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Loans being repaid

More than \$1 million is being repaid by Pennsylvania students who illegally obtained or misused student financial aid as a result of court-ordered restitution won by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency in successfully prosecuting nearly 500 cases. The student aid refunds are the result of PHEAA's fraud detection procedures and firm prosecution pursued by its Program Review Unit, a team of investigators and auditors which detects, investigates and arranges prosecution of those who misuse or abuse the State Grant and Student Loan Programs. The same team also audits administration of the Commonwealth's student aid programs by participating schools and lenders.

At the end of 1985, \$1,024,000 in restitution has been ordered by Pennsylvania courts from grant and loan recipients who either obtained the financial aid illegally or used it improperly reported Kenneth R. Reeher, PHEAA Executive Director. PHEAA has already collected nearly half, \$479,000, while the balance plus interest is under court order to be repaid within specified time frames. In addition to restitution orders, probation sentences and other penalties, 27 persons have gone to jail for fraudulent abuse of the student aid programs.

"PHEAA continually strengthens and refines the tactics it uses to detect fraud and ensure that abuse never becomes a serious problem," said Reeher. "We investigate every hint of impropriety and have introduced some very sophisticated computerized techniques during application processing that strengthen our guard. By practicing firm enforcement policies now, we help ensure the availability of educational funds for our future students," he added.

The \$1 million plus in restitutions to PHEAA is the result of 830 cases prosecuted by local District Attorneys throughout the Commonwealth.



Attend event

Members of the Psychology Club of Penn State Wilkes-Barre recently attended a demonstration of biofeedback techniques at the John Heinz Institute. The demonstration involved the actual recording of several physiological indices. Dr. James F. McAndrew, director of the psychology department at the Institute, explained how these indices can be used both in the diagnosis and treatment of a variety of physical and psychological problems. Shown are, from left, standing, Dr. McAndrew; Chris Charnetski, Justine Rominski, RoseAnn Mulligan, Ann Maher, students; Dr. J. Craig Clarke, psychology professor and club advisor; Nick Hornack and Colleen Miller, students. Seated is Mike Lundy.

Former Dallas student wins award

Kim Pratt is a living example that dreams do, indeed, come true. The 28-year-old Garden State Park publicity photographer, a graduate of Dallas High School, Dallas, had always fantasized about winning an Eclipse Award, the highest honor in the horse racing industry. And, in a professional career that has been as brief as the click of a shutter, she rose to the very top of her game.

Kim's photograph of the horse Jump Shot, won her the 1985 Eclipse Award for thoroughbred photogra-

phy. Pratt, who was born in Schenectady, will accept the prestigious award on Feb. 7 at the Fontainebleu Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida.

"It's a great thrill knowing I've won the top award in the industry," she noted. "Ever since I was in fourth grade I've been taking pictures of horses. And for the last couple of years I've always thought it would great if some day I could win an Eclipse Award. I was convinced, though, that it would probably come near the end of my career, never at the beginning."

Although her love affair with horses began back in 1975 when she visited Saratoga, Kim's first professional position began in March in the Publicity Department at the new Garden State Park.

Pratt has been a daily visitor to the Garden's backstretch area ever since, during both the thoroughbred and standardbred meetings. She hosts stable area tours as part of the track's "Good Morning Club" program.



PSU winners

Penn State Wilkes-Barre scholarship winners pictured are, front, left to right, Leanne Cordisco, Desiree Caldwell, Melanie Shemo, Michelle A. Estus and Nancy E. Coleman. At rear, are, Richard Zika, Eric Supey, Vincent A. DeGuisto, Robert W. Stevens, Ken Dohl and Jeffrey W. Hontz.

Safety literature available

The Kingston Township Department of Fire Safety and Prevention would like to make residents aware that fire safety literature has been distributed to businesses throughout the Township and is available at no charge to anyone interested.

The following businesses are participating in this program and have literature available: Back Mt.

and Trucksville Pharmacy. Fire Safety literature is also available at the Municipal Building or by contacting Gary Beisel, Fire Safety and Prevention Officer, at 696-3809.

Lumber, McCrory's, Cook's Pharmacy, Shavertown Lumber, Raves Nursery, N-Mart, Pizza Perfect.

Poetry contest offers \$1,000

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in World of Poetry's Eleventh Annual Poetry Contest, open to all poets. In addition to the grand prize, there are 99 cash and merchandise awards, totaling over \$10,000.

Says Contest Director Joseph

Mellon, "This is the 11th year we have sponsored such a contest, and we expect new and exciting discoveries to come of it."

For rules and official entry forms write, World of Poetry, Dept. PR, 2431 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, California 95817.



Board meets

The Advisory Board of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus met recently at the Sheraton-Crossgates, Wilkes-Barre. Shown are board members at a recent meeting at Hayfield House at the local campus in Lehman. From left, seated, Dr. James H. Ryan, campus executive officer; Jay Bartikowsky, JoAnn Post, Helen Patella, John N. Conyngham III, board chairman; Homer Moyer, Jim Chester and Sue Kluger. Standing: Dr. Anatol Kuczura, Rev. Lynn Rothrock, Harold Rose, Jr., Abram Nesbitt

III, Irwin Sagenkahn, Fred Shupnik, Atty. Michael Hudacek, Atty. Sol Lubin, Wesley Simmers, Pauly Friedman, Douglas Trumbower, Karen Keefer, Paul RAdick, Leonard Motzki, and Stephen Cicak. Other board members, now shown, are Dr. W.R.A. Boben, Dr. Arthur B. Davenport, Atty. Edward Hosey, Hon. Charles Lemmond, William Mainwaring, Hon. Peter Paul Olszewski, Frank Orloski, Louis Pagnotti III, and emeritus members, Aldo Franconi, David Schooley, and Walter C. Wood.

LCCC offers Administrative 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 will continue offering of an Administrative Assistant Certificate Program which began last fall.

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

Required courses for the certificate program that will be offered for the Spring semester are The

Effective Supervisor which will be offered Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30, beginning February 3 through May 5; and Fundamental Concepts of Business Data Processing which will be offered on Tuesdays, from 6 to 9 p.m., beginning February 4 through April 8.

Elective courses for the certificate program that also will be offered for the Spring semester are Effective Administration of Office Operations which will be offered on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30, beginning February 5 through April 23; and Business Law and Terminology which will be offered on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning February 6 through May 8.

Other required and elective

courses for the program are The Administrative Assistant, Effective Verbal Communications, An Introduction to Word Processing, Accounting for the Nonfinancial Manager, Basic Techniques in Personnel Interviewing, Personnel Practices and Techniques, and Principles and Practices of Supervision in Hospital and Health Care Administration.

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. Registration deadline is seven days prior to the start of the class. For further information on the program, or to register to attend, contact Karen Dessoye at the Office of Continuing Education, 829-7481.

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