

Accident

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portation.

If the accident is serious enough, Davis may call for a response by the local fire departments. While Davis and his crew treat the injured, the fire department has its own separate responsibilities.

"Our main responsibility is the security of the people who are trying to help the victims," said Shavertown Fire Chief Gary Beisel. "We don't respond to a motor vehicle accident unless we are requested. A lot of times we're responsible for the cleaning up of fluids on the roadway, whether it's oil, anti-freeze or gasoline."

Although a feeling of helplessness may occur while others are taking care of the victims, Beisel knows his department has a job to do.

A sometimes difficult, sometimes demanding, but always important job.

"It's tough, sometimes, to just stand there," said Beisel, a former Kingston Township police officer who now heads the security force at the Penn State/Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman. "But someone had to be aware of the dangers that are around, like a little spark hitting gasoline. You're too busy doing your job to think about what is going on around you. You know that you have a job to do. Sometimes it doesn't hit you until you get home."

Davis agrees with Beisel that the emotional stress experienced by response personnel doesn't hit home until hours after the accident.

"Sometimes it's very disturbing," said Davis. "Whenever you have a patient who is conscious on scene and relying on your treatment, and they die later on, it's going to hit you hard."

But there are rewards to the job

as well.

"It's a great feeling when you know you've done your best and a patient, who may have died without your treatment, survives," said Davis, who helped treat the lone survivor of the accident. "That gives you a feeling of satisfaction. A feeling that all the training and hard work are worth it."

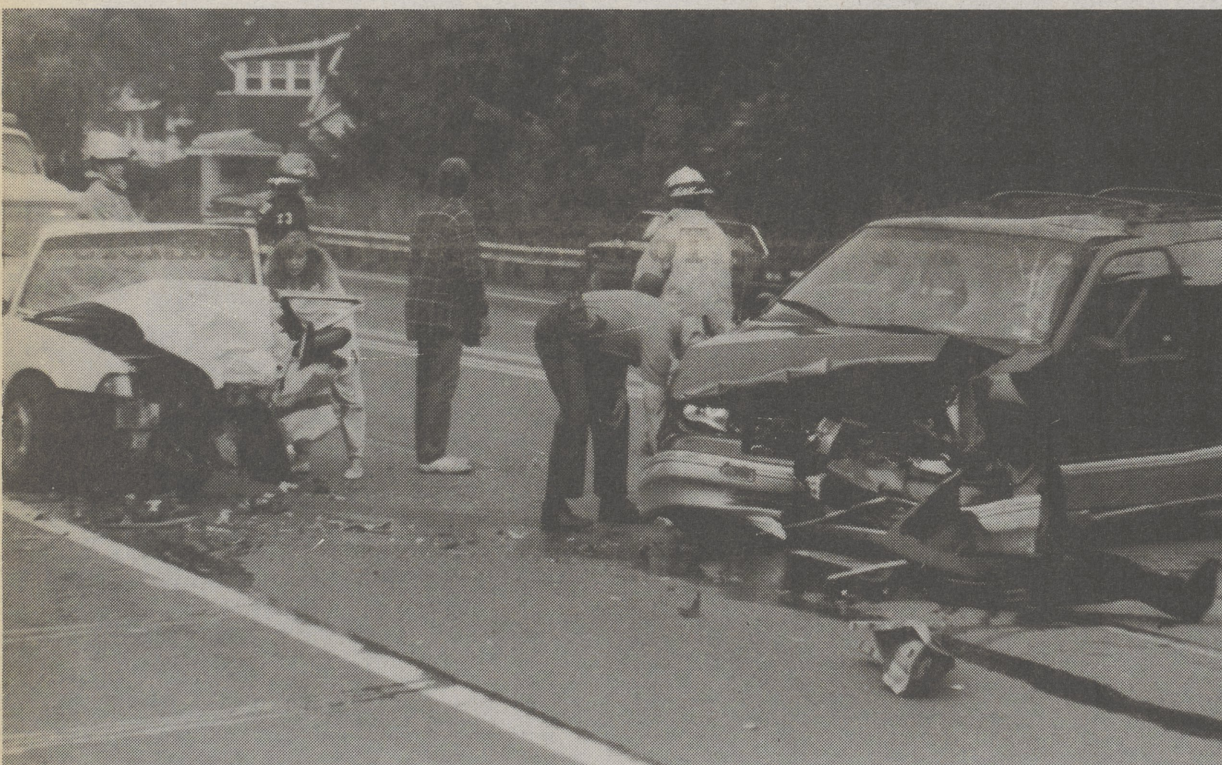
Davis knows that, like a successful athletic team, those who respond to accidents must work as a team. There are no individual heroes.

"Every single person has something to do," said Davis, who applauded the work of both the Kingston Township and Dallas ambulance crews. "If we didn't work as a team, a lot more people would die in Kingston Township. There is no competitiveness whatsoever. We work together extremely well and a lot more people survive."



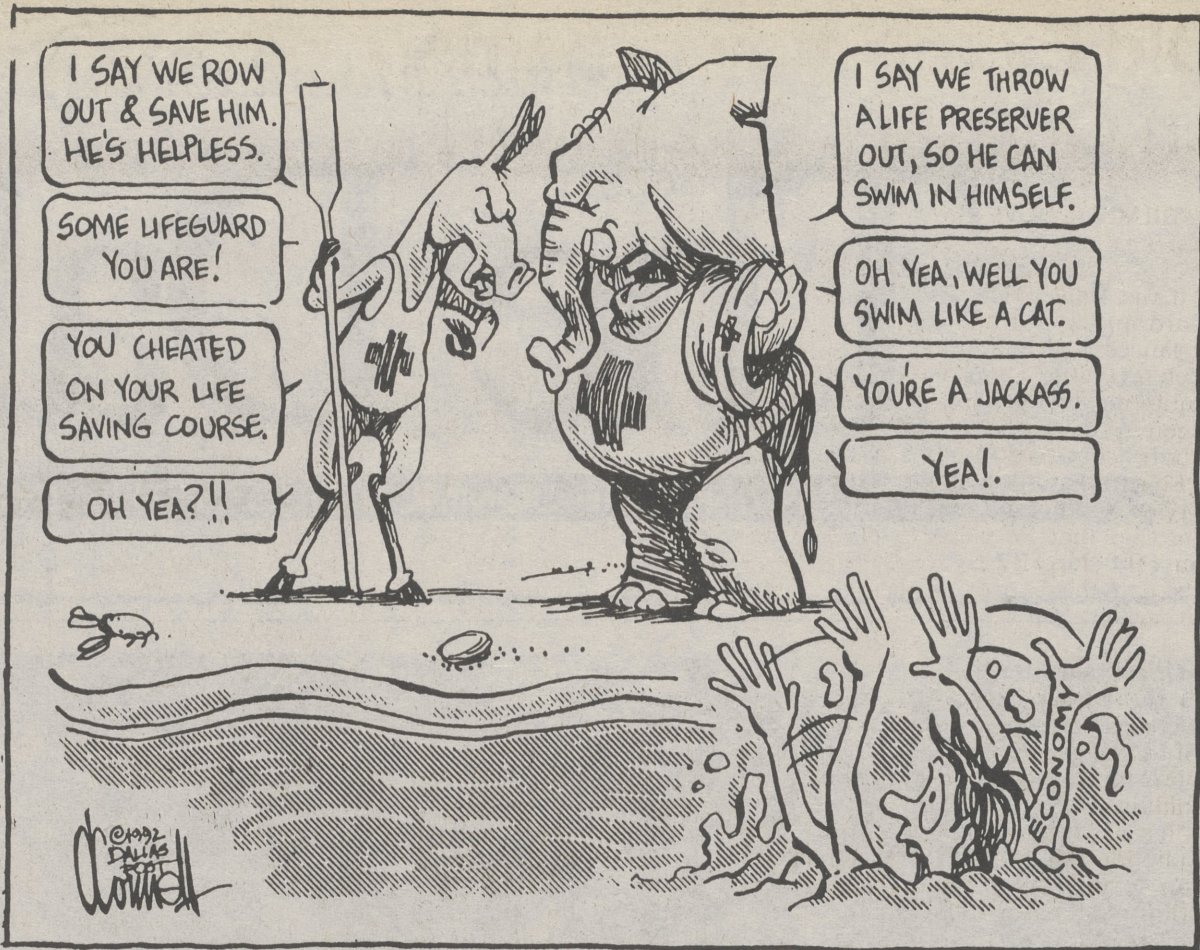
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TRYING THEIR BEST - Maggie Davis, inside of van, treated Sydney Seeherman, who was a passenger when the vehicle driven by his wife crossed two lanes of Route 309 and struck an oncoming car head-on. Seeherman and his wife, Ruth, both died as a result of injuries suffered in the accident.



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ACCIDENT SCENE - This was the scene shortly after two vehicles collided on Route 309 at the intersection of Shaver Street. Kim Russ was treating one of the injured drivers, awaiting more aid that was on the way.



THE WINNER - This cartoon, published in 1992, was selected among 72 entries as the best original editorial cartoon in the National Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Contest.

Awards

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judged in the general excellence category, with values assigned for news and headline writing, page layout, advertising makeup and other factors. The Post was picked third among 32 entries.

O'Connell's cartoon won over 71 other entries, mostly from daily newspaper cartoonists. Both awards will be presented September 17 at the association's annual meeting in Cincinnati.

The National Newspaper Association is the nation's oldest and largest newspaper trade association, with 4,159 members, of

which 641 are daily newspapers and 3,518 are weeklies.

The Dallas Post is published by Bartsen Media, Inc., with offices at 45 Main Road in Dallas. The corporation, which is wholly owned by Ronald and Charlotte Bartizek, also publishes The Abington Journal in Clarks Summit.

Due to a typographical error, the wrong phone number appeared in the advertisement that appeared in last week's issue for Dallas Centre Hardware.

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Lillian Burgess, 94, of Mount Zion Road, Wyoming died Sept. 8, 1993 at home.

Born in Kingston Township, she was the daughter of the late Corey H. and Sarah Shupp Burgess. She was a graduate of West Wyoming High School and Wyoming Seminary Business School. She received a bachelor of science degree from Bloomsburg State Teachers College.

She was employed for several years as an elementary teacher in West Wyoming schools and later taught for many years in Lehman elementary schools until her retirement.

She resided her entire life in Kingston Township.

She was a member of the Carverton United Methodist Church. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, and the Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Fannie; brother, Nelson.

Surviving is a sister, Adaline Burgess, at home.

Interment, Carverton Cemetery.

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