

# Chatterbox

## A Farewell to Nicholas

By MaryAnn Kelly  
Associate Editor

Lake-Lehman School District was plummeted into sadness last week with the unexpected demise of high school principal James Nicholas. With his passing, a gaping hole is left in the structure of the school district, which will be difficult to fill.

Having known Jim for a number of years, I believe I can truthfully attest to the fact that he was totally motivated by what was good for the school in his years there.

During his time at Lake-Lehman, he was often in the middle of controversy, but at no time could even his opponents question his motivation. Jim was a vital, active cog in the wheel of progress at

Lake-Lehman and the results of his work there are evident in highly



successful academic and athletic programs.

And, while continuously striving to keep things moving forward, Jim was always the first to point with pride to achievements of students, faculty and others connected with the district.

I fondly remember walking into the high school on many occasions to cover an event or interview someone, only to be joyously side-tracked by Jim Nicholas who had a student honor to acclaim or another trophy which should be mentioned in the paper.

On the other hand, I often needed to question him on less favorable happenings within the structure and, again, I always found him easily accessible and straightforward in his talk. Regardless of whether our conversations were

upbeat or investigatory in nature, Jim always was ready to talk.

I was witness to Jim's way of running the school which I personally admired because of its stricture to discipline while maintaining respect for and communication with the students. Without a doubt, Jim Nicholas was the motivating force behind bringing Lake-Lehman out of the dark ages and into the mainline of competition among area schools. Within the last five years, many of us who live in the district and have dealt with Jim, have found ourselves increasingly proud to be a part of what was happening there. I, for one, will miss working with him. I extend my sympathy to his family and those who were close to him personally. We can only hope that his work will continue as a tribute and honor to his name.

### Only Yesterday

## Association Tackles Rodents

50 Years Ago - May 19, 1933

St. Paul's Lutheran Church celebrated its 8th anniversary. From a charter membership of 29 in 1925, the church had reached a membership of 136 persons. Rev. G. Elston Ruff was pastor.

Shavertown Improvement Association in cooperation with the Farm Bureau and local citizens tackled the problem of rodents in the vicinity of Toby's Creek.

You could get-Tuna fish 2 cans 19c; shrimp 2 cans 15c; bacon 9c lb.; Eight O Clock coffee 19c lb.; sugar 10 lb. 44c; 16 oz. jar fruit preserves 19c.

40 Years Ago - May 21, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fritz, Idetown received word that their 23-year old son John was missing in action over the Southwest Pacific. A technical sergeant and aerial engineer on a United States Bomber, John had been missing since May 7.

Shirley M. Goss, Claude Street, a senior at Dallas Township High School was one of 22 girls from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Washington,

D.C. to receive a scholarship to Drexel Institute of Technology. The two year scholarship was for the School of Business Administration Commercial Teaching.

Engaged-Anne C. Hodgen to Sgt. Robert Pritchard.

Deaths--Mrs. F.G. Mathers, Trucksville.

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30 Years Ago - May 15, 1953

John Miliuskas, Back Mountain musician was first trumpet soloist with the Army Band at Camp Gordon, Ga. He was also leader of Camp Gordon's 42nd annual Creative Writing Contest for College Students. Her research paper was titled "Dramatic Irony in the Life of Bath's Prologue and Tales."

Engaged-Betty L. Shorts to Stephen J. Lesko.

Anniversaries--Mr. and Mrs. Benton Loomis, Tampa, Fla., 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. George Price, Trucksville, 45 years.

Deaths--Margaret Anstett, Harris Hill Rd.; Elisha Harris, former Harris Hill Rd. resident.

You could get-Chuck roast 49c lb.; frying chickens 47c lb.; veal roast 69c lb.; Maxwell House coffee 89c lb.; bananas 2 lb. 25c; bread 2 lb. loaves 27c.

20 Years Ago - May 16, 1963

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A Little Fancy

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The fact is the area has a very active and involved coalition of senior citizens. Imagine more than 700 of them attended the Senior Citizens Olympics held last week at Dallas Misericordia. Charles Adams, director of the Luzerne-Wyoming County Bureau for the Aging figured the turnout was the second largest in the event's seven year history.

Of course, the weather was cooperative for a change. The sun was mostly shining and the breeze cool, a perfect spring day to spend on the lawns and walkways of one of the most beautiful places in the entire valley. And I'm certain the seniors were well aware of this. Aside from competing or just watching the games, many simply enjoyed wandering among the tall old pines and along the meticulously landscaped greenery.

I may be prejudiced, being an alumna of the school, however, I believe springtime at Misericordia is something one must look far and wide to top.

But, back to the Olympics. The seniors competed in bowling, polka dancing, Latin dancing, modern dancing, horseshoes, softball throw, basketball free throw, walking marathon and bicycling. Scores were kept and a top male and female Olympian chosen, as well as high scoring team. Bill Pascoe of the Wilkes-Barre Center took the Top Male Olympian Award and Viola Krachanko, from the Wyoming Center Top Woman Olympian. The Wilkes-Barre Center won team honors with 159 points. In second place was Pittsford with 76 points, followed by Wyoming County with 50 points. Nanticoke Area came in, a mere one point behind Wyoming County with 49 so they deserve a mention as well.

Actually clubs from all over the two counties participated in the event along with several private organizations. The West Side Partial Program was present, along with a Senior Club from O'Karma Terrace in Wilkes-Barre and St. Leo's Senior Club in Plymouth.

Another very successful event was the Library Auction Kickoff Dinner. According to chairman Jerry Fritzges the 37th annual dinner was really a lot of fun. "Four on a Beat," barbershop quartet provided the entertainment and late in the evening auctioned themselves off, raising more than \$200 in the process. Jack Mihalick was the lucky winner, now has the promise of an enjoyable and fun evening of entertainment at a time of his choosing.

A new tradition was started in the annual mini-auction and this is thanks to local artist and library supporter Sue Hand. Most of us are familiar with Sue's work and the wonderful ways she brings out the artistic best in her many students, including many of us and our children. Sue has donated a limited edition of 100 signed and numbered prints of the auction this year. Number 21 was auctioned off and raised more than \$100. The first 20 are being kept back for auctioning in future years and the remaining prints will go on the block this year.

Auction season is now in full-swing, and excitement is beginning to run high. Remember, the Dallas Post is your best way to keep informed about auction happenings.

The AFS wants you again and this one could turn out to be the highlight of your summer. During the July 4 holiday, 38 students from around the world will visit Dallas and need host families. Imagine, the historical possibilities involved in hosting a foreign student during the time when we are at our most patriotic. I think it is a real opportunity to receive some special additional meaning from the experience. The timing just seems so right.

If you are interested in housing a student from Austria, France, Germany, Brazil, Japan, Sweden, Ice-

land, Thailand, Switzerland, Australia, Denmark, or some other country, contact Jackie Sheehan at 675-0675 or Kate Dickson, 639-5514 (evenings). The students have all completed a year of study in Ohio and are doing a bit of sightseeing before returning to their homes.

Good news for 71,040 Pennsylvania students this week. The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency has begun mailing grant notices for the 1983-84 school year. Completion of this process should take about three weeks so don't panic if your buddy has received a grant and you haven't heard a thing.

The first group of awards is worth \$55.3 million, making the average grant \$778. By the time the processing is finished for the upcoming academic year, PHEAA estimates over 100,000 awards worth \$84 million will have been made.

Initially, second semester awards will be somewhat less than first term grants. This is to allow the agency to stay within its appropriation limits. However, as usual, there is the possibility of increased funding, and should this occur, notices will be sent out at a future date.

PHEAA says the high level of unemployment has caused reconsideration of a large number of grant applications and has had its effects on the number and amounts of grants. Reduced income due to unemployment makes the student eligible for increased grant allowances. Very often, refunds to the agency, due to cancelled grants from students who drop out of school have historically helped meet the demands of unemployment. But, such refunds are reported down this year. It appears as if more students in college are trying to make the best of it there-knowing that it is their best shot at making it in the big, wide, competitive, cruel world.

On the brighter side of that coin, however, is news from Bloomsburg State College which notes graduates of the class of 1982 did not find the job market as tough as they had expected. The placement rate for 1982 grads was 80 percent, and this compares very favorably with marks recorded by four previous classes.

Of 1127 grads last year, 891 are meaningfully or professionally employed; 760 are employed in positions which require a college degree, 102 are in graduate school, 29 are in the service and 207 are seeking jobs or are underemployed. No info was available on 15 grads and 14 were unavailable for employment.

Placement rates in the preceding four years were 82.8 percent in 1981; 82.2 percent in 1980; 84.1 percent in 1979 and 80.3 percent in 1978.

A placement rate of 100 percent was noted by students in communication disorders, nursing, dental hygiene, public school nursing and radiologic technology programs. Over 90 percent was reported for medical technology and special education.

Business administration, with the highest number of graduates placed (83.6 percent of a total 431) placed 32 out of 38.

Teacher areas continue to slow, particularly elementary education. Of the total 103 elementary education grads, 32 received in-state positions and nine out-of-state jobs. Seven are continuing their education an eight others meaningfully employed for a total percentage of 56. Early childhood education placed 25 of its 37 graduates for 67.5 percent.

Secondary education had fewer graduates but fared better at 73 percent employment of its total 26.

The Arts and Sciences curriculum was second in number of graduates with 269. Of these, 188 are employed for a 71.1 percent mass communications, a relatively new major has employed 37 of its 47 graduates.

### Speech

## Kubis Speaks to Little League

William Kubis is known to many of us who have any contact with sports in the Back Mountain. He is, far and away, the Dallas athletes' No. 1 Fan. Whether it be varsity football, girls field hockey, or Little League Baseball, Kubis is there cheering on the young athletes and giving them words of encouragement. He is almost an institution in Dallas area sports. Therefore, we are proud to reprint his recent words to local Little Leaguers on the occasion of their Opening Day Ceremonies. Kubis was asked to speak at the ceremony and the thoughts he imparted could easily transfer from athletics to all parts of our lives. Speech follows:

Honored guests, clergy, members of the Back Mountain Little League, Inc., parents, friends and above all, the girls and boys who will partici-

pate in the game of baseball to gain the knowledge for athletics, with the value of good clean sportsmanship.

It is indeed an honor and pleasure to be here for this Special Opening Day because everyone of you out there are champions.

Since my retirement in 1963, I became interested in the Back Mountain Area to inspire youth and encourage the children to further their education to attain positive thinking and build a solid base to have faith with confidence and determination to be the best.

Once you have the determination and share your responsibilities, your heart and body will follow to give you the strength and power with courage to make the proper move at the right time.

This is what it is all about to inspire youth, to stay on top, to

reach your goal and say, "I can do it!"

During your many years together as athletes, you will work to build a foundation to attain a solid base with this knowledge for the value of good sportsmanship.

There's nothing wrong with wanting to be the best.

What you will learn from your coach and manager, apply to your everyday lives, will make you successful. But most important, the respect and friendship you have for each other will last a life time, to build a safer and more peaceful world.

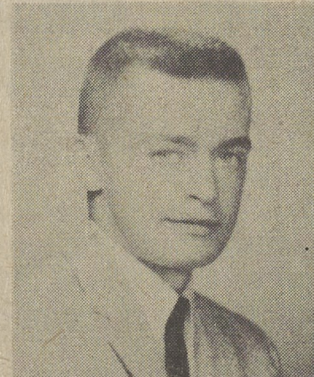
If we believe in ourselves, nothing is impossible. But you must work hard and make sacrifices for what you want. Things may not come easy, so set your goal, have faith with confidence and you will be the

best.

This is a proud moment for me standing here at home plate and having the honor for being your Fan Number 1 and I am delighted to be chosen for this high honor and want to thank each one of you.

## Memory Lane

Memory Lane took us back to 1969 with W. James Pall and Sandra Serhan last week. Did you recognize them? Can you figure out the young faces in this week's photos?



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## Teens Speak on Adult Drinking

BY LEN LOJEWSKI

Youngsters basically watch the adults (role models) around them. What kinds of message do we give them, especially when we attend social functions? "When the adults go to such functions as weddings, graduations, and various other social get-togethers, how do they react or behave or use alcohol (drinking)?"

Here are some very candid, one or two sentence answers given by a group of 13 and 14 year olds. Among the 13-year olds, many said that, "Adults go to these parties to

drink." "You have to get happy to have a good time." Another said, "you have to loosen up and that's why they drink so much." The translation to the youngster is "Drink it's all a part of the party."

The message that comes down is one of confusion. "They (adults) tell us not to drink, but then they turn around and drink more than they can handle." One youngster asked, "If they get so drunk that they don't even remember how they got home, how do they know that they had a good time?"

Several of the 14-year olds said that drinking is OK but the ones

who overdo it give the kids the wrong impressions. As one boy said, "It can't be all that bad or else how could they advertise it so much?"

Try this little quiz. There are numerous beer commercials on TV. How many pro athletes can you name and in what commercial? How about "What are weekends made for...?" "If you've got the time" (finish the jingle). I'll bet you can recognize all of these. Now answer this one. There is a commercial on TV where an NFL player talks about not taking drugs. Can you name him and remember the commercial?

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## Homecoming Entry Form

Harveys Lake Homecoming Festival  
Official Entry Form

June 18  
9-11 a.m.  
Bicycle Tour--(Warden Place Association) see Harveys Lake by bike. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be served.  
2 p.m.  
Tube Race--(Festival Committee) Location, Sandy Bottom, Division 1, ages 10-15; Division 2 age 16-adult. Must be proficient swimmer. Life jackets are required, and must supply rubber tube. Trophies awarded.  
8:30 p.m.  
Little Miss Harveys Lake Contest--Contact Dallas Post for information. Crowning held at Harveys Lake Pub.  
June 19  
8 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Amateur Fishing Contest--(Bassmasters). Awards at 3 p.m. Fish Commission Access Area at Sandy Beach.  
1 p.m.  
Vehicular Parade--(D.C. Roberts Fire Co.) Location, Lake Noxer School, Sandy Beach, lineup at 12:30 a.m. Trophies will be presented at Hansons Park at 3 p.m.  
1 p.m.  
Water Parade.  
9 p.m.  
Sailboat-Powerboat Parade. Lighted boathouses.  
Pre registration for Bicycle Tour and Tube Race one hour before event time.

DETACH AND LEAVE LOWER PORTION AT PLACE OF REGISTRATION:

In signing this application, I hereby waive and release all other contestants, the Host, Sponsors and Homecoming Officials from all claims or injury and or damage incurred in connection with this festival. I further understand and certify that I am physically fit to participate in the events. Participants under the age of 18 must have parents signature.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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