

College Misericordia announces tuition freeze for incoming freshmen, two new programs

Beginning this fall, full-time students enrolling as freshmen at College Misericordia will know what tuition will be for their sophomore year, because Misericordia is freezing tuition costs for freshmen. Under this plan, those freshmen will pay no more tuition for their second year than for their first.

Misericordia's 1998-99 tuition will be \$13,780, an increase of five percent over last year's costs, said Jane Dessoye, executive director of admissions and financial aid. That increase is less than past increases, which averaged about 6.7 percent over the past five years. By freezing tuition for two years at the 1998-99 level, incoming freshmen will be better able to plan their college expenses into the future, Dessoye explained.

"The College is very aware of the concerns that parents and students have about the cost of education at a private college, and we see this plan as one way to help address those concerns," she said. "Historically, Misericordia has enrolled many first generation college students, and we still do. This plan, coupled with our financial aid programs, is part of our ongoing effort to make a private college education more affordable

and predictable. College officials also have announced a change in the College's management information systems (MIS) program curriculum. The curriculum was recently adapted to respond to the demand business and industry has for information technology professionals.

According to Fred Croop, chair of the College's business administration and accounting programs, over the next several years business and industry will experience a 90 percent increase in their demand for workers trained in information technology areas such as systems analysis and management information systems.

Misericordia revised its MIS curriculum to include courses that integrate the Internet and recently released object oriented programming languages, as well as courses in management of technology and human resources which are applicable to business use. "Information technology specialists are in great demand now and into the future, because they are trained to bridge the gap between the technical side and the business side of an organization," Croop commented.

Misericordia's MIS program is

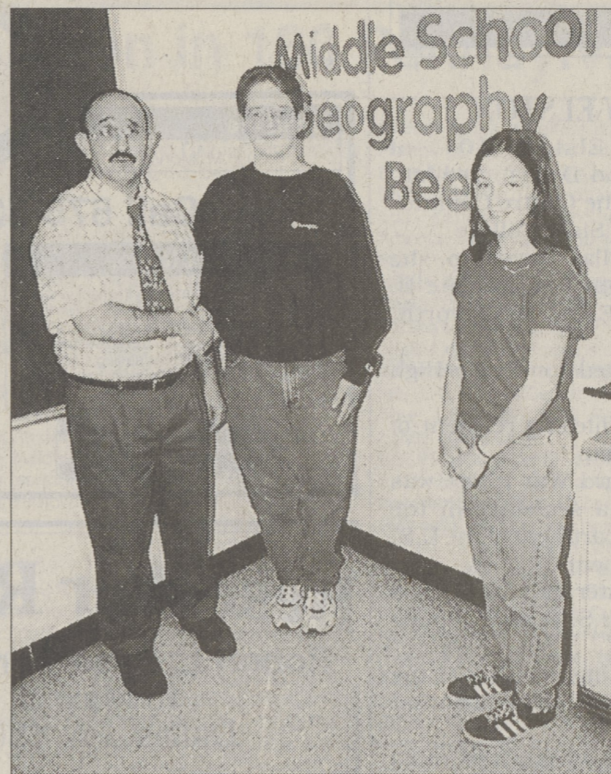
open to traditional students and non-traditional students. Courses are available in flexible, predictable evening schedules to meet the work, education and family needs of working students and adult learners.

Another Misericordia program which has been recently expanded in response to the needs of business and adult students in the College's master's level organizational management (OM) program. This month, Misericordia began offering courses in OM to adult students in Hazleton and surrounding areas.

Students enrolled in the program take classes one weekend a month in Hazleton and can earn their degrees in about two years. The program targets those who are either in management positions or who would like to move into a management role, said Dr. John Karchurick, OM program director.

Misericordia's OM program also is offered at the Dallas campus and is open to all students who hold bachelor's degrees.

For more information about Misericordia's freshmen tuition freeze program, the MIS program or the OM in Hazleton program, call Jane Dessoye, at 674-6461.



Students ace geography bee

J. P. Urban, an eighth grade student at the Dallas Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee and a chance at a college scholarship. The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 10th annual National Geography Bee. The bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Center. The first round for this year's bee included thousands of schools from around the United States and U.S. Territories. The school winners, including J.P. Urban, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scores in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state bee this spring. The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense trip to Washington, D.C. for the state champions to participate in the national championship on May 19 and 20. The first place winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship. Pictured from left, Mr. Anthony Chiarucci, event advisor; J.P. Urban, winner, and Meredith Lacey, second place.

SCHOOL MENUS

The following school lunch menus are for the week of Feb. 5 - 11. All lunches include milk.

DALLAS SCHOOLS

THURSDAY - Select one: Baked ham w/roll, Sloppy Joe, pizza, PB&J sandwich. Select up to two: Scalloped potatoes, corn niblets, ice cream treat.

FRIDAY - Select one: Nachos w/cheese, Sloppy Joe, pizza, PB&J sandwich. Select up to two: Steamed rice, tossed salad/dressing, assorted fruit.

MONDAY - Select one: Chicken nuggets, turkey hoagie, pizza, PB&J sandwich. Select up to two: Buttered noodles, sweet peas, chilled pears.

TUESDAY - Select one: Hot dog w/chili, turkey hoagie, pizza, PB&J sandwich. Select up to two: Tator tots, tomato soup/crackers, chocolate pudding.

WEDNESDAY - Select one: Spaghetti w/meatballs, turkey hoagie, pizza, PB&J sandwich. Select up to two: Tossed salad/dressing, garlic bread, jello.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOLS

THURSDAY - Elementary: Rotini w/meat sauce, roll, or hot

ham/cheese sandwich, tossed salad w/dressing, applesauce.

THURSDAY - Secondary: Rotini w/meat sauce, roll, tossed salad/dressing, applesauce.

FRIDAY - Elementary: Chicken nuggets or grilled cheese, crisp green peas, Mandarin orange.

FRIDAY - Secondary: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup/crackers, crisp green peas, fruit gelatin.

MONDAY - Elementary: Cheesesteak hoagie or chicken patty/roll, seasoned corn, fruit salad.

MONDAY - Secondary: Cheesesteak hoagie, seasoned corn, fruit salad.

TUESDAY - Elementary: Sautéed pierogies w/peanut butter celery or turkey hoagie w/lettuce-tomato, steamed broccoli, cinnamon applesauce.

TUESDAY - Secondary: Chicken parmesan sandwich, potato wedges, apple slices.

WEDNESDAY - Elementary: Oven baked chicken w/roll or chef's choice, mashed potatoes, sliced apples.

WEDNESDAY - Secondary:

Sautéed pierogies w/peanut butter celery, steamed broccoli, cinnamon applesauce.

WEST SIDE TECH

Breakfast
THURSDAY - Sausage w/cheese, cereal, juice, pastry.

FRIDAY - Blueberry muffin, cereal, juice, cherries.

MONDAY - Coffee cake, cereal, juice, orange wedges.

TUESDAY - Waffles w/syrup, cereal, juice, pastry, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Raisin bars, cereal, juice, banana.

Lunch
THURSDAY - Taco's w/trimmings-salsa, vegetable rice casserole, veggies, chilled cherries.

FRIDAY - Grilled cheese, tomato soup/crackers, apple cake.

MONDAY - Chicken patty/soft bun, oven-ready potatoes, chilled pears.

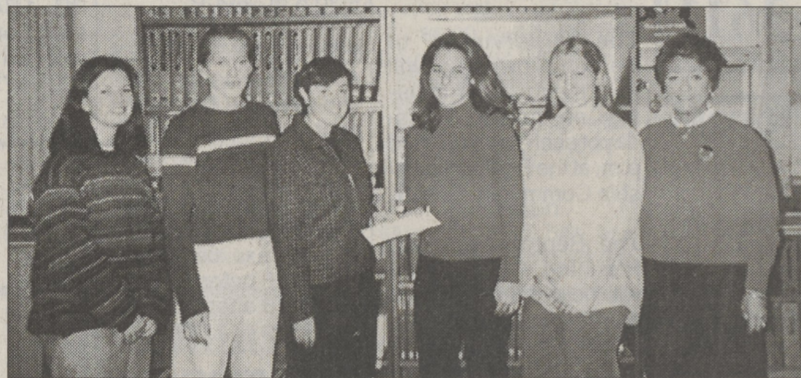
TUESDAY - Cheese steak hoagie, pasta salad, lettuce-tomato, apple, oatmeal square.

WEDNESDAY - Tuna/turkey hoagie, chicken vegetable soup/crackers, lettuce-tomato, soft pretzel, cherries

Lehman-Jackson honor roll, 2nd marking period

Robert Kunkle, Principal, Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, announces the 6th Grade Honor roll for the second marking period. The following students have achieved the "A" Honor Roll (92 percent - 100 percent).

Ashley Basar, Christopher Benoit, Steven Cardillo, Sara Chumra, Melissa Coombs, Anna Dunlap, John Paul Hanish, Raymond Kline, Alexandria Laver, Kara Makarewicz, Tanyia McKeel, Samantha Payne, Heather Perry, Robert Phillips, Katherine Rhodes, Leslie Rosenbaum, Erika Steele, Blair Welter, Joshua Wysocki and Mark Yankowski.



L-L council donates \$600 to library

Lake-Lehman High School Student Council donated \$600 worth of books to the Lake-Lehman High School Library. Pictured from left are: Susie Walters, Joanna White, Mary Beth Shields, Librarian; Laura Castellano, Student Council President; Nikki Yablonski and Cathy Wolfe, student council advisor.

Univ. of Scranton dean's list for fall

The University of Scranton has announced the Dean's List, which recognizes students for academic excellence, for the 1997 fall semester. A student must have a Quality Point Index (QPI) of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours to make the Dean's List.

Back Mountain residents named to the Dean's List are: Griffin K. Bicking, Dallas; Christine M. Hall, Wyoming; Dawn M. Kaplanski, Dallas; Lynn A. Oldham, Shavertown; Lisa A. Tomaine, Shavertown.

DALLAS HIGH GUIDANCE NOTES

Practice SAT to be held at Dallas High School February 7

The Practice SAT will be administered at Dallas High School on Saturday, Feb. 7. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. and the test will begin promptly at 8 a.m. Students should bring two number two pencils and a calculator. Remember there is no walk-in registration for this test. Parents can call 675-5201, extension 218 if you need further information.

Now let's talk scholarships and dispel some myths.

Myth 1. "Scholarships are the biggest source of financial aid." False! Private scholarships account for little more than one percent of the entire financial aid pie. Federal loans and grants on the other hand account for about 60%.

Myth 2. "Millions of scholarships go unclaimed every year." This claim is usually made by scholarship services that want you to pay up to \$200 to find those mega-bucks just waiting for you. According to most financial aid experts however, the millions you hear about are unused employee tuition benefits. Corporate benefits usually go to employees or

children of employees either in the form of tuition reimbursement of company scholarships. The truth is that the Federal Trade Commission has cracked down on scholarship services that last year milked \$10 million from middle income families.

If you have access to the internet, you can do a free scholarship search thanks to several on-line databases. Check out these sites:

FASTWEB (<http://www.fastWeb.com>)

MACH25 (<http://www.collegenet.com>)

SRN EXPRESS (<http://www.rams.com/srn>)

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Thanks to our January Speaker of the month, Paramedic Mark Ercolani, RN for a great presentation.

The PTSA is looking for volunteer parents to act as hosts for Career Day on Friday, April 24 from 8-10 a.m. If you can volunteer three hours of your time,

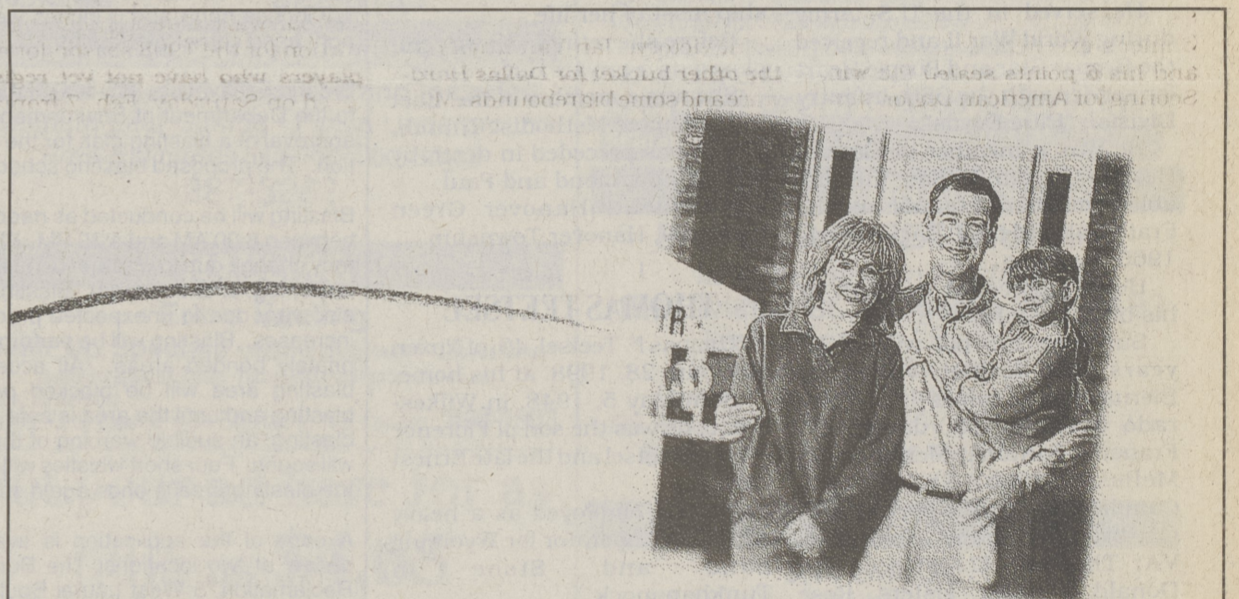
contact Robyn Jones in the Guidance Department at 674-7217.

Thanks to Deb Kopec from Sallie Mae for the great presentation on "Paying For College" at the last PTSA meeting. Deb's knowledge and expertise was well received by the audience.

Juniors are asked to see their guidance counselor to arrange for their junior conference. Conferences will take place during a study hall or flex. Graduation credit review, college planning and career choices will be the topics covered. It is important to have a conference in order to schedule what you need to graduate next year.

Notes from the Nurse: Spring sports physicals will be completed during the first and third weeks of February.

PIAA permission/medical history forms must be turned in to the nurse before the date of the exam. All male sports exams, except baseball, will be completed Feb. 5. Baseball exams and make-up female exams Feb. 19.



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