

## Prison

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occasions," she said. "I don't think we will have any problems from him but I really don't think the state Department of Corrections wants to work with us. That is why I would like to see the supervisors and legislators stay on top of the situation."

Specifically, the group requested Rep. Hasay and others demand a written commitment to keep guards in SCID's towers. "What does it mean when you say the towers will be manned for the foreseeable future?" asked Rusiloski. "We need a guarantee that they are going to be there. If we had a pair of eyes up there at the time of this escape it probably wouldn't have happened."

As part of increased precautions, additional rolls of razor wire have been installed along the perimeter of the correctional facility, a loose section of mesh fencing was repaired and plans to mount surveillance cameras were approved. The cameras have been in storage at the prison for two years but were not put in place because of a lack of funding for the project.

Officials had intended to install the surveillance equipment themselves as a cost-saving measure, but the plans were altered following this recent escape. "We have to put in an electrical conduit to supply the cameras and we planned to do the work ourselves because it was cheaper than hiring a contractor," said Kenneth Burnett, Public Relations Officer at SCID. "We did just receive funds from the state to go ahead and hire a contractor and I expect the system will be in place by the end of the year."

The actions taken and those proposed offer some relief to residents living near the prison. "I think this escape is the best thing that could have happened because I think they had become too lax and somebody dropped the ball," said Ed Chesnovitch, a member of the advisory committee. "Maybe now we will see some real improvements."

Ed Harry, a representative of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) was less hopeful. "I've heard all this stuff before; now I'm interested results," he said. "If they do the stuff they said they are going to do it would be great, but I'm taking a wait-and-see approach at this point."

Other security issues addressed included inmates' appearance and the system for updating information used to identify them. The two escapees reportedly lost weight prior to breaking out of prison and looked different from photos distributed during the search. "I heard that they had been dieting but I don't know if that's a significant factor," said Larkins. "There isn't a policy in place regarding weight loss but we do monitor people who change their appearance drastically."

Escape response plans are reviewed annually and updated if

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SCID Superintendent

changes are necessary. "We are looking to purchase digital cameras which would allow us to store an image electronically and get that information out to the public by way of the internet," said Larkins.

Brown jump suits worn by prisoners were a topic of concern addressed at the meeting. "Volunteers picking up trash on the highway wear bright orange, hunters wear it, construction crews do too," said Chesnovitch. "These guys were wearing brown. You put me out there in those woods in brown clothing you're not going to find me either."

The attire of corrections officers was discussed also. "During the search, there were guys in my yard dressed in camouflage and I had no idea who they were," said Rusiloski. "They didn't have any identification indicating they were corrections officers."

Details of the escape and subsequent capture of inmates McCloskey and Yang were limited. "What we do know at this point is that two fellas escaped, somehow negotiated the fences and went off into the countryside," said Larkins. "The manner is still under investigation but in the meantime we are tightening up security all over the place."

Larkins said the escapees sawed through metal bars over their cell's window using stainless steel from the frame of a mirror. Those mirrors have been removed from all cells in the prison. But he offered little more information about the escape.

Larkins stressed to those in attendance administrators are not going to ignore problems at the facility but will instead work to improve the prison's image in the community. "We have done an exhaustive review but it's far from over," he said. "Jackson Township has been great to us, they are good neighbors and we want to be a good neighbor, too."

### BIRTHS

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**NESBITT**  
**DOURAND**, James and Deborah, Sweet Valley, a son, Aug. 18.

**HOSSAGE**, David and Michelle, Sweet Valley, a daughter, Aug. 20.

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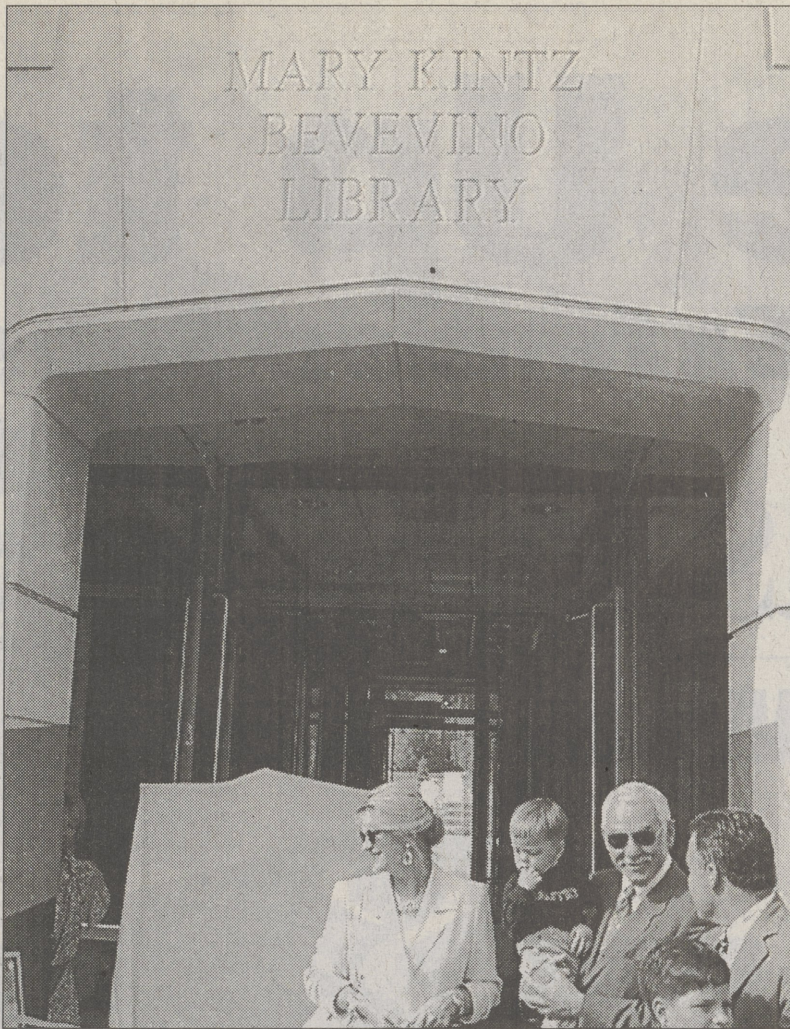
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Frank Bevevino held his grandson, Frankie, as the Bevevino and Kintz families waited for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Mary Kintz Bevevino Library at College Misericordia. Also in photo, from left; Carol Bevevino, Tom Bevevino, far right, and Joe Bevevino, bottom right.

## Misericordia opens new library

Along with welcoming 258 freshmen to campus Aug. 27, College Misericordia held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Mary Kintz Bevevino Library. The event included dedication of a plaque and portrait of the late 1987 Misericordia graduate and former trustee, in front of members of her and her husband's family.

The three-story, 37,500 square foot library, designed by Bohlin Cywinski Jackson and built by Sordoni Construction, Inc., contains about 125,000 books and materials, a CD-ROM network, local access networks and computerized cataloging equipment. The third floor also contains the Catherine Evans McGowan Center, a conference and seminar space. The library will be formally dedicated Sept. 24, on the 75th anniversary of the founding of the college.

Mary Kintz met her husband, Frank Bevevino, while attending Penn State University, Behrend campus. She left college to raise their family of two sons and one daughter, and in 1969 the family moved to Dallas.

Mary was active in community service, with the Girls Scouts, the United Way and the Northeast Philharmonic among other groups. She was also a volunteer on the original Theatre-On-The-Green committee at Misericordia.

When her children grew older, Mary enrolled at Misericordia in 1984 and majored in English. She augmented her studies with a semester at Cambridge University in England, and graduated from Misericordia magna cum laude in 1987.

Mary was a member of the College's board of trustees from 1990 to 1992. She died in 1993. She died in October, 1993, and Frank and Mary Bevevino provided major support for the library that bears her name. The plaque and portrait will be placed in the first floor of the library.

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## Colleges

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that we give something back."

In an effort to fulfill that commitment, both schools are introducing new degree programs designed to meet the local demand for highly skilled workers. PSU-WB has developed an Information Systems Technology (IST) curriculum which enables students to pursue a certificate, an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree. "We've already reached a point where the number of jobs available in this field drastically outnumbers the population of workers qualified to fill them," Senese said.

Well-trained employees are needed in other fields, as well, and Misericordia has teamed-up with Luzerne County Community College to offer a new Expressway program created to accommodate non-traditional students seeking to improve their position in the work force. "We think this will open doors for adult learners who have an associate's degree and are interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree but don't have a lot of free time," said Smallwood.

Flexibility is an attractive feature to students working full-time jobs. "With the Expressway Program, classes are scheduled on weekends and evenings and they are structured so that work can be completed at an accelerated pace," Smallwood said.

In addition to this program, two new majors will be offered at Misericordia this fall. Students may now obtain a degree in Sports Management or Biochemistry at the college.

Expanding the array of course offerings available to students is high on the list of Penn State's goals, also. "One of the things I noticed immediately was that we have an excellent reputation for our focus on technology programs but that we have room for improvement in other areas such as business, criminal justice and liberal arts," said Senese. "My goal is to level the field across the board."

Campus expansion and increased attention to advanced degrees are part of a long range plan for the campus. "Right now we are in the process of shifting our focus almost exclusively to

four-year programs and down the road we plan to offer degrees at the master's level," said Senese. "As the second largest campus in the Penn State system, as far as land is concerned, we have room for development over the course of the next decade."

College Misericordia is in the process of enlarging its own campus and expanding the list of events it hosts. A new library, an outdoor amphitheater and expanded student center are the new facilities available to Misericordia students and community groups. "The new McGowan Center (located in the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library) is available for businesses and public organizations to use for conferences and seminars," said Smallwood. "It is equipped with all the latest high-tech communications equipment and will seat somewhere between 80 and 100 people."

New facilities attract more students and Misericordia's enrollment for this academic year has risen. "We have 258 freshman, which is an increase over last year," said Smallwood.

Enrollment at PSU-WB is higher as well. "We're actually up a bit but we are not growing at leaps and bounds basically because we are offering the same kinds of programs that have been available in the past," said Senese.

A new strategy for attracting additional students is being used by PSU campuses through out Pennsylvania. "High school juniors and seniors are able to take up to nine credits a year at half the usual cost," said Senese. "If they maintain a B-average or better they will receive a \$1,000 renewable scholarship upon enrollment as freshman at any Penn State Campus and if they decide to attend another school the credits transfer."

Tuition at PSU-WB is \$241 per credit compared to \$260 at the main campus. A traditional three-credit course costs \$723.

Those interested in obtaining more information about any of the programs or facilities at PSU-WB can call 675-2171. The number for more information at College Misericordia is 674-6400.

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