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Oehler, Dennis.

Interview with Dennis Oehler / interviewed by Helen Dowdeswell. - Valley Stream Historical Society, April 26, 1989.

1 cassette.

NOTE: Mr. Oehler, a Paralympic gold medalist, speaks about society's attitude toward the handicapped, the International Games for the Disabled in Mineola, the 1988 Paralympics in Seoul, Korea, his accident in 1984, his work for recognition of disabled athletes, and the support he has received in Valley Stream.

1. Oehler, Dennis. 2. Valley Stream (N.Y.) - History.  
I. Valley Stream Historical Society. II. Dowdeswell, Helen.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Outline of interview - Prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.
2. Photograph of Dennis Oehler - April 26, 1989. \*

\* Original Photograph is filed in the Valley Stream Historical Photograph Collection.

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

DENNIS CEHLER \* 4/26/89

A PARALYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST SPEAKS

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teaching younger children
- 45 International Games for the Disabled at Mineola
- 55 Ambition accomplished to be best in the world at 1988 Para-  
lympics in Seoul, Korea
- 60 What inspired him to be advocate for the disabled
- 85 Public conception of disabled as one who can't do
- 125 Early life - soccer player - accident in '84 at age 24
- 156 Why choose V.S. to live in
- 165 Topics for speaking: Overcoming Adversity, Gaining Self Esteem
- 200 Speaking engagements in schools
- 220 Pioneer for recognition of disabled athletes
- 229 Training at Hauppauge, Mineola and Elmont
- 250 Lack of U.S. T.V. coverage of Paralympics
- 305 Plan to train with Carl Lewis in Texas
- 315 Sponsorship - Rotarians, Real Estate Board of N.Y.
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Dennis Oehler