

Canadian bicyclist pedals way across U.S. on goodwill tour

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LAFORCHE, La. — Charles LeBlanc started out his cross-country bicycle trip from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to San Francisco with \$500 stashed in his red nylon saddlebags. Several thousand miles and ("I was in a hurry, I had to go to school"), said he was tackling the Appalachian Mountains, the Florida Everglades and the Gulf Coast. He has \$510.

"I'm the goodwill ambassador for the Optimist Club," the 19-year-old high school graduate said as he pedaled along Louisiana 1 south of Thibodaux.

"I sleep in motels free and in some French — it's been a long time since I spoke French."

LeBlanc, a native of College Park, Md., said he started his trip in Nova Scotia so he could dip his bicycle in the Atlantic Ocean for luck. He promptly acquired a flat tire for his trouble.

"When I got to San Francisco, I'll throw it in," he said. "First I'll get drunk."

He slowed down when he hit South Louisiana's Cajun country to speak French with the descendants of the Acadians.

"Tonight Thibodaux, tomorrow Lafayette," he said. "I want to speak some French — it's been a long time since I spoke French."

LeBlanc, down the East Coast to Florida and Key West.

"To prove my point I went all the way to Key West and never even took my shirt off," he said. "The only thing I notice is I drink more beer."

Friends in Canada told LeBlanc he would die in the heat of a southern summer and would give up whenever I want."

LeBlanc said they'd fly me to Florida when he hit the steamy Carolinas.

"I love with a girl and he stayed there," LeBlanc said. "The Optimist Club of St. Pete, to make sure I don't fall over a girl to stop my trip."

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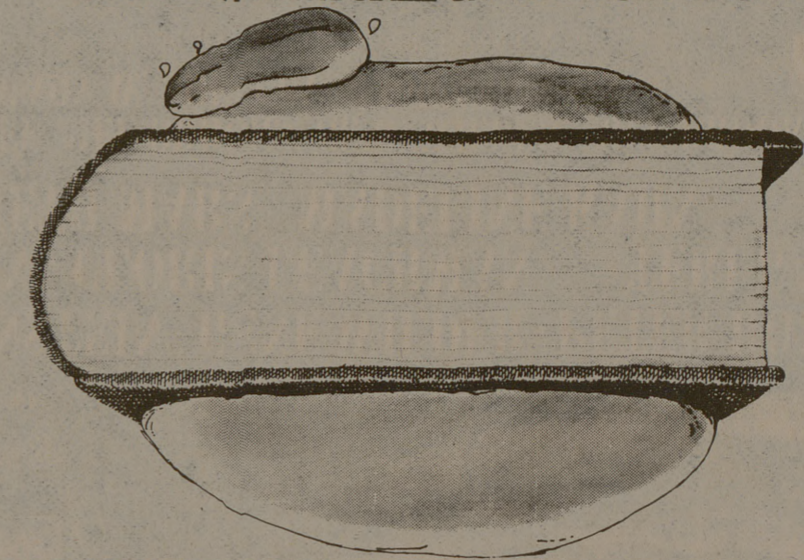
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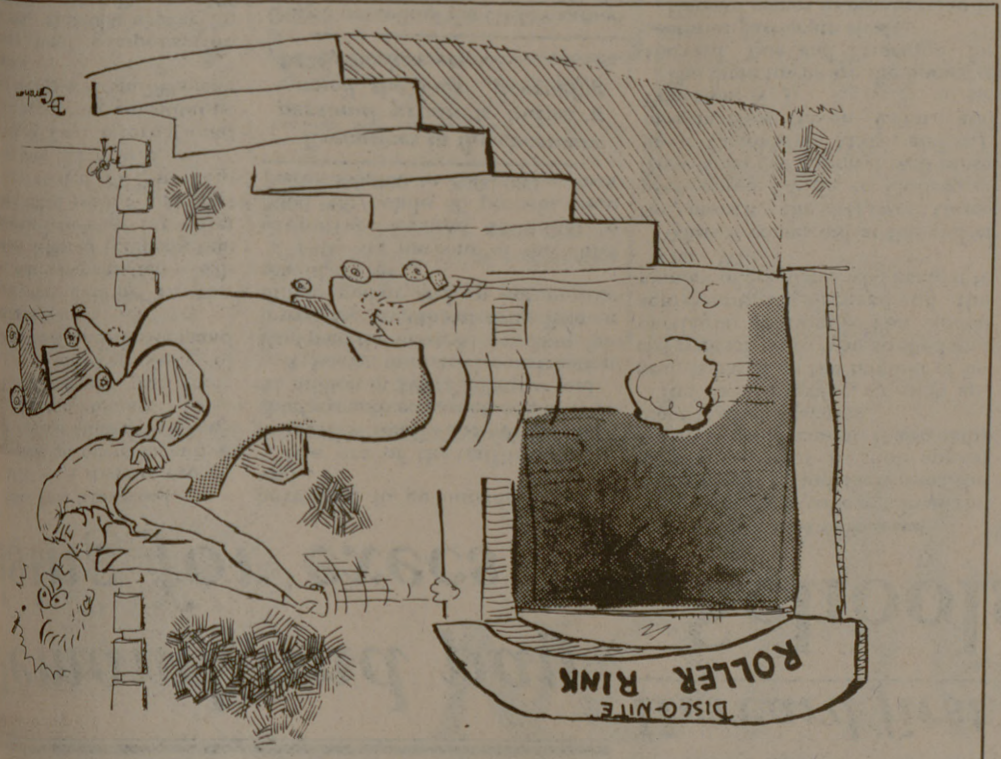
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"I'm sure every rink has three or a dozen of the (John Travolta's on skates) done on ice skates or roller skates. They can do anything they want to do on roller skates."

At the axle a small disco with built-in, multi-colored lights. The rink was designed by Simpson said the rink was designed for roller skaters. Simpson said the rink was designed for roller skaters. Simpson said the rink was designed for roller skaters.

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'Tutania' lures crowds to night-long ticket vigils
 Tickets for the "Treasures of Tutania" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art went on sale Monday. Since then, thousands of people have swarmed down to the area and around the country to stand for hours on slow-moving lines to grab their four-digit limit of the 900,000 offered.

"We've never had anything like this before," a museum spokesman said. "Apparently there are a lot of people who are turned on by Egyptian art."

The spokesman said so far, about half the tickets have been distributed and he expects the remainder to go by Thursday.

About 200 people were at the museum Tuesday night, seen by million people in Washington, D.C. and New Orleans. Last night, it is expected to run through Wednesday. After that, it goes to San Francisco.

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