## DALLAS JUNIORS TO LEARN ABOUT COLLEGE VISITS



The admission department at King's College will hold the program "How to Visit a College Campus, 101" for Dallas High School juniors from 8:45-11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15 at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. The program is being organized by the Dallas High School guidance department, Parent-Teacher-Student Organization, and juniors Katherine O'Brien and Kristen O'Brien. The timing of the admissions process, questions to ask during visits to help determine if a college meets your needs, how to distinguish yourself from other applicants, and financial aid will be addressed. Juniors will be placed in groups and will tour the campus, and hear a presentation from the admissions staff. The O'Brien sisters are organizing the program as part of their completion project. Parents of students in the junior class are welcome to attend. The PTSO is seeking volunteers interested in learning more about the admissions process, or willing to spend time with the junior class. If interested, call the high school guidance department at 675-5201. Preparing for the program, from left, are Tom Landon, King's College; Robyn Jones, guidance counselor; Kathy Kupstas, teacher; Katherine O'Brien; Kristen O'Brien; Cherilyn Ruddy-Keating, teacher; Nancy Garvey, teacher; and Tom Traver, assistant principal.

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Penn State W-B hosting illusionist

Penn State Wilkes-Barre will host two performances of illusionist and mentalist Wayne Hoffman on Monday, Oct. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 31 at the Lehman Township campus.

The Oct. 30 performance will include an informal reception at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7 p.m. in the Hayfield Community Room.

Reservations are required. The cost is \$3 for students and \$5 for others.

The Oct. 31 performance will be held at noon in the Café Commons. There will be no admission charge.

Wayne Hoffman has performed for hundreds of colleges across the United States.

For more information, call Jackie Warnick-Piatt at 6759284 or e-mail her at jackiewp@psu.edu.

### 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; and 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.

## YOUNGSTERS TOUR **BRACE'S APPLE ORCHARD**



Students from I'm Big Now preschool/kindergarten recently visited Brace's Apple Orchard. They were given a wagon tour of the orchard, a tour of the store, and learned how cider is made. The children were treated to freshly baked cider doughnuts and fresh apple cider. Participating in the tour, from left, first row are Drew Dickson, Ethan Adams, Jason Eiden, Haley Hiltabrand, Zachary Luksic, Kaitlyn Schwartz, Amanda Puza, Francesca Augustine and Daniel Jacoby. Second row: Justin James, Megan McGovern, Olivia Delevan, Shreena Patel, Rachel Barberio, Nathan Collins, Freddie Lombardo, Samuel Crawford and Harley Sabol. Third row: Andrew Menig, Matthew Maransky, Emily Farrell, Ashley Weinstein, Christopher Carver, Grace Jarden, Jason Ball, Liam Farrell and Derek Gordon.

# LOCAL STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO CUM LAUDE SOCIETY

Four resident of the Back Mountain were among the 10 students at Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School recently inducted into the Cum Laude Society, the national academic honor society for college preparatory schools. The local students are seniors Kaytlin Kopen, Shavertown; Stephen Levandoski, Dallas; Samantha Marquart, Dallas; and Megan Messersmith, Dallas. Students elected in the fall must have a junior-year average of at least 3.4 out of a possible 4.0. The spring inductees must have attained a cumulative junior- and



senior-year average of at least 3.1. Inductees must be in the top 10 percent of their class. Attending the induction ceremony, from left, first row are Levandoski and Messersmith. Second row: Kopen and Marquart.

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