

'Coach' gets Father's Day thanks

Dear Dad,
You always told me I could do it.
Whether I was learning to ride my first
two-wheeler bike or mastering the
multiplication tables, you were always
able to instill just the right amount of
faith and confidence to help me accomplish whatever I needed to do.
It was never easy for me, though. As
the oldest child, I never seemed to exhibit the characteristics normally attributed to the "leader of the pack."

Assertiveness, social ease and self-onfidence didn't come naturally. My

confidence didn't come naturally. My extreme shymes often created barriers for me, but you could always break through. "Isn't it slip how people are afraid of people?" you once pointed out to me.

Til never forget my first ballet solo in my dance school's annual racital. I was only 10 years old. Feeling very confident that I would forget my dance steps, I was ready to back out the night before the performance. You sat me on your Iap, as you had done dozens of times before, and began your 'lecture.'

"Now Evelyn..." you would say, as my eyes grew watery. You always had a saying for every occasion, and that night you talked about fear. "There's nothing to fear but fear itself," you assured me as you tucked me in bed.

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VEARS LATER, on the night before my high school graduation, as I nervously practiced my speech, you reminded me of that quote. It wasn't until then that I really appreciated and understood the full meaning and appropriateness of that simple statement. I must confess, Dad, that it wasn't until just recently, (after 2½ years of college in New York) that I realized how much of your fatherly advice hard cally sunk in I found myself for peating your favorite quote, as well as living by many of your philosophies.

Remember my first final examinations in college? Exhausted, homesick and confortingly, as if I vere still at home struggling over trigonometry. For 15 minutes you told me how well. I was going to do and why I would do so well. There was nothing you said that I do not seem to the work of the more confident of my abilities when I achieved a high grade-point avoid comfortingly, as if I vere still at home struggling over trigonometry. For 15 minutes you told me how well. I was going to do and why I would do so well. There was nothing you said that I do not seem to the more confident in ever an easy adventue. New York is hard for me to imagine having adjusted so well to the "fast

hadn't heard before, and nothing I didn't already know myself. It was no longer a lecture, though, but more of a pep talk, and you, Dad, were my coach.

LAST WEEK I finished all my finals and did very well. I felt like an old pro. I have never failed and I laugh at myself for ever having entertained the thought.

lane" if I hadn't packed along the priceless lessons that I had learned from you. The most important thing you taught me was that I will never get anywhere without first believing in

anymere without first believing in myself.

Consequently, pressuring situations such as job interviews, giving speeches, examinations, and dance performances, I now approach with the utmost confi-

cence.

I can proudly say that I have begun a
new life. I'm very used to being on my
own and lenjoy it. Nor matter how far I
am, though, it's always comforting to
know that I can turn to you when pressures are mounting or when my
acquired confidence is dwinding. After
all, everybody can use a little coaching.
Happy Father's Day, Dad!
Love,
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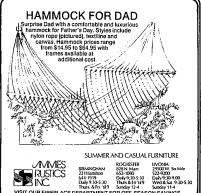
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class reunions

PLYMOUTH 1930

The Plymouth High School class of 1930 will hold its 50-year reunion June 14 in the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. Those interested in reservations or more information may call Ethel Burns, 453-1620.

SOUTHFIELD 1960

The Southfield High School class of 1960 will hold its 20-year reunion Aug. 29. Specifics are available from Ed Schlaff, 522-7552.

FARMINGTON 1975

The Farmington High School class of 1975 will hold a five-year reunion July 12. Those interested in attending may call Chris Bergers, 477-7263.

ROYAL OAK DONDERO 1955, 1956

The January and June classes of 1955 and the January class of 1956 will hold a reunion Aug. 2 at the Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Those iterested in attending should call Patty Ginter Kearns at 652-2365.

DETROIT MACKENZIE 1950

An Oct. 18 reunion at St. John Armenian Church of Southfield is planned by the Mackenzie High School classes of January and June 1950. The eve-ning's program will include music by John Popp, dinner and setups. Committee members still are seeking about 200 of the class that numbered 938. Those interested in attending the 30-year reunion or having information on classmates may call Betty native steel in attending the 30-year reunion or having information on classmates may call Betty Lucas Ravary, 382-7660, or June Jackson Grace, 532-4429.

Baby's soft spot

The fontanel, or spot spot, on a baby's head, which some mothers are fearful of touching, is protected by a membrane as tough as canvas.

The less he spoke, the more he heard: Why can't we all be like that bird?





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