



SILVER OAK LEAVES - Harry D. Owens, Jr., a Trucksville native, has attained the rank of Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army.

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Harry D. Owens, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Owens, Sr., of Trucksville, has earned the right to wear the silver oak leaves of a Lieutenant Colonel on his shoulders.

He was promoted April 19 by the U.S. Army in a ceremony held at Lulworth Camp, England.

An exchange officer with the British Army, Lt. Col. Owens is the deputy commander of the British Army Tank Gunnery School at Lulworth Camp.

"The officer exchange program has been used among the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies for several years," Lt. Col. Owens explained.

"It makes the NATO joint operations forces perform more effectively because it allows us to familiarize ourselves with our allies' operations and share our expertise. There are only 60 Army exchange officers in England."

A career officer in the U.S. Army, Owens graduated from Dallas High School in 1971 and the University of Scranton, where he participated in the Army's ROTC program, with a political science degree in 1975. He was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation.

He earned his master's degree

in history in 1976 from the University of Scranton and became a licensed Pennsylvania attorney in 1986, upon his graduation from the Detroit School of Law. He was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar Association in 1987.

"I wanted to be a career officer from the beginning," Owens said. "I hoped to earn as high a rank as possible, but was never sure that I'd one day become a Lieutenant Colonel."

He added that the Army evaluates officers for promotion based on merit and "demonstration of their potential to handle increased responsibilities."

"That's an Army explanation," he smiled.

Lt. Col. Owens has served in many capacities in the United States, Germany and the Persian Gulf, where he was operations officer of the First Squadron of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Operation Positive Force, a followup security operation in Kuwait, from June through September of 1991, after the end of the conflict.

He is married to the former Beverly J. Romanoski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Romanoski of Duryea. The couple have two daughters, Elizabeth and Catherine, who also live in England.

Kim Daniels wins premier Miss Teen PA pageant

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When Lake-Lehman junior Kim Daniels was selected as a finalist in the Miss 1993 Teen Pennsylvania pageant, she never dreamed that she would wear the coveted rhinestone crown.

"When they announced Nicole Bigham as first runner-up, I turned to congratulate her. It didn't sink in for a few seconds that I was Miss Teen Pennsylvania. I was in total shock," Kim said after the pageant at Dallas High School Sunday, May 16.

The title also will make a nice birthday present; Kim turned 17 Tuesday, May 18.

"I guess 17 was my lucky number - that was my position for the pageant," she joked.

Kim will compete for the national title of Miss 1993 Teen at the national pageant in Orlando, Florida, in August.

Designed to showcase teen women and their accomplishments, the Miss Teen pageant for college-oriented young women age 14-18 is an all-new national event and the sister pageant to the Miss World America pageant.

The 18 contestants' day had begun at 9 a.m. May 16, when they met at Dallas High School for instructions and rehearsals.

Accompanied by their chaperones, the girls barely had time to squeeze meals between interviews and practices, before the 7 p.m. final competition.

As the auditorium lights dimmed, soft upbeat music wafted from backstage, where the 200-plus spectators could see a magenta light shining from under the curtain.

Alternating with dynamic performances by the Miss PA Dancers, Northeast PA Singers and Sugar Babies dancers, the 18 delegates competed in activewear, formalwear and public speaking, in which each young woman de-

livered a 50-second public service announcement promoting an important teen issue.

Attired in gowns of all colors and lengths, the girls resembled gentle, exotic butterflies while modeling in the formalwear competition.

But these rare and beautiful flowers were anything but fragile, as illustrated by the issues on which they had selected to speak: teen pregnancies, dealing with peer pressure, AIDS, teen suicide, preventing birth defects, crusading against abortion and living drug- and alcohol-free lives, with the younger delegates as mature and poised as the older, more experienced contenders.

This was Kim Daniels' first pageant; she came into it only wanting to do well.

She had prepared by studying modeling with Linda O'Boyle and honing interview skills with her parents. "The social graces I guess I inherited from my mother," Kim laughed.

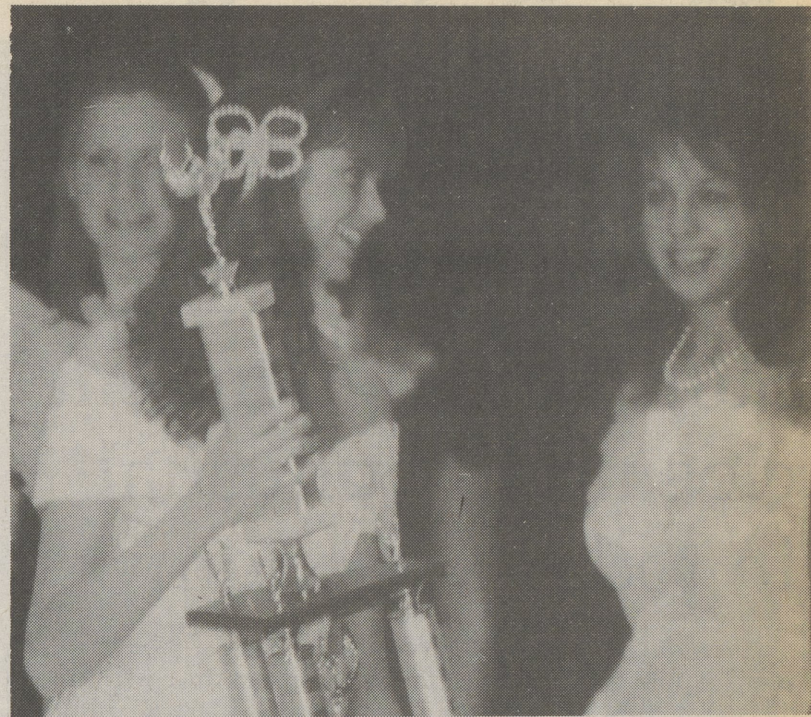
"As her mother, I was sure that she had a good shot," remarked her mother, Kendra Morrow, backstage after the pageant.

The daughter of Barry and Kendra Morrow of Shavertown, Kim is in the academic top ten percent of her class and is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

A member of the National Honor Society, the United Way board and the Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre board, Kim has been honored by the Volunteer Action Center for her involvement in the creation of a student advisory board for the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts and has earned the Presidential Academic Fitness Award and the NEDT Certificate.

She is also a graduate of Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre.

Joining Kim in her court of the top five finalists were Nichole



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FIRST-EVER MISS TEEN PENNSYLVANIA - Lake-Lehman junior Kim Daniels was crowned the first Miss Teen Pennsylvania at the pageant Sunday, May 16, at the Dallas High School.

Bigham, first runner-up; Gina Bell, second runner-up; Amy O'Boyle, third runner-up and Elizabeth Callahan, fourth runner-up.

Kim also earned awards for the best teen issue, while Sheri Lynn Snyder earned two special awards, for highest score in the interview and in the formal competition.

Gina Bell earned the contestants' choice, a special award voted on by the delegates themselves.

"This was a very friendly group of young women," said Miss 1993 Pennsylvania Trudy Scotch of Mt. Cobb, who crowned Kim. "They worked hard and have been on an emotional rollercoaster all day. I understand what they've been going through."

As Miss 1993 Teen Pennsylvania, Kim won a \$4,000 scholarship to Wilkes University, a \$200 savings bond from Pepsi, modeling and interview scholarship scholarships from Tri Gold Productions, flowers from the Victorian Garden, a one month free

membership at Odyssey Fitness Center and gift certificates from Not Just Nails, Head to Toe and Carol's Beauty Salon.

Her official crown, banner and trophy are compliments of Guy/Rex Productions, sponsor of the event.

All pageant delegates received tote bags, T-shirts, CD's, shorts, commemorative pins and hair care products.

The 1993 Miss Teen Pennsylvania pageant was produced by Guy/Rex productions of El Paso, Texas, with corporate sponsors Wilkes University, Tri-Gold Productions, Pepsi and radio station WBHT "Hot 97." Dallas school district supplied the auditorium and other facilities for the delegates, while Bill Sheridan of WBHT radio provided the sound system.

Former Miss Pennsylvania Gina Major provided technical assistance, while Mr. Don Hopkins and Dallas students Bill Camp and Greg Schoenig operated the lights.

Dallas Junior Honor Society to induct members May 27

On Thursday, May 27, at 7 p.m. the Dallas Middle School will conduct its annual National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony. To be a member of the society, a student must maintain a 3.5 average and display qualities of good citizenship.

Miss Judy Fitch, the reigning

Miss Pennsylvania, will address the group. Miss Fitch is a 1985 graduate of Dallas High School. She continued her education at Wilkes University, graduating in 1992 with a degree in Broadcast/Public Relations.

Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served.

Charles Lee benefit flea market May 22

Flea Market and Bake Sale for Charles Lee, a leukemia victim, will be held Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kunkle Community Hall, sponsored by the Charles Lee family. Proceeds to help cover costs of hotels, etc. while family stays near him.

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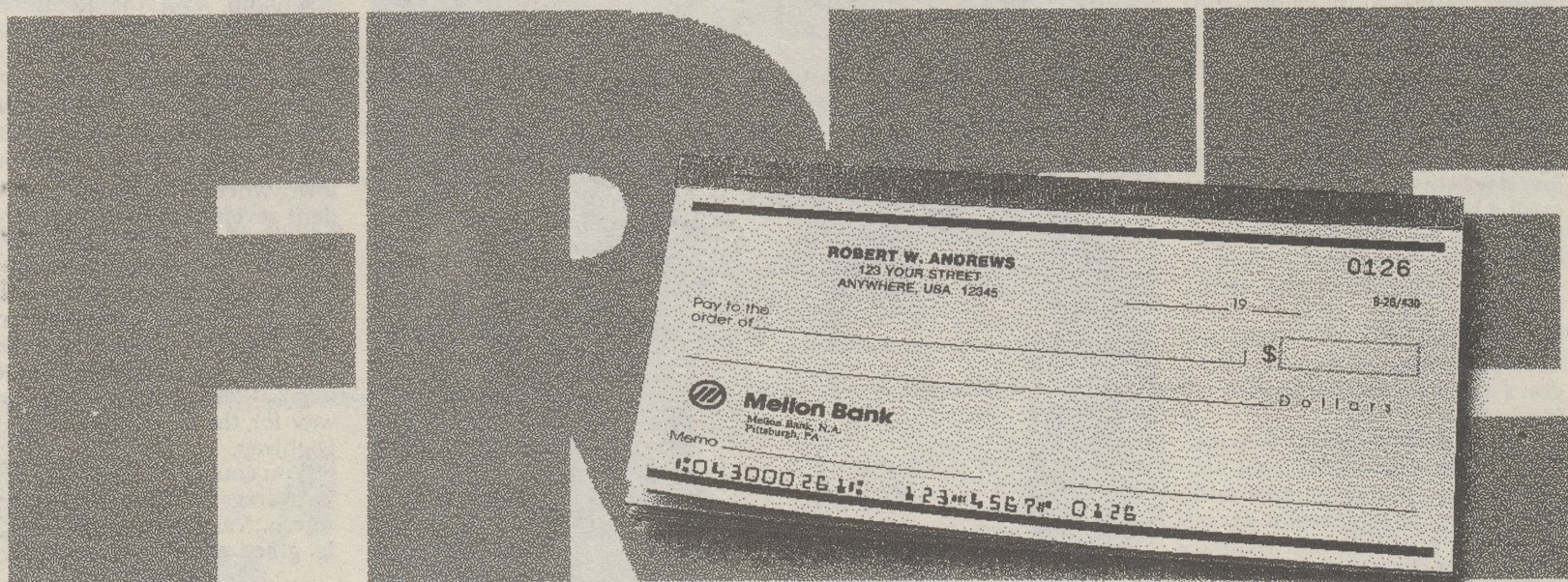
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