

YOU & THE NEWS

No guarantee for swimmer

BY ALICE SWOPE

LEBANON, OR — Practically overnight, Lorlee Stalcup went from being a three-year letterman in swimming to having to enter the pool in a life jacket and to attend school in a wheelchair.

Lorlee ranked among the top four swimmers in her district and was in the top eight in both the 50 and 200 free style two summers ago.

Then one morning she woke up with a numbness in her legs. Her feet felt extremely cold. "I figured I'd slept wrong, because my feet felt so funny," she said.

After a few days, Lorlee felt numb from the waist down. A neurologist finally discovered that she had Guillian Berre Syndrome, a rare condition that affects the nerves. The doctor told her that her body would repair itself eventually, but he couldn't guarantee she'd ever feel completely well again.

"When bad things happen to you, you can do one of two things: you can say, 'OK, I'm going to learn from this and get on with my life,' or get mad at God and say, 'Why did you do this to me?'" Lorlee said. She decided on the first choice.

Soon she noticed slight improvements in her condition. Even though she still couldn't walk, she decided she was going on a bike trip across Oregon. She just kept telling herself "I will walk. I will run. I can make it."

After months of hard work, Lorlee did make it. She not only bicycled 915 miles last summer, but also broke two personal swimming records in January of this year.

"I guess I have to look on this disease as a blessing of sorts," Lorlee said. "I have learned to put my pride on the shelf. I've learned to deal with a problem and not have a bunch of excuses. Most of all, I've learned how people who are handicapped really feel."



Lorlee Stalcup made up her mind. Her illness was not going to overcome her. Instead she turned it into a learning experience.

Winning Congress' medals

CHEYENNE, WYO — In 1979 the U.S. Congress passed a law creating the Congressional Award. It challenges kids to meet goals in service, personal development and physical fitness.

Eric Drummond, 15, will receive a Congressional Award in May for meeting his 1986 goals. His volunteer service was "livestock and house sitting" for country families. It included feeding and milking cows and goats.

He completed his personal development goals through 4-H projects and the physical fitness requirement was met when he became a soccer referee, officiating matches.

Eric will receive the bronze medal for his 14-16 age group. He plans to go for the silver (17-19) and gold (20-23) medals next.

Stamps go around the world and come home

BY HERM NATHAN

LONGVIEW, TEXAS — "Stamps should be seen, not buried in books," said Jaime Woodward of Longview, Texas. "They are beautiful and interesting and should be appreciated by all."

Jaime, 14, proves his point by decorating his mailbox with all kinds of stamps. Some show famous people, such as President John F. Kennedy, Daniel Webster and Douglas MacArthur. Others picture historical events, such as the Battle of Bunker Hill.

"A stamp collector can bring the entire world into his living room," says Jaime. "There is no place too distant for him to reach and no period in history too remote for him to relive."

The junior high school student now has a collection of more than 10,163 stamps, filling eight stamp volumes. Jaime's collection includes the first kind of stamp ever printed and international stamps from all countries, except Iceland. He began his collection two years ago.

"Stamp collecting goes back to 1840

when the first adhesive postal stamp was issued in England," says Jaime. The stamp, which pictured Queen Victoria, was called the Penny Black because it was printed in black and sold for one penny.

The first postage stamp in the United States came out in July 1845, according to Jaime. It was engraved with a portrait of George Washington and cost five cents.

Early collectors probably started out trying to collect a complete set of stamps. Today there are so many different stamps issued throughout the world that no one could collect them all. Instead stamp collectors just look for certain kinds of stamps.

"Some collectors will specialize, for example, in bird stamps which are issued by the majority of the countries of the world," says Jaime.

A serious art student, Jaime says he would like to "become a cartoonist and perhaps one day design a stamp for use by the government design office." Until then, he makes huge paintings of stamps and covers the walls of his bedroom with them.



Jaime displays some of his 10,163 stamps on his decorated mailbox.

Mother's Day

For that unique gift come to

PORTLAND'S

unique

MARKETPLACE

Portland Saturday Market.

Weekends in historic Skidmore District.



Computer Camp

JULY 18- JULY 26, 1987

The University of Oregon Computer Camp enters its fifth year of providing youth ages 9-15 with a challenging, highly motivating computer learning experience and an exciting recreational program. Campers will tour and explore computer centers on campus including: Computing Center (main frame systems), Murdock Computer Graphics Lab, Biomechanics/Sports Medicine Lab, and the Advanced Graphics Laboratory in the School of Architecture and Allied Arts. The camp features Macintosh, IBM-PC, Apple IIe, Apple IIGS; applications in graphics, wordprocessing, databases, spreadsheets, simulations, programming; Logo and AutoCAD. Other opportunities include rafting, and coast trips and recreational activities that foster a healthy self-image and chance for social growth.

For further information please write or call:
University of Oregon Continuation Center • 1553 Moss St. • Eugene, OR 97403
(503) 686-3537 or toll free in Oregon, 1-800-824-2714