



Ryan Stredny, left, played the Greek Dionysus or Roman Bacchus; James Appel was the omniscient god Zeus/Jupiter.



Funny, they don't look ancient. From left, first row: Rachel McCue, Ellen McCue, Kevin Razawich, Vincent Perrego. Second row: Paul Grundowski, Floyd Mattie, James Appel, John Lukasavage, Kevin Piekara, Lindsay Carpenter, Leanne Piasta, Laura Loeffler, Amy Pizzano. Third row: Ashleigh Burkhardt, Daisy Neiman, Erin Cooper, Jared Karalunas, Jay Carroll, Deidre McLoughlin, Jeffrey Burkhardt



Jay Carroll played Achilles.

# LIVE FROM MT. OLYMPUS

Out of a Grecian urn came the assignments for Miss Norine Amesbury's English class. The assignments were drawn by the three fates: Rachel McCue, as Clotho; Maura Popson, as Lachesis, and Ellen Kim, as Athropos.

Miss Amesbury invoked the Oracle of Delphi and the stage was set for a most interesting study of ancient mythology staged in the seventh grade at Dallas Middle School.

So what does this have to do with English? Seventh grade English teacher Miss Amesbury explains, "The study of ancient history with particular emphasis on Roman and Greek civilization is important because we are a

western civilization. It is relevant today as a reference point in current events and literature and as always in classic literature studies."

Also, "and this is a very important point," she says "in reference to today's advertising. Terms like Nike sports-wear, Poseidon Pools and Neptune water beds, have little meaning without some background in Greek and Roman mythology. Terms in medicine, astrology, and nature have little meaning without some background in the historic mythology"

Besides all this it's just plain fun. So let the gods and goddesses reappear on Mt. Olympus again this year.

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Vincent Perrego, looking regal in a cape.

## Tech

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ment is enrollment in one of the technology or industrial arts courses offered at the school. "It's a strictly voluntary extra-curricular organization, not a course requirement," said Hopfer.

Senior Brian Wesley, who with teammates Brian Bogdon and Josh Brody designed, built and demonstrated a radio-controlled car which placed third in the Level II Radio Controlled Transportation competition, became involved because, "I always had an interest in graphics, and after I joined, the more I learned about it the more interested I became."

The group provides many rewards for its members efforts. "We give students an opportunity to display skills that would otherwise go unnoticed," said Race.

According to Shaun Zeveney, who took second place in Research/Design with a balsa wood car propelled by a CO<sub>2</sub> cartridge and also took second place in Material Process and sixth place in Problem Solving with Seaton Angley. "We've learned how to apply technology to society," said Angley. Added Brian Wesley, "It's been real beneficial."

According to Hopfer, the advisor's involvement is "mainly with guidance and making sure that the criteria for the various competition divisions is met." But the students see it differently. "Without them we would be lost," said Brian Wesley. "They were always there for us, providing a lot of support," said senior Linda

Lanning.

Lehman's TSA has also been something of a trailblazer along the way. "Many of the activities at the state competition began here at Lehman," said Race.

One reason that the group at Lehman has endured is, "We build leadership in a formal setting where students not involved with other activities can prove their worth," said Race.

The program generates fierce loyalty among its members, both past and present. "Some former members will set aside time just to go to the competitions to watch," said Race. "It's a school experience they don't easily forget."

Race says the main goal of the group is, "to merge the student's interest in technology with academics, which in turn raises academic interest and expectations."

## Dobash

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She was sworn in immediately by District Justice James Tupper.

In other school board business, the board unanimously appointed Howard as second vice president, and appointed Dobash as an alternate for the West Side Area Vo-Tech school joint operation committee, positions previously held by Moss.

The board also appointed Thomas Williams committee-of-the-whole chairman of buildings and grounds, also previously held by Moss.

The board unanimously reappointed Peter J. Savage, Esq., as solicitor for the 1996-97 fiscal year at an annual salary of \$12,500 plus family dental and vision coverage and life insurance, with appearances in court to be billed at \$65 per hour.

However, at the regular meeting May 14, board president Ed Kern put the seat up for vote and Dobash won it with six votes, while Kopcha and Howard voted for Heindel.

Dobash served on the Lake-Lehman school board from 1988 to 1992. She chose not to run again when her term expired because she returned to college. Dobash, whose son graduated from Lake-Lehman in 1991, is currently attending College Misericordia, nearing completion of her studies in business administration, and works for Insurance Management Group (IMG), Wilkes-Barre.

"I enjoyed my previous term on the board and would've re-run had it not been for attending school. Education is important to me," said Dobash.

## Surplus

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Revenue from local sources, which totals \$10,097,446 and accounts for 56 percent of the budget, includes property taxes of \$7,863,304, earned income taxes of \$1,415,000, delinquent tax collections of \$400,000, per capita taxes of \$98,339, real estate transfer taxes of \$180,000 and other sources of \$78,107. Local revenues have increased 4.3 percent, or \$412,733 from last year.

"The earned income and per capita taxes are fairly flat this year because there hasn't been much of an increase in the population," Williams said. "The interest income has increased from \$316,296 last year, mostly due to the increasing fund balance."

All tax figures are based on a 94 percent collection rate, Williams said.

State funding of \$6,683,537, which includes money for special education, increased less than 1 percent, or \$42,345, over last year.

Federal subsidies of \$258,800, which include reading, math and anti-drug programs, increased by \$15,800 or 6.5 percent from last year.

The district's four municipalities (Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Kingston Township and Franklin Township) contain a total of 9,695 taxable properties, an increase of 70 from last year. The \$1.4 million in new properties on the tax rolls generated a total of \$221,000 for the district.

The budget will be on public display for 30 days, during which time the board may make changes. State law requires all school districts to adopt their final budgets by June 30.

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