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New ass't principal brings concern for kids to job

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DALLAS - A man with a reputation for excellence has become the new assistant principal for the Dallas Senior High School. Paul M. Reinert, 37, of Sweet Valley, has filled the position left open by Katherine McCarthy, who was hired as principal for the Gerald J. Wycallis Elementary School.

Reinert has worked in education for 16 years. He started his career as a science teacher at the Lake-Lehman Middle Level Building and moved on to guidance counselor. His co-workers from Lake-Lehman are sad to see him go, but overjoyed with his success.

"Selfishly I hoped he would stay with us," said Mary Slaby, an instructional support teacher who worked closely with Reinert. "It's like losing the heart of the building."

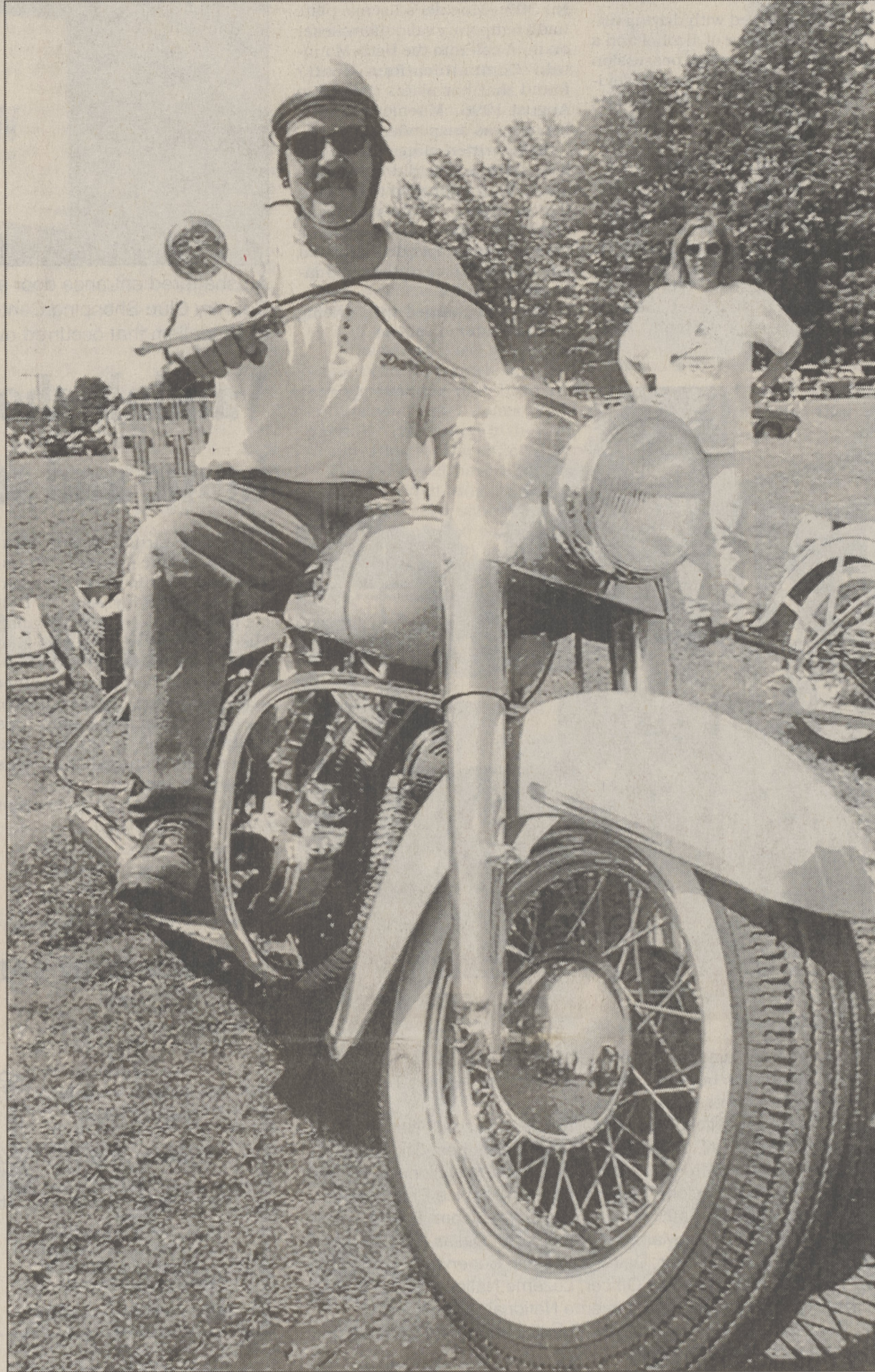
Slaby described Reinert as a genuine person who truly cares about kids. "His office was constantly open. There were always kids in there," she said. "Kids are his priority. He puts himself out in every direction."

Robert Roberts, Lake-Lehman junior high principal, isn't surprised by Reinert's hiring. "You don't find people the quality of Reinert every day," he said. "He is a super person, a great guidance counselor and a tremendous friend and teacher to the kids," said Roberts, with whom Reinert did his internship in administration. "We're all sorry he left, but know it's in his best interest to do so."

Reinert, who recently received his principal's certificate, was pleasantly surprised by his hiring. "I was just testing the water to get involved in the (interviewing) process a little bit," he said. This was the first administrative position for which he applied.

"I'm very excited. Dallas has a

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OLD BIKERS JUST RIDE AWAY

Bryce Smith of Dallas astride his antique Harley at last weekend's antique car (and motorcycle) show at Lake-Lehman High School. He's sporting an antique helmet, too. More photos on page 6.

Artist is one of 16 chosen for Governor's School

John Barilla Jr. showed interest at 2

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOEETTER
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DALLAS - While riding in the back seat of the family car, a two-year-old John Barilla Jr. drew a detailed picture of the back of his parents' heads with his smiling face in the middle. That's when it all started.

Barilla, who has taken art lessons since the third grade, recently returned from the Governor's School for the Arts at Mercyhurst College in Erie. The 17-year-old Bishop O'Reilly senior received a full scholarship to the five-week program. He was one of 16 visual artists chosen statewide and the first student from O'Reilly to receive the scholarship since the program started 20 years ago.

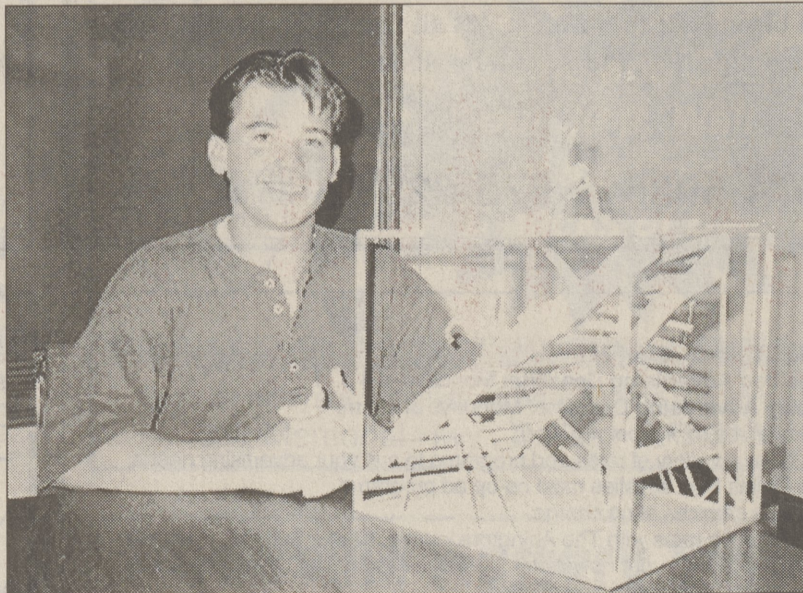
The Governor's School is open to 10th and 11th grade artists ranging from photographers and classical musicians to actors and visual artists. Two-hundred people participated in the

school, which focuses on expanding individual skills.

"(The school) had very nice facilities. It has sculpture studios, a photography lab and a whole performance area," said Barilla. "They had the best teachers from around the country and I had one-on-one instruction."

Barilla, whose main media are painting and pen-and-ink animation drawing, was required to channel his creativity in another direction. In addition to drawing, he found out he was quite a sculptor.

One project required him to take a block of plaster and carve a shape out of it. Another was a delicate wooden structure depicting different social classes. It included crooked stairs, with three figures at various stages of life. A third sculpture was that of a giant hand that stands four feet tall and seemingly



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John Barilla Jr. shows off a sculpture he made while at the Governor's School for the Arts this summer. He was one of 16 teens statewide selected for the honor.

reaches out from the earth. It was made with a wire frame and layers and layers of plaster soaked strips.

Barilla said he would like to pursue a career as a science illustrator for textbooks. "I like science and biology. I'm always

trying to redo the pictures in the books. I draw the skeletons and different things the way I think they should look," he said.

As an avid comic book collector, Barilla, started

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Underground tanks still hazard in Back Mountain

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOEETTER
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BACK MOUNTAIN - After five years, contaminated well water in Lehman continues to affect the community. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is still participating in a \$1.9 million cleanup of the nearly 20 wells affected.

An octane-boosting unleaded gasoline additive, MTBE, leaked out of an underground storage tank at the Sunoco service station on Rt. 118. The leak affected Lehman Corners, Lake-Lehman Middle School and Bryant's Trailer Park.

Because MTBE dissolves so easily in water, it tends to stay in a water supply for a long time.

"Before we were just reacting to the situation. We had to act under water pollution laws."

Mark Carmon
DEP spokesman

When water seeps through cracks in underground rock layers, it carries and spreads MTBE with it, said Rich Fetzer, EPA project manager, shortly after the EPA took over the cleanup from the Department of Environmental Resources (DER).

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After delay, board okays Gorgone as head coach

By JENNIFER JUDGE
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LEHMAN - The delay in voting on head football coach Richard Gorgone was a topic of conversation at the regular August meeting of the Lake-Lehman school board, held Aug. 12.

"I think it's a little absurd that the head football coach hasn't been voted in," said Joe Morris, who has a son on the football team. "And the kids all know about it. If he's not going to be head football coach, who's going to replace him in two weeks?"

The board resolved the matter by approving Gorgone as head football coach at a salary of \$5,997,

according to contract. The vote was 6-2, with board members Lois Kopcha and Ed Kern voting against the action.

Board member Samuel Rhodes commented, "I thought it was rather petty not to hire him the first time around. If you want to change coaches, wait until the season is over."

The board also voted to appoint several new teachers and to increase several other teachers from part-time to full-time status. Tracy Cook, Dara Lopasky, Richard Cronin, and Carrie Snell were given elementary school teaching positions. Irene Race was ap-

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Land rezoned for parking

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOEETTER
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KINGSTON TWP. - At its regular meeting on Aug. 13 the board of supervisors unanimously approved the rezoning of property behind Pizza Perfect, Inc. on Carverton Rd.

The property will change from B-1 neighborhood commercial and R-2 two family residential to B-1 neighborhood commercial. According to Ben Gorey, zoning officer, the land is intended for more parking spaces. There was no public contest to the decision. The board also authorized Ben-

jamin Jones, solicitor, to file a \$473 lien against Charles Waite of Shavertown for violation of the Vegetation Ordinance. The ordinance requires all township residents to keep their grass cut no higher than six inches.

Jeff Box, township manager, said this process has taken place for the past five years with Waite, who lives in Australia most of the year. "He makes no arrangements for his lawn to be maintained during the spring and summer months," said Box. "Every year we send him notices. He

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It's time

Check out the big back to school section in this issue. It includes bus schedules for Dallas and Lake-Lehman.

Movin' on up

Jack Wolensky takes the next step in his athletic/academic career. Pg 11.

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