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Student teacher turned out

Dallas union chief proud of rejection of King's student

By GRACE R. DOVE
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DALLAS - Dallas appears to be the only area district to refuse student teachers from King's College this semester.

The controversy began in the spring when the Dallas Education Association, the teachers' bargaining unit affiliated with the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA), learned that King's would offer all 1996 parochial school graduates who were accepted to the college a reduction in their yearly tuition equal to the average of their parochial school tuition. The reduction would be applied to their tuition for each of four years at King's.

On the advice of the DEA executive board - William Wagner, Bev Bunney, Mike Pawlak, Paula Scott and five building representatives - the teachers then refused to accept student teachers from King's.

The same recommendation was made by the Luzerne County Coordinating Council, comprised of representatives from each PSEA local in the county, to its member

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BLESS THIS BAD DOG



Jack Martin, sacristan at St. Therese's Church in Shavertown pointed to Wrinkles the bulldog during a blessing of the pets ceremony held at the church last week. Fr. Ken Seegar gave the blessing to the dog, held by its

owner, Don Seccor, who said his pet could use a little divine intervention. The annual event celebrates the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Additional photo on page 8.

POST PHOTO: CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Prison towers manned for now

State still hopes to change SCID security plan

By GRACE R. DOVE
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JACKSON TOWNSHIP - After testing a controversial security plan for more than a month, State Correctional Institution at Dallas (SCID) officials are still evaluating it before meeting with the Department of Corrections.

Two years ago the department said it planned to discontinue manning SCID's five towers and instead rely on high-tech electronic surveillance equipment and regular car patrols around the prison's perimeter. Corrections officials had suggested the new security plan because they believed it was becoming too expensive to man the towers. The same level of safety could be maintained with electronic surveillance and extremely bright lights set along the perimeter fence, they said.

The change in security came

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Business group to host free seminar

By JACK HILSHER
Post Correspondent

BACK MOUNTAIN - For those trying to run (or start) a small business during these high cost-of-everything days, a real bargain is rare and a freebee just doesn't exist.

Yet such a deal is coming their way next Tuesday when the BMBPA holds its first marketing seminar. Those cumbersome initials of course stand for the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association.

Businesses will get the marketing savvy they usually need. And at no cost or obligation whether they are members of the association or not. This free, unusual and landmark seminar will be held at Penn State's Lehman campus at 6:30 p.m. on October 15. It will feature Business Consultant Kristen Imperiale from the Small Business Development Center at Wilkes University.

"Business exists for customers, not the other way around."

Kristen Imperiale
BMBPA seminar speaker

Association president John Alaimo says, "In a way, this is an experiment but we are convinced it will be a successful one so it can lead to more. We expect a seating problem so ask that reservations be made by calling 675-9380. Everyone is welcome."

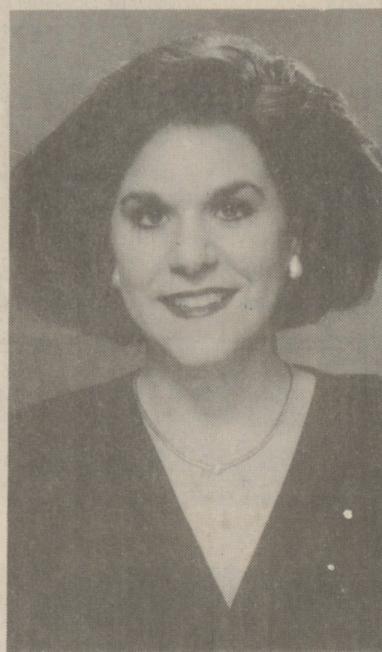
An association member for about three years, Dr. Curtis Goodwin of Shavertown says, "We have become a very positive force out here and I always look forward to our regular meetings and speakers because I get a lot out of them. I am particularly looking forward to this seminar."

Back Mountain Association officers have been planning to try

this kind of activity for some time and are pleased that their work is coming to a head. Fran Ochman is secretary and says, "Mary Ellen Gianuzzi is supposed to be my assistant but she did all the work on this one." Jim Hawk is vice president and Melissa Saxton is treasurer. There is also a board of directors comprised of a dozen sack Mountain businessmen and women. Membership bumps 100 and is expected to top this soon.

Furnishing the seminar speaker is Wilkes University's Small Business Development Center, which is funded by the university and Pennsylvania's Department of Commerce along with the Small Business Administration. The center serves entrepreneurs, prospective business owners and existing businesses in Carbon, Columbia, Luzerne, Schuylkill and Sullivan Counties. Their services are free.

The first BMBPA (there are those initials again) marketing seminar starts off with a power-



house: Ms. Imperiale, possibly 30-something but looking like 20-something, brings the intensity of a laser to her pitch on a subject she obviously loves and knows well...marketing.

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Township gets road and a big check to go with it

By GRACE R. DOVE
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KINGSTON TOWNSHIP - For the past two winters the township has taken care of winter maintenance of a 1.5 mile stretch of North Pioneer Ave. Now the state has given the township complete responsibility for maintaining the road, along with the money to bring it up to current state standards.

The section of road between Rt. 309 and a point between Overbrook Road and Newberry Estates officially became a township road as part of a state turnback program after the supervisors signed an agreement and PennDOT gave them a \$166,680 check October 10.

Under the turnback program, roads serving mainly local residents rather than being used for statewide travel are given to their

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Richard J. Peltz
PennDOT deputy secretary

respective municipalities. "The local governments can maintain and manage these roads more efficiently than the state can," said PennDOT deputy secretary for local and area transportation Richard J. Peltz. "Municipalities can often react and get their crews out more quickly than we can, for example during snowstorms. It's

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Elston & Gould auto shop closes after 46 years

Higher costs, price cuts led to profit shortfall

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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DALLAS - After struggling vainly to keep up with growing expenses, Elston & Gould auto service, a Back Mountain fixture for 46 years, has closed its doors.

Jamie Smith, the second generation of his family to operate the business, said the rigors of running a single location made it impossible to keep the rambling building open. "It's a little bit of everything," he said last week, explaining that sales held up over



POST PHOTO: RON BARTIZEK

Elston & Gould, a Back Mountain landmark of sorts, has closed. The 2 1/2 acre property along Rt. 309 is up for sale at \$695,000.

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■ **Mounts prevail**
Dallas came out on top of GAR in a hardfought game Friday night. Pg 9.

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