DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL CAREER DAY



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Engineer Steve Thompson of Integrated Power Designs in Hanover Township, shared trade magazines to share with students at a Dallas Senior High School Career Day.

Learning the business

By Charlotte Bartizek **Dallas Post Correspondernt**

There were no butchers, bakers or candlestick makers at the Dallas Senior High School Career and Vocational Day.

Instead, the students met and listened to 32 area professionals rom the greater Wilkes-Barre ommunity that included chiropractors, musicians, sports managers, landscapers, engineers and massage therapists. All talked about their careers and education and some about the passion and dedication they feel for their work.

High school student Dave Martindale sat in and listened to State Senator Lisa Baker and State Rep Karen Boback.

"They gave us a good insight in the state senate," Martindale said.

The freshman torn, though.

"I've thought about it, govself because I do like kids, too," internship program for area want a chance at the engineerhe mused. "I worked with Awa- youth and says that many of the ing field - Matt in mechanical na at the Grace Community regular full-time employees of engineering because he likes to a school principal at Valley West."

Though graduation is three Martindale away, thoughtfully ponders the future. Career Day has helped him focus on his choices and roaden his views.

Most presenters feel the fuand suggested that students start out with a basic four-year ever, where a traditional path to success ended. Career paths are as varied today as the doors and labyrinths of Alice's trip through Wonderland.



Back Mountain chiropractor Shawn Miller shows students a replica of the spine at a Dallas Senior High School Career Day program.

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into what it would be like to be a degree in accounting from Mi- to hear them, the Thompsons sericordia University, Belza were "very pleasantly surconsiders himself to be among prised." the fortunate few who have not had to move out of the area to and Matt Silvestri eagerly read follow their careers. He credits a trade magazine that the ernment or education for my- the Penguins with providing an Thompsons shared. Both boys Church and my grandfather was the organization come from "build things" and Brad in electhose ranks. One perk, he says, trical engineering because a is that he has an "in" on sport- "friend in the family is an elecing event tickets anywhere in trician." The boys plan to go as the country as he networks with far as they can in math next other sports event managers.

Another couple who emphasized the flexibility of their career choice were Steve and Diane Thompson, both engiture was predicated on the past neers with Integrated Power

Designs in Hanover Township. Electrical and chemical engicollege program. That is, how-neers, respectively, the Thompsons feel their education at Rensaeller Polytechnical Institute and the engineering field has allowed them to lead a comfortable, creative life even though Listening to how Robert Bel- many of their college engineerza, director of ticketing for the ing buddies have applied their

Pen- engineering background to law guins, started his career as an or teaching. Remarking on the accountant was an illustration. number of students who poured With a local background and into the high school auditorium

Sophomores Brad Sherman

But not all the careers were traditional ones.

Home-grown Swoyersville vocalist and musician Dyer Knight presented musical wanabees with probably the most exotic career possibilities of the day, sharing his experiences as a lead vocalist for an 80's rock band which toured Europe and played in large stadiums to adoring crowds. He'd be the first to admit that the pathways to a career are many and varied.



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Things got out of control during Gate of Heaven's Catholic Schools Week Hat Day activities. Here, Matthew Blaum's alligator tries to eat the trout on teacher Suzanne Motyka's hat.

Crazy hats abound at GOH event

Tuesday was Crazy Hat Day at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas, just one of a long list of activities planned to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, January 27 through February 2.

The theme, "Catholic Schools - Light the Way" represents the special role of Catholic schools and teachers in lighting the way through a faith-based education that supports the whole child in learning about and leading a fulfilled life.

In addition to Crazy Hat and Crazy Sock Day, the school held an Open House, an "ABC" Bee for pre-schoolers, a Talent Show for first and second graders, a magic show, a variety show, a free spaghetti and meatballs lunch, a Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Spelling "Bowls" for third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders; a Sports Shirt Day, Bingo, a Make Your Own Sundae party, Gate of Heaven School Spirit Day, green and white basketball games, a Saints' Liturgy and a Prayer Service.



Alexandra Nockley peeks out from under her hat during Hat Day at Gate of Heaven School celebrating Catholic Schools Week.

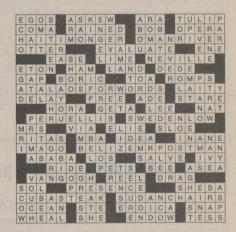
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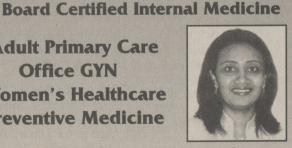
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