

Misericordia celebrates university status

The celebration of College Misericordia officially becoming Misericordia University began on August 27 for students and the community when the institution sponsored a family-style cookout on its 120-acre campus featuring food, music, entertainment and a large fireworks display.

Festivities began at 12:30 p.m. with an opening liturgy by Rev. Daniel Toomey, college chaplain, and concluded at 8:45 p.m. with fireworks. In be-

tween there were bands, games and plenty of food.

Misericordia applied to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 2006 to become a university so it could better meet the challenges of the future and reflect the realities of the institution today.

The institution features 30 majors in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Professional Studies and Social Sciences and College of Health Sciences.



TOP OF PAGE: Tents, chefs, bands and fireworks were part of a day-long celebration in Dallas, marking Misericordia's new status as a university.

ABOVE: To take in the celebration and ponder the possibilities presented now that College Misericordia is Misericordia University are Justin Minor, Hazleton, and Chris Prizeman.

LEFT: Zack Evans, of Plains, tosses a football during a celebration at Misericordia University, Dallas, marking the school's official status as a university.



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Five new teachers join Wyoming Seminary staff

Wyoming Seminary opened its 44th academic year by welcoming five new teachers and staff members to its Lower School in Forty Fort, where classes began August 28. The new faculty and staff members include:

Heidi Sims of Nanticoke, who joins the Lower School Admission Office as Associate Director after spending eight years at AEP Industries in Mountain Top as a human resources assistant. She is also an adjunct faculty member at the Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre campuses of Penn State University. Sims earned a bachelor's degree in English and Spanish from Wilkes University and a master's degree in English from the University of Scranton.

Jane Harter of Dallas, a new part-time art teacher for third, fourth and seventh grades, graduated from College Misericordia with a degree in art and has completed graduate work at Marywood University. She recently retired as a teacher in the Wyoming Valley West school district.

Lisa Iskra of Wilkes-Barre, who teaches eighth grade science, earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Wilkes University, where she is also pursuing graduate work in education. Iskra was a science teacher for over 13 years in local Catholic school systems, teaching elementary, middle and high school science courses.

Justin Naylor of Benton, a fifth and sixth grade math teacher,



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New faculty and staff members at Wyoming Seminary Lower School are, from left, front row, Heidi Sims, Associate Director of Lower School Admission, and Jane Harter, first grade teacher. Second row, Lisa Iskra, eighth grade science teacher; Justin Naylor, fifth and sixth grade math teacher; and Deborah Chielli, preschool teacher.

earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. He previously taught math, writing and Latin at Nativity Preparatory School in Wilmington, Delaware.

Deborah Chielli of Dallas, who

joins the primary faculty working in the Lower School's Little White House, earned a bachelor's degree in biological science from Penn State University. For the past six years she's been active in home schooling.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Auditions set for 'Messiah'

The Misericordia University Choral Society will hold auditions through September 18 for a December performance of Handel's "Messiah."

The Misericordia University Choral Society is made up of students and faculty of the university and members of the

community of all ages. The choral society welcomes new singers with music-reading ability and a dedication to singing great choral music.

Auditions are available for openings in all parts of the production. Rehearsals are 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Banks Student Life Center's Kennedy Lounge.

For more information about the performance or choral society, please call the director, John Curtis, at 674-6739 or write to

jcurtis@misericordia.edu.

Class plans 50th anniversary reunion

Dallas-Franklin-Monroe High School class of 1957 will hold its 50th anniversary class reunion Saturday, Oct. 13, in the Sun Room at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas.

For further information, contact Lloyd Ryman at rymanlw@hotmail.com or 674-9758.

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