

Steve Oliver travels with U.N. group

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Steve Oliver of Midway Manor, Shavertown, returned home last week from a 10-day trip as delegate for the Annual United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth, sponsored by the five lodges of District 20 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Steve is the third student sponsored by the lodges. Lori Phillips of Lehman was the delegate in 1987 and Todd Coolbaugh of Pittston Area High School served in 1988.

Steve was one of 32 students and adults from Pennsylvania and five from Virginia who met in Harrisburg and from there traveled by bus to Niagara Falls. There, they stayed overnight on the Canadian side of the Falls, toured the area and went up in the skylift at night.

"I would like to return there sometime and spend more time," Steve said. "If possible I'd like to go under the Falls if they still have those tours."

The following day, the travelers left Niagara Falls and headed toward Cobourg, Canada, where they met their host families and spent the night. Some of the travelers stayed with families in the town and were able to tour historical sites, but Steve and several others stayed with a family who had a cabin on a lake which led to Lake Ontario - a pleasant experience, according to Steve.

After leaving Cobourg, the travelers headed toward Montreal where they spent the day visiting the science building. "That was very interesting to me," Steve said. "Since I want to study pharmacy after graduating from Dallas High School."

The bus was running ahead of schedule, so the travelers made it to Ottawa, Ontario where they



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stayed for one night and took time out to visit the Canadian Parliament, which Steve felt was entirely different from the United States Government's sessions.

"The buildings were very old," Steve said. "And everything was much different than in the United States."

"When we finished sightseeing, we boarded the bus and left Canada and traveled through the New England states, stopping in Vermont for lunch and staying overnight in Nashua, New Hampshire where we went to see the ships passing through the locks."

Saturday, the bus left New Hampshire and traveled to Boston where the ambassadors went sightseeing Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. They visited Boston Harbor, saw Old Ironsides and other historical sites. Later they left Boston and continued their journey to New York City, checking into the Southgate Tower Hotel,

which would be their home until June 21.

While in New York City, the travelers spent Monday and Tuesday at the United Nations where Steve learned that the U.N. does a lot more than work toward peace in the world.

"They do a lot to solve hunger and disease problems in the world, especially in the third world nations," Steve explained.

The delegates also visited the IBM Art Gallery, the AT&T Science Center and the Empire State Building, and attended the musical "Chorus Line". In the science building, they were able to do various scientific projects. They also toured the Statue of Liberty, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Federal Hall where the old capitol was located, the NBC Studio and Trump Tower, one of the classiest places Steve said he has ever seen.

If he could return to any of the places he visited in his travels, Steve said he would like to return to Boston to spend more time and also visit Cape Cod.

Among the best experiences on the trip, according to Steve, was making a lot of friends among the group. There were 30 girls, nine boys and two adults. "From time to time we switched roommates and met persons from all over the country. It was a great experience," Steve said.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oliver, Steve is an honor student at Dallas Senior High School where his favorite subjects are history and current events. He is also active in cross-country, basketball and track, and is a member of the Peer Helpers. In his leisure time, Steve enjoys fishing, camping, bike riding and baseball.

"The trip was a great learning experience. I saw much of the country I had never seen. In Canada, we saw a lot of bikers. They were everywhere and in one of the places we went through one of the roads was closed off so it could be used only by bikers," Steve said. "It's a wonderful opportunity for any student."

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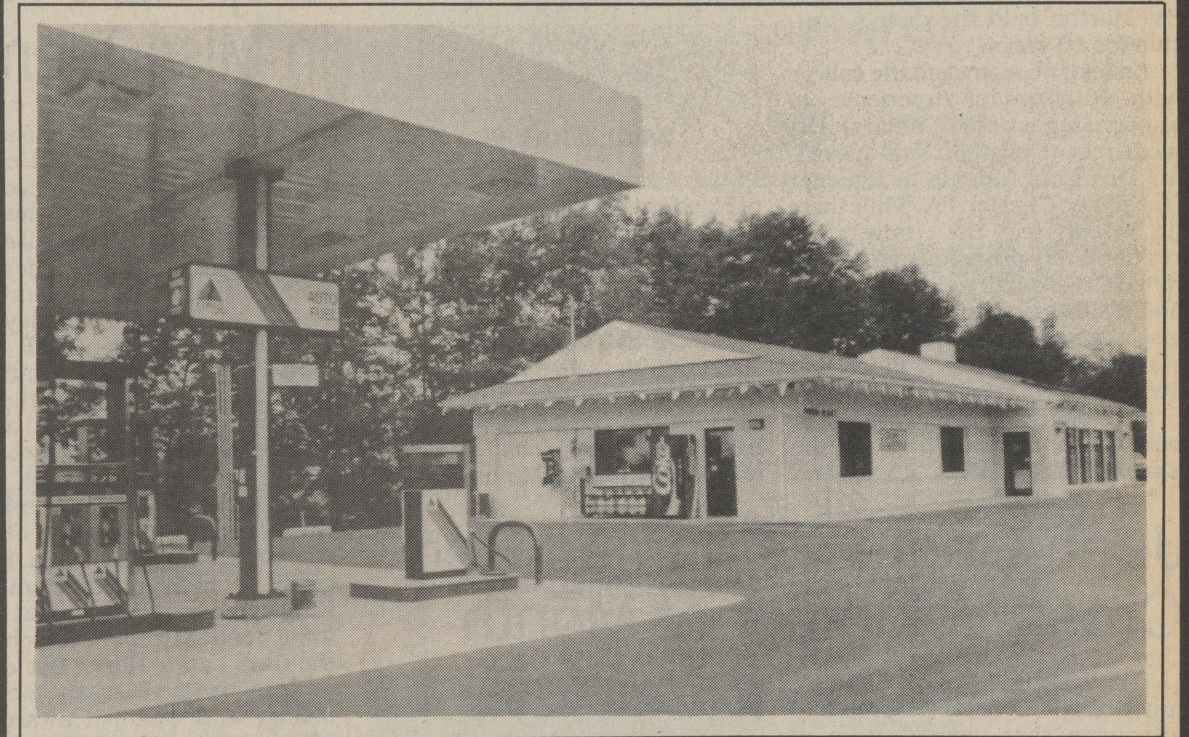
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