

Internship search ends at Google

Wilkes University faculty in the math and computer science department hate to admit it, but John Mishanski will graduate in May. Motivated, mature, responsible and intelligent, Mishanski represents all that is good about college students.

The Lake-Lehman High School graduate recently completed a summer internship at Google, the most widely-used internet search engine. During his three-year career at Wilkes, Mishanski has been a work-study student as lab and system administrator in the math and computer science department, a mentor to students.

During the internship, Mishanski's responsibilities included two projects that he built from scratch with the help of a mentor. The paid internship lasted 13 weeks, including full-time hours. The internship came as no surprise to the faculty and students who know Mishanski best.

"John sees what he wants and is not afraid to go out and get it," said John Koch, professor of computer science at Wilkes.

The senior major and computer science major from Lehman Township created quite a buzz at Wilkes even before he enrolled. As a high school student, Mishanski developed the Web site <http://algebrahelp.com/>. Many students have been



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helped at this site, which pays for itself through the use of ads from Google and Amazon.

As a senior at Lake-Lehman, Mishanski won the annual Wilkes Math Contest which earned him a full, four-year scholarship to Wilkes. He graduated from Lake-Lehman in 2003.

"I have known John since he was a student of my wife's at Lake-Lehman High School," said Koch. "John is one of the best students I have known in my 30 years at Wilkes. He works very quietly and effectively behind the scenes until what he is working on is finally revealed."

Mishanski says the internship was a great experience. "My internship experience

has helped me to hone my career path, experience a new place, learn about cutting edge technologies, and have a summer that I will never forget," he Mishanski. "Field experience exposed me to the practical side of computer science in a way that the classroom can't capture."

Mishanski's professors in the computer science department have been trying to encourage him to attend graduate school, but he's been torn between staying in school and starting his own business.

"He will be successful whatever route he chooses," said Koch.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Holy Name Society sets turkey bingo

St. Therese's Holy Name Society will hold a turkey bingo and raffle at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20 in Fr. Sammons Hall, located at 64 Davis Street in Shavertown. The hall is located adjacent to the church.

There will be 15 10-pound turkeys awarded. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets are available after Masses. Tickets to the party are \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for children. Refreshments will be available.

Grief support group meeting at St. Paul's

A grief support group, sponsored by Hospice St. John and led by the Rev. Peggy Sue Pfeiffer, will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Nov. 28 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 118 in Dallas Township. Anyone experiencing grief, including families who did not receive hospice services, are encouraged to participate.

This is an informal gathering, allowing participation at individual comfort levels and participants are welcome to bring a friend.

There is no admission charge, but registration is requested by calling the church office at 675-3859.

Special events at Center Moreland UMC

The Dymond Hollow and the Center Moreland United Methodist churches will join for a potluck lunch at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 at the Center Moreland UMC on Creamery Road.

Everyone who attends is asked to bring a dish to share and their own place settings. For more information, call pastor Mary Jean Simonin at 333-4354.

The Center Moreland UMC Charge will hold its annual Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22 at the Dymond Hollow UMC.

Lehman-Idetown UMW to meet Nov. 28

The United Methodist Women at the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28. The Advent/Christmas program "Let There Be Peace on Earth" will be presented by Linda VanGorder.

The UMW will hold the annual Christmas party at the Red Rooster on Tuesday, Dec. 5. Reservations may be given to church members Kristi Snyder or Jayne Haefele. For more information call the

church at 675-1216.

Churches to combine for Thanksgiving eve service

St. Luke Reformation Lutheran Church will host a Thanksgiving Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22 at the church in Noxen. Churches participating in the service will be Noxen Methodist Charge, Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, and St. Luke Reformation Church. Holy Communion will be celebrated. The Rev. Leanne Campbell will be the Homilist and Martin Everhart will be the Celebrant.

Men's breakfast held each Tuesday

The Shavertown United Methodist Church recently began holding a weekly ecumenical men's breakfast. The group meets at 8 a.m. each Tuesday at Pickett's Charge restaurant on Route 415 in Dallas.

The Dutch treat breakfast is followed by fellowship and a short devotion period. The breakfast, fellowship and devotion period last no longer than one hour.

Men from all Back Mountain churches are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Bob Deeble at 696-2148.

LOCAL DANCERS TO PERFORM AT MAGIC KINGDOM



A group of 20 dancers from Major Performing Arts Center in Trucksville were recently selected to perform at Disney's Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Fla. during the Thanksgiving holiday. The performance will be held at noon Monday, Nov. 20 in the Magic Kingdom. A team of dancers and adult chaperones left for Florida last week to prepare for a variety of special classes and behind-the-scenes activities. The trip culminates months of hard work by the dancers and instructors at Major Performing Arts Center, including a rigorous audition process. Students representing the Dallas School District are Alexis Kuzma, Irina Ackerman, Gianna DeGraba, Amanda Kornak, Masha Ackerman, Caitlyn Metz, Adrienne Box, Aloysha Ackerman and Miranda Roche. Representing the Lake-Lehman School District is Nicole Clonan. Shown are a group of dancers from Major Performing Arts Center.

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