SPECIAL EDUCATION - The passage of PL94-142 prompted the Louisiana Legislature and the Department of Education to update the state legislation concerning special education along the lines of the new federal law. The bill the Louisiana legislative passed provides for (among other things):

- a stronger mandatory appropriate public education for all exceptional children in Louisiana between ages 3 and 21.
- alternate settings in which special education may be provided.
- parental participation, procedural safeguards, due process for parents, students and education personnel, and local and state advisory councils.
- and sets out in detail the responsibilities of local, city and parish school systems.

TOYS FOR TOTS - The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program began in 1947 when a group of reservists, many of whom were in the film and entertainment industry, organized an effort to collect toys for children in the Los Angeles area. Toys for Tots has become an American Christmas tradition. During the last two weeks of November and the first two weeks of December, the Marine Reserves are distributing toys to Lafayette children through child and social welfare agencies, children's hospitals, day care centers, clinics, sanitariums, handicapped children's service centers, special education schools, foster homes and private care centers. Coordination for the distribution of the toys is being done by the Lafayette Children's Council.

BOOK FAIR - The Association for Childhood Education is having a Book Fair at Northgate Mall the week of November 7th to 12th from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. A superb selection of children's books is available. Many of these are books chosen by teachers' teachers!

ART FOR YOUTH - Lectures are scheduled by the Junior League for all fifth graders in the parish, every day from November 1st to 18th, 9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M., at the Art Center.

MAGIC SHOW - Sunday, November 13, 3:30 P.M., at the Municipal Auditorium.

BAND MUSIC - IMEA Marching Festival - Tues., Nov. 15, 6:00 P.M., at USL Stadium.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE - The Children's Theatre Guild presents some children's short plays Wednesday, November 16, 4:00 P.M., at Union Theatre, U.S.L.

CIRCUS - Royal Lichenstein Circus - a troupe of three perform circus in the old style - mime and animals - Mon., Nov. 21, Noon, USL Union grounds.

LOUISIANA LEARNING RESOURCE SYSTEM - Any individual who works with exceptional children may use the services of LLRS-teachers, administrators, teacher trainers, college students, PARENTS, psychologists, counselors, therapists. Begin taking advantage of the services and materials available for you and the exceptional children you serve. For further information contact Carla Richard, LLRS, Vocational Education Center, 18th Street, Lafayette, 234-8364.