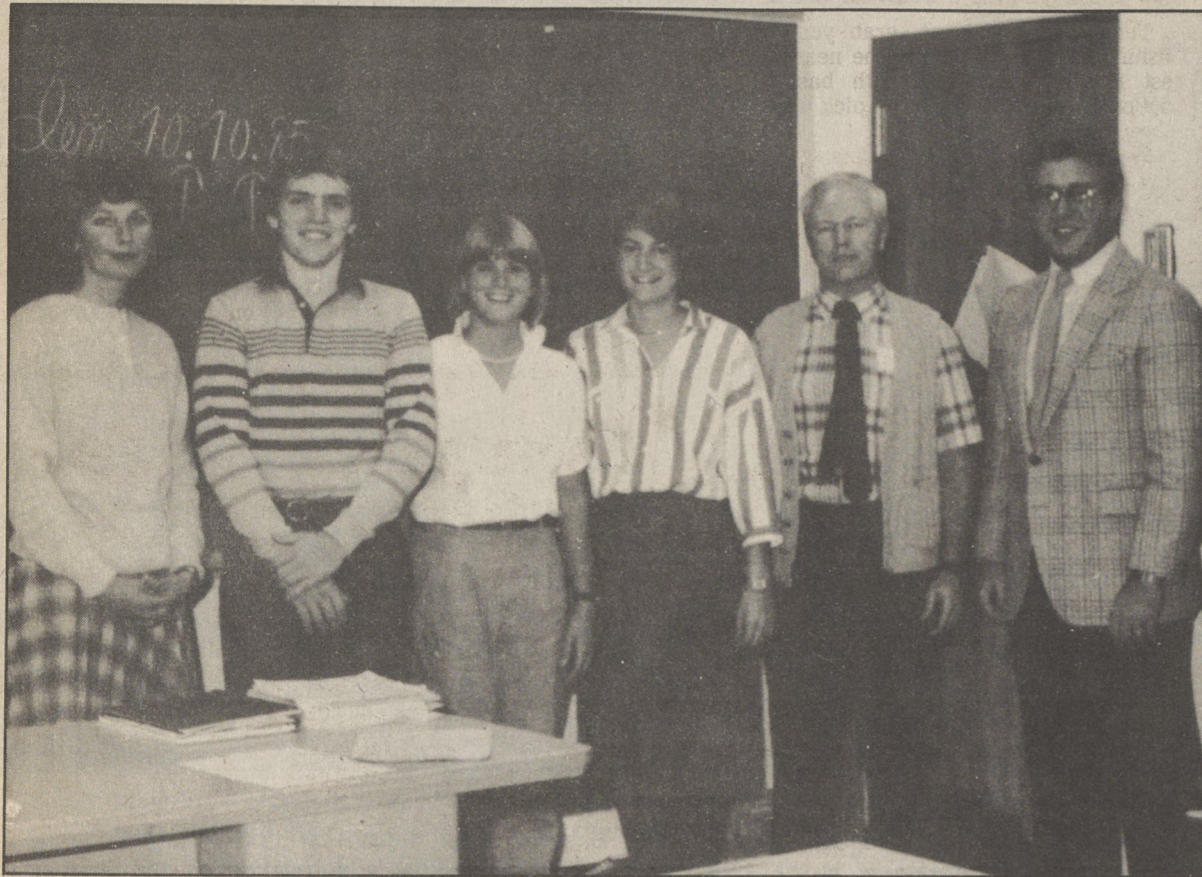




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Planning program

Shown here planning the Big Brother/Big Sister Program at Dallas High School are, from left, Paula Valunas, Chris Kelly, Cris Spellman, Tracy Richardson, Lew Isaac, Dallas faculty; and Frank Galicki, Dallas Senior High School assistant principal. These three students were among the 200 students from Mr. Isaac's classes and classes of the other social studies instructors, who participated in the initial orientation.

Dallas students embark on project

The Dallas Senior High School has joined other local school districts in an innovative volunteer project sponsored jointly by the district and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Luzerne County.

"The high school program will enable students to offer their knowledge and skills to help youngsters who need special companionship," said Ron Evans, Big Brother-Big Sister program coordinator. "We believe that it holds great promise for developing the idea of youth volunteerism and community service."

The unique program is designed to recruit, screen, and train juniors and seniors to become Big Brothers and Big Sisters to children who may benefit from the positive influence of this one-on-one relationship. The student volunteer, with regular supervision by the High School Program Caseworker, will spend three hours a week for at least one school year. The student and the youngsters time together may include activities such as sports, athletics, hobbies, movies, school work, outings, or simply enjoying each other's company by talking and listening.

"Response to the idea has been extremely enthusiastic. Students, faculty, administrators, and counselors within the school have offered great support," said Miss Valunas, high school caseworker for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. "At Dallas, I have spoken to nearly

200 students, and their interest in helping younger kids is very sincere."

Once accepted into the program, each volunteer is matched to a child, based on shared interests, personality, age, and home location. The agency continues ongoing support for the volunteer, the child and parent(s). The county agency also sponsors optional group activities.

Evans, program coordinator, feels that the project addresses a significant need in the community. "Many of the kids we reach come from diverse backgrounds - single parents, as well as intact families. But all usually benefit from the valuable support a trained volunteer provides."

The high school program, sponsored by ACTION, the National Volunteer Agency, is the 13th in the nation. The Luzerne County agency hopes to recruit and train at least 100 student volunteers before the end of the current school year.

The Dallas program is being coordinated by Mrs. Joan Makowski, Home-School Visitor. Big Brothers-Big Sisters is part of The Bridge Youth Services Center, a component of Catholic Social Services.

Interested volunteers may contact Mrs. Makowski at the Dallas Schools 675-5201, or Miss Paula Valunas at The Bridge 824-5766 or 824-8756.

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GWEN LARSON is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Larson of Shavertown. Gwen is involved in Girl Scouts and the play crews. She has been employed at Pizza Perfect and Treat. Her future plans include attending college to major in dentistry.

JOHN OCHMAN is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ochman of Shavertown. He is a member of the lighting and costume crews for the plays. John works at Tom Ochman's Coins and Jewelry. He plans on majoring in computer science, hopefully at the University of Scranton, to become a system analyst.

CHERYL BELL is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bell. Cheryl likes to write, dance, and swim in her free time. While being treasurer of the Key Club, Cheryl is also on the Yearbook staff. She was awarded second place in the Wyoming Valley Poetry Society Contest. Her future plans include attending Penn State to major in advertising.

DONNA ROMAN is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Roman of Dallas. She is interested in horseback riding, listening to music, and reading. Donna is on the school newspaper staff. Donna plans on going to college to possibly major in art, communications, or English.

MARK HINES is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hines of Philadelphia. Mark is involved in National Honor Society, Steering Committee, Yearbook and tennis. Mark spent many, many hours on the fall play set last week, while allowing time to drink five milks for lunch. He enjoys running in his leisure time. His future plans include studying

medicine possible at Penn State, Notre Dame, Lehigh, Villanova or Colgate.

PETER MORCOS is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Morcos of Dallas. He is involved in Senior Steering Committee, Student Council, Yearbook and the plays. Peter is currently the treasurer of the National Honor Society at Dallas. He was one of the select few to attend the Governor's School of Science this summer. Pete was also recently selected as a National Merit semi-finalist. Pete reads,

sleeps and eats in his leisure time. He shockingly commented that he watches no TV since Monty Python and Benny Hill were taken off the air. His future plans include becoming rich, famous and rich, while majoring in possibly computer science, physics, or mathematics at MIT or Princeton.

CONGRATULATIONS to all involved in last weekend's fall play, The Curious Savage. The comedy was a super success and was enjoyed by all.

Apply now for aid

Students who need to supplement their state and federal financial aid packages for 1985-86 school year were urged today to apply for private foundation and corporate funding. According to Steve Danz, Director of The Scholarship Bank, there are numerous private aid sources available this year. Funds for private education are available from private foundations, major corporations, trade, union and civic groups. With over 500 million in aid, the following are just a sample of programs available:

Teaching: Offering up to \$3,500 per year, the Danforth Foundation gives awards to students interested in teaching as a profession. 3,000 annual awards, 25 percent to minorities.

Exception Student Fellowships: Awarded by a major life insurance company to students in business, law, computer programming, accounting and related fields. Summer internship required with

all expenses paid. Anthropology, biology, conservation and marine science: Field Research Project grants up to \$600 per year.

Journalism, broadcasting and related fields: The Poynter Fund awards annual scholarships to \$2,000. Must have a career interest in one of these fields.

Center for Political Studies: Internships in political science, law, public relations, business, history and education.

White House Fellowships: Highly competitive graduate level fellowships to work as an intern at The White House. 14-20 yearly openings.

According to the director, many private aid sources do not require a showing of financial need but are dependent on the student demonstrating a career interest in a certain field, or a willingness to intern or enter a competition. Low and no-interest loans are also available.

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