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Penn State offers special program for adult women

Even in the 1990s when the women's movement is almost a half century old, studies show that little girls are not encouraged to consider wide-ranging options for when they're "grown up." So it's especially still the case that many "grown up" women need help in considering potential careers. In spite of expanding opportunities, most women still seem to have a hard time adding school principal, doctor, engineer, organization director to the list of fantasy future careers, along with more traditional occupations for women.

The reality is that most of us will probably change careers six times in our adult lives so it's never too late to set new goals, points out Donna Burns Rader of Penn State Wilkes-Barre's Advising and Counseling Center.

"Taking the First Step", a unique program for adult women who want to begin setting their own academic and career goals, was offered for the first time last year to about 30 participants at Penn State, Wilkes-Barre campus. Through a grant, this free and innovative program will again be available this fall.

According to Lisa Marie Walker, a single parent of a little boy, the program last year helped her gain self-confidence. "It's not easy thinking about going back to school after 10 years. The choices are confusing and, for me, getting financial aid sorted out was a major thing."

This year, Ms. Walker begins fulltime attendance at Penn State Wilkes-Barre in the Surveying Program where the job opportunities outnumber graduates—a novel situation in today's economy.

Another participant, Ann Marie Schechtman, sampled a computer course after "Taking the First Step" that helped her decide against a technology field and rekindled her old interest in librarianship. She says, "Taking the First Step helped me determine my goals and gave me the push I needed to return to college. At age 36, I was still floating along thinking, "What am I going to do when I grow up?" With the demands of two small children, a part-time job and a husband, I had to learn that taking time for myself is not stealing it from them."

Offered as a non-credit evening course, "Taking the First Step" features weekly discussions on such topics as study skills, learning styles, career choices and what college is really like for adult students. The 1993 program will begin in mid-September, and registrations (free) are being accepted now. Ms. Burns Rader said. She observed that adult college students often tend to be a bit timid at first, but they soon find their life experience to be an asset in the learning process.

For a brochure on "Taking the First Step", contact Dr. David Schwartz, Director of Academic Affairs, at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, 675-9252.



PLANNING COMMITTEE - Attending the recent planning meeting were: seated: Mrs. Kluger, Bobbie Steever and Dr. William Pearson, Campus Executive Officer at Penn State Wilkes-Barre; standing from left, Dr. Wallace F. Stettler, Shirley Fortinsky, Jack Burke, Tom Robinson and Guthrie Conyngham. Other members of the committee are Edward Schechter, Harold J. Rose Jr., Richard M. Ross Jr., Robert E. Post and Jack Kolesar.

PSU board plans dinner to honor Jack Conyngham

A community testimonial dinner in honor of Jack Conyngham is being planned for October 6 by Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus and a committee headed by Sue Kluger, Penn State Board Member. All persons wishing to participate in this tribute to lifetime resident Jack Conyngham for his many years of service to community are invited to the dinner. Information about dinner tickets

is available from the development office at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, 675-9228. A highlight of the dinner will be the presentation of a scholarship endowment named in honor of Jack and Lou Conyngham. Persons wishing to participate in establishing this endowment may also obtain information from the developing office or from any member of the committee.

Misericordia completes successful fund campaign

College Misericordia recently completed the most successful annual campaign in its history, Dr. Carol A. Jobe, Misericordia president, has announced.

The 1992-93 campaign raised \$371,700 in unrestricted funds, exceeding its \$270,000 goal. Total gifts to the College for the year were more than \$900,000.

"I am extremely pleased with the response of the community in making the annual fund drive of 1992-93 the most successful in our history," said Jobe. "I believe this represents the recognition of Misericordia's commitment to the region and encourages us to do more to improve our quality of life."

John C. Metz, chairman and president of Metz Enterprises, served as chair of the community phase of the campaign while

Judith Ellis served as chair of the alumni phase. Judith Frantz served as vice-chair of the alumni phase.

Funds raised through the campaign will be used to support more than \$2.3 million in College funded financial aid which is shared by 70% of the student body.

The annual campaign also supports academic programming, faculty development and cultural events programming for the 1993-94 academic year including a Fine Arts for Children ballet production of "Beauty and the Beast," the 1994 Theatre-on-the-Green production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," an October lecture concerning domestic terrorism by William E. Colby, former director of the CIA and various art gallery exhibits.

Seminary begins 150th year

This year, Wyoming Seminary begins its sesquicentennial academic year. David L. Davies, dean of the Upper School announced that opening day of classes is set for Tuesday, Sept. 7 for students at the College Preparatory School in Kingston.

Dr. Allan Woodard, dean of the Lower School, announced that classes for Lower School students will begin at 8:30 a.m. on September 7. New middle school students, grades five through eight, are invited to an orientation pro-

gram from 1-2 p.m. on September 3.

There will be a special opening day chapel for the Seminary community held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7 in the Buckingham Performing Arts Center. Rev. Dr. William Summerhill will officiate. Speakers will be David L. Davies, academic dean and Jessica Fried '95, student government president. The dress code will be in effect that day. Skirts or dresses are required for girls while boys must wear a sportcoat and tie.

L-L Middle Level to host Back to School Nite Sept 13

The Lake-Lehman Middle Level Education Building will conduct a "Back to School Night" for the parents of 7th and 8th grade students on Monday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

The goal of this activity is to give parents of middle level students the opportunity to visit the Middle Level Building and become aware of their child's educational program. Each parent will follow their child's schedule and have the opportunity to meet with teachers in a classroom setting. Each teacher will describe what

their class will be like for the coming year and provide parents with information dealing with homework requirements, grading procedures, and expectations for student performance.

All parents are encouraged to attend this special night and become actively involved in the middle level community. Representatives of the Teens-Parents-Teachers support group will be on hand to register new members and provide information to parents who are interested in joining the group.

In the service

Area young woman enlists in Air Force

Theresa L. Handley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Handley, Dallas, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program according to Tech Sgt. Joe Grodis, the local Air Force recruiter.

Handley, a 1993 graduate of Luzerne County Community College will soon be enlisted in the Regular Air Force. Upon graduation from a six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, Handley is scheduled to receive technical training in the administrative aptitude area.

Handley will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Fleeger enlists in Air Force

Bradley Fleeger, son of Brad Fleeger, Sr., Sweet Valley, enlisted in the Air Force recently, according to Tech Sgt. Joe Grodis, the local Air Force recruiter.

Upon graduation from a six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, Fleeger is scheduled to receive technical training as an aircraft propulsion systems specialist.

Fleeger, a 1993 graduate Lake-Lehman High School, will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

School menus

The following school lunch menu is for the week of Sept. 2-8. All lunches include milk.

- LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOLS**
- THURSDAY** - Hot dog on bun, potato puffs, baked beans, apple-sauce.
- FRIDAY** - Pizza or peanut

butter-jelly sandwich, celery-carrot sticks, potato chips, peaches.

- MONDAY** - No school. Labor Day.
- TUESDAY** - Chicken patti on bun w/lettuce-mayo, oval hash brown, garden peas, pears.
- WEDNESDAY** - Cheeseburg on bun, pickle chips, French fries, fruit cocktail.

L-L closed Labor Day

All schools in the Lake-Lehman School District will be closed for the Labor Day holiday, Monday, September 6.

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- Dallas School District - 675-5201
- Lake-Lehman School District - 675-2165

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