

Cheerleaders win bid to London for New Year's

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When Dallas High School seniors Jennifer Cutter and Joan Bednar joined the Dallas Mini-Mounts cheerleading squad, they never dreamed they would one day be named cheerleading All-Stars and be invited to London, England, to march in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Day 1995 parade.

While attending the university Cheerleaders' Association camp in July at Penn State's main campus, the girls had an opportunity to try out for the All-Stars.

They were judged on their individual performances in a dance routine, a cheer and a jump selected by the judges.

"We were very nervous," the girls said. "We didn't think we had much of a chance - the dance routine was hard."

The field of 50 young women was eventually narrowed down to 20 who would wear the coveted ribbon and jacket patch of the All-Stars.

Jennifer and Joan are also regional and state cheerleading champions.

Chederleading, they said, is a group sport, not an individual show.

"You have to work together," they said. "If one girl misses, the others go down. Our squad is very close, like sorority sisters. We concentrate on learning our cheers and routines and working together."

Before making the squads in middle school and high school, both girls cheered with the Dallas Mini-Mounts, Jennifer for two

years and Joan for seven.

"You learn poise and self-confidence along the way," Joan, the squad co-captain, said.

"If you're scared to get up in front of people, you overcome it," Jennifer added. "It becomes second nature for you."

Next to the players' parents, the cheerleaders are the football team's number one supporter, the girls said. During the championship playoffs, the cheerleaders were more worried about the team than they were about anything else.

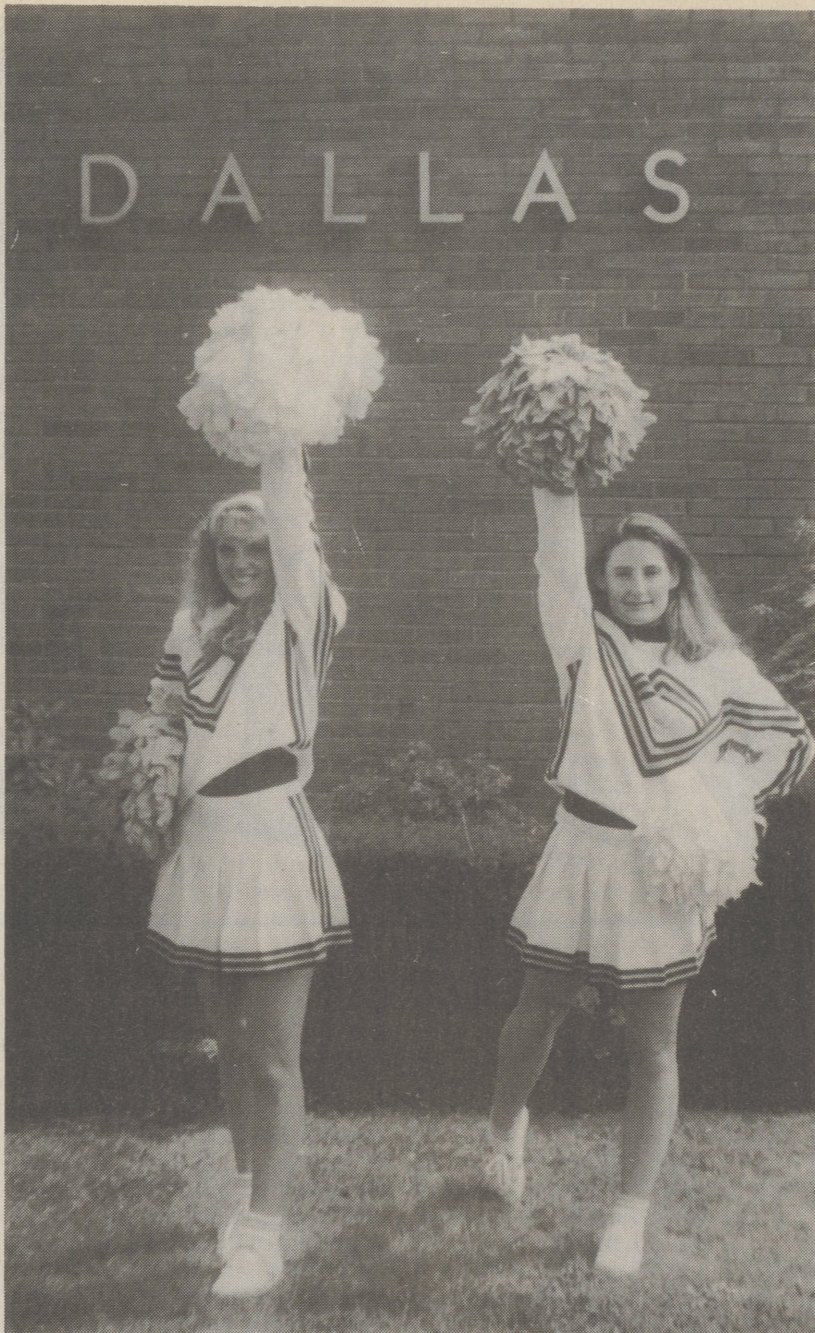
Both girls said they would seriously consider trying out for the cheerleading squad in college.

The daughter of Dallas residents Marge and Paul Bednar, Joan wants to study communications, but hasn't selected a school yet. When not cheering or studying, she works at Friendly's.

The daughter of Dallas resident Karen Cutter and Harveys Lake resident Gary Cutter, Jennifer wants to go to Luzerne County Community College. She works at Grotto Pizza.

While Joan has begun making payments on the trip to London to march in the New Year's Day parade, expected to cost approximately \$2,000, Jennifer can't afford to go.

The Dallas High School cheerleaders are accepting donations to help Joan finance the trip. Checks may be made out to the Dallas High School Cheerleaders with a note "for trip to London" and mailed to: Dallas High School, Conyngham Ave., Dallas PA 18612, Attention: cheerleaders.



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WINNING STYLE - Dallas cheerleaders Joan Bednar and Jennifer Cutter show off the style which earned them the title of All-Stars at Penn State's cheerleading conference in July.

Big trout, air pumps recommended for lake

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The Harveys Lake Borough Council heard recommendations for improving the quality of the lake's water at a special meeting before its regular meeting September 20.

Dr. Chris Holdren of Coastal Environmental Services in Princeton, N.J. reported that the lake's main problems are the introduction of alewives, a forage fish, in the mid 1950's, silt washing into the lake from roadways and phosphorus from rotting leaves washed into the lake.

Probably introduced into the lake as a forage fish to control aquatic plant life, the alewives have instead gobbled up large amounts of the plankton which feed on algae, Holdren said.

"Alewives are basically big minnows," Holdren said. "They have no sport fishing value at all. It was a common practice back in the 50's and early 60's to introduce them into lakes in the Northeast as forage fish."

Holdren recommended control of the alewives and their plankton-munching by re-introducing very large brown trout and lake trout, species native to the area.

The trout will eat the alewives, who won't be able to destroy as many plankton, Holdren said. The plankton will repopulate the lake and feed on the algae which cause periodic algal blooms, he said.

Sediment filling in certain areas of the lake can be controlled by working with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Penn-DOT) to install different storm drains and catch basins to trap it.

Catch basins now in use block up easily with sediment and leaves.

Penn-DOT's present method of cleaning drains and catch basins is to flush them out with a high-pressure hose, which moves the sediment from the blocked basins directly into the lake, Holdren said.

"It's sort of a Catch-22 situation - is Penn DOT's flushing of storm drains and catch basins into the lake a violation of Department of Environmental Resources regulations?" he said.

Holdren also recommended installing two underwater air pump systems, one at each end of the lake in 90 feet of water, to add more oxygen to the water and

improve the habitat for trout, which like to breed in cold, oxygen-rich water.

The air pump systems are comparable to an under-gravel filter in a home aquarium, but on a much larger scale, Holdren said.

He estimated the cost of the upgraded catch basins at \$1/2 million and the air pump systems at \$200,000-\$300,000.

Holdren said that state and federal grants are available for this type of work.

In his final report he will set up a work plan and the cost of the highest priority items.

At the regular meeting, the council voted to:

- Hire Charles Musial, retroactive to August 29, as full-time road worker at \$6.35 per hour and Jim Simmons as a temporary part-time road worker, when needed, at \$5.25 per hour.
- Approve the Hudock subdivision.

The council held a special meeting September 23 to discuss "defects in the zoning laws," according to acting president David Abod.

Council members voted to declare a section of the zoning code invalid because it "does not recognize properties registered for non-conforming use in the S-1 (shoreline) zone," according to the text of the resolution.

The zoning code also contains a problem regarding side yards for the S-1 district, Abod said.

A new section replacing the one declared invalid must be passed within six months, he added. All zoning applications which would be affected by the change will be held until the invalid section is replaced, he said.

Abod abstained from voting because he said that he had a property which would be affected by the zoning code change.

George Andrews, Francis Kopko, Ed Kelly and Tom Kehler voted for the resolution, with Joseph Miscavage and Martin Noon absent.

Asked why a special meeting had to be held to discuss the zoning code's problems, Abod replied, "Our solicitor advised us not to address it at the regular meeting this month. We wanted to take care of it as soon as possible because it could cause problems with some property owners and people with docks."

BMT Seniors plan fall events

The monthly business meeting of the Back Mountain Senior Citizens Club was held at the Father Sammons Hall of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

President Irene Katyl, representative to Foscco reported on "Public Awareness".

High bowlers were Irene Katyl, Louise Capozzi, Joseph Balavage, and Ray Yuknavage.

Observing September birthdays were Irene Katyl; Kaye Ray, Marion Biggs, Florence Stella and George Stolarik.

Fifty-fifty winners were Marie Yuknavage and Lillian Soveroski.

Reminders are made by Joseph Precone that "First Choice" labels are still needed, and by Lillian Soveroski that sleeping bags for the homeless are still being made before each of the

meetings starting at 11 a.m.

Raffles were won by Kaye Ray, Irene Katyl, and Marie Yuknavage.

Coming events include the annual Project Head dinner dance, hosted this year by the Parson's Senior Club and held at The Golden Palace, noon to five, Oct. 13 with music by the "Hi Tones". Reservations by Oct. 3.

The Halloween Party to be held Oct. 20, at Father Sammons Hall will have as co-chairmen, Joseph Precone and Raymond Yuknavage. Reservations are being taken now.

Christmas Dinner party will be held Dec. 7 at The Castle Inn, Dallas. Lillian Soveroski, chairlady, is taking reservations and deposits now. Cost per member is \$15.

College

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College Misericordia was also Luzerne County's first institution of higher learning for women and its first Catholic college.

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy as a liberal-arts college, Misericordia has grown from 37 students and 22 faculty members, 16 of them Sisters of Mercy, to nearly 1,900 full-time and part-time students and a faculty of 186.

A reception September 23 was followed by the History Walk, a display of engraved brass plaques commemorating those who have been immortalized in the names of campus

buildings: Sisters of Mercy founder Mary Catherine McAuley, Mother M. Catharine McGann, Mother M. Teresa Walsh, Sister M. Annunciata Merrick, Sister M. Celestine McHale, Sister Marianna Gildea, the Blessed Virgin Mary and Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Anderson.

An anniversary celebration September 24 included a review of the college's history and its future goals, recognition of those who have made special contributions to the college and a cake-cutting.

The celebration concluded with a faculty and staff family picnic, a Mass and softball and volleyball games.

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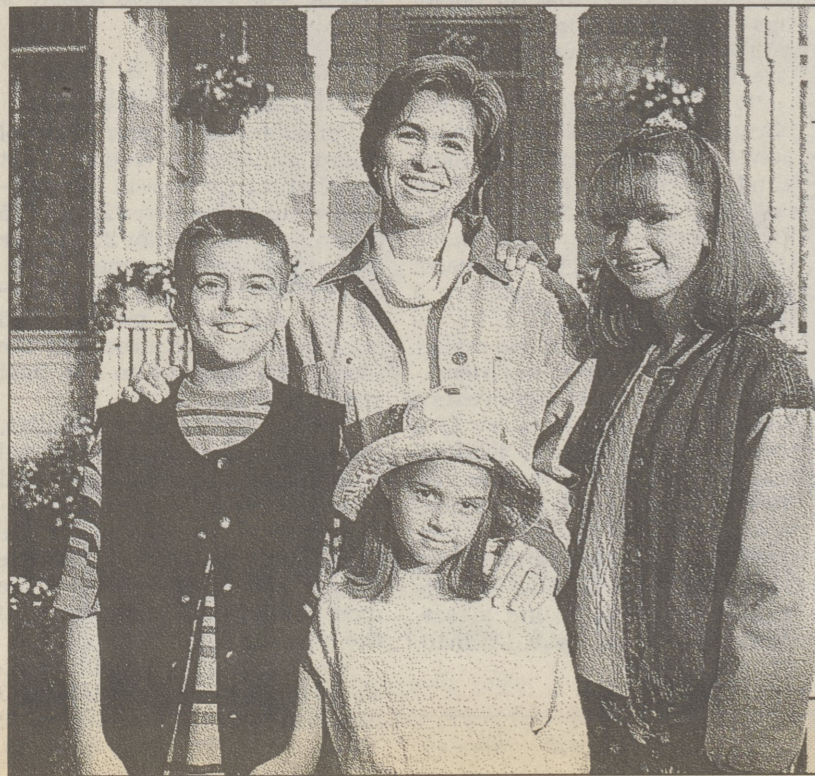
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