

Kings host European teachers

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The American Host Foundation claims that, "the world is round in order that it may be circled with friendship."

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh King of Dallas readily attest to that fact, having enjoyed participating in the group's program that brings European teachers to America for 10-day stretches each summer.

"We have had two guests in the past years," said Mrs. Hugh (Carol) King. "Every year since we had our first European visitor we have been sent a form."

"Our first guest was a history teacher from Saint Raphael near Nice, in the south of France. His name was Martial Frechard. He was a high school teacher and a very pleasant person. Martial loved to cook and while he was with us he prepared three meals for us which were delicious. He said neither of the other two families he spent time were interested in cooking and he thought Americans didn't like cooking," said Carol King.

Carol said Martial was a very intelligent person but had some unusual impressions of American culture and politics. One was that Jackie Kennedy wed Aristotle Onassis in order to cement relationships between America and Greece. The Kings gently explained differently.

"He enjoyed bicycle riding and one day he wanted some fresh dill to use in something he was cooking so he went riding on his bike looking all over for fresh dill until he found it," said Carol.

"We took him to New York City but I think he enjoyed bike riding through the local area most. He also went to a Rotary Club meeting in Wilkes-Barre and later visited Wilkes College guided by Dr. Fahmy.

"It was a very enjoyable experience having him as our guest."

Carol explained that were it not for other conflicts, the Kings would have had a teacher as a guest the next two years. This year, however, the Kings have applied for two female guests.

"I asked for two women," explained Carol, "because Hugh has the business and it is easier for me to entertain women although when Martial was here there were no problems. Everything went smoothly."

"Last year we had an English teacher, Annie, pronounced 'Aun'nee' Zacharie. Zacharie is pronounced 'Zak-A'-Ree," different than the American pronunciation," explained Carol. "She was with us for eight days. She taught English and since she spoke English better than I spoke French we conversed in English. Annie was fascinated with garage sales, which they don't have in France. We went around looking for garage sales and finally she asked if we didn't have a big building where they had the sales. After naming several places I mentioned the Salvation Army. That's what she meant. We went there and Annie loved it."

"Annie lived in the city of Fountainebleau and she couldn't understand why we lived in the Back Mountain where you had to drive every-



MAKING FRIENDS - English teacher Annie Zacharie of France made friends with a few of the residents of the Back Mountain while a guest of the Hugh Kings. Above, from left, are Pat Rosenthal, Annie, Louise Moore, Judy Rimple and Rhuea Culp, in the King's yard. (Photo courtesy of Carol King)

where instead of being able to walk to places. We also visited New York with Annie and she thoroughly enjoyed it. Before coming to be our guest she had visited a family in Philadelphia and one in Lewisburg."

Again, the Kings were fortunate to have a guest who enjoyed preparing food. "Annie was also an excellent cook and liked to spend time in the kitchen," Carol concluded.

She explained that the teachers and librarians in the program come from all over Europe and all of them speak English.

"It's a wonderful and meaningful experience and the responsibilities are minimal. They pay their own transportation to and from this country, all you need to do is meet your guest or guests on arrival in the area; provide a private room and meals for your guests, treat your guests as you would any guest in your home, give them the opportunity to meet friends and neighbors and to see the sights in the area and take your guests to the airport, bus or train station at the time of departure or help transport them to the next host home in your region," Carol said.

The American Host Foundation is looking for local residents interested in hosting English-speaking European teachers and librarians for a seven to 10 day period during the summer of 1991.

The American Host Foundation is now in its 28th year of opening doors to better understanding of the United States for nearly 16,000 European teachers and librarians, who return home to their homelands and share their new understanding of the United States with students, colleagues and friends.

Between the beginning of July and the beginning of August this year, these European teachers and librarians will fly to the United States, planning to spend four weeks in the selected geographical area with two or three host families. The program is a person-to-person project that brings teachers, librarians and school administrators from overseas to spend a month in the United States as guests of American families.

Child

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She later added that Mark has had problems with kids in the school mocking him and ignoring him.

Mark himself has said that he does not like it at the school. During a recent interview Mark was asked about the school and through an interpreter he said that he wanted out of the LIU. "I don't like it," he said. "It's all hearing and there are no friends for me."

In a recent interview, Mark's mother, Susan Dutton, claimed that she tried to talk to school district administrators but they did not listen to her concerns.

Mrs. Dutton, who also is deaf, said that Mark is not the same person he was when he attended schools that were able to address his special needs. "The teachers and students at the school don't understand him and he has started to become lonely and sad," she said through an interpreter.

"It seems to be all about money. They tell me they can educate him properly but they don't always understand him," she added.

The family contends that the teachers and interpreters at the school do not know his native sign language which is the American Sign Language (ASL). Because of this, the family said that Mark and his teachers are not able to totally understand each other.

Administrators at the LIU and of the school district would not comment on the situation because it was in litigation.

However, one teacher at the school testified at a hearing last week that she could communicate with Mark and that they were able to understand each other.

Susan Zerfoss testified that she had some education with ALS and that Mark was able to understand other forms of sign language. "I am not fluent in ALS," she said. "But I do know some about it and Mark is familiar with other forms and we are able to communicate effectively."

The Duttons also contend that a representative of the school district had promised to send Mark to the state school at the beginning of this year but the district later reneged on the offer.

The family believes that the district's decision is a financial one. The case has come to a hearing because the state would have

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Mark Dutton
11-year-old Lake-Lehman student

to pay for Dutton to go to the Scranton school as the family cannot afford to send him. The Duttons say the district is fighting the move because it would lose state funding it now receives for Mark's education. School officials have denied this claim.

Mrs. Dutton said that Mark was put in the LIU after the family moved to Harveys Lake last April. She said that he was put in the special classes with the understanding that he would finish out the school year there and then be sent to Scranton this year.

That never occurred, however. "I was promised he would be sent to Scranton," said Mrs. Dutton. "But they never did anything during the summer and right before school started they told me they wanted him at the LIU and would have him mainstreaming."

Mark is enrolled in a class with other hearing-disabled children and is part of the mainstreaming program, in which he takes regular classes.

Zerfoss testified that Mark is doing well in school and gave some of that credit to the mainstreaming process. "Mark is functioning well and I feel he is benefitting from mainstreaming," she said.

Mrs. Dutton disagrees. She said that Mark can't always understand the teachers because they don't know sign language that well. She also said that Mark can't communicate with other children and that has caused some problems.

Antoinette Szarek, the attorney representing the Duttons, feels that they have a good chance of getting the child in the state school. "I am optimistic," said Szarek. "We have

had to show there is a need to send him there and I think we are doing that."

Szarek said that there are a lot of areas where the LIU falls short in providing a proper education for Mark. She noted communication and social problems and also said that a psychologist has determined that Mark is a gifted student and should be placed in such a classroom.

"The school district has said it wants more tests done before determining that Mark is gifted so for now they are treating him as an average child," said Szarek.

Following the last hearing the state officer will have 15 days to render a decision in the case.

Szarek is confident the decision will be in favor of the Duttons. "Everyone who knows Mark, including Mark himself, thinks he should go to Scranton," she said. "He is starting to show some rather frightening side effects from being in the LIU. He is talking to himself and fantasizes a lot."

"Everything for him right now is in the past, he has nothing in the present," she added.

Mark has spent some time in the Scranton school. He attended classes there for two years beginning when he was six-years-old and according to the family he thinks often about that time.

"We had to go there recently and he saw some kids who remembered him from when he was there before," his mother said. "When we got home that night he was hopeful, not like he had been other nights."

As the last two nights of hearings approach, the family continues to hope for a decision in their favor. Mark said he wishes it all ends soon. Using sign language to describe the situation so far, he showed frustration in saying, "I don't understand it. I hope I win but I am tired of the whole thing."

Dallas businesses burglarized

Two Businesses in the Dallas Shopping Center were burglarized sometime between Sunday night, March 3, and early Monday morning.

Owners of Breslers Ice Cream & Yogurt Shop and Jackie's Footnotes Shoe Store discovered both money and merchandise missing. The exact value is unknown until they complete taking inventory.

Dallas Borough Officer Doug Higgins is conducting the investigation and the State Police were called in for fingerprinting Tuesday morning. Borough Police Chief Jack Fowler said the investigation is continuing.

Police report

DALLAS TOWNSHIP MAN INJURED IN ONE CAR ACCIDENT

Dallas Township police were dispatched to an accident on Country Club Road, Feb. 28, where they reported that Harry F. Goering III of Maryland was driving west on Country Club Road in a 1989 Ford and suffered a head injury when his car left the road onto the north berm and the right side wheels dropped into the ditch. Goering said he bent over in the car and lost control.

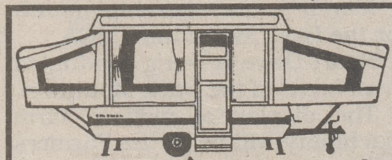
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP SWERVES TO MISS DEER, DAMAGES CAR

Township officer Charles Rauschkolb, Feb. 28, investigated an accident at Schooley Hill and Harris Hill Roads where he reported that David Sigman of Shavertown, driving a 1984 Ford, said he was traveling east on Harris Hill Road when a deer crossed the roadway in front of him. Sigman said he swerved to miss the deer and crossed over into the west land leaving the roadway and damaging his car extensively.

HARVEYS LAKE CLAIMS MISUSE OF 911

A Harveys Lake couple has been charged with harrasment by communication after allegedly using profane language on the 911 emergency line.

Harveys Lake police say that John E. and Linda C. Arnold were charged after they allegedly used profane language directed at a Back Mountain Communication Center dispatcher on the 911 line. The charge also says that the couple was on the line without intent of legitimate communication.



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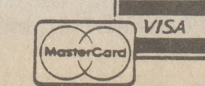


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