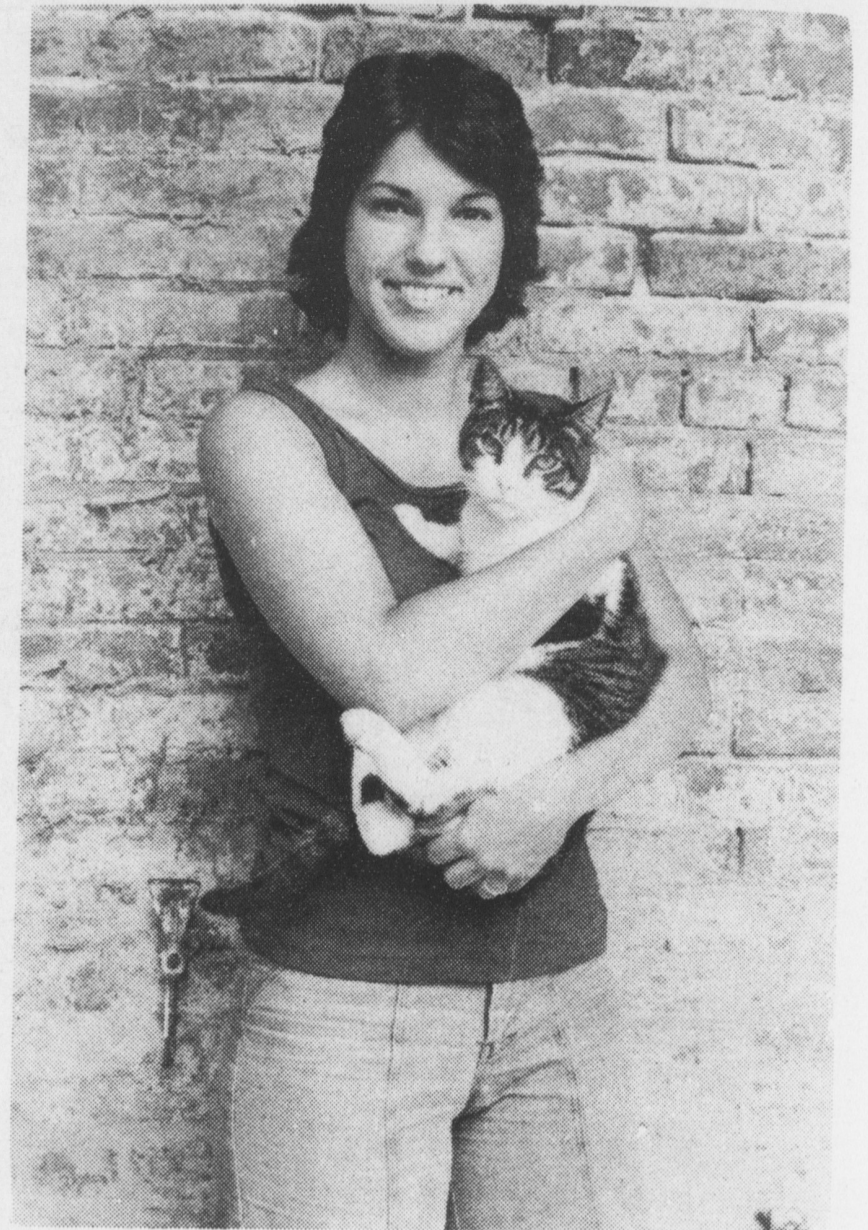


Some local opinions on going back to school



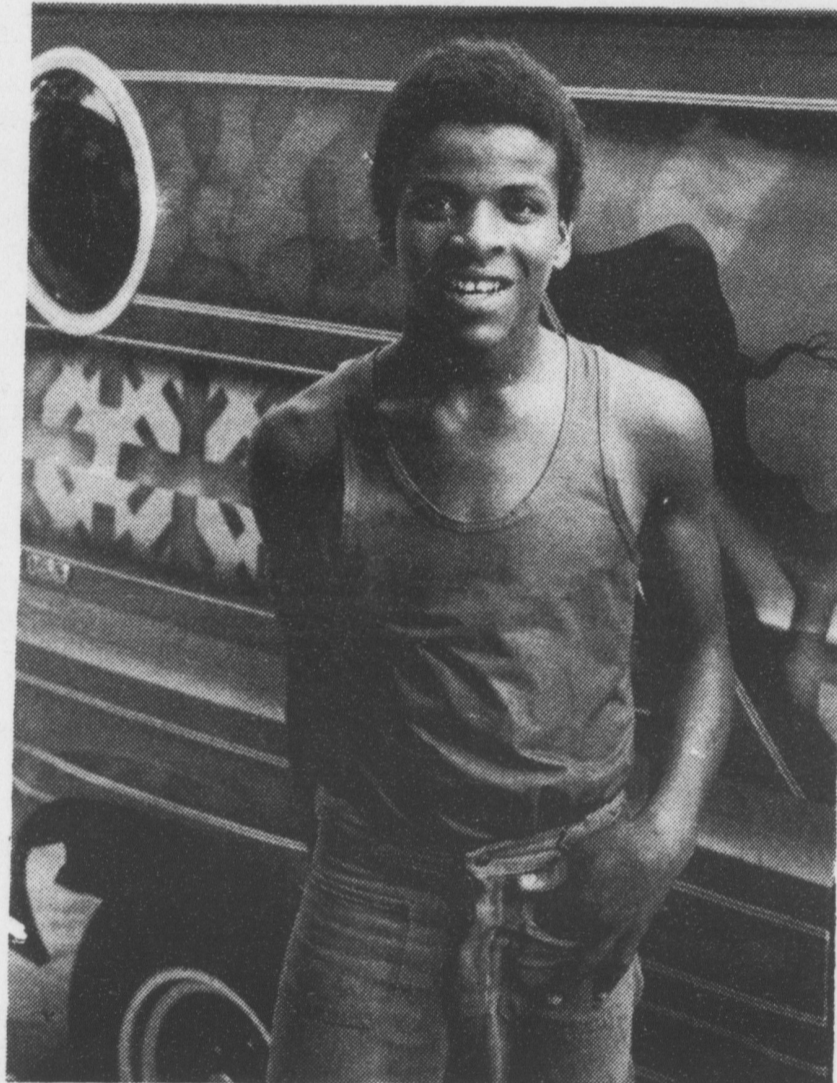
These girls all like school! They are, left to right, Stacy Barnes, 10; Lola Barnes, 9; DeAnna Barnes, 5; Janis Charles, 4; and Judy Charles, 8. All are of R.D. #1, Marietta.



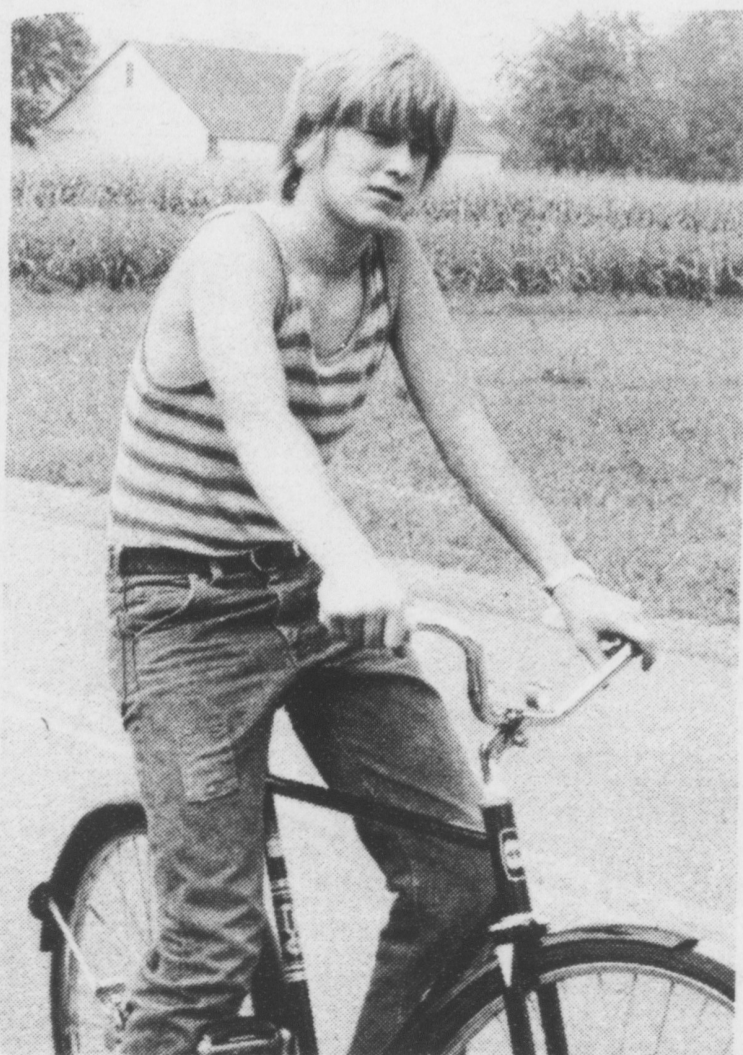
After working as a gardener this summer, Gloria Longenecker will return to Lebanon Valley College as a junior. "I dread the first week back," she told us, "there's always lots of tryouts for band and choir. Everything's hectic. After that I'll be back in the groove." Her friend Charley has never been to school, and is totally illiterate.



A study in contrasts. The brunette, Deb Graham of 157 Elinore Drive, Maytown, is looking forward to 10th grade at D.H.S. "Summer's been boring," she told us. This year she made basketball cheerleading. The blond, Ferry Haines of 17 S. River St., Maytown, wants to go back "not at all," unless they install a pool at the high school.



Vince Curry, of 118 W. Market St., Marietta, is going into 9th grade. He considered dropping out, but his family and friends (some of whom are themselves dropouts) told him to stick with it. "Some teachers can be a hassle," he said, "but I like to finish something I start. Besides, my friends tell me there's nothing happening on the street--not even parties." Vince wants to be a football star at Donegal.



Todd Fitzkee will be a 9th grader this year. He likes school, especially math and gym, and feels that he's learning a lot. He would like to see more personal freedom for students, such as being permitted to chew gum in school. Todd is 14 years old. He lives at Box 104, R.D. #1, Marietta.



Gregg Gerber, 15, of 545 Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy, is looking forward to a good time in Vo-Tech when he enters 10th grade. He will study Graphic Arts, which he feels will be preferable to "teachers lecturing all the time."



First grade will be fun for Wendy Pekarek, of Mount Joy. Why? "I'm going to sit next to Donna." Donna is her sister.