

# School

## Program statistics announced

In the Spring of 1983 the Lake-Lehman School District participated in the Educational Quality Assessment Program of the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

This assessment attempts to identify areas in the instructional program which shows strengths and growth beyond predicted ranges. These predicted ranges are generated statistically through a formula which covers several characteristics of a school district including: size-population; social and economic status; teacher, parent and pupil relationships; teacher education and experience; pupils' after school activities, pupils' perceptions of expectations, etc.

In the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, the fifth grade class scored within the predicted ranges in following areas: Communication Skills: Writing; Interest in School and Learning; Societal Responsibility; Knowledge of Law and Government; Health Knowledge; Creative Activities; Appreciating Human Accomplishments; Knowledge of Human Accomplishments; Information Usage.

They scored below the predicted ranges in the areas of: Self Esteem; Understanding Others; Communication Skills: Reading; Mathematics; Career Awareness.

In the Lake-Noxen Elementary School, the fifth grade class scored above the predicted range in Self-Esteem.

They scored within the predicted ranges in: Understanding Others; Communication Skills: Writing; Mathematics; Interest in School and Learning; Societal Responsibility; Knowledge of Law and Government; Health Knowledge; Creative Activities; Career Awareness; Appreciating Human Accomplishments; Knowledge of Human Accomplishments; Information Usage; Reading Comprehension.

This class did not score below the predicted range in any area.

At the Ross Elementary School, the fifth grade class (one class of 23) scored above the predicted range in Career Awareness.

They scored above the predicted range in the areas of: Self Esteem; Communication Skills: Reading Comprehension; Communication Skills: Writing; Mathematics; Interest in School and Learning; Knowledge of Law and Government; Creative Activities; Appreciating Human Accomplishments; Knowledge of Human Accomplishments.

They scored below the predicted range in the following areas: Understanding Others; Societal Responsibility; Health Knowledge; Information Usage.

In the Junior High School, the eighth grade class scored within the predicted range in 11 of the 14 tested areas.

Interest in School, and Learning and Knowledge of Human Accomplishments scores fell above the predicted range, and Understanding Others fell below the predicted range. The highest scores were achieved in the areas of Interest in School, Knowledge of Law-Government, Health and Safety Practices, and Knowledge of Human Accomplishments. With the exception of Self-Esteem, all other scores remain strong and consistent with the experiences of previous years.

In the Senior High School, the 11th grade class scored above the predicted range in Communication Skills: Writing Skills, Interest in School and Learning, and Appreciating Human Accomplishments.

The class scored within the predicted range in Self-Esteem, Communication Skills: Reading Comprehension, Knowledge of Law-Government, Creative Activities, Career Awareness, Knowledge of Human Accomplishments, and Information Usage. However, the group was below the predicted range in Understanding Others, Mathematics, Societal Responsibility, and Health and Safety Practices.

The results of the Educational Quality Assessment can provide a school district with target areas for improvement and a means to evaluate actions previously taken. These results have been reviewed by the faculty in each building, and Guidance Counselors and Principals are developing strategies to affect improvement in certain target areas.

More specific information regarding the Educational Quality Assessment can be obtained by contacting the Guidance Office in each school building.

Although the Educational Quality Assessment has served the Lake-Lehman School District well in the past several years, in helping to identify strengths, weaknesses and areas for improvement in the instructional program, pending legislation (HB 1181) may, if passed, eliminate the Educational Quality Assessment.



### SGA officers

The Student Government Association (SGA) of Luzerne County Community College conducted an election of officers to serve the 1983-84 academic year. Officers of the Association are shown here. From left, seated, Deborah Schray, Shavertown, sophomore representative; Bernie Castle, Sugar Notch, secretary; Dave Smith, Mountaintop, president; Joe Cichocki, Dupont, vice president; Bob Androckitis, Wilkes-Barre, treasurer; and Anne M. Morrison, Nanticoke, part-

time representative. Standing, James Atherton, Wilkes-Barre, director of student activities at LCCC; Jay Chase, Nanticoke, parliamentarian; Gregory McTague, Dallas, freshman representative; Thomas J. Moran, Laffin, president of LCCC; Francis Curry, Kingston, associate director of admissions and recruiting at LCCC; and Thomas P. Leary, Kingston, associate dean of admissions and student services at LCCC.

## Exchange students seek hosts

The American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) is seeking local families to serve as hosts for 15 Scandinavian, German, Swiss and British high school students who are part of the ASSE exchange visitor program, according to Cynthia Wright, Eastern Director of ASSE.

The non-profit ASSE is affiliated with the Swedish and Finnish Departments of Education and is officially designated by the U.S. Information Agency as an Exchange Visitor Program.

The students, 16 and 17 years old, are fluent in English and are carefully selected for the program based on their high school performance, good character and interest in the ASSE program.

All the students are covered by comprehensive medical and liability insurance and have adequate money for personal needs supplied by their parents. The host family furnishes meals and housing.

Families interested in serving as hosts for the 1984-85 school year should contact ASSE's local Area Representative: Mrs. Alma McLaughlin, 100 Birch Hill Lane, Dallas, PA 18612. Tel: (717) 675-4308.



### DuBois honored

The Board of Trustees of College Misericordia, Dallas and Temple Israel, Wilkes-Barre recently honored their joint scholar in residence Father Marcel DuBois at a reception held in the home of College Misericordia President Dr. Joseph R. Fink. During his week-long visit, DuBois presented lectures on the relationship of the Jewish and Christian traditions. He spoke to the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, College Misericordia, King's College, the University of Scranton, Temple Israel in

Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, and Temple B'nai B'rith in Kingston. Shown above, from left, are Sally Connor, Temple Israel Administrator; Monsignor Andrew McGowan, Chairman of College Misericordia's Board of Trustees; Pauly Friedman, Chairman of the DuBois Planning Committee; Father DuBois; June Blum, Temple Israel president; Sister Carol Rittner RSM, College Misericordia's Board of Trustees; Dr. Joseph Fink, College Misericordia's President and Ralph Connor.

## 'PTA Today' discusses abuse and kidnapping

Kidnapping, child sexual abuse - it would be nice if the world were free of such concerns, but since it isn't it helps to know how to protect children from these dangers. Articles in the December-January issue of PTA Today, the National PTA's magazine, discuss child sexual abuse, and ways parents can keep their children safe on the streets.

Child sexual abuse is a topic frequently avoided by parents because they do not believe it can happen to "their" child, says Beverly Slan an active member of the Washington School PTA in Glenview, Illinois, and author of one of the articles in PTA Today. "No child, anywhere, is immune to the possibility of being sexually abused," says Slan.

Most parents worry that child sexual abuse offenders are strangers, when in actuality they are more likely to be persons you would least expect.

In the article, Irv Miller, Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County, Illinois, advises parents, "Don't be so trusting. I have seen cases where the offender was a youth organization leader, a church teacher - one case even involved a therapist at a children's hospital."

Such offenders usually gain the child's confidence in order to establish a close, unbreakable bond. The child often admires the offender and wouldn't turn him in, or is simply embarrassed and frightened to admit the abuse.

Better communication and education are the keys to protecting children from sexual abuse, according to Slan. An open relationship between parents and children will help adults feel comfortable about giving children information on sexual abuse, and also help children feel close enough to their parents not to be afraid to tell them anything.

Many PTAs sponsor fingerprinting programs for children, which former New York state PTA president, Joan Ball, likens to an insurance policy - "something parents hope they never have to use, but are

important to have if needed." PTAs are adopting guidelines, working with police departments and have even obtained funding for these programs.

Since fingerprinting is only a means of identifying children but can not prevent child abduction, parents should consider preventive measures to protect their children. In an article in PTA Today, Child Find, a nonprofit organization dedicated to finding missing children, suggests the following:

Don't leave children unattended in vulnerable places, such as a parked car, in public bathrooms, or anywhere in shopping malls;

Adopt a family code word and instruct your children never to go anywhere with an adult - even one they know well - unless the code word is given first;

Keep young children - up to age six - under adult supervision at all times;

Make sure children age four and older know their own telephone numbers and how to make long-distance calls;

Most important, talk to children about the possibility of kidnapping and teach them how to get help if they are abducted.

Another way many PTAs have helped protect children is by starting block parent programs. Typically, block parents agree to watch for children when they walk to and from school. If children feel ill, frightened, lost, or are being followed or bothered by someone, they are welcome at block homes identified by signs placed in their windows.

The National PTA says it is crucial to involve local police departments in the planning, regulating and screening of volunteers for such programs.

Copies of the December-January issue of PTA Today are available for \$1.00 each by sending a check or money order (made payable to National PTA) to National PTA, 700 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611 (312) 787-0977.

## Notice to Residents of Luzerne County Who Are Owners of Stocks, Bonds, Mortgages and Other Securities 1984 Personal Property Tax Returns For County Purposes

Among items which are not subject to the personal property tax are the following: A person's own home mortgage, furniture, automobile, jewelry, government savings bonds, loans made with banks, checking accounts, life insurance, bank account interest and savings and also local bank stocks.

### NOTARIZATION OF THIS FORM IS NOT NECESSARY BY PEOPLE LIVING IN LUZERNE COUNTY

Every resident, co-partnership, company or corporation, including executors, administrators, trustees and guardians, in the County of Luzerne, holding personal property taxable under various acts of the Pennsylvania Legislature is required to file thereof to the Personal Property Tax Department between January 15 and February 15, 1983 Tax Rate Four Mills.

Each person will list all securities held as called for on return blank. Tax office will compute tax amount only on those securities which are listed as taxable under Pennsylvania Law. Taxpayers may come into Personal Tax Office for assistance in filling their return.

Payment of Personal Tax may be deducted when computing Federal Income Tax.

All mortgages owned, promissory, judgment notes or bonds given by individuals, judgments, public loans or bonds, notes, etc., issued by corporations, shares of stock, shares in mutual funds and investment trust, and articles of agreement, etc.

If you did not receive a return blank, one may be obtained at the office of Personal Property, Court House, Wilkes-Barre. If you are in doubt as to the taxability of securities or other personally held, or assistance in the preparation of your return, communicate with the Personal Property Tax Office.

Any person who willfully refused or fails to file a return as required by law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to fine or imprisonment as set forth in the aforesaid acts. In the absence of a return, taxes may be assessed upon estimate of holdings and security holder subjected to penalty of 12 percent tax.

When taxable securities are listed in inventories by executors of estates which had not been claimed by the decedent or guardian, the taxable securities will then be subject to 4 mill tax for each year up to 3 years plus penalty and interest each year.

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