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MOCK ACCIDENT - The Dallas ambulance crew prepares to transport Beth McHale, playing the role of a victim in a simulated accident at College Misericordia November 19, designed to call attention to the dangers of driving while drinking.

DUI drill a sobering experience

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Two wrecked cars sat in the pouring rain on the grassy area near College Misericordia's baseball diamond, their occupants moaning in pain.

One passenger had been thrown from her car and was lying motionless on the wet grass.

Blood, broken glass, twisted metal and beer cans littered the scene.

"Oh, God! Help!" cried a female victim as a campus security patrol approached the wreck.

Emergency crews from Dallas and Kunkle screamed onto campus and began to tend to the victims while firefighters used special rescue tools to cut one man from the wreckage.

Later a Life-Flight chopper would be called in to airlift him to a nearby hospital's trauma unit.

The score: one dead, two injured, one not hurt but obviously drunk.

Carmen Novitski and John Tone have seen too many such scenes while serving with the Dallas Fire and Ambulance.

Enlisting the aid of friends and college personnel, they designed the mock accident to help alert their fellow students at Misericordia and the entire community to the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

"A large number of the accidents which I respond to are DUI-related," Novitski said. "Between the colleges and the bar scene, there are too many young people involved in this type of accident."

Tone also wants to prevent "at least a few" DUI-related accidents through the simulation, which he devised this summer while serving with his home fire department in Randolph Township, NJ.

He also serves with the New Jersey Forest Fire Service and, while attending Misericordia, with the Dallas Fire Department.

The mock accident also was also used as a drill for campus security.

Misericordia campus security, fire and rescue units from Dallas and Kunkle, the Dallas township police, the Life-Flight chopper and students Beth McHale, Jan Kummer, Jon Dameron and Bill Papageorgiu also participated in the drill, organized with the help of the college's Campus Outreach Prevention Education (COPE) office, which provides federally-funded drug and alcohol prevention programs to the students.

"Do you know that you can fill Yankee Stadium with all the people who die in a year from DUI-related accidents?" Papageorgiu said. "That's over 50,000 people a year."

Students laughed as Papageorgiu failed field sobriety tests administered by patrolman Wayman Miers, unable to count correctly to ten or stagger in a straight line.

"Whoa, man!" he said as Miers snapped handcuffs onto his wrists.

Melissa Murphy was appalled. "Innocent people just got killed and this jerk doesn't realize it!" she said.

"I didn't think that it would be this intense," said student Sara Rose. "There's so much equipment. I expected to see an ambulance and maybe a police car. The rescue equipment was very interesting to watch."

"If it changes one person's opinion, it's worth it," said student Lori Verespy.

"This is a good reality demonstration," said student Bill Dormer, a native of Pottsville, which

he calls the alcohol capital of America.

When not attending school, he works in a hospital, where he sees "an awful lot of this." Both Dormer and fellow student Andrew Fox of New York said that they had lost friends in DUI-related accidents.

Although many students observing the mock accident said that it brought the message home to them, they felt that those who drink and drive wouldn't pay attention. "They think it won't ever happen to them" said Marissa Bet.

New Jersey Forest Fire Warden John Baranluk, whom Tone serves with when he's home, made a special trip to Dallas to videotape the mock accident. He said that he is impressed with the area fire and ambulance units' efficiency and teamwork.

"We don't have many drills like this in New Jersey," he said. "It sets a good example for other colleges to follow."

After the mock accident ended, Dallas Township police chief Carl Miers said that homicide by vehicle while intoxicated is harder to prove than murder.

"You must prove that the driver's level of intoxication directly caused the victim's death," he said.

"I think that this was a good deterrent," said Papageorgiu after having his handcuffs removed. "I certainly learned it today - the hard way."

PA stream map now available

Howard Higbee spent most of his 30 year career drawing 45,000 miles of Pennsylvania streams onto a 5 by 5 foot map. Then his original drawing and printing plates were lost! Long thought to be unreproducible, this rare outdoor enthusiast's possession is now updated and back-in-print.

Higbee developed the legendary "Stream Map of Pennsylvania," a chart so detailed that the tiniest and remotest waterways—mere capillaries on the Pennsylvania landscape—show up in living color.

Every stream is there. Not a single one is left out.

This is the so-called "lost" Stream Map that many fishermen, farmers, engineers, environmentalists, hikers, canoeists, kayakers, boaters and of course fishermen, have been searching for. Even the President of Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited, William Kodrich, is quoted as saying, "I've been searching for a copy of the Stream Map of Pennsylvania for over 10 years." And before the new updated version became available, the Department of Environmental Resources found it necessary to keep their one remaining badly worn original "Stream Map of Pennsylvania" under lock and key.

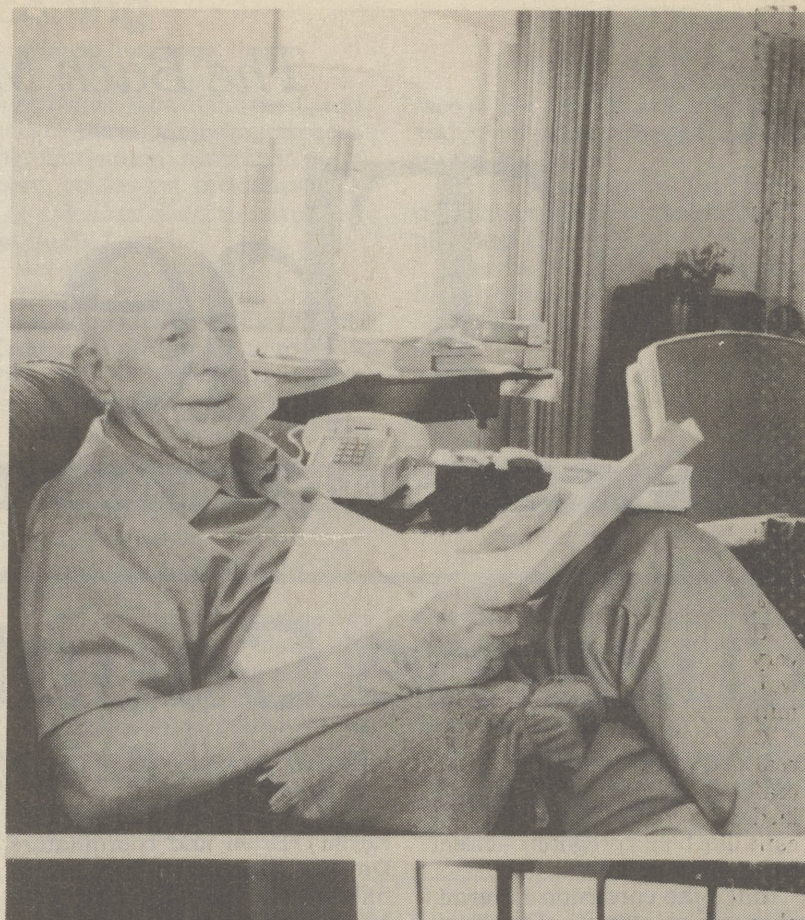
Professor Higbee, a former government geologist and retired Penn State professor, completed the map in 1965, plotting the location of 45,000 miles of streams, including 10,000 miles of streams clean and cold enough to support trout.

Starting with 82 large topographic maps and aerial photographs, he reduced them again and again, drawing in each stream by hand, under magnification, with sharpened pen points. To check distances, he adjusted his car's odometer to measure miles in 500th.

The result was a masterpiece, a map that contains streams you won't find on other maps. But a few years out of business, the printer entrusted with publishing the map went out of business, and the original drawing and printing plates were destroyed. Because existing copies illustrated streams in non-photographic blue, it appeared that reprinting the map was impossible.

In 1991 at the age of 91, Howard Higbee told Vivid Publishing of Williamsport, PA. "At this stage of my life there isn't much I really want or need. But seeing the 'Stream Map' available to the public again is one thing that would make me happy." So with Howard's help, Vivid began a search for the lost drawing and printing plates.

The search located a few surviving relatives of the printer, bankruptcy court records and



LIFE'S WORK - Professor Howard Higbee, at age 91, looked over the first proof of the updated PA Stream Map.

attorneys also provided a few leads. A conversation with the man that actually cleaned out the bankrupt printer's building and hauled all of the printing plates to the Baltimore Landfill ended this avenue of the search in a dead-end.

Vivid then began a search for a way to reprint from Howard's only remaining copy of the 1965 Stream Map. Many of the nation's leading printers and even map experts like National Geographic said the same thing, "It can't be done. Some said the map would have to be completely redrawn."

Finally, Vivid located a brand-new technology that looked like it could reproduce the many fine light blue lines on the map.

One section of the rare map was tested. Karl Ings and Larry Seaman of Vivid Publishing were present when the first proof was pulled. "The results were much better than we ever expected, it was very exciting. We knew then that it was going to be possible to republish the Stream Map," said Ings. "We know the map would sell well because every fisherman we showed the map to said they wanted one. But, what kept us searching long after most people would have given up, was the hope that our friend Howard would see his wish fulfilled," said Seaman.

The very next day, Ings and Seaman took the color proof to Higbee with a big smile. Howard said, "It's an exact duplication of the '65 map. Every detail is there."

A bonus booklet, titled "Stream Map Location Guide" is included free with each map. The "Guide" lists the location of over 900 productive streams, this represents the 10,000 miles of Pennsylvania streams and rivers cold and clean enough to support trout. Over 300 lakes, dams, reservoirs and ponds are indexed. Bass waters and trophy fish waters are also indexed. The streams listed in "Trout Streams of Pennsylvania" by Dwight Landis and "Pennsylvania Trout Streams and Their Hatches" by Charles Meck are also indexed in the "Guide." This makes it easy to reference the close-up maps and stream descriptions listed in the books.

A portion of map sales will benefit Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited' stream conservation efforts. And, the Stream Map will be used by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission to further efforts to educate the public of the problem of acid precipitation.

How to order the PA stream map

The 3-by-5 foot Stream Map of Pennsylvania is currently available on 80 lb. paper, both rolled and folded at \$23.45 each, including tax and shipping. A special edition in heavy gauge clear, write-on wipe-off lamination, with reinforced eyelets for hanging at \$43.45 each. Either can be ordered using the coupon on page 7 of this week's Dallas Post.



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