COMMUNICATION SEMINAR

The Division of Academic Programs and the USOE Resource Developmental Assistance Center in San Antonio recently sponsored the Interpersonal Communication Skills seminar in the building.

Guest speaker was Dr. John C. Narciso Jr., professor of psychology and director of the Counseling and Personal Development Resources Center at Trinity University in San Antonio.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION BROADCAST

Elementary Ed's ITV production, "The Learning Approach," was recently aired on Louisiana Public Broadcasting stations.

The program was designed to give teachers ideas for planning, implementing and managing learning centers.

LANGUAGE ARTS COMMITTEE TO MEET

Members of the elementary section of the Language Arts Curriculum Guide Committee are to meet March 3 and 4 at the Bellemont to edit the first draft of the guide.

LOFTON TO SPEAK

Dr. Glenda Lofton of Elementary Ed is to speak at the South Carolina Reading Conference Feb. 29.

DR. GARNER JOINS ELEMENTARY ED

Dr. Patricia King Garner has joined the Bureau of Elementary Education as a supervisor. Pat recently received her doctorate at the University of Southern Mississippi.

ADMINISTRATIVE SITE REVIEW

Staff members of the Division of Special Ed recently conducted administrative site reviews in Bogalusa and Washington Parish to insure the school system is in compliance with federal and state special education laws.

LEARNING DISABILITIES TASK FORCE

Norma-Jean Smith and Pat Dial are coordinating the monthly meeting of the LD Task Force to be held in the building.

LLRS DIRECTORS MEET

Louisiana Learning Resource Center Directors recently met to discuss an art workshop to be conducted throughout the state and to finalize plans for operation of the resource centers.

SERRC WORKSHOP

Johnell Mingo, Beverly Johnson and Adrienne Van Gelder recently attended a workshop entitled "Training Personnel to Design and Implement Workshops," in Atlanta.

The workshop was sponsored by the Southeast Regional Resource Center of Auburn University.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to discuss the Special Education Annual State Program Plan will be held in conjunction with the BESE Special Education Committee meeting at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 27 in Committee Room 1.

NASDE INTERN

Ellie Cline, intern with the National Association of State Directors of Special Education of Washington, D.C., recently visited the Division of Special Ed to observe programs.

GENERIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Billy Ray Stokes recently spoke at the generic education conference which was cosponsored by the SDE and LSU.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Lisa Wilcox has joined the Administrative Services Section of Voc Ed.
Gail Robinson of Industrial Education will soon leave the SDE for a position with the Department of Agriculture, where she will handle the accounting work for Meat Inspection.

Good luck, Gail.

Debbie Gipson, a graduate of the Donaldsonville High School Marketing and Distributive Education program recently joined the Marketing and Distributive Education staff as a clerk-typist III.

Don Cloud, the new supervisor in the Marketing and Distributive Education Section, previously taught in Bossier Parish.

The Marketing and Distributive Education/General Cooperative Education Section invites interested persons to the upcoming vocational youth conferences.

The GCE Clubs of Louisiana conference is scheduled March 23 and 24 at the Bellemont in Baton Rouge and the Louisiana Association of the Distributive Education Clubs of America meeting is scheduled April 18-20 at the Baton Rouge Hilton.

Outstanding speakers are scheduled for both events. Other events scheduled include competency based education competitive activities related to vocational instruction and an awards session.

CAREERS

Dr. Merline Broussard, section chief of Administrative Services in the Division of Vocational Education, recently was the keynote speaker at the Catahoula Parish Career Day.

Dr. Broussard spoke to about 200 seniors about the difference in vo-tech schools, colleges and universities, business schools, the military services and cosmetology.

Also, Dr. Broussard and Homer Dyess of Academic Support have been helping the USOE locate a business education teacher to work in Senegal, Africa.

STATE PLAN & ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

About 35 people attended the recent State Plan and Accountability Report Advisory Committee meeting for the administration of vocational education.

Dr. Florent Hardy coordinates the Advisory Committee and he conducted the meeting.

Dr. Stafford opened the meeting and welcomed participants.

Dr. Hardy announced the March 4 State Public Hearing on Vocational Education in the A.D. Smith Auditorium at 10 a.m. and the March 25 Third State Plan Meeting in the Second Floor Conference Room at 10 a.m.

DISSEMINATION NEWS

SPUR EFFORTS

The Bureau of Reading Improvement has recently been involved in various meetings on competency-based education.

Supervisors presented information at the School Supervisors' Association meeting, the SPUR team leaders and technical assistants meeting, and the conference recently held in the building.

At the Feb. 13 conference, Dr. Jack Sutton, assistant principal of the UCLA Lab School, spoke on anecdotal records and teacher conferences.

ACCREDITATION FIELD TESTING HELD

Members of the Bureau of Development in R&D, Academic Programs, Special Ed and Voc Ed are coordinating field testing of a proposed accreditation program mandated by the Educational Accountability Act.

Nineteen SDE personnel recently participated in onsite visits in Jefferson and Lafourche parishes.

They are to visit St. Bernard Parish April 14-16 and Webster Parish April 28-30.

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