

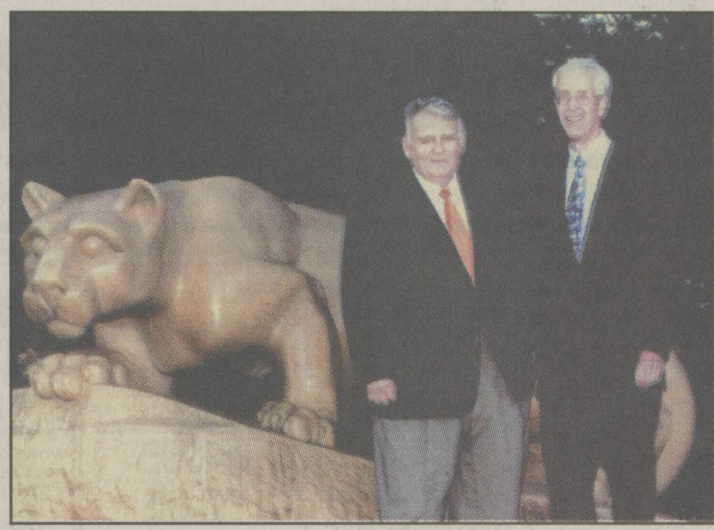
# Dr. Cimochowski cited by PSU

The Pennsylvania State University recently honored George Cimochowski, M.D., Class of 1963, as Alumni of the Year. Dr. Cimochowski was presented with the award by Dean Daniel J. Larson of the Eberly College of Science at a special ceremony at the Nittany Lion Inn.

Born in Carbondale in 1941, Dr. Cimochowski, who resides on 42nd Street in Dallas, attended high school in northeastern Pennsylvania and St. John's Preparatory School in Erie. As a pre-med major in the College of Science at Penn State University from 1959 to 1962, he lettered in varsity lacrosse and was named Most Valuable Player in his senior year. He was also nominated to the All-American Lacrosse Team in 1962.

Dr. Cimochowski graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1967 where he was president of the student body and was awarded the Outstanding Medical Student Award. Following a medical internship in DC General Hospital in Washington, D.C., he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968. He finished his general surgery residency at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1974 with the rank of major.

Dr. Cimochowski then served a fellowship at the University of Chicago in Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery. Subsequently, he taught at various medical schools holding both full-time academic and/or clinic positions at the Medical College of Virginia, University of Chicago, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and cur-



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rently Cornell University Medical Center. He was appointed chief of the open-heart surgery program at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital in 1990 and retired in 2002 as Chief Emeritus, Section of Cardiac Surgery.

During his tenure at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Dr. Cimochowski developed an open-heart surgery program that exceeded 700 cases per year and, in two separate years, was cited for the lowest mortality in the state as determined by the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council. He also initiated and was section chief of the open-heart surgery program at Community Medical Center, Scranton.

In 1993, Dr. Cimochowski commenced a long-term collaboration with the open-heart surgery team at the Silesian Medical Center in Zabrze, Poland, near Krakow and

the Litweska Children's Hospital in Warsaw for whom he raised in excess of \$3 million to purchase medical equipment. He is currently chairman of the board of the Litweska Hospital Foundation in Warsaw. In 1998, Aleksander Kwasniewski, then-president of Poland, awarded Dr. Cimochowski with the officer Cross of Merit Medal, the highest award given to non-Polish citizens.

Currently, Dr. Cimochowski serves as president of Physiense, LLC, a high-tech startup company that produces vascular sensing devices of the heart and great vessels, for which he's received five U.S. patents.

Dr. Cimochowski and his wife of 20 years, Karolina, have four sons, 17-year-old George, a junior at Scranton Preparatory School; and 8-year-old triplets, Alexander, Nikolas and Thaddeus.

## DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL

### 3rd & 4th GRADE BOYS

**Frontier 20**  
**Drs. Kovalick 7**  
Frontier Communications defeated Drs. Kovalick, 20-7. Leading Frontier's offense were Matt Mathers with 10 points and David Chopyak with eight points. Malik Kaleta added two points to the winning effort. Anchoring Frontier's defense were Garrett Pall, Jacob Faber and Michael Mesko.

**Gordon and Long 20**  
**Grasshopper Lawn 16**  
Gordon and Long defeated Grasshopper Lawn, 20-16. Nick Kochar led Gordon and Long with 10 points while Chris Murray added eight points and David Schuster hit a basket. Brody Strickland and John Bynon did a great job handling the ball. For Grasshopper, Ben O'Connell's eight points and Dalton Simpson's six points led the offense. Anchoring the defense were Zach Bloom, Sam Kravitsky and Ty Madden.

**Pizza Perfect 32**  
**Coon Industries 16**  
Pizza Perfect defeated Coon Industries, 32-16. Leading Pizza Perfect's offense were Michael Farrell with 12 points, Jay Bittner with eight points, AJ Spears and Tyler Cavanaugh with four points each, Josh Lydon with two points and Moustafa Almekey who scored his first basket of the season. Anchoring the defense were Andy Zeyher and Moustafa Almekey. Coon Industries' offense was led by Evan McClain with 10 points, Matt Dillon with four points and Jacob Besecker who added a basket. Paul Roman and Michael Krakowski played strong defense in a good team effort.

**DeLuca Law 17**  
**Frontier 13**  
DeLuca Law Offices defeated Frontier Communications, 17-13. Nico DeLuca led the offense for DeLuca Law with eight points while Stone Mannello added four points and Colin Perti and Mitch Winter each hit baskets. Anchoring the defense for DeLuca Law were Hunter Resavage and Paul Hurn. Frontier's offense was led by Matt Mathers with eight points, Malik Kaleta with three points and David Chopyak with two points. Playing strong defensively were Edward Zochowski and Larson Rice.

**Belrick Corp. 36**  
**Grasshopper 14**  
Belrick Corp. defeated Grasshopper Lawns, 36-14. Paul Zabloutney led the Belrick offense with 16 points while Jake Weiland and Steve Finnairelli each scored a basket. Anchoring the defense were Jake Weiland, Steven Finnairelli and Jonathan Adams.

**Dr. Kovalick 19**  
**Gordon and Long 15**  
Drs. Kovalick defeated Gordon and Long, 19-15. The doctors' offense was led by Lee Eckert's 12 points. John Macey provided strong rebounding while Matthew Magnotta and Aloysha Ackerman provided pressure defense.

**3rd & 4th GRADE GIRLS**  
**Corbett Insurance 35**  
**MetLife Securities 8**  
The Corbett Insurance Tar Heels beat MetLife Securities, 35-8.

Sara Lojewski paced the Heels with 13 points. Sam Delamater had eight points while Mikayla Sowga added four points. Carley Perloff and Frankie Treslar scored four points each and Rachel Maniskas chipped in with two points. Megan Meyer and Jolee Treslar played great defense. MetLife was led in scoring by Carly Clemente with four points while Madison Willis and Maggie Reinhart had two points each. Their defense was led by Emily Heltzel, Sidney Neil, Erin May and Katelyn DeAnthony.

### 5th & 6th GRADE BOYS

**Dallas Rotary 29**  
**DeLuca Law 28**  
Ryan Martin scored the game-winning basket in the second overtime as Dallas Rotary edged Vito DeLuca Law Offices, 29-28. Martin finished with 11 points, supported by Matt Harrison with six points. Adam Niznik and Joey Bevevino added four points each while J.J. Lyback played strong defense.

**Smith Insurance 28**  
**Bishop Photo 22**  
Zach Connolly scored 16 points and Donald Michalisin added 10 as Smith Insurance Group Inc. edged Bishop Photo, 28-22. Frankie Bevevino added two points and Chris Menning had several key rebounds for the winning team. Daniel Mingey scored six points for Bishop Photo and Jesse Goode added four. Chandler Caruso and Chad Phillips added one point each.

**UGI/Penn National 39**  
**Eye Care Specialists 33**  
Matt Ross scored 27 points and Cory Metz added four as UGI/Penn Natural Gas squeaked by Eye Care Specialists, 39-33. Brendan Balara played strong defense for UGI while Brian Drouse and Eric Pincofski combined for 22 points for Eye Care Specialists. Jack Tomko played strong defense while Christian Wargo controlled the boards.

**Gattuso Group 29**  
**Fieldhouse 23**  
Tanner Gattuso scored 15 points to lead Gattuso Group Accountants & Consultants to a 29-23 win over Fieldhouse Sporting Goods. Jake Archer and Ray Ostroski added five points each for Gattuso Group while Connor Motley added two. Aleksey Gittelson led Fieldhouse with eight points while Brendan Baloh added six. Ryan Cheskiewicz and Ryan Marshall added two points each.

### 5th & 6th GRADE GIRLS

**Pro HVAC 16**  
**Brace Orchard 15**  
In a thrilling contest, Pro HVAC defeated Brace Orchard, 16-15. Amy Bolton had eight points and Alexis Pelchar scored four points to lead the HVAC team. The defense was led by Caroline Banas and Maura Chappell. For Brace Orchard, Catrina Notari had six points and Kylee Saba added four. Janelle Sherman led the defense.

### Brace Orchard 16

**Motorworld 12**  
Brace Orchard defeated Motorworld, 16-12. Megan Roberts had eight points and Courtney Hoates had two for the Motorworld team. Tiffany Zukosky led the Motorworld defensive charge.

**Drs. Banas, Byron & Kim 30**  
**Community News 22**  
Drs. Banas, Byron & Kim defeated Back Mountain Community News, 30-22. For the winners, Ashley Strazdus and Lindsey Jacobs each had 10 points and Alexa Dosiak added eight. The Community News team was led by Kaley Polachek's 12 points and Katie Kravitski with eight points.

**Riders World 40**  
**Motorworld 10**  
Gabrielle Volpetti had 12 points, Courtney Wagner and Olivia Menning had eight points each to lead a balanced attack as Riders World defeated Motorworld, 40-10. The defense was led by Cassidy Muldoon. Catherine Dillon was high scorer for Motorworld with four points while Rachael Healey and Kaitlyn Chake played well on the defensive side of the floor.

**Riders World 38**  
**Community News 21**  
Gabrielle Volpetti and Allison Rismondo had 12 and 10 points, respectively, to lead a balanced scoring attack as Riders World defeated Community News, 38-21. Julia Baloh and Tara Zukosky led the defense. Kaley Polachek was the game-high scorer with 16 point to lead the Community News team while Arden Rice chipped in with three points.

**Arris Engineering 21**  
**Bendick Law 13**  
Talia Szatkowski had a game-high 19 points and Lauren Dutter added a basket to lead Arris Engineering over Bendick Law, 21-13. Stephanie Rinehimer led Arris in rebounds. For the Bendick Law team, Abbie Bendick and Mallory Faux each had four points, Rachel Luke had three and Madison Evans added two.

**Bendick Law 22**  
**Drs. Banas, Byron & Kim 15**  
Bendick Law defeated Drs. Banas, Byron & Kim, 22-15. Leading scorers for Bendick Law were Abbie Bendick and Mallory Faux with six points each while Emma Doran and Emilee Zawatski chipped in with four points apiece.

**Arris Engineering 26**  
**Pro HVAC 16**  
Arris Engineering was led by Talia Szatkowski with 12 points in its 26-16 victory over Pro HVAC. Nicole Wren added seven points and Lauren Dotter had five in the winning effort. For Pro HVAC, Alexis Pelchar was high scorer with eight points while Caroline Banas and Amy Bolton had four counters each.

**7th GRADE BOYS TOURNAMENT TEAM**  
The DYB boys seventh grade tournament team improved its record to 3-1 with a pair of victories over the weekend. The team edged Plains, 26-25, behind eight points from Justin Brojakowski. Nigel Stearns and Chad DeBona added four points each. Kyle Razawich scored 15 points to lead DYB over Northwest Area, 47-13. Aaron Napkora added eight points and Jory Brezinski had six.

## ROSS STUDENTS OF THE BUILDING FOR DECEMBER



Students of the Building nominees for the month of December at the Ross Elementary School are, from left, first row, Luke Kreller, Gabriel Mitchell, Kaleigh Koss and Erin McLaughlin. Second row, Jaymes Martin, Antonio Carey, Kim Lockavich and Hunter Nice. Third row, Donald James, principal; Cole Spencer, Cayle Spencer, Sela Fine, Zack Brucher, Hannah Stroud, Zachary Grey, Justin Feinauer, teacher; Shannon Kreidler, teacher.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Dallas girls defeat Lake-Lehman**  
The Dallas seventh grade girls basketball team defeated Lake-Lehman, 35-10, on Saturday, Jan. 10.  
High scorers for Dallas were Sam Missile with 11 points and Michelle Thompson with 10.

Other contributors included Katy Comitz and Kayla Gleco with four points each, Maggie Michael, Vanessa Parsons and Stephanie Cybulski with two points apiece.  
**Baseball/softball registration slated**  
Back Mountain Baseball/

Softball registration will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Wycallis Elementary School. Any boy or girl ages 5-16 may register. New players must bring a birth certificate and proof of address. Any questions, call 255-BMLL (255-2655).

## CARNIVALE

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mont, \$200; and other gift certificates from Sue Hand in Dallas, Signwerks in Kingston, Lia Sophia Jewelry in Dallas, Joe DoNato at Therapeutic Concepts, Back Mountain Bowling in Dallas, along with special "Dining in the Valley" gift certificates to Connors Grillroom, Cork Bar & Restaurant, Really Cooking Café, Hogans Heros, The Lake Bistro and many more restaurants.  
"The most challenging part is trying to explain it to everyone and trying to get them to do it because it's such a great cause and I want them to realize that," Skammer said.  
In addition to selling ads for "Carnivale," Skammer plans to help out the organization in any way she can, whether she assists with preparation for the event, organizes and packs supplies for the Ecuador trip in June or does



Karen and Vince Tassitano, of Shavertown, brightened the night at last year's Community Cares for Kids 'Carnivale.'  
something else. So far, Skammer has raised about \$650 through ad and raffle ticket sales.  
Skammer also enjoys volunteering to clean up the Back Mountain Little League Field but has limited free time as she is a level 10 competitive gymnast and practices five days a week at



Adrienne Pugh and her father, Alan, of Dallas, laugh with Sue Collini at last year's 'Carnivale.'  
three for \$25 and tickets for "Carnivale" are \$135 per person or \$250 per couple.  
Event and raffle tickets can be purchased by sending check or money order payable to: CCK, 62 Dallas Shopping Center #330, Dallas, PA 18612, or at any of the participating business sponsor locations: Physicians' Weight Loss Center, Dallas; Valentine's Jewelry, Age of Innocence Day Spa, Finn's Barber Shop, Dallas; UPS Store, Dallas; and more.  
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