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Schools' drug programs aim at prevention

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Every Thursday, a group of Lake-Lehman students leaves study hall. But they're not cutting class; they get together elsewhere to discuss racism, drugs, jobs, peer pressure, divorce, the environment, abuse and other issues that they feel are important.

The group represents a good cross-section of the student body: preps, skates, hicks and wannabees.

It's very relaxed. The students can say whatever they want to; there are no put-downs.

And they can spot a "bull-thrower" a mile away.

Moderated by Lisa McGee, a drug and alcohol education/prevention specialist, the group is part of a substance abuse prevention program operated in Lake-Lehman School District by Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol Services and funded through the federal Drug-Free Schools Program.

Attendance - during study hall

only - is purely voluntary.

"The skates are into stuff that you can't understand," explained Mary, a 10th-grader. "They wear hats, baggy pants and are never seen without their skateboards. They like to mosh."

(Moshing, the students explained, is a popular Grateful Dead-type of dance resembling the movements made by the passengers of a crowded Tokyo subway during rush hour.)

"Yeah, and you can pick out a wannabee right away. They might

wear the right clothes, but they don't act the same way as the crowd that they're trying to fit in," added John, a junior.

As opposed to the "preps," attired in loafers and tastefully subdued, color-coordinated ensembles, the "hicks" favor flannel shirts, jeans and sturdy "kicker" boots, the students said.

But the major issue isn't a student's type. These kids are here to advise one another on situations which they encounter every day.

"The other kids in the group

helped me solve a problem with falling asleep in class," John continued. He hadn't properly budgeted his work, study and rest time and his social life, causing his grades and class participation to suffer.

With his friends' help, John figured out which tasks and activities were most important and where he was wasting time.

Another classmate, who recently moved out of the district, had come

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Lehman teacher fights 'demotion' to classroom

By GRACE R. DOVE
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In June, 1992, Lake-Lehman School District's federal funds coordinator Patricia Peiffer was told that she would become a regular classroom teacher the following September.

Ms. Peiffer says that this change in job status is a demotion and is challenging the school board on its decision.

Originally a full-time position, the federal funds coordinator's job was cut to a half-time position along with the position of supervisor of curriculum and instruction in June, 1992.

Former supervisor of curriculum and instruction Dr. Stephen Boston, who has since left the district for another job, was appointed to fill both half-time positions, while Ms. Peiffer was told that she would resume her former duties as a classroom teacher.

The district considered Ms. Peiffer an administrator, not a regular teacher. Changing her

status from an administrator to a classroom teacher is a demotion," said Ms. Terri Houck, spokesperson for the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals (PAESSP), whose legal staff will represent Ms. Peiffer at a hearing before the school board scheduled for March 18, 1993.

At the hearing, the school board must show cause why Ms. Peiffer was told to return to the classroom without holding a demotion hearing, as required under the Pennsylvania School Code, Ms. Houck said.

The PAESSP is also considering requesting a second hearing with the school board, asking why Ms. Peiffer was not appointed to fill the position of Lehman-Jackson Elementary School principal Charles James, who is on sabbatical for the second semester of the 1992-93 school year.

Secondary math teacher John Baranowski, currently on sabbatical leave for purposes of

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Caputo named First Lady's press secretary

Lisa Caputo of Shavertown has been officially named deputy assistant to President Bill Clinton and press secretary to Hillary Clinton. She assumed those duties January 20 upon Clinton's inauguration. The 28-year-old Caputo is the daughter of Richard and Rosemary Caputo, a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Brown University. She is shown above with Hillary Clinton at an appearance in Wilkes-Barre earlier this year. (Photo by Richard Chisak)

School board directors are honored for service

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Punch and cookies for board members and visitors followed the meeting.

"School boards oversee multimillion dollar budgets providing education for nearly 1.7 million students in 3,200 school buildings throughout the Commonwealth," Mrs. Davis said. "Many people don't realize the amount of time each month that they spend on district-related work."

Lake-Lehman school board members are chairman Dr. Martin McMahon, Dr. John Presper, Elizabeth Sichler, Mildred Dobash, Edwin Kern, Jeffrey Fritzen, Ken Williams, Joseph "Red" Jones and Tom Williams.

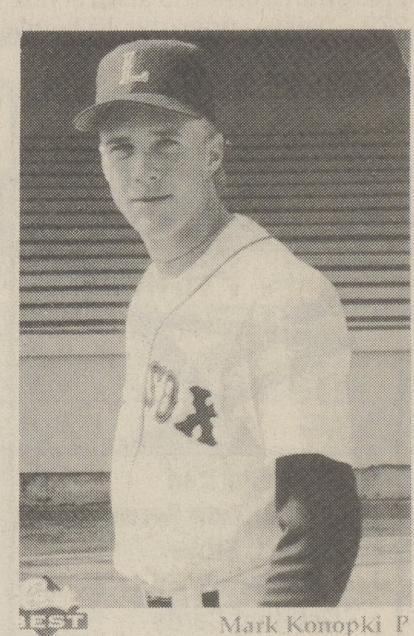
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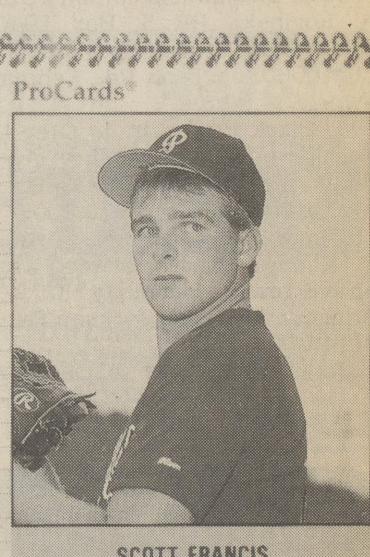
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SCHOOL DIRECTORS' RECOGNITION MONTH - Lake-Lehman school board members received certificates of appreciation in recognition of their service to the district from superintendent Mrs. Nancy Davis at the January 12 school board meeting. School board members included, back row from left: Joseph "Red" Jones, Dr. John Presper, Jeffrey Fritzen and Edwin Kern; front row from left: Thomas Williams, Mildred Dobash, Kenneth Williams and Dr. Martin McMahon. Absent from photo: Elizabeth Sichler. Kenneth Williams also received a special framed certificate from Mrs. Davis commending his 15 years of service as a school board member. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)

The Dallas Baseball Boosters will be presenting Baseball Day and Sports Card Show on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Dallas Middle School. The highlight of the day will be the appearance of Dallas graduates and professional ballplayers, Mark Konopki of the Boston Red Sox chain and Scott Francis of the Atlanta Braves chain. They will be on hand to sign free autographs.

The Baseball Day portion of the program will feature three hitting stations: a jugs machine (throwing tennis balls), a solo hitter and a wiffleball pitching machine. Cost will be 25¢ per station.

The Card Show will be in the Middle School cafeteria and refreshments will be served. For dealer information, call Jack Wolensky at 675-5201, ext. 242 or 696-4040.

Open house for Sabol will be at St. Paul's Lutheran

The recently announced Open House for retiring Chief-of-Police Paul Sabol has been moved from the Kingston Township Municipal Building to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 196 North Main Street, Shavertown.

The Open House will be held Sunday, Jan. 24, from 1 to 5 p.m. Residents who would like the opportunity to say goodbye to Chief Sabol are welcome to attend.

Residents who would like more information may call the Kingston Township Municipal Building at 696-3809 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.