

Robots invade Dallas El

The students at the Dallas Elementary School were treated to an enrichment program on the subject of robots last week. "I explain to them what robots are, how they move, how they think and even how they feel," said Rand Whipple of the Learning Tomorrow organization of Bloomsburg.

Student volunteers like Alexandra Feher took part in the show. Alex helped to program the robot named Dr. Frank, a tall, spindly shaped device. Dr. Frank then "walked" back and forth changing direction when its sensors bumped into things.

Kindergarten student Kelly Jacobs raced a robotic car operated by second grader Alex Ivoska. Whipple showed Kelly the moves the car would make and she beat the robot on her first attempt.

Griffin Adams, a fourth grade student, helped demonstrate the principle of using light sensors. Whipple told him that by shining a flashlight at the right spot, the robotic vehicle would back up as if it were in the wrong place. However, if the light didn't activate the sensor, the robot would come home to "Mama."

Much to the delight of the audience, the vehicle did quite a lot of the latter. The Dallas Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization sponsored the program.

Text and photos by M.B. GILLIGAN



'Spin for Life' benefits Case Memorial Fund at King's

A "24-Hour Spin for Life" on Saturday, Feb. 23 and Sunday, Feb. 24 will benefit the King's College Brandon Case Memorial Fund with donations also being made to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Dr. Paul Zbiek, Harveys Lake, an associate professor of history at King's and Brandon's stepfather, will ride a Spin bike in Sickler's spinning room for 24 hours.

Brandon Case was a freshman at King's College when he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease in April 1997. After nine months of chemotherapy, during which he continued to attend classes, he went into remission in February 1998. However, in November 1998 it was discovered that he contracted leukemia.

Case passed away on Sept. 27, 1999, two months after his 21st birthday. In tribute to his courage and love for life, his family established the Brandon J. Case Memorial Fund at King's

College. Each year the award is presented to a graduating senior who has made significant contributions to human development and progress by means of service or scholarship.

Dr. Zbiek is an experienced long distance cyclist. He has ridden over 7,000 miles in the past year preparing for the 24-Hour Spin for Life.

The event is sponsored by Sickler's Bike and Sport Shop, Exeter. Sickler's and Dr. Zbiek are looking for teams made up of five people each including a captain. Teams will have a reserved time slot. Each rider is asked to raise \$25 and ride for one hour. To be a major sponsor, which includes being named on the T-shirts, the minimum donation will be \$150. Refreshments, prizes and entertainment will be featured throughout the event.

For information contact Mark or Ted at Sickler's Bike and Sport Shop at 602-7433.

Samuels

(continued from page 1)

habitants and culture. The group planned to return to the United States on Feb. 2.

But, Samuels said, when the students arrived Feb. 1 in the capital city of Antananarivo, they found Madagascar residents demonstrating in the streets.

"They found out everyone has been on strike since Jan. 28, and that meant no transportation in or out of the city or country, and there's only one airport on the island," Samuels said.

According to news reports, armed Madagascar residents blockaded a major supply route to the capital Friday in a counter-protest against weeks of opposition demonstrations. The protesters said they would reopen the route only when supporters of presidential challenger Marc Ravalomanana call off a two-week general strike over alleged rigging of a December election. For 10 days, the students have

visited the U.S. Embassy in Antananarivo trying to get home. But, embassy officials have been unable to help them, Samuels said.

"I started getting scared. With all that's going on in the world today, it's a scary predicament to be in," said Samuels, after learning from her daughter that one student has malaria and others have intestinal problems.

Samuels said she is hopeful she might see her daughter next week.

Monday afternoon, she received an e-mail from Hartwick officials saying the U.S. State Department, working with the U.S. Embassy in Madagascar, has made reservations for the group to board a ship on Reunion Island, east of Madagascar.

College officials said a member of the U.S. Embassy will help the group get out of the country safely.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse the week of February 1-7, 2002

Margaret Filipkowski estate to

Joseph Dunn et ux, Lots 21, 22 Warden Pl., Harveys Lake Bor., \$95,000.

Marcelo DaSilva per sheriff to Greenwich Capital Finance, 400 First St., Harveys Lake Bor.,

\$11,867. Marcelo C. DaSilva to Greenwich Capital Finance, 347 Old Lake Rd., Harveys Lake Bor., \$11,263.

Joseph D. Dalkiewicz to

Joseph Ridilla et ux, Lot 12 Sutton Farms Rd., Jackson Twp., \$545,000.

James Aaron III et al to Deanna Aaron, ptLot 5, Kingston Twp., \$25,000.

COOK'S PHARMACY

SHAVERTOWN

NOW CARRYING
DESIGNER GREETING CARDS

50% OFF ALL CARDS EVERYDAY

THIS INCLUDES Wrapping Paper, Bows, Gift Bags



CARDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS & HOLIDAYS
Everyday 50% OFF
(Shavertown Location Only)