Sem auction raises over \$26,000

The 23rd Annual Wyoming Seminary Aucition, sponsored by Seminary's **Upper School Parents** Association, raised more than \$26,000 in support of the school's programs. Vacation rentals, Oriental rugs and sports memorabilia were just a few of the goods and services on the auction block while three lucky ticket holders benefited from the evening's raffle.

Committee members from the Back Mountain included Beverly Moseman and Celeste Janerich of Shaver-

Over the past 23 years, the Parents Association has raised more than \$460,000 through its auctions, providing needed computers, audio-visual equipment, and athletic equipment.



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Yo, Kosmo

Dallas Elementary School students Wesley Evans, left, Bobby Radinski and Mia Isopi to a close look at Kosmo, the character used by ventriloquist George Terebush in a program held to promote

Dr. Maganzin retires after 30 years at Misericordia

Dr. Louis Maganzin, a professor at College Misericordia for more than 30 years has retired from his position at the College. A former resident of Dallas, he taught various courses in American history, including survey courses, junior and senior seminars and special courses in the American Revolution and the Cold

Dr. Maganzin was recently received the title Professor Emeritus in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held by the College.

He served for 20 years as chair of the History, Government and Geography Division, which later became part of the Division of Humanities. In 1973, he started the Campus Scholarship Committee for Graduate Studies, and served as chair until August, 1994. He also received the 1988 Trustee Associates Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to education at Misericordia.

Dr. Maganzin was voted the core curriculum Teacher of the Year four times—more than any other professor in the history of the award. The award recipient is chosen by the students. During his tenure he also served as director of the liberal studies program, as chair of the President's Advi-



DR. LOUIS MAGANZIN

sory committee on Student Life and on the Academic Policies committee of the Faculty Senate.

In honor of his life's work teaching at College Misericordia, friends, colleagues and former students of the professor have established the Dr. Louis Maganzin Scholarship. The endowment will provide an annual scholarship for a student of American History. Persons who would like more information about the scholarship may call 674-6368.

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Land trust -

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property deed at the courthouse. If the land is ever sold it still must remain intact as the easement specifies. The Land Trust monitors the property annually to check for violations, thus ensuring that the condition of the land at the time of the easement remains unchanged, barring any natural or weather-related disasters.

Ayers, who also serves as vice president for the organization, is glad he donated the easement and has every confidence his land will remain virtually untouched. "I feel relieved that it will look this way forever and not like other areas in surrounding counties," explained Ayers, who makes the point that donating an easement is easy and flexible

"It's not difficult at all. The Land Trust does all the work and you can design the easement any way you want. It's very flexible,'

Some might initially see the Land Trust as anti-development. Ayers said that it is not opposed to development, but is opposed to unplanned "sprawling.

"Development should not be able to take place anywhere and everywhere," he said. "We have finite resources on this planet. We should realize how limited this planet is. We need to be sensible and figure out what areas should be developed and what should not, for many reasons."

Ayers grew up in the Back Mountain and went to school in southeastern PA. "In the southeast I watched two beautiful counties, Chester and Lancaster, get overrun with unrestrained development," recalled Ayers. "It was upsetting. I saw it was happening here in Dallas too and I was very concerned.'

He bases his beliefs not only on his personal experience of watching valuable lands be developed, but on facts. Approximately one million acres of farmland a year is lost to suburbinization in the United States. Since the mid-50s suburbanization as been a constant. Since that time one seventh of Pennsylvania's land has been developed into suburbs, Ayers said

Richard Macilytous of the National Conservation Department said an estimated 500 to 600 acres of non-intensely farmed areas are developed a year in Luzerne County. Although the statistics for intensely farmed areas were not available, Macilytous said the numbers are most likely comparable. He points out how many people build right in the middle of a 10 or 15-acre field and essentially take the field out of opera-

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> **Doug Ayers** Easement donor

tion. "It's equivalent to the whole field being developed," said Macilytous who agrees with the Land Trust's mission.

"I think they're doing a good job. People need to think of what and where they want to live," he

Development is inevitable with a growing population, desire to get further away from highly populated areas and the profit available to developers. The Land Trust understands these factors, but sees options for smarter building instead of aimless sprawl. "We're not about stepping on the landowners. We just want them to develop safely and create conservation development and design," said Linda Thoma, trust adminis-

Locally there are no public organizations of this kind. The cost is too great to maintain such a group. "The Back Mountain historically has been all farms, but lately it has become a desirable place to live. There is no one to advocate the preservation of open space. In the absence of a state park, there is no other mechanism privately operated except the Land Trust. What's exciting is that the trust doesn't require public policy," explained Will Conyngham, trust president. "We can do tremendous things between the Land Trust and the generosity of private landowners,"

The Land Trust and other organizations are sponsoring an upcoming dinner and slide show discussing the principal techniques for conserving natural lands. "An Evening with Randall Arendt-Creating Open Space Networks," will be held on March 21 at Genetti Hotel and Convention Center in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Arendt is a representative from Natural Lands

The organization is always in need of volunteers for everything from filing to legal matters and natural resources. For more information on the dinner, volunteering or creating an easement call Linda Thoma at 717-675-

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