## Kristen Gurdin wins grant for year's study in Ireland

Kristen Marie Gurdin has been awarded Fulbright grant to conduct research in the Republic of

Kristen, daughter of C. Stephen and Martha Gurdin of Dallas, is a 1992 graduate of Dallas High School and a 1996 magna cum laude graduate of Brown University, Providence, RI. Gurdin has also been a summer student of Shakespearean and classical acting at the British American Drama Academy at Balliol College, Oxford University, and a junior-year exchange student of theatre-ineducation at Trinity College,

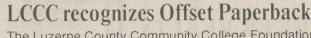
During her undergraduate studies, she acted, designed and wrote for Brown's three theatres and was elected to their production management boards. She coordinated of the 1996 Brown University Resource Scholars Program and has served with theatre-for-youth initiatives, the Brown GED tutoring program, the Brown resident peer counselor program, safer-sex educator programs, and the AIDS Oral History

During her junior year in Ireland, Gurdin worked as a costume designer for a low-income housing theatre project, a drama coach in the Merchants Key Drug Rehabilitation Project and helped to found Project Not Me, a theatre AIDS awareness/education project which toured Dublin independently and in conjunction with Dublin AIDS Alliance.

Gurdin is also a member of the Wyoming Valley, HIV/AIDS support network, We Care.

She received the 1995 delegateship to the Erasmus International Theatre Conference in Berlin, the Susan Ross Steinfeld Scholarship for Excellence in Theatre, the Howard Swearer Award for Community Public Service and the 1995 National C.V. Starr Award for Outstanding Public Service. Upon completion of her Fullbright study of theatre and social/welfare education for Irish

Gurdin plans to attend law school and pursue a career in



The Luzerne County Community College Foundation Office recently recognized Offset Paperback Manufacturers, Inc. for their ongoing donation of scholarship funds.

LCCC presented a print of an illustration created by a former LCCC student to Offset Paperback representatives Adam Crahall, left and Joseph Makarewicz, center, from board president David Hiscox, Esquire.

The Offset Paperback scholarship has been awarded annually, since 1991, to an LCCC student in the Graphics Printing Technology program who demonstrates academic achievement and financial need.

Offset Paperback has also donated computer software to thge college and recently pledged to begin a second annual scholarship.

# HIV/AIDS advocacy.

DALLAS HIGH GUIDANCE NOTES

### SAT coaching September 21, 23

In an effort to keep our high school parents informed, the Dallas High School Guidance Staff will be writing a weekly column that will cover activities, test dates, deadlines, college visitation dates and other pertinent information related to Dallas High School students. Further details on any of the following activities can be obtained by calling the Guidance Office at 675-5201, Extension

The S.A.T. coaching course will begin on Saturday, Sept. 21 (verbal) and Monday, September 23 (math) at the high school under the direction of Mrs. Whalen and Miss Steinkirchner. This course is free of charge. See Miss Jones or Mr. Wolensky in the Guidance Office for details.

P.S.A.T. tests for Juniors will be held on Saturday, October 19, 1996 at the high school at 8 a.m. Prepaid registration is \$8.50 and checks should be made out to the "Dallas School District". Deadline to register is October 2. College bound Juniors should take this test. N.E.D.T. tests for Freshmen and Sophomores will be held during the school day on October 16 for the Freshmen and on October 17 for the Sophomores. The fee for this test is \$5.75. The N.E.D.T. is highly recommended for any student considering post-secondary education. Once again, checks

should be made out to the "Dallas School District." Deadline is Oc-

S.A.T. (college boards) will be held at Dallas on Saturday, Nov. 2, 1996 at 8 a.m. Deadline to register is Sept. 27. See your counselor for details. All Seniors and their parents have received an invitation to an individual senior meeting to conduct a credit audit in preparation for graduation and to discuss college and career options. Please return your letter detachment indicating your time and date preference. Remember, there are evening appointments but they are limited and are filling up fast. The following colleges will visit Dallas High School in the near future during the Flex Pe-

9-20 Mansfield Univ. 11:30 a.m. 9-24 Lehigh Univ. 9-25 Saint Francis Coll. 11 a.m. 9-25 Lebanon Valley Coll. 11:30 a.m.

This week's trivia question: Who am I? I was chartered by the Pennsylvania legislature as the Farmers High School in 1855. A faculty of four met the incoming class in February, 1859. I have grown to a university of 71,870 (including branch campuses) and a faculty of 5,596. (Check back next week for the answer.)



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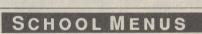
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The following menus are for the week of September 19-25. All lunches include milk.

#### DALLAS SCHOOLS

THURSDAY - B.B.Q. chicken w/roll or hamburger, mashed potatoes, orange wedges, cookie. FRIDAY - Nachos w/meatcheese or hamburger, tossed

salad, chilled pineapple. MONDAY - Chicken nuggets w/rice or turkey sandwich, green beans, chilled pineapple.

TUESDAY - Cheese steak or turkey sandwich, French fries,

WEDNESDAY - French toast sticks or turkey sandwich, applesauce, fruit juice.

#### **GATE OF HEAVEN SCHOOL**

THURSDAY - Tacos w/lettucetomato-cheese-meat, Mexican beans, pineapple.

FRIDAY - Pizza Hut, salad, mixed fruit.

MONDAY - Chicken patty w/ bun-lettuce, chips, mixed fruit. TUESDAY - Pierogies, roll, peas,

WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, salad, bread stix, pineapples.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOLS THURSDAY - Sliced roast tur-

key w/lettuce-mayo on seasoned roll, pickle chips, seasoned twister fries, peaches.

FRIDAY - Oven toasted cheese bagels, tossed salad w/dressing, potato chips, pineapple tidbits.

#### WEST SIDE TECH

Breakfast THURSDAY - Pumpkin bars, cereal, juice, fruit.

FRIDAY - French toast/syrup, cereal, juice, fruit.

MONDAY - Banana bread, cereal, juice, fruit. TUESDAY - Pancakes, cereal,

juice, pastry, fruit. WEDNESDAY - Donut, cereal,

Lunch THURSDAY - Pasta/meat sauce, tossed salad/dressing, roll,

FRIDAY - Grilled cheese, tomato soup/crackers, veg. dip, cherry cobbler.

MONDAY - Chicken patty/soft bun w/lettuce-tomato, seasoned veggies, chilled fruit.

TUESDAY - Sausage on roll w/ tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, seasoned green beans, chocolate cake/frosting.

WEDNESDAY - Taco's w/trimmings-sharp cheese, tangy sauce, seasoned corn, spiced applesauce.

## Area students graduate from LCCC at summer ceremony

Luzerne County Community College recently awarded degrees to students at its summer commencement in August.

Back Mountain graduates who earned associate in applied science degrees are: Deborah Michelle Greger, Dallas; Colette Elaine Mahoney, Sweet Valley; Jonathan Russell Penman, Dallas; Laura Pish, Trucksville; Ralph

Frank Schwartz, Dallas.

Area graduates who earned associate degrees in science are: melissa A. McLaughlin, Dallas; Shelton Myers, Dallas; Christy L. Polachek, Dallas; Edwin Wilcox II, Dallas.

Earning a certificate of specialization was Michael Scott Maye, Sweet Valley.

# Board ok's \$178,000 for repairs to schools

Band sponsors, principal clash on fundraising

By JENNIFER JUDGE Post Correspondent

LEHMAN - The Lake-Lehman School Board voted unanimously Sept. 10 to spend \$178,000 to repair the high school gymnasium roof, repair boilers in the Lake-Noxen Elementary and in the high school, modify the underground storage tanks at Lehman-Jackson, Lake-Noxen, and Ross Elementary Schools, and to restore pavement at the high school. Board member, Lois Kopcha, urged the board to "make a motion to table this until we can discuss these things.'

Architect Doug Trumbower, urged the board to award the contracts because "we can have inclement weather overnight." Trumbower went on to say that if the board awarded that evening, "there won't be a stone turned until October.'

Board member Rose Howard reminded the assembled group that the board had voted to have the high school pavement patched just two years ago. Trumbower responded by explaining that the pavement patching project is "a never-ending project" and that the district will have to patch next year and the following year.

Money for the repairs will come from the district's general fund. The general fund will be replenished through borrowing at a later

After a heated debate during the board's work session, Bill Metzger, president of the Band Sponsors, withdrew the sponsors' request for a concession stand at football games during the regular meeting.

The board was willing to allow the band to set up a stand as long as they agreed to not sell the same food the Football Boosters already sell at the games. The board cautioned against a set-up that would encourage competition between the two groups.

John Oliver, high school principal, reminded the board and the Band Sponsors that he, along with past principals, has "worked very hard to establish "fundraising equilibrium." Oliver went on to say, "there is a finite number of dollars out there," and warned of

"turf wars. Chuck Boytin, a member of the

"We'd rather work it out somehow and keep unity in the school."

> Bill Metzger Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors

band organization, said the band is required to be at many sports events but is told, "You can't do anything for yourselves." He reminded Oliver and the board that Lake-Lehman band brings prestige to the school.

Oliver told the Band Sponsors that it was up to them to either, "chart new (fundraising) waters or cut back on spending." Oliver asked why he was "leap-frogged' in this matter, saying that as principal, it is his job to supervise activities.

During the regular meeting, Metzger apologized to Oliver and withdrew the Band Sponsors' request. Metzger said, "We'd rather not step on anybody's toes. We'd rather work it out somehow and keep unity in the school.

Also during regular session, the board accepted a list of substitute teachers, coaches, and substitute cafeteria workers. The board awarded raises to support staff members to reflect increases in minimum wage.

The board announced that the district will be holding an auction on September 28 behind the Lehman-Jackson Elementary. The items being auctioned off include furniture and typewriters and other items that are either obsolete or unused.

The items up for bid will be on display from 9 a.m. until the auction begins at 10 a.m. Ray Bowersox, School Board Secretary, said the auction may generate a few dollars or several hun-

The school board also announced that a new scholarship will be awarded to a Lake-Lehman student. The scholarship is in the name of Betty and Karl Search, but no amount will be announced until the estate is settled. Karl Search was a former custodian and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds for the district.



### DeRojas is tops in national FBLA

Alma DeRojas, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Juan J. DeRojas of Dallas, captured first place in national competition in the Introduction to Business Communication event at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference held in Washington, DC, in July. Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc.

(FBLA-PBL) is a national business education association which prepares students for careers in business.

Alma is pictured with Mrs. Anita M. Sirak, principal; her mother, Mrs. Alma DeRojas and Mrs. Sharon Obuhosky, FBLA advisor.

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