



Members of the Gate of Heaven fourth-grade "Four"ensics team are, from left, first row, Vanessa Ryan, Terry Calpin, Caylin Patla, Gianna Centrella, Isabelle Maria, Sophia Answini, Anna Carty, Sarah Kuderka, Madison Riley. Second row, Will Snyder, Thomas Hajikowski, Troy Chackan, Joseph Brennan, Derek Answini, Peter Maria and Matt Dewees.



Members of the Gate of Heaven Junior Varsity Forensics Team are, from left, first row, Emily Blaum, Kara McIntyre, Shelby Smith, Maria Pino, Nicole Cavanaugh, Morgan Luksic, Bianca Cantando, Madison Guido, Adrianna Centrella, Lindsey Hoover, Alexandra Nockley, Olivia Carichner, Janelle Cawley, Mia LaFoca, Amanda Ward, Julia Randazzo. Second row, Charolette Maria, Monica Morrison, Matt Blaum, Jimmy Reilly, Joseph Layaou, Anthony Khoudary, Chester Brennan, Michael Lyons, Christopher Huntington, Christopher Ash, Scott Williams, Conner Maloney, Michael Huntington, Peter Newhart and Jake Adonizio.

Gate of Heaven students compete in Forensics Tourney

The Gate of Heaven Spring Forensics Tournament was held on Feb. 23.

The fourth-grade level consisted of seven teams. First-place was awarded to the team of Joseph Brennan and Peter Maria; second-place was awarded to the team of Gianna Centrella and Isabel Maria, third-place was awarded to the team of Terri Calpin and Vanessa Ryan and honorable mention was merited by the team of Sophia Answini, Sarah Kuderka and Madison Riley.

The junior varsity level included 13 teams and the varsity level included six teams.

Junior varsity first-place was awarded to the team of Anthony Khoudary, Joseph Layaou and James Reilly. Second-place was awarded to the team of Christopher Ash and Scott Williams and third-place was awarded to the team of Olivia Carichner and Janelle Cawley.

On the varsity level, the team of Jade Broody, Maria Khoudary and Jennifer Ringsdorf won first place, the team of Molly Hampsey and Maegan Wrubel won second place and third place was awarded to the team of Tommy Calpin, Michael Gatusky and Anthony Huntington. Honorable mentions were awarded to the junior varsity team of Adrianna Centrella, Lindsey Hoover and Alexandra Nockley and to the varsity team of Christopher Mennig and Olivia Mennig.

The top three teams of junior varsity and varsity will proceed to the regional competition to be held on March 23. This year Gate of Heaven is hosting the regional competition.



Members of the Gate of Heaven Varsity Forensics Team are, from left, first row, Victoria Fulton, Jade Brody, Maria Khoudary, Jennifer Ringsdorf, Molly Hampsey, Maegan Wrubel, Olivia Mennig, Julia Adonizio. Second row, Caroline Banas, Lauren Slavoski, Christopher Mennig, Anthony Huntington, Thomas Calpin, Michael Gatusky and Cristina McFarlane.

FIFTH-GRADERS COMPLETE BOOK CLUB



The fifth-grade students from Gate of Heaven Middle School, under the direction of Mrs. Dianne Ruch, recently completed a five-week book club. The students met once a week after school and read, discussed and completed activities for the book "Chasing Vermeer" by Blue Balliett. This program is designed to encourage students to enjoy a book by involving them in fun activities that foster their love for reading. Students involved in the reading club are, from left, first row, Emily Blaum, Adrianna Centrella and Bianca Cantando. Second row, Laura Buckman, Connor Maloney, Scott Williams, Madison Guido, and Morgan Luksic. Third row, Christopher Ash, Lindsey Hoover, Michael Huntington, Kara MacIntyre and Peter Newhart.

GOH STUDENTS CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS



Middle School students at Gate of Heaven School, Dallas, recently held their traditional Mardi Gras celebration. Each class celebrated with a special lunch, enjoyed an afternoon of music and dancing and selected a homeroom king and queen with special "King Cakes." Members of the Mardi Gras "Royal" court are, from left, first row, Christopher Huntington and Nicole Cavanaugh, sixth-grade; Lindsey Hoover and Christopher Ash, fifth-grade. Second row, Cameron Brennan and Olivia Mennig, seventh-grade; and Maegan Wrubel and Thomas Calpin, eighth-grade.

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three-story dormitory plan includes enough space for 90 undergraduates in addition to the daycare facility.

"It's a very exciting time in our history," said Krzywicki.

Athletic facilities facelift

The new dorm will force the university to relocate the baseball field, but that was part of the master plan developed in 1996.

"This upcoming baseball season will be the last on that field," said Krzywicki.

He said the plan involves three layers of design, with the academic buildings at the center of campus surrounded by dormitory buildings. The third

layer includes the recreation fields, which MacDowell said adds to the beauty and openness of the campus.

Krzywicki said the university's recent announcement of adding a Division III football team to its athletics roster is one of the driving forces behind the need for more student space. MacDowell said studies have shown the acquisition of a football team can bring in between 100 and 110 new students.

Krzywicki said the baseball field will be relocated near Mangelsdorf Field which was built after a 2002 purchase of 24 acres of land adjacent to the campus. There is still unclear land in the area.

In addition, the school will build a fieldhouse to be used by all sports teams, and the soccer field across from the townhouses will receive arti-

ficial turf so that more athletic teams can use the space.

"We just need more athletic facilities, more playing fields, more practice fields," he said. "And with all the activity, the natural grass just won't hold up to it."

The fieldhouse will be located between Mangelsdorf Field and the new baseball field and will feature locker rooms for athletes and public restrooms for spectators. The building will be utilized by students involved in field hockey, football, baseball, men's and women's soccer and men's and women's lacrosse teams.

Working with the community

MacDowell said none of the campus changes would be possible without cooperation from community leaders in Dallas borough and township.

Dallas Township Supervisor Glenn Howell said the university updates the township on its plans, and he said the working partnership they've had with Misericordia University has always been pleasant.

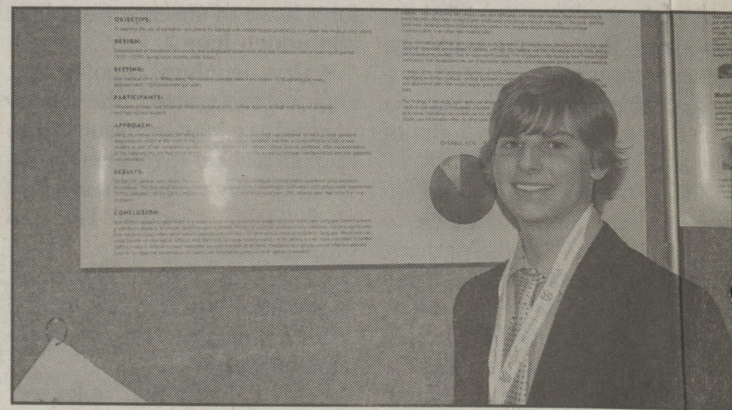
Dallas Borough Mayor Timothy Carroll believes the university has been helpful to the community at large.

"Well, we don't have any empty buildings in Dallas Borough," said Carroll. "The Commonwealth building could have been empty for years."

Carroll added Misericordia University brings people to the downtown area, which could help stimulate local economy and further promote the borough's master downtown plan.

"We're happy to accept the university and turn Dallas Borough into a college town," said Carroll.

RESEARCH PRESENTED



John F. Prater, of Dallas, a sophomore at King's College, presented his research project, "The Use Of Translation Documents With Patients Having Limited English Proficiency: An Urban Free Medical Clinic Experience," at the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians Research Day held on Saturday, March 12 at The Nittany Lion Inn, State College. The project examined the use of translation documents for patients with limited English proficiency in an urban free medical clinic setting.