

EDUCATION

Legal expert will meet with area teachers

An expert on the legal aspects of public education, Dr. Robert E. Swinsick, will address area teachers on April 1 as part of the 14th Annual West Side Wyoming Valley Consolidated Inservice to be hosted by the Dallas School District.

Dr. Swinsick, dean of the school of education, Mansfield State College, will discuss the ramifications of recent court decisions for education with teachers and administrators from Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Wyoming Area, and Wyoming Valley West school districts, the West Side Area Vocational Technical School and the Luzerne Intermediate Unit.

Gerald Wycallis, Dallas

principal, and chairperson of the inservice elementary faculty seminars, arranged for Swinsick's participation in the day-long program. According to Wycallis, Swinsick has gained statewide recognition as an educator who is intimately informed about the legal implications of public education and who presents his information in a dynamic manner.

Swinsick's "Teacher and the Law" seminar will begin with a brief description of the Peter Doe vs. San Francisco Unified School District case and its current impact upon curriculum and staff accountability for student learning in public schools. Doe sued the west coast

school district for its failure to provide him with the basic skills.

Swinsick will also discuss the legal aspects of controversial educational issues including student, teacher, and school director rights, discipline in the schools, corporal punishment and search and seizure laws.

Of interest to area

educators will be Swinsick's comments on the 1971 Supreme Court decision, Griggs vs. Duke Power Company, which is setting legal precedent regarding student records. The case related directly to discriminatory charges of employers using high school diplomas as criteria for hiring.

Nicholas tells plans for staff seminar

Secondary school staff members of participating districts will meet on Friday to attend over 20 workshops and seminars as part of the 14th Annual West Side Wyoming Valley Consolidated Inservice Programs.

According to James Nicholas, chairman of the day-long professional activities, the sessions were planned to meet the expressed needs of participants by a planning committee representing the school districts involved. They are Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Wyoming Area, Wyoming Valley West schools as well as the West Side Area Vocational Technical School and the Luzerne Intermediate Unit.

Nicholas, principal of the Lake-Lehman High School, has worked closely with Robert Dolbear, co-chairman of the secondary program and principal of the Dallas Senior High School, to develop and organize workshops that will increase professional knowledge and competencies of the participants.

"This year," Nicholas commented at a recent inservice planning meeting, "we have changed the program format in keeping with the service theme of 'Basics and Beyond.'"

He indicated that in addition to seminars scheduled for area teachers to improve their knowledge and skills in the high school curriculum areas, these educators are also scheduled to attend workshops that cross discipline lines to focus on the basics of teaching students skills they will need to enter and succeed in today's rapidly changing adult world.

Nicholas indicated that local educators will also conduct with participating teachers to investigate alternatives for basic education and beyond. Dr. Thomas O'Donnell of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit and school director in the Wilkes-Barre School District, will discuss Project 81, a recently adopted priority of the State Board of Education. Project 81 is a five-year plan to revise the structure of the public educational process to stress accountability for learning through competency-based approach for instruction.

In the proposed revision, student mastery of basic skills at various levels is to be used as a basis for student progression through education instead of credits earned or number of hours of instruction.



TOO MANY COOKS--"Too many cooks spoil the broth?" Well, such wasn't the case when students of Wyoming Seminary's French III class gathered together! Under the culinary guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Quick, and Mrs. Barbara Klarsch, the class prepared an authentic French dinner, serving as the main course the traditional "coq au vin" (chicken cooked in burgundy) in the home of Mrs. Klarsch in Kingston. After cooking all day, the chefs sat down to a fine meal and thoroughly enjoyed their

efforts! They are, from left: Christie Innes, Shavertown; Jodi Sciandra, Pittston; Bill Bravman, Kingston; Quick, chairman of the language at Seminary; Sara Slaff, Dallas; Jamie Del Priore, Exeter; John Hourigan, Kingston; Sarah Bridges, Nanticoke; Jane Halliday, Chestertown, N.Y.; Jane Schiowitz, Dallas; Mrs. Klarsch, wife of Academic Dean Robert Klarsch; and Mrs. Quick of Harvey's Lake.

Dallas 9th graders participate in career groups

The ninth grade students of the Dallas Junior High School have been participating for the past few weeks in a unique career exploration process entitled Vocational Exploration Group (VEG).

The program consists of a teacher (leader) meeting with six 9th grade students in a group setting to take them through a two-hour career exploration process. Each group of six students explored the give-and-take relationship be-

tween man and his work. The students explored the three links to this relationship: job function: What is the job like? job demands: What does the job require? job satisfactions: What does the job offer?

At the end of this two-hour process, each student developed an individual plan which included his/her occupational goal, and the next step the student needed to take to work towards that goal.

This career group process was conducted as part of the Vocational Exploration Project (VEDA) which was funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The teachers which acted as group leaders went through a 30-hour training process before conducting the groups and are professionally certificated to

Acting as group leaders were: Barbara N. Landmesser, VEDA Project Coordinator; Thomas Carr and Gordon Schlier, guidance counselors; Ann Marie Gries, librarian; John Johnson and William Robert, social studies teachers; Patrick O'Brien, geography teacher; and Anne Seitz, health and physical education



ART EXHIBITORS--The senior art exhibit of Wilkes College fine arts majors Eliza Small, left, and Patricia Steele will be on display from March 26 through April 1 at the Conyngham Art Gallery. Miss Steele, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Steele, Oakland, N.J., is a 1973 alumnus of Dallas Senior High School.

CM sister leads study tour

Sister Dorothy McLaughlin of College Misericordia has been appointed by the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS), Greenwich, Conn., to accompany a group of students abroad this summer.

The student group will participate in a travel program entitled "Spirit of Western Man." Participants will spend at least one week in cities that have had a major influence on western civilization; Rome, Vienna, Paris, London and an additional

week visiting Amsterdam, Boppard, Heidelberg, Munich, Venice and Florence.

Students will depart on Sunday, June 26. Sister McLaughlin has noted that places are still available for interested students on this five week program. From three to six credits may be earned through the cooperative program with the University of Scranton.

For further information students may contact Sister McLaughlin at College Misericordia, Dallas, 717-675-2181.



VEDA PROJECT--John Johnson, junior high social studies teacher at Dallas, takes a group of ninth graders through the career exploration process as part of the VEDA project.

School menu

Dallas School District
April 4-April 8

Monday--Hamburg on roll (Elem. Inter.), cheeseburg (Sr. Jr.), ketchup, relish, potato chips, pickle chips, buttered mixed vegetables, pudding, chilled milk.
Tuesday--Flying saucer sandwich on seeded roll, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, cookie, chilled milk.
Wednesday--Surfburger on roll, tartar sauce, ketchup, french fries (Sr.), whole potatoes (Inter. Elem.), peas, mixed fruit, chilled milk.
Thursday--Pizza, carrot and celery sticks, green beans, ice cream, chilled milk.
Friday--No school. Good Friday.

Lake-Lehman School District
April 4-April 8

Monday--Hamburger on bun, chicken noodle soup, saltines, fruit, milk.
Tuesday--Orange juice, steak hoagie, buttered corn, pickle chips, cookies, milk.
Wednesday--Hot chipped ham on bun with relish, candied sweet potatoes, buttered peas, Easter treat, milk.
Thursday--Pizza or peanut butter & jelly, potato chips, stuffed celery, fruit, milk.
Friday--No school.

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