

Many Local Students Enroll At Penn State Extension

Among the 100 incoming freshmen at The Pennsylvania State University's Wilkes-Barre Center this year are several students from the Back Mountain Area. Robert C. Schoonover of Center Moreland will study drafting and design technology while working towards an associate degree in engineering. Frank J. O'Hara, 156 Beech St., Shavertown, is also planning to take an associate degree with a major in drafting and design technology, and Stanley J. Rusiloski of R. D. 5, Shavertown, intends to study the same course.

Within recent years the Penn State University's Wilkes-Barre Center has graduated a large number of students from the Back Mountain Area. Last June's graduating class in ceremonies held at the Penn State Main Campus, University Park, included William J. Fielding, R.D. 5, Shavertown; John F. Higgs, R. D. 2, Dallas; Richard Powell, 40 Perrin Ave., Shavertown, and Claude Sorber, R. D. 1, Noxen. Higgs is working now as a surveyor for Columbia Gas System of Pittsburgh, and Powell is a draftsman for McDonnell Aircraft of St. Louis. Sorber is with the U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., employed as a surveyor.

The students listed above are only a few of the many Back Mountain Area students of the Penn State University's Wilkes-Barre Center who have recognized the growing need and the numerous opportunities for today's technician. In a world that is increasing its fund of scientific and technical knowledge, the demand for the practical skills of the technician is of paramount importance. In the Cold War scientific competition, America lags behind Soviet Russia in turning out the necessary number of qualified technicians every year.

The Penn State University's Wilkes-Barre Center is cooperating in the national demand for qualified technicians by offering associate degree in engineering curriculums which take two academic years of work to obtain. Under this curriculum a student specializes in one of the three program courses offered. Drafting and design technology trains young men and women for employment in machine design, tool and die design or

structural layout. Electrical technology prepares graduates for technological assignments with electrical utilities, manufacturers of electrical and electronic equipment, and electrical maintenance and instrument departments of various industrial concerns. The Penn State University Center also offers the only surveying technology program leading to an associate degree in engineering in the entire Eastern United States. Surveying technology provides a knowledge of the elements of surveying as applied to construction, land, topographic, geodetic, city and photogrammetric surveys.

The Wilkes-Barre Center has a proud history in Wyoming Valley. It has existed in continuous operation since 1916, in which time thousands of students have acquired important training and knowledge in engineering technology. The Center has been located at the Guthrie School Building, 669 North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, since 1951, when expanding enrollments necessitated a move to larger quarters.

The Center operates an extensive evening school program called Continuing Education which offers a variety of non-credit and credit courses including real estate, management training, advertising, algebra, corporation finance, and good speaking. It has also made available to local people a master's degree program in engineering. These courses are designed to aid men and women in obtaining additional know-how in their specific jobs and positions which leads them to solid advancements.

Business College Begins 80th Year

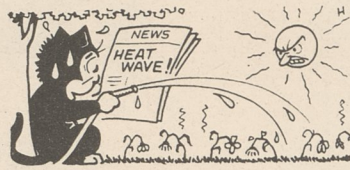
Registration for the fall term at Wilkes-Barre Business College is now in progress. The school will begin its 80th consecutive year when the fall semester begins Thursday, September 5th. Advanced registration for the day school classes has been underway for the past several months and all indications point to a record enrollment for the coming semester.

Included in the enrollment for the 1963-64 classes are many graduates from the Back Mountain area. They are: Homer Baker, Karen M. Young, Karla P. Ray, Patricia A. Kutz, Fred L. Kirken-dall, Judith E. Stanley, Marjorie Davis, William C. Smith, Marjorie Baird, Thomas G. Landon, Cindy Dymond, Linda Scholl, John Elenchick, F. Gregory Maloni, Ronald L. Fitzer, Gail Schoonover, Karen S. Clark, and Barbara Kozik.

New students will report to the school on September 5 at 10 a.m. thereafter their classes will be held from 8 to 1 daily.

Five diploma courses will be offered to the students. A 9-month Stenographic Course designed for only commercial graduates. The 11-month Accounting Course, 13-month Secretarial Course, 16-month Business Administration, and 20-month Business Administration Courses are planned for both commercial and academic graduates.

Night school classes begin October 1 and will offer beginning and refresher courses in typing, shorthand, accounting, Business English, Business Math and Office Machines.



Man is trying to reach the moon. But look what the old cow did.

Gate Of Heaven Graduates Bring Honor To School

by Nancy Stiles

Once upon a time in a growing community called Back Mountain there was a school called Gate of Heaven. Now, this "once upon a time," instead of being in the fairy tale past, is in the present and the future; because this is the biography of the graduates of Gate of Heaven. And they make up an ever-living, ever-continuing tale.

Many of the graduates of Gate of Heaven have gone to West Side Central Catholic High School, in Kingston. Central graduated its first class in 1958 (Gate of Heaven's class of 1954); one of the first Back Mountain residents to graduate was Therese Kennedy, Dallas, now an alumna of College Misericordia.

Ann Black, Dallas, was salutatorian of the class of 1959. In her sophomore year Ann won the annual Shanno Heart contest, meriting a \$25 savings bond; and, in the same year, Ann won the annual Latin vocabulary contest held at Marywood College. Again proving her scientific ability, Ann was Grand Champion at the Bucknell Science Fair in 1959. At the termination of her high school year, she was awarded a full four-year scholarship to College Misericordia.

Rosanne Jones, Dallas, was a "regular" on Central's honor roll during her senior year. Rosanne, captain of the cheerleaders, graduated in 1959.

Artistically gifted Michael Purcell, Trucksville, was editor of the 1960 QUEEN, Central's yearbook. Michael and his twin brother, Patrick, were also well known for their drawings published in the school yearbook, newspaper, and magazine.

In 1959, Robert Girvan, Dallas, placed third in the Physics division of Central's annual Science Fair. In his senior year (1960) he placed fifth in the annual Math contest sponsored by the Luzerne County of Teachers of Mathematics.

Tim Glenn, Shavertown, a member of the sports staff of the "Queen's Courier," Central's newspaper, was a semi-finalist in Original Oratory in 1960 at the annual Catholic Forensic League tournament held in Scranton. In that same year George Bednar, All-Scholastic tackle at Central Catholic, won All-State honors and also a scholarship to Notre-Dame. This year it is expected that this former student of Gate of Heaven will be the first string tackle at the University of Notre-Dame.

In 1961, John Young, Dallas, was Grand Champion in Central's annual Science Fair. He also won awards at King's and at Scranton University's Fairs, and was awarded \$100 for his project at the annual Pennsylvania state fair held in Hershey, Pennsylvania. His biological project was entered in the 1961 National Science Fair, and the Junior Scientists of America awarded him \$75 for his essay concerning the project. In 1961 he placed third in the Catholic Forensic League for his excellent debating. John, who was also president of the Class of '61, graduated sixth in his class.

Other Back Mountain honor students of 1961 were Molly Macintyre, Harvey's Lake, Marlene Batory and Ruth Ann Sickler, both of Dallas.

Cornering the scientific field in 1962 were Patricia Mastalski, Dallas, and John Curtis, Shavertown. Pat took first place in Chemistry at Central's Science Fair, while John won first prize in Physics. John was awarded prizes at King's College, Scranton University, and he also competed at Hershey, Pennsylvania. Pat was vice-president of the Student Council during the 1961-62 term. John ranked fourth in his class upon graduation.

President of the Student Council for the 1961-62 term was Gerard Brett, a member of the editing staff of the "Queen's Courier." Jerry, a resident of Shavertown, won a four-year NROTC scholarship to Villanova. Upon graduation Jerry will serve four years as an officer in the Navy.

Proving their literary talents were Ronald Konopka, Shavertown, and Kathleen Whalen, Dallas. Ronald was co-editor of the 1962 QUEEN. In 1962 Kathy won first place in the Luzerne County division of the annual "Hire the Handicapped" essay contest.

Following the family tradition begun at Central by her brothers, Maureen Purcell, Trucksville, won much acclaim for her artwork. Her

drawings and paintings were shown in various art contests in the eastern United States. Maureen was staff artist for the "Queen's Courier" and the SPECULUM, Central's magazine.

Honor students of the Class of '62 included salutatorian Kathryn Girvan, formerly of Dallas, John Curtis, Shavertown, Kathleen Whalen, Dallas, and Paul Young, Dallas.

A resident of Dallas who just moved to Waynesboro, Virginia this summer is James Halpin, French and Latin scholar. James, Student Council president during 1962-63, was twice a medal winner in the Auxilium Latinum, an annual nationwide Latin contest, and a winner in King's annual French Irregular Verb Contest in both his junior and senior years. A member of the National Honor Society, Jim ranked eleventh in his class upon graduation.

Nancy Stiles, Dallas, editor-in-chief of the "Queen's Courier" from February 1962 to June 1963, was awarded first prize in the Luzerne County division of the "Hire the Handicapped" essay contest in 1963. Also awarded a certificate for excellence in French by King's College and a certificate in the Auxilium Latinum contest, Nancy, a member of the National Honor Society, graduated ninth in her class.

Nicholas Witek, Chase, won fourth place in the National Math Contest this year. President of the Class of 1963, Nick also won an honorable mention in Chemistry at Central's Science Fair.

Other honor students of the class of 1963 were Margaret Houlihan, Dallas, and Dorothy Szafran, Harvey's Lake.

Although the class of 1964 has not yet graduated many members of this class have already emerged as leaders. Charlene Makar, Dallas, who is to be the next editor of the "Queen's Courier," was Grand Champion of the 1963 Science Fair. Having been a Science Fair winner since her Freshman year, Charlene also merited an honorable mention at King's College and second place in Biology at the Northeastern Pennsylvania fair at Scranton University. Charlene will be vice-president of the Student Council for the coming term.

Another Science Fair Winner of the class of 1964 is Carol Makravitz, Dallas. Carol took an honorable mention in Biology at Central's Fair, and first prize at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Fair held at Scranton U. She also won a certificate in the Auxilium Latinum contest. Susan Swan, Idetown, and Carol are members of the editing staff of the "Queen's Courier."

Star of the 1963 school play, "Time Out for Ginger," was Molly Gallagher, Dallas. Kathy Monahan, Dallas, a student at St. Ann's Academy, won first place in the poster division of the Serra Club Essay-Poster contest.

We know that this is only the beginning of the list of scholastic achievements of Catholic students from the Back Mountain area. Congratulations to these former Gate of Heaven students! Good luck to all those in the future!

If a human body grew at the same rate as the larvae of the monarch butterflies, it would weigh eight tons in two weeks . . . Navy flight surgeons advise pilots to tense their bodies and let out a yell as a means of fighting black-outs during flight maneuvers . . . The first attempt to carry U. S. mail by air took place in August, 1859. A pouch containing 123 letters was placed aboard a balloon at Lafayette, Ind., for carriage to New York. Unfortunately, the balloon was forced down near Crawfordsville, Ind., and the mail had to be forwarded by train.

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