

# AAA advises extra caution since schools are opening

"Children going to and from school and motorists traveling to and from work make up a combination that sometimes leads to conflict," stressed Pat Higgins, Safety Director of the Valley Automobile Club. "However, it is the driver's actions that may well ensure the safe destination of all."

out why children are at risk when negotiating roadways in tandem with motor vehicles. "Walkers may be walking along roadways without sidewalks, or dealing with the complexities of an urban intersection. Bike riders may be sharing a road with faster moving vehicles. Bus riders may exit the bus and then cross a busy street," he said. "In all

of these situations, youngsters are at a disadvantage. This is particularly true if they have little experience with traffic. Although young children should know and practice safe behaviors, they do not possess the perceptive powers of adults."

Higgins asked residents of the Valley Automobile Club Area to keep their driving responsibilities in mind. "Whenever you are in the vicinity of school zone or crossing signs," he reminded, "or observe children walking along a street or roadway, please slow down and remain alert."

The "School's Open - Drive Carefully" message is conveyed across the country by AAA Clubs in a variety of formats, including posters, bumper strips, placemats, newspaper, magazine, milk carton and shopping bag proof reproductions, T.V. slides and envelope stuffers.

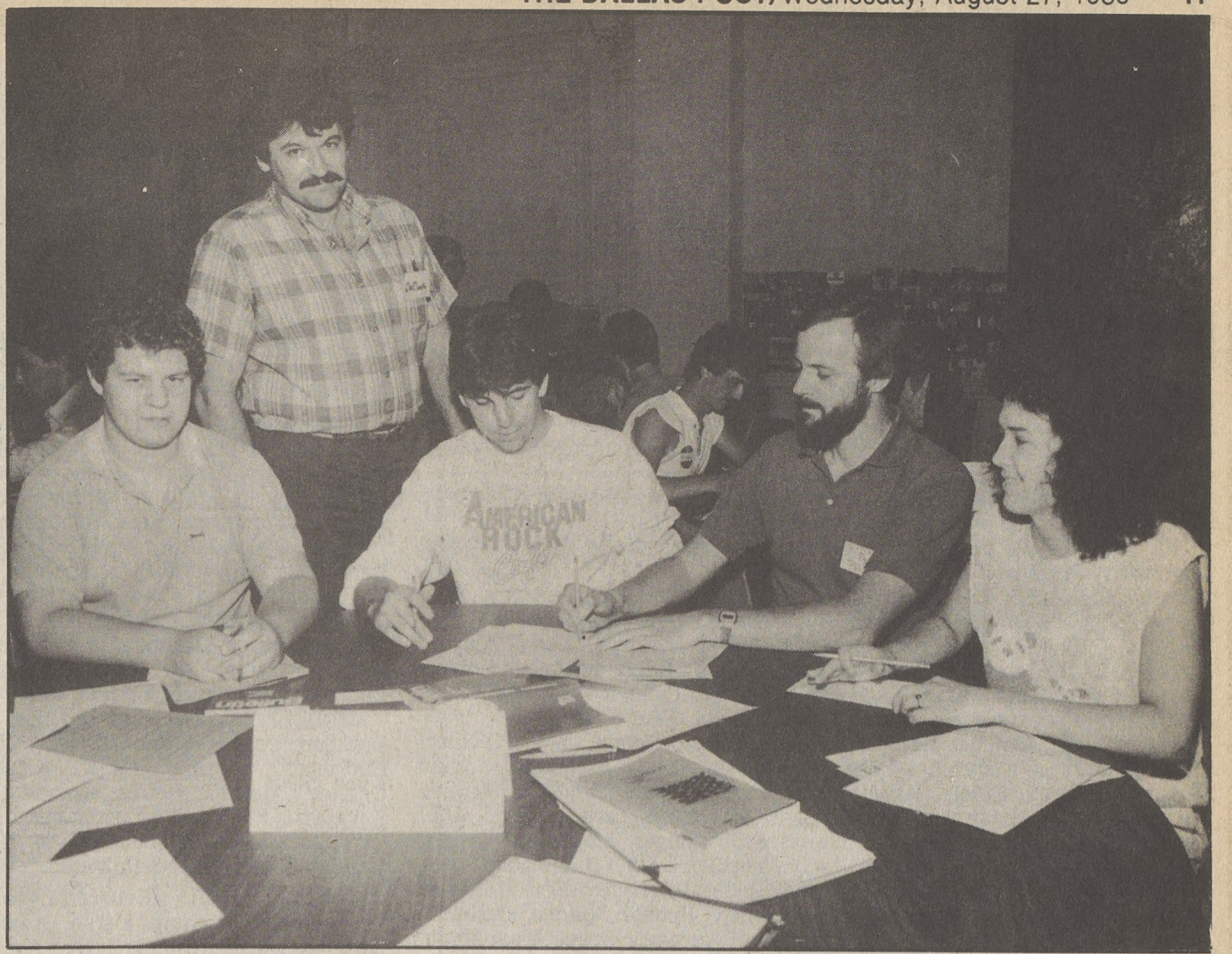
## Vo-Tech to open Sept. 3; schedules are in the mail

Thomas F. Feeney, Principal of West Side Area Vocational-Technical School, has announced that school will open at 8:22 a.m., Sept. 3. All students should receive their schedules by Aug. 30.

Students are reminded that hot lunches will be served in the cafet-

eria beginning on the first day of school. Students not wishing to purchase a lunch from the school cafeteria may bring their own.

Students should check their sending school district's bus schedule to determine which bus will bring them to West Side Tech.



### First-day jitters

Incoming Penn State Wilkes-Barre freshmen prepare for Thursday's start of classes at a Freshmen Testing and Counseling program held recently on the campus in Lehman. From left: freshmen Jim Perkowski and Alan Longnecker, both Dallas H.S. graduates from Shavertown, and Patti Timinski, right, a Wyoming Area graduate from Harding, meet with Dr. Carl Pratt, Jr., Assistant Professor of Biology, seated, and Dr. J. Craig Clarke, Assistant Professor of Psychology, standing.



### Student slate

The Lehman United Methodist Church Youth Fellowship Group elected new officers. They stand with follow members, from the left: Colleen Felty, secretary; Jennifer Jones, treasurer; Kim Watkins, and Sheryl Clark. Kim Weidner is the president and Alan Perregó is vice president.

## Wilkes gets grant to study coal

The Wilkes College Anthracite and Community Development Institute has received a \$125,000 grant to lead a coal industry development program among four area colleges and universities. The grant was made by the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce.

According to Thomas J. Lynott, Director of the Institute, the award will be used to assist small coal operators in the anthracite region by expanding existing programs which provide them with information and expertise, free of charge.

Activities will be coordinated among the Small Business Development Centers (SBDC's) at Wilkes College, Lehigh University, Bucknell University and the University of Scranton.

Sen. James J. Rhoades (R-29)

recently presented the funds to Lynott at ceremonies held in Harrisburg. In making the presentation, Rhoades stressed the significant role that SBDC's play in the coal industry by aiding coal producers and assisting out-of-state buyers in coal purchasing.

"By awarding this contract to our part of Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth has proven it is dedicated to helping the coal industry in the anthracite area," he commented.

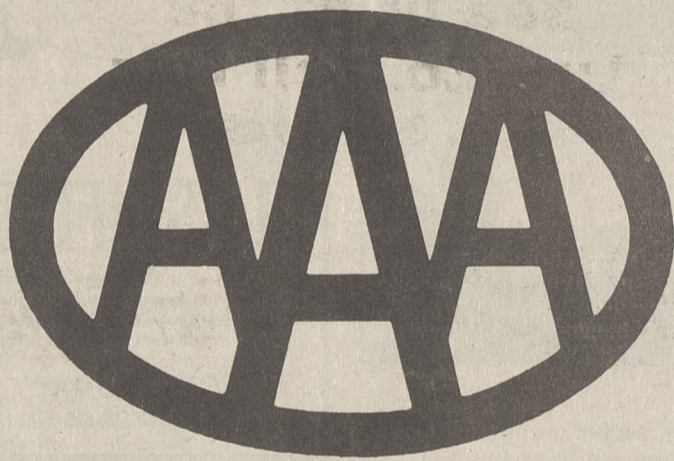
Lynott sees the award as "an opportunity for Wilkes and the other educational institutions involved to help small and medium coal operators in the region become more competitive, and to heighten public awareness of what the coal industry means and has meant to this country."

He explains that SBDC's aid small coal operators by providing research, marketing and business studies at no charge, and by serving as a link between the operators and the community on issues such as regulation and land reclamation.

"The public should be aware that land can be mined and restored to its original condition," Lynott says, "and that coal operators are making significant strides in doing this."

He adds that SBDC's also provide vital assistance through helping operators deal with technical and financial issues as well as the many government and federal regulations they face.

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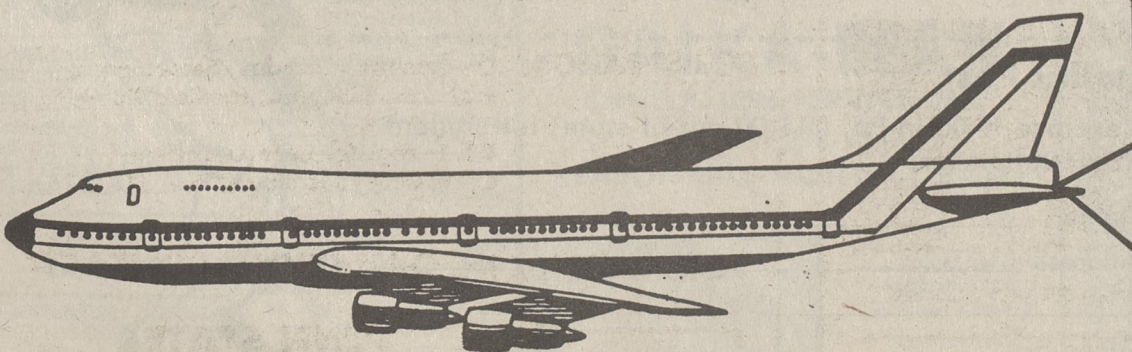
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