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St. John Neumann Stock Market Game participants are, front row, from left, Mrs. Judi Dean, adviser; Ben Caviston; Benjamin Facey; and Frankie James; second row, Logan Henry; Ray Farr; and Mark Odorizzi; and third row, John Wright; Emily Sheleman; and Allyson Kennedy.

Local students place in Stock Market Game

Students at St. John Neumann Regional Academy were recently honored at the Stock Market Game Recognition Luncheon, held at the Central Intermediate Unit in Montandon.

Sponsored regionally by First National Bank and Economics Pennsylvania, students from local counties competed in three divisions from grades 4-12.

Starting with \$100,000, all teams invested their money in the stock market under real world conditions. They paid the price quoted at the time of purchase plus the commission fee for buying and-or selling.

The Stock Market Game of Pennsylvania, a 10-week simulation and statewide competition based on real world investing, ended last month with St. John Neumann Regional Academy's Intermediate Campus taking top honors in their division in the region for the fall event.

In the elementary division, St. John Neumann Regional Academy had nine teams finish in the top 10 in the region.

Advised by Judi Dean, teacher at SJN-RA, her No. 1 team ended the ten week investment period with a total portfolio value of \$110,615.

For the spring event, St. John Neumann had two top 10 finishes. Beiter's Home Center sponsored the St. John Neumann Stock Market Game teams.

An exciting, real-world simulation, the Stock Market Game of Pennsylvania enables participants to discover the risks and rewards involved in financial decision-making, the sources and uses of capital, and the institutional foundations of the American economic system.

Key to the program's success and growth has been the support teachers receive from regional centers for economic education.

These centers provide teacher training workshops and curriculum materials to help teachers create meaningful learning experiences for their students.

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Launching young leaders

Five sophomores attend Second Mile leadership conference

By ALEX ENTZ, SOPHOMORE

Recently, five St. John Neumann sophomores attended the Second Mile Leadership Conference at Penn State University. The students were: Allison Cheatle, Alex Entz, Andrew Hillman, Katie Lisi, and Phillip Trometter.

Our teacher mentors were Denise Southard and Wendy Trenholm. According to its Web site, the Second Mile Leadership Conference is unique in its approach to youth leadership development.

Through formalized training at the annual four-day conference and through year-round supervised support by The Second Mile and a faculty mentor, the energy, talents, and resources of young people are channeled to assume leadership roles in their communities.

Through a curriculum that supports skill-building and community service and provides opportunities for concrete action planning, young people leave the Conference with the potential to work for inter-group harmony within their high schools and to be involved citizens in their communities.

The Second Mile Leadership Conference taught valuable lessons in an enjoyable and effective way to hundreds of sophomore students from the state of Pennsylvania.

We attended various seminars that helped us to develop teamwork skills by participating in a variety of activities that required us to strategize and think outside of the realm in which we are used to.

In addition, we were exposed to meeting and working with students from all over the state to whom we befriended and also learned from. We participated in many presentations and exercises.



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Shown in the photo at left are Neumann's Second Mile Leadership Conference attendees. Front row, from left are Alex Entz, Katie Lisi, Phillip Trometter, Allison Cheatle and Andrew Hillman; back row, from left, are Neumann teachers Mrs. Denise Southard and Mrs. Wendy Trenholm. Above are Katie Lisi, left, and Andrew Hillman.

Then, with the help of our faculty mentors, Mrs. Denise Southard and Mrs. Wendy Trenholm, we used the leadership skills that we gained to create and organize a project that is beneficial to our school community.

The project we chose allows our St. John Neumann elementary students to have a

day of fun activities while working with high school students, who possess a true commitment in mentoring and leading the younger students.

Although the organization process itself is difficult, we do believe that it will be well worth the effort, as we strive to reach out to our younger fellow students.

Neumann Relay for Life Teams raise record amount

By DARREN CRISMAN, JUNIOR

Cancer is a frightening word. We all know people, young and old, who have been or are affected by the disease.

Many of us feel helpless as we try to know how best we can help a loved one or friend who has cancer. Relay for Life offers everyone the opportunity to do something positive to help fight cancer.

Under the direction of our adult adviser, Mrs. Mary Beth Sheleman, 27 St. John Neumann students, grades 7-12, took part in the Youth Relay for Life at Lycoming College's Recreational Center on May 16-17.

I volunteered to be the sponsorship director. My job was to seek donations from area companies to subsidize the Youth Relay event. Through the efforts of my committee, we raised \$1,500.

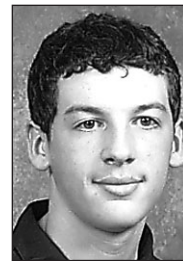
I found the local businesses to be very receptive to helping out with this important cause.

As captain of the Neumann teams, I attended all of the meetings, which started in the fall, and coordinated and assisted with our teams' fundraisers.

Through all of our fundraising efforts, we were able to raise almost \$2,800, the most of any school group in the area. We were awarded a plaque for our efforts.

The best part of the event was seeing over 160 kids come out to support this very worthy cause.

Although we did share in many fun times throughout the overnight event, like basketball, ping pong, and card games, the meaning and purpose of the event was crystal clear at all times: help out those in need and make a difference wherever and whenever you can.



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The St. John Neumann Relay for Life teams pose with the plaque they received from the American Cancer Society for most money raised.

My Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership experience

By BETH RATKE, SOPHOMORE

Fellow sophomore Rachel Bauer and I recently participated in the HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) conference at Millersville University.

According to its Web site, HOBY is designed to motivate and empower individuals to make a positive difference within our global society through understanding and action based on effective and compassionate leadership.

Its mission is to provide lifelong leadership development opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their highest potential.

When we arrived, the HOBY representatives greeted us by jumping up and down, and screaming songs and cheers.

Once we settled in, our first challenge as a group was a game called



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"ice breakers". We soon began introducing ourselves to each other, realizing we were from all over central Pennsylvania.

Our second task was to break up into groups of seven, with an adult as a facilitator.

My facilitator's name was Michael. He taught us so many new things about life. But most importantly, he taught us what to cherish most in life.

The first day went by quickly, as I met so many wonderful new people that would soon be life-long friends.

On Day #2, there was no time for sleeping in, as we were up at 5:00 a.m. and we traveled to the state capitol.

We learned about minority and majority groups, debating laws, and standing up for what is right.

We stood on the state capitol floor and used the electric voting ma-

chines. We also had the opportunity to meet three state representatives. That evening, there was a dance, which allowed us to relax and talk about the day.

The third day was the most exciting for me. We were able to choose where we wanted to go. I chose to go to Lancaster General Hospital because I am interested in medicine. Doctors and nurses took us on a tour of the hospital.

We visited the operating room, emergency room, catheter lab and helicopter pad at Lancaster Gener-



and giving back to others what we had received.

Then, we heard a phone ring, and it was Mr. Hugh O'Brian himself, the founder of HOBY. He told us how proud he was of us.

At the age of 83, he informed us that he never had any children, and considers all HOBY "graduates" to be his kids. It was exciting to hear from him.

As we left, we all realized what a wonderful experience we had. We made new friends and learned so many things about leadership and community.

This HOBY conference was the experience of a lifetime, and the best thing that has ever happened to me. I plan to return next year as a facilitator.

The friends that I made at HOBY have impacted my life in a very positive way.

I learned to never take anything for granted, and to live each day like it was your last.