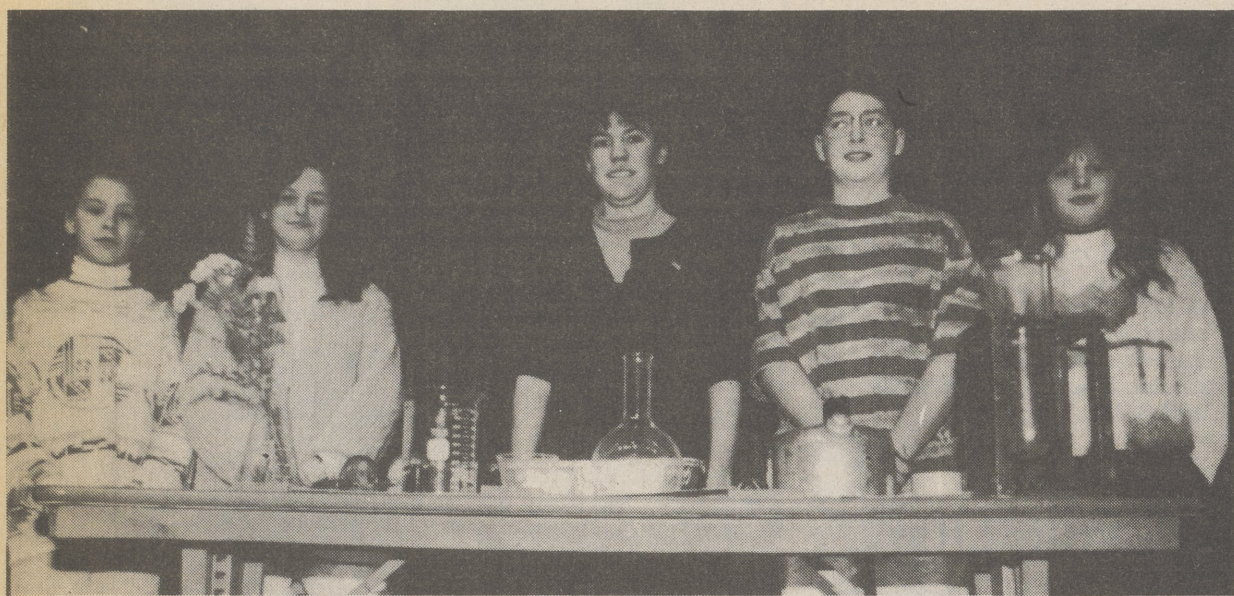


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## Science assembly at the Dallas Middle School

The student body of the Dallas Middle School was recently treated to a science program put on by the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia. The program, entitled "Hot and Cold" showed the various effects of cold and hot temperatures on different objects.

Pictured from left, Kevin Rogers, Dena Dixon, Franklin Institute presenter, Dan Natitus and Karen Lapallo.

## Hopkins

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actual production. It's more interesting to the students if they assume the responsibility and also receive the accolades for their efforts and achievements," Hopkins said.

Hopkins faith in his cast and his crews has enabled him to produce a variety of dramas and musicals in line with his philosophy that the students should be exposed to a variety of stage vehicles on the high school level if they are to be prepared for theater programs in college. His students have produced such dramas as Sophocles' "Antigone," "The Crucible," "The Skin of Our Teeth," "Thurber's Carnival," "Spoon River Anthology," and the "Miracle Worker."

"We do presentations each year," Hopkins explained. "We try to do a musical and a drama. Last year we did 'Thurber's Carnival' which had some music and some dance. In the fall of 1990 we did a light comedy, 'All Because of Agatha.' We try to provide a variety for the audience as well as making it worthwhile for the students."

"Some years we have theater class, other years we do not. This year we have no theater class but we have a lot of the ninth grade students interested in drama, many of them in the costume area. We keep our costumes from year to year and sometimes we modify them to suit the production," Hopkins said.

In his commitment to the production of Shakespeare's works, Hopkins alone in the Wyoming Valley has set a tradition of classical presentations for the benefit of students and community.

Dallas students have presented "The Taming of the Shrew," "Twelfth Night," "MacBeth," "A Comedy of Errors," "The Tempest" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." His observation of Shakespeare productions in Stratford and London has helped increase Hopkins' commitment to bringing Shakespeare to Dallas.

In addition to his work with the high school students, Hopkins is also involved outside of the school drama in College Misericordia's "Theatre On The Green." He also works with Showcase Theatre about directing but he cannot because their presentations overlap the high school drama. He also works with spring and Christmas productions at the school.

But that is not all Hopkins has done over the years. He teaches six classes and has four preparations.

"The variety of presentations we have presented—seven Shakespearean productions, Greek Tragedy, other dramatic plays as well as light comedy and musicals has sparked some of our graduates to continue in drama after high school," Hopkins explained. "We have some graduates from last year now continuing in college. One has

a partial scholarship in drama, two at Lehigh are in production, two in drama at Wilkes College and some at Penn State University.

"One of our former students is doing a lot of directing professionally in New York and Canada, one is teaching drama and directing and two are teaching theatre at the college level," Hopkins says proudly.

"For the past two years, Audrey Eytel has been my assistant and is in charge of costuming which has increased our entire production immensely. This year's Shakespeare production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' promises to be among the best. I hope the community comes out to support the students' efforts as well as to enjoy this most fanciful of comedies," Hopkins said.

Students and residents alike will have the opportunity to once again be entertained by Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, when the curtain goes up at 8 p.m. Admission is \$2.00 at the door.

The growth in the drama program at Dallas High School speaks well for Don Hopkins' a quarter century of dedication to his students. This year's production should make his 25th anniversary truly silver.

## Seminary has Middle School scholarships

H. Jeremy Packard, President of Wyoming Seminary, announced recently that a competitive exam will be held on Saturday, April 6, and will result in the awarding of two - \$1500 merit scholarships to new students entering the Middle School division, grades 5 through 8.

The test will be administered at 9 a.m. at the Lower School, 1560 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort. Deadline for applications is Thursday, April 4. Students who are currently enrolled at Wyoming Seminary are ineligible to sit for

the test. However, all students are encouraged to apply for need-based financial aid.

President Packard also announced the increased availability of financial aid at the Middle School level. "This can make private education a reality for middle income families," commented Packard.

Currently there are openings at Wyoming Seminary's Lower School in grades 1, 3, 7 and 8.

For further information about the competitive exam and scholarships, financial aid, or admission, call the Lower School at 288-5431.



## Montessori students learn about weather

Elementary students at the Wyoming Valley Montessori School look at weather charts with meteorologist Tom Clark. The children had been studying weather patterns and cloud formations.

Shown are Dallas residents from left, Andy and Robert Weaver, Anthony Yenason, Steven Federspiel and Erica Swatko.

## Exchange group seeks host families

Host families are being sought for high school exchange students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Austria, Turkey, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Columbia, Taiwan, France, Italy, Brazil, Ecuador, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Thailand and Yugoslavia for the school year 1991-92 in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE).

The students, age 15 through

17, will arrive in the United States in August, 1991, attend a local high school, and return to their home countries in June 1992. The students are fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in their home countries and have spending money and medical insurance.

Host families may deduct \$50.00 per month for income tax purposes.

AISE is also seeking American

High School students, age 15 through 17, who would like to spend a high school year in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain, New Zealand or Australia or participate in a five week Summer Host Family Stay throughout Western Europe.

Families interested in either program should call State Coordinator, Sally Nicholas (215) 797-6494 or toll free: 1-800-SIBLING.



## Honor students sell daffodils

The 1991 Daffodil Days Cheer arrived at Lake-Lehman High School. Students belonging to the National Honor Society were busy selling daffodils to the faculty and students to benefit the American Cancer Society. Pictured here are members of the Lake-Lehman national Honor Society:

First row, from left, Joshua Longmore, Kim Frederick, Tom Brown, Jennifer Feehan. Second row, Nathan Dale, Mrs. Molly Malpass, Advisor; Melissa O'Donnell.

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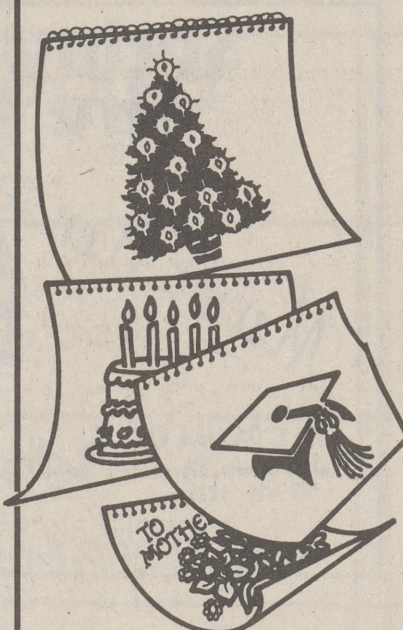
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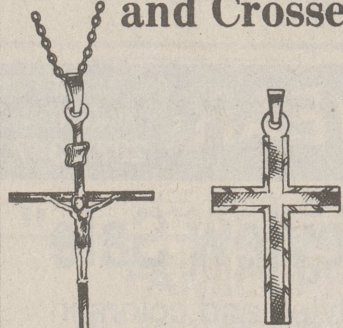
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