

## Yanchik parents doubly proud

by Charlot Denmon  
Most parents are proud, and have every right to be, of a son or daughter who achieves success in extra-curricular activities in school and in today's physical-fitness minded society, especially athletics.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yanchik of Chase Manor have a right to be twice as proud. For they have twin sons, Craig and Chris, who participated in and excelled in sports in high school and as freshmen at Luzerne County Community College this year, excelled in baseball.

Mr. and Mrs. Yanchik are natives of the Nanticoke area but moved to their present residence about 23 years ago. Their children, Edwin, the oldest; Craig and Chris; and Brian, seventh grade student, were born and raised in the Back Mountain.

Both boys were members of the Community College baseball team this season, Craig playing first base and Chris alternating at second and third base.

The team, under Coach Al Cihocki, had an outstanding year ending with

an overall record of 13-6. They ended the season tied with Philadelphia Community College for the Eastern Pennsylvania Community College Athletic Conference championship but in a playoff on Saturday lost to the Philadelphia team 7-4 which placed them second.

Craig is pursuing a degree in criminal justice and, after graduation from LCCC, will continue for a baccalaureate degree in that field. Chris is in general studies and although he plans to pursue a baccalaureate degree after finishing from LCCC is not certain in what field.

Of one thing both are certain, they plan to continue in baseball next season at the college.

The twins are identical in appearance and also think identically when it comes to sports. Both became active in football in seventh grade and in eighth grade played basketball.

They were baseball players long before that, joining Little League at the age of eight. Later, they played in the Teeners League.

Chris was injured when the boys were in seventh

grade so they did not go out for basketball until the following year.

Basketball, football and baseball-throughout junior and senior high school, they excelled in all three sports but baseball was and is their first love. From the time they started to play, Craig usually pitched or played first base; Chris played some position in the infield.

In ninth and 10th grade, Craig played first base and pitched at times and in 10th grade was named All-Scholastic. Chris usually played second base or shortstop.

In 11th and 12th grade, Craig was a starting pitcher for the Lake-Lehman varsity team under Coach John Comitz. He alternated games with another varsity pitcher and in the games he was not on the mound, he played first. Chris played shortstop most of the time but on several occasions came in as relief pitcher.

In their senior year, Chris carried a batting average of .533 and Craig averaged about .368.

Both played on the Lake-Lehman freshmen football team, Chris as quarter-

back, and Craig punted and played tight end. In their sophomore year, they made the varsity team and both continued to play the same positions as previously. Craig was named to the All-Scholastic football team when he was in 11th grade and both boys received honorable mention when they were in 10th.

The twins also were selected to the Wyoming Valley Unico West Team in their senior year. They played under Coach Ray Caucci and Coach Rich Gorgone while in senior high school.

Craig and Chris started to play basketball in eighth grade and played for two years as junior high students. Both alternated as guards and forwards.

In senior high school, they played varsity basketball under first, Mike Sharok, Jr., and then Tim Lukachik. As they did in every sport, they excelled in basketball and were spark plugs of the teams.

Did they inherit their athletic ability? Craig and Chris do not think so—they believe it came through hard work, dedication and support from their parents.

"They always went to the games," said Chris, or maybe it was Craig. "Most of the time the entire family was there."

This includes their older brother, who also was an athlete. Edwin played baseball, basketball, football, and in his last years in school went out for track. He is now married and living in the Lake-Lehman District area.

Their younger brother, Brian, is a member of the Teeners baseball team and also played junior high basketball. He also played mini-league football.

Leisure time interests—what else? Hunting and fishing, deer or small game hunting and trout or bass fishing. They enjoy them all.

Presently they are looking for employment for the summer. They have applied in numerous places but continue to look. They have no intentions of waiting until someone calls them. They will keep on looking and "it's not easy" said one of them but don't ask which one. It's too difficult to tell who is who.

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Craig & Chris Yanchik

### Supulski stars on Cornell team

Jeff Supulski, Dallas resident, who played on Cornell University's JV baseball team this year, ended the season with a .370 batting average. Jeff, 1976 graduate of Dallas High School, is a freshman at Cornell. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Supulski, Lower Demunds Road, Dallas.

The JV's won a double header against Cortland State College, 3-2 and 9-5, to wind up this year's season with an overall 17-1 record.

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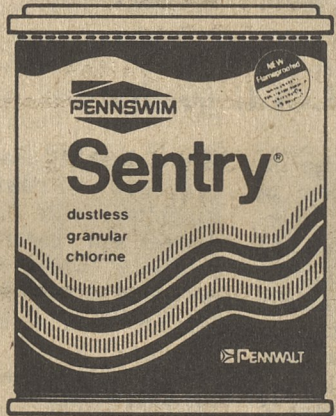
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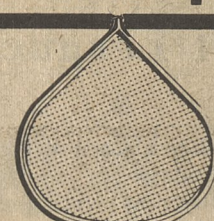
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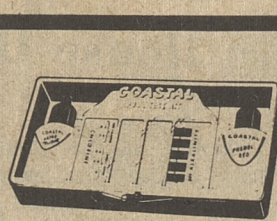
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