



Nick Callahan played "Grandfather Frost" at the Russia booth.



The Poland booth was filled with dishes for a traditional Polish Christmas meal. From left: Angela Basta, Dave Walters, Cliff Culver, Lindsey Morris, Joanna Oliver and Dan Blidner. All have some Polish ancestry.



Heather Prescott, left, and Hollie Nickalls arranged some sushi.



Leigh Dodson, left, and Iris Johnston laid out tasty treats at the Brazil table.

## Students take a gustatory trip around the globe

The menu included cooked cassava melon, crab sushi, potato scones and kalupsie soup, and the servers looked like they had just arrived at JFK for a multi-cultural trade fair. That's how it feels to attend the International Dinner, held each year in the cafeteria at Lake-Lehman High School, which was transformed Monday evening into a gustatory and esthetic delight.

But it's hard to get a ticket. Rich Gorgone, who team teaches the Human-

ities II class with Sandy Weyman, said the room can only accommodate parents, school board members, administration and "people who help a lot." That includes Joanna Oliver's grandmother, who helped her group prepare the Poland table, which represented a Christmas dinner in the old country.

The sophomore advanced placement class is used to teach history and English in one package. For the dinner, the students research the customs, dress and

food of the country they select, and in addition to putting on a meal each group does a skit in the auditorium before the cafeteria doors open to guests. Research is conducted in the school library, on the Internet and with family and friends. The dinner serves as a report.

Students choose the country they wish to portray, and form groups on their own. Leigh Dodson said her group picked Brazil. "Because no one else is doing it, and

it was never done before." Heather Prescott said Japan is "just an interesting culture," and that inspired the group she was in.

"Instead of writing a paper, they perform a live paper," said Gorgone. And there are no revisions for the meal, it is prepared and served once. To avoid problems, home economics teachers work with the students as they plan the meals.

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## Recruiting

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they can, and get an education, that's the best thing they can get."

Travis McRoy, Lake-Lehman's outstanding running back, was one of the local students to stop by. "It gives everybody an equal chance, having everyone here at once," he said.

Rich Gorgone, McRoy's high school coach, appreciated the range of schools on hand. "What it does is give them the chance to look at a variety of colleges at once," he said. "Not just one or two coaches are here, but over 40. It gets the players on a lot of lists. It's a great occasion to get all of these coaches in one place it saves a lot of time."

Ted Jackson, head coach at Dallas, agreed. "If you're a senior it's a good opportunity, you get a chance to meet the schools directly. If you're an underclassmen it gives you a chance to get on some mailing lists. The good thing about this, is that it's local, you only have to travel 15 minutes from your house."

Two local students felt the personal contact afforded by the fair help their college decision-making. "Meeting the coaches is helpful, because it is good to put a face with the school," said Lloyd Dropers, a Dallas resident attending Wyoming Seminary.

"Basically it narrows down your choices," said Tim Carroll, a Bishop O'Reilly student from Dallas. "If you didn't go and talk to the coaches, how else would they know about you, there are so many players."

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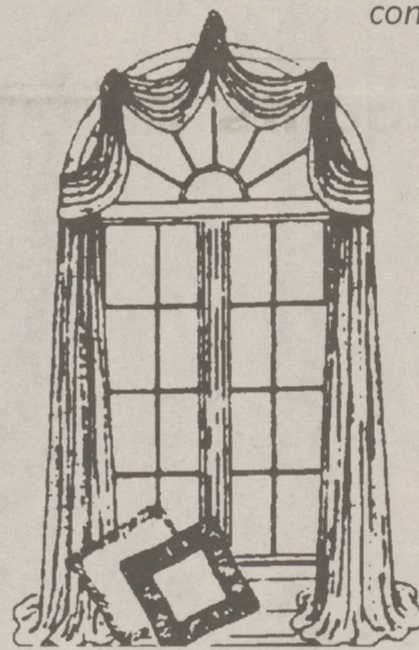
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