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Sisters gather at Misericordia

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Over 100 Sisters of Mercy from the United States, Canada, Central and South America gathered at College Misericordia last weekend for the Mercy Higher Education Colloquium's annual conference.

This June conference marks the 10th such colloquium sponsored by the MHEC, and is being held at Misericordia because Dr. Regina Kelly, professor of English at Misericordia, is now the executive director of the MHEC.

Sister Mercy Cervantes, a native of Belize, Central America, explains that the Mercy Higher Education Colloquium is "an organization of Sisters of Mercy involved in higher education."

Sister Mercy continues, "I have come up here to learn, attend, and observe. I want to be up-to-date on new trends in education and see how I can apply them to the institutions in my country."

This is the first time Sister Mercy has been in this area. At home in Belize, she is involved in tertiary education. This is a two-year institution, she explains. "In American style, we call it a junior college," says Sister Mercy, "and in British style, it is a 6-form and A-level school."

In Belize, at St. John's Junior College run by the Jesuits, Sister Mercy is the Dean of Students, and Dean of Academics as well. "Because it is a small school," she says with a chuckle, "I am Dean of everything."

The purpose of tertiary schools is usually for the student to prepare to take advanced level exams from the University of Cambridge in England. Depending on their success on the exams, some of the students will then go on to study abroad, whether it be in England, the U.S., or the West Indies. According to Sister Mercy, the students can get government scholarships to attend these universities.

"Our school system is very unique and interesting to foreigners," says

Sister Mercy. A major difference between the United States and Belize, says Sister Mercy, is the separation between church and state. "In Belize, there is little separation between church and state," explains Sister Mercy. The grammar schools of Belize are government schools, but they are also religiously affiliated. The government pays 50 percent of the school's needs and 50 percent are met by the church.



SISTER MERCY CERVANTES

According to Sister Mercy, there are separate Catholic, Methodist, and Anglican schools in Belize. The Roman Catholics alone have over 100 grammar schools in Belize. Even most of the smaller denominations of Belize, such as the Baptists, have their own schools.

The secondary, or high schools of Belize are grant-aided schools, however. The students pay tuition and the government then supplements the school through grants, according to Sister Mercy. About 10 or 12 secondary schools presently exist in Belize. Sister Mercy describes the Belize schools as a "very good system of education."

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Happy Father's Day

Fathers and their children is what Father's Day is all about. It's a time for every one of us to be appreciative of our fathers and all they have done for us through the years. Here, Jim Welby spends some time with his son, Brian, age 7, as the younger Welby learns to ride a bike. Jim also has two other sons, Jeffrey, age 3; and Jamie, age 10. The boys' mother is the former Ginny Bauman.

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Harveys Lake affected

Governor signs bill enforcing boat laws

By WALLY KOCHER
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Governor Dick Thornburg signed a bill on May 30 that will enforce "boating under the influence" laws on boat operators which is similar to the Driving Under the Influence Law recently enacted for motorists.

Through the proposed legislation, waterways patrolmen would be permitted to administer pre-arrest breath tests and to arrange a breath, blood and urine test.

The signing of the bill came just 19 days prior to the one-year anniversary of a tragic boating accident at Harveys Lake that left four Back Mountain residents dead.

Killed in that accident, which occurred on June 18, 1983, when a high-powered motorboat crashed into a smaller boat were Sharon Pallis, 39, of Valley View Drive, RD 3, Wyoming; her son, Joseph, 6; Karen Pitcavage, 34, of Crown Hill Village, RD 3, Wyoming; and her son, Thomas, 7.

The driver of the boat, Denis J. Abromavage, 25, of 84 E. Columbus Ave., Pittston, was sentenced to 16 months to nearly five years in prison after pleading guilty to one

count of aggravated assault, four counts of involuntary manslaughter, one count of recklessly endangering another person and one count of negligent operation of a motorcraft.

State legislators, Senator Frank J. O'Connell and Representative George Hasay were strong supporters of the bill.

According to O'Connell and Hasay, the breathalyzer tests will be administered only by qualified police departments, and the blood and urine tests by licensed clinical laboratories. Further a person's refusal to submit to chemical testing results in a mandatory one-year suspension of both their boating privileges and registration.

"The law upgrades the penalty for operating under the influence from a summary offense to a misdemeanor of a second degree," noted O'Connell and Hasay.

In an interview with The Dallas Post, Sen. O'Connell explained why he felt a bill of this type was so important.

"The problem (boating under the influence) isn't just a localized problem," O'Connell said. "It's statewide. However, after the boating accident that took place in

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Residents feel more patrols should be out

Now that the governor has signed a new bill that creates stiffer penalties for "boating under the influence", many Harveys Lake residents feel they can breathe a lot easier. Others, however, aren't quite sure just how effective the new law will be.

Several residents have expressed concern over the frequency of the patrols conducted at the lake. Although they have this law protecting them now, they're not sure as to how well it will be enforced.

Mr. Joseph Royer Jr. is one of the concerned residents.

"We definitely need more patrolling," said Royer in a recent survey conducted by The Dallas Post. "There are just too many careless boaters on the lake."

According to Mr. Kerry Messerle, Regional Supervisor for the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, the patrolling conducted by the Fish Commission is adequate.

"We feel our coverage is quite adequate for our area," he said. "During busy weekends or holidays, we bring in officers from other counties to help out."

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Harveys Lake Homecoming set for this weekend



Ox Roast committee

Shown here are members of the committee planning the Ox Roast in conjunction with the Harveys Lake Homecoming Festival. The ox roast is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, from noon to 5 p.m. at Old Sandy Bottom Beach. From left, are Guy Giordano, Mary Jo Shisko, Frank Picchi, Raymond Hall and Mike Shisko.



Knite Skiers perform

The Harveys Lake Knite Skiers, a newly formed water skiing club, will perform on June 16 and 17 in conjunction with the Annual Harveys Lake Homecoming Festival. Shown above is Jerry Sands, president of the Knite Skiers, as he gets fancy in the water.

Dallas Post/Ann Devlin

Ox Roast highlights weekend activities

"Rediscover Our Region's Greatest Natural Wonder" - that's the theme of the Harveys Lake Homecoming Festival which will be held on June 16-17.

A steering committee comprised of borough organizations and interested persons is sponsoring the Harveys Lake Homecoming Festival

this year with a host of activities from an amateur fishing contest to an afternoon tube race and sand sculpture contest to the homecoming festival dance, complete with fireworks.

Last year, the Harveys Lake Protective Association participated in the festival. The objective of the

Association was to hold a non-profit event designed to promote fellowship and civic pride. As a result, the Association launched an effort to bring the residents and friends of our community closer together by sponsoring an ox-roast. The ox roast was a huge success and 900 residents and friends enjoyed the excellence of choice beef.

Once again, the Association invites the people of Harveys Lake and friends to an event which may become a tradition. The ox roast will be held on Saturday, June 16, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at Old Sandy Bottom. The Association will provide a complete beef dinner with takeouts available. Ox roast tickets must be purchased in advance.

Tickets cost \$7.00 for each adult and \$4.00 for each child age 12 or under and may be purchased by contacting Mary Jo Shisko, at 639-5763 or by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope with a check payable to H.L.P. Association to: Mary Jo Shisko, RD 1, Bpx 650, Pole 203, Harveys Lake, Pa. 18618.

Knite Skiers to perform during festival

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The Harveys Lake Homecoming Festival, June 16 and 17, will be invaded by famous characters such as Big Bird, the Smurfs, Mickey Mouse, Care Bear, the Cabbage Patch Kids, and the Cone Heads. Look for them on the ground, in the air, and on the water.

These costume characters are actually the members of the newly formed Harveys Lake Knite Skiers. Jerry Sands, president of the water-skiing club, says that the Knite Skiers will be all over the Harveys Lake area during the Homecoming Festival weekend. "We can't be missed," he says.

The costume characters will be found on the land at area businesses and in the parade on Sunday. Other characters will be waterskiing and riding in the boats. Still other characters will be parasailing in the air. Jerry Sands explains that a parasail is actually "a parachute which is pulled behind a boat." The person,

attached to the parachute and the boat, starts by running off the beach and is then pulled off the ground and into the air.

Some of the Knite Skiers will be performing without costume in a variety of ski shows throughout the Festival, such as multiple skiing, which is several skiers pulled behind one boat. The main function of the Knite Skiers presence at the Festival is to "entertain the public and to create activity at the Lake," explains Sand.

The Knite Skiers started last fall as a group of waterskiers who got together to pool their finances to buy equipment that they otherwise wouldn't have been able to buy individually. But that's only one of the reasons that the group stays together. Jerry Sands explains, "We like to waterski as a group. The main purpose is to enjoy ourselves and have a good time."

The club has an open membership and meets the first Sunday of each month at the Lakeview Inn, Harveys Lake. Presently the club consists of about 20 members, ages 20

to 42. Beginners are welcome, according to Sands. "There are new skiers and old," says Sands. "We teach people how to ski and help each other learn new things."

The next time you're out at the Lake, look for the Knite Skiers.

"We ski almost every day during the summer, weather permitting," says Sands. "Even now, we ski as much as we possible can."

Tombstone mystery unsolved

The Dallas Post is still attempting to learn the rightful resting place of a 125-year-old tombstone that was found last month in the attic of an apartment on Main Street, Dallas.

The stone which was discovered by the apartment's tenant, bears the name of Lydia Honeywell who passed away in 1859. Ms. Graham would like to see the tombstone returned to its original resting place.

Anyone having any information which may lead to the solution of this unusual mystery is asked to contact The Dallas Post at 675-5211.

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