

Concepts & Thought

Syracuse University Pupils Spend Semester Abroad

AREA - Syracuse University has announced that students from Westfield and Mountainside have been spending the spring 2002 semester overseas in educational programs.

Brett Rosenblatt of Westfield has spent the spring studying in Madrid, Spain, through Syracuse University's Division of International Programs Abroad.

Brett is a junior, majoring in finance at Lehigh University in

Bethlehem, Pa.

Julia Pomann of Westfield, a junior, has spent the spring semester studying in London, England, through the Syracuse program. She is majoring in English at George Washington University.

Amelia Brown of Mountainside is also studying in London. She is a junior, majoring in speech communication at Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Headmaster's List Told At Delbarton School

MORRISTOWN - The following local students at Delbarton School in Morristown have been named to the Headmaster's List for the 2002

Grunberg Inducted Into Pi Sigma Sigma

MOUNTAINSIDE - Jason Grunberg of Mountainside, a senior majoring in policy studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University, was recently inducted into the University's chapter of Pi Sigma Sigma Honor Society.

Service to Education Award Bestowed Upon Peggy Tan

SCOTCH PLAINS - On April 7, Peggy Tan, a longtime Scotch Plains resident, was presented the Service to Education Award by the Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood during a reception hosted by foundation trustees.

Each year, the foundation recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the development of youth, fostered educational excellence, and supported educational opportunities for local students.

Mrs. Tan's list of accomplishments include executive positions in the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) organizations of Shackamaxon Elementary School, Coles Elementary School, and Terrill Middle School, as well as President of the PTA Council.

She holds the distinction of being the

individual who initiated science fairs at Coles School, which later became a district-wide activity.

Mrs. Tan was an active member of the Music Boosters of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, and served as its president in the 1980s. The Tan home welcomed and housed German teachers and students in connection with the AFS program at the high school.

The Tiny Tim Fund Board, the Mother's Center of Central New Jersey, the College Club of Scotch Plains-Fanwood, the Girl Scouts and the Filipino Cultural Organization were fortunate to have Mrs. Tan as an active member and supporter for many years.

Mrs. Tan and her husband, Dr. Sergio Tan, have recently retired and relocated to Florida.



EXCELLENT EDUCATOR...Peggy Tan, right, accepts the Service to Education Award from Sally Hogan, President of the Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood, during a reception held on April 7 at All Saints Church Parish Hall in Scotch Plains.

May Open House Organized At Union County College

CRANFORD - Union County College (UCC) will host an Open House on Saturday, May 11, on its Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Avenue, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in The Commons.

Information will be presented on admissions, financial aid and scholarships, programs of study, student activities, and transfer opportunities to four-year schools.

Tours of the 48-acre campus will also be available, along with information on UCC's other campuses, which are located in Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains.

Light refreshments will be served. UCC is the oldest community college in New Jersey. The facility has served

both career-minded and transfer-oriented students for more than 65 years. More than 75 programs of study are offered in all areas of discipline on four campuses.

For more information, please call the Office of Recruitment at (908) 709-7518. For directions to the college, please visit www.ucc.edu.

Thornton, Ibrahim Named to Dean's List

AREA - Westfield resident Courtney Thornton and Scotch Plains resident Ahmed Ibrahim were named to the Dean's List for the recent semester at Bloomfield College in Bloomfield.



GEARING UP FOR THE GRAND PRIX...Area residents display a rug that is one of the raffle prizes at the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child Grand Prix, to be held during the school's annual Grand Prix Auction/Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 27, at the Mansion on the grounds of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison. The theme of the event is "Taste of Tuscany." For more information, please call (908) 522-8106. Pictured, left to right, are: Patricia Colbert of Westfield, Kathleen Clark of Mountainside, Maureen Foley of Scotch Plains, and Julia Wood-Verdie of Scotch Plains.

Univ. of Scranton Posts Fall Term Dean's List

AREA - The University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa. has named Scotch Plains residents Joanna E. Garibaldi and Katherine E. Tway, and Berkeley Heights resident Kevin T. Riley, to the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Joanna is a junior, majoring in early childhood education, while Katherine is a senior, focusing her studies in communications. Kevin is studying criminal justice. He is a sophomore.

Marist College Tells Dean's List Pupils

SCOTCH PLAINS - Scotch Plains residents Nicole Manciano, Amanda Koscielni, and Andrea Liss have all been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2001 semester at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

A sophomore, Nicole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Manciano. Amanda, a junior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koscielni. Andrea, who is also a junior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Liss.

Keith Shaffer Honored During PRIDE Event

WESTFIELD - Westfield resident Keith Shaffer was recently honored at the Programs Rooted in Developing Excellence (PRIDE) Program for academic excellence in the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y.

The program challenges and supports students with experiences and opportunities that will ensure their success beyond their Syracuse career. The program supports all students in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, with emphasis on women and students of color.

PRIDE honored Keith for his outstanding academic and leadership excellence. He was honored on four levels of Circle of Preeminence, Circle of Excellence, Circle of Honors and Circle of Achievement. All students honored are active members of PRIDE organizations or college student honor societies.

Keith is a junior, majoring in computer engineering.

Third Class in Cheese Tasting Series Slated by Adult School

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Adult School will present the third class of its Cheese Tasting series at the Town and Country Wine and Marketplace on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m.

The class, led by Regina McDuffe, Board of Directors Member of the American Cheese Society, will learn about and taste cheese from some of the prominent cheese-making regions in the world. Students will take a tasting trip through the British Isles, Spain, Austria and Holland.

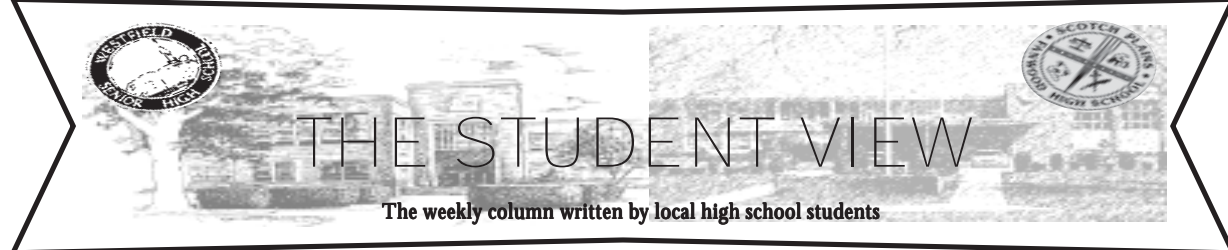
On Monday, April 29, at Westfield High School, four one-session classes will begin.

"Lose Weight or Stop Smoking With Hypnosis" from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. will show students how to gain control over their habits and cravings by the hypnosis. Hypnotist Marc Sky's will be the instructor. Students should bring a pillow or sleeping bag.

At 8:30 p.m., he will teach "Superpower Memory." In this workshop, students will learn the secrets of developing near-photographic memory.

A financial strategies course, "Wills, Trusts and Probate," will also be presented. The lecture will guide students through the process by which assets pass upon death from one person to another. Roch T. Williams will also explain elder law issues and estate planning options.

Students attending "Rambling Rose Heart," a creative arts and crafts course, will create a heart-shaped wreath with lifelike roses, pepperberries and pre-



Women Can 'See Through' the Windows Of Victoria's Secret in Downtown Westfield

By ABBY BRAMNICK
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The controversy over Victoria's Secret window displays has prompted many residents to question their perceptions of what comprises a woman's self-image. Perhaps this issue will raise our consciousness concerning a young woman's self-worth.

The revealing lingerie and provocative photographs displayed in the windows of Victoria's Secret in Westfield have steamed the blood of many town residents. These displays should not impact our self-value.

If residents submit to the fear of

their daughters being morally compromised by sexy garments in window displays, they are only empowering the negative messages that can be implied by these insidious forms of advertisement.

Inevitably, young women will be exposed to media or personal experiences that could possibly degrade their worth. Parents cannot control their children's experiences. Walking past windows depicting racy lingerie should not alter a woman's moral standards.

Mothers should not feel that they have to take a three-block detour to avoid walking past Victoria's Secret

with their adolescent daughters. Instead, encourage them to have an opinion on it, rather than fear it when they pass it by.

Women must have a strong self-image in order to view the world with an open mind and still be able to reject the often inappropriate content on television, in movies and magazines that is unacceptable to them. A woman who is confident of her self-worth is much more attractive than an insecure woman, scantily clad in a leopard print string bikini.

Westfield residents were disturbed by the sign in Victoria's Secret window with the question asking, "What is sexy?" My question for residents is, "What is so bad about being sexy?" Most women of every age want to be alluring every so often, and there is not a problem with that.

Wanting to feel beautiful is a natural part of life. Women should not look at that sign and say, "I'm not sexy, only models that are 6 feet tall and weigh 90 pounds are sexy." Instead, women should answer the question by saying, "The definition of sexy is me. I am a uniquely attractive woman and I am sexy." Now that is power.

Women should not let that sign intimidate them but rather encourage them to claim their individual beauty. Therefore, when a young woman walks by Victoria's Secret windows, they should keep in mind that the secret to true beauty exists within them.

No woman should ever underestimate the power of her worth because of a black lace negligee. In truth, the sign is there to sell lingerie, but we are smarter than they.

Andrew Pumar Receives First Honors at Prep

WESTFIELD - Andrew Pumar of Westfield has earned First Honors at Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange. Andrew is a ninth grader.



HONORED MEDALIST...William Masket, a Westfield High School student, wears a medal of honor, "Prudential Securities' Spirit of Community Award," which was bestowed upon him by Gerard Rabadeau of Prudential Securities in Westfield. The junior raised over \$46,000 through a direct-mail donation campaign and benefit concert for "Cure Autism Now," an organization devoted to the treatment and finding a cure for autism. "This is a national award that we are presenting to Willie. There are over 29,000 applicants and Willie was chosen as a finalist in the state of New Jersey," said Mr. Rabadeau. "His is a very significant accomplishment that recognizes outstanding service to the community." Willie was also congratulated by Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley.

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