

History

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which was held at Penn State Lehman campus this year," explained Mr. Comitz, who is the only teacher in Lake-Lehman school district who works with History Day.

Comitz said he isn't entirely on his own, though. "Mrs. (Sandra) Weyman, an English teacher, helps by teaching the students the correct way to do the bibliography for the extensive research that is required," said Comitz.

They must be doing something - many things - right. "Twenty of our students qualified to go on to the state competition held in April at Penn State Main Campus," Comitz said. "Six of those 20 qualified for Nationals by placing first or second."

Sarah Davis was the PA State First Place winner for her individual performance entitled, "Man Against the Earth: Rachel Carson and the Birth of Environmentalism."

"Sarah did very well at the National Competition but didn't reach the finals," said Comitz.

"We went to see Sarah's performance during the week," said Liz Blidner. "She was wonderful, but she faced some terrific competition."

The five winning students, whose video tape documentary was entitled "Yield or Perish: The Theft of the Black Hills" were: Liz Blidner, Melissa Brady, Dave Fine, Rob Roderick and Jen Sutton.

"We went to the state competition last year," said Rob Roderick who will major in finance next year at New York University. "We worked really hard on our documentary and hoped to win at the regional level again."

Melissa Brady said even though they prepared thoroughly, the high scores were unexpected. "We were really surprised to win at the state level," she said. "We went to Nationals with the idea of having fun because we didn't think we had a chance."

Students are allowed to make adjustments to their presentations

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Melissa Brady
Team member

after each level of the competition.

"We knew our ending was weak but we had used all of the time allowed so that meant changing the whole thing," explained Melissa, who will attend the University of Pittsburgh this fall.

"We spent a few days at West Side Vo-Tech to redo it and we used a very powerful statement we found in our research by Buffalo Bird Woman. She told about how the Indian ways were all gone. We used a film clip of a herd of buffalo, then one buffalo, and then none."

That change may have made the difference. "The ending was so powerful that the national judges commented on it," said Mr. Comitz. "It was very moving."

The National Competition was held at the University of Maryland from June 12-15.

"We spent a few days in Maryland and Mr. Comitz took us into Washington, D.C. while we were there. We really enjoyed the whole experience," said Dave Fine who will attend the University of Scranton this fall.

"He (Mr. Comitz) was great during all of this and helped us so much," said Liz.

The winners received bronze medals and will share a \$500 cash prize. "I'll probably use mine to help buy books," said Liz, who will major in pre-med at Cornell this fall. Jen Sutton, the only newcomer in the group, is going to Wilkes in September. Sarah Davis, who will be a senior next fall, has another chance to win at National History Day.



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Students gathered with aide Laura Mitchell, top. From left, first row: Nikki Gelso, Katie Betz, Ashley Wolanski. Second row: Jill Vanderhook, Katie Kupstas, Tiffany Zehner.

Theatre

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"He's an amazing talent," said Dr. Congleton. "We are using the brand new First Union Amphitheatre this year at Misericordia and he will oversee all of the equipment required for that. He really has to prepare two sites, though, because we move the whole thing inside if it rains."

Don Hopkins is not the only one in his family who is involved with Theatre-on-the-Green. His wife, Marianne, is in charge of the concession stands. "We sell things like t-shirts to help with our fund-raising efforts," said Congleton.

Workshops are also an important part of the week's

activities. "Students attending the two Theatre Workshops during Misericordia's summer program will learn a lot of the history and background of Shakespeare and Romeo and Juliet," said Jean Lipski, former English, Theatre and Humanities teacher at Lake-Lehman High School and who is now the

Vendor space at Building Ass'n flea market

Building Association of the Eastern Star will sponsor the 12th annual craft sale and flea market, at the Eastern Star building and parking lot, corner of Woodlawn Ave. and Foster St., Dallas on August 19. Rain date for vendors is August 20.

8 x 12 foot spaces are available for vendors. You must furnish your own table.

Items to be sold will include baked goods, crafts, jewelry, books and plants and odds and ends, toys and games. There will also be a welsch cookie sale.

For reservations please call Irene G. Transue at 675-1367.

Fair seeks volunteers

The Luzerne County Fairboard and fair Association are seeking volunteers for the upcoming fair to be held September 6 through 10 at the Luzerne County fairgrounds Located in the Lehman-Dallas Township area on Route 118.

The fair is looking for people to answer the phones, to help mow the grass, and to work on other projects for the fair 2000.

Anyone wishing to volunteer call 675-FAIR and leave your name and telephone number.

"None of this would be possible without the tremendous community support we receive."

Dr. Jennie Congleton
College Misericordia

Gifted Facilitator there. She has taught at the summer workshops for the last five years.

"We start out the week with a description of the play but we also cover make-up, costuming and theater production with the students. These children will interact with members of Repercussion Theatre at the end of the week. I've also made arrangements with Betsy Doud of Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble to spend a day at our workshop," said Mrs. Lipski.

"It has really grown over the years. It started with four students and now we have to limit it to 25 so we can work closely with each one. I have an assistant this year, Laura Mitchell, who is going to use this work for her senior completion project at Lake Lehman. It's a great way to showcase her talent," explained Mrs. Lipski.

An evening symposium about Shakespeare and his Italian plays is scheduled for 7 p.m., July 20 in the Banks Student Center and is open and free to the public.

"Karolina Cimochoowski, who has run the workshops in the past, isn't available this year because she is expecting triplets," said Dr. Congleton. "Two area Shakespeare scholars, Dr. Scott Blanchard of College Misericordia, and Dr. Meghan Lloyd from King's College will be on hand."

For more information and reservations call 674-6719.

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