

DMS teams clean up in stocks game

Teams turn a profit on a virtual \$100,000 investment.

Two teams from Dallas Middle School were recognized by Prudential Financial for their stock picking expertise in the 2003-2004 "Stock Market Game" competition conducted by the University of Scranton Center for Economic Education. "Stock Market Game" is a 10-week simulation during which students from three grade categories (4-6, 7-8, 9-12) invest an imaginary \$100,000 by buying stocks listed on the major securities exchanges, New York, American and NASDAQ. Students who compete in the game learn how financial markets operate and hone their mathematics and decision making skills. Team rankings are based on final portfolio values. The University of Scranton is one of 14 colleges and universities in the state that host Centers for Economic Education, each of which conducts its own "Stock Market Game" competition. Teams that finished first, second and third in their grade categories from the area served by the University of Scranton Center were recognized at a recent awards ceremony.

One Dallas Middle School team finished second in the 4-6 grade category with a final portfolio value of \$102,417, while another team finished second in the 7-8 category with a final portfolio worth \$111,386. Both teams competed in the spring version of the game. The awards ceremonies were sponsored by Prudential Financial.



The second place team in the Spring Market Game, Grades 4-6, from Dallas Middle School, with a final portfolio \$102,417, are, from left: Mike Williamson vice president, Prudential Financial; Arienne Schott, Amanda Thompson and Elaine Felli.



The second place team in the Spring Stock Market Game, grades 7-8, from Dallas Middle School, with a final portfolio of \$111,386, are, from left: Mike Williamson, vice president, Prudential Financial; Jordan A. Thimot, Peter J. Tomczyk and Elaine Felli, teacher.

Summer open house at College Misericordia

College Misericordia invites high school students and their parents to the Summer Open House program at its Dallas campus on Saturday, August 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The open house schedule includes registration and refreshments; campus tours, including the newly renovated Mercy Hall and classrooms; a faculty session; lunch; meetings with representatives of student services, athletics and student gov-

ernment as well as a session on financial aid.

For those interested, a session will also be held on the college's Alternative Learner's Project for students with learning disabilities.

For more information, contact the College Misericordia Admissions Office at 675-4449, or toll free at 1-866-CM and ME (866-262-6363), or by e-mail admiss@misericordia.edu.

Local Penn State students enjoy lower tuition rates

Penn State's board of trustees recently approved a tuition rate increase of 6.6 percent for PA residents for the 2004-2005 academic year. Penn State University's tuition rates for individual students are influenced by several factors including campus location. This can cause confusion for local residents, many of whom are not aware that students attending area Penn State campuses enjoy a lower tuition rate than those students attending the University Park campus.

Students who are Pennsylvania residents and plan to attend Penn State Wilkes-Barre this

fall, for example, will pay \$371/credit or \$4,590/semester, whereas students attending the University Park campus will pay \$434/credit or \$5,204/semester. Non-Pennsylvania residents will pay \$585/credit or \$7,020/semester at the Wilkes-Barre campus, as compared to \$847/credit or \$10,168 at University Park. Other factors influencing individual tuition rates are residency, student level, and degree program.

Specific tuition rates for the University by campus location, level, residency, and program can be accessed at <http://tuition.psu.edu>

Dean's List

The following students from the local area have been named to the dean's list at their college or university:

College Misericordia

Sister Oge Aboh, Sister Ahanihu, Kirsten Baxter, Kevin Burkhardt, Lori Carter, Jennifer Chulick, Virginia Conrad, Hilary Coole, Heidi D'Amore, Marilyn Dehaven, Cara Devine, Marquerite Dewees, Emily Dlugasch, Thomas Elbich, Robert Gregor, Tricia Hartman, Erin Heffron, Danielle Kamine, Mary Lyons, Patricia Manzoni, Kari Maskalis, Deanna Mennig, Judith Nilsson, Donna Pitts, Jaclyn Reisser, David Sellitto, Janice Symons, Amy Wandel, Robyn Weber, Denise Widner, all of Dallas; Kristen De Barry, Justine Hallenbeck, Laura Mitchell, Elizabeth Moran, Tara Naessig, Jacqueline Paul, Mary Smee, Gwenith Thomas, Louisa Vandenberg, David Vaughan, Valerie Williams, Tara Brown, Alison Davenport, Kristell Janusz, Doreen Johnson, Daniel Nestorick, Sara Rittenhouse, Corin Smith and Melissa Sorber, all of Hunlock Creek; George Santee, Lehman; Jeffrey Kernag, Pamela Langdon, Anthony Mc Ginley, Philip Pack, Lita Piekara, Melissa Rossick, Melissa Schobert, Jesse Tarity, Cheri Balmer, Courtney Burgess-Michak, Edward Halloran and Eric Yencha, all of Shavertown; Kori Clark and Carol Rosser, both of Sweet Valley; Chase Susko, Natasha Holter and Paul Toennes, all of Trucksville; Jessica Barr, Luanne Cusatis, Sharon Dickson, Melissa Javorski, Jessica Klimas, Katie Moran, Sheryl Rus-

sell, Molly Sayre and Julie Winters, all of Tunkhannock. **King's College**
Dallas: James Abrams; Candice Alaimo; Christopher Appel; Cory Brin; Todd Buckley; Timothy Carroll; Nicole Chmarney; Jeannie Dreier; Angelo Georgetti; Erica Harvey; Ashley Jacopetti; Leigh Jacopetti; Samantha Leandri; Timur Maskayev; Jessica Milbrodt; Jamie Miller; Michael Miller; Christine Snarski; Ashley Yanchik. Harveys Lake: Matthew Hinton, Kimberly Urban. Noxen: Kara Grundowski, Mary Sprau. Shavertown: Brian Gill; Crystal Heffner; Donora Hillard; Nicholas Leonard; Theodore Mike; Bryan Wagner.

Gettysburg College
Lewis Scott Spurlin, Shavertown.

Drew University
Alexis Natasha Anselmi, Dallas. Christine Joy Dempsey, Trucksville.

Mansfield University
Erin Cragle, Hunlock Creek;

Colgate University
Brian J. Pietraccini, Dallas, bachelor of arts degree.

Gettysburg College
James Hudock, Tunkhannock, bachelor of arts degree in biology.

Graduates

The following students from the local area have graduated from their respective college or university:

Head Start accepting applications

Luzerne County Head Start Inc., which serves Luzerne and Wyoming counties, is accepting applications for the 2004-05 school year. This federally funded preschool program provides free services in education, health, social services, parent involvement, nutrition, transportation and disabilities. The program is available to children who will be age 3 or 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2004. For more information, call one of the following numbers:

Dallas Center: 674-1062 or 674-1063
Lake-Lehman Center: 639-2465 or 639-2456
Lehman-Jackson Center: 675-7820 or 675-7784
Shickshinny Center: 542-2505

Call the appropriate center for more information.

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RESEARCH MATTERS

by Dr. David J. Madeira

Antibiotics And Your Child's Sore Throat.

Acute sore throat is a common reason for pediatric visits to primary care physicians, with an estimated 15%-30% of such cases caused by group A streptococci.

The study we look at today included 156 patients age 4-15 with sore throat for less than seven days that also met at least 2 of the following criteria: fever, no cough, swollen/tender neck lymph nodes, and tonsillar exudates. They were assigned to 3 groups:

1. Penicillin for seven days.
2. Penicillin for three days and placebo for 4 days
3. Placebo for 7 days.

The main measure was days to complete resolution of pain and throat swabs were taken. The duration of symptoms in all three groups was essentially identical, as were the side effects, number of days missed from school, and recurrence of sore throats over 6 months.

The authors conclude: "No rationale exists for treatment with antibiotics in most children with sore throat, irrespective of the presence of streptococci. This finding is in agreement with the Dutch and Scottish guidelines on the management of sore throat."

As I have written in a previous column, most Pediatrician's report feeling pressured by their patient's mothers to do something (usually demanding an antibiotic, and sometimes - horror of horrors - asking for one to be prescribed over the phone.)

So give your Pediatrician a break if she suggests watchful waiting for little Johnny's sore throat. Even if your child has group A streptococci (the really bad bug), he is not likely to do any better with an antibiotic.

For more information on drugless health care, call Dr. Madeira today.

Zwart S., Rovers MM, de Melker RA, et al. Penicillin for acute sore throat in children: randomized, double blind trial. British Medical Journal (online), Dec. 6, 2003

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