

Misericordia

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ized card catalog and approximately 125,000 books and materials.

The third floor of the library will house the Catherine Evans McGowan Center, which will contain communication and multimedia equipment that will be used for teleconferences, satellite conferences and seminars.

In addition, the Munson Center, an educational technology center, will be completed by the end of this year. It will provide technologically complete classrooms, a curriculum laboratory and a model classroom for the education program. The center will also include the college's communications center. A communications major was established last year.

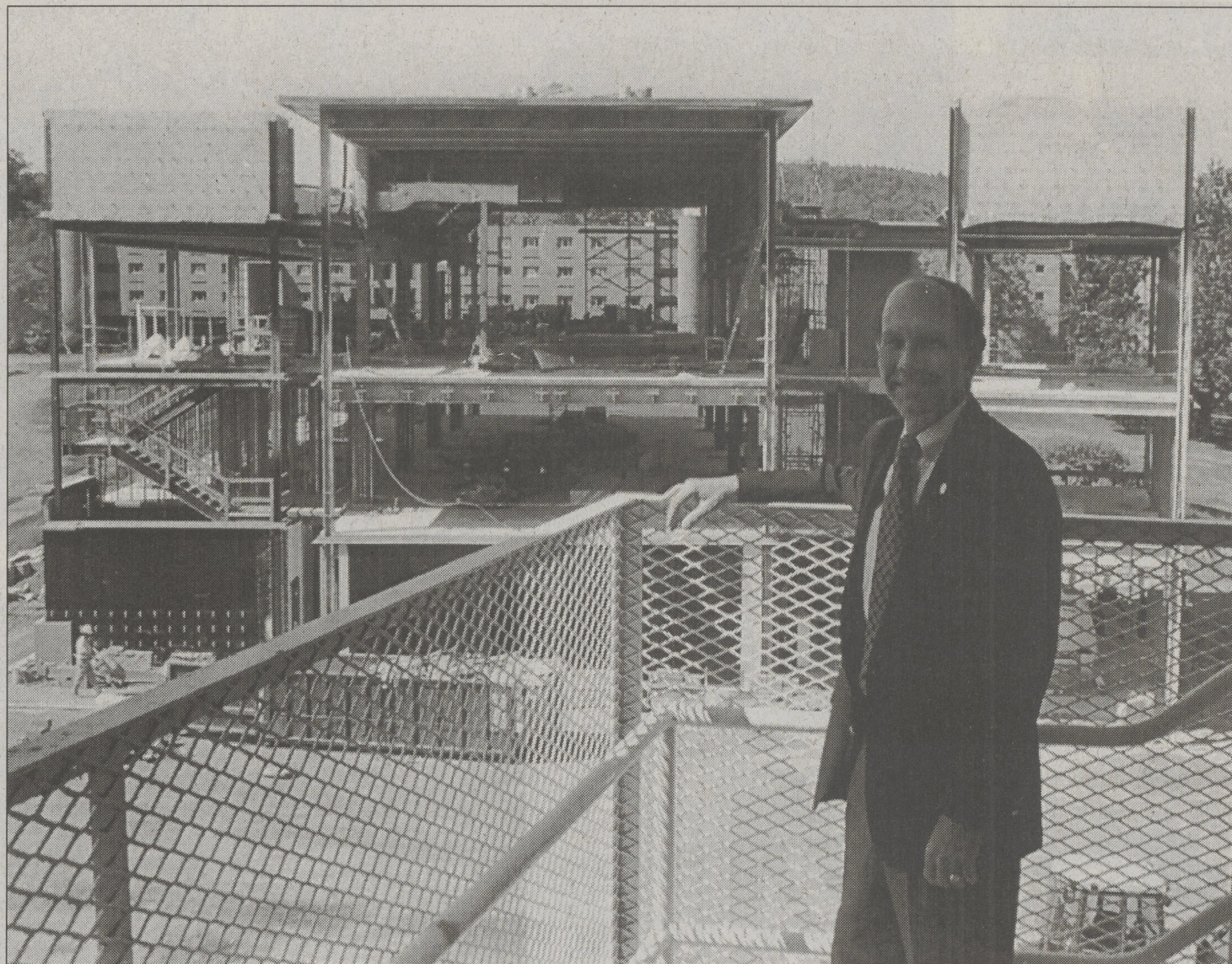
An ongoing \$10 million capital campaign is providing the financial backing for all of these improvements. "The campaign is almost complete and will be finished a year ahead of time," said MacDowell.

He believes that Misericordia's commitment to thoughtful planning, faculty and staff is why 80 percent of freshmen graduate from the college. The national average is 50 percent. "More than 95 percent are in jobs of their choice or in graduate school within six months of graduation," he said.

Currently, there are 1,635 full and part-time students enrolled. Last year 1,695 students were enrolled. Eighty percent of the students are from Pennsylvania, 32 percent are from Luzerne County, with approximately 15 percent are from the Back Mountain.

The most popular majors are occupational therapy, 21 percent; physical therapy, 16 percent; nursing, 11 percent; education, 9 percent; radiography, 3 percent and biology, 3 percent.

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Michael MacDowell, College Misericordia's new president, stands before what will soon be the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library on the campus. The library is one of many improvements being made to the college.

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the area," said MacDowell.

New majors that will begin in fall of 1999 are, a BS in Biochemistry, an MS in Counseling Psychology and an MS Educational Technology. The latter two are

five-year degrees.

Paying close attention to the evolving needs of business and industry for information technology, the business administration and accounting faculty recently

revised the Management Information Systems (MIS).

The Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 92 percent increase in employment for people trained

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as systems analysts between now and 2005. This also applies to people trained in other areas of MIS, such as networking and designing support systems.

Now the MIS curriculum includes courses that integrate the Internet and object oriented languages such as Java and Visual Basic. Other new courses deal with management of technology and human resources.

The Freshman Tuition Freeze Plan is now in its second year. All full-time freshmen will pay the same tuition their sophomore year.

In order to reward students for going beyond the basics, the college is instituting the McAuley Leadership Awards and the Advocacy Scholarships this year.

Twenty students who have demonstrated leadership and have been active in extracurricular activities while in high school, rank in the top 10 percent of their class, have work experience, have received honors or award honors or awards for service or are named to honors societies, and have financial need can be awarded \$2,000 or \$4,000 each.

With the Advocacy Scholarship, high school seniors with exceptional abilities in leadership, volunteerism or academics, or who show unusual determination, motivation or drive can be recommended for the scholarship by any member of the college community.

"These are for behavior that has never been rewarded before. We appreciate the idea of a service-oriented student," said Jane Dessoye, executive director of admissions and financial aid.

County Fair queen will win prizes, compete for state title

The 1998 Luzerne County Fair Committee is pleased to announce that Pepsi-Cola of Wilkes-Barre will again sponsor a \$500 winner's scholarship, and a \$100 scholarship to the first runner-up. Applications are now available. Call 675-3887 by Sept. 4 for an application.

This competition for single young women between the ages of 16 and 20 is an annual event at each county fair throughout Pennsylvania. It is also a preliminary event to a state competition, in Jan. 1999 in Hershey at the PA Fair Assoc. annual convention. Judging is solely based on an interview with judges, an essay of one page, and a public service announcement presented in public at the finals. The final event is held at the fair, on the new

amphitheatre stage, Saturday, Sept. 12.

The 1997 Luzerne County Queen, Jessica Taroli, of West Pittston, is the 17-year-old daughter of Mary and Gary Taroli. She is a senior at Wyoming Area High School. Jessica is on her school track team, involved with SAAD, her school's theatre club, is a dance instructor with a second job to earn money for college.

Jessica is available to speak with any young lady interested in entering who may have questions. To speak with Jessica, call the County Fair Queen Chairperson for the Fair, Gina Ackerman at 675-3887.

An application gives you more details, so please leave your name, age, complete mailing address, and phone number.



Former State Senator Frank J. O'Connell, Jr.; Commissioner "Red" Jones and Dr. Wallace Stettler, planning a fundraising cocktail party for Jones's re-election campaign.

Supporters plan Jones fundraiser

William V. Lewis, Chairman of the Friends of "Red" Jones committee, has announced that former State Senator Frank J. O'Connell, Jr., and Dr. Wallace Stettler are chairing a cocktail fundraising event for Luzerne County Commissioner Joseph "Red" Jones.

The event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 6-8 p.m. at the Ramada Inn on Public Square, Wilkes-Barre.

Jones is preparing for his re-election bid for the office of County Commissioner. He is expected to announce his running mate later this fall.

Jones has been attending community functions this summer and was recently honored as the Grand Marshal of the Mountaintop Fourth of July parade.

Jones predicts this event will be the most successful fundraising event ever held on his behalf.

"All over the county, people are telling me that they appreciate the fact that problems are being addressed and progress is finally being made in Luzerne County."

Donations are \$100 per person and tickets can be obtained by calling 868-3593.



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Topics for discussion at the

business meeting include the upcoming "Keep Christ in Christmas" project, the "Adopt-A-Highway" project, and the upcoming festivities to celebrate Columbus Day. All brothers of the council are cordially invited to attend; Grand Knight Ed Raver, Jr. will conduct the meeting. Food and beverages will be served afterward. Anyone with questions may contact GK Ed Raver, Jr. at 331-4448.

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