

DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NOTES

Reminders for college bound seniors

Seniors applying to college are reminded that the application deadline for regular decision at most colleges is January 15. If your applications have not yet been turned into the Guidance Office, please do so the first week of January.

Every student going on to higher education at a college, university, technical school or trade school will be required to fill out a FAFSA form. FAFSA stands for free application for student assistance. The FAFSA form will determine if the student will receive any federal or state aid. The PHEAA form is the state of Pennsylvania financial aid form. PHEAA stands for Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. Colleges rely heavily on the information provided by the FAFSA to determine if the student is eligible for any aid packages from the individual institutions of higher education. The Dallas High School Guidance Department provides an expert in the area of financial aid. Mrs. Peg Charnick from College Misericordia will give a comprehensive presentation for both parents and students. It is highly recommended that you attend this evening program on January 7 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, to better understand the financial process.

The PTSO will be ringing in the New Year with its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 2 at 8:15 a.m. in the Guidance Office. New members are always welcome.

A very warm thank you to the ladies of the PTSO who have so generously given their time to making our first semester so enjoyable for our students. They are: Susan Levinson, Debbie Marcy, Sherry Riley, Kathy Simpson, Mary Barbara Gilligan and Mary Ellen O'Brien.

The PTSO had its second Dallas Proud Popcorn Day for the month of December. PTSO parents Mary Ellen O'Brien and Deb Marcy were our proud popcorn parents preparing the popcorn bags for student recipients. A special thank-you to these ladies for their time and effort in making this program possible for our students.

Grant, Zinn earn U of S honors

The University of Scranton inducted 144 students into the Richard H. Passon Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, the national honor society for freshman, at a recent ceremony. The honor society was established last year by the university to encourage, honor and promote academic excellence early

in a student's college careers. The 144 inducted met the honor society's requirement of a minimum of scholastic average of 3.5 or above, based on their first full semester average of their first year in college. Inductees included Lauren E. Grant and Matthew D. Zinn, Dallas.

Scholarship program offers awards to agriculture students

Students pursuing careers in agriculture can apply for a scholarship from the Careers in Agriculture scholarship program, jointly sponsored by Agriliance, Land O'Lakes Farmland Feed and Croplan Genetics.

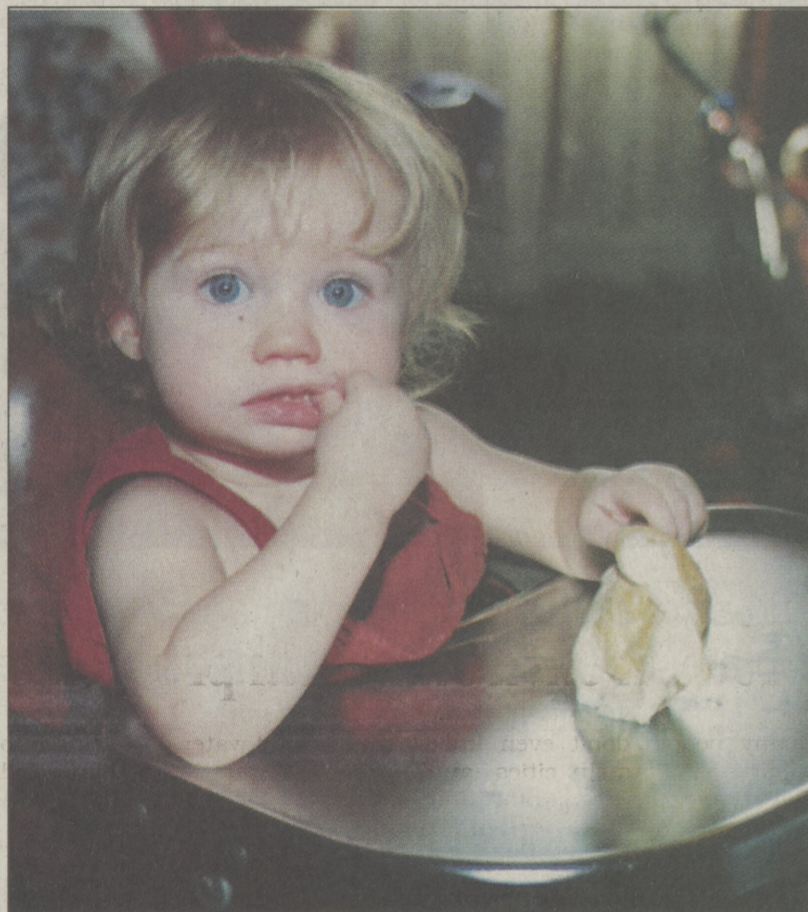
High school seniors who will enroll in a two- or four-year agronomy or livestock curriculum in the fall of 2002 are eligible to apply. Fifty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available at www.agriliance.com in the Careers section. All applications must be returned via regular mail by March 1, 2002, to be eligible. Winners will be notified by mail in May.

For more information or to request an application, call 800-232-3639, ext. 4584.



Marlene Rollman from the Lions Club serves dessert.

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Jaylynn enjoys a roll and butter in her highchair.



Pete Austin from the Harveys Lake Lions Club is busy doing hundreds of dishes.

Homeless

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does it with such dignity and style. It's a great privilege to come here, and we can't thank him enough for his overwhelming generosity. He is a hero to the children and their parents who come for dinner. Omar welcomes anyone and everyone. The children get to experience an elaborate dinner that they may otherwise only read about or see on television. And to all the service clubs who help him, we say thank you to them too."

After a visit from Santa, the guests were ready to board the buses back to Wilkes-Barre. Jeff Emanuel, owner of Emanuel Bus Company, was one of the drivers. "I enjoy helping out with this event during this time of the year," he said. "It's my way of giving what I can. Omar is the one who gives these kids a chance to get out and have a nice time at the party."

Omar Hallsson arrived in America in 1988 and has owned the Castle Inn since 1992.



Host Omar Hallsson poses with Dr. Stan Hamilton, pastor, and Linda Penko, secretary, from the Hands of Hope Community Ministry.



Servers, from left: Tex Wilson, Kiwanis; Art Peoples, Rotary; Jack Williams, Lions Club; Sharon Williams; Nick Calvitti, Lions Club.

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Chase prison superintendent lauded for 30 years service

Deputy Secretary for the Department of Corrections, Dennis Erhard, recognizes Superintendent Thomas Lavan for his 30 years of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Lavan entered the Department of Corrections in December, 1971 as a correctional officer trainee at SCI-Dallas. After moving up the ranks at Dallas and SCI-Retreat in July 2001 he was promoted to superintendent at SCI-Dallas.

Lavan gained his experiences and wisdom the old-fashioned way; he worked his way up through the ranks with dedication and hard work. Wherever he has served, SCI-Dallas and SCI-Retreat staff understood they would be held accountable for doing their jobs to the best of

their abilities.

Besides exhibiting outstanding leadership skills during the daily operations of institutions, as well as during times of need, he aided in apprehending two escapees from Dallas in 1999.

Lavan headed a team of approximately 50 corrections officers from SCI-Retreat to aid in the effort of apprehending the escapees. His decision-making skills and prompt action at the scene were instrumental in the capture of the escapees. Officers under his direct command were later commended for their heroic efforts during the capture.

Lavan now plans to improve security at SCI-Dallas by installing a new fence and other security measures.

Only yesterday

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mass bell, controlled from the administration office, and located on the roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hinkle, Shavertown, donated a twenty-five foot spruce tree on the steps of Commonwealth Telephone Company. Ted gave the one last year, right from his own front yard.

30 Years Ago - December 28, 1971

BANK PROMOTES TWO

Two Back Mountain men were among officials of The First National Bank of Eastern Pennsylvania to be promoted recently, Thomas H. Kiley, bank chairman, announced. They are John L. Owens and Robert C. Lawrence. Mr. Owens, Shavertown. Mr. Owens began his banking career with First National in 1947. Mr. Lawrence is joined the bank as an assistant vice president and assistant trust officer in the business development section of the trust department of First National Bank.

The Welcome Wagon sponsored a Christmas Party for the guests at Valley Crest recently. Helping to make the evening a

festive occasion were members of College Misericordia's glee club, who provided musical entertainment.

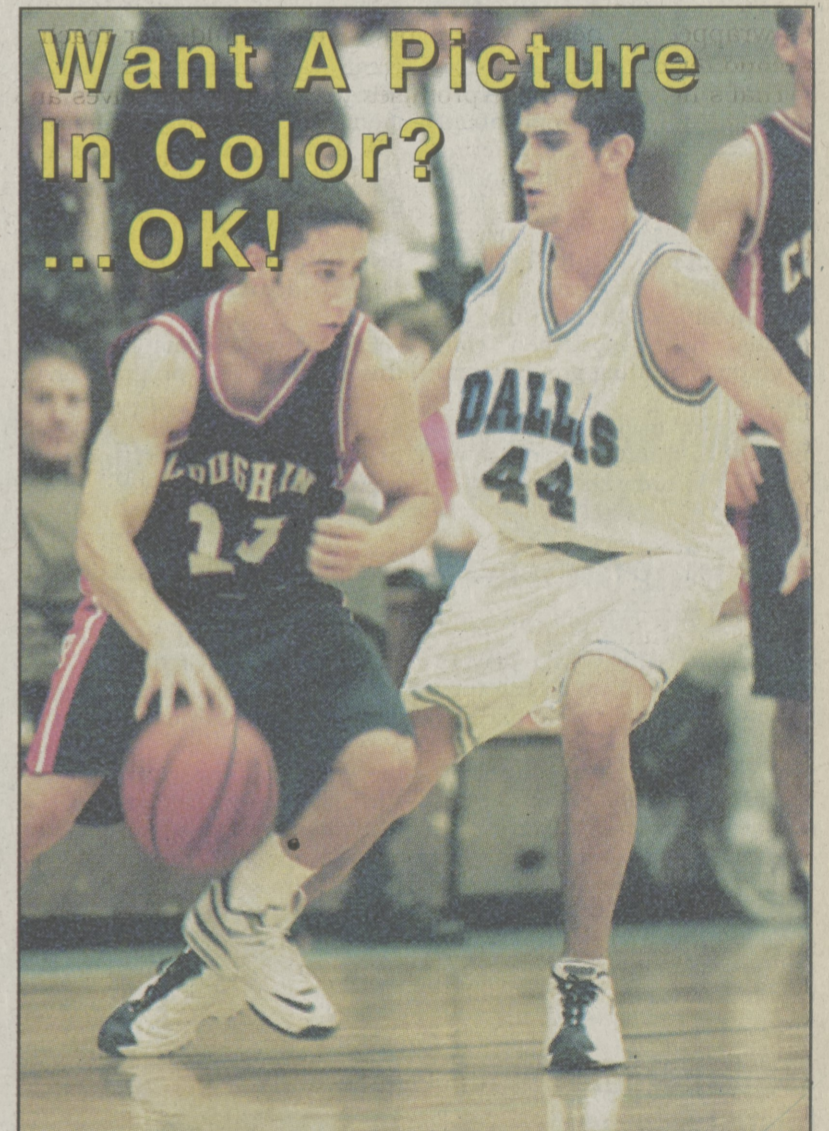
Employees of Commonwealth Telephone Company held their fourth annual tour of the children's wards of area hospitals. At each stop children in the wards were presented with gifts made by Commonwealth employees as part of this project.

20 Years Ago - December 23, 1981

NEW PASTOR AT HARVEYS LAKE CHURCH

Rev. Lawrence D. Reed has taken over the duties as the pastor of Emmanuel Assembly of God of Harveys Lake. He is eagerly anticipating the church's new addition to be completed and filled with fine community folk gathered to worship. Rev. and Mrs. Reed share in a musical ministry as well.

Mary Ann Walsh, a sophomore at College Misericordia, was named recently to the NPWALL all-star volleyball squad. Ms. Walsh is a Dallas resident and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walsh.



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