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Penn State programs lead to hi-tech opportunities

Women who want to earn the same wages as men, would be wise to get a two-year associate degree in some area of technology, according to Helen Stager, coordinator of the Opportunities in Technology program at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus.

Everyone has a chance to advance career-wise in fields where there are more job opportunities than there are applicants, said Stager, adding, "There's still tremendous stereotyping of what women see themselves as able to do. They need to dream bigger, to prepare themselves for the future."

"All banks, all kinds of businesses, not just engineering and telephone companies, are already competing for people who have some education in a technological area," said Stager.

She pointed out that steering more people into technology not only helps individuals get started on well paying careers, but, also, is important in making this region more competitive in attracting new business and meeting "person" power needs of existing industry.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre offers two-year associate degrees in business administration/management information systems, telecommunications technology, electrical engineering technology, mechanical engineering technology, surveying technology and biomedical equipment technology.

The opportunities in Technology program provides special counseling support to the women enrolled in the two-year programs, and Stager takes pride in positions they have attained.

Mrs. Stager recently reported at the annual meeting of the Opportunities in Technology Program Advisory Board on the year's accomplishments. Among the members of that advisory board are some women who hold two-year technology degrees. One, Sue Stravinsky, a telecommunications technology graduate, worked in her field while she studied for a four-year degree. She's now a customer service representative at C-TEC.

Advisory board member Jackie Stash, who graduated in May with a two-year degree in electrical engineering technology, intends to go on for a four-year degree in the same field. JoAnn Post combined education in marketing with two two-year degrees, one in electrical engineering technology, the other in telecommunications technology. She now manages five home lighting showrooms for Friedman Electric in Scranton.

In Stager's estimation, the combination that could take a woman to the topmost echelon of management would be a bachelor's degree in liberal arts topped off with an associate degree in some phase of technology.

"As an educational institution, we work in partnership with the economic development organizations to identify labor pool gaps and to fill those gaps," said Stager. "Then, when a company considers coming here or expanding here, it can be told that this region has human resources with the appropriate skills."

"Right now, in this area, the



HI-TECH OPPORTUNITY - Helen Stager (standing), coordinator of Penn State Wilkes-Barre's Opportunities in Technology program which counsels women to prepare themselves for higher-paying, non-traditional jobs, is pictured with Jackie Stash, who earned an associate degree in electrical engineering technology in May. Looking on is Jackie's friend, "Omnibot 2000".

unemployment rate has improved though there are still people out there who need jobs. On the other hand, business and industry are saying that they have jobs to offer and no one qualified to fill them. The shape of the labor market is changing; we need people, women as well as men, educated for the emerging careers."



Art Careers Workshop to be held

All area high school students in grades 9-12 interested in a career in the visual arts are invited to attend the 4th annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Art Careers Workshop to be held August 21-24. The workshop is a four day experience designed to intensify student awareness of art careers and job opportunities in three major visual areas: education, fine art and commercial art. Directed by Sue Hand, nationally known artist with experience in all three areas, the workshop will include field trips, hands-on experience, lectures, demonstrations, panel discussions, individual portfolio critiques and career guidance. The workshop is sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Art League and will meet in the League Rooms, 22 1/2 East Union St., Kingston.

Since all instructors serve on a volunteer basis, the only cost for the four-day workshop, a \$20.00 materials fee.

For registration or more information, call Dorothy Ann Searfoss 333-4837 or Sue Hand, 675-5094 or write to Sue Hand, 35 Main St., Dallas.

Registration is limited to 15 participants. Shown in photo are seated, Sue Hand and Dorothy Ann Searfoss, registrar; standing, Ruth Richards, Art League president and Donna Morgan, publicity.

Honors and Graduates

Joan Skopic graduates from Drexel

Joan M. Skopic of Dallas, received a B.S. in Business Administration, Marketing from Drexel University's commencement ceremony held Saturday, June 10 at the Philadelphia Civic Center.

Area students on U of S Dean's List

The University of Scranton has announced its Dean's List for the spring 1989 semester. The list, which cites students for academic excellence, includes undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences; the School of Management, the College of Health Education, and Human Resources; and the Dexter Hanley College.

Area students named to the Dean's List include:

Rosemary Hometchko, 91 Rice St., Trucksville; Lisa M. Kosenak, 597 Miller St., Luzerne; Todd C. Krupa, 196 Briarwood Dr., Shavertown; John A. Kutz, 160 Machell Ave., Dallas; Michele R. Lamoreux, 31 Westminster Dr., Dallas; John T. Ochman, 204 Goeringer Ave., Shavertown; Rayford A. Petroski, RD 2, Box 242 Follies Rd., Dallas; Steven R. Shemo, 516 Deer Hill Rd., Shavertown.

Mark Richardson on Cornell Dean's List

Cornell University student Mark Douglas Richardson has been placed on the Dean's List of the College of Arts and Sciences for Excellence in Scholarship.

Mark is in his junior year at Cornell and is the son of Robert and Sandra Richardson of Dallas.

David Dillon graduates from Carnegie

David Lee Dillon Jr. of 1010 Timbergrove Road, Shavertown has received a Bachelor of Science in the field of Civil Engineering from the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Amanda Turner in special program

The 13th annual Summer Academy for gifted, talented, and creative youth was held this month at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

Among the students participating in the unique program was Amanda Turner, RD 1, Box 232, Dallas.

Sevenski, Taylor will attend Misericordia

Two Lake-Lehman graduates, Kim Sevenski and Kristy Taylor, have been accepted at College Misericordia.

Kim Sevenski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sevenski, Noxen, will major in accounting. She was the catcher for the Black Knights.

Kristy Taylor, daughter of Jane Nordors and Leonard Taylor, Harveys Lake, played second base for Lehman. She will study elementary education at College Misericordia.

Katherine Fader interns in Spain

Katherine Fader of 13 Skyview Drive, Dallas, an Indiana University of Pennsylvania Spanish major, is currently doing an internship with the Spanish Government in Madrid, Spain.

An internship is an educational plan which integrates classroom experience and practical experience in work situations. It allows students to translate academic principles to action, to test their career interests, and to develop skills and abilities through carefully planned and supervised programs related to the degree they are seeking.

Ballet school opens Aug. 28

The Wilkes-Barre Ballet Theatre School will begin classes in tap, jazz, ballet and pointe on Monday, Aug. 28. Classes are offered to students three years old to adult, beginner to advanced. Classes run for seven consecutive six week sessions.

The Wilkes-Barre Ballet Theatre Company is the resident ballet company of the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts. Performance opportunities are offered to all students in the Wilkes-Barre Ballet School. Schools are located in Wilkes-Barre, Back Mountain and Conyngham. For more information call 824-8602.

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