



# School



## Summer's end

Summer may have ended early for students at Penn State Wilkes-Barre but the fall semester began with a picnic on student orientation day that featured a magician, a live rock band, games, and food prepared and served by the faculty and staff. Shown on the lawn of the Hayfield House mansion at the Lehman campus is magician David Lyle, right, entertaining freshman students. From left, Dave Bernatovich, Nanticoke; Joyce Bell of Meshoppen; Allison Conklin, Sayre; and Mary Abromitis, Shamokin.

## DA cautions parents on alcohol abuse by youths

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is a letter written by District Attorney Robert J. Gillespie, Jr. at the request of Dr. Wallace Stetler of Wyoming Seminary and Ron Gaetano, drug and alcohol specialist for Wyoming Seminary. The letter has been sent to parents of all children who attend Wyoming Seminary.)

situation which is extremely dangerous and harmful to the young people, and, in addition, may make both parents and children criminally responsible.

Last year in Luzerne County 36 teenagers died as a direct result of alcohol abuse. There is nothing more frustrating as District Attorney than to see the carnage that has been wrought by the alcohol abuse of our young.

I urge you to be responsible parents and to show your love and concern for your children by refusing to sponsor alcohol parties. I further urge you to use our tip line if you find your children are invited to parties where alcoholic beverages are going to be served. The tip line, which can be reached by calling 1-800-235-0911, or the number listed for the Luzerne County Communications Center in the front of your telephone book, operates by having a member of our staff call before a party actually takes place and warn the parents that the party is planned and the possible consequences, both in the danger to the children and the criminal responsibility of one sponsoring such a party. I would request that you join me in using the tip line to stop our teenagers from killing themselves and others.

ROBERT J. GILLESPIE, JR.  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

### DEAR PARENTS:

Once again school has opened and our children have available to them the tremendous resources developed in this country for their education. Unfortunately, they also are about to undergo another year where the temptations to use alcohol and drugs can become very strong. As a parent, I know how hard it is to tell our children that they cannot or should not do something that many of their friends are doing.

I want to urge you, however, to do the right thing and to monitor your children. And, in particular, I would like to warn any parent who may be contemplating sponsoring a party in which alcoholic beverages are served to minors that such an action violates the law, and even if tight controls are placed so the children cannot leave the party, they are creating a

## Service group recommends finding life's 'natural highs'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is an open letter to young people from the Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services in Wilkes-Barre.)

"I hope you've had an enjoyable summer filled with excitement and relaxation. Shortly, you will be rejoining your classmates for the beginning of another school year. Your year, like mine, will be filled with ups and downs, successes and failures, good times as well as trying times. You're a year older and, hopefully, a grade advanced since last school year. Please take a moment and consider a few things at this point.

- I dare you to be creative in your thoughts and life-style utilizing all of your God-given energies and qualities.

- I dare you to face your daily problems head on. Challenge them, seek alternatives, have perseverance and fortitude and you'll win out. Don't quit when life gets tough.

- I dare you to lead instead of being led by others.

- I dare you to show respect to your parents, teachers and neighbors.

- I dare you to pledge you will not use drugs and alcohol since the use would jeopardize everything you are striving to achieve.

- I dare you to find the "natural highs" in life.

- I dare you to visit a nursing home, home for retarded, children's ward in a hospital; give away some of your love and energies to those who are less fortunate than you.

"You have the right to life; Enjoy it to its fullest."

## Misericordia offers non-credit courses

College Misericordia begins the fall semester with seven adult non-credit courses with topics from arts and crafts to computers.

"Beginning Calligraphy" will be offered on Tuesdays, Sept. 10-Oct. 8, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Students will learn English Gothic style calligraphy and ornate writing from instructor Karen Shelly, who is a member of the Cider Painters of America. The cost is \$26.

On Thursday, from Sept. 12-Oct. 3, a course on "Word Processing" will be presented from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Participants will learn to create, edit and store documents under the direction of Laurie Allison. The cost is \$50. A second session will be offered on Thursdays from Nov. 7 to Dec. 5.

An introduction to stretching and limbering exercises, posture, breathing and relaxation techniques will be offered during "Hatha Yoga". The course will run Tuesdays, Sept. 17-Nov. 5, 7 to 9 p.m., at a cost of \$25. The class will help to improve muscle tone, increase flexibility and achieve a balance of mind and body. Instructor Elyse Gold has studied Hatha Yoga at the Himalayan Institute in Honesdale.

"Introduction to Computer Literacy" will be held Mondays, Sept. 16-Oct. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$40. The course, instructed by Jane Grogan, is for those who wish to become familiar with computer terminology. Participants will learn possible applications as well as limitations of microcomputers.

For needlework lovers, a course on "Stitching the Scandinavian Sampler" will be held on Tuesdays, Sept. 17-Oct. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$30. This needlework course will explore the counted thread techniques of Denmark, Sweden and Norway. A basic sampler will be completed in the student's choice of colors. Instructor Beverly Marchetti is the founder of the Wyoming Valley Embroidery Guild.

"Basic Microwave" will be held on Wednesdays, Sept. 11 through Oct. 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$25 plus \$10 for materials. Demonstrations of the techniques and tools used in the preparation of basic microwave meals will be discussed under the direction of Joan Krause, a registered dietitian and chairperson of the Division of Allied Health at Misericordia.

A ten-week course on "Landscape Painting" will be offered on Saturdays, Sept. 21-Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. Instructor Walter Humanik will offer various techniques for rendering landscapes using such media as oils, acrylics, pastels and water color. Humanik has taught art appreciation classes at Misericordia and gives private art classes in the area.

Choosing colors to enhance your appearance will be discussed in "Image and Color," on Saturday, Sept. 14 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will learn how to choose the right color to increase attractiveness. Instructor Sharon Friedman will offer suggestions on selecting colors for clothes, eyeglasses and hair coloring. Ms. Friedman is a senior color consultant with First Class Image Consultants, Chicago, and is a consultant to Boscov Department Stores in Pennsylvania. Cost is \$20.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Ms. Friedman will instruct in "The Male Executive Image: Dress for Success". The course is designed to help men who

want to project a proper business image. The participant will learn how to select clothes according to the individual's size and weight. The cost is \$8.

"How to Travel Better for Less" is being offered Tuesdays, Sept. 17 to Oct. 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Barry Tenenbaum, a noted travel professional, will share his expertise concerning the basics of planning a

successful trip. Where to go and when to go, the pros and cons of chartered or scheduled airlines, how to get the lowest airline and hotel rates will be discussed. The cost is \$20.

For registration or a free brochure detailing non-credit courses for children and adults call College Misericordia's Office of Special Programs at 675-2181, ext. 332.

## LCCC begins program

With an increasing number of individuals seeking to make the transition to supervisory positions or for those who have recently assumed such responsibilities, the Office of Continuing Education at Luzerne County Community College is offering an Administrative Assistant Certificate Program beginning in the Fall Semester.

The non-credit program is designed to give participants the background and skills they need to prepare to take on new job responsibilities. Students may enroll for a single course or for the certificate program, which can be completed as their time allows.

Required courses for the certificate program that will be offered during the Fall semester are The Administrative Assistant, which will be offered on Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30, beginning Sept. 23 through Dec. 9; and Effective Verbal Communications, which will be offered on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 9, beginning Sept. 25 through Nov. 27.

Elective courses for the certificate program that also will be offered for the Fall semester are Accounting for the Nonfinancial Manager, which will be offered on Thursday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:45, beginning Sept. 26 through Dec. 19; and Personnel Practices

and Techniques, which will be offered on Tuesday evenings, from 6:30 to 9 beginning Sept. 24 through Dec. 10.

Other required courses that will be offered for the Spring semester include The Effective Supervisor and Fundamental Concepts of Business Data Processing. Other elective courses to be offered include An Introduction to Word Processing, Basic Techniques in Personal Interviewing, Effective Administration of Office Operations, Principles and Practices of Supervision in Hospital and Health Care Administration, and Business Law and Terminology.

The Certificate of Completion for the Administrative Assistant Program is awarded to those students who satisfactorily complete six courses with a grade average of B or better. In addition to the four required courses, students may choose two elective courses to fulfill certificate requirements.

All classes will be held in the Educational Conference Center on the main campus of the community college in Nanticoke. Registration deadline is seven days prior to the start of class. For further information on the program, or to register to attend, contact Karen Dessoie, Office of Continuing Education at Luzerne County Community College, 829-7481.

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## Wyo. Seminary plans counseling sessions

Nancy H. McGuire, Director of College Guidance at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Kingston, has announced that several college selection counseling sessions have been scheduled for Wyoming Seminary students and parents during the fall trimester.

Seminary campus to personally interview interested students and answer questions. Mrs. McGuire noted that other colleges will schedule appointments to visit as the year progresses.

Additional college counseling programs, meetings, and tests are planned during the winter and spring terms for sophomores, juniors and seniors.

More than 32 colleges and university admissions counselors have scheduled visits to the Wyoming

## Nursery School opens Thursday

The Trucksville Nursery School will begin its 85-86 School year on Sept. 12. The preschool is located in the Trucksville United Methodist Educational Bldg. The school has been in operation for 16 years and offers a unique program. Each child

is encouraged toward gaining independence and self confidence.

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