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people have to travel to a body of water to boat, they can only drink what they bring, and if the water is part of a state park, they're not supposed to bring any alcohol.

Most people who are caught boating under the influence of alcohol are first stopped for another violation, said Bridi.

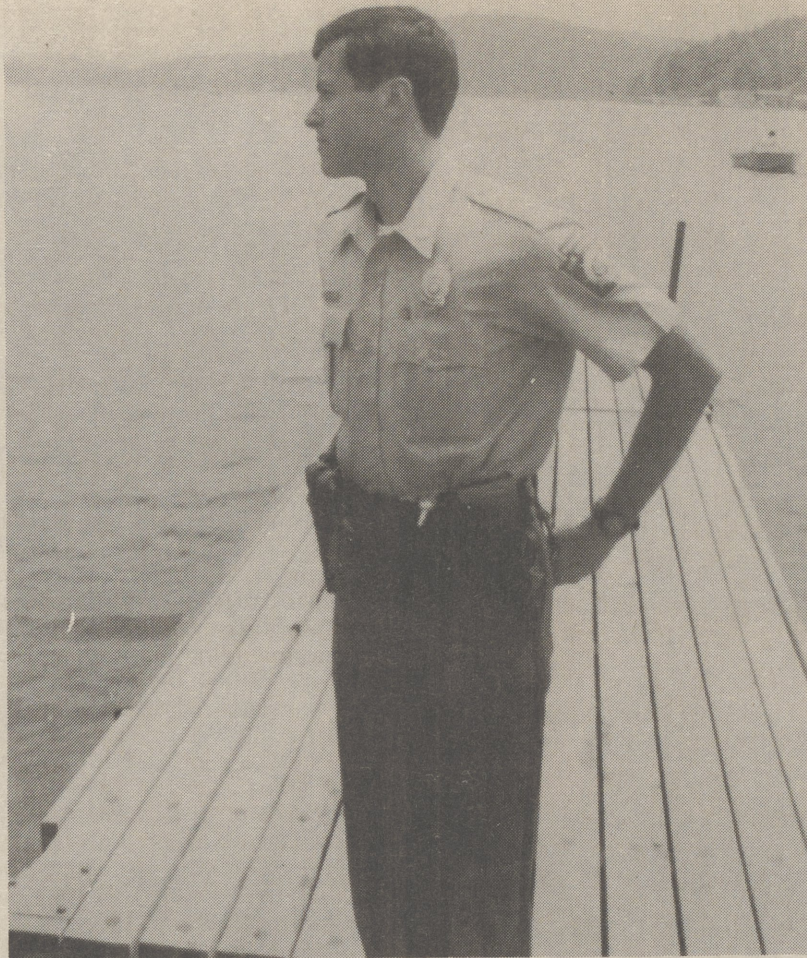
"It's not like a car where you can see them weave," said Bridi. "They don't realize how fast they're going close to the shore."

Besides patrolling Harveys Lake, Bridi is responsible for half of Luzerne County, including Lake Jean, Frances Slocum Lake, Sylvan Lake, and Lake Silkworth along with 50 or 60 miles of the Susquehanna River. He also oversees the work of the Deputy Water Conservation Officers in his territory.

Before becoming a Water Conservation Officer, Bridi worked for the Borough of State College as an Environmental Health Worker.

He has kept his interest in the environment, and points to the study the Harveys Lake Borough Environmental Advisory Council is making of the lake as a positive step towards improving the lake's water quality.

Bridi and his wife, Donna, live in Berwick and have children Nate, Pete and Lydia.



JEFF BRIDI
Fish Commission Water Conservation Officer

Exxon

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of gasoline and oil which have contaminated the soil around the station, said Spurlin.

When Exxon offered to sell Spurlin the station, they did so with the agreement that they would be responsible for the cleanup.

But Exxon won't provide a plan for cleanup to be approved by the Department of Environmental Resources.

Without a cleanup plan, banks won't provide Spurlin with the financing to buy the station, even though he's not the one responsible for the cleanup.

"To clean up the area contamination because it's a service station would take very little," said Spurlin. "Financing was no problem except for the environmental problem."

With new fiberglass gasoline tanks installed in 1981, Spurlin says that there's no problem with leaks now.

Spurlin bought the business from his father, William, five years ago. His father had owned the business since 1976. On the walls of the station office is an award from Exxon for having clean restrooms, and an AAA map of the area to help travelers find their way.

"There are a lot of people relying on this place for gas and for service. Many people have become accustomed to what we offer," said Spurlin. "I kind of specialize in one-day jobs and by working by appointment, getting things done in one day."

Just because the Exxon station

is going to close doesn't mean that Spurlin is getting out of the auto business. He's looking at three different locations in the Back Mountain to open an auto repair shop.

"Of the three I'm looking at, none of them will have gas," said Spurlin.

Spurlin is notifying his charge customers of the station closing, and will follow up with a letter on his new location. While he works on setting up a new location, he'll maintain his service for members of AAA.

"I'll probably have to lay off 10 employees until I get moved into a new location," said Spurlin.

Ironically, even if Spurlin had been able to purchase the station, Exxon told him that he wouldn't be able to sell Exxon gasoline because there's not enough traffic at the location.

"I think all the oil companies are getting out of direct delivery and turning it over to distributors," said Spurlin. "They feel that they're cutting costs and that will bring big profits. I only know of one other place Exxon directly supplies. That's in Scranton, and it's for sale and the guy is having the same problems I have."

"You see fewer and fewer service stations. You have stop and gas shops and garages," said Spurlin. "There's not much profit in gas. Gas is more or less a convenience and a way of bringing in people. It keeps people familiar with you."

Library

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old Dallas Junior High School. Though it looked like a mess when it was first found, after refinishing, the cabinet fetched the library \$700.

"That makes you feel good when you get something that's not in good condition and some people volunteer and you end up with something very attractive," said Kutz.

Kutz's work with the library is made easier by the fact that she happens to be very fond of books. "Think about it, what would a town be without a library. A community has to have a library. People come here for research. Little children go for the story hours and they learn how important reading is."

Her children, Mary Elizabeth Kutz Murphy and John Kutz, now grown, have both helped out at the auction in the past.

"A lot of other organizations have attempted to emulate this auction. It's hard to do," said Kutz. "This library exists because of the volunteers who come in here."

New Misericordia president wants college to be closer to community

By ERIC FOSTER
Post Staff

When Carol Ann Jobe, College Misericordia's new president, talks about a college's role in the world today, there are no ivory towers in the picture.

Pristine and unapproachable is not her idea of what a college should be.

"We cannot ignore what is happening in society," said Jobe, 50, who started as president July 1. "We cannot close our minds to what is going on around us."

Though the college is already involved in the community with events like the Theatre-on-the-Green production in July, Jobe says more can be done.

"I would like to see the college very much involved in the civic area," said Jobe. "A college in this day cannot rest. It's a living thing. Not only faculty, we need to get students involved."

Jobe said she would like to invite community leaders to the campus to discuss with them what the college can do for the area.

"What needs do the actual communities have that we have expertise in?" asks Jobe rhetorically. "I want people to look back and say we need to have College Misericordia in the area. We need to have a marriage between the college and the community. We're small enough and flexible enough that we can react to what the community needs."

Jobe points to the revitalization of Pittsburgh with high-tech industries after the strength of the steel mills faded as an example of what colleges and a community can accomplish when working together.

Jobe will be Misericordia's tenth president, and the first lay woman to lead the college. Appointed by Misericordia's Board of Trustees in May, she was most recently president of Mater Dei College, a Catholic College in Ogdensburg.

Misericordia's former president, Dr. Pasquale Di Pasquale Jr., left May 31 after serving the college for three years. In the interim, Dr. Mary Glennon, RSM, Misericordia's Academic Dean, served as acting president.

Jobe's husband, Lieutenant Colonel Gordon B. Jobe, 49, is retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Army Corps of Engineers and is employed as a civil engineer for Atlantic Testing Laboratories, Canton, N.Y. He holds a Master of



CAROL ANN JOBE
College Misericordia president

Jobe was attracted to Misericordia not only because it's a Catholic College, but also because of the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy.

"I believe the Mercy tradition here is what they try to live. They really believe in that strength of caring and nurturing," said Jobe.

When Jobe attended the alumni reunion recently, she found graduates who said that they are what they are today because of the education they received at Misericordia.

"What they were taught, they gave back to society. It wasn't this feeling that I've got my education and I'm going to make a million dollars."

Jobe herself is a member of the Rotary, the League of Women Voters, and the Sisters of St. Joseph Consortium.

"I've been on all kinds of campuses," said Jobe. "The environment here is probably the most sensitive and the most real."

Business Administration degree and has served as a part-time faculty member in management at Mater Dei College. They are the parents of two daughters, Amy Kathryn Smith, 24, and Meghan Eileen Smith, 15, and a son, Christian Patrick Smith, 19.

Jobe served as president of Mater Dei for more than three years. Her previous positions include academic vice president of Marshall University; visiting vice president of academic affairs at Carnegie-Mellon University and acting academic vice president of Duquesne University.

With Misericordia's reputation for a power-house nursing program, Jobe's background is right in step with the college. She now holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education, Organization and Administration from Boston College, but she's also earned a master's of science degree in nursing from Boston University and has directed the nursing programs at several colleges and universities.

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