

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Dallas HS Lock-In committee will meet

The Dallas High School 2008 Graduation Lock-In committee will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the high school library.

DHS Grad Lock-In is an alcohol-free, drug-free, fully-chaperoned, all-night party for the graduating class. It will be the ninth lock-in and will be held after graduation on June 13. New ideas and members are welcome.

Seniors are reminded to submit pictures for the Lock-in video right away. Senior pictures and a baby or toddler picture are requested. All pictures will be returned.

Wyoming Seminary plans visitation day

The Wyoming Seminary Upper School in Kingston and Lower School in Forty Fort are offering area elementary, middle and high school students and their families an opportunity to visit the schools on Monday, Feb. 18.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Visiting students will attend classes, tour campus and have lunch in the school cafeteria. Tours of the Upper and Lower Schools for parents also will be offered.

For more information or to sign up for the day's events or a tour, call the Lower School Admission Office at 718-6610 and the Upper School at 270-2160 or visit www.wyomingseminary.org.

MU student teachers assigned to classrooms

Nine Back Mountain residents are among 38 student teachers at Misericordia University who recently received their classroom assignments in regional school districts for the spring semester.

Alyssa Bierbach of Hunlock Creek is teaching in Hunlock Creek and Huntington Mills elementary schools in the Northwest School District, Todd DeSando of Dallas is assigned to the Tunkhannock middle and high schools, Justine Hallenbeck of Harveys Lake is student teaching in Evans Falls Elementary in the Tunkhannock School District and Gate of Heaven in the Diocese of Scranton, Adam Molesky of Shavertown is teaching in Dallas middle and high schools.

Also, Meredith Ohl of Dallas is assigned to Old Forge Elementary School and Coughlin High School in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, Jenilee Patton of Tunkhannock is student teaching in Evans Falls Elementary and Gate of Heaven schools, Maria Rakowski of Hunlock Creek is teaching at Dallas High and Evans Falls Elementary schools, Kammy Scott of Tunkhannock is student teaching at Tunkhannock Middle and Mill City Elementary schools and Sara Stull of Dallas is student teaching at Main Street and Wycallis elementary schools.

Shavertown student publishes poetry

Gracemarie Mike, a Shavertown resident, had original poetry published in "The Scop," the King's College Literary and Fine Arts Magazine.

Mike, daughter of Theodore and Anna Mike, is a junior at King's, double majoring in English writing and literature and Spanish. She is president of the Honors Student Advisory Council, a member of Cantores Christi Regis, and editor for the King's College yearbook, The

Regis. She is the daughter of Theodore and Anna Mike.

Gilligan named to Dean's List

Cadet Kathryn Gilligan, daughter of Martin and Mary Barbara Gilligan of Dallas, attained the Dean's List for the fall semester at the United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, Ct. She also received recognition on the Commandant of Cadets' List for Excellence in Military Bearing.

A 2007 graduate of Dallas High School, Gilligan was also named as a Rookie of the Year for the women's cross country team.

Teachers attend Misericordia program

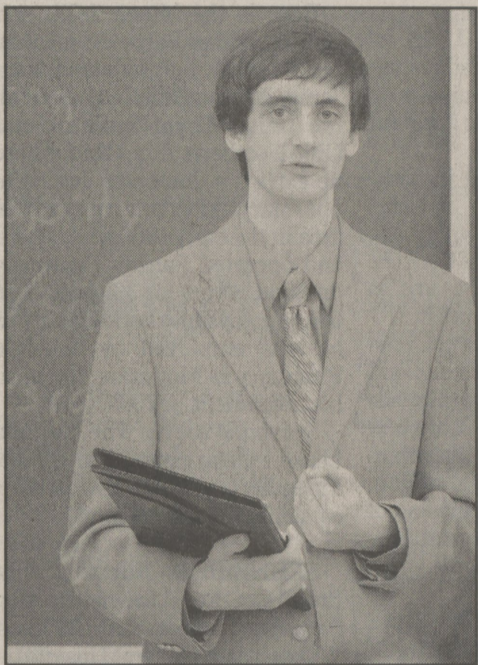
Teachers from the Dallas School District were among more than 100 high school teachers from a nine-county area who attended the Financial Literacy Institute for Junior and High School Teachers and Students recently at Misericordia University.

The Financial Literacy Institute is a product of Wall Street West, a non-profit partnership developing backup operations in Northeastern Pennsylvania to support New York City's financial district in case of a natural or manmade disaster.

Dallas School District teachers who participated are Linda Shrader, Matthew Stretanski, Tom Gilroy and Harry McKewon.



Dallas High School senior Rosemary Shaver makes her case in a congressional debate at a forensics competition hosted by Dallas Senior High School.



Mike Caffrey of Lake-Lehman makes his point.



Lake-Lehman speech instructor Jeff Smith gives some last minute advice to Mike Caffrey before his competition.

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Speaking out, making a point

Dallas High School was the site of a forensics tournament Saturday for the first time ever with 19 school teams participating.

Members of the Dallas Forensics Team, which has participated in three tournaments this year, are Michelle Banta, David Hunter, Anna Kammen, Lauren Kelly and Rosemary Shaver, seniors; Erica Miller, Susanna Parmelee and Emily Baut, juniors; Hillary Grube, sophomore; Shannon Brobst, Alyssa Dolman and Emma Pfeiffer, freshmen.

Kelly took home a third-place trophy for varsity Dramatic Performance, Erica Miller received a first-place trophy for novice Dramatic Performance, the team of Michelle Banta and Emily Baut placed fourth in varsity Dramatic Duo Performance, Rosemary Shaver received fourth place in varsity Student Congress and the novice Public Policy team of Shannon Brobst and Alyssa Dolman earned a trophy for its performance.

Dallas forensics coaches are Mrs. Candace Fike and Mrs. Yvonne Mould.



Mrs. Candice Fike helps Anna Kammen prepare her speech.

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