

10 MINUTES

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ing the decisions. I try to gather all of the information so the school board can make informed decisions."

DK: Do you miss the day-to-day interaction you had with the students when you were a principal?

FG: "I miss the kids. I love the kids. I try to go to at least one building a day, whether it's Dallas or Wycallis elementary, the middle school, or the high school. I want the kids to see me and to know me."

DK: How has district changed since you came here in 1982?

FG: "First of all, kids and parents have changed. I believe the key to being a good administrator is to change with the students and with the times. You also have to try to attract the best staff possible to deal with those changes."

DK: You say kids and parents have changed. How so?

FG: "First, let me say that Dallas has many, many outstanding parents who have always been supportive. In the late '90s, when the Parent-Teacher Student Organization became so active in the high school - they helped with the (graduation night) lock-in, the Students of the Month and Students of the Quarter - I felt that was a big turning point in the district. It tied the community in with the school."

"As far as the changes, it's difficult when kids have a father, a mother, stepfathers, stepmothers, and multiple family arrangements. There are kids who are independent and do things on their own. They have little family structure. In the old days, everyone sat down at the dinner table and talked about their days. That doesn't happen in too many families today. People have busy lives."

DK: You're a former standout athlete who continues to officiate football and baseball games, what role has sports played in your professional life?

FG: "Sports have given me a tremendous perspective of

"You're also dealing with things like budgets, and many other things all fall on your shoulders. There are a lot of balls that have to be juggled. It's an awesome job, but I really enjoy it."

Frank Galicki
Dallas superintendent

things like discipline, goal-setting and working together as a team. It's given me the opportunity and talent to relate to people and to understand them. The contact with players and coaches has given me the opportunity to solve problems. We can sit down and figure out how we can work together to solve a problem."

DK: What's harder, dealing with a school board or football and baseball coaches?

FG: (Laughs) "Everyone has a unique personality. A successful administrator can deal with them simultaneously."

DK: The taxpayers in the district are facing a tax increase of 22 mills. Are the students in the district receiving a quality education for the money?

FG: "Most definitely. I really feel the kids are getting a quality education. I think the taxpayers are going to be one of our strongest allies when we get ready to make the (construction) proposal. We're going to need their support and understanding. I look at it as a tremendous opportunity. We're going to need the support of the taxpayers in the district."

DK: What's the biggest challenge facing Dallas School District?

FG: "I think one is getting everyone on the same page about the future in regards to construction. The other is facing our mission - to provide an excellent education for our students. As you know, the state constantly puts pressure on us to maintain high standards. Those are two biggest challenges."



Tom Shalata of Dallas warms up before competing in the Wilkes-Barre Triathlon.

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TRIATHLON

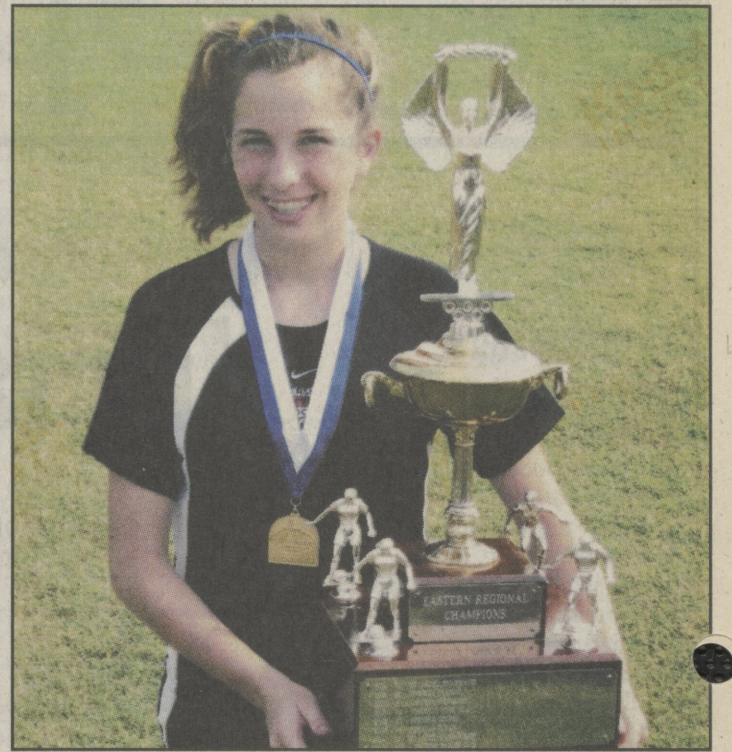
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respective places, hometowns and times.

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Shavertown, 2:43:53; 24. David Mariner, Shavertown, 2:45:32; 26. Nadalie Temperine, Dallas, 2:45:45; 30. Charles Eckman, Dallas, 2:47:16; 31. Cydney Faul-Halsor, Dallas, 2:46:20; 35. Wayne Devine, Harveys Lake, 2:50:39; 37. Eric McCabe, Shavertown, 2:51:41; 38. Gerry Mihalick, Shavertown, 2:52:24; 39. Rich Morgan, Shavertown, 2:52:44; 41. Len Romanowski, Dallas, 2:54:29; 43. Peter Eckman, Shavertown, 2:56:45; 45. Sid Halsor, Dallas, 2:57:14; 46. Chris Krall, Trucksville, 2:58:43; 50. Mark O'Brien, Shavertown, 3:00:03.

CONNORS PLAYS ROLE IN HERSHEY ATTACK SUCCESS



Dallas resident Tara Connor recently helped lead the Hershey Attack U-14 premiere soccer team to the championship of the Region I Premiere Directors League. The team also qualified for the Region I Championships in Virginia Beach and the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship Series at James W. Cownie Soccer Park in Des Moines, Iowa. Connors is the team captain and has been playing with the team for two and a half years. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connors is part of the Olympic Development Program of the Eastern Pennsylvania. She is shown with the trophy the team received after winning the Region I title.

Nominations sought for award

The Women In Sports Society of Wyoming Valley is seeking nominations for its High School Sportswoman of the Year award. The winner will receive a book scholarship for college. The award will be presented at the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame induction dinner Sunday, Oct. 8.

The Women In Sports Society promotes and enhances girls and women's athletics within the Wyoming Valley. The nonprofit organization is committed to the female athletes in the Wyoming Valley area who desire a chance to broaden their

skills and knowledge, as well as experience new and challenging skills.

Coaches, athletic directors, administrators, teammates and fans are invited to submit nominations for the award. To nominate a high school senior athlete, send a signed letter to:

Women in Sports Society of Wyoming Valley
P.O. Box 1584
Plains, Pa. 18705

Nominations may be sent by e-mail to wisswv@aol.com. The deadline is Monday, Aug. 21. All nominations must be post-marked or e-mailed by that date.

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