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## Board of Ed reappoints coaches, accepts education funding

by Pat DiMaggio  
Rahway's Board of Education reappointed sports personnel and accepted funding from the State Department of Education at a recent meeting.

The board reappointed Harry Reiser as the head girls' softball coach at \$3,564 and reappointed Leon Alirangues, Kenneth Farrell and Rocco Collucci as assistant coaches, all at an annual compensation of \$3,073.

Also reappointed were Raymond Candloro as the head girls' volleyball coach at \$1,966, Veronica White as assistant girls' volleyball coach at \$1,475, Miriam Fernandez as head boys' tennis coach at \$1,475, Robert Jackson as head spring track coach at \$3,564 and Dennis Shockley as assistant spring track coach at \$1,966.

The board also accepted Chapter 1 funds in the amount of \$271,165 and Compensatory Education funds in the amount of \$316,657 from the State Department of Education. Funding for Adult Education Programs was also accepted in the following amounts: State High School Equivalency, \$8,902; Federal Adult Basic Skills, \$12,469; Evening School for the Foreign Born, \$2,387.

In other business the board:  
- Reappointed James Eden as a night custodian at the High School at \$18,413.  
- Reappointed Carl Stanton as a night custodian at the Intermediate School at \$18,413.

- Appointed Carmen Sotolongo as District Attendance Officer for the balance of the school year at \$16,400.

- Appointed Lawrence Gradman as a social studies teacher at the High School at \$32,325.

- Approved the participation of 4th grade students at Franklin School in the National Assessment of Education Progress to be held during January, 1990. Students will be assessed in

reading, writing, math and science.

- Applied to the State Department of Education to carry over unexpended funds in the amount of \$742.

- Entered into an agreement between Rahway High School and the Princeton Center for Leadership Training for the 1990-91 school year.

- Submitted an application for the establishment of a ROTC unit.

- Waived the 2nd reading and approved on 1st reading a policy on child abuse and neglect.

- Waived the 2nd reading and approved on 1st reading an addition to a policy on drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

- Approved on 1st reading replacement policies on smoking, drinking, use of drugs and gambling on school premises.

- Accepted Entitlement funds in the amount of

\$17,801 from the State Department of Education.

- Approved participation in the Strep Disease Control Program.

- Appointed Glen Curnow as an assistant girls' basketball coach at \$3,687.

- Appointed Irene Beese as a learning disabilities teacher/consultant.

- Accepted the resignation of Yetta Cowen, High School special education teacher.

## Board of Ed takes steps to implement leadership training

### 'Peer Group Connection' aimed at easing transition from intermediate to H.S.

by Pat DiMaggio

At its last regular meeting, Rahway's Board of Education approved an agreement with the Princeton Center for Leadership Training to develop The Peer Group Connection program for the 1990-91 school year.

The Princeton Center for Leadership Training is a non-profit corporation which provides training services to private and public secondary schools and non-profit community organizations interested in leadership programs.

A Peer Group Connection program will provide

training to faculty members and senior students who will then work to ease the transition of 8th grade students from the Intermediate School when they enter the High School.

The High School's commitment to develop The Peer Group Connection would include released time from school for three faculty members, (one coordinator and two faculty advisors), to attend a leadership training conference at the Henry Chauncey Conference Center in Princeton on March 6-9, 1990; two all-day workshops in the fall of 1990;

an all-day Urban-Suburban Peer Leadership Conference in January, 1991; and a common planning period during the school day at least once a week for the three faculty members running the program.

A Peer Leadership Training class must be scheduled as an elective course within the High School's curriculum and must include (a) level A credits for seniors taking the course, (b) attendance of the three faculty members running the program at every class, and (c) an adequate space for the Peer Leadership class and for the meetings of freshman groups.

Selected peer leaders and faculty will also attend a three-day retreat away from school in late summer or early fall in 1990, a two-day, mid-winter retreat in January, 1991, and a final day for closure activities in the spring of 1991.

Freshmen will be selected to participate in The Peer Group Connection for one period each week. Activities will include an all-day

retreat away from school in the early fall for all students in the program, a parent-student evening get-together in the fall, and at least one evening social event during the year.

The program will be funded through an indirect grant from the Merck Foundation. The district will receive \$5,000 for faculty stipends and \$4,000 for activity expenses.

The faculty training expenses for 1990-91 (\$16,000) will also be supported by the grant from Merck. The faculty coordinator will receive a stipend of \$2,000, and the two faculty advisors will receive \$1,500.

Peer leadership expenses will include peer leader retreats, materials, travel, freshman activity day, parents' night, sweatshirts, peer group certificates, and food and evening social events for program participants.

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## Rahway High students to get Cook's tour of financial district

Students enrolled in the economics and honors economics classes at Rahway High School will venture to New York's financial district for their 7th annual field trip on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The trip includes tours of the New York Stock Exchange, The Federal Reserve Bank, The American Stock Exchange, and The Coffee, Tea, Sugar and Cocoa Commodity Exchange in the World Trade Center.

In addition to the guided tours throughout the Wall Street area, the students are able to make short visits to The Federal Hall, which served as the site of George Washington's inauguration and of the nation's first Treasury Building; and the historic Trinity Church and the Revolutionary War cemetery adjacent to it that includes the grave site of Alexander Hamilton, first Secretary to the Treasury.

The annual trip, under the supervision of economics teacher William M. Roesch, enables the students to grasp a real-life experience of the business world and how it operates. "Last year we had the opportunity to walk the floor of the American Stock Exchange and it was a real thrill to see all the action," Roesch said.

The field trip supplements the lessons in class and enables the students to make wise decisions when they participate in a class stock market game. The honors economics class participates in a stock market game sponsored by Trenton State College and the N.J. Council on Economic Education.

The students are eager to attend, and Pat Jackson, a senior, considers this trip as "one of the highlights of the school year."



**IN GOOD COMPANY...** Eric Peterson, Justin Lewis and friend, Brian Homicki, proudly pose with a West-Pointer in full regalia while attending the Army-Colgate game with Rahway Cub Scout Pack 47. The game, held at the U.S. Military Academy on Nov. 18, saw Army beat Colgate 59-14.



**DUBLIN DREAM...** Glennysa Jurado of Rahway, seen here with "Mr. Dragon," was the featured twirler with the Rutgers football team band at an exhibition game against Pittsburgh in Dublin, Ireland, Saturday (Dec. 2). (Pittsburgh beat Rutgers 46-26.) Jurado, a Rutgers student, has been an outstanding twirler locally for several years and teaches twirling for the Rahway Recreation Dept.

## Rahway 'Y' launches babysitting service

The Rahway YMCA is now offering babysitting on Monday and Thursday mornings for pre-school children from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On Monday, Dec. 4 and Thursday, Dec. 7, the Y will present an acrobatic demonstration for classes to begin in January. During the week of December 11, it will have a special program to promote water safety.

Special swim classes are available to focus on safety and security in the water, elementary strokes and simple basic skills for pre-schoolers and youths.

Vacation Camp will run Tuesday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Dec. 29. Trips, swimming, arts and crafts, gym activities and games are scheduled for children ages 5-12.

To end December, the Y is offering a New Year's Eve Overnight for children ages 6-12. Movies, swimming, gym activities, games, snacks and breakfast are the planned activities from 7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve until 10 a.m. on New Year's Day.

For further information, call the Rahway YMCA at 388-0057.

## Dance Guild to celebrate 25th with 'Nutcracker' at Rahway showplace

For the 20th season, the N.J. Dance Theatre Guild, Inc. will present an enchanted version of "The Nutcracker" Ballet. In conjunction with this year's production, the Guild will celebrate its 25th Anniversary.

As in the past several years, the production is being done in association with the Union County Arts Center (formerly the Rahway Theater) which is the process of a major restoration as a showplace for cul-

tural events for Union County. Beautiful backdrops and exciting choreography in addition to many professional performers returning "home," will enhance this year's performance.

The production features professional actors and dancers from the East Coast, together with a cast of local dancers and performers. The dates for the event are Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.



**GROUP STUDY...** Guidance Counselor at Rahway... conducting group sessions... students. (Pictured are... Switzer and Kelli... of main concern. Tips... are also being... this effort... Office at 384-1471.

## 'Light Up A Life' campaign nets 5Gs for seniors

Nearly 100 students representing Rahway schools canvassed the community last Saturday in support of the Rahway Geriatric Center's "Light Up A Life" program. Over \$5,000 was raised to benefit the 120 residents of the Center through this inaugural promotion.

Residents were asked to donate either \$5 or \$10 toward a holiday ornament that will soon be displayed on the holiday tree outside City Hall. Each family that makes a donation will have their name inscribed on their ornament by the residents of the Center. The ornaments were donated by the Merck Company.

"It is really gratifying to see the support we received from the community to make this event a success," remarked Jeff Schwartz, administrator of the Center. "What an exciting way to begin celebrating the Holiday Season. We are especially grateful to the students

and their advisors for making this event a success."

According to Schwartz, the "Light Up A Life" proceeds will be used to fund social and recreational programs for the senior citizens who reside at the Center.

The Rahway Geriatric Center is a private, nonprofit nursing home serving 120 elderly residents from Rahway and surrounding communities.

Anyone interested in supporting the "Light Up A Life" program can either visit the Center to make a donation or write to "Light Up A Life," c/o the Rahway Geriatric Center, 1777 Lawrence St., Rahway, NJ 07065.

**Today is Pearl Harbor Day Remember?**