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# New kind of class- see yours

There's a new type of class at Donegal High School.

The teacher doesn't lecture. Instead of textbooks, there's a video-tape machine and a TV. On the wall hangs, not the alphabet or periodic table, but a huge copy of the I.R.S.'s form 1040.

It's "Project 81," part of a new approach to high school education, in which Donegal is serving as a testing ground. Due to become standard curriculum in PA schools by 1981 (hence the name), the Project, taught by Mr. Joe Siberski at Donegal, differs in both style and substance from an ordinary course.

Mr. Siberski's pilot class focuses on basic skills for coping with the modern world. The students learn to fill out tax returns and job applications, balance a checking account, size up



Poring over giant tax forms are, from left to right: Eleanor Rapp, Seng Moue, Tina Simmons and Ron Haldeman.

an insurance policy, and report an accident. They study the legal aspects of leases and job discrimination. And, they practice for job interviews.

To sharpen important interviewing skills, Mr. Siberski conducts a mock job interview which is recorded on a video-tape machine. During the playback, the interviewed student can see exactly how he or she comes across to a prospective employer. The student operating the video camera can focus on the student's face to check expression and responsiveness, or on the hands and feet to detect signs of nervousness.

Unlike the standard format of lecture, homework, and tests, the Project 81 class consists of a number

of individual tasks which the students work on at their own rate. Each student is responsible for finishing all the tasks by the end of the semester.

Students in Mr. Siberski's class can invite workers in various professions to the school to discuss their jobs. Bankers, caterers, policemen, insurance agents, and others give the class first-hand knowledge about their respective fields and answer questions.

Project 81 is important to the future of education in our state because of changes, likely to happen in the next few years, in the requirements for graduation from high school. For the last two years California has graduated students on the basis of a standard test which measures skills similar to

those taught by Mr. Siberski. PA will probably follow suit, as will other states, sometime in the next decade.

Student reaction is favorable. "In most classes, you have lectures and tests," said Jim Zink, "but here you work at your own speed. It's up to you." Tina Simmons echoed his sentiments: "There's no time limit on any one project, which gives us more responsibility. Most of the kids like what's going on." Mr. Siberski finds the students "extremely receptive."

Because there is no text for the course, Mr. Siberski has copies of forms printed as worksheets. "Mr. Depoe and Mrs. Wert have been very helpful," he said.

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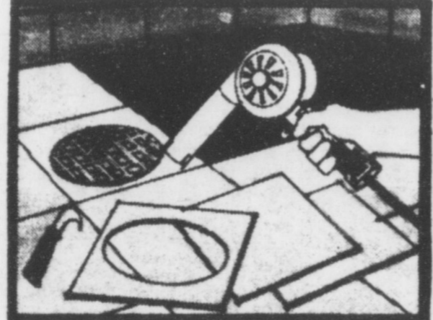
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This new sport was first introduced last year at Donegal by the school's varsity soccer coach, Bernie Thome.

Four teams in the county competed in the Donegal Indoor Soccer Tournament on Friday and Saturday night in the Donegal gymnasium. In the first game of Friday evening's double header, Peaque Valley defeated E-Town 4-1. Donegal then earned the right to play the Braves in the

finals by downing Hempfield 4-1.

During Saturday night's consolation game, E-Town battled back in the second half to tie Hempfield after being down at half time 2-0. Into only thirty seconds of "sudden death" overtime, Hempfield's Mike Meiskey scored his second goal of the game to give the Black Knights the 3-2 victory. Hempfield's other goal was scored by Mark Corey. Roby Fox and Jim Shull tallied goals in the third period for the

E-Town Bears.

The Donegal Indians then took on the perennial soccer power Peaque Valley for the championship. Henry Klugh gave Donegal an early lead that lasted until midway into the second quarter. Greg Weimer put the Peaque Valley Braves on the scoreboard to tie the game 1-1. It remained tie through regulation play...and through three four-minute overtime periods. Both teams had opportunities but couldn't find the range.

## Register now for MYAA athl

The Marietta Youth Athletic Association will register boys (8 to 16 years) and girls (8 to 21) for its summer baseball program on Saturday, March 26th, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the

Marietta Community House, 264 W. Market Street, Marietta.

Applicants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to register. A fee of \$2 will be collected to help cover insurance costs.

This fee is much lower than other similar organizations charge due to money raising campaigns by the MYAA in cooperation with the Marietta Borough Council, and generous contributions from local mer-