

Three named to dean's list at F&M

Three students from the Back Mountain received academic honors for the Fall 1998 semester at Franklin & Marshall College.

A student earns Honors List recognition for achieving a 3.7 or better grade point average, and Dean's List recognition for achieving a 3.0 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Those named to the Dean's List were: Quentin Reese, a senior business major, a 1995 graduate of Dallas Senior High School. He is the son of Alan and Carol Reese, Dallas.

Kristy Kozlek, a junior biology major, is a 1996 graduate of Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School. She is the daughter of Dr. Thomas and Mary Kozlek, Shavertown.

Thomas Kozlek III, a first year student, is a 1998 graduate of Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School. He is the son of Dr. Thomas and Mary Kozlek, Shavertown.



Dallas elementary students with their posters, kneeling from left, Kelly Vinnacomb and Melissa Evans. Standing Eric Bartos, Laura Milligan, Chelsea Calhoun, Nick Samanas, Dan Savage, Brittany Prater, Justin Orlandini and Ben Thomas. Absent from the photo, Mike Race.

Students exposed to 'Tar Wars' program

Local physician assistants Joann Maranki, Colleen Reynolds, LeAnn Ostrowski, Bill Reynolds and Jill Steidl became teachers for one hour as they presented a tobacco-free education program to the eager fifth-grade students of Lehman-Jackson and Dallas Elementary schools.

Tar Wars is a lively, interactive national program that teaches children how NOT to start using tobacco. It is sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians and endorsed by the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants.

The talk began by showing the short-term effects of smoking or chewing, from bad breath to coughing to cost. Next the students learned the effects of tobacco on the body, including how it actually felt to have decreased air to one's lungs by breathing through a straw. Math experts in

the class illustrated how much it costs to use cigarettes for one month and one year, and their classmates volunteered how they would rather spend the money.

Students then talked about why people begin to use tobacco. Most thought smoking made one look cool, but wondered how smokers could really be popular if they smelled bad or spit chewing tobacco. Actors of the class demonstrated how hard it can be to withstand peer pressure and thought about what they would say to their friends if asked to try a cigarette. Several students heard that people use tobacco because it is relaxing, but learned that nicotine was a stimulant and the opposite was true. It was the consensus that a person craving a cigarette was not relaxed!

In preparation, students had collected tobacco ads from magazines and brought them to the Tar

Wars presentation. Student identified the ads' marketing strategy and talked about how truthful the ad was in depicting a brand name and the kind of people who use it.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the national Tar Wars Poster contest was announced. Students were asked to design a poster to emphasize the positive effects of not using tobacco. The posters are judged by local people of the community, with the winner entered in the state poster contest. The winner of the Lehman-Jackson contest was Audrey Supey of Dallas. Dan Savage was awarded first place at Dallas Elementary. The winner of the national poster contest last year won a trip for four to Disneyworld.

Students have donated their posters to local schools and businesses for ongoing tobacco awareness, prevention, and education.

Mercy receives \$1000 literacy grant

The Mercy Institute of Educational Development from Dallas has received a \$1,000 grant from Laubach Literacy through its National Book Scholarship Fund (NBSF).

The grant money will be used to purchase books and instructional materials for the program. In addition, NBSF materials will be used to involve the students' parents in their learning at home.

Grants are given to family literacy programs that work to improve the literacy skills of parents and their children. Grants are also awarded to programs that work with special groups, such as the homeless, refugees, people learning English as a Second Language, and adults with mental disabilities.

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Murphy, Shepherd on BU dean's list

Michael J. Murphy and Barbara S. Shepherd, have been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

Music Box seeks play directors

The Music Box Players are seeking directors for their upcoming productions of *Plaza Suite* and *The Sound of Music*.

Plaza Suite, a 3-Act comedy by Neil Simon, will be performed April 16 to 18, 22 to 25, 29, 30 and May 1, 2. Rehearsals would begin the week of March 21.

A director, choreographer and musical director are needed for *The Sound of Music*, scheduled for June 18 to 20, 24 to 27, July 8 to 11 and 15 to 17. Rehearsals would begin the week of May 23.

All of the positions listed above will receive stipends and all who are interested should send a letter of application and a resume to: Board of Directors, The Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes Street, Swoyersville, Pa 18704.

For further information about the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, visit the web at www.musicbox.org

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