

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Friedman Observatory open Monday nights

Ever wonder what Neptune looks like? Has the controversy over Pluto piqued your interest in the solar system? The Friedman Observatory at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township offers opportunities to view the night sky through a computerized 16-inch Meade telescope. The observatory is open to the public starting one hour after sunset on clear Mondays. If Monday is not clear, the observatory will be open Tuesday at the same time.

John Rovnak, acting director of the observatory, and her assistants will be on hand to answer questions. Rovnak is an amateur astronomer, retired aerospace engineer, and Penn State graduate. Small groups are welcome on public nights. Larger groups, such as Girl and

Boy Scout troops, are invited to call for a private session.

The Observatory opened in 1990 and the computerized Meade Schmidt-Cassegrain reflecting telescope is the only one of its kind in the region. The rural setting provides a perfect opportunity for stargazing away from city lights.

For more information regarding viewing opportunities, contact Thomas Winter at 675-9278 or txw2@psu.edu; John Rovnak at 925-2561 or jer32@psu.edu. Information is also available on college's Web site at www.wb.psu.edu. Go to the quick links for the Friedman Observatory.

Wyoming Seminary sets Visitation Day

Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School will hold its annual fall Visitation Day, which will

begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 9 at the Lower School in Forty Fort and the Upper School in Kingston. The event is open to students in pre-kindergarten through 11th grade – as well as their families – who are interested in learning more about the school.

At Lower School, visiting students will experience a typical day by shadowing a student in a similar current grade level and joining other students for lunch. Parent tours of Lower School will also be available.

Parents may schedule a screening test for early admission consideration for the 2007-08 school year on Visitation Day. Reservations at Lower School are requested no later than Friday, Oct. 6. Call Dawn Leas, associate director of Lower School admission, at 718-6610 for more information and reservations.

At the Upper School, the

Visitation Day program will begin at the Stettler Learning Resources Center, North Sprague Avenue in Kingston. Visiting students will attend classes and eat lunch with Seminary students. Parents may tour the campus and attend presentations until 11 a.m.

Presentations will cover the admission process, financial aid, college guidance, academics, extracurricular programs, athletics, boarding life and performing arts. Visitation Day activities will end at 2:45 p.m. Admission interviews will be given upon request.

Anyone interested in attending the Upper School event should register no later than Monday, Oct. 2 by calling the admission office at 270-2160.

Penn State W-B offering classes

Penn State Wilkes-Barre is offering two courses to improve

communications and cultural understanding with the Latino population.

Practical Spanish Level I is a series of classes designed for anyone seeking basic conversational Spanish skills for use in their daily communications with Spanish-speaking individuals. The classes will give students basic grammar skills and a general understanding of some aspects of Hispanic culture.

The workshop will cover vocabulary and phrases that are practical in nature, including the ABCs, names, dates, time, weather, and numbers.

The class will be held from 6-8 p.m. each Tuesday from Oct. 10 through Nov. 14 at the Northeastern PA Industrial Resource Center on Middle Road in Hanover Township.

The cost of the class is \$199 and students are required to purchase their own English to Spanish and Spanish to English

dictionary.

For more information or to register, contact Ellen Gregorio by phone at 675-9220 or by e-mail at epg10@psu.edu.

An Overview of Latino Culture workshop will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 and Tuesday, Oct. 3 at the Industrial Resource Center in Hanover Township. The workshop is designed for anyone who desires to broaden their understanding of the Latino culture. Discussion will include deep culture of Latinos, English-only laws and current event issues.

Participants will learn ways to communicate better with Latinos by understanding their own cultural communicative tendencies and those of others. The cost of the class is \$79. For more information or to register, contact Janet Rosenbaum by phone at 675-9102 or by e-mail at jqr8@psu.edu.

LAKE-LEHMAN PREPARES FOR ANNUAL HOMECOMING



Lake-Lehman High School will hold its annual Homecoming festivities during the week of Oct. 2. Voting for the Homecoming Court will take place Wednesday, Oct. 4 and the Homecoming Queen will be crowned before the football game against GAR on Oct. 6. Homecoming festivities before the football game will begin at 6 p.m. The homecoming dance will be held Saturday, Oct. 7 and the Homecoming King will be crowned at the dance. Members of the Homecoming Court, from left, first row are Kallista Morgan, Samantha Jo Hudak, Victoria Posatko, Jaime Lipski, Joscelyn Mahon, Elyse Benoit. Second row: Jared Kopetchne, Kevin Butler, Kevin Racemus, Curt Jones and Michael Dougherty. Derek Shurmanek is also a member of the Homecoming Court.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS AT DMS



The Student Council of Dallas Middle School recently elected officers for the 2006-07 school year. The Student Council is a service organization that provides assistance to the community and school through a variety of activities. Members of the Student Council, from left, first row are Andrew Santora, treasurer; Samantha Casto, corresponding secretary; Christopher Clem, president; and Drew Schaub, vice president. Second row: Thomas Duffy, assistant principal; Brett Usevicz, secretary; Joni Rakowski, Student Council adviser; and Anthony Martinelli, principal.



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 Irem's 3 chefs bring a variety of experience, backgrounds and taste to the menu of Ridgeway's at Irem. Brian Kravitz ran all aspects of food operations in the Officers Club for the past 20 years from Maine, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, and Nebraska. Brian also gained international experience while residing in Belgium for three years. Laurie Knauer, formerly Drury worked with her father Jim Drury at Drury's Deli & Restaurant in Harvey's Lake. Then in 2002 Laurie opened her own restaurant, Brunch Express in the Twin Stacks Center, specializing in breakfast and lunch fare. She closed Brunch Express in 2004 to spend more time with her family and joined the team at Irem. Michael Wysocke has previously worked as the owner/operator of the Lake Carey Inn, chef at Hotel Jeremiah in Aspen, CO, Sous Chef at Casa Marina Resort and Key West, FL, and Matri d Hotel at the Hilton International in Albany, NY.
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