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## Southern Tier-Auburn Geneva

### Controversy Continues:

# FLHSA Suit Dismissed; Scanner Begins Operation

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Elmira — The Finger Lakes Health System Agency's (FLHSA) lawsuit against St. Joseph's Hospital and the state Health Department concerning CT Scanner purchase was dismissed on procedural grounds in state Supreme Court in Albany March 9.

Judge Edward S. Conway, Supreme Court justice, dismissed the suit because the FLHSA had failed to serve the hospital or the state with a summons.

Revealed at the hearing was that the scanner in the Elmira Medical Arts building is to be operated by Scanner Diagnostic Services, and that Dr. Joseph E. Calderone, an internist whose office is in the building, is president, shareholder and director of the corporation.

Published reports indicate that the scanner performed its first scan March 14. Dr. Calderone was unavailable for comment.

The FLHSA sought to prevent installation of a scanner, an expensive diagnostic tool, in the Medical Arts building, which is adjacent to and owned by St. Joseph's. The FLHSA contends that the scanner cannot be purchased and put into operation without approval through the state planning process.

Anthony Mott, FLHSA executive director, explained that the case against the state Health Department also was dismissed as "premature" by the court, coming before the state completed its review.

The court also objected to the fact that the lawsuit did not name the corporation planning to operate the

scanner. Mott noted that before the court hearing, the agency did not know the name, and was unsure of the corporation's existence.

Mott stated that he is expecting the agency to "re-file immediately" against St. Joseph's, and the scanner operator.

William Dorr, a Rochester attorney representing St. Joseph's, revealed the information on the scanner operator at the court hearing. The scanner will be owned by a corporation named Standard Scanning Associates, and leased to Scanner Diagnostic Services, P. C. which will operate it.

Meanwhile, the state Health Department has scheduled an "investigative hearing" March 20 on the scanner purchase and its operation in the Medical Arts building.

Stanley Douglas, St. Joseph's Community Relations Director, reported that the hospital has received notice of the hearing.

Soon Elmira should have two scanners. St. Oden Hospital announced March 3 that they received final approval to install a scanner, and that the hospital plans to begin operation early in April.

### Bible Study Scheduled

Corning-Town will be a continuing Bible Study program at St. Mary's House of Prayer on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., beginning March 27. The program, lasting about two hours each time it meets, will include instruction and a time for prayerful reflection. Open to anyone, the classes are being sponsored by the House of Prayer and the Corning parishes. Further information can be obtained by contacting the House of Prayer, 936-49-49.

### Series Set

Auburn — A three-session discussion group for divorced and separated Catholic women is scheduled for three consecutive Monday evenings beginning March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's School, Clymer Street.

The discussion, sponsored by the Auburn Area Divorced and Separated Organization and St. Mary's, will focus on personal growth and church related issues. The series will be led by Mary Ann Ginnerty, a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers.

There is no fee, but participants are requested to make a commitment to attend all sessions. For further information interested persons may call Mrs. Ginnerty at (315) 253-2176.



### Favorite Project

In keeping with Blessed Trinity School's objective of teaching community service, the girls from Scout troops 989 and 69 at the Auburn school saved their own money and donated it their favorite project, their school. Here they are presenting checks to Sister Water Anne, principal, who is accompanied by Mrs. Lynda Dziuba, Mrs. Suzanne Norton and Mrs. Evelyn Zellar.

## CCGEB Discusses Tuition Increase

By MARTIN TOOMBS  
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Elmira — Tuition and salary increases that are part of the \$637,000 1979-80 budget proposal occupied the Chemung County General Education Board (CCGEB) at its meeting March 8.

The board also received the resignation of Sister Mary Davidica as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes School, effective at the end of the current school year.

Proposed tuition increases of \$25 per family will offset increased costs and salary increases. Parish support of the system, paid by the seven member parishes, would total \$467,000 if the proposal is adopted; that is \$3,000 higher than for the current year.

The level of parish support caused controversy at the meeting, as Father Kevin Murphy's communications to the board were discussed. He stated in a letter that the parish support should be lowered, with additional money to be raised through a larger tuition increase, increased enrollment, and a larger goal for the Ways and Means Committee.

Martin Tracy, CCGEB Finance Committee chairman and a St. Patrick's parishioner, said that Father Murphy stated at the pastors' meeting that the parish would pay no more than \$70,000 toward the system next year. The budget proposal includes a \$77,522 assessment for St. Patrick's, which is down \$1,358 from the current year.

Father Henry Adamski, board alternate, supported the Finance Committee's work, and urged the board not to comply with Father Murphy's \$70,000 limit, but to stand

behind the accepted budget procedures.

Thomas Santulli reported on the salary increase recommendations of the Personnel Committee included in the budget proposal. The committee proposed a \$318 increase in addition to the annual \$212 step for lay teachers, and increases for other employees. Total cost of the increases was listed as \$23,901.

Action on the budget was delayed until the April meeting, to give members an opportunity to meet with their parish councils.

In a budget-related move, the board voted to send a letter to Father William Flynn, diocesan chancellor, similar to one sent by the system's pastors, protesting the fact that the diocese's tuition subsidy program for elementary students applies only to the city of Rochester. Currently, the CCGEB maintains its own scholarship fund for its students.

In other action, the board approved a policy for fund raising events; approved a plan for collection of unpaid tuition which includes use of a collection agency; and set up a long-range planning committee, headed by Thomas Santulli and Thomas Klotz.

### 'St. Joan' Presented

Auburn — Four members of the Alpha-Omega Players, a performing group of the Repertory Theater of America, will present highlights of "Saint Joan" at St. Mary's Church for one performance only, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 25.

"Saint Joan is a drama of a woman's faith and the price she was willing to pay for her belief," said Sister Dorothy Quinn, SSJ, vice-president of Auburn Interfaith Ministries, the sponsoring organization.

St. Mary's Church is located at the corner of State and Clark Streets. There will be a free will offering to defray expenses.

### Nursing Class Capped

Elmira-St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1981 was capped in ceremonies in the Little Flower Chapel of the Dunn Memorial Sunday, March 11. Thirty-five students participated in the ceremony, during the 1 p.m. Mass.

A reception for students, families and friends followed the ceremony.



Aranda VanAlstine becomes acquainted with a new resident of the Speech and Hearing Clinic at St. Joseph's Hospital. The dog, she found out, is not only bigger than she is, but also talks to her.

## Dog To Aid Speech Therapy

Elmira — Children receiving treatment in the Speech and Hearing Clinic at St. Joseph's Hospital will have a new friend, due to the generosity of the Telephone Pioneers of Central New York.

A four-foot dog with a cask under his chin will occupy a therapy room in the center. The animal can "talk" with a child undergoing treatment; a concealed microphone is connected to a speaker in the cask, allowing the therapist to communicate with the child through the animal.

The "talking dog" results

from professionals' belief that non-verbal patients will relate effectively with the stuffed animal, which will assist speech therapy.

Ray Benedict, Telephone Pioneers Central Council president, presented the dog to Jeffery Katz, clinic director. Also present was William Bushnell, president of Elmira Savings Bank, which donated the cask.

The Telephone Pioneers is an industrial relations association with 50,000 members who are active or retired employees of the New York Telephone Company.

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