

# Dallas cheerleaders take fifth at Regionals

The Dallas High School cheerleading squad finished fifth out of 26 at the Eastern Regional Cheerleading Championships held this past Saturday at Penn State University and advisor Sheila Bonawitz says she is "thrilled."

Mrs. Bonawitz, in her first year as advisor to the Mountaineer cheerleaders, reported this is the first time the Dallas girls competed in such a championship and did rather well in their debut, coming away with a ribbon for superior performance. The local girls competed against 25 other cheerleading squads including some from as far away as Kentucky.

Up to 100 cheerleading squads with 16 cheerleaders per squad were allowed to compete for the Eastern Regional title Saturday at Penn State with 14 regional cheerleading competitions

taking place around the country from October 6 through December 9.

The girls were required to perform a three-minute routine which included gymnastics, dancing and cheering. The judges' scores are based on three categories - gymnastics, dancing and cheering. There are also three levels of competition that were judged - varsity, junior varsity and junior high. The judges represented former collegiate cheerleaders and cheerleading coaches.

Winners of the regional championships will compete in the National High School cheerleading championship scheduled for March 2 and 3 at Sea World in Orlando, Florida.

Mrs. Bonawitz reported the Dallas girls still have a slight chance at being invited to compete

in the national championships as at-large bids will be issued to certain squads for that event.

Mrs. Bonawitz, whose daughter Kerri is a co-captain of this year's Dallas squad, explained that now the Mountaineer cheerleaders know what to expect at such a competition and will continue to compete in coming years. The advisor also reported she plans to remain in that position following her daughter's graduation in June, 1985.

Members of this year's Dallas varsity cheerleading squad include Cherie Davis, Peggy Kasmak, Erin Cleary, Ann Marie Dana, Kathy Farrell, Lori Timek, Kerri Bonawitz, co-captain; Sharon Dougherty, co-captain; Debbie Kozick, Karen Wells, Eileen Nagy, Linda King and Angie Martin.



FRANKLIN COSLETT  
Incumbent



ROBERT DIPIETRO  
Challenger

## Election

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He has been a member of the Wyoming Borough Council for five years, serving as council chairman for two of those years. DiPietro was a Republican until February of this year when he changed his registration to Democrat because of a difference in philosophy with that of the Republican Party.

He considers himself a conservative with liberal undertones and is upset with the present Harrisburg administration program and feels Luzerne County is being ignored.

If elected to the House, DiPietro will sponsor legislation to elect a Public Utilities Commission instead of their positions being appointed. He will also sponsor legislation to create a Citizens Public Utilities Board which should sit in on all rate increase studies. He would also work toward the \$190,000,000 bond issue money being used annually in areas where there was nine percent or more unemployment. Luzerne County would benefit under these terms.

DiPietro maintains he will also sponsor legislation to give tax incentives to those employers who hire workers 50 years of age or over. He said a majority of the unemployed in this area are 50 years of age or over.

Back Mountain Democratic Chairman Mrs. Barbara Pitcavage is a native of the Back Mountain. The former Barbara Youngblood, she is a graduate of Dallas High School and is a former employee of The Dallas Post.

Always a registered Democrat, Barbara was a committee woman for 12 years prior to being elected Back Mountain chairwoman in 1982. Barbara recently was elected secretary of the District which includes Kingston Township, Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, part of Lake and Lehman Townships, Franklin Township, most of the West Side, except Swoyersville.

Barbara said that, in the Back Mountain, Republican registrations outnumber Democrat registrations approximately 2 to 1 but that each year the number of Democrat registrations increase.

In her opinion, more of the senior citizens will support Mondale because they have been around long enough to know that President Reagan will not help the Social Security program. She also has very little confidence in polls because she believes one can do anything with figures. She believes the young people realize that following graduation from college, there will be no jobs for them if there is a Republican administration.

"The Democrats have always supported the blue collar workers," said Barbara.

She believes the local election is about the same and that the candidates running want to bring jobs to the area. Barbara said she feels DiPietro has a rough road ahead, but he is young enough to give 100 percent.

Thomas Reese of Dallas, the local Republican committee chairperson, was born and raised in Dallas and graduated from

Dallas High School and Wilkes College. With the exception of three years he spent with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific, Reese was affiliated with his father, Thomas, who owned Glenview Coal Company until it was closed.

Although the only political office he has held is that of Dallas Borough Tax Collector, an office he first ran for 20 years ago following the late Art Dungey's retirement, Reese has always been involved in the political world through helping campaign for his friends.

Reese became more deeply involved when his wife, the former Martha Hadsall, was Jury Commissioner and presently Dallas Borough Committee Woman. Martha is also recording secretary for the county organization.

Reese is now District Chairman of the 5th District of Luzerne County for the Republican Party. He is an ardent Reagan and Coslett supporter. He believes President Reagan has done a good job during his term of office.

According to Reese, he believes Reagan has guaranteed Social Security will be available, he is advocating a stronger defense program, cut taxes and would have had a strong program if he had full cooperation.

Reese also said that Rep. Coslett has done a good job while in office helping senior citizens with lottery money; working for the PACE program; working for the continuance of the Cross Valley Expressway; increased grants for schools; donating his increase in salary to four libraries in his district-Back Mountain, Wyoming, West Pottsville and Hoyt Library; helping obtain funding for volunteer fire companies; co-sponsoring the Agent Orange Bill for Veterans and voting to reduce personal and corporate taxes.

If re-elected, Coslett's goal is to continue helping the people of his district.

In the 11th Congressional District covering all of Luzerne County, Montour, Columbia and Sullivan Counties and parts of Carbon, Monroe and Northumberland Counties Democratic candidate Paul E. Kanjorski had approximately 20 percent more support than Republican candidate Robert P. Hudock several weeks before the election, according to various media reports.

Kanjorski is a 47-year old attorney, who resides in Nanticoke. He defeated incumbent Congressman Frank Harrison in the general election. Hudock is a 46-year old attorney who is a native of Hazleton and has lived in Virginia.

Employment, senior citizen problems, taxes and toxic wastes are among the campaign issues both candidates have been speaking out about.

In the 119th District, which includes areas surrounding the Back Mountain, incumbent Stanley Jarolin is the Democratic candidate and John J. Cicero is the Republican candidate.

## Penn State building will be dedicated

An open house and a visit by Pennsylvania State University president Bryce Jordan will highlight activities scheduled at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus at Lehman when its new Commons Annex is dedicated on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The community is invited to visit the campus from 3 to 5:30 p.m. when tours, academic demonstrations and a slide show will be conducted and dedication ceremonies will be held.

The facility has already been enjoyed by one community group. The Junior League of Wilkes-Barre recently held a family picnic on campus, using the facility's lounges for a gathering place and its giant television screen and video games for entertainment. Other groups are welcome to inquire about future use of the building, which will complement the recently refurbished Community Room of the Hayfield House.

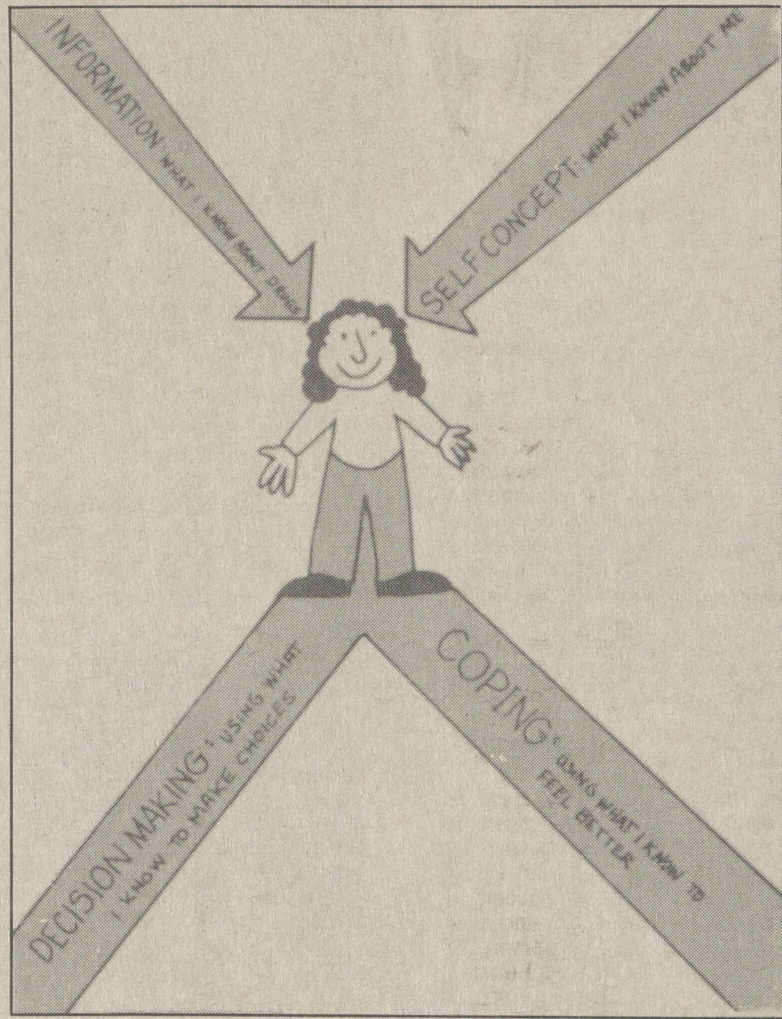
The new Commons Annex, a 6400 square foot addition to the building

which was once a 19 car garage on the estate of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Conyngham 2nd and which has housed the campus cafeteria in recent years, is primarily a student center.

It houses student lounges and activity areas, student organization offices, and the largest bookstore on any Penn State commonwealth campus, specially designed by the same firm which designed the bookstore at University Park. The Annex now offers students a comfortable center to socialize, relax and exchange ideas and has provided what one campus publication calls "a new sense of home."

Groundbreaking for the building was held in October, 1983, and the building became operational when classes resumed for the fall semester, September 1984.

Information on planned activities and opportunities for community participation is available from the campus university relations office.



### Four-part program

The "Here's Looking at You, Two" curriculum, which is broken down into the four parts shown here, has proven to be a successful drug and alcohol program currently being taught throughout the Dallas School District.

## Drug

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When it became a national curriculum, the program, actually a sequel to the original idea, became known as "Here's Looking at You, Two", thus the reason for the "Two" as opposed to a Roman numeral 2.

Jones explains the program is divided into four segments for teaching purposes:

1. Information - What do I know about drugs?
2. Self concept - What do I know about me?
3. Decision making - Using what I know to make choices.
4. Coping - Using what I know to feel better.

Jones feels the 1980's approach to drug education is far more effective than prohibition, which didn't work at all, and scare tactics which, at one point, actually became humorous. She feels students can relate to the ideas set forth in the "Here's Looking at You, Two" program.

Jones, who works very closely with both PAK and the newly-formed Dallas Junior High Home-School Association, claims the drug problem within the Dallas School District is no worse than it is in any other school district, but neither is it any better than in any other school district.

The health teacher feels children "raid liquor cabinets" for a variety of reasons, but feels one of the most serious reasons is the "weakened family unit" explaining that with a

higher divorce rate these days, there are more broken homes and children are now required to spend a lot more time on their own than ever before.

"The extended family unit is gone," Jones explained. "There isn't always an Aunt Louise or an Uncle Andy to look after the kids and even Grandma and Grandpa can't always be there. Thus, there is a lack of supervision, which the children relate as a lack of caring. There is no viable role model there anymore."

Jones feels students need to have more alternatives to drugs and alcohol, such as skiing, whitewater rafting, etc. She feels the need for alternatives is even greater during the summer months when the students are not in school.

"They need to have natural highs," she said. For this reason, Jones has prepared to propose the idea of the formation of a club to her students - a club that would be geared toward finding alternatives to drugs and alcohol.

"There are no guarantees," Jones said of school-age children. "No matter what you've done, you never know what they're going to do."

But, in the meantime, the institution of the "Here's Looking at You, Two" program, the help of Parents and Kids and the Home-School Association, the concern of parents and the dedication of health teachers like Robyn Jones make the problem just a little easier to cope with.

- A quarterly newsletter which is mailed to parents, listing both association news and school news.

- A parent-teacher conference which will be held during American Education Week (November 15) for the first time at the junior high school.

- The institution of a volunteer program for students at the Meadows Nursing Home in Dallas.

- An established time of between 10 and 11 a.m. on the first Monday of each month for any person to meet with Leon Trager, assistant principal, regarding any questions or problems concerning the junior high.

Mrs. Wagner encourages Dallas Junior High School students and their parents to attend the November 6 meeting.

High School, and Jack Wega, a teacher at the junior high school, the Home-School Association was born.

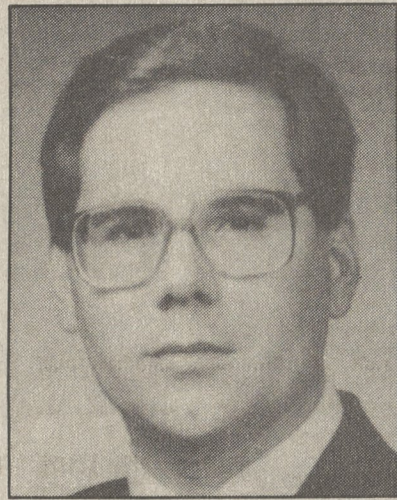
Wagner reported that some of the early accomplishments of the young group include:

## Covert passes exam

Kevin M. Covert of Dallas, has been notified that he recently passed an examination given by The American Board of Opticianry and is now a Certified Optician registered with The American Board of Opticianry. He is also a Fellow of the National Academy of Opticianry.

Covert is a graduate of Dallas Area High School. He has been in his current profession for the last 10 years. During the past five years he has operated his own business on East Overbrook Road in Shavertown.

Covert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Covert of Shavertown. He resides in Dallas with his wife, the former Mary Kay Yuhas, and their son, Kevin Jr.



KEVIN M. COVERT

## Births

The following Back Mountain couples have announced births recently:

A daughter to ELIZABETH AND EDWARD BESSMER, 66 Park St., Dallas on October 23 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

A son to RHONDA AND RONALD KOSLOSKY, 841 Jackson St., Shavertown, on October 24 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

A son to EVELYN AND KEN-

NETH WEAVER, RD 1, Box 131-B, Sweet Valley, on October 23 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

A son to MARY AND JOSEPH YENASON, 315 Old Carverton Road, Trucksville, on October 24, in NPW Medical Center, Plains Township.

A daughter to BETTY GIVEN AND SCOTT STONIER, RD 1, Box 279, Sweet Valley on October 23 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

## HSA

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High School, will explain the "Here's Looking at You, Two" program, a course of study in drug and alcohol abuse adopted by the junior high school, to parents attending the meeting.

Jones has also arranged for a counselor and a recovering alcoholic from Clearbrook Lodge in Shickshinny to address the group while Tom Cesarini, director of the Luzerne-Wyoming County Drug and Alcohol Program, will present a

film entitled "Sons and Daughters, Drugs and Booze." Cesarini will also display some drug paraphernalia his office has confiscated right here in the Back Mountain.

Mrs. Wagner explained that the idea of a Home-School Association came after some parents expressed interest for such an organization and following a study conducted by a steering committee. With encouragement from Leon Trager, assistant principal at the Dallas Junior

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## PSU plans discussion

Franz Kafka's "The Trial" will be the subject of discussion when Great Books at Hayfield, a Penn State Wilkes-Barre organization which is open to the public, inaugurates its annual series of discussions on major works of literature. Area residents are invited to attend the session on Friday, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 212 of the Lehman campus' Hayfield House.

The Penn State Film Society will be presenting the film version of The Trial on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. and on Friday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m.

A total of eight discussions have been scheduled from fall through

spring, with the next session to be on Thomas Mann's Death in Venice, on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in Hayfield House, room 309. Many of the books are the subject of films in the campus film series.

The film version of Death in Venice will be presented by the Film Society on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. and on Friday, Dec. 7 at 11 a.m.

Details on membership in Great Books are available from Dr. Frederick Stefon, assistant professor of history; details on membership in the Film Society are available from Dr. Robert Merrill, assistant professor of English.

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