

Campus Environment Team presents awards at PSU W-B

The Campus Environment Team (CET) at Penn State Wilkes-Barre in Lehman recently presented its annual awards to members of the campus and/or community who have extended themselves to support the University's mission of embracing diversity. The CET is dedicated to providing Penn State Wilkes-Barre with opportunities to experience diversity through educational programs, cultural events, and program assistance.

This year the Listening Post, a volunteer organization under the auspices of the Campus Ministries of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and Joan Bush, student services grant coordinator, received the awards. Members of the Listening Post, volunteer clergy and laypersons from local churches, set up shop at the campus every week during the academic year. They provide a non-judgmental atmosphere where students, faculty, and staff can go to speak to someone about their problems or concerns. Their presence on campus was particularly important this academic year in light of the events of September 11 and the loss of two campus students.

"The Listening Post truly exemplifies the CET's vision of a 'welcoming and inclusive climate nurtured by dialogue,'" said

Jacqueline Warnick-Platt, student activities coordinator.

Joan Bush, Dallas, received the CET award in part for her efforts in helping to coordinate the Collegiate Conference on Women's Issues and Take Your Daughter to Work Day. She is advisor to the PEACE Club and has been instrumental in incorporating diversity training in student leadership programs.

"Joan has become the resident advocate in support of diversity on this campus," said John Murphy, director of student affairs. "Because of her commitment to that cause and her personal support for all populations, she has made the campus a more sensitive, responsive, and supportive environment for all students."

Bush is involved in several community and professional organizations, including the American Heart Association, Northeastern Pennsylvania Diversity Education Consortium, and the Wilkes-Barre Triathlon. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Boston College and a master's in counseling from Marywood University.

All of the members of the Listening Post and Bush received their awards at the CET Awards reception at the campus.



Celebrating diversity, from left: Joan Bush; Dr. Mary E. Hines, campus executive officer; Chris Bellezza, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dallas; Rev. Janet Clark, Shavertown United Methodist Church; Rev. Cheryl Cavaleri, executive director, Campus Ministries; Clint Spiegel, Wyoming United Methodist Church; Dr. Christyne Berzenyi, assistant professor of English and CET co-chair. Second row: Rev. Lynn Rothrock, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Rev. Charles Grube, St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Absent from the photo are Listening Post volunteers from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sally and Harry Davenport and Cheryl Lasky; and Karen Brace-Hodde, faculty staff assistant and CET co-chair.

Wilkes-Barre Academy students accepted into the National Honor Roll Academy

Back Mountain residents Lauren Hardisky, Jessica Messina, Laura Hadsall, Danielle Nulton and Tara Gwilliam, students at Wilkes-Barre Academy Middle School, were recently accepted into the National Honor Roll Academy for the 2001-2002 school year. Outstanding grades and attitude are required to be accepted into this national organization.

The five students also were accepted into the National Mathematics Academy for the 2001-2002 school year. Students

must show an interest in math, good math grades, and have a recommendation from their math teacher to qualify for this national organization.

Messina, Nulton and Hadsall also were nominated by their teacher and Student Council Advisor, Lori Pribula, to be included in the National Student Council Academy. To be accepted, a student needs to be an outstanding Student Council member as well as outstanding academically.

Students win math contest

Wilkes-Barre Academy's Middle School recently held the Continental Math League contest. Students competed throughout the year, solving complex math problems. The following Back Mountain residents were named winners for the league: Alison Kasper, A.J. Thomas, Megan Daris, Kelly Evans, Emily Popson, Ed Daris, Tara Gwilliam, Lauren Hardisky, Laura Hadsall.

Podehl named to Temple dean's list

Sarah Podehl, Dallas, has been named to the Temple University Spring 2002 dean's list.

Treasurer for the Lambda Kappa Sigma Sorority, Podehl made the dean's list with a 3.7 grade point average. She is the daughter of Ned and Betsy Podehl.

Wyoming Seminary students Win French Awards

Students in Wyoming Seminary Lower School's fifth through eighth grades were winners in the National French Test, taken earlier this year. Several of these students scored high enough on the test to earn national medals: This year's winners from the Back Mountain are: Stephen Levandoski, seventh grade, Dallas; Kaytlin Kopen, seventh grade, Shavertown and Katherine Levandoski,

fifth grade, Dallas. Samantha Marquart, seventh grade, Shavertown; Sarah Magagna, sixth grade, Shavertown and Julia Ross, seventh grade, Dallas. Ross Feinstein, eighth grade, Shavertown. Elizabeth Clark, eighth grade, Shavertown; James Magagna, eighth grade, Shavertown; and Andrew Rogers, eighth grade, Trucksville.

Wyoming Seminary students to participate in C-MITES summer program

Students from Wyoming Seminary Lower School fourth-grade have been invited to participate in the Carnegie Mellon Institute for Talented Elementary Students (C-MITES) summer program, held at several schools around the state. The students were selected based on their

scores on the standardized EXPLORE test, their school grades and teacher recommendations.

Students who received the C-MITES invitation are: Michael Flack, Dallas; Gia Querci, Shavertown; Adam Thalenfeld, Dallas and Brian Fendler, Shavertown.

Lake-Lehman fields off limits

The Lake-Lehman School District wishes to inform district residents and community groups that due to construction, all Lake-Lehman fields at the Senior High school will not be available for use from through August 31.

Also, Senior High School offices will be transferred to the Middle Level Building as of June 8.

Any resident needing information from the Senior High School Office, Guidance or Special Education Offices should visit the Middle Level Building from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Back Mountain residents named to Lehigh University dean's list

Shavertown residents Charlene Aquilina, of Shavertown and Adam Loyack, of Dallas, have been named to the Spring 2002 Dean's List at Lehigh University.

Undergraduates on the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and carried at least 12 hours of courses.

Millington named to Syracuse University College of Arts and Sciences dean's list

Segan Millington, a junior majoring in biology at Syracuse University, has been named to the Spring 2002 Dean's List.

students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester. Millington lives in Dallas.

Shepherd named to dean's list at Boston U

Barbara S. Shepherd, of Dallas, has recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall 2002 semester.

Brown graduates from Babson

Eric R. Brown of Harvard, MA graduated from Babson College (Wellesley, MA) on May 18 with a concentration of studies in both Entrepreneurship and Management Information Systems.

Eric was on the dean's list several terms during his academic career at Babson.

While at Babson College, Eric was active in various extracurricular activities. He was on the Conduct Council and coordinator of the Visitor Greeter Program of the Admission Assistance Program. Eric was on the Executive Board and was a Public Relations Officer of the Babson College Greek Council. He was President of the Theta Chi Fraternity, and Chair of the Philanthropy Committee. Among other activities, Eric Brown organized several American Red Cross blood drives at Babson College, and lead various other activities to raise money for charitable causes.

In addition to working part-time for Compaq Computer Corporation and Knowledge Management Software while studying at Babson College, Eric also formed his own company, SoulFire, Inc., which is an Information Technology and Services Company.

Eric's parents are Paul S. Brown, formerly of Harveys Lake and E. Lisa Brown, formerly of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. His paternal grandparents are the late Ernest Brown of Harvey's Lake, and Alma Emma Brown of Lakeside Nursing Home in Dallas. His maternal grandparents are Doctor Lucal Caballero of Santa Barbara, Honduras and the late Mercedes Mejia.

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