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At Calgary Olympics, pizza was the 'language of all nations'

(Ice dancer Suzanne Semanick is a member of the U.S. Olympic Team who trains in Newark with coach Ron Ludington's University of Delaware Figure Skating Club. Following is an account of her impressions of the Winter Games.)

by Suzanne Semanick

Even though our days in Calgary are over, the memories will last forever.

After the dance competition, my event, ended on Tuesday, Feb. 23 with our sixth place

finish, we (Suzanne and partner Scott Gregory) were relieved and quite thrilled with our final performance.

That evening we both got together with our individual families and had some quiet and valuable time together with them to let it all soak in. For us, the Olympics, and our dream, was over.

Ice dance is more political than every other skating event because it's not as obvious. It's a matter of opinion if you like it or not.

The only problem with being avant garde (like the French-Canadian Duchesnays, who drew raves from the crowd if not from the judges) is you have to take the chance that people are not going to like it. A lot of what they did was illegal, and I think that's fine, and it's a good direction to go, but being that no one else is allowed to do it and they are not Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean (1984 ice dance gold medalists), I think it shouldn't have been allow-

ed. I'm definitely for ice dancing opening up and being more artsy, but unfortunately you have to be Torvill and Dean to do it. They're so wonderful that people don't mind them doing that.

I'm considering proposing that the rules be changed and be a little more open. I would enjoy it more. I just don't think that we could get away with a routine like the French-Canadians. They're very strict on the rules in America.

Through the Olympics, the skaters grew fond of the bobsledders. It was very easy to get to know these walking great oaks, because they were on the same floor as us.

Often we would have long conversations waiting in line to use the only telephone on the floor. That is, except for Willie Gault's private portable cellular phone, which no one but him used, and as far as anyone knew, never rang.

After I competed, I continued to wear the Olympic

clothes to feel like a competitor. I almost didn't feel like I was an athlete any more. After we finished, I felt like we could have left and it wouldn't have mattered.

I loved watching to support my country, but I hated it too because I couldn't do anything about it.

After the ladies singles competition, Debbie Thomas said

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Poor children impact schools

by Cathy Thomas

The increasing number of children growing up in poverty is nowhere more evident than in the public school system.

"It just impacts so drastically on the schools," said Dr. Michael Walls, superintendent of the Christina School District. "I was talking to a kindergarten teacher the other day and she was telling me about greeting her class this year. She asked a girl what her name was and she (the girl) said 'Baby' and that was it. She (the girl) had no idea what her name was."

Walls said there are children coming into the schools with tremendous advantages and at the same time there are children who are denied those advantages because they are growing up in poverty.

"Poor kids have a much higher degree of failure in school than advantaged kids," said Walls.

A poor child is behind at the beginning of school because they have been denied learning experiences that most advantaged children receive. Most poor children have never been in a structured learning environment, have never traveled and have not had books and learning materials in the home.

Oftentimes, because of the disadvantages they've faced, poor children are held back during the school years. The children become frustrated and may drop out of school as a teenager. Retention is the number one characteristic of a dropout, according to Walls.



Part two of four

As a high school dropout, a teenager most likely will continue the cycle of poverty with his or her own family.

"We're not going to be able to continue as an economic power (with a high dropout rate)," said Walls.

One of the Christina school board goals has been to reduce the dropout rate by 25 percent. So far this year they have been successful, with 27 percent fewer students leaving school.

However, Walls feels the problem of children in poverty must be attacked early. There are new programs in the school district to reach children when they are very young.

In two of the district's schools, the kindergarten day has been extended from a half day to a full day. This is aimed at benefitting disadvantaged children, who are likely candidates for retention.

Usually children are not held back in kindergarten because it is believed that it is better to send them on to first grade where they can get a full day of instruction. Under this program, the full day of instruction can occur in kindergarten.

See POVERTY/4a



Photo/Robert Craig

Poor children, like Sana, are educationally disadvantaged. Many enter the state's public schools lacking the skills and learning experiences of middle- and upper-class youngsters. And many leave early, without acquiring that valuable diploma.

'Elmer' on way home

After being on display at the Iron Hill Museum of Natural History for 20 years, the six-foot skeleton of a native American will be returned to the his ancestral burial grounds.

The skeleton, nicknamed Elmer, has been at the museum since the excavation of his bones led to the discovery of the Island Field Mortuary near South Bowers, Del. two decades ago. Elmer will be returned to the burial site in compliance with legislation pushed by native Delawareans.

The skeleton was nicknamed Elmer because his bones are preserved with a mixture of Elmer's glue and water. He was believed to be a giant among Indians, standing over six feet tall, when he lived about 500 years ago.

Tragedy struck during his stay at the museum when thieves broke into the building in 1986 and stole Elmer's skull. The thieves were never caught and Elmer will be returned to the burial site sans skull.

Newark man dies in race

A pall was cast over Saturday's 5-kilometer Run for Bruce when a Newark man suffered an apparent heart attack and died just 200 yards from the finish line.

David Thomure, 44, was nearing the finish line of the race run on city streets when he collapsed. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed, but the runner was pronounced dead on arrival at Christiana Hospital.

The Run for Bruce is held to benefit Bruce Peisino, a former Christiana High School athlete who was paralyzed in a football accident.

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FACT FILE

Olympians given welcome

The Delaware State Olympic Committee welcomed the state's athletes home from the Calgary Olympic Winter Games last night at Wilmington High School.

Honored were Frank Masley, a Christiana High School alumnus and luger, University of Delaware Figure Skating Club members Suzanne Semanick and Scott Gregory and Wayne and Natalie Seybold, and the Wilmington Skating Club's Gillian Wachsman and Todd Waggoner.

Tickets are now on sale for a special exhibition by the University of Delaware's ice skaters at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13 in the University Ice Arena on South College Avenue.

The program will welcome the Olympians, and also serve as a send-off for the world figure skating championships to be held in Budapest, Hungary.

Tickets cost \$3 each, and will be available 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily at the Arena. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be sold at the door the day of the performance.

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Symphony supporters prepare for casino night.

Casino night

The Newark Symphony Society will hold a fund raising casino night Saturday, March 5 at the Aetna Fire Hall on Ogletown Road. The event will last 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., and will feature blackjack, the big wheel, poker, horse racing and dice. Tickets cost \$5, and will be available at the door.

Board meets

The Christina School District board of education will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 in the William P. Bancroft School, Wilmington.

Steinem says conservatism is not widespread in U.S.

by Cathy Thomas

Despite the conservative policies of the Reagan Administration, conservatism is not widespread in this country, according to Gloria Steinem, founding editor of Ms. magazine.

Speaking at the Delaware Women's Conference in Newark Saturday, Steinem said although the administration's conservative policies do not represent the country's sentiment, advancement of women's right have been hampered.

"We've been fairly successful at fighting, but we've had to fight very hard to stay in the same place," said Steinem.

Feminism has just completed what Steinem calls "the first stage of the second wave."

"The first stage established a legal identity for women of all races," said Steinem. "Having gained a legal identity, we're now trying to get legal and social equality."

Efforts to raise consciousness about equality have certainly worked, according to Steinem, who said nearly 70 percent of American men and women support the issues of equality.

"We have majority support for equal pay, which is great, but we don't have equal pay. We have majority support for the idea of shared parenthood, but it's extremely difficult for a father who wants to be an equal father to really do that."

Currently in this country, a woman gets paid about seventy cents for every dollar paid to a man. In Delaware, the comparison is even lower with women receiving about 55 cents for every dollar a man receives, she said.

"Each individual needs to, not just on her own behalf, but on behalf of women as a group, try to get what she's worth," said Steinem.

A woman's ability to ask for a raise in pay depends greatly on her self-esteem. Steinem is currently writing a book on the issue.

"I think it's (self-esteem) is looking at reality not the ideal, not imposing the impossible ideal of perfection on ourselves."



Gloria Steinem addresses women's conference at University of Delaware.

Photo/Seva Raakin

Keys to new van given to Judy Jones

For most of her life, Judy Jones of Newark has had difficulty in getting from one place to another.

Judy, now 38 years old, has been confined to a wheel chair all her life because of cerebral palsy. Her mobility is about to improve considerably, however.

Officials with the Newark Working Partners Program, under the auspices of the Republican State Committee, have announced they are nearing completion of fund raising efforts to purchase Judy a special van.

The van will allow Bill Jones, Judy's father, to easily transport her on trips. Judy enjoys evening visits to her mother, who remains in a coma following a stroke last year. Those evening trips have not been easy for her father, who transports Judy in regular vehicle.

The Working Partners Pro-

gram began the Van for Judy campaign last fall. While campaigning in Newark, State Rep. Steve Amick met Bill and Judy Jones. Amick tried to find assistance for the family through governmental agencies, but found there was no help available. It was then that the Van for Judy campaign began.

"There's some problems government can't solve as well as can be solved by the community," said Amick.

Amick said he hoped that the Working Partners Program could continue to adopt similar projects.

Nearly \$15,000 has been raised for the purchase of the van. Chrysler Corp. has agreed to provide the van at cost plus set-up charges.

"We were overwhelmed that someone recognized there was a need," said Bill Jones. "I just want to thank everybody that's involved. We're extremely grateful."

Post's Woolman cited

David Woolman, sports reporter for The Newark Post, has been named a winner in the annual Maryland-Delaware-DC Press Association contest.

Woolman, who has been a

member of the Post staff since fall 1987, won second place in the sports feature category for his piece on Tracy Lebreton, a female horse trainer at Delaware Park.

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Dr. Robert Pigford 'Engineer of Year'

by Cathy Thomas

It was a love for mathematics that steered Dr. Robert Pigford of Newark into the field of chemical engineering. No doubt, it was the right choice for him.

Last week, Dr. Pigford was named Delaware's Engineer of the Year by the Delaware Society of Professional Engineers.

Pigford, a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, is retired from the University of Delaware but continues to hold the title of university research professor. He serves on the University board of trustees and is an industrial consultant to the DuPont Company's engineering department.

Pigford was nominated for the honor by DuPont researcher John A. Wilkens, who said Pigford "is one of the foremost living chemical engineers and has had a profound effect on the development of the profession."

Born in Mississippi, Pigford, now 70, graduated from Mississippi State University in 1938 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. He then earned a masters degree in chemical engineering and a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Illinois.

He began his career with the DuPont Company in 1941 as a

research engineer at the Experimental Station in Wilmington. In 1947, he joined the faculty at the University of Delaware as the chairman of the Department of Chemical Engineering.

Pigford left Delaware in 1966 to join the University of California at Berkeley, returning to the University of Delaware in 1975.

As a young student, Pigford, a ham radio enthusiast, thought he might be interested in physics. When one of his teachers didn't understand how a storage battery worked, he decided he "certainly wasn't going to be a physicist."

The next year he took chemistry courses, which he enjoyed. But instead of becoming a chemist, Pigford chose to become a chemical engineer. As a chemical engineer, Pigford had the opportunity to work with mathematics — the tool of the chemical engineering trade.

The methods of teaching chemical engineering have changed over the years, according to Pigford. Because of competitiveness among chemical companies, Pigford said today's engineers must not only be able to do their jobs but also solve any problems that occur in their work.

"Chemical engineers must have an ability to tackle any problem that comes along," said Pigford. "Companies are trying



Dr. Robert Pigford

hard to get some profits out of new chemistry."

Pigford is the co-author of three books about the field of chemical engineering and for 25 years he edited the journal Industrial and Chemical Engineering Chemistry — Fundamentals.

While he was working on the publications and serving as an engineering consultant, Pigford was also busy teaching college students.

Combining the consulting work and the teaching career proved beneficial to Pigford. As a consultant, he was able to relate to his students what was important to industry and give them a much more realistic

view of commercial research demands.

"Textbooks cannot, by themselves, let students understand between important and trivial problems (in industrial research)," said Pigford.

Pigford has counseled many students as they have prepared for their careers. To the engineering students, he stresses the need for education in the humanities as well.

"They (students) cannot judge what subjects they should take in college based on their current interests," said Pigford. "The ability of an engineer to speak and write is important."

At some point, an engineer will have to let others know

about his ideas. The ability to communicate those ideas will depend on his college education in the field of humanities, according to Pigford.

When a student did not understand one of his lectures, Pigford would feel as if he failed. Grading exams was not a favorite chore of his, because it showed to him the results of his attempt to teach.

Although he no longer teaches, Pigford is busy as a consultant and he is revising an earlier publication. Despite all this work, he considers himself retired.

"I'm retired now. I'm doing the things I want to do now. I'm not grading papers anymore."

2 teens killed in accident

Two Newark teenagers were killed in an accident Tuesday, Feb. 23, on Salem Church Road near U.S. 40.

Killed in the late afternoon accident were Christopher P. Kane, 17, of 2003 Point Hamlet Way, and Jeffrey Cockerham, 16, of 17 Heron Ct. Cockerham and Kane were both passengers in a car driven by Stephanie Cockerham, 14, of 101 Scotland Dr., Newark. Stephanie Cockerham was transported to Christiana Hospital, where she was listed in serious condition.

According to Delaware State Police, the accident occurred when Stephanie Cockerham lost control of the car and it crossed the center line, colliding with a pick-up driven by David Filippone, 24, of 3 Leader Dr., Newark.

Police said Jeffrey Cockerham, a cousin of Stephanie Cockerham, was thrown from the back seat of the vehicle. Kane was a passenger in the front seat.

Filippone, treated for minor injuries at Christiana Hospital, was the only person wearing a seat belt.

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Trooper honored

Delaware State Trooper First Class James R. Simpson of Newark has been honored by a Wilmington civic organization for his outstanding service to the community.

Simpson, a patrol officer assigned to Troop 1, Penny Hill, was named "Officer of the Quarter" for the fourth quarter of 1987 by the Naamans Rotary Club.

Simpson was honored for his consistent, self-motivated work habits in addition to several investigations he conducted which led to numerous felony arrests.

During October, three persons went on a late night shooting spree on Marsh Road and Philadelphia Pike. Trooper Simpson's investigation led to the arrest of the suspects on charges of reckless endangering, criminal mischief and weapons charges.

Simpson, 32, is a three-year veteran and has been assigned to Troop 1 since his graduation from the State Police Academy. He and his wife, Rebecca, live in the Newark area.

Social Services sees decline in number of clients

by Cathy Thomas

As surprising as it may seem, the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services has actually seen a decline in the number people receiving assistance from their agency in recent years.

The decline in caseload can be attributed to several factors. The unemployment rate has been reduced because of the rapid development in the state. Also, federal policy changes have restricted eligibility for major public assistance programs resulting in a drop in the caseload.

Of those still in need of assistance from DHS, many are women and children. Thirty-four percent of the families in Delaware which are headed by females are living in poverty, the highest rate in the region.

The number of U.S. households headed by women more than doubled from 4.4 million to 9.4 million from 1960 to 1982. Children in families headed by women are more than four times as likely to live in poverty as children of other households. One-third of the welfare recipients in Delaware are considered long-term dependents. Primarily the long-term welfare recipients are female single heads of households, many of whom started on welfare as teen mothers.

Phyllis Hazel, DHS Director of Economic Services, is optimistic about reducing the problems of the poor in the state. Last year, the "Blueprint for Change" was published, outlining efforts for state welfare reform.

"This blueprint for change is already happening," said Hazel. "I tend to be very optimistic about our problems. I think there is a spirit and a commitment to tackling those problems."

One of the major welfare initiatives in the last year was the "First Step" program, which is aimed at reducing the number of long-term welfare clients. Many of those long-term clients are the hard core unemployed and are high school dropouts with few vocational skills and no job history. They are also deficient in basic literacy and life management skills.

Through the program, a client receives job training. Possibly more important, a client is given information on life skills, such as how to manage a job and childcare. Another initiative to raise women and children out of poverty is the child support program, operated by the Division of Child Support Enforcement.

as how to manage a job and childcare.

"I think there is a consensus that parents ought to be supporting their children," Hazel said.

Some of the families dependent on welfare are in that situation because one parent neglects court-ordered child support payments. Delaware's child support program ranks fifth in the nation in dollars collected per dollars spent. The amount of support payments collected has increased every year since 1980.

One of the major problems for the poor is health care. Delaware has the highest infant mortality rate in the nation. The loss of Medicaid benefits has been a problem for many welfare clients when they move from welfare to work.

A new program was started this year that provides transitional health care coverage through enrollment in a health maintenance organization for families leaving the welfare rolls.

Despite these welfare changes, much needs to be done over the next several years.

Delaware's welfare payments are among the lowest in this part of the country. Currently payments are at 41 percent of

the poverty level while the national average of welfare payments is 47 percent of the poverty level. Proposals to increase the payments are under consideration.

"I think we have lagged behind (on welfare payments)," said Hazel. "I think we have to do something for children that are dependent on welfare."

Health coverage is still unavailable to some families especially those classified as the "working poor." Hazel believes that government and business may have to work together to determine how health insurance can be made available to those working at the low end of the service economy.

POVERTY/from 1a

Also underway in the district is the New Parents as Teachers (NPAT) program. Through NPAT, parents are encouraged to involve themselves in the early education of their children. Parents are also given information on their children's health and nutrition.

Although these efforts in the school district are of little cost,

Walls said money does need to be invested in programs for poor children.

"I'm obviously concerned about the Reagan Administration," said Walls. "There's just been tremendous cuts in programs for the poor during this Administration. I read statistics every day that show, in the past five years, the real income of people living in poverty, adjusted for inflation, has decreased by \$600 a year while income for the wealthy

has increased \$12,000. The whole shift has been to fewer people getting richer and a whole lot of people getting poorer."

Studies indicate that for every dollar invested in preventative action, such as early care for poor children, it saves seven dollars in the long run. The savings, Walls said, should make people care about the problems of poor children in their heads even if they don't care in their hearts.

NEWS CALENDAR

• Randall Kehler, who coordinated the National Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign from 1981-1984, will speak in Newark at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 4. Kehler will discuss "Disarmament and Democracy: Our American Perestroika (Restructuring)" during a session in the Newark Center for Creative Learning, 401 Phillips Ave. The talk will be preceded by a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. sponsored by Pacem in Terris and the Newark Peace Fellowship. Persons who plan to attend should bring a dish that feeds six. For details, call 655-2721.

• The Social Security Administration, in an effort to help parents get needed Social Security numbers for children age five or older, will hold

special application sessions 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 7 and 8 at Christiana Mall. Representatives will be located near the Macy's court fountain. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service now requires Social Security numbers for dependents age five or older. To apply, front proof of age, citizenship and identity. Original or certified copies of documents are required. For details, call 573-6470.

• U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett will be guest speaker at the Republican State Committee dinner Monday, March 7 at the Brandywine Sheraton. Cost is \$15. For information or reservations, call 651-0260.

• A four-part seminar on

glasnost will be presented by the Committee for US/USSR Relations at 7:30 p.m. Mondays, March 7 and 21 and April 11 and 25 at Tower Hill School, Wilmington. The March 7 presentation will feature Robert B. Cullen, diplomatic correspondent for Newsweek and former Moscow bureau chief. He will discuss "Glasnost and the Media."

• The Newark Memorial Day Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10 in the City Manager's Conference Room of the Newark Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Rd. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

• The Civic League for New Castle County will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15 in the

New Castle County Police Headquarters, 3801 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle. The topic will be a "Legislative Report" by Marion Stewart and Victor Singer, who will discuss bills pending and passed by the state legislature. Stewart is executive director of the Civic League. Singer is secretary.

• The Delaware Nicaragua Network meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month in New Ark United Church of Christ, 215 E. Delaware Ave. The meetings are held on the third floor of the education building, and are open to the public. The organization's aims include education about U.S. policies of intervention in Central America and a call for citizen action to change these policies.

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SCHOOLS

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Saturday Morning Math

University offers special weekend program for students grades 1-8



Caravel Academy students Sara Schmittinger, Beth Foltz, Carrie Jacobs and Kristi Taylor in "skin the snake" competition.

The Caravel Academy Student Government sponsored a Spirit Olympics, which featured a battle of the classes. The event was held to help the Student Government meet its goal of raising \$6,000 for Delaware Special Olympics this year. Last year, Caravel students donated \$4,000 to the cause. Olympic events included the spirit knot, the ping pong pass, three-legged wheelbarrow race and a shaving cream shootout. The competition ended in a tie, with the freshman class winning a basketball shootoff for the title.

The Newark Lions Club is seeking nominations for the Newark Teenager of the Year Awards. The awards, \$300 each, will be given to one male and one female student who best represent good citizenship. Nominees must live in the Newark Zip Code areas (19702, 19711, 19713 and 19715) and within the state boundaries. Qualifications of the candidates will be judged in at least five of the following categories: general behavior pattern, academic standing, school activities, religious participation, youth organization participation, community activities, educational competition, and special accomplishments or abilities. Nominations are due by midnight Friday, April 1. For details or copies of the nomination forms, call William Bohning at 731-5134 or Gene Pierce at 731-4892.

Students of the Caravel Academy senior class embarked Feb. 5 on a three-day cruise to the Bahamas, sailing on the S.S. Emerald Seas. The

students took part in a variety of shipboard activities, including the talent show. Performing were Tina Casula, Jessica Dowdy, Shelley Wilcox, Mara Tucker, April DuHadaway, Jennifer Lewis, Tim Derr, Tom Lyons and Jim Ross. Capturing third place in a "Name That Tune" contest were the team of Brian Manubay, Manuel Aquinaga, Tammy Grant, Tina Casula and class advisors Joanne Crouse and Shirley Rocca. Chaperone Joe Gallante won first place in the sexy leg contest.

Students in the first through eighth grades may sharpen their mathematics skills through a Saturday program offered by the University of Delaware's Mathematical Sciences Teaching and Learning Center. "Saturday Morning Math," which will begin a session March 5, encourages math enrichment through problem-solving and computer fun. Faculty for the program are Martie McCormick, a teacher

with experience in kindergarten through ninth grade, and Michael Wisniewski, who has taught mathematics in grades four through 12. Six-week sessions are offered on Saturday mornings at the Mathematical Sciences Teaching and Learning Center in Room 028 of Purnell Hall on the University's Newark campus. The spring session will begin March 5, with three sessions —

the first offered from 8:30-10 a.m., the second scheduled from 10:15-11:45 a.m. and the third section set from noon-1:30 p.m. Tuition is \$30 for the six-week session, and enrollment is limited. Serving on the "Saturday Morning Math" program's steering committee are Dr. Ronald Wenger, director of the Mathematical Sciences Teaching and Learning Center and an associate professor of

mathematical sciences; Dr. William B. Moody, professor of mathematics and education; and Dr. James Hiebert, associate professor of educational development, all at the University. For more information on "Saturday Morning Math," write to: Mathematical Sciences Teaching and Learning Center, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716, telephone 451-2140.

GED examination now includes essay questions

A new version of the General Education Development (GED) test includes an essay question to evaluate examinee's ability to organize and present a written response to a topic of general interest to adults, the American Council on Education's GED Testing Service has reported. The GED test qualifies those who pass the test to receive a high school equivalency credential. In 1986, more than 700,000 people took the GED test. More than 480,000 examinees passed and qualified for an equivalency credential. Since 1971, the GED Testing Program has enabled more than six million adults to obtain formal recognition of their education development. In Delaware, a qualified person who passes the GED examination may be awarded ten high school credits in the James H. Groves Adult High School. One of every seven high school diplomas in the United States is issued on the basis of GED tests, and nearly one of every 20 college freshmen is a GED graduate. One in 20 high school diplomas in Delaware is a James H. Groves High School diploma. The revised tests are now be-

ing administered in several states and the District of Columbia. By December, all states, Canadian provinces, and U.S. territories will be using the new tests. The essay questions test the ability to organize a written response to a topic of general interest. Examinees receive a score that combines results from the essay and multiple choice portion of the writing skills test. Two readers will score each essay; if their scores differ by more than one point, a third reader will score the essay as well. An essay question was added to the test in response to educators' belief that the GED tests should demand more high-

level thinking and problem-solving skills, to reflect skills needed in the world of work. The revised tests were administered to a national sample of spring 1987 graduating high school seniors. This ensures that test scores required from adult examinees will be comparable to those achieved by U.S. high school seniors.

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• Sunday afternoon chamber concerts to benefit the Newark Center for Creative Learning will be held at 3 p.m. March 6 and 13 in the Cornell home, 120 Kells Ave., Newark. Featured will be Sally Cornell on oboe, Ann Brown on piano and harpsichord, and Wendy Shipman on cello. The March 6 program will feature the Shostakovich Sonata, and the March 13 program the Brahms Sonata. Tickets cost \$10, and proceeds benefit the NCCL Financial Aid Fund. For reservations, call the Newark Center for Creative Learning at 368-7772 or Ann Brown at 368-5104.

• Caravel Academy will Jump Rope for Heart March 7-11, with proceeds benefitting the American Heart Association of Delaware. Over the past five years, the school has raised more than \$20,000 for the Association. The Caravel event is organized by Joan Samonisky, physical education teacher.

• The Christina School District board of education will hold its next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 in the Bancroft School, Wilmington.

• A special one-day workshop on "Helping Children Cope With Grief" will be held 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 in Clayton Hall on the University of Delaware's north campus by the Delaware School Counselors Association and Doherty Funeral Homes. Dr. Alan Wolfelt, director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Colorado, will be the guest speaker. Wolfelt is author of the books "Helping Children Cope With Grief" and "Death and Grief: A Guide For Clergy." The content of the workshop is appropriate for any adult interested in learning more about helping children cope with grief — teachers, parents, clergy or counselors. For registration information, call Cheryl Abernethy at 995-8035 or Charles Brown at 284-9291.

• The Broadmeadow School of Middletown will hold its seventh annual auction Saturday, March 12.

Glasgow High to stage 'Annie Get Your Gun'

The Glasgow High School choral music and theater departments will stage Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12. Tickets cost \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens, and will be available from cast members or at the door.

The title role of Annie Oakley is being shared by Amanda Backof and Julie Cebrat. Other principal roles are being played by: Greg Dehel, as Charlie Davenport; Christopher Barton, as Frank Butler; Brandy Banks, as Dolly Tate; Joseph Augustine, as Buffalo Bill; David Woodside, as Chief Sitting Bull; Terry Zorich, as Pawnee Bill; and Matt Blanco, as Wilson.

William Webb will portray Annie's brother and Michelle Fiorioli, Zieta Augustine and Eva Byan will portray her sister. Lisa Zasowski is the student choreographer, and Craig Huffman is stage manager. Among faculty members, Patrick Downs is musical director, Donald Morgan is stage director and Andra Dickerson is technical director.

Pencader AFS unit seeks host families

The American Field Service (AFS) student exchange program is seeking host families in the Newark area.

The Pencader AFS Chapter is actively searching for interested families who will agree to host a high school student from one of 60 foreign countries for the 1988-89 school year.

Pencader Chapter is active in four local high schools — Caravel, Christiana, Glasgow and Newark.

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"A host family could consist of a two-parent or a single-parent family, as well as a family with young children, no children or grown children. The important elements are a willingness to be open with your life and an eagerness to learn of other cultures.

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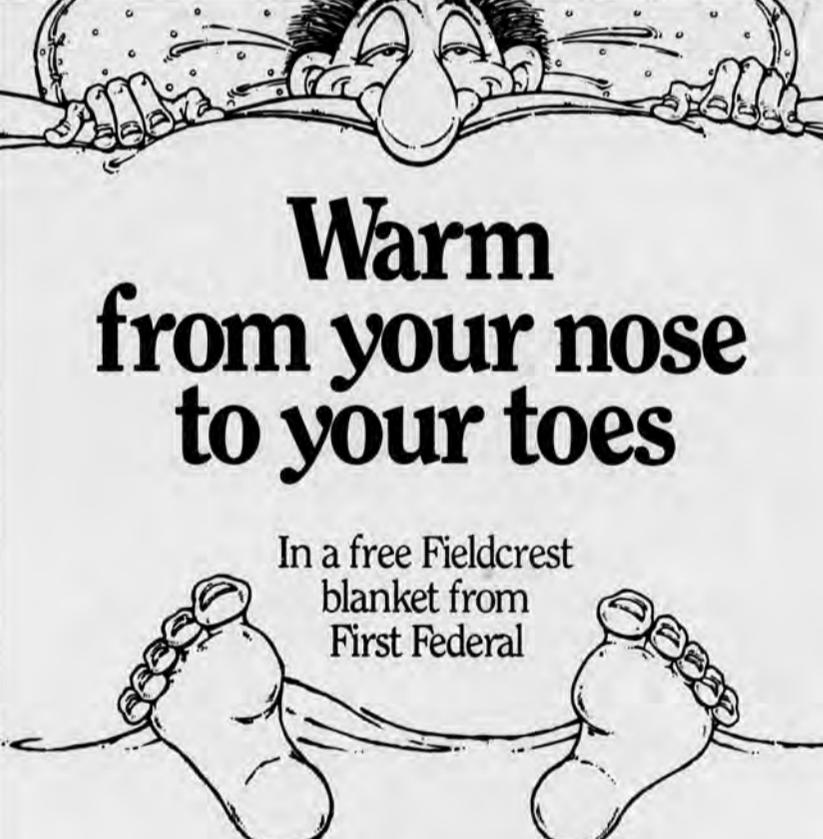
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- Joseph Topich of Virginia Commonwealth University will discuss "Bioinorganic Models for the Molybdenum Cofactor" at 4 p.m. Friday, March 4 in 203 Drake Hall.
- Carol J. Lusty of the Public Health Research Institute in New York will speak on "Genetic Evolution of Catalytic and Regulatory Function of Carbamyl Phosphate Synthetase" at 4 p.m. Monday, March 7 in 203 Drake Hall.
- Dr. Donald Simons of E.I. duPont de Nemours & Company will discuss "Some Poisonous Plants in Delaware" at noon Tuesday, March 8 in 203 Worrilow Hall.
- "The Day After: An Assessment of Jesse Jackson's Performance on Super Tuesday" will be presented by Dr. Zelma Mosley of the Political Science Department at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 in the Ewing Room of Perkins Student Center.
- A panel discussion on "The U.S. Constitution: How Does It Serve Women?" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 in the Ewing Room of Perkins Student Center.
- Actress Patricia Neal will speak on an "Unquiet Life" at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 in Clayton Hall. The talk is part of the Wellness series sponsored by the University's Employee Relations Department, and is free and open to the public. Neal, an Academy Award winner, will relate the physical and mental strains of overcoming the massive strokes she suffered in 1966.

CAMPUS FILE

• Goldey Beacom College has announced a lecture series entitled "Dimensions of Free Expression: Professional Perspectives." The remaining lectures are as follows: 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, "Freedom of Expression and the News Media," with Pat Ciarrocchi of KWTW-TV; April, date and time to be announced, "Political Choices for the Future," with U.S. Rep. Thomas Carper; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, "The Artist and Freedom of Expression," with sculptor Charles Parks.



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The Constitution and Women

ACLU attorney to consider how document serves women

"The U.S. Constitution: How Does It Serve Women?" will be the topic of a free public seminar scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, in the Ewing Room of the Perkins Student Center on the University of Delaware campus.

Planned in honor of Women's History Month and the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, the seminar is being sponsored by the offices of the President and of Women's Affairs at the University.

Keynote speaker will be Joan E. Bertin, attorney and associate director of the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation.

She will speak on the evolution of women's rights under the Constitution, including a historical review, an assessment of the current situation

and predictions focusing on likely successes and failures of women's issues in the Supreme Court. She also will discuss the recent controversy over the Bork nomination.

Bertin is a specialist in gender, pregnancy and employment discrimination law; reproductive health hazards; and constitutional litigation.

Serving as panelists will be Dr. Gerald M. Turkel, associate professor of sociology at the University, and Patricia Tate Stewart, attorney and director of legal services/counsel to the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) of the Family Court of the State of Delaware.

Turkel teaches courses in sociology of law, social theory and women's studies. He is secretary of the American Assn. of University Professors

(AAUP) at the University and a member of the Houston Sociology Society and the Law and Society Assn.

Stewart, an adjunct professor at Delaware Law School, teaches family law. She is a member of the board of directors of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Assn. and the board of the Newark branch of the American Assn. of University Women (AAUW).

For more information on the seminar, contact the Office of Women's Affairs at the University, telephone 451-8063.

**Chernobyl accident
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What really happened at the Chernobyl nuclear plant — and why did it happen? These questions and many more will be answered by Dr. Herbert Kouts of the Nuclear Energy Department, Brookhaven National Laboratory, in a lecture entitled "The Chernobyl Accident — The Real Story."

Free and open to the public, the lecture will be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, in Room 131, Sharp Laboratory, on the University of Delaware's Newark campus.

A highly respected authority on reactor safety and nuclear power, Kouts was a member of the international group that studied the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

His lecture will include an account of the events leading up to the accident; why it happened; what its effects will be; and what lessons have been learned for the future.

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OPINION

The Games, both political and Olympic

There is something unnerving about the current presidential campaign.

I can't quite put my finger on it, but I think it has something to do with Pat Paulsen.

Remember when the droop-faced comedian announced his candidacy on the Smothers Brothers show in the early 1970s? Everyone laughed, because it was so clearly a joke.

Today, however, a Paulsen candidacy is not so funny. In fact, it is plausible. Not that Pat is any more qualified now than he was then, but the pack of people seeking the nation's highest office has "come back to him," as they say.

In a field filled with preachers and beseechers, blow dries and bow ties, why not a comedian?

The Paulsen Effect is also at work in more localized races. Already voters have made Clint Eastwood's day, Morgan Fairchild is a Democratic National Convention delegate and Sonny Bono — Sonny Bono? — is seeking office. The beat goes on.

My favorite candidate, however, is Alice Cooper, the string-haired, black-eyed rock 'n' roll star whose biggest hit album came wrapped in women's panties.

Cooper hopes to replace Evan Mecham as governor of Arizona and, frankly, it is hard

by Neil Thomas



POSTSCRIPT

to see how he could do a worse job.

Running on the Wild Party ticket, Cooper's motto is, "A troubled man for troubled times."

Being in a cynical state of mind as it is, here are a few observations on the Calgary Olympic Winter Games:

• I'm glad it is over. I could not have taken one more saccharine ABC feature on "Little Katya," clearly the apple of Jim McKay's eye if of no one else's.

• What is all the fuss over the United States' medal count? First off, this is not a winter-bound nation. The Soviets, East Germans, Swiss and assorted Scandinavians perform well in the Winter Games because they live nine months out of the year in snow

and ice.

Secondly, several of those nations — the Eastern bloc — have warped priorities. Their forms of government are so repugnant that sport has become an incredibly important public relations tool. Athletes, often mere pawns of the system, are plucked from their families and placed in special sports schools almost out of the cradle.

If we want to compete even up, we could do that. But at what cost to the individual? And at what cost to society as a whole?

(Did everyone else catch the irony of the East German bobsleigh team sporting BMW logos? The socialist sledgers touting the ultimate bourgeoisie driving machine.)

(As such, they rank with Daniel Ortega as what I call "designer socialists.")

Personally, I think the archaic British athletic system is best. Think about it. Of all the athletes in Calgary, who will linger longest in your memory? Katarina Witt? Alberto Tomba? Brian Boitano? Not likely. The one most of us will remember is Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards.

With typical British pluck, Eddie represented the dreams of Everyman, flying — more or less — off the ski jumping slope as one of us. No coddled "shamateur" he.

OK. Agreed. Our athletic system needs an overhaul. The athletes need more effective support. But does anyone really think George Steinbrenner will provide the answer? (He's done such a marvelous job with the Yankees, after all. Post reporter David Woolman has suggested that, if nothing else, the 1992 U.S. Olympic Team is sure to have weak pitching.)

The key to the Olympic movement in the United States right now is defining our goal. Is it to flex our national muscle? Is it to beat the Soviets and East Germans to smithereens? Or is it simply to do the best we can within a system that recognizes the sanctity of the individual?

It would be sad to think we are in such dire need of national pride that only gold medals will fill the void.

POSTBOX

SB 148

Deserves support

To the Editor:

We represent the Kent County Area Advisory Committee on Aging. On Jan. 27, the Delaware Senate overwhelmingly passed Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 148. This bill expands the state Medicaid program to include the medically indigent, and does it with fiscal restraint.

Also, the legislation stresses preventive care through state contracted services with primary care givers — like health maintenance organizations — in each county. This type of health care is cost effective without reducing quality.

Coverage for the medically indigent is already available in all of our neighboring states. This bill assists middle class individuals with medical expenses beyond their current means, which will allow them to spend

their savings and other assets down to a point where they can become eligible for Medicaid only. There are no cash payments to anyone and the coverage lasts only as long as they are medically indigent.

Gov. Castle's Commission on Health Care Cost Management strongly recommends this type of legislation and his own leadership in the Senate has unanimously voted for SB 148, which proves the bipartisan support for the measure.

The issue of long-delayed help for the medically indigent is an embarrassment to Delaware and a tragedy to the victims. The concept has been studied and re-studied to exhaustion. The time to act is long overdue.

The following organizations support this legislation: the statewide American Association of Retired Persons, New Castle County Advisory Commission on Aging, Delaware Association of Programs for the Aging, Delaware State Council of Senior Citizens, Modern Maturi-

ty Center in Dover, Kent County Levy Court, and nearly 1,000 petitioners.

We ask support to ensure that the medically indigent in

Delaware receive their Medicaid cards as soon as possible.

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1. The appeal of William C. Boozer, 501 Capitol Trail, for the following variances:
 - (a) Section 32-9 (c) (3) (C) requires a minimum lot width of 75 feet. Applicant requests a lot width of 50 feet.
 - (b) Section 32-9 (c) (7) (C) requires that two side yards shall be provided on every lot in an RS district, with a minimum of ten feet on either side and an aggregate width of the two side yards of 25 feet. Applicant requests a side yard of 1.62 feet and a minimum aggregate width of 24 feet.
2. The appeal of J. Frank Skillman, for the property located at 32 and 34 East Cleveland Avenue, for the following variances:
 - (a) Section 32-10 (c) (1) requires minimum lot area of 6,250 square feet. Lot 32 shows lot area of 3,736 square feet and lot 34 shows lot area of 4,175 square feet.
 - (b) Section 32-10 (c) (2) requires maximum lot coverage of 25 percent. Lot 34 shows 26 percent lot coverage.
 - (c) Section 32-10 (c) (3) requires minimum lot width to be 50 feet. Lot 32 shows lot width of 23.6 ft and lot 34 shows lot width of 26.4 feet.
 - (d) Section 32-10 (c) (7) requires minimum side yard of 8 feet. Lot 32 shows side yard of 7.3 feet.
 - (e) Section 32-10 (c) (7) requires minimum aggregate side yards to be 20 feet. Lot 34 shows aggregate side yards of 10.1 feet.

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3. The appeal of Peter D. and Linda A. Eggink, 842 Lehigh Road, for a side yard variance. Section 32-9 (c) (7) requires side yard to be ten feet with a minimum aggregate width of the two side yards to be twenty-five feet. Applicants plan indicates one side yard of eight feet and an aggregate width of 20.2 feet.

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EDITORIALS

Helping state's poor

Delawareans like to think of their state as exceedingly prosperous. And by many accounts it is.

Delaware has long been the "Chemical Capital" of the United States and a haven for corporate headquarters.

More recently, it has become a financial center, with clattering cranes incessantly altering the Wilmington skyline as one bank after another adds a highrise office complex.

In the suburbs, contractors are filling hills and dales with the \$200,000 houses in which new executives will reside.

It is a giddy time. For some.

The flip side of this boom, however, is poverty. And that is a topic Delawareans have been all too willing to overlook.

The real shame of it is that the people living in poverty have no real voice. They are children.

"In the last eight years," says Dr. Michael Walls, superintendent of the Christina School District, "the number of senior citizens living in poverty has decreased by 50 percent, but the number of kids under five living in poverty has doubled."

"Now children are the poorest segment of our society."

It has long been an accepted American value that one generation will try to leave a better world for the next. Can we make that claim? It appears not.

Awareness of the issue is vital. Discussion is vital. And, ultimately, action is vital.

A composite boost

"Composites" is a word of which Newark residents will be hearing a great deal in the coming decade.

Composite technology is the combining of two or more materials to create a third, often stronger, material.

Composite materials have application in a wide variety of fields, from military and aerospace to recreational.

As such, they are of great value.

Already Newark is being recognized as a leading center of composite material research in the United States thanks to a research center on the University of Delaware campus.

That position of leadership may well be enhanced in the years ahead.

The Governor's High Technology Task Force, headed by Lt. Gov. S. B. Woo of Newark, has recommended that the state take action to strengthen its role in composite material research.

By doing that, the state can improve its economy, Woo believes. "Our state could be the composites capital of the world, similar to California's Silicon Valley but without the failures."

Du Pont should have stayed in race

by State Rep. William A. Oberle Jr.



HOUSE REPORT

I recently spent two days in New Hampshire working for my respected friend, Pete du Pont. I must state at the outset that I do not totally agree with all of Pete's positions. I do believe, however, that he possesses all the qualities necessary to make an excellent President. And, until Pete chose to drop out of the presidential campaign, he was the only candidate of both parties who dared to discuss issues in a bold and forthright manner.

I came away from New Hampshire tired and with several very clear impressions. Pete was pitted against heavily financed professional politicians who rely primarily on rhetoric and slick advertising to gain votes. And, it was obvious that Pete made them a bit uneasy with his constant penchant for broaching the issues.

Jack Kemp appeared to me to be the most mindless of the Republican lot, while Bush and Dole seemed more interested in discrediting each other than addressing issues. Robertson is clearly from a different planet, publicly denying his evangelical ties while privately using them to his political advantage; hypocritical to say the least.

On the Democratic side, I came away with the impression that Simon was the most sincere of the bunch. Unfortunately some of his ideas are as old and tired as his mode of dress. Gephardt spent his time in New Hampshire reiterating his populist viewpoints; that when closely examined are not only bizarre but mechanically unworkable. And, Dukakis, with favorite son status, purposely low-keyed his approach in hopes of offending the least number of people. He still only managed 36 percent of the vote; a rather poor showing given his obvious advantage. Babbitt, Jackson and Hart simply went through the motions.

I mentioned earlier that Pete had an uphill fight. He was

politically out-gunned and for whatever reason the national media refused to give him proper coverage. I spent quite a

bit of time on the streets of Lowell and Salem, two small towns in New Hampshire. Pete's name was well known

and well respected. But, he fell victim to the mentality of everyone loves a winner. And, in New Hampshire, it was clearly perceived that Bush and Dole were going to be winners. The irony in all of this is when I talked to the people of New Hampshire, Pete, on the merits, was almost everyone's second choice; they just didn't have the inclination to buck the system.

In closing, Pete's decision, although understandable, is still upsetting. He has a lot to offer this country.

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NEWS

SUZY/from 1a

to me "After I missed my first triple combination, my heart wasn't in it. It was supposed to be my performance of a lifetime."

Jill Trenary commiserated, saying "It's like, OK, we were just rehearsing, let's start all over again." Everyone who is an athlete says that at least once in a lifetime. I know I've said it.

In the final few days, our room started to look like Princess Di's wedding, with all the flowers and telegrams. There were flowers from Oprah Winfrey, telegrams from David Letterman, the Ice Capades, and people we didn't even know. I think the ones from the people we didn't know were even more special.

Remember how everything was hunky dory with all eight girls in the same room? Well, by the end to that week we all couldn't wait to get away from each other.

We dearly love each other, but there were just so many disturbances. It was getting a little touchy. Plus, everyone was getting sick.

We're going to miss each other, but when I got home to my own apartment, I loved it. My own bathroom...

The Eastern Bloc athletes were funny. By the end of the week, they opened up. I have never seen people party and drink more. We traded stuff

the last couple of days. I gave them some Delaware Blue Hen t-shirts. They loved it.

They came over and had Domino's Pizza with us. That was a peace offering right there. Pizza is the language of all nations.

Albert Tomba, who won three gold medals skiing, went to the ladies skating event to try to pick up Katarina Witt and she blew him off. It was classic.

Closing ceremonies day was one of mixed emotions. Everyone couldn't wait for the closing gala to begin, but reluctant to have it end because we would have to say goodbye to all our new friends.

There was a lot of singing and camaraderie as we waited our turn to walk into the neon-lit jam-packed McMahon Stadium.

Kim Seybold, Jill Trenary, Suzie Wynn and myself decided that we wanted to be seen by the home viewers and friends, but since we were the shortest girls on the American team, we all picked a partner and doubled up, riding on their shoulders. Kim, Suzie and Jill picked bobsledders. I picked Todd Waggoner (who trains in Wilmington), because he didn't get fifth in the world in pairs for nothing.

After riding a lap on our friend's shoulders, we all sat down for the entertainment. The lowering of the flag started a massive wave that circled the stadium four times before we were asked to stop.

The Calgarian skaters warmed up a 200-foot by 200-foot sheet of ice in the center of the stadium. We were also honored with the talents of Dorothy Hamill and Robin Cousins and other past Olympic champions.

It was a dramatic buildup to the extinguishing of the Olympic torch.

As the athletes and the spectators watched the flame burn down to nothing, there was a moment of silence.

The athletes rushed down from their seats and started to dance and sing with everybody. We were all just letting loose. It was a precious and genuine moment. From kick lines to break dancing, everyone relieved their tension, and showed that the Americans were in control.

We made a tour of the stadium, high fiving the spectators. We may not have won all the medals, but we sure won the spirit and the fun of trying.

As for the future, we're not going to the world championships, because Scott has to get surgery (on his back).

Physically, he's not in pain, but mentally it's driving him crazy that he's at a plateau in his skating and not improving. It's hard for me; I want to go.

We had to get on that right away. It wouldn't have been fair to the other American

skaters who are right behind us. If we didn't let them know in a few days, they wouldn't be able to train for worlds.

It's going to be six weeks before he's back on the ice, so what I'm going to do is take my pairs tests. Whenever I turn pro, I want to be able to understand it so I can teach it. If I'm going to do it, I might as well do it now.

I'm also going to do it because I like the way my body looks when I train.

I'm looking towards the next Olympics, but I don't know as far as what we (she and Scott) will be doing. Scott will be 32 (in 1992). Thirty, thirty one for dance is really pushing it.

This week is definitely one of decision for both of us. We haven't decided anything except we'll definitely stay amateur.



1988 Olympics by Suzanne Semanick

I'm going to go home to Pittsburgh for a while, and get normal stuff done. Like go to the dentist.

Dancers will miss 'worlds'

Suzanne Semanick and Scott Gregory, the U.S. national ice dance champions, will not be competing in the world championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Semanick said Tuesday night that the couple will miss the worlds because Gregory's continuing back problems will require surgery.

Gregory suffered a ruptured disk while practicing for competition in Europe last year. He managed to compete in the Olympics despite the problem, but Semanick says the injury has caused a great deal of frustration.

NEWS FILE

Schwartz

GNCC president

Jeff Schwartz has been named president of the Greater Newark Civic Council.

Schwartz was installed Feb. 11 by Paul Morrill Jr., New Castle County policy coordinator, during a GNCC ceremony.

Other officers are: Carl McBride, vice president; Jean

Boyer, recording secretary; Kevin Downs, treasurer; and Ann Negstead, corresponding secretary.

Also during the Feb. 11 meeting, outgoing GNCC president Linda Forshey was honored for her "outstanding service to the council."

The GNCC also honored the County Executive's Office for its efforts on behalf of the organization.

On hand were many civic association presidents, and State Reps. Steve Amick and William Oberle.

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