

Classes

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academic periods, one with eight, and I think I have a good idea how both work. I have a real concern about children graduating who are missing the basics."

"Only four students scored over 600 on the verbal SAT," said Nagy. "On the math side our students do very well. We have students who excel in math, but when they go to college they have to take remedial English."

Cleary pointed out that while many students take Advanced Placement (AP) courses, few take the tests to determine if the course will count for college credit. "We have so few people that take the achievement test, it's infinitesimal," said Cleary.

On January 6, the district's education committee recommended that the district keep an eight-class period schedule, because it allows students to take a wider variety of courses. The committee is made up of teachers, guidance counselors, and high school principal Frank Galicki.

The board also approved a request from superintendent Gerald Wycallis to allow up to 15 students to participate in a college visitation program along with Tunkhannock High School.

The students would take a three-day, two-night trip along with Tunkhannock students to visit 15 colleges, such as Lafayette, Villanova, and Lehigh. Their parents would be expected to pay the \$115 cost of the trip. Wycallis said that he was interested in having Dallas participate in Tunkhannock's program so the district's guidance counselors could see if it would be worth developing a similar one at Dallas.

Ellen Nagy voted against the program, while the other members in attendance voted in favor of it.

Nagy said that the types of schools are expensive, that parents would take their children to them anyway, and that if they're spending about two hours at each school, it would be better for them to go with their parents.

New Middle School Principal

Anthony Martinelli, a sixth-grade teacher, was appointed principal of the Middle School effective January 20.

Personnel Committee chairperson Ellen Nagy said that several people were interviewed for the position.

Martinelli participated in the administrative intern program last year during which time he shouldered many of the duties of the

Middle School Principal.

Nagy said Martinelli was recommended by superintendent Gerald Wycallis and former Middle School principal Gilbert Griffiths. Griffiths was appointed assistant superin-

tendent for curriculum and instruction in December.

William Kvaschay was appointed winter track coach at the Dallas Senior High for the 1991-92 season at a rate of \$600.

Wages

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with an average 8.75% annual salary increase.

The school board offer of a three-year contract with a pay raise of \$2,450 each year was rejected by the teacher's union.

"Do you have any contingency plans in the event of a teacher's job action?" asked Charlotte Arbogast of the Dallas Taxpayers Forum.

District superintendent Gerald Wycallis and school board president Ernest Ashbridge simultaneously replied, "Yes."

"We just don't want to get caught with our pants down," explained Steve Werner, president of the Dallas Taxpayers Forum. "God forbid there's a work action. I hope there isn't. We're worried that our seniors get out and their transcripts aren't held up."

Werner said that 2,500 people have signed a petition circulated by the Taxpayers Forum urging a two-year salary freeze and the implementation of a merit pay program for teachers.

"I think we should base teacher pay purely on performance," said Ed Steltz. "If the average student is 10 percent better prepared, the contract should reflect that."

"I do get frustrated that every teacher gets the same amount according to the contract," said board member Ellen Nagy. "As a former teacher, I can tell you how exceedingly difficult it is to quantify a teacher's performance."

Nagy pointed out that not all teachers are working with students who are equally talented academically.

Frey asked the board if in the event of a strike, "can the salary of temporary teachers be deducted from the regular teacher's pay?"

The solicitor for the district, Benjamin Jones, felt that it could be done, but that it has never been done in the past to his knowledge because the contracts which were eventually agreed upon provided that the teachers be paid.

"I would like to charge the school board to say to the teachers that if you do strike, the salaries paid to the temporary teachers will be deducted from your salaries," said Frey.

Board member John Cleary pointed out that talk of a strike was premature, because the teachers have continued to teach under their old contract, which expired in August.

"The average school teacher in my opinion is well paid," said Joan Kasarda, who added that she felt that increased cost of health benefits constituted a fair salary increase.

Two mothers who spoke in defense of the teachers at the meeting were booed by the crowd.

"We have fine teachers, we're happy with the quality of education."

"I don't believe 10 percent is feasible. But I do believe people are getting raises" said Lynn Abbott. "I don't believe anyone fully expects them to take a zero percent raise."

Library news

Remember card when borrowing books

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library instituted the project of issuing library cards to our active patrons in July of 1990. Each borrower was given their own personal card and asked to carry it with them and present it at the front desk to verify the card as belonging to the person borrowing the books.

Many of our patrons have been in to borrow books during that time and have not had their library card with them. We have, as of January 1, 1992, adopted the requirement that books cannot be taken out unless the library card is presented at the desk. This is for our verification as well as for the protection of the borrower. At the last count, the library has 12,952 active borrowers.

The new Story Hour session will begin in February. The toddler two

years olds will be held on Tuesdays from 11 to 11:30 and will begin on February 4. The 3 to 5 year olds will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 and 10:45 to 11:45; and 1 to 2, all beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 5. There are a few more areas to be filled and reservations may be made in the children's department. Some of the classes are filling up quickly.

Our new re-vitalized Young Adult section has received some new books and a recent memory book added to that area is "The Island and the Ring" by Laura C. Stevenson. This is a compelling fantasy in which Laura has created a rich and varied world—a world that teaches Gania she has the power to free Elyssonne from Ascanet—or to sink the island into the sea. This book was donated in honor of the 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Townsend by Mr. and Mrs. Justin Bergman, Jr.

"Super Bowl Chronicles" by

Jerry Green is a sportswriters reflections on the first 25 years of America's game, from its inception in 1967 when the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs, to the New York Giants narrow victory over the Buffalo Bills in Super Bowl XXV. He provides a rare behind-the-scenes glimpse of the players, parties, locker rooms, and press conferences, as only a journalist could. Some answered questions include, where the name "Super Bowl" originated; who was the only coach to win 4 Super Bowls; and which famous quarterback guaranteed that his team would win Super Bowl III?

"Beyond Eden" by Catherine Coulter is a spellbinding novel of romantic suspense, sweeping from the luxurious Faxe mansion in San Francisco to the worldly elegance of Parish and New York. It is the story of a beautiful model who must come to terms with her own veiled past.

American Legion Auxiliary will meet Jan. 16

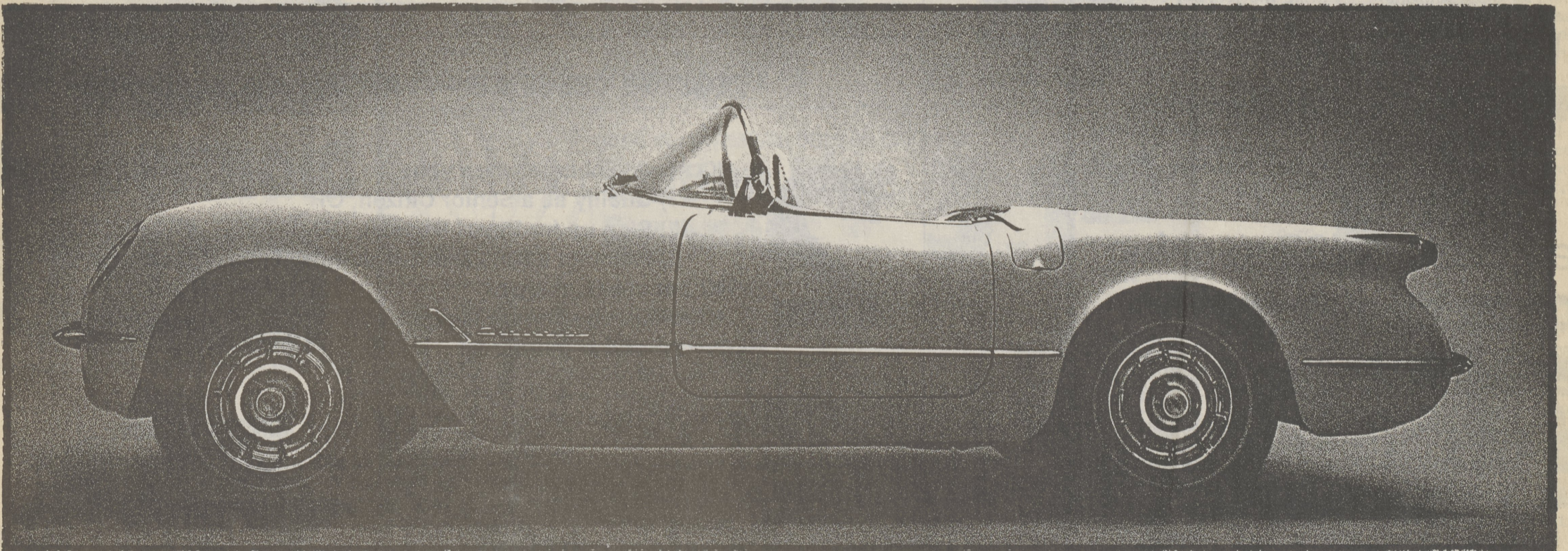
The Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Auxiliary Unit 672 will meet at the Post Home, Dallas Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m. President Doris Brobst will preside.

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The Y's got Scuba classes starting Jan. 28

The Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA welcomes Inland Watersport & Scuba School's International to conduct a certified course at the Wilkes-Barre YMCA set to begin Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 til 10 p.m. for six weeks. All scuba equipment is provided during pool session.

For more information or registration, call 823-2191 or stop in the Wilkes-Barre YMCA at 40 West Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre.



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