

Plans changed!

Dallas soccer team scraps plans for Scotland

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The Dallas High School soccer team's plans to travel to Scotland have been cancelled. At a meeting of the boys and their parents held last week, it was unanimously agreed to cancel the trip because of the recent terroristic acts in England and other European countries. The boys and the parents voiced their concerns about recent rumors of more terrorism, especially after a few of the chaperones indicated they were willing to go to Scotland.

Most of the adults said if they could get a flight that would take them directly to Scotland they would not worry as much. It is England that they are concerned about and, unfortunately, any flight the group might take requires landing and changing in that country.

Sandra Richardson and Carole Morris, co-chairpersons of the Scotland trip, said Monday they believe the right decision has been made. Mrs. Richardson has polled most of the parents and the majority approved a trip to Los Angeles.

The team members and chaperones will stay at UCLA and will have access to all of the university's facilities. Their complete itinerary is tentative at present, dependent upon decisions by the PIAA. The trip, however, will continue to be an educational one with some sightseeing tours such as Disneyland, Knott's Farm, Howard Hughes plane, the Spruce Goose and the Queen Mary which is docked at Los Angeles.

The group, approximately 40 people, will depart from Avoca on July 23 and will stay at UCLA for seven nights and eight days. It is planned that the boys will see the All-Star World Soccer game at the

Rose Bowl. The teams will be chosen from the World Cup Games by the Federal International Football Association (F.I.F.A.) and will include players from Europe, North America, South America and Asiatic countries.

If approved by the P.I.A.A., the boys will play two varsity and two JV soccer games on the university's soccer field. They will also visit Universal Studios and see a film in the making, attend the taping of a CBS television show and tour the city of Los Angeles.

Due to the sudden change in plans all of the events, the committee hopes to have for the athletes, have not yet been scheduled.

Mrs. Morris said that due to the tension in the European countries, Dr. Thomas Cyphers, Dallas High School principal, is pleased with the group's decision. The only concern of the committee is that it needs the approval of the P.I.A.A. The committee will have to

get waivers for the boys to play soccer because it will be out of season, but that is the time they go if they want to see the All Stars Pro Game.

John McCafferty, the high school soccer coach, said he is disappointed that the boys will not benefit from the opportunity to go to Scotland and play against some excellent opposition, but he realizes that the first concern must be the safety of the boys.

"I want whatever is best for the athletes," said McCafferty. "Their welfare comes first."

So, too, did those who attended the meeting last week and voted to cancel the long anticipated trip.

"We have raised approximately one fourth of the money needed for the trip," said Carole Morris. "We will continue with our fundraisings and hope that the business people and other residents will continue to support our trip."

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End of the day

Paul Eckert, a Dallas resident who is currently making a trip around the world on a bicycle, stopped at this French inn along the way. Eckert's bicycle, complete with travelling gear, is shown parked outside the inn.

Dallas man touring world on bicycle

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Paul Eckert of Dallas left March 31, to tour Europe, the Mid-East, work his way to India, Thailand, South Korea, then spend some time on the mainland of China before visiting friends in Japan where he taught for two years.

In his early 20's, Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eckert of Dallas, graduated from Pennsylvania State University with majors in journalism and Asian Studies. While he was at Penn State, he met a young man from Hungary who had traveled throughout the world. Paul became interested in seeing some of the places his friend talked about and began to toy with the idea of traveling across several continents by bicycle.

When he graduated from Penn State, he accepted a teaching position in Japan and taught there for two years. While there, he saved enough money to finance his trip.

He planned his itinerary very thoroughly and budgeted \$6.00 daily for food. He made all the necessary contacts and purchased a Riding Bridgestone Mountain bike for the trip. He planned to spend 18 months on his bicycle tour, beginning in Wales, then going to Ireland, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, then on to Hungary and Rumania, where he would meet his friend, who is now teaching at Penn State.

From there, Paul planned to continue to India, Mid East and to the Orient. He made up a list of American Express offices along his route to which his parents could write. They were instructed to mail their correspondence far enough in advance that it would get there at least 10 days before Paul planned to reach that

destination. The American Express would hold his mail until he got there.

When Paul had all plans finalized, he departed March 31, flying to London then traveling by bike to Hengod, Wales, where he stayed with friends while touring Wales.

In a letter to his family, he described Wales as a beautiful country and said the people were very friendly. He also told them while camping on his way to Wales from London, the weather was so cold that the zipper on his tent was frozen so he changed his plans. Instead of going to Ireland when he left Wales, he went south to France.

Paul spent about two weeks in France. His first few days in France were unusual since he didn't speak any French and the people in the small towns he visited didn't understand English. Finally, through the use of sign language and a word here or there, they were able to communicate and the residents became very friendly.

From France, Paul biked to Spain where he will spend some time, then for about two weeks in May he will be in Portugal. He will then return to Spain and remain there until July 1.

According to his most recent letter, Paul is getting by on his food allocation of \$6.00 daily but he is eating a lot of yogurt, bread and cheese. The \$6.00 also includes the cost of pitching his tent on a site. He figures in 10 days he can save enough from his daily budget to justify one "great" French dinner.

As mentioned, Paul's original plans included trips to Italy, Rumania and Hungary, but the terroristic events over the past number of weeks may make it necessary for a change in his plans. One of the American Express offices (one of the first on the list) was blown up

before he reached it. As of now, Paul had decided to omit Italy from his itinerary.

He does most of his traveling in rural areas since cyclists are not too welcome in the cities. In many of the areas, the name "America" is not too popular.

Visits to Hungary and Rumania are tentative at the present time. He will wait to hear what his friend recommends when he returns to his home from Penn State University. His tentative plans are to meet his friend and the two of them will tour Hungary and Rumania.

From there, Paul planned to fly to India, then go to Thailand and Nepal and arrive in South Korea about November. Since he majored in Asian Studies, Paul speaks Chinese and Japanese and while traveling, he is self-teaching himself Korean hoping to speak and understand it before arriving in South Korea.

Traveling through the rural countryside of the countries, Paul wrote that the people respect his undertaking and marvel at the gear he is carrying on his bike. He has 40 lbs. of gear including his tent, sleeping bag and two large saddle bags, one of these on each side of the bike. He buys his food as he goes along.

He originally planned the trip would take 18 months. He would return home in September, 1987, and return to graduate school for a Master's Degree in Asian Studies. This will now depend on the world situation such as terrorism or similar acts, although Paul does not believe he will be affected by such events unless they become much worse.

In the meantime, he writes at least one letter each night to some member of his family, or a close friend, so his family here at home knows his whereabouts and how he is doing.

No new leads in hit-run death

No new information has been obtained in the case of a 16-year old Dallas youth who was killed last December following a hit and run accident along route 415 in Dallas.

Walter Karasek, 149 Pine Crest Road, Dallas, was struck down by an unknown vehicle at approximately 10 p.m. on the night of December 14, 1985, while walking home from work at the Mark II Restaurant.

Since then, local and state police have been working on the investigation, but no new leads have been obtained.

Last week, the Sunday Independent newspaper offered a \$5,000 reward to the person or persons who can provide information to police which leads to the arrest and conviction of the operator of the car.

"We haven't received any new information as a result of the story

done by the Sunday Independent," Sgt. Anthony Matson of the Pennsylvania State Police, Wyoming Barracks said. "But we are looking for assistance from anyone who can help out on the investigation, and that all information obtained will be confidential."

Karasek, who was a sophomore at West Vo-Tech High School, also served as a newspaper carrier for the Sunday Independent for two years.

"We haven't heard anything yet," Thomas Heffernan, President of the Independent said. "But we're hoping someone will come forward. He (Karasek) worked for us for a while and that's one of the reasons why we are offering the reward. But that family has gone through a lot of pain, and we just want to help out any way we can."

— JOHN HOINSKI

Heart developer to lecture

Dr. William Pierce, director of the research team that developed the Penn State artificial heart, will be the guest lecturer this Friday night at a dinner sponsored by the Penn State club of Wyoming Valley at the Hayfield House in Lehman.

Dr. Pierce, who was born in Wilkes-Barre and is the son of William and Doris Pierce of Dallas, is the chief of the Division of Artificial Organs at the Milton S.

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DR. WILLIAM PIERCE

Cancer research turns to prevention

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Although the American Cancer Society's annual investment into cancer research has reached the staggering sum of nearly \$67 million, one third of the total ACS budget, emphasis has now been focused to a large extent on cancer prevention methods.

Over the past few years, scientists have found that many forms of cancer may be related to a person's life style — what a person eats and drinks, their work and recreational habits, whether they smoke or not — and that about 80 per cent of cancer cases are tied in with that criteria.

"The chances that one cure will be found to eliminate all forms of cancer probably won't happen in our lifetime," said Andrea Hincken, field representative for the Wyoming Valley Unit. "There are so many different types of cancer that it's just unlikely that one form of treatment will be found to cure them all."

"So now we're working on prevention methods by telling people what they can do to help themselves," Hincken continued. "We are giving them tips on their diet, telling them to stop smoking and so forth to at least educate them enough to be aware of the warning signs, so that if they do have a problem, we can get to it early."

Even though the survival rate for those suffering from cancer has

improved to the point where, at one time three out of four would have died, that figure now has dropped to one out of two. Still, because of the increasing age and size of the population, the number of people expected to die this year will be 472,000 as opposed to 462,000 in 1985.

Last December, Hincken attended a four-day seminar in Chicago called the "Basic Building Blocks" which stressed the education of people and the most effective ways of reaching them. Through the ACS Public Education setup which reaches approximately 40 million people a year, programs are divided into two categories: Adults and Youth.

"In the adult phase, people are reached basically in four ways," Hincken said. "The workplace,

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Holiday not celebrated like it should be

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Jim Roxby, a 40-year old Inkerman resident, will celebrate the upcoming Memorial Day holiday the way most Americans do. He'll spend time with his family, maybe have a cookout and just relax in general. Like most people, he is looking forward to the long weekend and one more chance to forget

about the daily struggles for a while.

But Jim Roxby will also take time out to observe the day the way it should be. First he'll watch or participate in a parade or two, and then reflect on the 58,022 young men, some of whom he had served with in battle, who forfeited their lives in Vietnam for their country. He cannot forget that.

"You can't help but think about them," Roxby said. "You think

about all those people who can't be here. These were people who you saw and talked to during the war and then all of a sudden they're killed in battle. You're here now but they can't be."

Roxby, who fought in Vietnam for one year in 1966, doesn't single out any one incident during his stay. To him it was all one big nightmare.

"From the first day to the last, that's what I'd like to forget about

Vietnam," he said. "People can't imagine the ugliness over there. They just can't imagine it."

Mike Milne, another Vietnam veteran who served in 1969, and who is now executive director of the Swyersville chapter of the Veterans of Vietnam War Inc., agrees with Roxby's description.

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