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Grant winners

Dr. Joseph Fink, president of College Misericordia, welcomes Presidential Scholarship recipients Cheryl Ann Manganella of Tunkhannock and Mark Oberstaedt of Forked River, N.J., left during new student orientation at the Dallas campus. Both students are history-pre-law majors who received full tuition academic grants. Presidential Scholarships are awarded annually to eligible high school seniors who plan to enroll in undergraduate programs in pre-law or the humanities. According to Fink, Misericordia recorded 100 percent placement of its 1985 graduates who applied for acceptance into law schools.

4-H in the news: ...12 girls compete in fashion revue

For 12 4-H'ers in Luzerne County, July 26 was a special day. They were selected to represent the county in the East-Northeast Region 4-H Fashion Revue held in Nanticoke, at the Luzerne County Community College Conference Center.

According to Christine Tomascik, Extension Home Economics-Youth, those taking part in the regional revue were: Christy Tomascik, Forty Fort; Victoria Podwika, Wyoming; Pamela Brubaker, Conyngham; Stacey Mensinger, Nescopeck, Brenda Barna, Wapwalopen; Jodi, Wendy & Tracey Whitebreak, Nescopeck; Kristen Youngman, Sugarloaf; Barbara Babcock, Laurel Run; Laurie Welsh, Sugarloaf; and Bernadette Grosz, Wapwalopen.

The 4-H'ers made the outfits they modeled as part of their 4-H clothing projects. Along with increasing their skills in clothing construction, they learned about wardrobe selection, color coordination, the importance of good posture and other aspects of grooming. County 4-H'ers compete with those selected from

other counties in the East-Northeast region. The six top regional winners will be awarded gold ribbons. Each county contestant will receive a certificate of participation.

The six gold ribbon winners from the East-Northeast will vie with the top winners from other regions for state honors.

At the state Fashion Revue, held on Penn State's University Park campus during State 4-H Achievement Days, judges will select an Honors Group of 10 finalists. These 10 4-H'ers will compete for the top state award, part of which is an expense paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Dec. 1 through 5.

Penn State's Cooperative Extension Service coordinates the 4-H Fashion Revue in Pennsylvania. Simplicity Pattern Company and the White-Elna Sewing Machine Company, sponsors of the national 4-H Fashion Revue program, provide the county medals and the trip to Congress.

...equestrians get try at state show

Some 106 4-H horse members from Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Schuylkill and Wayne Counties participated in the recently held District III 4-H Horse Show held at the Lehighton fairgrounds in Lehighton.

This was an elimination show and the winners of the English, Western and Gymkhana Classes will now compete against 4-H'ers from across the State at the upcoming State 4-H Horse Show.

Luzerne County 4-H'ers who won at the District Show and will be competing at the State Show are: Daria Lipinski, Wilkes-Barre; Kim McLaughlin, Dallas; Kevin Konopinski, Sweet Valley; Catherine Yanchunas, Mountaintop; Marla Parente, Harveys Lake; Carleen

Medico, Wilkes-Barre; Melanie Raspen, Sweet Valley; Dene' Stull, Dallas; Lori Daro, Sweet Valley and Christy Campbell, Hunlock Creek.

Other participants from Luzerne County were: Laurie Barna, Dallas; Joanne Boyle, Dallas; Katie Burnside, Shavertown; Kelly Daro, Sweet Valley; Vickie Davis, Mountaintop; Kristen Ecker, Hazleton; Beth Finn, Dallas; Amy Honeywell, Hunlock Creek; Amy McLaughlin, Dallas; Stephanie Morris, Shavertown; Jennifer Pendiwiatr, Mountaintop; Belinda Spaide, Mountaintop and Tammy Strittmatter, Mountaintop.

The State 4-H Horse Show will be held Oct. 4-6 at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg.

Program to meld college, business interests

Wilkes College has received approval from the Northeast Tier Advanced Technology Center at Lehigh University of a \$1.1 million program to foster cooperative activities between private sector firms and the College to create and preserve jobs in Pennsylvania.

"Wilkes will serve as the catalyst for the program, which is sponsored by the Ben Franklin Partnership and encompasses five projects in northeastern Pennsylvania during 1985-86," said Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes College.

According to the College's Office of Foundations and Grants Management, the projects will address three areas: research and development, education and technology training, and technical and entrepreneurial assistance.

"The Engineering Department, Chemistry Department, and our Small Business Development Center will play an integral role in the program," added Breiseth.

"This \$1.1 million program is a major effort toward

fulfilling a central part of Wilkes' mission," said Breiseth. In response to the needs of business and industry, the College has developed into a major center of engineering, science, and technology.

A national accrediting board has commended Wilkes College for the quality of its undergraduate engineering program its superior laboratory equipment, and the caliber of its faculty. Breiseth said, "The fact that our faculty play an active role in serving the local community, particularly in helping to attract, retain, and aid in the development of local industry, was particularly cited."

The human and technical resources of the College will be used in partnership with private firms and local economic development agencies to achieve the program goals. The projects to be undertaken include:

Thermal Construction Model for Transistor Package - This joint project with RCA Corporation through the

use of computer-aided design (CAD), will test transistor packages for heat and stress problems. A computer will simulate the transistor package and perform the tests quicker and more efficiently than actual models.

Materials Testing Consortium is the establishment of a local consortium for evaluation and testing of materials for business and industry in cooperation with the Committee for Business and Industry in cooperation with the Committee for Economic Growth (CEG), Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, Drexel University, and Allied Chemical.

Small Business Development Center will provide entrepreneurial support and technical training to new and existing advanced technology firms throughout northeastern Pennsylvania.

Luzerne County Business Incubator will help establish a business incubator in Luzerne County to assist new firms in launching their businesses. Partners in the project are a consortium of area economic develop-

ment agencies under the leadership of the Business Incubator Advisory Board. The board is chaired by Fred Lohman, Director of the Small Business Development Center at Wilkes College.

Polymer Technology Transfer is a joint research project with St. Jude Polymer Corporation of Frackville, Pennsylvania to improve chemical processing in plastics recycling activities.

Wilkes College has been a major participant in the Ben Franklin Partnership since its inception in 1982 and has received funding from the ATC at Lehigh University from the onset of the program.

The Ben Franklin Partnership, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce, supports the development and application of advanced technologies to new and improved products and processes targeted to both new and existing firms with manufacturing facilities in the Commonwealth.

Gifts to Wilkes College top \$1.4 million mark

Wilkes College Dean of Development, Richard F. Charles, announces that gifts to Wilkes College in 1984 reached \$1,455,742, an increase of 22.8 percent over the \$1,184,887 received during the same period in 1983.

The gifts, published recently in the Alumni Quarterly Magazine, represent cash received from alumni, parents, friends of the College, corporations, foundations and other organizations.

Beverly B. Hiscox, Class of '58, is currently general chairman of the Wilkes campaign succeeding Harold (Jake) Trethaway in the post. Cash gifts reported for the January 1-December 31 period include gifts received during campaigns

led by both Hiscox and Threthaway. During 1984, the College changed its gift reporting base from a fiscal (academic) year to a calendar year to facilitate cash flow management and reporting cycles.

"The College is exceedingly grateful to both of our fine Chairmen for this excellent record," President Christopher N. Breiseth stated, "and the College is also fortunate to have such leaders as Frank P. Cuscela '58, who chaired the recent corporate campaign, and Gilbert D. Tough '56, who is our past chairman of the alumni phase."

Charles announced that the campaign goal was exceeded by 24 percent, bringing a total of \$531,890 in scholarship

assistance for capable and deserving students. That figure is included in the overall totals.

The 1984 Campaign was the final one under the leadership of Wilkes President Robert S. Capin, who had announced his resignation a year earlier to enter private business. In a statement to officers and volunteers, he said, "Your willingness to give of your time and energy, your devotion to this vital effort has made this one of the most successful fundraising years in the 50-year history of Wilkes College. I thank you in behalf of Wilkes and all the students who will be the beneficiaries of your labor."

Writing course uses computers

Area residents will have a unique opportunity to participate in a new course offering at Luzerne County Community College designed to improve writing skills with the assistance of computer technology.

Beginning this fall, the Humanities Department of LCCC will offer "Microcomp" an innovative English Composition course.

Instead of sitting at a desk and listening to an instructor lecture about concepts and their applications, students will spend most of their time in front of a computer

screen working individually on lessons from a reference manual. The instructor will direct students, and answer questions about the computer-assisted English Computer lessons.

Each student's performance will be carefully reviewed and graded on how well they master the various learning concepts outlined in the lessons.

Punctuations, grammar, sentence structure, paragraph development, and composition of multi-paragraph papers are some of the topics that

will be covered during the semester. Although the methodology of this course is relatively new, the goal is the same as the traditional writing course—helping students develop writing skills clearly expressing their thoughts and ideas.

In addition, students will develop a competency in a new skill, word processing, which may prove to be very useful throughout their college experience, and when they enter the competitive job market.

For further information on Luzerne County Community College's computer assisted English Competition course, "Microcomp" contact Francis Hanify, Humanities Department Chairman at 829-7331.

Scouts to host dance

Girl Scout Cadette Troop 706 of Lehman will be sponsoring a dance from 7-9 p.m., Sept. 20 at the Lake-Lehman Jr. High School.

D.J. Rob Neyhard will be on hand to play the latest Top 40 music. Soda and gummy bears will be on sale for 50c each. Admission is \$1 per person. Proceeds will go towards the cadette trip to Georgia in June, 1986.

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