



Steve Losh is pictured in Dallas, Texas with Linda Shrader, left, Dallas High School Future Business Leaders of America moderator, and her husband, Chris Shrader.

# Steven Losh places 7th at national competition

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Steven Losh, son of Michael and Diane Losh of Dallas, recently placed seventh for his category at the national level of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competition. There are three levels of competitive events. Individual and team events focus on skills useful in leadership and career development; chapter events recognize overall achievement and performance in chapter management and growth.

"My event was the individual competition in C++ Programming and there were two representatives from almost every state," said Steve. "The competition was held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Dallas, Texas, and my advisor, Mrs. Linda Shrader and her husband (Chris) went with me."

Steve, a four-year member of FBLA at Dallas High School, went to the state level of competition three times. His sophomore year he placed third in Technology Concepts. "We

thought he was going to nationals that year," said Diane Losh. "They only take the top two, so he was an alternate."

Steve, who graduated in the top 10 percent of his class in June, had a very exciting year. In addition to completing all of the requirements to become an Eagle Scout, he was a member of the Dallas High School LifeSmarts team. That team traveled to Florida in May and took third place in the national competition.

"LifeSmarts really took up a lot of my time," said Steve. "We practiced every day before the competition, so I didn't have a lot of time for other activities."

He still managed to earn a spot at the district level of competition for his achievements with the Dallas swimming team. Steve is also a member of the National Honor Society and works part-time for a local disc jockey.

Losh will attend the Honors College at Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall, where he plans to major in Computer Science.



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Heave ho! Volunteers set the new Meade telescope into place. From left, foreground: Tony Vigorito and Ray Conrad Jr., of Conrad Electric. Facing camera: Jason Miscavage and Tom Winter, Penn State.

## Telescope

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well, an exciting, educational resource and a rare opportunity to understand the universe.

The Friedman observatory is the first and only one in this area. It will be open to the public on Tuesday evenings at 9 p.m. during the summer starting July 22. Viewing times will change with the seasons and will

be posted on the web site: [www.wb.psu.edu/observatory](http://www.wb.psu.edu/observatory).

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## Roundabout

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tern would affect their businesses. "I'm still not 100 percent sure what I think," said Maryann Ochman of Ochman Coins & Jewelry, located on Church Street behind a vacant Sunoco gas station. "I think I'd like to drive through one and see how it actually works and flows."

"We already have a lack of parking now. If they put traffic right up against our parking lot, is it going to be hard to pull into the parking lot?" she asked rhetorically.

Ochman said she has a variety of questions, such as whether trucks will be able to get through the intersection and when the borough road department plows the circle, will the snow go right into their parking lot.

"It would be nice to see some pictures from PennDOT. I'd like to see some drawings before I voted either way," she said.

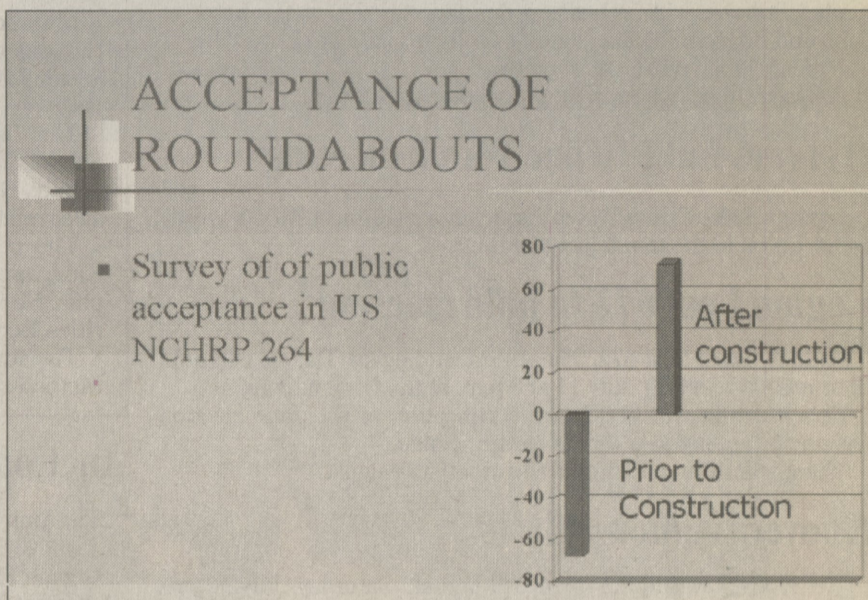
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Ochman Coins & Jewelry

Jim Eason, owner of Dallas Centre Hardware on Main Street, said his main concern is whether the circle will inconvenience his customers.

"I can't see damaging 23 years of building a business for a roundabout," he said.

Even as some business owners aren't sure how the project would work, Lynn Banta, President of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association,



Studies of attitudes about roundabouts show a reversal in sentiment after they are built.

said the reality is that something will have to be done with the intersection. She said she understands there are two options: the roundabout or additional lanes.

"There's no mystery. Something's going to happen there in the next five years. Either we take action now and look at a roundabout or PennDOT takes action later."

A stopgap proposal, which was embraced by the developer of the Dallas Township property, was to make Lake Street one-way out of the center of town, and that is still part of some of the possible roundabout arrangements under consideration by the state Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

MacDowell is adamantly opposed to that idea, and the borough council has

in the past expressed its distaste. But both Lake Street and Route 415 are state roads, and ultimately, PennDOT could make the change without the borough's permission.

"I think the borough should stand firm," MacDowell said. He believes the resulting diversion of traffic onto East Center Hill Road and Church Street would simply shift the problem to those streets, which are not equipped to handle more volume.

Banta sees other benefits to the roundabout. "We'd (BMBPA) rather have a roundabout that we'd have be a beautification project rather than a four or five lane highway," she said. "Development is going to happen — the only question is do we control the way it is, do we control the destiny of our town?"

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