



PREHISTORIC MONSTERS IN CHASE! — Jeff Ehret, Chase, shows off his extensive collection of dinosaurs. Jeff holds his most prized possession, a plaster mold of a dinosaur footprint. (Bonnie Dombroski Photo).

Dinosaur

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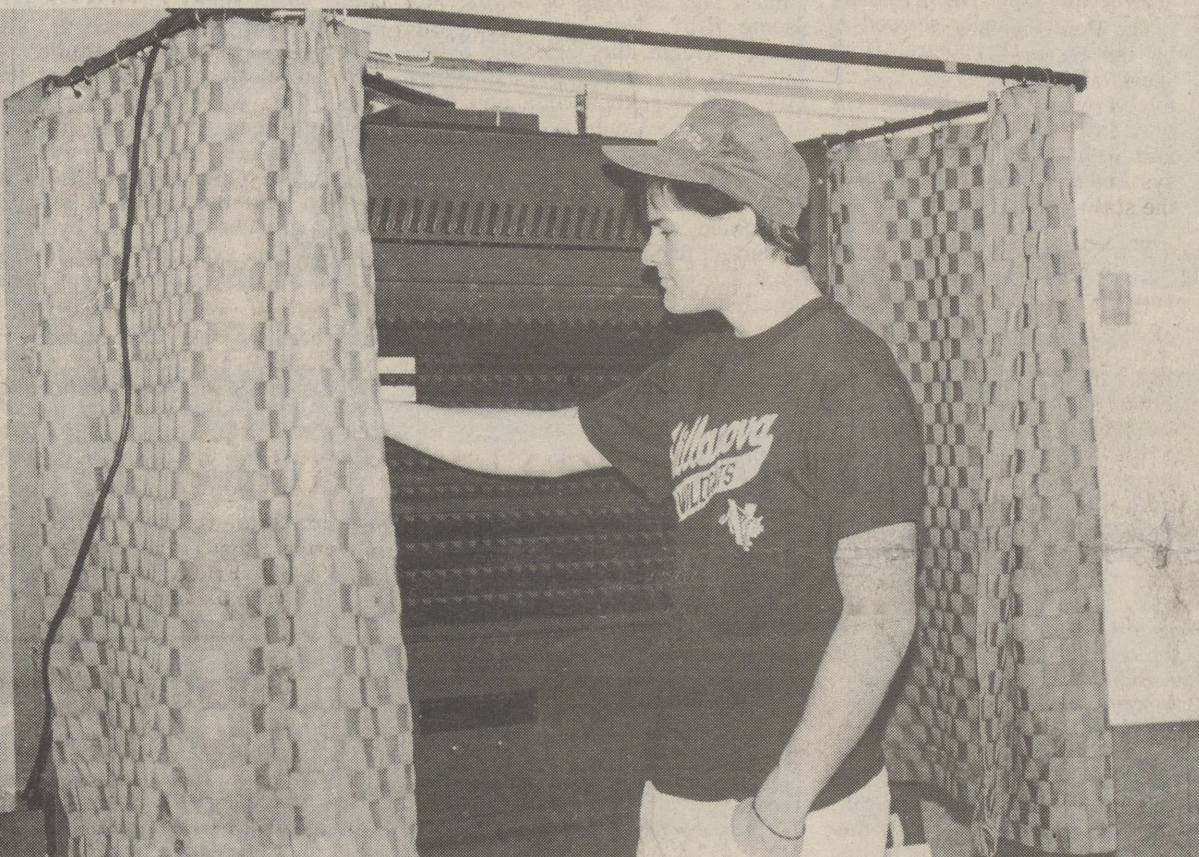
When a friend of Jeff's visited the Dinosaur Park in Rocky Hill, Conn., she brought back a plaster mold of a dinosaur footprint for him. The park, which is located outside of Hartford, has a dome erected over an excavated area where visitors can see the different geological

layers of the earth and also actual dinosaur footprints in the rock. The area has been left in its natural state and has nature walks, picnic tables and a shop where many dinosaurs gift items and collectibles can be found.

Fred Flintstone didn't know

it, but he started a trend when he got Dino, his pet dinosaur. From Bedrock to Red Rock, dinosaurs are here to stay!

The Dallas Post would like to thank Valentine's Toys and Mr. B's in Dallas for lending us some of the dinosaur items for our picture.



PULL THAT LEVER — Greg Kupp, College Misericordia senior, tries out the voting machine on campus. The college's Political Awareness Committee arranged to have the machine available to students so that they can become aware of the voting process. (Linda Shurmaitis Photo)

College students test voting skills

BY BONNIE DOMBROSKI
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On Wednesday and Thursday, Mar. 23 and 24, College Misericordia students voted for candidates for Student Government. What makes this election unique is the fact that they will be using actual voting machines.

Bill Holweg and Jerry Strubinger from the Political Awareness Committee (PAC) thought this would be a good way to spark the students' interest in the 1988 Presidential election. The PAC has also conducted a survey asking students for their party affiliation and their choice for President. It was found that most of the students are registered Republicans and that Vice-president George Bush garnered the most support, followed by Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis. Another poll will be taken

to determine whether there has been a change in sentiment following the Super Tuesday primaries.

Bill Holweg, president of the Young Republican Club on campus, contacted Thomas Pizano from the Luzerne County Bureau of Elections to see if the voting machines could be used for the Student Government elections. Pizano told him it could be arranged if he would submit a formal written request. Holweg also included the list of candidates' names and any referendum questions they wished to have printed on the ballot. When the machines are delivered on Tuesday, the PAC members will be shown how to tally the results of the election and how to determine if the seals are still intact. This will ensure that the totals have remained secret and have not been tampered with.

The elections will be held during lunch hours in the cafeteria on Wednesday and Thursday. Not only will the students select their representatives for next year's student government, but they will be experiencing first-hand what it is like to vote on a machine before the primary election on April 26.

Back Mt. beauty headed for Miss Pa

BY CHARLOT M. DENMON
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"They called my name...I was surprised, stunned really, and, at first, I couldn't move. The other four girls motioned to me to come over with them. Someone crowned me but I didn't remember who it was at the time," said Judy Fitch, Monday afternoon at her home, two days after she was crowned Miss Wilkes-Barre-Scranton in the pageant held at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts.

The 20-year old blue-eyed blond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fitch, Jr., of Dallas, said she entered the pageant hoping to win the scholarship and for the added experience she hoped to gain and did.

Once she made up her mind to enter the pageant, Judy said the preparation wasn't so bad.

"It took a lot of dedication and determination and dedication," Judy said. "I started preparation in November, working out at Odyssey and getting disciplined for the swimsuit segment. In February, I began working on all the other preparations."

The new Miss Wilkes-Barre-Scranton gives a lot of the credit to her mother. She said her mother gave her continuous encouragement and went with her to Philadelphia where they selected her gown for the pageant.

"She and my dad were always ready to help me, they couldn't do enough."

Many of the girls who enter pageants do not know what to expect, according to Judy. She knew she had something to gain, win or lose.

"Everyone in the pageant became friends. There was no evidence of competitiveness, all the



Judy Fitch

girls were themselves and we had a lot of fun together," Judy explained.

After the interviews on Friday, it was great, according to her. All of the girls relaxed and when former Miss Pennsylvania, Gina Major, came in she expressed surprise at how calm the contestants were.

The other Miss Pennsylvania's were a lot of help after the pageant. They spent time with the new Miss Wilkes-Barre-Scranton and the runnersup, explaining what they could expect in the weeks ahead.

For the next several weeks, Judy expects her schedule to remain the same as it has been prior to the pageant. She will attend Wilkes College and continue in her position as receptionist at Command Performance at Wyoming Valley Mall. She will work her afternoons preparing for the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant in Altoona, June 11, around her regular schedule.

Now that she has been crowned Miss Wilkes-Barre-Scranton, Judy has her own hair stylist, makeup professional and stylist, who will design her gown for the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant.

The last week before the Miss Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Pageant, Judy spent every day at Odyssey and expects that she will again begin within several days.

Pageants are not strange to Judy because between the ages of 14 and 17, she entered a number of pageants and at the age of 16 she won the Junior Miss Pageant and a scholarship which she is presently using for her education at Wilkes College. In that pageant she was a runnerup in the state competition.

Judy Fitch spent two years with the group 'Re-Creation', which proved to be a valuable education. She attributes much of her success to those years.

"During those two years, I had to grow up fast. Another girl and I were the only 17-year-olds in the group, the others were 20 or older. We had to learn to mature fast.

"It was a lot of hard work and dedication and a lot of fast foods. We traveled a lot and had to eat what was served to us at the places where we entertained. You get an education that money can't buy—learning public relations, poise, stage presence, use of equipment, management, organization, and, above all, determination and dedication. The last year I was with the group I became very tired and contracted mono. I had to fly home from the mid-West while on tour. Now I have learned to put all those things I learned to proper use."

These past two days have been busy ones, the phone never stops ringing. The most embarrassing thing that happened to her, according to Judy, was Sunday morning when camera men with their television cameras showed up early before she was ready and caught her in her sweat pants and shirt and her hair up. She didn't fall apart but let them go right ahead and film her as she was, showing the public what the normal, beautiful girl that she is.

"It is important to know that there are organizations, who are willing to support girls in pageants," Judy said. "The girls are trying to win for the scholarships and they also gain self-confidence, determination and dedication. I know one girl who enters every pageant and keeps moving up trying to earn money for a scholarship."

Runnersup in Saturday's pageant were Faith Ann Luizzo, Carbondale, 1st runnerup; Christina Novak, Dickson City, 2nd runnerup; Karla Marie Smith, McVeytown, 3rd runnerup; and Linda O'Boyle, Pittston Township, 4th runnerup.

Now it is 'hard work, determination and dedication' in preparing for the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant.

"Our director says 'do the best you can, don't pressure. I have my crown so I am happy, Judy concluded.

Fish

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construction sites.

When all the former facilities were removed, Boice said the public began to use restrooms at the service station across the street. And, he said, other persons resorted to using the lake or other surrounding areas as personal restrooms.

"Neighbors began complaining about the situation. The service station owner has had the door of his restroom kicked in several times. It's evident something needs to be done," Boice said. "We will do whatever it takes to get some action. Facilities are needed and wanted by the public at the area."

Boice said the next course of action will probably be litigation with the borough fighting a 'pre-empt setting' lawsuit with the fish commission.

"We have budgeted money to see this thing through in court," Boice said. "We're prepared to go the whole nine yards. It may be a case of David battling Goliath, but we're done playing around," he said.

Boice said fisherspersons who are looking forward to the first day of trout season need not be concerned about the situation.

"Guy Giordano, owner of Sunset Marina, Inc., will for a \$3 fee, launch boats behind Grotto Pizza, at the Sunset section of the lake. All fees collected will be contributed to the fund to fight the legal battle against the fish commission in court," Boice said.

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