

# Olympics-play for some, work for many

United Press International  
LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — The et, warm smell of jelly doughnuts oposes the crowd sniffing at the nter of the Main Street Bakery. oss the way, golden boy Eric den skates around an icy oval on way to his third Olympic gold al.

bus and ticket snafus during the first week of the Winter Olympics, one loses sight of the other side of the games — the awesome athletic feats, the trading of pins from different countries and organizations, the camaraderie and making of new friends.

Alison Wyckoff and Carol Mierzwa, freshmen at Boston College, said they spend their days on the slopes eyeing Alpine skiers, at the speed skating oval taking pictures of Heiden, at the figure skating competitions and at the hockey games.

By night, they try out the tiny bars and get approached "mostly by older guys." Joking about the lines guys hand them, Wyckoff, a Seattle, Wash., native said, "Are you here for the Olympics?" is the favorite. "The foreign guys say, 'Are you American? American looks good on you.'"

While the 21-year-old Heiden was winning his third gold medal across the street Tuesday, the 23-year-old pastry whiz David Brown was cleaning up from the morning rush — 30

dozen jelly doughnuts and 18 dozen plain doughnuts in a couple of hours. "I like the excitement and the people," he said from his stance over a stack of icing-caked pots and pans. "I've met people from Finland, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Yugoslavia. The Europeans always comment the bread's so soft."

On the other end of Main Street, Kim Daby was collecting tickets at the village's 53-year-old moviehouse, which is showing 34 classics ranging from "Downhill Racer" to "True Grit."

But, "The most popular shows are 'Slap Shot' with Paul Newman and any of Woody Allen's movies. The Russians come a lot. I tell you what — this is the nicest, friendliest group of people since I've been here — and that's 11 years," He said.

On Main Street outside, hundreds of spectators windowshop and pin trading is a favorite pastime. The pin from Taiwan, which withdrew rather than compete without its flag and anthem, is the most desired. The Russians love to trade for the Coca-

Cola one but almost nobody else will.

Mirror Lake, in contrast, is quiet, a pristine snowy white. A handful of people are admiring snow-capped Whiteface Mountain in the distance. Others cut across the frozen lake in snowmobiles and dog sleds, laughing in pleasure.

Fifteen-year-old Teddy Eck is urging on five Siberian huskies — Smokie, Sickie, Cutty, King and Bear — taking mostly "Fascinated Europeans" on 15-minute dogsled rides for \$4 a person.

School's out for the duration of the Olympics and with this job, he says shyly, "I meet lots of girls."

Plattsburgh State freshmen Rich Luck and Brian Atkins are working at the Olympics — Rich as a security guard screening athletes at the Olympic Village and Atkins as a food server.

"We're having a great time," said Atkins. "I look at it this way — chances are my going to another Olympics are virtually nil. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

## Rock Island may lose its federal help

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WASHINGTON — Environmental problems of agriculture are pressed along with concerns about water quality, toxic substances and municipal waste, in the federal government's 10th annual environmental report.

The report sent to Congress Tuesday by President Carter, the focus on Environmental Quality erosion of agricultural lands is of the nation's most serious environmental problems, despite a federal investment of more than \$20 billion for soil conservation since 1935. The report estimated erosion from American crop land, range land, forest land and pasture land at 4 billion tons a year, creating sediment, pesticide and fertilizer pollution in two-thirds of the nation's rivers.

The report cited minimum-tillage farming as a viable approach to reduce erosion while maintaining or increasing crop production, with a 40 percent reduction in the use of energy, but warned that it involves trade-offs.

With minimum-tillage techniques, farmers do not plow land prior to planting, but plant seeds and apply fertilizer and pesticides simultaneously.

Advantages to minimum-tillage include: More effective control of wind and water erosion. Availability of more water for plant growth, because plant residues reduce evaporation and lower soil temperatures.

Need for less energy and labor to fertilize, plow and cultivate. Ease in harvesting in wet weather, because soil is firmer.

Disadvantages include: Herbicide use against weeds is nearly twice as high as with conventional cultivation.

Degradation of water from herbicide use and increased opportunity for development of resistant weeds.

Build up of herbicides that may damage subsequent crops.

Possible need to increase insecticide use, because minimum-tilled fields provide a more stable habitat for insects.

Need for more intensive farm management.

Possible delays of spring planting because soil temperatures do not increase and moisture does not evaporate as rapidly as with plowed fields.

The report said that minimum-tillage alone is not the only approach to solving problems of agriculture. Crop rotation is another alternative.

Planting corn and soybeans reduces diseases such as brown stem rot of beans, soybean cyst nematode and corn root worms.

Fast research showed that the cost of replacing all of the basic plant nutrients lost to soil erosion each year is out \$18 billion in 1979 dollars. Studies showed that a loss of six inches of soil in the Southern Piedmont reduced average corn yields by 41 percent.

Under a mandate from a 1977 law, the Agriculture Department is conducting, for the first time, requirements to practice soil conservation qualify for price supports.

The new environmental report highlights the loss of prime cropland to urban sprawl, the potential for gasohol and the falling of ground water tables.

## Escapade goes

United Press International  
MONTICELLO, Ark. — A man sentenced to prison was found hiding under a bed in a house whose residents had no idea he was there, New County Sheriff David Hyatt said.

Gene Marshall, 20, of Monticello had been sentenced Monday to 10 years in prison for burglary and theft of property when he escaped, Hyatt said Wednesday. He was allowed to talk to a friend in the courtroom and talked out.

Acting on a tip from a family member, Hyatt said he and three Monticello policemen broke into a local residence Wednesday and found Marshall hiding under a bed. The residents were not at home and did not know Marshall was hiding there, Hyatt said.

## Time to smoke

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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — The R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. has estimated its employees spent 6,500 hours in 1977 "responding to government regulations." The company said this time was equivalent to 18 years full-time work for 20 employees, or the full-time work of 360 employees for one year.



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