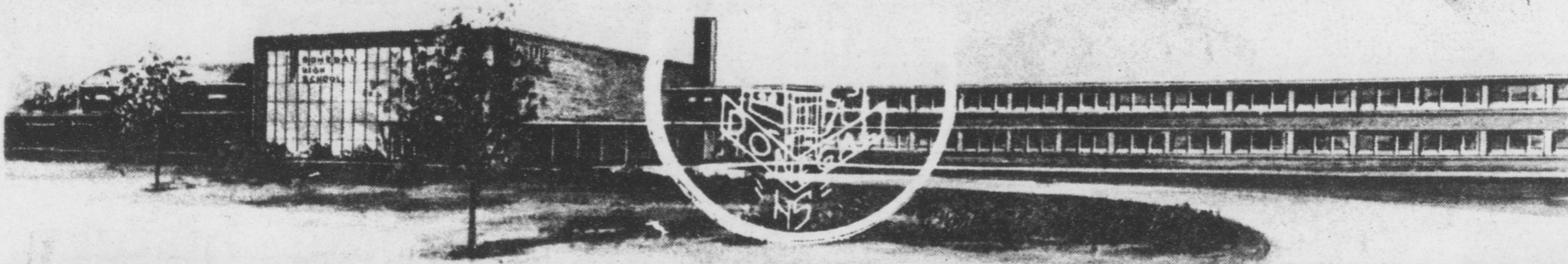


# DONEGAL SCHOOL PAGE

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## Vo-Tech role in education

by Melody Mumma

Vocational Education is an educational concept, which has become increasingly popular throughout the 1970's. What exactly is Vo-Tech, as it is commonly known?

The main thrust of Vocational Education is to prepare all types of citizens for employment within a community. Vocational Technical Schools provide young people with knowledge and skills; upgrade the skills of an employee whose job has become more complex; and retrain a worker who has been displaced from his position due to technological innovations or physical impairments.

To bring attention to the merits and accomplishments of Vocational Education, a national observance—National Vocational Education Week—has been designated for the week of February 8-14. Citizens of the Donegal School District are encouraged to visit county schools over this time to view on-going projects and programs.

The faculty of Lancaster County Area Vo-Tech schools are ready to answer any questions one may have regarding Vocational Education. Come and visit with them during their open house: Mount Joy—Friday, February 6 and Willow Street—Thursday, February 12. The schools will be open from 7-9 p.m. For additional information, please call either of the schools.

Both young people and adults face the tremendous task of selecting career development programs. Careful investigation and observation are necessary for the potential student to choose the career training program which will provide the most satisfying and rewarding career.

Donegal High School students have the opportunity to choose from twenty-eight vocationally-oriented courses. Eighteen of these

courses are offered at the Mount Joy school and the remaining ten are offered only at the Willow Street school.

In the upcoming school year, Donegal will be permitted to send 119 students from grades ten through twelve into the Vo-Tech program. This quota is further divided into 101 students who will attend the Mount Joy school and eighteen who will attend Willow Street school.

Before deciding whether or not he would like to attend Vo-Tech, a student should consider the type of job he would like to have after graduation from high school since Vo-Tech courses prepare one for a specific occupation.

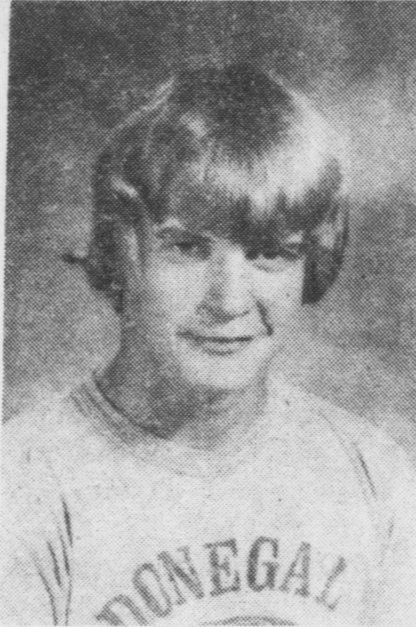
To find out whether his interests and aptitudes are compatible with the course for which he wishes to apply, a student should talk with either Mrs. Grimm or Mr. Day and also attend the Open House at Vo-Tech.

Mrs. Grimm or Mr. Day will be able to provide general occupational or career information relative to interest, aptitude, and worker traits as well as supply specific information about the courses at Vo-Tech.

The following are Vo-Tech students' opinions of the Vocational Education program:

### Jamie Robinson

Senior Jamie Robinson has participated in the Electrical Occupations Program for three years. Always interested in tinkering with electrical devices, Jamie feels that Vo-Tech is responsible for his keeping an interest in school. Preferring an industrial electrical occupation to a residential one, he hopes to pursue work in the industrial field. He is presently employed by Stehman's IGA in Mount Joy.



Jeff Alexander

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Jeff Alexander, a junior at Donegal High School, will be completing two years at Mount Joy Vo-Tech where he is studying Graphic Arts. Aside from running the presses, Jeff has learned how to differentiate the various types of print. When asked why he chose the Vo-Tech program, Jeff stated: "I had a taste of it with Mr. DePoe and found I enjoyed the work so I thought I would learn more about it and maybe someday make a career of it." Jeff added that he likes the 2½ hour uninterrupted class period and the well kept and modern equipment that is available for the student use.

Although Jeff doesn't feel Vo-Tech is for every student, he does feel that if college is not your goal then you should go to Vo-Tech and get yourself a trade.

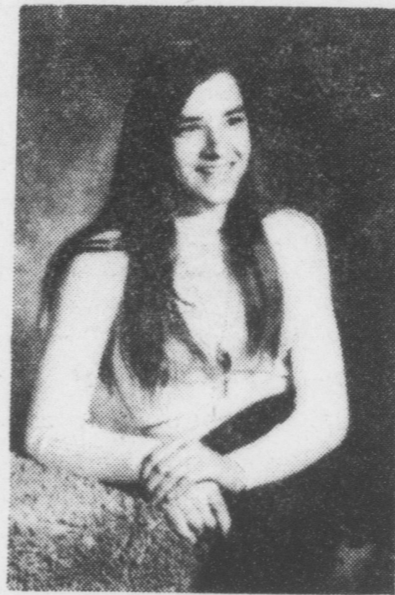


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LuAnn Eichler, a senior at Donegal High School, has spent two years in Floriculture at Vo-Tech. In tenth grade she decided that she

wanted to work in flower arranging following graduation. She has found her on-the-job training to be very valuable in giving her experience in the field and in confirming her career choice. LuAnn expands her Vo-Tech experience by being a reporter for FFA. After graduation, she would like to work at Stauffer's of Kissel Hill in flower arranging or in working with plants.

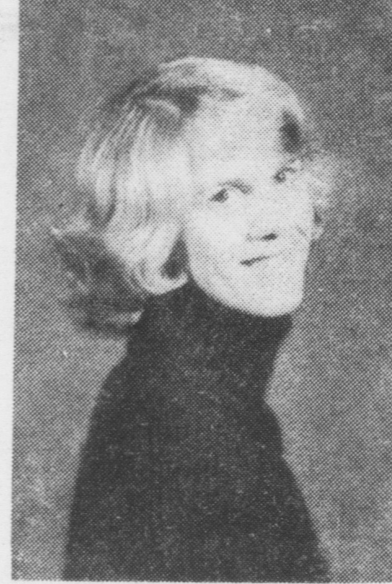


Cindy Metheny

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Cindy Metheny, a junior at Donegal High School, is completing her first year at Willow Street Vo-Tech. When asked why she went into Vo-Tech, Cindy stated that she's always been interested in art and felt therefore, the Commercial Art Program offered at Willow Street would be beneficial to her. To date, Cindy has spent time learning lettering, photography, and advertising/sign painting. Cindy feels that Vo-Tech enables her not only to learn theory but also work skills which eventually will be needed after graduation. In short, she likes getting involved with the subject by using her hands rather than simply reading about it in a book. Cindy also commented on how friendly the seniors are at Vo-Tech. She says they are always willing to help show you the right way. Another thing which impressed Cindy was the more than adequate abundance of supplies. One thing that Cindy doesn't enjoy is the 45 minute to an hour bus ride.

In short, Cindy feels she made a wise move when she choose Vo-Tech.



Sandy Fegley

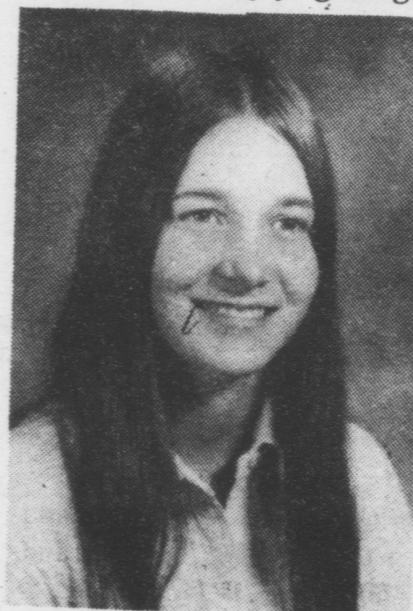
### Sandy Fegley

Sandy Fegley, also a senior, has studied Data Processing Technology for one year at Vo-Tech. After graduation she plans to enlist in the U.S. Air Force, where she hopes to do computer programming. Vo-Tech is a way to meet more people and take advantage of more opportunities," says Sandy.

### Lisa Brommer

Lisa Brommer, a junior at Donegal High School is completing her second year at Mount Joy Vo-Tech, where she is studying Painting and Decorating. So far Lisa has learned the difference between paints, thinners, and brushes and how to use them properly to decorate. Presently, the class is re-doing old furniture.

When asked why she chose the Vo-Tech program Lisa said she prefers doing something constructive with her hands and hopes someday to perhaps have a business of her own where she can apply the basic techniques of painting and decorating that she is learning. Lisa enjoys getting



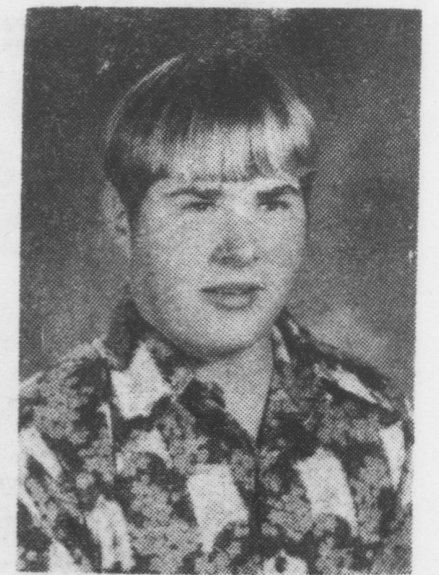
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involved with the subject as opposed to merely looking at it in a book. Lisa, too, feels that while Vo-Tech is not for everyone, it can help many students find a trade to support themselves in the future.

### Bill Nagy

Bill Nagy, a sophomore at Donegal High School is completing his first year at Willow Street in a three year course in Pattern Making. Pattern Making is a course which enables a student to study and learn the various patterns that are used in a foundry. Bill is pleased that he took the Vo-Tech program for many reasons.

First, he feels that the teacher is extremely competent and qualified; second, the unlimited possibilities of things that one can learn and finally, the friendly relaxed atmosphere at Willow Street.



Bill Nagy

### Ricky Kolp

Ricky Kolp, a sophomore at Donegal High School is studying Auto Body Repairs which is a three year program. The course to date has covered basic fundamentals of auto body repair such as sanding, painting, spot putty, and the fiber glass/plastic procedure. When asked what he likes about Vo-Tech, Ricky said with a smile that he doesn't only watch but he gets a chance to get involved (presently they are working on old trucks) The only dislike which is job related is wet sanding. Rick also feels that the atmosphere for learning is extremely conducive to making learning fun. (Nothing wrong with that.)