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Only a shell remained Friday of what was Country Manor personal care home, where nine residents died in a fast-spreading fire. An investigation into the cause is continuing.

Blaze

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time was fantastic, Noxen was right there after us," said Dodson, who is the president of the Back Mountain Fire Association. "Frank Lutinski (Harveys Lake fire chief) did a great job and can be proud," said Dodson.

Firefighters and ambulance crews from throughout the Back Mountain and surrounding areas responded to the blaze, but the fire spread so quickly that when they arrived on the scene the building was fully engulfed in flames.

The Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance Co. was on the scene

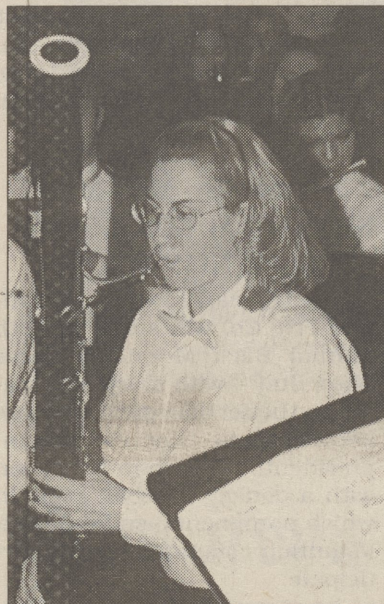
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within a couple of minutes after being alerted to the fire around 9 p.m. The fire quickly consumed the old building leaving only a shell standing. "The all wood construction greatly contributed (to the fast pace of the flames)," said Dodson.

Freeman said she learns something from every fire. "Some calls you never forget and this is definitely one," she said.

Authorities do not know exactly what ignited the devastating fire, but they do know the flames started on a porch commonly used by Country Manor residents and employees as a smoking area. The personal care home's fire safety system was up to state regulated standards, and it met all other code requirements. An investigation is continuing.



JOHANNA MILLER

Miller to play at Concert In Your Town

Luzerne County Community College Symphonic Concert Band will feature a variety of tunes at the inaugural Concert in Your Town Series at Pittston Area High School on Tues. May 27.

Among the concert favorites are selections from "The Wizard of Oz" with the haunting bassoon solo played by Johanna Miller of Jackson Township, a member of the LCCC Band.

Miller is a graduate of West Chester University with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics and finance.

Her instrument, the bassoon is featured during the scene music from Dance of the Witches where the haunting sound is created to enhance the music.

The Pittston Area Jazz Ensemble under the direction Robert J. Lemone will perform a special concert preview show starting at 7 p.m. in the Pittston Area H.S. Auditorium Admission is free to the public.

Community college dean is new CEO at Penn State W-B

Dr. Mary E. Hines, dean of instruction and curriculum development at Dundalk Community College in Maryland, has been named campus executive officer of Penn State's Wilkes-Barre Campus, effective July 1.

"Dr. Hines has extensive experience in college administration, curriculum development and developing academic partnerships," said Robert E. Dunham, senior vice president and dean of the Commonwealth Educational System. "We look forward to her leadership as we begin our new Commonwealth College structure July 1."

Dean of instruction and curriculum development at Dundalk since 1994, Hines has had responsibility for the college credit and non-credit instructional programs and academic services including policy development and implementation; faculty recruitment; development and evaluation; facilities, budgeting and schedules; strategic planning and outcomes assessment; and accreditation.

She is a member of the president's staff, the Faculty Council and other policy committees for the college. Chair of the Instructional Technology Task Force, she manages the college distance learning initiatives, chairs the Tri-College system Task Force on Academic Programs, represents the instructional divisions

on Tri-College system Committees and is a member of many state and county educational committees.

From 1984 to 1994 Hines was associate dean of instruction at Catonsville Community College, where she had college-wide administrative responsibility for faculty, staff, budget, facilities, advising, planning and evaluating all aspects of liberal education and learning services, and served as division chair of the humanities division of the college from 1980 to 1984.

She also held the rank of professor of philosophy, serving as department chair from 1979 to 1984, and was an adjunct professor of philosophy at a number of Maryland colleges and universities.

Among her recent honors, she received an Outstanding Academic Leadership Award in 1996, the Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland in 1995 and the Yokohama Academy Award for Partnership in 1994. She is a frequent speaker and has published on issues in higher education, ethics and the role of community colleges.

Hines graduated with a B.A. in philosophy from St. Francis College, New York, and received her master's degree in philosophy from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

College launches major capital campaign

College Misericordia has embarked on a \$10 million campaign to build a state-of-the-art library, increase endowment, and create a new technology center and student center.

The Campaign for College Misericordia, the largest fund-raising effort in College history, launched its public phase on Friday, May 9, with a gala reception and dinner in the Anderson Sports-Health Center.

At a news conference held prior to the campaign kickoff dinner, John C. Metz, Chair of the Campaign Cabinet, Board of Trustees member and CEO of Metz & Associates, Ltd., announced two major naming opportunity gift commitments. The first is for the new library, which will be named the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library. The second gift will fund a new multimedia auditorium on the third floor of the library, called the Catherine Evans McGowan Auditorium.

The Campaign components include \$7 million for the new library, \$2 million for endowment and faculty development, \$500,000 for the J. Donald and Marion E. Munson Center for Educational Technology, and \$500,000 for a first stage renovation of Merrick Hall, Metz said. To date \$7.6 million has been pledged toward the \$10 million goal, he added.

"Without a doubt, this is the most ambitious campaign the College has ever conducted, with a need that cannot be overstated,"

Metz said. "The dedicated volunteers serving the Campaign on the Cabinet and the regional teams are determined that this Campaign will succeed. With their efforts and the support of the College's alumni and friends, this Campaign will allow Misericordia to continue its mission and serve its community well into the next century."

Dr. Albert B. Anderson, Misericordia president, described the new library as "the academic heart of the campus." The 37,500 square foot, three story building, designed by the nationally known architectural firm of Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, of Wilkes-Barre, will include state-of-the-art information and communication technology, with 24-hour electronic access to regional, national and global computer information networks. There will be space for more than 125,000 books, reference materials and other items, and 260 seats, a 76 percent increase over seating in the current library," he said.

Ground breaking for the library is scheduled for March, 1998 and the building is scheduled to be completed by August, 1999 in time for the fall semester.

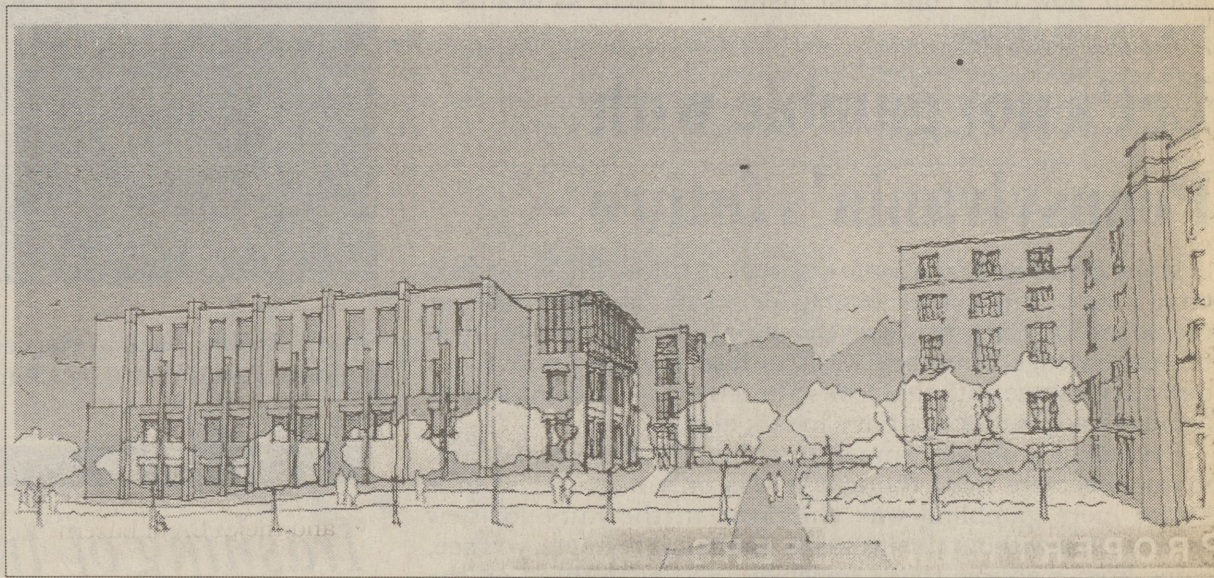
Increasing the College's endowment will help Misericordia provide more financial aid to students and will provide for additional materials and training for the new library, as well as faculty development.

Five hundred thousand dollars are allocated for the J. Donald

and Marion E. Munson Center for Educational Technology, a 7,000 square-foot, two floor facility located in the former McGinty Gymnasium. The Center will house complete television and radio production studios for the new communications program, technologically complete classrooms, a curriculum laboratory and model classroom for the education program, and a new computer lab with more than 20 new Macintosh computers for training in instructional technology. Faculty teaching in distance learning programs will use the center, as will businesses looking for satellite and video conference facilities.

Merrick Hall, which serves as the student activities center, no longer has enough space to meet the needs of a growing student body and increased student activity. Five hundred thousand dollars in campaign funds have been allocated for a modest reconfiguration, renovation and expansion. These plans include enhanced dining facilities, meeting rooms and offices, as well as an expanded bookstore and more space for the College's many commuting students and student activities.

"The many direct and indirect beneficiaries of the Misericordia tradition now have an excellent opportunity to make an important contribution to the College's future. The needs are real and the opportunities are unlimited," Metz said.



This is a preliminary sketch of the Lake St. side of the Bevevino Library at College Misericordia.

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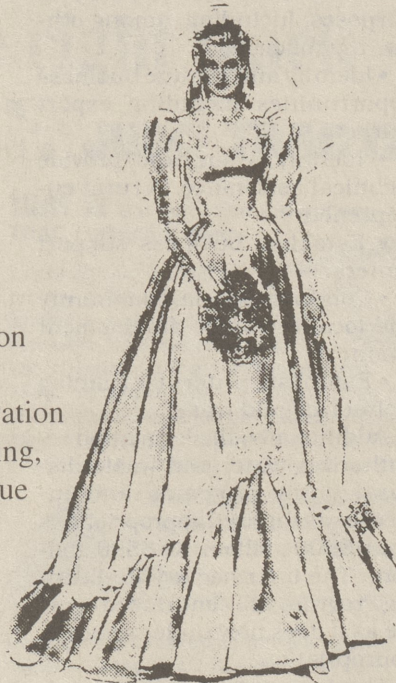
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