in the news



WYOMING SEMIN-ARY STUDENT STEWART PIERSON, who was named semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship program last fall qualified as a finalist in the program according to an announcement made recently by National Merit Scholarship officials.

He is among more than 15,000 high school students nationwide to be eligible for 1,800 nonrenewable national merit \$1,000 scholarships and over 3,500 four year merit scholarships that will be

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awarded in the spring. In being named finalist,

People...

Pierson has been judged by the committee to have best combined academic abilities and personal qualities needed for success in the future.

DOUGLAS C. SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith, 15 South Goodwin Ave., Kingston, been elected president of the Kenyon College Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at Gambier, Ohio, according to an announcement by Lloyd L. Kirk, Prairie Village, Kansas, national general



beginning in September. Dallas High School in 1978. He played at the varsity quarterback spot for two seasons on Coach Jack Jones' Dallas Mountaineers, and also

secretary of Beta Theta

Pi, national honorary

Smith, a graduate of

Dallas High School and

Wyoming Seminary,

Kingston, is a junior in a

pre-law course at Kenyon

College, and will serve as

president of the Kenyon

Chapter of Beta Theta Pi

during his senior year,

fraternity.

quarterbacked the West Side squad in its win over the East Side team in the annual 1978 UNICO Charity game. He attended Wyoming Seminary during the 1978-79 sachool year where he took post-graduate studies. At Kenyon, Smith has played at the quarterback and corner back spots for Kenyon's varsity grid team.

A sister, Betty Jane Smith, who also attended Dallas High School and graduated in June from Wyoming Seminary, is a freshman at Kenyon College. A brother, Bruce M. Smith, is a freshman at Bloomsburg State College where he is a candidate for Bloomsburg's varsity grid team. Bruce also attended Dallas High School and graduated in June from Wyoming Seminary.

REV. DR. RICHARD GREGORY will be the guest speaker for the Spring meetings to be held the week of May 9-14 at the Noxen Independent Bible Church, Pastor Jerry Tallent has announced.

Rev. Dr. Gregory will open the meetings at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 9, and will conduct services each Smith graduated from evening through Friday, May 14 at 7:30.

Rev. Dr. Gregory was born and raised in Honesdale, Pa. He



received his bachelor of arts degree from Shelton College; his master's Divinity degree from Theological Faith Seminary at Elkins Park, Pa., and his doctor of divinity from Bob Jones University, at Greenville, S.C. He pastored formally at Hopatcong, N.J.; Perkasie, Pa., and the Braintrim Baptist Church in Laceyville. He is presently pastor of the Limerick Chapel at Limerick, Pa.

TROY HUNTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hunter, Dallas is stationed at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas. Troy took his Basic Training in Texas, then went to Colorado for Tech School. Troy is assigned to the Conventional Munitions Section. He and approximately 35 other airmen maintain over \$5 million worth of munitions items. Troy and his wife, Peggy Perditis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. peter Perditis, Swoversville, reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

Zoning Board grants special exception

In an unanimous vote last week, the Kingston Township Zoning Hearing Board granted Shavertown photographer Ron Petro, 358 Howell Road, a special exception to operate a studio in his home. Petro lives in Midway Manor and plans to use his home studio for occasional portrait sit-

He explained that most of his work is done on location, but senior pictures and certain portraits require a studio. Petro has the signed approval of his immediate

neighbors, and proached the board with no opposition to his request. The area has sufficient off street parking and he will not erect a commercial sign. Home sittings are done by appointment only, with each taking just over one half hour.

Board members Bill Bachman, William Staub and Justin Bergman voted on the exception. Also present at the meeting were Zoning Officer John Dana, Solicitor Eric Dingle and Township supervisor Williard Piatt.

Joseph Martini, head basketball coach of the Lake-Lehman Girls' Basketball team recently was presented with a proclamation by the Board of School Directors. The occasion was Martini's selection as "AA Girls' Coach of the Year" in the Wyoming Valley Conference. The proclamation was read by Kenneth Williams, coordinator of the Athletic-Activities Committee, and was presented by Donald J. Jones, president of the Board of School Directors. Shown at the presentation ceremonies are, left to right, Donald J. Jones, Joseph Martini, M. David Preston, Ph.D., superintendent of the Lake-Lehman Schools.

Dallas Township Police investigating microwave theft

Dallas Township Police are investigating the theft of a General Electric microwave oven and cabinet taken from Merrick Hall, College Misericordia, sometime during the hours of 11:30 p.m., April 29, and 11 a.m., April 30.

The unit, valued at more than \$700 is the property of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Wyoming

Valley Mall. It was part of an exhibit by Sears, Roebuck & Co. at The Dallas Post Homemakers School, Thursday, April

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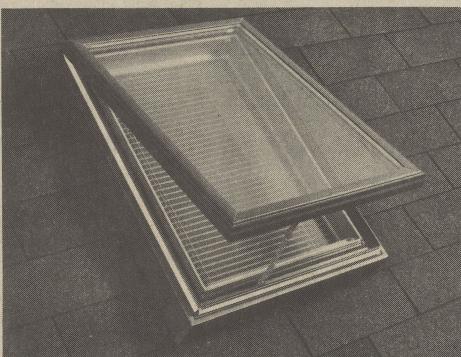


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