

New York educator will be new Misericordia president

DALLAS - Dr. Michael A. MacDowell of Oneonta, New York was named the 12th president of College Misericordia on Monday.

MacDowell, 51, has been vice president of institutional advancement at Hartwick College in Oneonta.

"Misericordia conducted an extensive nationwide search for its next president, and we were fortunate to attract a large number of qualified applicants for the position," said Louis T. Alesi, chairman of the Misericordia Board of Trustees. "In a highly competitive field, Dr. MacDowell's experience and abilities set him apart. His insights, enthusiasm and talents will be a great asset to the College and to the Greater Wilkes-Barre area."

MacDowell will begin his new position on July 1, 1998. He succeeds Dr. Albert Anderson, Misericordia's current president, who will retire in June.

"Misericordia's mission and values, strong professional and liberal arts and sciences programs, dedication to its students, beautiful campus and its potential for greater educational leadership present many exciting opportunities for success," said Dr. MacDowell, a Santa Monica, California native.

"I am very pleased to have this chance to serve College Misericordia and Northeastern Pennsylvania, and I am eager to begin using my experience in teaching, management, development and community relations to advance the College and its important mission," he said.

MacDowell, who has published articles and spoken on national television news programs about the rising cost of college education, said Misericordia's decision to hold tuition constant for freshmen entering the College in 1998 is a major step forward in helping to make college more affordable for students and their families.

MacDowell graduated from Trinity University in Texas with a bachelor of arts degree in economics, received a masters of arts degree in economics from North

Texas State University and earned his Ed.D. in social science from Ball State University in Indiana.

He joined Hartwick College in May, 1989 as vice president for institutional advancement where he supervised the college's publications, alumni, public and governmental and community relations and development activities. He also served as an associate professor of economics.

Prior to joining Hartwick, Dr. MacDowell spent 12 years in New York City as president of the National Council on Economic Education, a national organization dedicated to helping teachers and students better understand our economic system.

In September, 1973 he was named executive director of the Illinois Council, located at Northern Illinois University. There he held an associate professorship in economics and education.

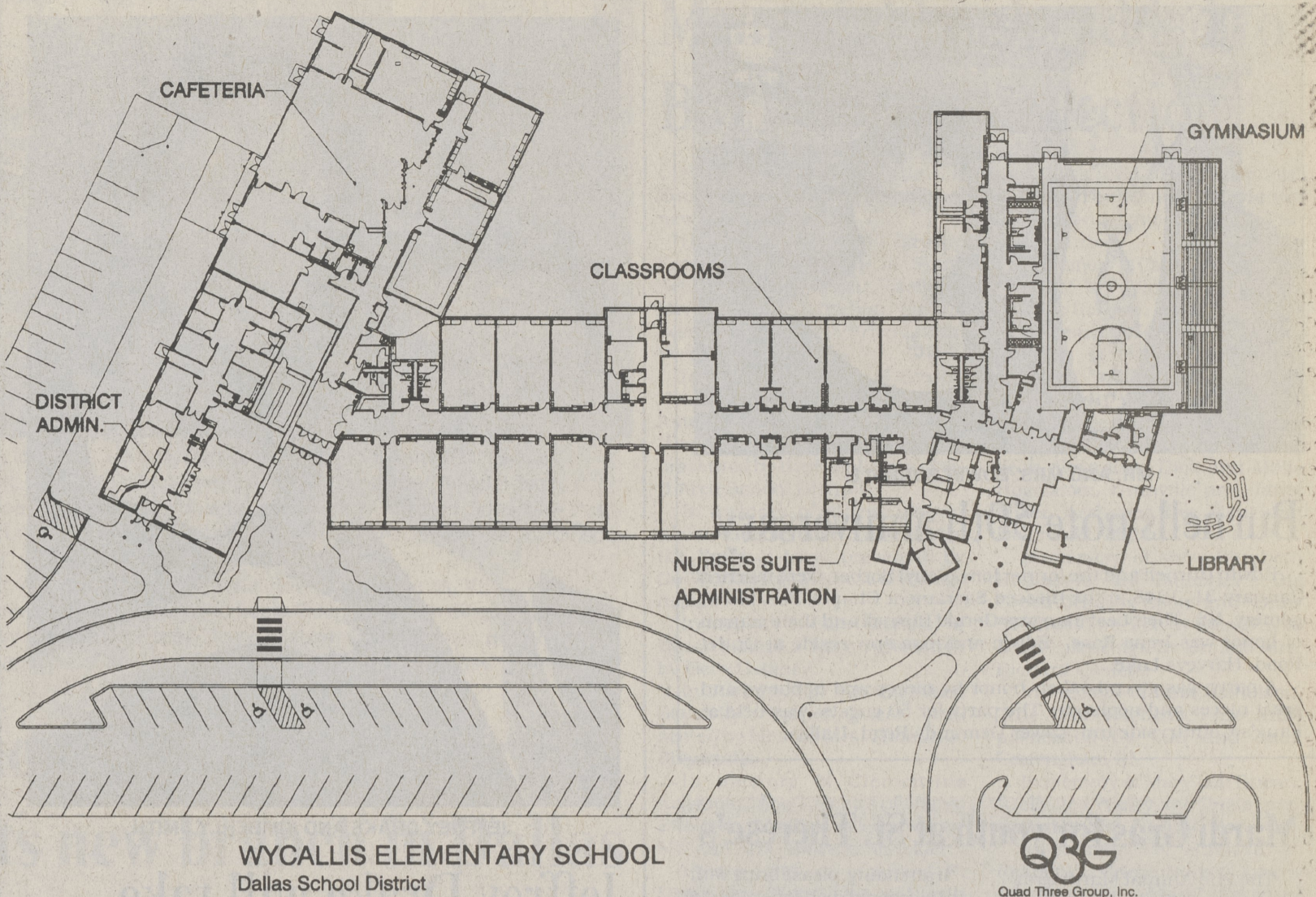
MacDowell has written extensively for education journals and publications of national education organizations. He has authored and co-authored many articles, several book chapters and an book titled Public Understanding of Economic Policy (Arno Press).

He is the recipient of the Marvin Bower Medal in Economic Education and the John C. Schramm Leadership Award in Economic Education. He is an active member of a number of honorary professional and educational organizations. MacDowell is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the East and Who's Who in Finance and Industry.

MacDowell also has been active in civic and service organizations, such as the United Way of Delaware and Otsego Counties; Boy Scouts of America, Oscadela Council as finance vice president; Executive Service Corp. Of Otsego and Delaware Counties; Christ Church of Tarrytown and St. James Church of Oneonta; Otsego County Chamber of Commerce; and WSKG, a PBS station, where he served on the Oneonta Advisory Committee. He also helped establish the Otsego Co. Telecommuting Center, a cooperative effort of Hartwick College, Wilber National Bank and the Otsego Chamber of Commerce. The Telecenter fosters the growth of small high-technology business.



DR. MICHAEL McDOWELL



WYCALLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Dallas School District



Drawing shows the proposed floor plan of the Wycallis Elementary School. Provided by Quad Three Group.

Public invited to meeting about school plan

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
Post Staff

DALLAS - The Dallas School District is keeping a promise to show parents plans for the new Wycallis Elementary School as soon as they are completed. The plans will be shown to the public Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at

Westmoreland Elementary. Gil Griffiths, superintendent, said the presentation is not only to educate the public, but also to begin the transition from the old building into the new one. "This will be an opportunity for parents and the general public to see and hear about the new school," said Griffiths.

"The bids (for contractors) are out and it's time to showcase what's in the new building." "This is beginning the transition as we are winding one building down and looking into the new building," said Griffiths. Wycallis Elementary will replace Westmoreland Elementary and will be built on the

100-acre campus behind Dallas Middle School. The \$8.6 million school will be 48,000 sq. ft. and house 22 classrooms. Quad Three Group is the architect firm that designed the building. Griffiths said the presentation is a great way to show the public exactly what will be built.



College celebrates reaching fund goal

Volunteers in College Misericordia's 1997-98 Annual Giving Campaign recently celebrated the Campaign's success at a victory party. Misericordia's Annual Giving Campaign raises funds from alumni, friends, businesses and foundations to offset the College's operating expenses and support financial aid. At this phase in the Campaign, the College reached its goal of \$275,000 towards a year-end goal of \$350,000. Seated during the celebration are, from left: Joan Leehan Diana '48, co-chair, alumni annual giving; and Christine McLaughlin, Esq., Gallagher, Brennan & Gill, campaign vice-chair. Standing from left, Bill Leandri, president and CEO, Luzerne National Bank; Marilyn Santarelli, CFRE, executive director of institutional advancement, Misericordia; Dr. Michael Duricko, senior vice president trust department, Franklin First Savings Bank; Sr. Jean Messaros, RSM '73, Misericordia dean of students, co-chair, alumni annual giving; Dr. Albert Anderson, Misericordia president; Robert Edgerton, vice president commercial lending, Franklin First Savings Bank, annual giving campaign chair; Vincent Nobile, vice president, First Union Bank; Mark Van Loon, Esq., Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald, campaign vice-chair; and Maureen Straub, vice president, Mellon Ban, campaign vice-chair.

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