

Open house March 19 at College Misericordia

College Misericordia invites high school students and their parents to the Spring Open House programs at its Dallas campus. The open house will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The college offers students an opportunity to spend a day touring the facilities, meeting Misericordia students, faculty and coaches, and talking with admissions and financial aid counselors.

The 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 government 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 admissions office at 675-4449, or toll free at 1-866-CM and ME (866-262-6363), or by e-mail at admiss@misericordia.edu.

Info session at Penn State Wilkes-Barre

Penn State Wilkes-Barre will hold a "Be a Penn Stater Information Session" for high school students and their parents on Thursday, March 24, in the campus's Center for Technology beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The open house will provide an opportunity to learn about the programs, facilities, and resources available at campus in Lehman. Faculty, admissions counselors and staff will be on hand to discuss associate and baccalaureate degree programs, student activities, athletics, scholarship opportunities and financial aid.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre currently offers seven associate and eight baccalaureate degree programs that can be completed entirely at the campus.

Students may also complete course work for the first two years of most of Penn State's 160+ degree majors at the campus and then transfer to another location, including University Park, to complete their degree. In addition, students can minor in business, business/liberal arts or information, sciences & technology. Applications for admission are still being accepted for fall, 2005, and admissions procedures and criteria will be explained. General information about Penn State will also be available and refreshments will be provided.

To make reservations, or for more information, call 675-9238, e-mail wbadmissions@psu.edu, or register on-line at www.wb.psu.edu/openhouse

Lake-Noxen kindergarten registration

Due to Lake-Lehman School District having a snow day on March 1, kindergarten registration for the 2005-2006 school year at Lake-Noxen Elementary School has been rescheduled to Monday, April 4. Bring your child's immunization record, birth certificate and proof of your residency (driver's license). Children must be in attendance. Registration will be held using this alphabetical schedule of the last name: 9:30 (A-E), 10:30 (F-J), 11:30 (K-O), 1:30 (P-S), and 2:30 (T-Z).



Valentine's royalty

The Dallas Middle School Student Council recently held its annual Valentine's Day dance. The student body elected the king and queen from each grade. Pictured are the king and queen from each grade with their gifts: Eighth grade, Lauren Parrish, Scott Gallup; Seventh Grade, Allison Considine, Griffin Adams; Sixth Grade, Dana Krawetz, Kevin Hine.



Shown from left are Anne Marie Narcum, Residence Life; Debbie Natitus, Bookstore; Beth Spaciano, Purchasing; Marian Hagan, President's Office; Tammy Rogers, Domestic Violence Service Center; Jo Dougherty, Development; and Ed Lahart, Registrar.

Misericordia helps domestic violence victims

College Misericordia's recent bi-annual Cereal Drive collected more than 100 boxes of cold and hot cereals to benefit the women and children of the Domestic Violence Service Center in Wilkes-Barre. The event is organized twice each year by the college's Staff Council. Marian Hagan, chair of the Council's Community and Fiscal Committee, and Cereal Drive coordinator Jo Dougherty, organized the drive. Boxes of cold and hot

cereal are donated by faculty, staff and students at the college.

The donations included several monetary contributions. The cereal and monetary donations were presented to Tammy Rogers, volunteer outreach coordinator for the Domestic Violence Service Center, during a celebration breakfast for faculty and staff on the Misericordia campus.

The Domestic Violence Service Center serves as a safe

house for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. College Misericordia has been conducting Cereal Drives for more than 10 years, averaging nearly 100 boxes during each drive.

For more information about the Domestic Violence Service Center, call 823-6799. People interested in donating to College Misericordia's next Cereal Drive may call Marian Hagan or Jo Dougherty at 674-6400.

Students test their oratory at Sem

Ross Feinstein, Shavertown, a junior, and Samantha Marquart, Dallas, a sophomore, competed in the Wyoming Seminary 2005 Oratorical Contest, held recently on the Upper School campus. Feinstein argued against the government's attempt to call for a constitutional amendment as a legitimate mechanism for defining marriage in America, while Marquart made a strong case for the nutritional value of the products offered to the public by the fast food industry.

A team of four faculty judges scored the students on their delivery, stage presence, logic in argumentation and strength of supportive evidence.

Robert Silverblatt, a senior from Kingston, won the contest. His speech, presented to the entire student body, questioned the ethics and legality of the policies of the Bush administration in handling prisoners declared "enemy combatants."

Sem has held the Oratorical Contest for over 100 years. The annual competition tests students' abilities to research and argue an issue with reason and conviction.



Kingston resident Robert Silverblatt, a senior at Wyoming Seminary, won the 2005 Oratorical Contest. Shown following the contest are, from left: Ross Feinstein, contest participant; Samantha Marquart, contest participant; Robert Silverblatt, contest winner; and Dr. William Summerhill, Sem academic dean and contest organizer.

Young lawyers at Sem win competition

The Wyoming Seminary Mock Trial team recently competed in the 2005 District High School Mock Trial Competition in Wilkes-Barre, placing first. The competition, sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, provides high school students with a firsthand experience of the American judicial system.

The Sem team will continue on to regional competition held in Scranton on March 22. The top two teams in regional competition continue on to compete at the state level in April.

Mock trial teams argue a case before a judge and are evaluated based on their presentation, opening and closing arguments, direct and cross examination, poise and articulation, control of facts, and knowledge of Mock Trial rules of law and exceptions. While the student lawyers and witnesses carry out the prosecution and defense duties of the case, the student understudies help formulate the arguments and monitor the timing, critique the team's performance and videotape the team in practice and in competition.

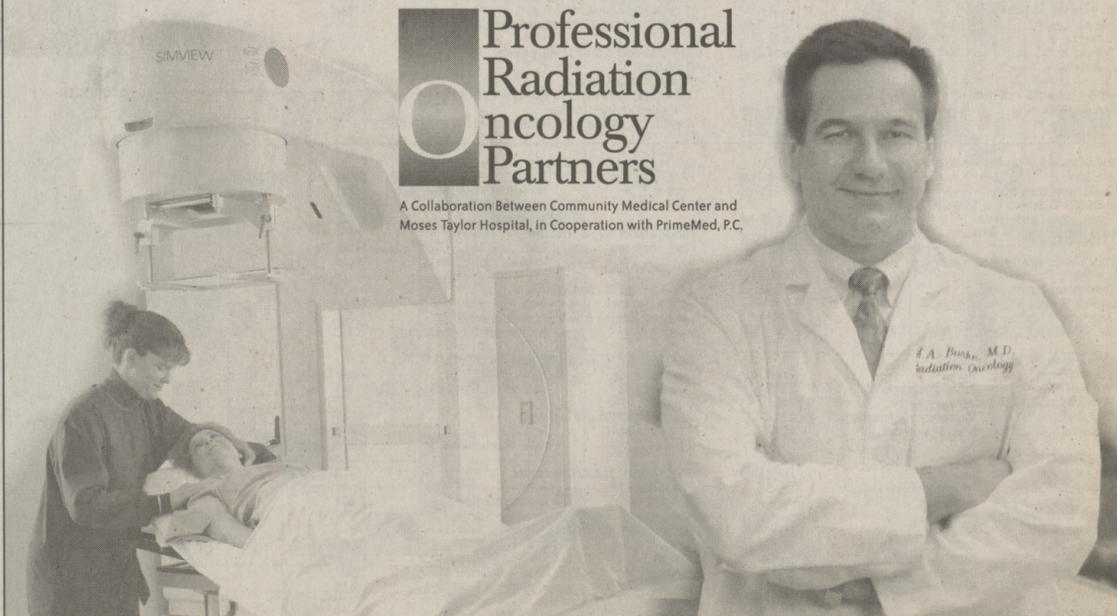
Members of the Sem Mock Trial team include juniors Tony Banta, Harveys Lake, understudy, and Ross Feinstein, Shavertown, lawyer.

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