

## Peer Helpers attend state conference

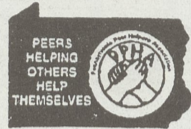
On March 16, 1992 twelve Dallas Senior High School Peer Helpers attended the Pennsylvania High School State Conference at Kutztown University.

This year Pennsylvania Peer Helpers Association celebrated its 10th anniversary as an organization which networks programs and promotes "Peers Helping Others Help Themselves". The conference theme "PPHA: Ten years and going...and going...and going" was chosen by student conference committee members as a tribute to the staying power of peer helping. The conference logo borrowed the idea of the "energizer" robot.

PPHA's first conference was held in 1983 and featured 60 participants. This year 1800 peer helpers attended three separate regional conferences.

Accompanied by principal, Frank Galicki, and advisor, Audrey Ide, the students were involved in a busy day of activities. The keynote program featured the Catalyst Theater Players enacting "Some Kind of Misunderstanding," a dramatic presentation of a date rape scenario. The presentation was followed by a lively question and answer period in which questions were directed from the audience to the actors who assumed their character they answered. Students presented the actors with many challenging questions.

After the keynote program, students attended workshops dealing with many topics, such as AIDS,



cults, adolescent sexuality, dysfunctional families, male/female relationships, suicide/depression, peer pressure, caring for self and others, communication strategies and techniques, eating disorders, assertiveness, stress management and dealing with grief. The students were assigned to the various workshops in an effort to mix the students from all of the eastern regional schools attending the conference.

A special workshop presentation was the performance of America's Pride, a group of Wyoming Valley teens, that through song, dance and dramatic interpretation promote the measure of a positive drug-free lifestyle. The group features Dallas students Maggie Redmond, Maria Massara, Tony Massara and Greg Reilly.

The day was an enjoyable educational experience as the peer

helpers gained from their attendance at the workshop and sharing sessions renewed commitments, useful skills and new friendships.

Dallas Senior High School Peer Helpers have been organized since 1987. Beginning with a group of 12 seniors, they now include 23 students representing the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades. The students are selected by their peers as part of the orientation activities of the eighth grade as they are prepared for their move to the senior high school. The group is advised by Joan Makowski, Patricia Russin and Audrey Ide.

Posed around the Kutztown Bear in Keystone Hall are, front row from left, Drew Bishop, Joe Hudak, Vanessa Wysocki. Second row: Jason Hudak, Keith McDonald, Nina Mathers, Becky Yurko, Rich Sylvia and Heather Dwyer. Back row: The Bear, Jason Reynolds and Kevin Chapple. The students are wearing their Dallas High School Peer Helper tee-shirts which feature their logo designed by peer helper, Becky Yurko.

## Dallas grads range to colleges far and wide

To date, 75 institutions of higher education have accepted members of this year's senior class. The class of 1992 is comprised of 162 students.

From the flat Southwestern terrain of the University of Texas at Austin to the Northeastern snow capped mountains at the University of Vermont; from the 30 thousand students at Penn State Uni-

versity to the 400 undergraduate students at Wells College; from the liberal scheduling of Brown University to the highly technical emphasis at Rensselaer, Dallas Senior High students have gained acceptance based on their educational background. Since acceptances are continuing to arrive the list which follows will increase in length and diversity.

Albright College  
Alfred University  
Averett College  
Bloomsburg University  
Brandeis University  
Brown University  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bucknell University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Clarion University  
College Misericordia  
Cornell University  
Dickinson College  
Duquesne University  
Elizabethtown College  
Franklin and Marshall College  
The George Washington Univ.  
Gettysburg College  
GMI Engineering & Management Institute  
Grinnell College  
Hamilton College  
Hartwick College  
Hofstra University  
Houghton College  
Howard University  
Ithaca College  
Johnson Technical Institute  
Juniata College  
Kenyon College  
King's College  
Kutztown University  
Lafayette College  
LaSalle University  
Lebanon Valley College  
Lehigh University  
Liberty University  
Lock Haven University  
Wittenberg University

Loyola College  
Messiah College  
Michigan Tech University  
Middlebury College  
Millersville University  
Moravian College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Northland College  
Penn State University  
Phila. College of Textile & Science  
Randolph-Macon College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Seton Hill College  
Smith College  
Spelman College  
Saint Joseph's University  
Susquehanna University  
Temple University  
University of Mass. at Amhurst  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rochester  
University of Scranton  
University of Texas at Austin  
University of Vermont  
Ursinus College  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Wells College  
West Chester University  
West Virginia Wesleyan College  
Widener University  
Wilkes University  
William Smith College

## 'Homework Hotline' drew 15,500 calls

On Monday, September 16, 1991, the Dallas Middle School "Homework Hotline" began operation for the 1991-92 school year. The program, which was instituted in March, 1991, as a pilot program, has been an overwhelming success.

Between March 1, 1991, and the end of the school year over 15,500 calls from parents and students were made to the Hotline to receive messages regarding daily assignments, upcoming tests, projects, and due dates. Also available is an activities number that will furnish information on academic, athletic, and social events that appear on the middle school calendar.

This year, as an added feature, the middle school has donated a copy of each subject's textbook to the Back Mountain Memorial Library. These books are kept for resource purposes and further eliminate excuses students use regarding homework.

The middle school staff feels that the Hotline helps to keep parents in touch with the school and can aid in monitoring students' work habits.

Messages are changed by 3:00 p.m. daily. So, the next time you are uncertain as to what is going on either in class or schoolwide, simply call the "Homework Hotline."

### Numbers of Importance

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Health and Physical Education   | 674-3109 |
| Art and Music                   | 674-3108 |
| Geography and A.B.L.E.          | 674-3107 |
| Library and Reading             | 674-3106 |
| Home Economics & Practical Arts | 674-3105 |
| Foreign Language                | 674-3104 |
| Intermediate Unit #18 Classes   | 674-3103 |
| School Activities               | 674-3100 |

### Individual Team Phone Numbers

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| Team 1 - Mrs. Borton, Mrs. Wega, Mrs. Nardone                                | 674-3110 |
| Team 2 - Mr. Chiarucci, Mr. Jayne, Mr. Sallitt                               | 674-3111 |
| Team 3 - (Sixth Grade) - Mr. Dombek, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Suppon, Mr. Warchal   | 674-3112 |
| Team 3 - (Seventh Grade) - Mr. Dombek, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Suppon, Mr. Warchal | 674-3113 |
| Team 4 - Miss Amesbury, Miss Felli, Mr. Kopko, Mr. William Roberts           | 674-3114 |
| Team 5 - Mr. Clemm, Mr. John Roberts, Mr. Straitiff, Mrs. Williams           | 674-3115 |
| Team 6 - Mr. Bamrick, Mrs. Baur, Mr. Montross, Mrs. Quick                    | 674-3116 |

The homework hotline has received almost 13,000 calls since the opening of school in September.

Funding for the 1992-93 Dallas educational programs and services will be largely supported by revenue at the local level. The debate of the state funding for public education will continue to be a major issue of concern for school districts for the next several years.

## PA's First Lady will visit

On Monday, June 1, 1992, Mrs. Ellen Casey, wife of Pennsylvania Governor Robert Casey will be visiting our school district to read to the 1st grades in the Dallas Elementary and Westmoreland Elementary Schools.

Mrs. Casey's visit is in conjunction with our district's Reading is Fundamental Program. Reading is Fundamental—RIF—is America's oldest and largest children's literacy organization. Through its nationwide network of community based projects, RIF works to prevent illiteracy by:

Getting kids to read with targeted motivational activities.

Involving parents and families with family-focused publications, workshops, and programs.

Rallying support for reading by involving communities.

Providing books for young people to choose and own at no cost to

them or their families—more than nine million books a year...over 119 million books since 1966.

In February the Westmoreland Elementary children traveled to the Luzerne County Courthouse where they were treated to a tour of the courthouse and in particular a visit to Judge Hugh Mundy's chambers. Judge Mundy then read a story to our children entitled The Judge by Harve Zemach. The students of the Dallas Elementary School enjoyed a session with Diana Penna, an investigative reporter for Channel 28. Ms. Penna read to the children and video taped the students for the evening news.

Each of our 1st grade students have received two books purchased with money provided by the UGI Corp.

The children will receive an additional book after Mrs. Casey's visit.