

A Day with Debbie

by Debbie Z.

Oh boy! I just got off my bicycle, (I rode in from my house at Harveys Lake) and I feel like I'm going to die. I've got the exercise kick, and I'm on the verge of joining either the Y or Royal Courts to play raketball. Mary (from the N.Y. Connection) called the other day and invited me for another round. Without Jackie there I really had a workout. When I came back to the office a fellow co-worker (Susan, who does our sister paper The Eagle) invited me to play again at the Y. Well, I'm really beginning to enjoy the sport, and if I can find a partner to play once a week, I think I'll join.

And since sports are on my mind to start off with, I'll slip in some cocktail information for you. Last week while the Back Mountain girls were bowling in the city tournament, somehow I happen to bowl pretty good. Anyway, my team, Lombardo Bakery, came in 2nd place, and I placed 2nd in singles. However, the Big D somehow didn't send in something they wanted, and they think I may have a higher score (because I should have had a lower average than she thought). Now if I got you in an athletic mood, Lewis & Duncan in Edwarsville can help you with all the equipment you need.

A big "Hi" is going out this week to my buddy Marie Ritts. Marie bowls on my team and she is president of our league. She is also a really neat person to say "Hi" to. And this week she deserves it for cheering me on in the tournament. So Marie, this "Hi's" for you.

The flavor ice cream this week is Ambrosia. I stopped over in the Ice Cream Delight, and made up my mind to try a new flavor each week. The store (if you forgot from last week) is located in Trucksville, (Hickory Corners)

It's strawberry time again! And Dymond's farm is just full of those red, juicy, delicious berries. all you can pick, which could be alot or a little, sounds like something neat to do if you're not a busy person. So hop on out to Orange and start a picking.

Jan, Jan, the TV man, still has some really great bargains galore down in his shop. This week he is featuring a water pik massage for the shower. I'm sure you know what I'm talking about. It's always advertised on TV. I also heard he is going to carry a line of albums and records as soon as everything is in order.

I can't wait until the new restaurant (Mr. Wong's Chinese food) opens. I'm just dying to try something new.

If you're on the road traveling in town, I hear that the Carvel Store has ice cream that will satisfy the hungriest ice cream lover. Bob Bradley (a Back Mountain gent) runs the place, and when you stop by there, tell him "Debbie sent you."

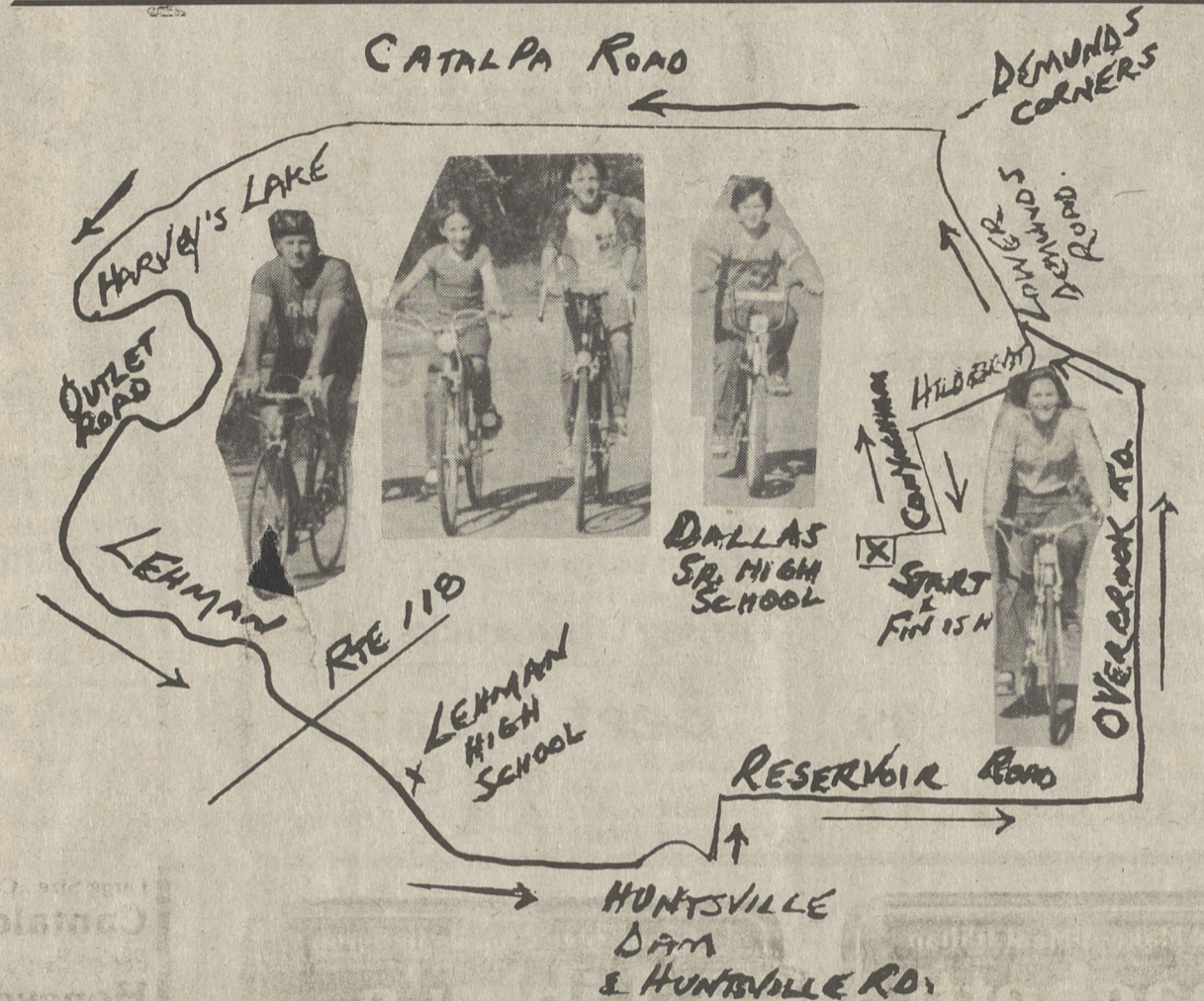
A Trans Am has just passed in my mist. A really neat person just called the Post with a classified ad for a 1976 black Trans Am. Oh Boy, I'm crawling off the seat. (Only if Rick, my boss, would give me a raise) How could you go wrong driving around Dallas in that with an AM-FM stereo 8 track. I hate to say it, but that would be neater than Jane's Rally Sport. (By the way, Jane's on her way out to Arizona this week—further reports later) If you're interested in the car call 675-3009.

Oh pop, Oh pop, this is you're number one daughter remembering you for Father's Day. The annual Father's Day shirt is on it's way.



TAP-OFF DINNER for the first annual basketball tournament sponsored by Dallas Chapter UNICO was held recently to discuss strategy for the games slated Monday, Dec. 28 and Wednesday, Dec. 30 at Dallas Senior High School. All proceeds will go to local charities. Above are Angelo Russo, UNICO president;

Tom Danna, tournament chairman; Charles Turco, Pittston athletic director; Paul Leonard, Seton Catholic athletic director; standing, Bill Falzano, Northwest Area; Jim Bedford, Seton coach; Clint Brobst, Dallas coach; and Ron Rinaldi, Pittston Area coach. (Paul Strasser Photo)



\$3000 IN '80-\$6000 IN '81? That's the goal for the Second Annual American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon Sunday, June 21. The ride starts at 10:30 a. m., following a safety inspection at 9 a. m., at Dallas Senior High School, and follows a 25 mile route covering parts of Dallas Township, Kingston Township, Kingston Borough and Harveys Lake. Each participant gathers as many sponsors as possible, each of whom pledges a minimum of 10 cents

for each mile the rider completes. It is not a race but an event that provides people of all ages the opportunity to support cancer research and receive personal fulfillment. All participants will receive a Bike-A-Thon button, and those completing the 25 miles course receive a patch. Refreshments will be served along the route. Local police will ensure safety.

GROSSMAN

Colleges are a great asset

by Howard J. Grossman

One of the unknown assets which exists in Northeastern Pennsylvania is the large number of colleges and universities throughout the region. It is not widely considered, but the economic impact of these institutions on Northeastern Pennsylvania, as one of the major industry sectors in Northeastern Pennsylvania, is extensive. While studies have not been made to demonstrate specific figures, the direct and indirect economic impact of higher education through purchase of goods and services, payrolls, and other economic spinoffs are the kinds of indicators which are important to our higher educational institutions.

The many undergraduate and graduate programs which exist in the region attract students from both Northeastern Pennsylvania and outside the region to attend our two and four year higher educational institutions. Two regional planning councils for higher education serve the seven counties of Northeastern Pennsylvania as umbrella organizations to help coordinate curriculum and other educational matters. While the system of coordination is imperfect, these regional planning bodies provide a degree of support for improving higher educational standards in the region. The region does not have any Ph.D. program, but increasingly the educational institutions have accepted new responsibilities when new ideas have suggested the need for programs to serve the region. Extender programs such as weekend courses, the dynamic growth of continuing education for women and senior citizens and

others makes higher education an important vehicle for helping to improve the region's quality of life.

To this observer, one of the greatest assets Northeastern Pennsylvania has is the abundance of higher educational institutions. The diversity and scope of curriculum available to Northeastern Pennsylvania residents and to those from outside the region who choose to use our facilities can be an important link to strengthen the region's economic strategies. Time and again, higher education around the nation has proven to be an important factor in the decision making process for industrial expansion and development. With increasing modernization and with improved transportation facilities, the ability of students to choose the type of curriculum in institution desired increases.

In the development of economic improvement in the region, the higher educational institutions have played a significant role. For example, one of the institutions established a set of courses desired by an industrial firm prior to the firm's decision to locate in the region. Another institution has established a linkage with a Philadelphia based hospital to create new opportunities for physicians and to encourage graduates to remain in Northeastern Pennsylvania and serve our citizenry. Still, other institutions have established new programs such as a Masters Degree program in Public Administration, Criminal Justice curriculum, health related courses, and the traditional Business Administration and Management curriculum.

One of the institutions created a

new curriculum in the area of Urban and Regional Planning. The introduction of this type of course work enables residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania and others to participate in some of the newer professions and to develop skills which otherwise would not be available in the region.

For example, both the public and private colleges and universities in the region; that is, both two and four year institutions, may desire to list in one document all of the courses available in their institutions as a helpful program of improving the image of the region and further educational contributing to a healthy economic climate wherein all higher educational institutions are used to benefit each part of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

There is an increasing need, however, to have local governments utilize the resources and technical skills available at our various colleges and universities. In this way, local governments can benefit from the expertise in their own jurisdictions and have the capacity to help solve the many problems facing them. Some of this is being done but not nearly enough. A related example is the tie-in between the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau and East Stroudsburg State College wherein various types of training programs are offered in the resort and hotel management field which is the largest industry sector in the Pocono Mountains.

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EDITORIAL

An odd decision

That fishy odor isn't coming from Richard Tattersall's garbage truck. It's coming from the direction of the Lake-Lehman School Board.

Probably not very many people noticed, but the board at its meeting last week opened three bids for garbage collection services, and the motion to accept Tattersall's conclusive low bid failed for lack of a majority.

Why? The member who urged its defeat simply said he'd never heard of Seekar Enterprises or its owner Richard Tattersall, despite the fact that Seekar has been collecting garbage in at least one town in the district for years.

So now the board can find some reason to accept a higher bid, or it can throw out all the bids and keep the present contractor, or it can re-advertise—with everybody knowing exactly what Tattersall will bid.

If the board thinks there's something wrong with Seekar or Tattersall, let them come out and say so. They're insulting the intelligence of the public when they reject a low bidder on such vague and shaky grounds. Let's see if they've come up with a reason by their next meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Activities calendar needed

Editor,

Last weekend's schedule conflict between the Folk Arts Festival and the Rodeo emphasized the need for a central activities calendar area for the Back Mountain.

College Misericordia's Public Relations Office is volunteering to provide this service.

If area organizations will call the Public Relations Office at 675-1074, we will record their events and let them know if any other group has scheduled anything for that time. We realize this will not eliminate

all schedule conflicts, but it should help to avoid some. At least, it will provide area organizations with reasonable expectations for attendance.

We will also be happy to make the calendar available for publication if so desired by the newspaper.

This is a public service being offered by the College. There is no charge.

Tomas E. Pugh
Director
Public Relations-Development

Garinger replies to Orfaly

Editor:

Normally I do not respond to crank letters from uninformed sources. People who hold office must expect criticism and I am used to it. In fact I enjoy constructive criticism. However, the letter you printed last week (6-3-81) from one Benjamin Orfaly is so full of inaccuracies that I simply had to set the record straight.

Is this the same Mr. Orfaly who stood in front of a burning school building and said to Jim Nicholas "Well, you'll get your new school one way or another won't you"? The inference in that statement was as close to libel as any I've heard.

Is this the same Mr. Orfaly who admitted he didn't realize that Harveys Lake Borough alone pays 24.2 percent of the total taxes for the entire district and he still didn't want a school built in our area?

It must be the same person because he still has his facts and figures wrong; firstly, I don't like redundancy and Dr. Scanlon, the speaker, had just thanked and congratulated the citizenry at

length on their contribution to children. Congressman Nelligan thanked them in his letter. The Tax-payers were thanked. In fact, the many people I chatted with came and left filled with pride, not seeking compliments.

It must be the same Mr. Orfaly because he states the school houses 273 pupils when in fact the enrollment today (6-3-81) is 427! Already 60 children are enrolled for September kindergarten which is more than the sixth grade class which will move on to junior high school.

We do have an empty room (by design) which will house a group of learning disabled children next fall.

Ben, gripe all you want. That is your God given American right. Take pot shots at me if you want but get your facts straight first.

Actually, I have a gut level feeling that the beauty of the day, the functionality of the school and the pride of the vast majority of people who have trusted us all along was a bit difficult for you to swallow.

Arnie Garinger
Harveys Lake, Pa.

Marijuana treatment urged

Marijuana, formerly called the "Killer Weed," is now legally being used for medical reasons as a sedative and pain reliever for glaucoma patients.

As such, this former killer drug would relieve the following symptoms of Agent Orange sufferers: sleep disorders, nightmares, nervousness, pain in joints (especially fingers), emotional instability such as unexplainable outbursts of anger and an alarmingly high suicide rate.

From the Miami Herald, "the Vietnam suicide rate is 33 percent higher than the normal average."

The really sad bit of news comes from the Vietnam Veterans of America organization, that half as many Nam vets have committed suicide as were killed in the war itself. This means 57,000 divided by two equals 28,500 and who knows how many more to come. There are also 70,000 Nam vets in prisons and 200,000 out on bail, parole or probation.

The government has recently concluded a two-year, ten million dollar study on post-traumatic

stress disorders, or "post-Vietnam syndrome," of an estimated 700,000 Vietnam vets. Their conclusion is that this problem does exist, truly a miracle that the government admits that it "screwed up."

To admit this and then go on to grant disability benefits for those who apply, is a different ball game. It is as likely as the Cubs taking the World Series this year.

So, to those of you awaiting your due benefits—just hang in there, stay off high bridges and buy the "Killer Weed" off the street cautiously, because it is still termed illegal.

If we live long enough, we may receive what is rightfully ours and defy the old line, "your check is in the mail."

However, the larger scope of this letter is what were we doing there (Vietnam) in the first place, if we did not want to win? Is all fair in love and war - really?

Winners do not have to analyze their victories, but losers must study and dwell on their defeats.

Kilgore Trout
Shawnee, Pa.

Tell your story in The Post!

...Do you have an idea for an interesting feature story? Do you know someone in the Back Mountain area your friends would be interested in? It might be your neighbor, your relative, your friend, or even yourself! Or it might be a local issue in which you are interested. If so send it in to us at the Dallas Post, 61 Gerald Ave., Dallas, Pa. 18612. We'll consider any suggestion, no matter how far out. If you don't want your name published check box . And if we use your suggestion, we'll give you a free 6 month subscription to the Dallas Post, or extend your present subscription for that long. Clip this form, and send it in whenever you get an inspiration!

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Police Reports

Deer on the highway caused two mishaps in Dallas Twp. recently. A car belonging to Bernard McDonald, 78 Main St., Exeter, had to be towed after he ran into a deer on Sunday on Rt. 415 near the golf driving range. Margaret Raitter, 66 1/2 Payne St., Kingston ran off Edginger's Hill Rd. and struck a wall shrubbery as she tried to swerve and avoid two deer which had gotten onto the street. No injuries were reported.

A driver escaped injury Saturday when his car skidded on the wet pavement of Lower Demunds Rd. and ran off the road, hitting some guardrails and knocking them down.

Ptln. James Tupper of Dallas Borough Police reported that Bernard Breznay, RD 2, Tunkhannock, said he lost control of his car during the rain.

A two-car collision Saturday along Rt. 309 near the Ranch Wagon Restaurant left both vehicles damaged, Dallas Twp. Police report.

Police said Jerome Devlin, 190 North Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, and David Shipula, 54 Poplar St., Kingston, were traveling in the same direction when they both turned into the Ranch Wagon. Devlin then attempted to back up and the two cars collided. No injuries were reported.

Two Harveys Lake residents were involved in a Dallas-area collision recently, according to Dallas Twp. Police. Police said Gary Steinger, RD 2, Box 282, was driving north along Rt. 309 when he tried to turn left onto Main Rd. and collided with Lorrie Angelicola, Rd 1, Box 500. No injuries were reported. Investigating was Ptln. Clark Van Orden.