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around Lake Hefner, he wrote us a letter giving us blanket permission to use the area around the lake. He then coordinated it with the appropriate people to insure that we would not suffer a similar experience with the Lake Rangers.

Pat feels that all planning and development of Public Works projects should include the bicycle, but he points out very clearly that Bond Issues are the principal method of financing these endeavors and the impetus for Bond Issues comes from the people through their Councilmen. The handwriting is clear — bicyclists must make their feelings known through their elected legislators, or all the good intentions of dedicated public servants like Pat Murphy are for naught.



Oklahoma City Bike Club

Women's Wheels — Tina Archer

What is there about bicycling that's interesting so many girls these days? It might be the fresh air, sunshine and new scenery that appeals to them. (After all, why should our hobbies be indoors — we spend most of our lives indoors in housework or jobs.) Or, it's possible they've heard what great exercise it is — it really tones up those "loose" folds. But the really smart girls know that cycling brings out the nicest people and that it's just plain fun! And it's so-o-o simple. No rules and any number may participate. Everyone makes his own decisions such as distance, area to ride in, etc. and you ride at the pace you like.

Fine. Biking is for girls too. But why should girls be riding "boys bikes"? Well, way back when, "girls" bikes were invented so that if my lady wanted to ride she'd not be unlady-like in her ankle-length dress trying to stretch over that top bar. The fact that she sacrificed an awful lot for her convenience didn't occur to her. In fact, the men didn't care either since they still thought it too "daring" for a lady to be riding a bicycle. Girls today are a lot smarter. They know that a regular bicycle (boys) is stronger and lighter than theirs, and they'll not stand to be second place bicyclists anymore. Also a regular bike comes in many more sizes, models, colors and price ranges than their "oldies". Girls are becoming as demanding in having quality bicycles as guys and they know a regular bike is far superior. As a matter of fact, men should be riding the girls bikes because they are more vulnerable to injury from the top bar of a boys bike.

Editor's Note: Tina Archer rides with the Oklahoma City Bicycle Club and is that slick chick at the end of the line in the OCBC Photo — she drove the Sag Wagon the day the picture was taken.

Excerpt from the Tulsa Bicycle Club Link

The following is the text of a letter the T.B.C. received from Robert Ferris, Attorney:

"As you may have noticed in a recent newspaper item, Senator Bartlett is introducing a bill in Congress to authorize a study of an "Indian Nations Trail" in Oklahoma for hiking, backpacking and bicycling. Initially the trail, if established, would probably consist of segments through some of the more scenic and wooded areas in federally owned lands in the Ouachita National Forest and surrounding Corps of Engineers reservoirs in eastern Oklahoma.

It would be hoped that these trail segments eventually could be joined in a continuous trail of over 200 miles in Oklahoma and linking with similar trails in Arkansas.

I have worked closely with Senator Bartlett in preparing his bill and have told him that there is greatly increasing interest in hiking, bicycling and backpacking, and that many people in Oklahoma would like to see some trails established. Unless the Senator gets some response from the public, however, he will not have any incentive to push the matter.

I have recently been studying the Appalachian Trail, and have hiked on short stretches of it, and have become aware of what a tremendous asset this is for people wanting outdoor experiences. We need, in Oklahoma, trails where we can go for a weekend of hiking or bicycling. This would be great for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, birders, bicyclists, hikers and backpackers; everyone who loves nature and the outdoors.

It would help more than you might realize if you would write to Senator Bartlett endorsing his "Indian Nations Trail" study bill. If you belong to an organization that is outdoor recreation oriented, please have the organization let Senator Bartlett know of its interest and support. I would greatly appreciate receiving a copy of any letter sent to Senator Bartlett. Thanks for your help."

Address your letters to Hon. Dewey Bartlett, 140 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20510. Please send a copy of your letter to Mr. Ferris at 2811 East 22nd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114. All club members are encouraged to write the Senator of their support.



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