

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Wyoming Seminary holding Open House

The Upper School and Lower School at Wyoming Seminary will hold an informal Open House on Sunday, Dec. 10 at both campuses. The event at Upper School, located in Kingston, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a special college guidance program beginning at 12:30 p.m. The open house at the Lower School in

Forty Fort will be held from 1-3 p.m.

Both events will feature tours of campus, opportunities to meet teachers and students, and information on admission and financial aid. Visitors to the Upper School are invited to visit the admission office in the Stetler Learning Resources Center on North Sprague Avenue to begin their tours and receive information.

Families interested in the Lower School may come to the admission office, located at 1560

Wyoming Avenue in Forty Fort, for tours and information.

Wyoming Seminary is an independent day and boarding coeducational college preparatory school with approximately 335 day students in preschool through eighth grade at the Lower School. The Upper School enrolls 440 day and boarding students from 11 states and 21 countries in grades 9-12, as well as a postgraduate year.

For more information, call the Lower School admission office at 718-6610 or the Upper School

admission office at 270-2160.

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.

Dallas American Legion contests open to students

Dallas American Legion Post 672 is holding essay and oratorical contests for high school students.

The essay contest is being held in conjunction with the 72nd annual competition sponsored by the Pennsylvania American Legion. The contest is open to all students who reside in the Back Mountain.

This year's topic is "How Can We Support Our Troops?"

Monetary awards are available at the local and district levels. Scholarship awards are also presented to the three finalists in the final round of the state contest.

The first place winner will receive a \$3,500 scholarship, a plaque, and a trip to the American Legion convention in July 2007 to read the winning essay to the assembled delegates.

The second place winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship and a plaque, while the third place winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and a plaque.

Interested students should contact their respective school office or call Dallas American Legion Commander Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488. All entries must be re-

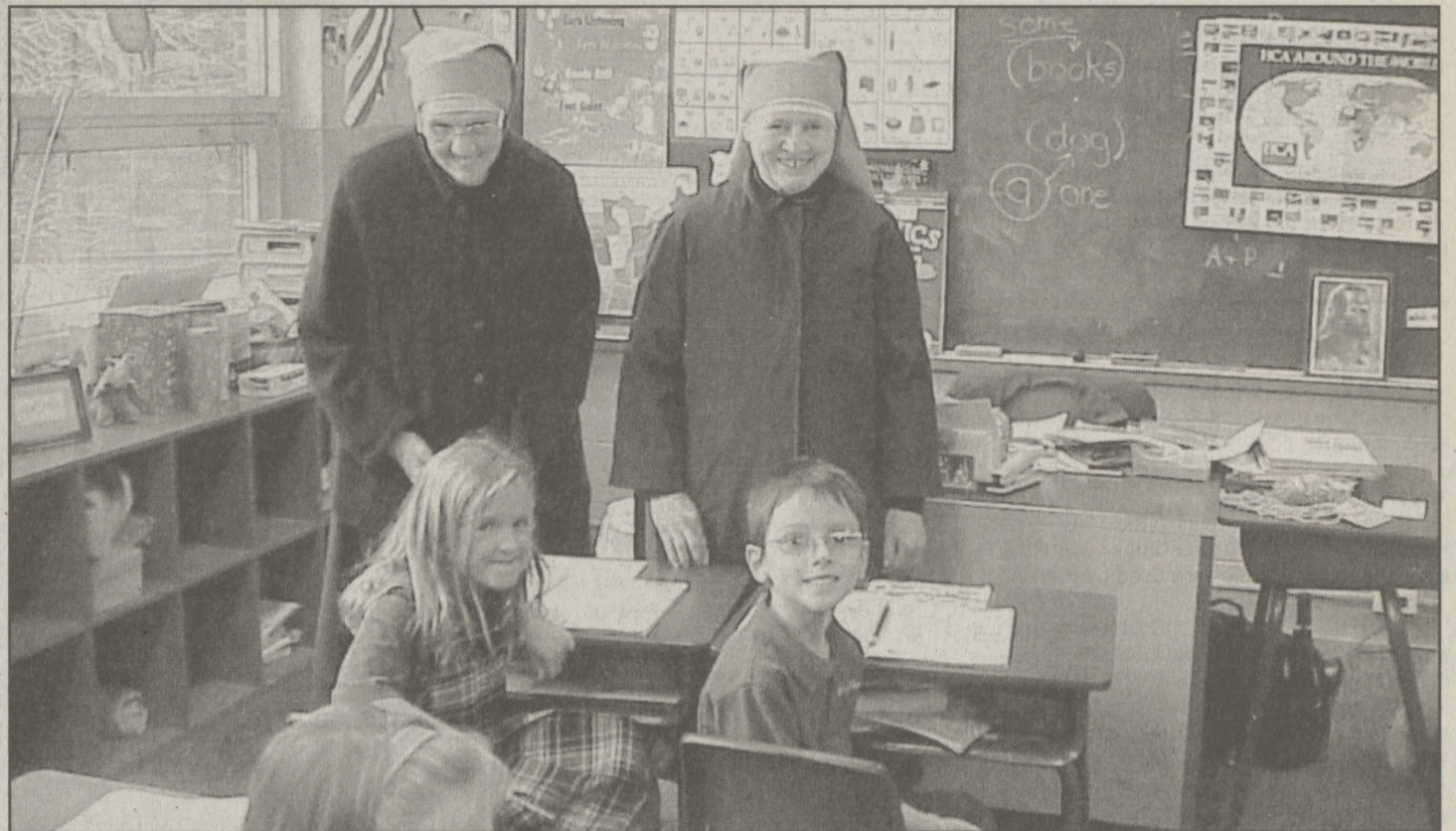
ceived no later than Jan. 7.

The American Legion is also sponsoring its annual oratorical contest for high school students who reside in the Back Mountain. The theme for year's contest is "We The People." The competition consists of an 8-10-minute, memorized oration on some phase of the United States Constitution and a 3-5-minute extempore oration on one of four topics assigned by the national headquarters.

The first-place winner will receive a \$7,500 scholarship, plaque, and a paid trip to the Pennsylvania American Legion State Convention to present the winning oration. The winner will also represent Pennsylvania in national and regional contests and receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship from the national organization.

The second-place winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and a plaque, while the third-place winner receives a \$4,000 scholarship and a plaque. Application forms may be obtained at high school offices or by calling Michael at 675-0488.

GATE OF HEAVEN SCHOOL HELPS LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR



Gate of Heaven School students Morgan Luksic and Michael Carravaggio recently presented Sister Gabrielle and Sister Françoise of the Little Sisters of the Poor with food donations for Holy Family Residence, which is located in Scranton. Collecting food and other needed items for the Little Sisters of the Poor has become a time-honored tradition for students at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas. Hundreds of cans and boxes of non-perishable food items and other necessities were collected and donated by students in preschool through eighth grade.

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