

Top students

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Krakosky and Geiser live on the same street in Shavertown, and have known each other since second grade. "We're involved with so many other things. It (academics alone) doesn't make us who we are," says Geiser.

Fine and Blidner have many common activities. They are editors at the school newspaper, and participate in Students Against Drunk Driving, the foreign language club, key club, and the learn-and-serve group, where they teach at the elementary school. The two are going to nationals at the History Day competition.

Free time for these students is not idle time. They spend time with friends, and little or no time in front of the television. Blidner plays the piano, and tennis.

"I spend time with my younger brothers and sisters," says Fine. He also cares for his pets, which include horses, emus, goats, llamas, sheep, dogs and cats. Fine's father is a veterinarian, and the animals are kept at the clinic or at the Fine home. "We live in the woods," he says.

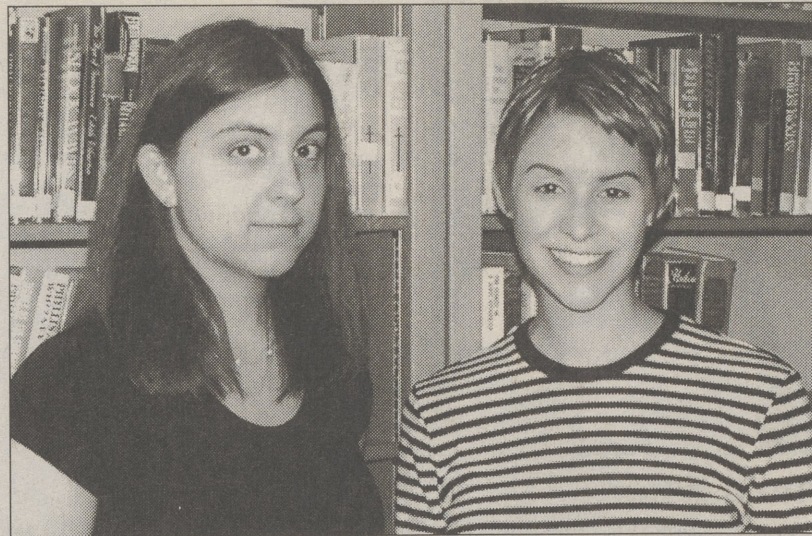
Krakosky enjoys activities that are far enough away from her studies to be relaxing but still engaging, such as the part in the school play.

All the students cite their parents as strong positive influences. "My values and influences mirror my mother's," says Krakosky. "My parents are really supportive of me. They'll ask me what I think, they'll call me from work and ask me how I'm doing. It lets me know someone's thinking about me."

Fine agrees. "It's an example my parents set. I was young when my dad went to college. I saw how hard they worked for it," says Fine.

"They showed me it's not acceptable not to do my best," says Blidner.

The students' also give credit to their schoolmates and teachers. "We live in a nurturing commu-



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Kristin Geiser, left, is salutatorian of the Dallas High School Class of 2000. Norah Krakosky is valedictorian. They live on the same street in Shavertown.

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Valedictorian,
Lake-Lehman High School

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Fine and Blidner praised their English teacher Sandra Weyman, the advisor for the student newspaper. "She's extremely devoted," says Blidner. "I hope to be that happy someday." "She's more like our friend," says Fine.

"They're wonderful students," says Weyman. "They're very imaginative, creative and bright. We've had a good year."

Both Dallas girls want to study law eventually, but they intend to study science in the near future. Krakosky will study chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh on a full academic scholarship. She may stay for a fifth year and earn

a degree in philosophy as well. "Not very many schools give scholarships like this one. This is a good opportunity," says Krakosky. She was one of only 10 students to receive the scholarship.

Geiser will study biochemistry at University Park. "After I saw the campus I fell in love with it. It was the only place I wanted to go."

Both of the Lake-Lehman graduates want to pursue medical careers. Blidner will go to Cornell University for pre-med studies, and Fine will study biology at the University of Scranton.

In the end, they feel their success hasn't made them different than other people their age. "Anyone can have the same success. You have to live up to your goals," says Blidner.

"I always need something to look forward to. I'm really driven," says Krakosky. "This is something I've wanted since my freshman year."

"With the help of everybody, I've gotten where I am. My friends will remind me. This is what you really want," she says.

3 from area graduate Lafayette College

Lafayette College awarded 518 bachelor's degrees to 512 graduating seniors at the 165th Commencement May 20. Graduates from the Back Mountain were: Carey Lee Mazzoni, Dallas, A.B. Economics & Business; Joseph P. Cosgrove, Shavertown, B.S. Biochemistry, Summa Cum Laude,



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Five local fire departments now have web pages where anyone who is interested may find out more about the departments and how to become a volunteer. The are:

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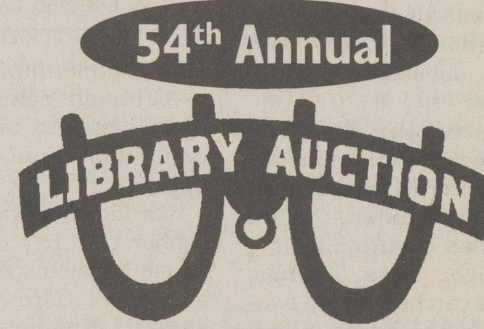
Library Auction Corner

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is collecting items for the 54th annual auction.

The life of the library is a year-to-year proposition, and the auction is crucial to its operation. Twenty-five percent of the annual budget comes from the auction.

Any and all donations of cash or saleable items can help assure the continued fine service of the library to our communities.

For more information, call the library at 675-1182.



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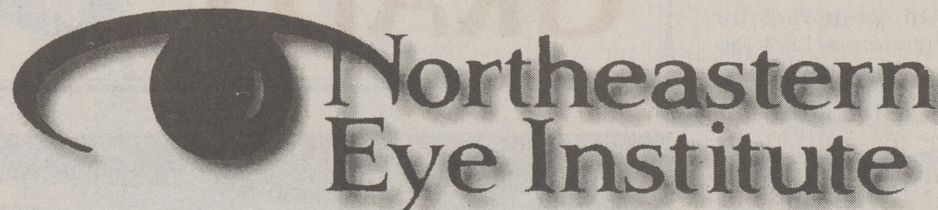
Sem artists featured in Fine Arts Fiesta

Several artists from the Wyoming Seminary Lower School had their artwork featured in the 45th Annual Fine Arts Fiesta Juried Junior-Senior High School Exhibition.

The Fiesta featured original works from five different mediums. Two Wyoming Seminary Lower School students from the

Back Mountain received certificates of merit for their artwork.

Students featured were: Jillian Nataupsky, Shavertown (painting and scratch artwork); Jessica Smallwood, Dallas (2 paintings). In addition to a certificate of merit, Jillian Nataupsky was also presented with an Excellence in Graphic Art award.



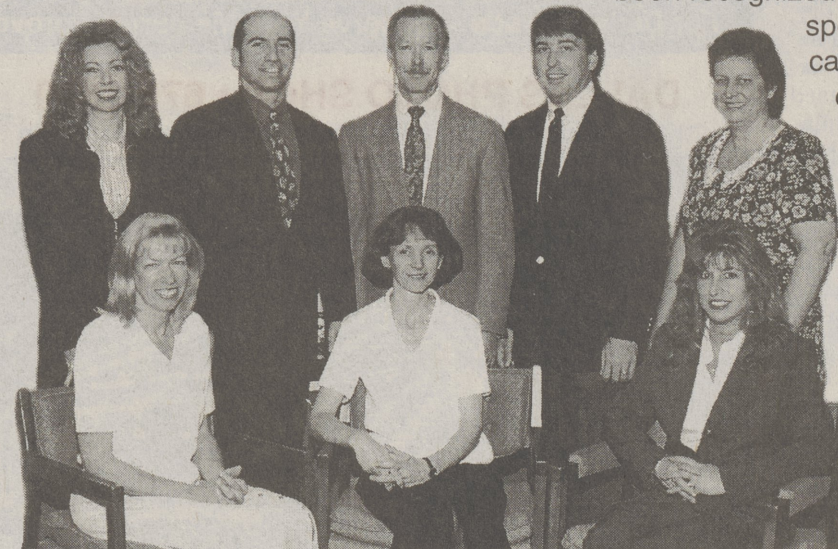
Since 1999, Dr. Curtis L. Goodwin and the Back Mountain Eyecare Center have been a part of Northeastern Eye Institute — the largest eye care facility in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

As a result, Dr. Goodwin can now offer his patients a full continuum of eye care services... from thorough eye exams, complete contact lens department and a full selection of fashion frames... to comprehensive ophthalmic eye care and attentive pre- and post-operative surgical care.

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Staff of Northeastern Eye Institute, Shavertown — Seated, left to right: Nancy Mulligan, receptionist; Theresa Pagoda, optometric technician; Donna Rinehimer, optician/optometric technician. Standing, left to right: Roseanne Gallagher, optician; David A. DeRose, M.D.; Curtis Goodwin, O.D.; Thomas S. Boland, M.D.; Marietta Bachman, optometric technician.

Since Dr. Goodwin's listing was inadvertently omitted from the 2000 Yellow Book, we are including this coupon to clip and file in your phone book as a handy reference.

