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Giant project

Dallas High School students Gerelyn Williams, Jill Hockenberry

and Holly Krainz show the blue and white quilt made by the students in Life Class taught by Mrs. Nancy Goeringer.

A slice of real life

DSHS students start business

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff correspondent

Twenty-one students in the Life class at Dallas Senior High School have formed their own business, "Quilts-R-Us", under the direction of their instructor, Nancy Goeringer. The students, sophomores all but two are juniors, number approximately 50 percent girls and 50 percent boys.

At the beginning of the second semester, under the supervision of Mrs. Goeringer, the students discussed various ideas for a project or projects that would help prepare them for "life" after high school. Finally, they decided to form a company and the idea to design and make a quilt which the students would either sell or chance off was approved by all.

The students became involved immediately in naming officers, assigning responsibilities, and looking for financing.

Once they had decided to design, make a quilt and chance it off, they discussed the kind of quilt and the final result was an "All School" quilt, done in the colors of the

school—Columbia blue and white.

A board of directors, Brenda King, Edward Reilly and Mrs. Goeringer, was appointed. The first step taken by them was the appointment of a general manager, Kim Yakowski.

Those interested in applying for positions with the newly-formed company were told to submit resumes to the manager. After careful evaluation through person-to-person interviews, Paul Gritman was hired as accountant; Patrick Russin and Jessical Fritsky as design specialists; Gerelyn Williams, buyer; Janet Karrott, cutting supervisor; Kim Yakowski, construction supervisor; Ed Reilly, sales manager; John Boos, space coordinator and Jerry Phares, supply supervisor. The other students were hired to work as general employees.

"I wanted the students to take on a project that would be a learning experience, something that would teach them that what appears to be the smallest job if not done well will create difficulty all along the line," said Mrs. Goeringer. "I wanted them to develop responsibility and pride in their work and the import-

ance of their role in the company. I also wanted them to realize that they had the ability and skill to take an idea and effectively develop a management plan, to achieve their goal."

When one sees the nearly-finished blue and white quilt with the Dallas High School monogram in the center, it leaves little doubt that the students achieved the goals set by their instructor. To see the students at work kindles the utmost faith on one's part in the youth of today.

A lot of work went into the organization of the company before the actual work on the quilt got underway.

First, accountant Paul Gritman negotiated a large enough loan to finance the new company, filling out the necessary applications. He also broke down total costs and came up with a figure of 25 cents for each chance sold as well as the fact that at least 13 chances would have to be sold by each student in order to break even. All chances sold over that number would be profit for the company.

Contracts, including bonus incentives written into the agreements, were negotiated between the

employees and the board of directors. It was the manager's responsibility to evaluate employees workmanship and absenteeism and take proper disciplinary action. The advertising manager was responsible for all publicity and bulletins pertaining to the sale of the chances on the quilt.

Quality control manager Nick Long was responsible for rejecting inappropriate work and keeping records of attitudes on the job. Buyer Gerelyn Williams delegated some of her responsibility to assistants to help her in the buying of supplies for the quilt and supply manager Jerry Phares was designated to make certain there were always sufficient supplies in inventory for use by the workers. Cutting supervisor Janet Karrott, Sandy Luke and Heather Hayes did a fantastic job of cutting out all of the small pieces needed to put together in making the quilt, and Jessica Fritsky did an outstanding job scaling the design to the size needed for the quilt, as well as developing a plan to piece the quilt together.

Maintenance supervisor John

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College Misericordia raises nearly \$80,000

College Misericordia's "Funds for a Better Future" campaign in its first week reached over 24 percent of its \$325,000 goal, or \$79,774.

The announcement was made by Attorney Murray Ufberg, general campaign chairman of the 1986 annual fund raising campaign, at a report meeting held Feb. 5 at the Sheraton Crossgates. Ufberg, a partner in the law firm of Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald in Wilkes-Barre, said that the monies raised through the annual fund drive support student financial aid pro-

grams.

Co-chairmen Glenn Forney, president of the United Penn Bank, indicated that the current campaign total was achieved through the efforts of five vice chairpersons, their captains and solicitors. The vice chairpersons are Theresa Brennan, Scott Burnside, vice president of revenue and sales at Commonwealth Telephone Co.; Rusty Flack, president of Diamond Consolidated Industries Inc.; Joe Killeen, vice president of United Penn Bank; and Robert Patton, senior

vice president, Merchants Bank North.

Mary Beth Garey Brady, chairperson of the alumni giving phase of the campaign, reported that \$17,774 has been pledged by College Misericordia alumni. She said that the amount represents a significant early response to the direct mailing program. The alumni phonathon will take place in early February.

The next progress report will be held on Feb. 5, 12:15 p.m., at the Sheraton Crossgates.

Lemmond to run for 4-year seat

BY JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

State Sen. Charles D. Lemmond Jr., vowing to continue his efforts to strengthen the economy of the state, formally announced his candidacy for the 20th Senatorial District State Senate position last week in Kingston.

The announcement was a follow-through of a promise he made last November when he defeated Democratic nominee, Joseph Bilbow, for the right to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Frank O'Connell of Kingston who retired. He said back then that he would again seek the Republican nomination for the May 20 Primary and run again for a full four-year term.

Standing in front of the Kingston Municipal Building last Thursday, Lemmond made his announcement in front of approximately 50 supporters and political backers, including Reps. George Hasay and Frank Coslett, commissioner Jim Phillips and Luzerne County Republican Chairman Ted Warkomski.

Lemmond said that he agreed with Lt. Governor, Bill Scranton, 111, who officially announced his candidacy for Governor of Pennsylvania two weeks ago, that the economy of the state is the biggest problem we are facing right now.

"Our biggest challenge today is continuing our efforts to strengthen the state's economy," Lemmond stated. "In the next four years I look forward to the many worthwhile opportunities to assist not only elected officials but also, business, industry, educational institutions and the agricultural community."

The 56-year old Dallas resident, who has also served as Orphans Court Judge in Luzerne County, said he has been working with elected

officials in efforts to attract new businesses and to encourage growth and the expansion of existing businesses.

"I am proud to be your senator and I want you to be proud of me," Lemmond said.

Lemmond also touched on the issues of the struggling apparel industry in Northeastern Pennsylvania and the financial cutback problems threatening education.

"Education is a vital part of our continued growth," he stated. "It is imperative that we provide adequate funding for quality education. I will assist in the efforts to secure additional funds for local school districts and to ease the burden of local tax payers, and continue to push for excellence in education."

In his ongoing efforts to relieve the districts high unemployment rate, Lemmond said he was a prime sponsor to extend the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps program for another year, a program designed to provide jobs for disadvantaged youths. In addition, he voted in favor of continued funding for the job training program which tailors training to meet needs of employers.

Lemmond is expected to be opposed in his bid for a second term by Pocono Resort owner Charles Kirkwood and possibly by former U.S. Representative, James Nelligan.

Kirkwood has not made any official announcement as of yet although he is expected to shortly. Nelligan, who now serves as assistant treasurer for the state Department of Revenue, has also made no public declaration.

The 20th Senatorial District extends from Luzerne County to outlying areas of Wyoming, Susquehanna, Wayne, Pike and Monroe counties.



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In the running

State Sen. Charles Lemmond, R-Dallas, announces his candidacy for a full term last week.

Lehman supervisors file claim for unreimbursed fire damages

By KATHY SUDA

A lawsuit filed by the Lehman Township Supervisors against the company which manufactured the defective propane gas stove involved in the 1984 burning of the former municipal building was discussed at the Lehman Township Supervisors regular monthly meeting Monday.

Township Solicitor Joseph Van Jura told supervisors that a claim has been filed with Missouri Insurance Guarantee Corp., a security firm for the Ideal Mutual Insur-

ance Company which was named as the insurance firm for the Locke Stove Company. The claim filed is for \$55,000 in unreimbursed losses reflecting the difference between insurance monies received and the cost of the construction of the new municipal building.

Van Jura said the claim releases Locke Stove as an entity in the suit and that the Missouri Insurance Guarantee Corp. is in a better position to satisfy the terms of the suit. Van Jura also said that Pargas will also be joined in as a defendant in the case

because Pargas serviced the stove for several years.

In other business, James Cook Jr. and Glen Johnson proposed that Lehman Township farm landowners participate in the Agricultural Area Security Act. The act will protect Lehman Township farm landowners from having developments built near farms and obstructing farming. The security areas will be a minimum of 500 acres of nonadjacent farmland set aside from development in an open agreement allowing the farmer to sell part of his

acreage at any time as long as it is within the required zoning restrictions.

Johnson cited an example in Lancaster in which farming was required to begin at a late morning hour so as not to disturb an adjacent housing development. The act would insure Lehman Township farmers from experiencing similar problems. The board resolved to publicly advertise the proposal and a public hearing will be held within 60 days on it.

In new business, the board passed a motion that the township be reimbursed for

past expenses for the Oak Hill Sewage Project and future expenses be directed to the municipal authority. The board also approved two sites for pumping stations under the recommendation of the Luzerne County Planning Commission. Construction will begin in April, expected to last for one year, and within six months following, all Oak Hill residents will be connected to the line.

The board also passed a resolution to join Kingston Township, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough in a cooperative purchasing program.

School board considers closing Dallas Elementary this year

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

The Dallas School Board said Monday night they may close the Dallas Township Elementary School for good following the current school year.

The possibility was discussed

during the information session of the Board's monthly meeting but said a final decision would not be made until sometime in March. In the meantime, officials said they would discuss other options with parents and various other groups before final steps are taken.

Under the proposed plan sixth grade students now in the Interme-

diolate school would be shifted to the Junior High building where seventh and eighth classes are now located. Students from the kindergarten and grades one through five would then be housed in the Westmoreland Elementary and Intermediate schools.

Preliminary studies show that the Jr. High currently has seven rooms not being utilized and that the move

would not be a problem.

The main stumbling block, however, seems to be over the merger of sixth and ninth grade students in the same building.

Gerlad Wycallis, superintendent of the board, said contact would be minimal although they are still in the process of gathering more input. Wycallis said the sixth grade class,

which is comprised of 185 students, would begin sessions at 9:00 a.m., a half hour later than Jr. High students begin, and be released at 3:30, a half hour after upper classes let out.

"We are never going to eliminate all the problems parents have," Wycallis said. "But all the informa-

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