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*The Pasetter
would like to
wish you a
happy and
healthy
summer.*



Summary of Driver's Education Task Force Recommendations

The Driver's Education Task Force was initiated to investigate whether high school students who enroll in driver education classes have fewer crashes, violations or deaths than students who do not take a driver education course. The study had 6 objectives:

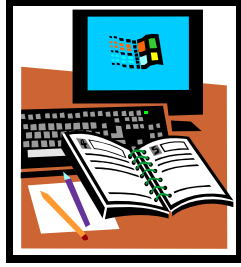
1. Analyze professional licensing standards and continuing education requirements for driver's education instructors.
2. Review the driver's education curriculum and the on the road experience, including: residential, city, rural, open road, expressway, night and inclement weather driving.
3. Examine the administration of the driver's education program by the Department of Education and consider the advantages or disadvantages of transferring responsibility to the Department of Transportation.
4. Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of establishing mandatory driver's education requirements.
5. Analyze options for generating a dedicated source of funding for the per-student fee for driver's education classes, including an increase in the current fee for a learner's permit.
6. Consider any other issue raised in relation to the improvement of driver's education in public schools.

The study noted several conclusions:

- Surveys of other states indicated that the administration of driver's education program are usually housed in the Department of Education.
- Neither the standard or enhanced curriculum has reduced crashes among young drivers
- The current study only shows a relationship with young driver crashes in two areas: (1) Student grades, and (2) If a young driver makes their own car payments
- There has never been an established link between driver's education and a reduction in young driver crashes.

Note from the Editor

by: Dana Bowser
Pasetter Editor



Hello. My name is Dana Bowser and I am the new editor of the Pasetter. I came on board as Assistant Coordinator of the Indiana Regional Highway Safety Project on May 30, 2000. Since day one, I have found working on the Pasetter one of my most exciting endeavors. I look forward to coming in each week and looking through submitted articles and finding other interesting information to put in the Pasetter.

I am a life long resident of Indiana County, and I have had the opportunity to gain some truly interesting experiences thus far. I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in May 1999, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Rehabilitation.

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**ATTENTION!!
...THE PASETTER NEEDS
YOUR ARTICLES AND
IDEAS!!!**



IF YOU HAVE ARTICLES, IDEAS OR PHOTOS, THAT YOU THINK WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO READERS, PLEASE SUBMIT THEM BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2000 FOR THE FALL ISSUE. ANY ARTICLES SUBMITTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 8TH WILL BE USED IN THE WINTER ISSUE. PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES IN THE FORM YOU WOULD LIKE THEM PRINTED, AND USE THE SUBMISSION FORM ON THE LAST PAGE

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Obituary Howard R. DeNike

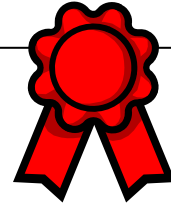
Howard R. DeNike, legendary East Stroudsburg University soccer coach, professor emeritus and a founding father of the National Soccer Coaches' Association, died Thursday, February 17, at Stroud Manor, East Stroudsburg, at the age of 95.

Howard Roselle DeNike was born February 23, 1904, in White Plains, NY, a son of the late Alfred R. and Minnie C. DeNike. He was the husband of the late Dagny (Borch) DeNike.

During his 40-year tenure at East Stroudsburg University, he served as a professor of physical education and director of safety.

Professor DeNike authored or contributed to numerous publications in athletics, sports management and safety education throughout his career. Among his professional writing were: "The DeNike Association Soccer Book," "Swimming of Safety, Health and Fun," "Intramural Sports Handbook for Men" and "Why Driver Education?"

Obituary taken from the Pocono Record – February



The Members of the Pennsylvania Association for Safety Education, Inc. wish to recognize and thank the exhibitors who participated in the 2000 PASE Conference

- *AES Education Alliance*
- *Delmar Thomson Learning*
- *Doron Precision Systems, Inc.*
- *Glencoe/McGraw Hill*
- *Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board*
- *PA Motorcycle Safety*
- *Safety Industries, Inc*
- *Simulator Systems International*

Welcome!!!



All of the members of PASE would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new members for the year 2000...it's great to have you!!!



School News

SADD Students Attend Conference

Middletown Area High School
By: Jess Vorodi and Megan Vulatic

On Tuesday, March 28, 2000, three seniors from the Middletown Area High School SADD chapter traveled to the Pennsylvania DUI Association for a SADD conference. Those who attended were Jess Vorodi, Chapter President; Megan Vulatic, Chapter Vice President; and Missy Oliver, member. A discussion was had regarding the agenda for the SADD conference to be held in November. Students were asked to attend because input was needed on what kinds of workshops students would like to see at the conference. Also in attendance was Angela Segatti, the Pennsylvania SADD Coordinator, Stephan Ernie, Executive Director of the DUI Association as well as other advisors from around the state. Other topics of discussion included a national fundraiser for SADD organizations. SADD had also started a web site, and Segatti wanted to know what kind of information would benefit SADD members and others in the community. The feeling was that hotlines which cover concerns about drug abuse, suicide, teen pregnancy, along with other topics that assist teens in making other life decisions would be beneficial. The Middletown SADD representatives discussed having access to other chapters via e-mail addresses so that they could exchange ideas and information with each other in the future.



Yes.....we know that school is out for the summer. But, if your school did something unique during the past school year for highway safety...we'd love to know.

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Aggressive driving is defined as an incident in which an angry or impatient motorist or passenger intentionally injures or kills another motorist, passenger, or pedestrian, in response to a traffic dispute, altercation, or grievance. It is also considered "aggressive driving" when an angry or vengeful motorist intentionally drives his or her vehicle into a building or other structure or property.

According to Mizell and Company, International Security, from January 1990 to September 1, 1996, a period of 6 years and 8 months, there were at least 10,037 incidents of aggressive driving in the United States that were reported.

At least 218 men, women and children are known to have been murdered and 12,610 people injured as a result of these 10,037 incidents. (Aggressive driving incidents often result in more than one person being injured or killed.) The 12,610 injuries include scores of cases in which people suffered paralysis, brain damage, amputation, and other seriously disabling injuries.

The number of aggressive driving cases reported has increased every year since 1990. While some of this apparent increase may be caused by the variation in sources and increased awareness and therefore increased reporting of such incidents, such variation is almost certainly not significant. Mizell and Company consulted 30 major newspapers, reports from 16 police departments, and insurance company claim reports to construct the database for this study.

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Common Sense Q&A to Avoid Drowsy Driving

What are the warning signs of fatigue?

Failure to remember the last few miles driven; wandering or disconnected thoughts; difficulty focusing, keeping eyes open, keeping head up; drifting from lane; yawning repeatedly; tailgating or missing signs; jerking car back into lane.

What can be done to help prevent drowsy driving?

Get a good night's sleep; drive with a passenger; schedule regular stops; avoid alcohol or medications that impair performance; seek medical help for a suspected sleep disorder.

What should a driver do if he/she becomes drowsy while driving?

Recognize the warning signs of fatigue; find a safe place to stop; take a brief nap (20 to 40 minutes); drink coffee to promote short-term alertness.

Information provided by WWW.nysgtsc.state.ny.us



aggressive driving continued

Weapons used by aggressive drivers

In approximately 4,400 of the 10,037 known aggressive driving incidents, the perpetrator used a firearm, knife, club, fist, feet or other standard weapon for the attack. In approximately 2,300 cases the aggressive driver used an even more powerful weapon, his or her own vehicle. In approximately 1,250 cases the aggressive driver used his or her own vehicle and a standard weapon like a gun, knife or club. No information was available for 1,087 of the cases reviewed. Without question the most popular weapons used by aggressive drivers are firearms and motor vehicles. In 37 percent of the cases a firearm was used; in 35 percent the weapon was the vehicle itself.

Information provided by AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

Editors note continued

I have worked in the Drug and Alcohol Treatment field for the past year, and have gained certification to instruct Alcohol Highway Safety Courses. Through that experience, I have found that I enjoy researching, and teaching about highway safety issues. I look fondly toward working in the highway safety field for a long time.

I look forward to meeting with and working with Pase members on the Pasetter. Please remember, my door is always open and I'm always open to new ideas for the Pasetter.



State Driving Competition Results

By: Edward T. Doyle

The State Safe Driving Competition for Youth was held Saturday, June 17, 2000. Jonas Nelson of Spring Grove High School took first place overall. Dustin Mallett of Mifflinberg High School finished second overall. Third place went to Sarah Crider of Ephrata High School.

Listed below are the names of the other participants and schools represented:

Colin Brandt – Cedar Cliff High School
Abby Burkholder – Mount Union High School
Jonathan Clause – Marian High School
Tim Dillen – Warwick High School
Kevin Driscoll – Hamburg High School
Andrew Dumm – Penns Manor High School
John Eisensmith – North Eastern High School
Greg Glover – Mount Union High School
Adam Kaufman – Manheim Twp High School
Joe Lodanosky – Lewistown High School
Michael Markivich - Fort Cherry High School
Jordan Rees – Central York High School
Joie Rehkamp – Greenwood High School
Jeff Rowe – Mechanicsburg High School
Robert Smith – Dayton High School
Matthew Tarquino – Chambersburg High School
Adam Troutman – Greenwood High School
Jacob Troutman – Line Mountain High School
Timothy Wagman – York Catholic High School

WORTH NOTING...

Commonwealth v. Wituszynski, 2000 PA Super. 107m 2190 PGH 1998 (Apr.4, 2000).

An officer had stopped traffic so that a flock of geese could cross the road. Defendant impatiently swung his vehicle out of the line of traffic, into a parking lot, and passed the stopped traffic on the right. He nearly struck the geese. The officer discovered that the defendant was DUI.

The issue presented was whether there were reasonable and articulable grounds to suspect that defendant had violated 75 Pa.C.S. §3304 (relating to overtaking a vehicle on the right). Judge Stevens, joined by Judge Motemurro, found significant grounds. Even though Defendant drove on a separate traffic way – the parking lot – he was effectively overtaking vehicles on the right.

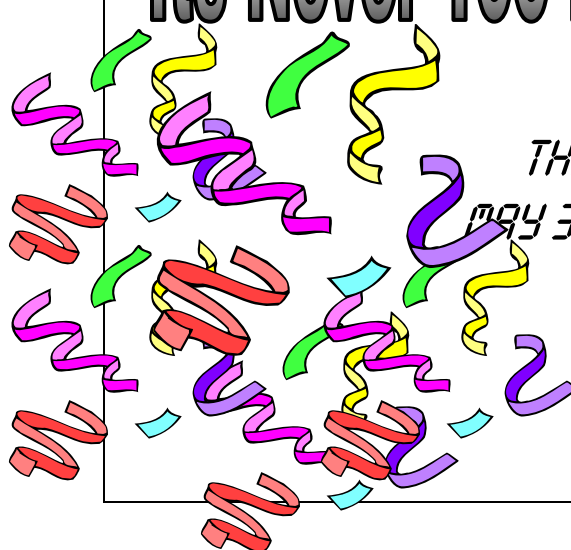
Moreover, the facts support Sergeant Traeger's belief that Appellant failed to execute his pass in safety, as Appellant's detour was clearly done in disregard of a potential traffic hazard that had prompted the other drivers to stop. Indeed, Appellant nearly struck the geese...Sergeant Traeger's observations, therefore, reasonably led to his belief that Appellant had executed an unsafe and unlawful pass on the right of traffic and warranted his ultimate stop of Appellant.

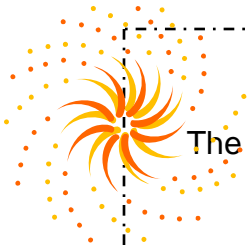
Taken from *The Influence*, Government Update, June 2000



Its Never Too Early to Mark Your Calendar!!

*THE NEXT PASE CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR
MAY 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH, 2001 AT THE RADISSON
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THE PASETTER WILL KEEP YOU POSTED
OF ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS THEY UNFOLD.*





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