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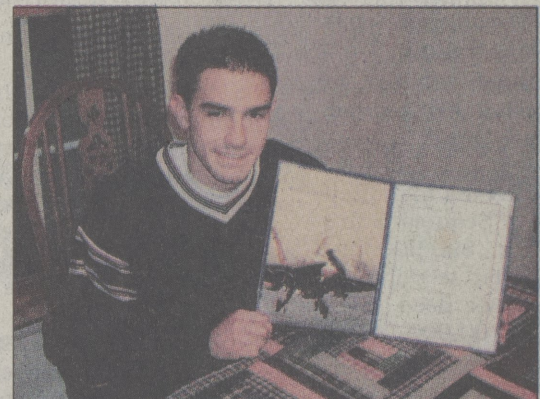
By TARA BENNINGER
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ROSS TOWNSHIP — Lake Lehman senior Joseph Miller has made it through the rigorous application process and will begin training July in Annapolis, Maryland on the 338-acre campus of the United States Naval Academy. Miller comes from a line of military men that dates back to World War II. Both his grandfa-

ther and great-grandfather served, and Miller looks forward to following in their footsteps. "I've wanted to be a Naval Aviator ever since I saw Tom Cruise in the movie Top Gun," he said. "It's the type of job that makes people say, 'Wow, that'd be really cool to do!'" Miller decided that he didn't want to dream about impressive jobs, he wanted to have one. For Miller, the college application process began at the end of his sophomore year. From

that point on, with the help of his dad, (who Miller said, "kind of pushed me all the way through it"), Miller began one of the most time-consuming and difficult application processes in the country. He was assigned a blue-gold officer to walk him through the process, which according to Diane Sherman, his high school guidance counselor, is a lot of work. She said

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Joe Miller, a senior at Lake-Lehman High School, has been accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Aging caretakers seek help with cemetery

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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SWEET VALLEY — The cemetery next to The Community Bible Church has been there for as long as some of the oldest residents in Sweet Valley can remember.

People who have lived in the area since teams of horses carried churchgoers to North Lake to be baptized say they don't understand what has happened to family members who used to care for the property that holds the remains of their loved ones.

Familiar Back Mountain names fill the yard situated between what was originally two churches. One, the First Christian Church, founded around 1894, is now The Community Bible Church and the other started by the Calendar family, has been converted into a private residence.

The cemetery had diligent caretakers for years. Family members would pay to have graves mowed and in recent years the neighboring church took on the responsibility of mowing and other maintenance. But now volunteer caretakers say some of the oldest grave sites in the Back Mountain are falling into disrepair and no family members are to be found.

Albert and Alice Wallace have lived three doors down from the cemetery for 56 years. You can see portions of it from their back door. In their nineties,

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Alice and Albert Wallace are pictured with the flag they raised for years at the cemetery next to The Community Bible Church in Sweet Valley. The flag pole has since rotted and been taken down. Albert, now 94, used to take care of some 15 lots at the cemetery. Volunteers are seeking help to continue maintenance of the cemetery.

Full-day kindergarten has positive track record

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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BACK MOUNTAIN — As Dallas School District considers implementing a full-day kindergarten program, many schools in the Back Mountain and the Wyoming Valley have either already made the change or are considering it. Administrators from other Back Mountain schools say they have found all-day programs beneficial for their students.

Four out of nine districts in the greater Wilkes-Barre area already have full-day programs and one more is expected to implement a program in the fall.

Lake-Lehman, Northwest Area, Pittston Area and Tunkhannock are among those that have full-day programs. Last Friday, Hanover Area announced its intention to start a program. If approved by their board, it would begin in the fall.

Under former district Superintendent Dave Preston, Lake-Lehman was the first district in the area to establish such a program in 1981.

Robert Kunkle was principal of both Lake-Noxen and Ross elementary schools at the time of the switch.

"He (Preston) along with a number of elementary principals spearheaded the drive for full-day kindergarten in the district for a number of reasons," said Kunkle, now Principal of Lehman-Jack-

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Penn State student leads effort to support troops

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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LEHMAN TWP. — "I want to make everyone realize it — that the person you may have spent hours studying with last semester, to get that A, is now over there serving their country," said Robert Dick, a student at the Penn State campus in Lehman, who is running a fund drive to send care packages to student troops overseas.

Six students from the local Penn State campus have left to serve in the war.

Dick, who was on active duty for six years and is now in his second semester at the campus, has been organizing the drive since March 31. He has placed jugs around the campus to collect money that will go toward care packages full of what he calls "a little touch of home."

He said his goal is to let the student troops know, "Okay, you've had to drop out of school, probably the most important thing to you, but the school still has you in mind."

John Murphy, Director of Student Affairs, said for being a mostly commuter campus, the university has pulled together as a community. "The campus has really been touched," he said.

Murphy said the community has responded by adding pertinent programs. An "open door" counseling policy is also in place.

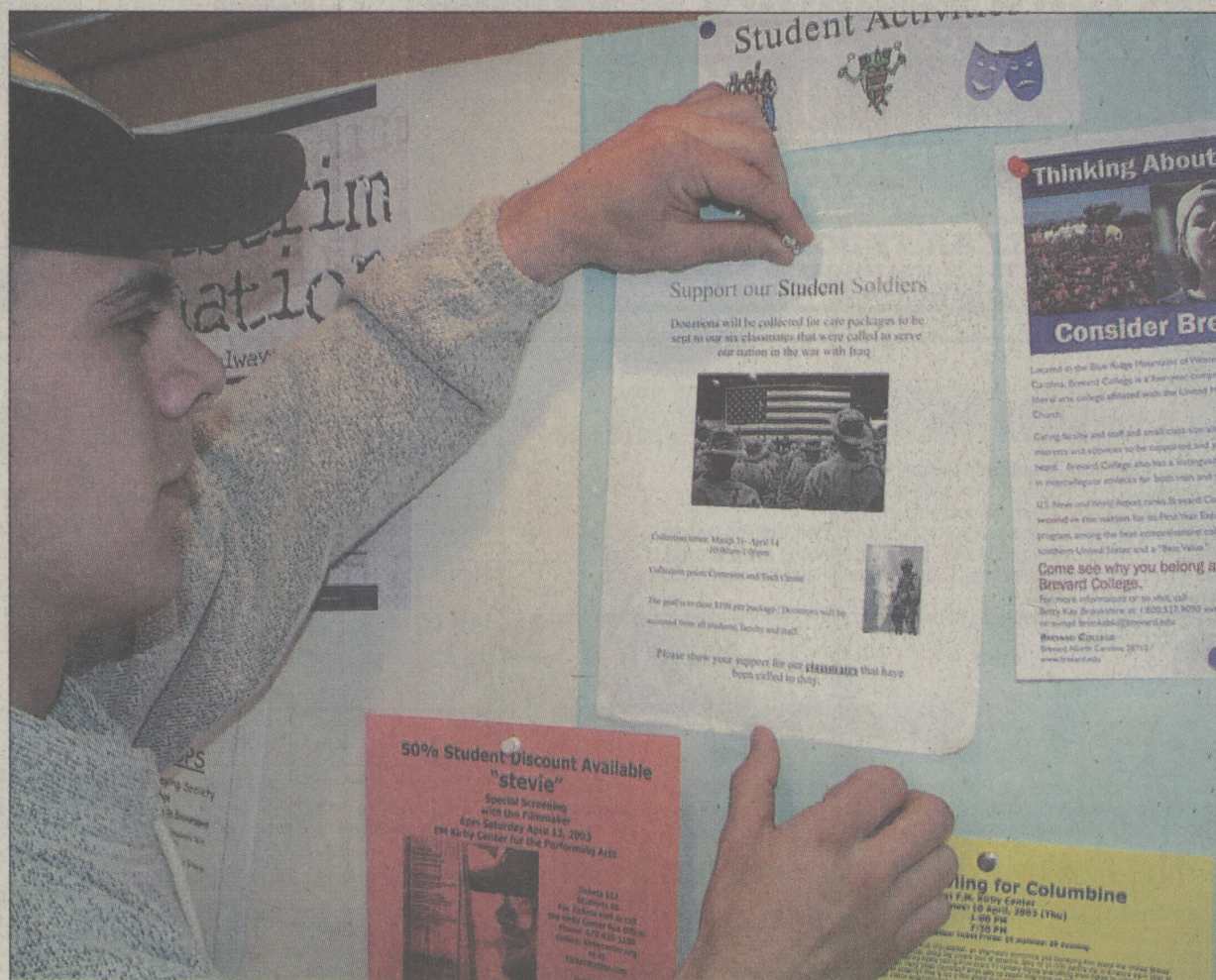
He said a couple of weeks ago, in response to the war, the uni-

versity organized a panel discussion and invited students, faculty, staff and the public. He and others said the campus community responded in full force.

"One-hundred-fifty students came out of a campus of 900 — we could bring in the Miss America Pageant and not get that kind of response," said

Murphy. John Sinclair, a member of the Student Government Association

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Robert Dick posts a flyer in the student commons area at Penn State Wilkes-Barre in Lehman, encouraging fellow students to help fill care packages for student servicemen serving over seas.

FBLA members going national

Five students from Dallas High School will be heading to the national LifeSmarts competition in Orlando, Florida, April 25-30. The five students are Steve Losh, John Berberus, Michael Yenason, Daniel Smith and Bob Murphy. They will be traveling by train, since there was not enough seating on a plane.

The team won the state level LifeSmarts competition in March to earn the trip to Orlando.

Steve Losh will be heading to another national competition in Dallas, Texas, June 22-28. A member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club at Dallas, Steve won first place in C++ programming at states at the beginning of April. "I had a good time at states, just being there with my friends and having fun," he said.

"I felt pretty good when I found out I was going to Nationals because no one else has been there from Dallas," Steve said.

Losh has been part of the FBLA for four years and has been to states three times.

This is the first time a Dallas student has qualified for Nationals. "I was very happy to hear that Steve was going to Nationals," said Mrs. Linda Shrader, the club's advisor.

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