

Paxton

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She may play both in 1995, but it appears she'll spend the majority of her time behind the plate for Jay Pope's Lady Mountaineers.

"I've caught for eight years," said Paxton, "I'll always love it. I fell in love with center field the last two years. It's exciting because you're the last line of defense. If it gets past you, you're in trouble."

"(Catcher is) one of the most important positions besides your pitcher. I'll go there if that's where I'm needed."

Paxton's first extended duty in center field began in the Back Mountain summer league between her sophomore and junior years. Part of the reason for the move was to ease the pain of Therese's sore legs. She suffered a compound fracture which ripped all of the muscle in her leg. Because of constant care and awareness she's much healthier now.

In addition to being a fantastic hitter Paxton can run and throw with the best in the Wyoming Valley Conference. She's an accomplished catcher, able to keep the pitchers settled down. Except for a little erratic throwing now and then, Therese is a complete player with no real apparent weakness in her game.

Although she has played softball since the first grade, she's not one to get by on past performances.

"I try to give 150 percent every day," said Paxton of her practice habits. "I try to push myself and keep my teammates pushing. If I'm not doing as well as I think I should I push myself harder. That's the only way I can get better."

As far as the upcoming season is concerned, Paxton hopes to have another good year and play an errorless game here and there. She also hopes the team can once again take the Northern Division title, play for the District title and hopefully win this year.

Last year Dallas fell to Berwick in the District II championship.

A regular season contest from last year against those same Bulldogs provides Therese with her fondest memory of high school, athletic or otherwise.

Trailing 7-0 in the bottom of the seventh, Paxton started a game



Dallas Middle School skiers take championship

Ski racers from Dallas Middle School won their second Interscholastic Championship on February 26 at Montage Mountain. During the past two years, the Dallas team has accumulated an unbroken string of five wins in Middle School Division preliminary and final competitions. The team's race time on Sunday was only 1/10 seconds behind the best high school team finish.

In a repeat of the 1994 Finals competition, Chris Nattress won the Individual Male category with the second fastest time of the day. C.J. Tyrrell and Chris Schneider won third and fourth place trophies respectively. In the Individual Female category, Stacey Wagner skied to a third place finish.

Team members have won a total of 20 medals and trophies throughout the 1994/1995 season while competing in ASRA, PARA, and Keystone Game events. The Dallas ski racing team members are Jon Kertesz, Matt Kertesz, Chris Nattress, Chris Schneider, Michael Senausky, C.J. Tyrrell and Stacey Wagner.

winning rally by stepping into the batters' box with a doozy of a headache, the result of an outfield collision in the top of the inning. The Mounts batted around and Paxton stepped up to the plate, once again with the game-winning run on second.

"They tried to intentionally walk me," explained Paxton, "but there was a wild pitch and that moved our runner over to third. Then they pitched to me and I smacked it off the centerfield wall to score the game winner. I can't beat that memory unless it happens again."

Therese is a steady influence on her teammates, but freely admits there have been times when she herself has needed some consoling. When she needed it, now-graduated shortstop Kelly Janosky and another close friend were always nearby to lend a helping hand.

"When I was down, there was one person that was always there for me, (fellow senior and pitcher) Kelly West," said Paxton. "She came out of her way to put her arm around me and cheer me up."

Mathematics has been a favorite subject throughout her school years. Being able to take psychology and sociology for the first time has been a pleasurable learning experience this year. Softball coach Pope has made those two classes even more enjoyable.

With less than three months to go before graduation, Paxton plans to attend college next year and study athletic training/sports medicine. She'll miss all of her friends and teachers at Dallas and yes, softball.

"The last practice is going to be

tough, but there's a game after it," Paxton said. "That last game, after it's over, I'm just going to break down. I'm going to miss it a lot."

Therese listed hanging out with her friends among her hobbies. Those get-togethers usually result in a game of softball or some other sports activity, particularly bowling.

Although the time hasn't been there, Therese has always wanted to take up karate. If she ever does find the time, there's no doubt she'll be dedicated and give the same effort that has made her a star basketball and softball player for Dallas High School.

That leaves one to wonder: Can there be a black belt in Therese Paxton's future?

Calendar

Calendar items are published free of charge. Generally, items will be published the two weeks prior to the event. To submit material, send it to The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas PA 18612, or bring it to our office at 45 Main Road in Dallas. Deadline is Friday at 3 p.m.

Community

MAR. 15, LUZERENE COUNTY FAIR BOARD, meets in the Harveys Lake American Legion on Rte. 415, 7:30 p.m.

MAR. 16, WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Priscilla Allison, will discuss Dr. Deborah Tannen's new book *Talking from 9-5*, 12 p.m. in Hayfield 105.

MAR. 17, REACH OUT SINGLES EVERYWHERE first dance, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at Jimeal's, 29 W. Main St., Plymouth. All area singles age 25 and over invited. Cost is \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Ken at 288-4278 or Tammie at 823-2090.

MAR. 19, CHICKEN BAR-B-Q Noxen Fire Hall, Main St., Noxen, noon till 4 p.m. \$5.00 per dinner.

MAR. 24, ANNUAL ART AUCTION, by Gate of Heaven PTG, at the school, Machell Ave., Dallas. Preview at 6 p.m.; auction at 7 p.m. Art work is presented by Heisman Art Gallery. Proceeds will benefit Gate of Heaven School. Admission \$10, couple; single \$7 and includes appetizers, desserts and refreshments.

MAR. 24, SPAGETTI SUPPER, by Building Assoc. of Dallas Eastern Star Chapter 396, 4:30-7 p.m., Eastern Star Hall, Foster St. and Woodlawn Ave., (behind former Acme). Donation \$5 for adults; \$3 for children; pre-school free. Take-outs available 4:30-6 p.m. only. Bring your own containers. Welsh cookies available for \$2 a dozen. Tickets available from any member or at the door. For information, call Marion Harveys, 675-1948.

BINGO every Wednesday night at the Jonathan R. Davis Fire Hall, Idetown. Early birds 5:30 p.m.; regular series 6:30 p.m. Call 639-5755 for more information.

Exhibits

THROUGH MAR. 24, 'MAYAN WEAVING: TESTIMONY TO LIFE' an exhibit by Women for Guatemala, Wyoming Valley, Kilburn Room, of Sheehy Student Center at King's College. Free and open to the public.

THROUGH MAR. 31, SUZANNE MARIEA ROSSETTI JURIED ART EXHIBITION, featuring work of local high school students. MacDonald Art Gallery, College Misericordia, Dallas. For information, 674-6250.

THROUGH APR. 23, POST-WAR ART, selections from the Alice and Harris Weston collection. Sordoni Art Gallery, Wilkes University. Open daily noon-5 p.m. and Thurs. until 9 p.m. 831-4325.

ANTHRACITE YEARS, Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Museum, 69 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Tues.-Fri., noon-4 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 823-6247.

Music

MAR. 17, DAVID MASSENGILL, singer songwriter, 8 p.m. Community Room, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, \$7. Presented by the Chicory House, 825-8772.

COLLEGE MISERICORDIA CHORAL SOCIETY welcomes new members for its spring concert, "A Night at the Opera," a variety of great opera choruses from Verdi to Scott Joplin. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 7-9:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Lounge, Merrick Hall. No auditions necessary. 674-6739.

Outdoors

MAR. 26, SIERRA CLUB meets at State Game Land 206 for moderate hike featuring a beaver dam, logging dam and deer cemetery. Bring food, ater and wear sturdy footwear and water resistant clothing, the trail is muddy. Meet at the Mountain Fresh Market, Rt. 118, at Pikes Creek, 11:30 a.m. Public is invited. For information, 586-1930.

Clubs/Groups

THROUGH MAY 10, PIONEER CLUB, children in grades K-6, invited. The Fellowship Evangelical Free Church on Hildebrandt Road, Dallas every Wed. from 6:30-8 p.m. Activities include Bible lessons, games, crafts. Club members develop Christian values and learn to apply the Bible to every day life. For more information, Call the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church office at 675-6426.

N.E. JR. PLAYERS, non-profit young people's theatre company for 7-17 year olds. Workshops held in Back Mt. Acting/Musical Theatre/field trips now rehearsing "Cinderella, Cinderella" for April 1 production. For info, messages accepted by 823-8512.

1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH Country-Western dances at the Old Dallas Twp. School, Church St. A free dance lesson starts at 7 p.m.; regular dancing 8 p.m.-midnite. Admission \$5 per person, \$8 per couple. Reasonably priced, non-alcoholic refreshments available. Benefits Senior Girl Scout Troop 622.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE CENTER offers community support group for female victims & survivors of domestic violence every Tues. & Thurs. at 1:30 p.m. & Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Call 823-5834 to register & for location. A children's group is held at the same time to provide support to children whose lives are affected by domestic violence. All services are confidential and free of charge.

DALLAS JUNIOR FOOTBALL meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Dallas Borough Building Community Room. Parents encouraged to attend.

TUESDAYS, BACK MT. TOUGHLIVE, Shavertown U.M. Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. Toughlove is a self-help program for parents troubled by teenage behavior. For more info, 675-3616 or 675-0372.

'50 SINGLES CLUB, meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Black Diamond Post 395 American Legion, 386 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. For information, 675-1910 or 283-5614, evenings, or all day weekends.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS for ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) and other dysfunctional families are held, every Sunday, 8 p.m. Blue doors of Mercy Center at College Misericordia, Dallas. For more information call the Help Line at 829-1341.

MAR. 23, CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP, Riverside Rehabilitation Center, 220 S. River St., Plains, 3-4 p.m. Meeting is free and open to individuals suffering from chronic pain. Upcoming meetings will be held on April 20 and May 25. For information 824-3444.

Stage

MAR. 23, 'EQUUS', performed by National Players, Walsh Auditorium, College Misericordia, Dallas. 8 p.m. Free. 675-2181.

MAR. 24-26, 'COPPELLA' presented by Ballet Northeast, 8 p.m. Admission, \$10 adults; \$6 children and senior citizens. For reservations, 639-1303 or 825-3515.

MAR. 24, 25, 31, APR. 1-2, 'JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR' Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical. Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre, North Main St., Wilkes-Barre. \$12, \$10 and \$8. 823-1875.

MAR. 28-MAY 4, "A TALE OF SLEEPING BEAUTY" Wilkes University Story Box Theatre Performances will be Tues. & Thurs., 10 a.m., except for April 11 and 13. Sat. performances will begin 2 p.m. on Apr. 1, 8 and 29 and May 6. All shows are in the Lab Theatre of Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for Performing Arts, South and River Sts. Seating limited, reservations necessary. Tickets, \$3 for students and teachers; chaperones and bus drivers free. For reservations, 831-4543 or 1-800 WILKES-U, ext. 4543 between 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Special Events

MAR. 23, WILKES UNIVERSITY hosts a talk by Kathryn Waterson, author of recently published book *Not By the Sword*, 4 p.m. in Room 102 of Kirby hall, 202 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre. Event is free and open to the public.

MAR. 25, SPRING FLING CRAFT SHOW by Evans Falls PTA, at Evans Falls Elementary School, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Show will include assorted crafts, pictures with the Easter Bunny, bake sale, crafts for kids and more.

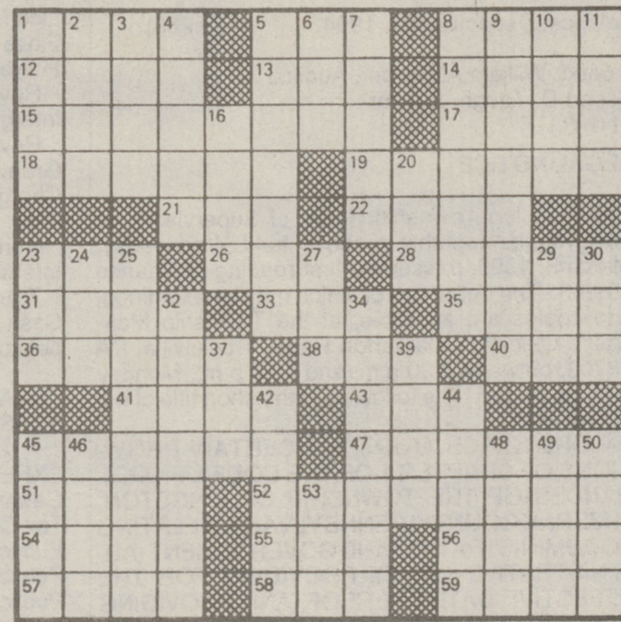
MAR. 27, 'WOMEN WRITERS COME TO LIFE' program of dramatic readings by students in Dr. Lynda Goldstein's English 194 class. 12 p.m. Hayfield 105, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, open to the public as part of the observances of Women's History Month.

MAR. 29, 11TH ANNUAL HAYFIELD POETRY FESTIVAL, features poetry reading by Liz Rosenberg. 7:30 p.m. Hayfield 105, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus. Open to the public as part of the Women's History Month.

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- 21 — Sue Martin
- 22 Silky actress?
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- 59 Actor Brynner
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- 65 75 Peace Nobelist
- 67 Mother of Horus
- 70 Try one's patience
- 71 Native suffix
- 72 Stout relative
- 73 Fluffy vocal duo?
- 80 Make a midl into a mini
- 81 — Mineo
- 82 Approx- mately
- 83 Geraint's better half
- 84 Tuna type
- 87 Tuscan town
- 89 Peter of Herman's Hermits
- 93 — France
- 94 Pirate's quaff
- 96 Synthetic golfer?
- 99 Urgently
- 101 Pull hard
- 103 Field of study
- 104 "Exodus" protagonist
- 105 Raindrop sound
- 107 Othello's inducer
- 110 "Jumbo shrimp," e.g.
- 113 Coarse comic?
- 117 Utter
- 118 Clark's "Mogambo"
- 119 Rowan or Rather
- 120 Morocco's capital
- 124 Long Island town
- 128 Take in
- 131 Soft actress?
- 135 Pinnock or Howard
- 136 "Hi —, Hi-Lo"
- 137 Harness part
- 138 Cain's nephew
- 139 Kildare (racehorse)
- 140 Very impres- sive
- 141 Computer "food"
- 142 Carry on DOWN
- 1 Certainty
- 2 Reverberation
- 3 Give off
- 4 Write graffiti
- 5 Sgt.'s counterpart
- 6 Suggest
- 7 Alan of "The Four Seasons"
- 8 Antlered
- 9 Incarnation
- 10 Tynemouth title
- 11 Every last bit
- 12 Showy shrub
- 13 — relief
- 14 Current unit
- 15 Antitoxin
- 16 Actress
- 17 Duguo
- 18 Moshe of Israel
- 21 Former military chairman
- 23 Took off
- 24 Prop for "Kookie"
- 29 Inoperative
- 32 Man —
- 34 Basketball's Auerbach
- 35 Hors d'oeuvre holder
- 36 Indisposed
- 37 — incognita
- 38 Location
- 39 Hostage
- 40 Actor
- 41 From — Z
- 42 Hindu instrument
- 47 — dish (lab vessel)
- 49 Orchestra offering
- 51 Like a cold
- 52 Coral outcrop
- 53 Mississippi mound
- 55 Temporal
- 56 Bonet or Whelchel
- 57 Horned herbivores
- 58 Hospital areas
- 60 Wood- working tool
- 64 Not as loose
- 66 Quick-witted
- 68 — facto
- 69 Singer Kay
- 73 Bangkok natives
- 74 Opening remark?
- 75 Brazier bit
- 76 Kayak commander
- 77 Reed or Mills
- 78 1492 vessel
- 79 Superstar
- 85 Proficient
- 86 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
- 88 Flying start?
- 90 General Bradley
- 91 Caligula's nephew
- 92 Davis of "The Sinbad Show"
- 95 "The Ghost and Mrs. —"
- 97 Villainous Luthor
- 98 Shells out
- 100 Over there
- 102 Guy's friend
- 106 Cops' org.
- 108 Vampire repellent
- 109 Fall birth- stone
- 111 Cardinal harborer
- 112 Pearl
- 113 Devilfish
- 114 Tower material?
- 115 Time for chores?
- 116 Quitter's cry
- 121 Ornitholo- gist's concern
- 122 On a cruise
- 123 Dweeb's cousin?
- 125 — the Hyena (Capp character)
- 126 Heavy metal
- 127 "Yo!" at the library
- 129 — Got a "Secret"
- 130 — Cob, Ct.
- 132 "With it"
- 133 Foreman flattener
- 134 A pig — poke



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- 1 Taj Mahal locale
- 5 Wheel part
- 8 Slightly open
- 12 Rich earth
- 13 Rubber tree
- 14 Change decor
- 15 TV comedy for Gerald McRaney
- 17 Taylor and Steiger
- 18 Gazed rudely
- 19 Slip by
- 21 House wing
- 22 Capital of Yemen
- 23 "— de abajo" (Azuela novel)
- 26 Evergreen tree
- 28 Heron
- 31 Killer whale
- 33 Polite title
- 35 Icelandic tale
- 36 Large artery
- 38 Ruby or opal
- 40 — Kippur
- 41 Space lead-in
- 43 Energy
- 45 Writing pad
- 47 Gladdens
- 51 14th-century atoners
- 52 TV feature
- 54 Propel the gondola
- 55 Before
- 56 Big cat
- 57 Prophet
- 58 — Dashan (peak)
- 59 "What — is new?"
- 10 Appends
- 11 One Kennedy
- 16 Depend
- 20 New Guinea town
- 23 Mauna —
- 24 Spanish gold
- 25 TV game show
- 27 Fright follower
- 29 Tokyo, once
- 30 Highland cap
- 32 Artist's studio
- 34 Puts on a pedestal
- 37 "Where the Boys —"
- 39 Temperate
- 42 "How the — Half Lives" style
- 44 Twin crystal
- 45 Bugle call
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- 48 Labor
- 49 Epic poetry
- 50 Auld lang —
- 53 Brazilian macaw

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challenger THE INTERNATIONAL CROSSNUMBER GAME

DIRECTIONS: Fill each square with a number, one through nine. Horizontal squares should add to totals on right. Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom. Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

Today's Challenge Time 12 Minutes 7 Seconds

Your Working Time Minutes Seconds

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