intentionally starting a wildfire is a felony."

The DER Bureau of Forestry is urging everyone to follow these fire safety tips:

- Check local laws before burning any trash.
- Compost and recycle rather than burning your trash.
- Never burn brush or trash on windy days.
- Never leave a fire unattended.

If you see someone deliberately start a wildfire, contact the local state Bureau of Forestry office nearest you.

Back Mountain briefs

BMT Republicans to meet June 2

The Back Mountain Republicans will hold a meeting Wednesday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kingston Township Municipal Building, Carverton Road, Trucksville. New members are always welcome.

Gospel Jamboree at Centermoreland May 23

The Centermoreland United Methodist Church, Centermoreland, will be hosting a Gospel Jamboree on Saturday, May 23. Some of the local talent that will be there are: Larry Brobst, Ronnie Schoonover, Emily Krafchack, Gentle Spirit Choir, Billy and Aaron Montross, Nancy Rought, Birney and Becky Kellogg. Everyone is invited. There will be refreshments following the jamboree.

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