

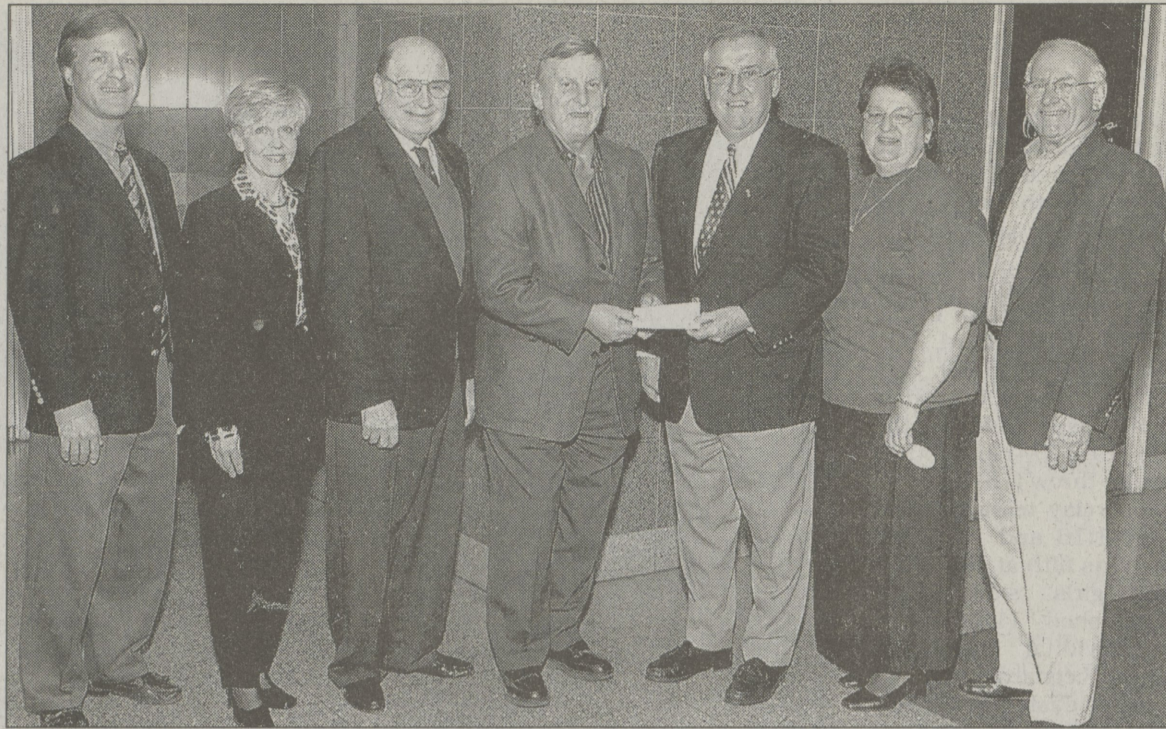
## Local students earn Penn State degrees

Students from the Back Mountain received their degrees at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre commencement ceremony May 17.

This commencement marked the first baccalaureate degree graduates in the Information Sciences & Technology program (IST), which was initiated throughout the University in 1999.

Graduates from the Back Mountain area were: Robert J. Bradbury, A.E.T. Surveying Technology; Ryan T. Doughton, B.S. Surveying; Brian Dudick, A.S. Computer Science; Jessica Higdon, B.S. Kinesiology; Richard Hislop, B.S. Business; Robin Hood, A.S. Information Sciences & Technology; Jeff Jones, A.S. Information Sciences & Technology; Brad

Jumper, A.S. Information Sciences & Technology; Luke A. Kasper, A.S. Information Sciences & Technology; Peter M. Kennedy, A.E.T. Electrical Engineering Technology; A.E.T. Telecommunications Technology; Vicki Manka, B.S. Business; Tiffany A. Maslowski, B.S. Information Sciences & Technology; Robert J. Mizla, B.S. Electrical Engineering Technology; A.A. Letters, Arts, & Sciences; Rick A. Popek, B.S. Electrical Engineering Technology; Christopher Pryor, B.S. Business; Chad Reid, A.E.T. Electrical Engineering Technology; Sally J. Stolarczyk, A.S. Business Administration; Donald Earl Weidner, B.S. Information Sciences & Technology.



## Penn State Club creates scholarship fund

The Penn State Club of Wyoming Valley recently pledged \$25,000 to create an endowed scholarship fund at Penn State University. Once endowed, consideration for scholarships will be given to all full-time undergraduate students who have achieved superior academic success, have a financial need, and whose address of record is in the club's geographic area. For questions or how to make a gift to the Fund, please call 675-4195. Shown, from left: Atty. Michael Hudacek, Jr., vice president; Bobbie Steever, membership director; Irwin Sagenkahn, recording secretary; Bob Fortinsky, trustee-university park; Tom Robinson, president; Pam Rothenberger, corresponding secretary; and Len Motzki, treasurer.

## Penn State alums will get peek at new telescope

Penn State alumni and their families are invited to attend Learn with the Lion, sponsored by the campus Alumni Constituent Society on Sunday, June 1. Brunch will begin at 11 a.m. in the new Cafe Commons, followed by a tour of the Friedman Observatory led by Timothy Lawlor, Ph.D. If weather permits, an astronomical viewing will be held, featuring the Observatory's new Meade 16" LX200GPS Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. A brief slide show in the Center for Technology may also be presented. For reservations, or more information, call Michele Zabriski, alumni and development specialist, at 675-9202 or e-mail: mtz3@psu.edu. Seating is limited.

## King's College inducts adult learners into honor society

Three residents of the Back Mountain were among 13 King's College students recently inducted into the Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society. Founded in 1946, Alpha Sigma Lambda is the national honor society for students in continuing higher education and is dedicated to the advancement of scholarship and the recognition of high scholastic achievement by adult learners in continuing higher education.

The local inductees are: Margaret Banks, Dallas; Hatim Ouladelhadjahmed, Harveys Lake; and Donna Zbiek, Dallas.

## Summer camp on occupational therapy at Misericordia

The Occupational Therapy Department at College Misericordia is sponsoring a three-day residential summer camp for students interested in occupational therapy as a possible career choice. The camp will host 12 to 15 students July 7-9 on the college campus.

The camp is designed to educate high school juniors and seniors who would like to learn more about occupational therapy. Students will have a chance to work with persons with disabilities both at the College and in the community, have an opportunity to meet and talk with faculty members, and be hosted by several current junior level occupation therapy students.

Students who will be seniors or juniors in the 2003-2004 academic year are encouraged to apply. For further information or for an application, contact the department of Occupational Therapy at 674-6371.

## Rodrigues graduates with honors

Jared William Rodrigues of Harveys Lake, son of Ms. Abigail Rodrigues, was awarded a bachelor of art degree in English, cum laude, at the University of the South's 2003 commencement ceremonies held in All Saints' Chapel on the Sewanee campus May 11.

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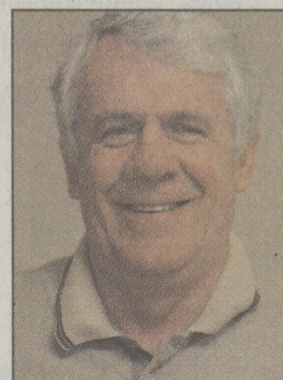
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##### Honorable Mention:

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David Iseman

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##### Second Place:

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##### First Place:

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##### First Place:

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##### Second Place:

Rick Notari, "Comets Behr Down on NP"

## Sunday Dispatch

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