



THE CHIP, in Plymouth, may yet get a new lease on life. From left, Debbie Leavenworth, Debbie Sand, Lorna DeMerritt and Linda Leavenworth work to put the club back in operation.

Wandering Sisters May Trade Trips Next Time

Where would Elaine Schultdt like to go on her next trip? Japan. And where would her older sister Marilyn aim for? Europe.

The only unusual thing about those answers is that Elaine spent most of this summer in Europe while Marilyn was in Japan and India.

The girls had just a few days to compare their trips before Marilyn returned to Western Michigan University for the fall semester last weekend.

Elaine was with a group that toured Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland by bicycle, spending nights in youth hostels.

The hostels, Elaine says, are maintained for students traveling by bike, hitchhiking, or walking. The cost is usually very low, often 30 cents a night.

"We met so many kids from all parts of the world. Most of them were surprised to find Americans riding bikes. They all thought Americans were too lazy for that."

She explained that for a bike trip all over Europe it was important not to carry a lot of luggage. Her's the storm everything in the plane began to fly, including a few passengers who weren't tied down.

"After that," Marilyn said, "when we got to Japan, we could unfasten our seat belts, we just smiled and pulled them tighter."

In Japan the friendliness of the people most impressed her. She even learned to say thank you in Japanese—"because everybody was so wonderful to us."

The overwhelming poverty and filth in India is something she will never forget.

In spite of the poverty, handicrafts in India are beautiful and very inexpensive. Marilyn returned with a carved wooden box, a gold-decorated paper-mache plate and several lengths of cloth for saris.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, Marilyn Schultdt was exploring Japan and India with a group of 35 Western Michigan University students and five professors on an Asian Humanities Seminar.

In contrast to Elaine's trip, the seminar group traveled by airplane and stayed in hotels.

One trip during a monsoon storm was less than luxurious, though. When they hit a hot of luggage. Her's the storm everything in the plane began to fly, including a few passengers who weren't tied down.



FAR-RANGING Schultdt sisters—Elaine (left), spent nine weeks bicycling through Europe, while Marilyn was in Japan and India for three months.

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Teens Bored With Dances?

What's wrong with the recreation program for teenagers in this area? What can be done to make them better? How can vandalism of the type which closed The Chip, the Plymouth YMCA teen center, be stopped or controlled?

We asked teenagers, police department juvenile officers, and the people who have charge of some of the current teen programs in Onsereland.

One of the things all agreed on was that any really good teen program had to have a lot of participation and planning by teenagers.

"That has been one of the problems in Plymouth, I think," YMCA Director Bill Townsend said. "For a while a group of kids helped us plan and work on The Chip, but pretty soon they just didn't have time."

"If we ever get the center started again, we are going to at least think about having memberships and a group of kids to help run the place."

Townsend decided to close The Chip two weeks ago. "Both the boys and girls rooms were practically ripped apart. We know there were only about half-dozen kids involved, but frankly, we aren't going to just provide a place for them to come Saturday nights and tear it up."

Both John DuFour, who is responsible for the summer Livonia Youth Incorporated dances, and Fred Friedli, who runs the FATAAC dances in Farmington, agreed that memberships for those attending the dances were important.

DuFour said: "They guard that membership card with their lives. They know it can be taken away, and that gives us a certain amount of control. If you can't take it away, you're going to have problems with a few of the kids."

The police departments contacted all said that they hadn't run into anything more than a few minor incidents at the summer teen dances.

"There has been some problem with vandalism and we know there is some drinking—not in the dances, but afterwards. We know too that sometimes the kids use a dance or a teen center activity as an excuse to get out of the house," Plymouth police officer Red Cannon said.

"Actually," he added, "my own personal feeling is that the kids are bored with dances. I think there should be more variety for them—some trips or something different."

We asked a few high school students what kind of teen center they would like to see.

For the most part they painted a picture quite a bit different from the average teenage dance.

Food was a top priority item. "You ought to be able to buy pizza or something to eat, and there should be tables and chairs, so you can sit and talk and eat instead of just standing around," was one comment.

Most agreed that there should be different things to do. Not only entertainment or records, but also games and perhaps sports equipment available.

"Wouldn't it be great," one Plymouth girl said, "if we could fix up an old barn or something?"

The idea was echoed in various ways. A teen center should, it seems, be distinctive, sharp, not at all ordinary. It could be fixed up like a haunted house, just as long as it's different.

Of the FATAAC dances which have been so popular in Farmington, Y Director Friedli said:

"I get the feeling that the kids come because there isn't much of anywhere else to go. Most of them don't dance. They just stand around. They really seem to want a place where they can just get together with their friends."

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GLENN DAVIS has a collection of nearly 100 old records and a vintage Edison phonograph. With some of the money earned in his summer job, he hopes to obtain more.

Electrician Job Sparks Summer

Glenn Davis showed up at the door of Livonia's Youth Employment Service in June without much hope of finding a job.

He thought he had looked everywhere, and his luck hadn't been good. This was his last summer before Michigan State and he'd hoped to find something other than a lawn care or store porter job.

He filled out an application, went for an interview, and he was set for the summer.

His job? Electrician's assistant.

"I didn't know the first thing about electricity. In fact, I hadn't had any science courses since my freshman year. But the men on the jobs were really patient, and I learned quite a bit by the end of the summer."

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Libraries To Be Open Saturdays

Livonia library patrons who have been missing Saturday book browsing through the summer got good news today from Stanley Bien, the director of the Livonia public library.

Beginning next week, the Saturday after Labor Day holiday, the branch libraries—Noble and Sandburg—will be open from noon to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Carl Sandburg branch is at 30100 West Seven Mile Road, near the Livonia Mall, the Alfred Noble branch at 32301 Plymouth Road, near Shelden Center.

Bien also said the rental book collection of popular titles of best sellers has arrived at both branches. With continued interest, he said, the collection should grow into a larger selection and more copies. Suggestions for desired titles are invited.

Books rent for a nickel a day, with a minimum of 15 cents for a two-day loan. But charges are not made for days the libraries are closed, such as Sundays, and holidays.

Begins Training

Guy J. Lasich, son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Phillips, 28927 Glenhurst Dr., Farmington, has begun basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Benefit Teen Dance Set For Tuesday

A teen dance, with proceeds going to the Northwestern Child Guidance Clinic, will be held in Roma Hall, Schoolcraft and Inkster roads in Livonia on Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 7:30 until 11 p.m.

Steve Robbins, J. Michael Wilson of WKRN, and several other bands will be there.

The dance is sponsored by Jaycee chapters in Redford, Livonia, Plymouth, Romulus, Northville, Belleville, Garden City, Wayne and Westland.

The clinic serves emotionally disturbed children in the northwestern Wayne County area.

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