

# EXCEPTIONAL NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"This little light of mine" is a familiar song. Hopefully you can take it to heart for C.E.C.

Unless we can singularly and jointly get the word out about C.E.C. and advocate for the rights and needs of the students we serve and the students we should be serving, we will watch what has taken 20 years to build up dismantled before our eyes.

This may sound like the rantings of Henny Penny but look at teacher certification, the increase number of students in self-contained units, the lack of units to serve students and the funding levels for units and then say everything is ducky.

We have a great deal of power if we choose to use it.

Recruit new members - the more informed active members we have the louder of voice in Frankfort and Washington.

Become Active - attend Chapter meetings, sub-division meetings, Board meetings and the convention. If you are well informed you operate from a position of strength. You can also help inform other members.

Find a soap box - whether you are speaking in a faculty meeting or to a garden club - speak out. Remember most of our students can not articulate their needs or rights and it is our responsibility.

Call, write, or visit your elected officials. Full funding of their legislation, early childhood education, class size, teacher certification, vocational programs are all likely topics. Or just tell them what is going on in your class, your school, or your district and what could and should be done with their support.

We will need representatives at hearings and please visit any sessions in your area.

Make C.E.C. a strong viable and visible organizations - for all of our sake.

## UPCOMING EVENT/SPRING CONFERENCE

KENTUCKY FEDERATION  
ANNUAL CONVENTION

KENTUCKY  
THE EXCEPTIONAL

MARCH 10 - 11, 1989  
RADDISON PLAZA HOTEL, LEXINGTON,  
KY.

### FEATURING:

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

SUPERINTENDENT'S BREAKFAST  
CASE/Preconvention Activities  
DCD Preconvention Activities

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 10

OPENING SESSION & SPEAKER  
Commercial Exhibits  
88 Timely & Worthwhile Sessions  
Old Kentucky Night at the Kentucky Horse Park

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Commercial Exhibits  
Timely & Worthwhile Sessions  
Champagne Brunch & Speaker  
Annual Awards Presentations  
Door Prizes

### Session Topics include:

Behavior Management  
Curriculum  
Preschool Programming  
Social Skills Development  
Teacher Assistance Teams  
Transition Programming  
Problem Solving  
Parent Relationships.

## CHAPTER/DIVISION NEWS

### EARN \$ AT STATE CEC MEETING

Help is needed to assist with exhibits, registration, brunch, crowd control and with the introduction of speakers. If your chapter wants to earn money by doing one of these activities, contact Kathy Reutman, CEC President Elect, Boone Co. Schools, P. O. Box 37, Florence, KY 41042 or call her at (606) 283-1003. If you think you already have made arrangements, please confirm this by contacting Kathy.

### **KNOX COUNTY CHAPTER 643**

The Knox County Chapter provided an in-service program on the Supreme Court ruling pertaining to the Expulsion and Suspension of Exceptional Students on October 12. Preston Lewis of OEEC was the speaker and provided opportunity for comments and questions from the audience.

The chapter invited special education teachers and administrators from neighboring districts to attend. The invitation was well taken as the attendance was above 70 and packed the meeting room at the D & W Cafeteria in Corbin.

Other sessions regarding pressing issues in special education are being planned for future meetings. Peggy Golyer, and EMH teacher at Gray Elementary, is the chapter president.

Laura Thomson will attend The Council for Exceptional Children's Governors' Seminar in Reston, Virginia, January 13-15, 1989. Laura is KYCEC's governor representing the Federation on the International Board.

The CEC Governors' Seminar will offer a variety of sessions on various topics such as leadership training, improving effectiveness, increasing political action, establishing sound budget practices, and securing new members.

The seminar is being held at CEC's headquarters which is located outside Washington D.C. in Reston, Virginia. Approximately 70 officers from throughout the United States and Canada will gather for this specialized training and exchange of ideas.

### **GREATER LEXINGTON CHAPTER #180**

Chapter 180 presented the annual Al Levy award to Paula Ott, a Bourbon County teacher who was recognized for her active participation in KEA and on the State Teacher Certification Committee. The Al Levy award is granted each year to a person who has

performed outstanding service to handicapped children and adults. Recipients need not be as member of CEC. Nominations for this award should be forwarded to Alan Kite, 613 Orchard Avenue, Lexington, KY 40503. Congratulations Paula!

### **NEWS FROM KYCEC-MR**

by Judy Ashmore, President

KyCEC-MR, the Kentucky subdivision of CEC-MR, our international division for mental retardation, met during the recent OEEC meetings in Lexington to set goals for 1988-89.

A guest speaker will be invited to present during the annual KyCEC Convention in March. This session, as well as an entire strand being planned by KyCEC-MR, will be of particular interest to those professionals or parents working with mentally handicapped individuals.

Information memos will continue to be sent out to subdivision members alerting them to important issues and events in the field.

Consideration was given to making an audio tape of the guest speaker's presentation available for purchase, as well as to planning a one-day mini-conference for the extreme western portion of the state.

#### **For more information contact:**

President Judy Ashmore  
1300 Ambridge Drive  
Louisville, Ky. 40207  
502/895-8494

### **WHY NOT START A CHAPTER?**

Chapters in several areas of the Commonwealth are feeling lonely! They need neighboring chapters to assist in the efforts of providing services to exceptional children, to promote legislative action, and to share in many other activities of our organization.

Anyone who is interested in founding a chapter of CEC will find that federation officers are readily accessible to assist you. To obtain information on forming a chapter, you may contact the membership chairman, Deborah Reed, or the member-at-large in your area of the state. Information and materials are also easily obtained by contacting the membership division of CEC in Reston, VA.

A minimum of 15 members are required to form a chapter but the federation can usually help locate CEC members in your area that are not in a chapter.

## AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

The granting of awards to deserving colleagues, and the nomination of officers for future leadership of the organization, are two of the most important activities that are undertaken by the Kentucky Federation. Awards should be very special. They should symbolize a level of achievement that we all would set as a standard of excellence. Selecting leaders for the organization determines the quality of service that KYCEC will provide in the years to come. Both are vitally important functions that should be taken very seriously. Please take some time and consider individuals deserving of these honors. Consider the criteria and duties closely when making nominations. Use the forms you find in this article to make nominations. Feel free to make copies if you need to do so. The deadline for nominations will be February 14 (all nominations must be postmarked February 14, or earlier). Let's ensure that we have exceptional people to choose from for this year's awards and officer nomination

### KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN AWARDS GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

Award Categories include:

#### #1 OUTSTANDING KY CEC TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

This award is intended to honor an outstanding classroom teacher or other related specialist. The name of the person selected for this award will be forwarded to International CEC for consideration for the Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award.

Minimum Criteria: The nominee should be currently involved in direct teaching, provision of speech, language and hearing or other related services to handicapped and/or gifted and talented students. The nominee should have demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of time as a teacher (provider of direct service) involving such qualities as: innovativeness, imagination, creativity, ability to inspire, as indicated by clearly recognized achievements perceived by members of the profession and others knowledgeable of the candidate. The nominee must be a KY CEC member in good standing with a minimum tenure of five years of membership, and should be an appropriately certified teacher of related specialist as recognized by state and professional authorities. (Five years minimum means at least the previous five.)

#### #2 MARY MAY WYMAN OUTSTANDING KY CEC MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of this award is to allow the KY Federation to honor the member who has shown consistently unselfish service in promoting the education and welfare of exceptional children in Kentucky.

Minimum Criteria: The nominee must be a KY CEC member in good standing with a minimum tenure of three years. The nominee should have contributed to the education and welfare of exceptional children in a number of areas - legislation, recreation, curriculum, etc. The nominee should have devoted much time and effort to the local chapter and the KY Federation. The nominee should have provided leadership in the community, with local school and with parents.

#### #3 CARL PERKINS CONTRIBUTOR TO SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARD

This award is to be given to individuals for their distinguished leadership and service in the interest of exceptional children.

MINIMUM CRITERIA: The nominee need not be working in the field of special education nor be a member of KY CEC. The nominee should have significantly contributed to the education and welfare of exceptional children in Kentucky.

#### #4 OUTSTANDING SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD (CEC MEMBER)

This award is to be given to a school administrator whose primary responsibility is special education. The award is for distinguished leadership and support for special education and/or gifted and talented programs in Kentucky.

Minimum Criteria: The nominee must be a special education administrator in Kentucky and a CEC member. The nominee must have provided outstanding leadership and developed innovative programming for exceptional children.

#### #5 OUTSTANDING STUDENT CEC MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award will be given to a student CEC member. It is the highest tribute KY CEC pays a student member. The student may be a member of a Kentucky student chapter, regular chapter or of the Federation.

Minimum Criteria: The nominee must be a student member of CEC in Kentucky. The nominee should have demonstrated outstanding service and leadership to the federation, the chapter and exceptional children

in Kentucky. The nominee must be in special Education training.

#### #6 CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Each Kentucky CEC chapter or division may submit a name of one agency, organization, media network, etc. which has contributed to the advancement of education for exceptional children in the chapter or division. A certificate of appreciation will be signed by the Chapter President and the Federation President and sent to the nominated party.

### FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

This section of the newsletter is to be used to report items by teachers for teachers. If you are doing something unique and useful in teaching your children, let us know. Send a write up to the newsletter editor:

Don Cross  
3418 Greentree Road  
Lexington, KY. 40502

### THE TIME DELAY TECHNIQUE BY JUDY MATTINGLY

Time delay is a teaching technique traditionally used to teach skills to the more severely handicapped learner. It has recently become the focus of research as to its' effectiveness in enabling the more mildly handicapped LD, EMH, and BD student to memorize the sight words, math facts, spelling and vocabulary words necessary to academic success.

The technique begins with an initial session in which the teacher trains the student in the designated task by using a series of teacher-made flash cards, each containing a piece of information to be learned, such as a math fact or sight word, while simultaneously saying the fact with its' answer or stating the sight or vocabulary word or spelling the word to be spelled. In subsequent sessions, the auditory prompt is gradually removed, allowing the student to state the fact or word upon seeing the flash card only within a specified time period. The answers are recorded with the objective being for the student to have 100% anticipation of the teacher's verbal prompt.

The technique is errorless, in that the auditory prompt is always supplied to the student when needed, thus eliminating the frustration of student guessing and other hit and miss methods of learning.

Time delay is inexpensive. Typically, only flash cards and data sheets are used. Each student session lasts approximately 3 to 4 minutes. It has been most successful used in filling in the gaps in skill acquisition in the mildly handicapped students.

The following is an example of an adapted time delay technique for a child who has a spelling problem.

#### Time Delay and Computer Assisted Instruction

by

Kay Stevens

Several years ago I conducted a study using constant time delay to teach a learning disabled student to memorize the spelling of fifteen words. Words were tested and trained through dictation (by the examiner) and written responses (by the student). At the time, I questioned the possibility of programming a computer to deliver the time delay procedure. Last year a couple of colleagues (John Schuster and Patsy Kinney), and I conducted a second written spelling study which did implement the time delay procedure through computer assisted instruction (CAI). Again, we used a student with spelling deficits. The CAI time delay program was successful at teaching the student to spell the training words. The student was tested and trained on the computer.

Patsy Kinney modeled a computer program after the program I had designed and implemented in the first spelling study. She made an Apple IIe microcomputer, a Votrax voice synthesizer, and a software program written in Apple SuperPilot (1982) do the same thing I had done off-line. The computer not only presented the testing sessions and the training sessions, but it also gathered data with more ease than any human. Pretty slick!

The time delay procedure taught the student to spell 15 state names. The computer probed words by dictating the words one at a time through the voice synthesizer; the student entered his response through the keyboard.

The results of the study indicated that the 6 second constant time delay procedure was effective in teaching the 15 state names. In addition, the student generalized and maintained the spelling of the words to a written task. Maintenance tests occurred over four weeks after the termination of the program. Out of 477 training trials, the student made only 23 errors (for a 4% error rate). It took a total of 278 minutes of instructional computer time over 16 training sessions to reach the criterion of 100% accuracy on all words for two consecutive sessions.

While 278 minutes over 16 sessions seems lengthy to teach the spelling of 15 state names, it is important to note that the student had serious problems in the area of spelling and had not been successful at learning to memorize accurate spellings through traditional means. In addition, the maintenance of correctly spelled words over a four week period indicates the strength of the procedure.

The CAI time delay procedure took minimal teacher time once the words were entered into the program.



# GATEWAY TO THE FUTURE

Preregister by March 3!  
Contact The Council for  
Exceptional Children  
1920 Association Drive  
Reston, VA 22091-1589  
703/620-3660

67th Annual Convention  
**SAN FRANCISCO**

April 3-7, 1989



The computer program contained components of effective instruction including (a) clear task requests, (b) immediate feedback, (c) feedback that provided information to guide future correct responding, (d) pace that was partially controlled by the student, and (e) continuous involvement of the student. The student reported that he enjoyed the program and requested that all his spelling words be taught through the computer.

## NEWS

Have something for the NEWSLETTER? Send copy to:

Don Cross

3417 Greentree Road

Lexington, KY. 40502

DEADLINE FOR SPRING ISSUE: February 10.

### NOMINATION FORM FOR KENTUCKY FEDERATION CEC AWARDS

TO: Awards Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
(CEC member of chapter/division nominating individual)

Address (Street & #) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

RE: Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_

Award Category \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF THE COUNCIL  
FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN  
OFFICER NOMINATION BALLOT**

The nominations and Elections Committee of the Kentucky Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children extends an invitation to CEC members in good standing to submit a nomination ballot for persons interested in a state office. The following offices are open for next year:

- Vice President - The office carries a four year commitment. The Vice President succeeds to President Elect, President, and Past President. The Vice President conducts the duties of the President in the absence of the President and President Elect, and serves as Editor of the Newsletter. The President Elect chairs the state convention and the Past President is in charge of awards and nominations.
- Recording Secretary - (Term of office - two years) The Recording Secretary, a voting member of the KYCEC Executive Board, keeps an accurate roll of attendance at each meeting as well as prepares and presents the minutes of each meeting.
- Membership Chair - (Involves a three year commitment) The Membership Chair is responsible for federation membership campaigns and provides guidance or support to local units. This office is a voting member of the KYCEC Executive Board.

Persons interested in submitting a nomination should complete the nomination ballot and return it by February 3, 1989. Secret ballot elections will be held during the KYCEC Convention on March 10 and 11 at the Raddison Inn in Lexington. Results will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting on March 11. Elected officers will assume their duties on July 1, 1989.

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**Nomination Form**

Office Nominated For: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

TO BE VALID, - ALL INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED. PLEASE INCLUDE A RECENT COPY OF NOMINEE'S VITA. NOMINATOR AND NOMINEE MUST BE MEMBERS OF CEC AND THE BALLOT MUST BE SIGNED BY THE NOMINATOR. RETURN BY FEBRUARY 10, 1989 TO:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Nominator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address and Phone

Rick Deglow  
c/o: Grant Co. Board of Education  
P. O. Box 369  
Williamstown, KY 41097  
(606) 824-3323

**KENTUCKY FEDERATION OFFICERS**

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**COPY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 10.**

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