

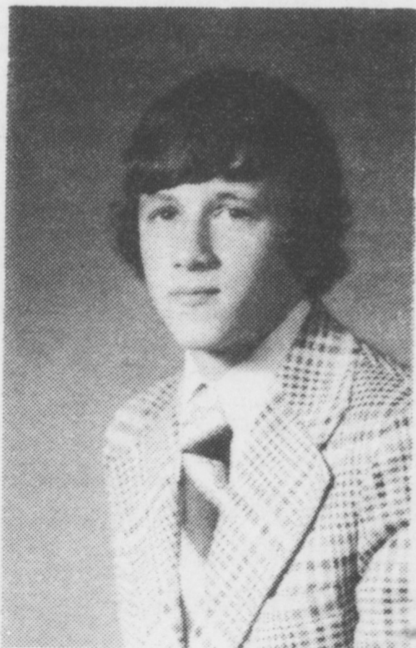
Career Elective Program at D.H.S. completed for 2nd successful year: helps students learn on the job, helps school, community relations

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It all started last year. What? The Career Elective Program for Seniors at Donegal High School. Because of the program's success last year, a committee headed by John W. W. Loose, history teacher at Donegal High School and including Mr. Donald Drenner, Mr. Harry West, Mr. Kemp Zangari, Mr. Dennis Iezzi and Mrs. Mary-Mararet Peraro met to update and improve the program. As a result, this year's program was even more successful than last year's. When Mr. Loose was asked to make a statement, he replied, 'Last year was the first year for the Career Elective program and it was highly successful. During last summer and early school year, the committee met several times to improve it and as a result this year's C.E.P. program was even more successful. 'Some things tightened up were, 1. better communication between school and sponsors, 2. set down standards for C.E.P. students, and 3. an evaluation procedure has been set up for the student, the advisor, and the sponsor. Reports and conversations have been received from the Sponsors. These reports have been excellent.' He added, 'The school district has 'reaped' a bonanza of goodwill in the

community. It has helped us in school to better understand the work world in which the community sponsor operates, and we believe it has helped the sponsor understand the school situation.' Mr. Loose continued, 'Many of the sponsors have praised the program as being the most affective program offered for the county schools.'

Mr. Loose was very definite when he stated, 'We have a problem here at Donegal of being reluctant 'to toot our own horn'. The success of the C.E.P. program does this for us and gives the seniors a wonderful opportunity to learn first-hand whether their career choice is the right one before investing in a college education.' He commented, 'The community service feature is important also. The goodwill earned by these students is changing the image too many persons have of young people. Most of the sponsors have indi-



Tony Sweigart

cated they never realized just how wonderful our students are in their attitude and work.'

Sixty one seniors participated in the Career Elective Program which began on April 28th when they reported to their community sponsor.

The students picked the sponsor according to the goal he wished to achieve later in his life. There were forty seven sponsors in all ranging from registered nurses, a veterinarian and a pediatrician, to a butcher, a fireman, and a secretary. All

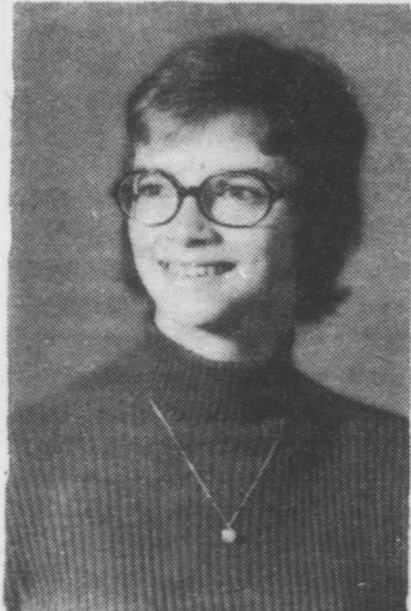


Maureen Jones

different types of occupations were represented in the program. The student and his sponsor met before the program began to discuss how many hours the student would work, what type of work the student would be doing, etc.

The C.E.P. participant also had a faculty advisor with whom they met once a week. The advisor was there to talk with the student about any problems the student might have had and also to evaluate the student on the job. Twenty five high school advisors held this responsibility.

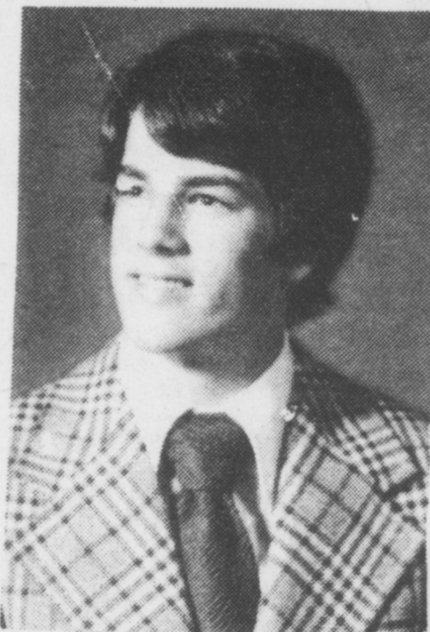
To hear both sides of the C.E.P. program, several students were interviewed. Among them were Newton Kendig and Judy Keller who worked side by side for Rev. Richard Kohler of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Mount Joy. They were given the opportunity to visit shut-ins in their homes, hospitals, and convalescent homes. The shut-ins remarked that it was very nice for Rev. Kohler to bring the young people. Not only did



Judy Keller

Newton and Judy help teach two Sunday services, Sunday school and Wednesday Bible Study meetings, but they also attended United Methodist Women's Meeting and the Pastral board meeting. A school-board meeting with clergymen is on their busy schedule. Signs throughout the halls of the church show how hard Judy and Newton are working to make the youth auction a success.

The Program has influenced the thinking of both students as they experienced the things that happen in a minister's life. After a trip to Philadelphia, Judy began to appreciate things more than she had before. As she explained,



Newt Kendig

'You are your brother's keeper. To be there was an experience.' Rev. Kohler enjoyed the Career Elective Program because, 'It occurred at the right time of the year, it gave students freedom to do what they wanted, and it was the right length of time.'

Abram Koser, under the sponsorship of John H. Hoffman, Jr., Union National Mount Joy Bank, Mount Joy believes that everyone should take advantage of the C.E.P. program.

Abe worked in the book-keeping department the first week, moved to the loan department the second week and, at the time of the interview, he was at the motor bank as a commercial teller.

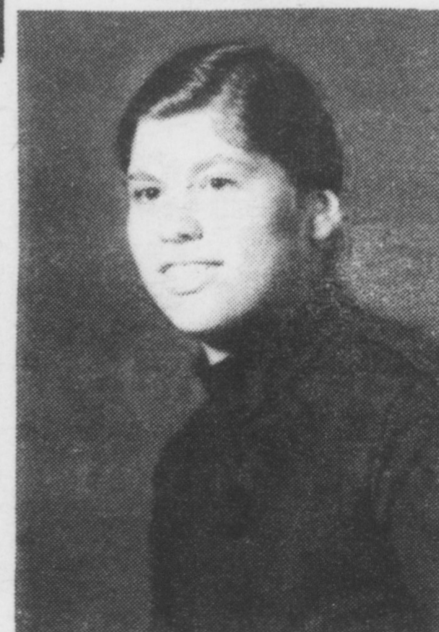
Abe said he was interested in becoming a banker 'to see what it was like from the

other side of the counter.' He added, 'The only problem a teller encounters is, you gotta be a mind reader-people don't tell you what they want.'



Abe Koser

The bank position Abe enjoys most is being a teller because he enjoys meeting people. Through this program he has met many people associated with the bank because every day he was assigned to work with a different person. During the assignment at the Maytown Branch of the Mount Joy Bank he worked with many of the employees.



Phyllis Loump

Phyllis Loump, a senior popular with the students at Donegal for making and selling whoppie pies, peanut butter eggs, and peanut butter cookies was accepted at Byer's Bakery, Elizabethtown.

Some of the tasks assigned to Phyllis were, making bread by hand, making cookies, pies and cakes. She also glazed donuts.

Tuesdays are one of her busiest days because she

has to help prepare baked items to sell at Roots Auction. When asked about the program, Phyllis replied, 'It's a lot more work than I thought.'

Tony Sweigart looked very much at home, yet busy as he worked for his uncle, David Sweigart, at Ridgeview Dairy, Elizabethtown.

Even though his main job was to process milk, Tony sometimes helped behind the counter scooping out ice cream and making sundaes.

This was the first year Ridgeview Dairies sponsored a C.E.P. student.

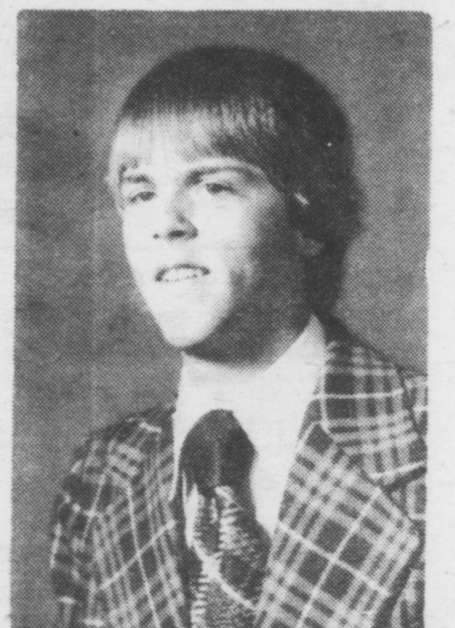
At the end of the Career Elective Program, students had their choice of handing in a journal, work collection, or a project associated with the work they were doing. Some outstanding projects and reports recognized by Mr. Loose were:

Mark Presnell-Mark was sponsored by R. J. Amater Entrol, Inc. and Olen C. Presnell, Control Flow System, Inc., Lancaster. For his project, Mark engineered a fine collection of blueprints.

Maureen Jones-Dr. Kirtz, a pediatrician in Lancaster, sponsored Maureen. During the time she spent on the C.E.P. program, she tested blood samples and urine analysis. She also found out that book-keeping was involved.

Jim Gerberich-Under the leadership of George Paules, Vardens Studio, Lancaster, Jim uniquely mounted colored photographs.

The Career Elective Program came to an end on Friday, May 23.



James Gerberich

Mark Presnell

