



Dr., Robert Anderson, Founders Medal recipient, center; flanked by Dr. Michael A. MacDowell, president, College Misericordia; left; and Sandy Insalaco, Sr., chair of the Board of Trustees, right.

College Misericordia awards first ever Founders Medal

College Misericordia presented its first ever Founders Medal to Dr. Robert Anderson during the annual Trustee Associates Dinner held at the College during October.

Established by a Board of Trustees resolution in June 2002, the Founders Medal recognizes those elite individuals who have made a philanthropic investment in College Misericordia that significantly transforms the College's ability to serve its students and advance the mission of its founders and sponsors, the Sisters of Mercy. The Founders Medal is bestowed upon a living donor whose gifts to College Misericordia have exceeded \$1,000,000 over the course of a lifetime. The Founders Medal is

not an annual award. It will be presented by the selection committee as merited by the efforts of individual donors.

A noted area resident and philanthropist, Dr. Robert S. Anderson is a dedicated benefactor to College Misericordia and its students. Of particular note is his support of several endowed scholarships as well as the athletic program and its facilities, including the Anderson Fields, the Anderson Sports-Health Center and the recently completed Anderson Outdoor Athletic Complex.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Anderson graduated from Bucknell University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and then from Temple University

with a Doctor of Medicine degree. He completed his internship at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and served as a career medical officer for 30 years in the United States Army.

During his time in the Army, Dr. Anderson earned a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health and was a member of the medical school faculty as assistant professor of Military Science and Medicine. He attained the rank of Colonel and served in various leadership and administrative positions. Dr. Anderson received many commendations, including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Retiring from military service in 1969, Dr. Anderson returned to Wyoming Valley, acting as president of the medical staff for Retreat State Hospital and later working for the Wilkes-Barre Military Processing Station.

Dr. Anderson has served on the College Misericordia Board of Trustees and the boards of Hospice Visiting Nurses Association, the King's College President's Council and Little Flower Manor's Development Committee. He was awarded the College Misericordia Community Service Award in 1990 and the Outstanding Philanthropist Award from the Greater Pocono Northeast Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

Casey

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markable student," said Miller.

"I had gym with him; he was able to play any sport. He stood out. He was an all-around good athlete," said Yachim.

Classmates saw Casey's work ethic as a testament to his character. One teen said Casey didn't have a car, so he walked to work every day. "That's how dedicated he was," said Yachim.

Students said the campus was quiet on their first day back in school since the incident. As one parent pointed out "This affected every level. The youngest was in the elementary, Tommy was in the Middle School and the oldest (Casey) was in the high school."

Students said classes they used to share with Casey were particularly difficult.

"He was in my first period geometry class. People left flowers on his seat. It was really quiet, people left crying," said Amanda Nichols.

The administration had set up grief counselors throughout the

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Amanda Nichols
Dallas junior

middle school and high school for Monday. Kaylene Katorkas said she didn't think students seemed ready to talk to anyone.

"I think they're in shock and don't know what to say. It's hard to believe someone could take the life of a 16-year-old," she said.

"There's so many things that happen your junior year. We'll be able to look back and say now that was great, but he didn't even make it through them," said Katorkas.

"People don't think this could happen in Dallas, especially to Casey. You don't know how to react," said Yachim.

Robbery

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the money I'm going to kill you."

Gil Griffiths, Dallas School District Superintendent, said Casey was home due to an acute asthma attack. Griffiths said 14-year-old Thomas was also at home "because the family didn't want Casey to be alone." Griffiths said Casey had missed only one or two days of high school, and Thomas had a perfect attendance record.

Thomas' mother, Shirley Zaleski, told police Young had borrowed \$300 from the family to pay bills about two weeks before the botched burglary. Zaleski also said Young knew the family kept money in the house and knew the home was always unlocked. Police said \$200 was taken from Casey Zaleski's wallet.

Young and Tooley were arrested Saturday, November 9, as they left a liquor store in Paterson, N.J., Tooley's hometown.

On Saturday, Young was charged in New Jersey with possessing 24 packets of heroin with intent to deliver within 1,000 feet of a school, said Dominic Palumbo, the criminal division manager of Passaic

County, New Jersey.

Tooley was arrested on a charge of possessing a .38-caliber revolver, Palumbo said. The charges indicate it was illegal for Tooley to possess the weapon because he was previously sentenced under Megan's Law and because he knew the gun was stolen.

Court records show Tooley has a history of violent crimes, including sexual assault, kidnapping and robbery, Palumbo said. Tooley was sentenced to 35 years on those charges, but was eligible for parole after 15 years.

Tooley and Young waived their extradition hearing in New Jersey and will likely be back in Luzerne County by the end of the week, according to Dominic Palumbo, the criminal division manager of Passaic County in New Jersey.

Police have not yet formally named the pair as suspects.

The boys' aunt, Paula Delprete, said Friday that Young was a former family friend and neighbor of the Zaleskis who had baby sat the brothers. Delprete said Tooley was Young's boyfriend.

Charles Young, who has three

children with his wife, said in the police affidavit that he had found several prescription bottles filled with heroin in their bathroom in April. He said he confronted Tina about the drugs and she told him she started using heroin in July 2001.

Charles Young said his wife told him she got her drugs from Tooley. He also told police Tina is seven months pregnant and that she told him the baby was his but he is not sure.

Charles Young told police Tina Young had borrowed money large amounts of money recently, including \$200 from him and \$400 from her mother, according to the affidavit.

During the incident, police surrounded the home after receiving the 911 call from Thomas Zaleski, but did not immediately enter the home. Kelly said police waited because they believed there was a hostage situation inside. Police apparently waited several hours before entering.

The suspects had fled before police arrived, Kelly said. When police entered the home, they found Casey dead.

Some neighbors were con-

cerned, wondering why police did not inform them the intruders were on the loose while a state police helicopter circled the area.

School students waited for their bus less than a mile away from the incident just after noon.

Around 12:50 p.m., more than 20 unmarked police cruisers and other vehicles with flashing headlights streamed through the rural roads en route to the home.

Police said the suspects were driving a 1993 teal-colored two-door, Pontiac Sunbird. Friday night, a police special task team, dressed in camouflage, prowled through Wilkes-Barre's East End after police found a vehicle matching that description.

Officers swarmed the area of New Hancock Street, discreetly snuck alongside houses and through backyards before they stormed into a double block at 320-322 New Hancock St. The pair, however, were not apprehended until November 9 in New Jersey.

This article is compiled from reports that first appeared in the Times Leader.

Hasay aide to visit Franklin Township

Millard Twardowski, a field aide for state Rep. George C. Hasay, will be at the Franklin Twp. Municipal Building from 10 a.m. until noon on Thursday, Nov. 21.

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