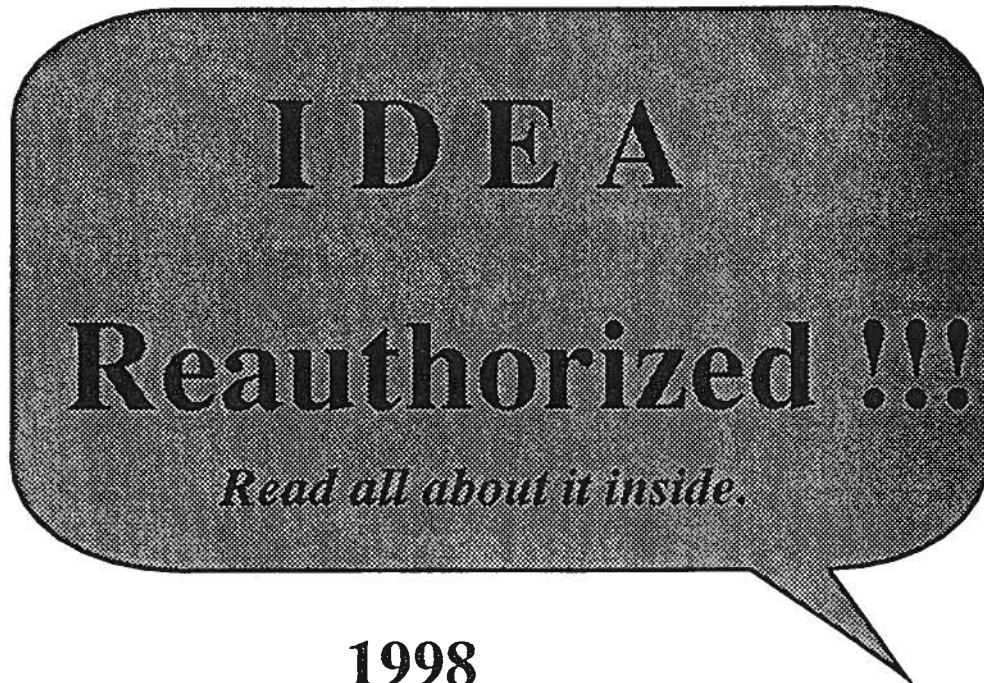




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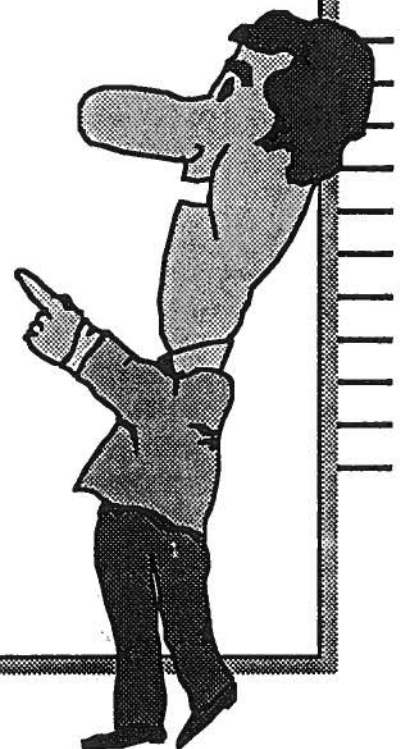
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The 1998 CEC Conference is shaping up to be one of the best conferences ever to be held in Kentucky. Over 1,000 participants are expected to attend including teachers, students, administrators, parents and interested citizens.

Over 100 sessions will be presented. They will cover all of the major issues of our time. Two major keynote sessions will be presented. All major exhibitors have been contacted. Strands for the conference will include: Behavior, Inclusion, Legal Issues, Classroom Strategies, Collaboration, Teacher Education, and Early Childhood.

This early announcement is being made so schools can include this important conference in their Professional Development Plans. An early registration form is also enclosed for your convenience.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

by Bill Porter

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Exceptional News Editor this year. This is my last issue. Everyone has been great to get their news to me in a timely manner. Our new editor will be Coleman House. Please work with him the way you have worked with me and our newsletter will continue to grow and provide you with important information to help you in your career.

Next year I will be the President Elect in charge of the CEC Conference. Enclosed you will find information concerning the conference. Please attend and consider completing a proposal to present at the conference. If you do not want to present there will be lots of other jobs for you to do. If I forget to ask just give me a call and I will put you on a committee.

Again thank you for allowing me to serve.

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IDEA IS REAUTHORIZED!

by Betty and Charlie Muntz

IDEA has been passed by the Congress with only one senator and three House members voting against the bill. CEC thanks all members who participated in the process, especially those who communicated with their members of Congress. While the reauthorization is viewed as a "remarkable achievement" by CEC, there are some concerns. Over the next few weeks and months more detailed information will become available regarding the impact of the bill. Several new requirements, including some listed below, have been in place in Kentucky

for some time. Provisions noted by CEC to be particularly beneficial are:

- *Students with disabilities who exhibit violent or dangerous behavior may be removed from the classroom but services cannot be terminated

- *Primary school students with special needs will be able to receive services without identifying their specific disability, which leads to labeling.

- *New mechanisms are in place to support professional development for special educators.

- *Students with disabilities will be included in state and district-wide performance assessments.

- *Restraints on attorney fees and new provisions for mediation will help contain costs.

- *Teachers who are involved with students with disabilities, including a general education teacher, will be involved in the IEP process.

- *Parents are provided greater access to student records.

Areas of concern include:

- *The bill will add a great deal of paper work, particularly to the IEPs. This will result in teachers spending far more time documenting and administering and less time teaching. (CEC worked hard to reduce this paperwork burden and will continue to do so.)

- * The bill does not authorize specific funding levels for the IDEA support programs.

- * The bill does not contain language that details public involvement and accountability measures for the comprehensive plan for the support programs.

It is hoped that some changes can be addressed in technical amendments or report language to further enhance the benefits of the bill. You will want to pay particular attention to articles in CEC publications in coming months for a detailed analysis of this bill.

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FEDERATION NEWS

by Don Cross

Information about Salt Lake City Convention:

The Federation Governor, Don Cross, participated in the flag carrying ceremony which opened the general session at the CEC National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. A new state flag was purchased and sent to the convention headquarters in Salt Lake City, where the flag was mounted on a standard. The flag has been sent to the national office in Reston, where it will be mounted on a standard and displayed in the general meeting room of the national headquarters. All CEC governors carried their respective flag in the ceremony.

Kentucky was represented on a quilt which was hung near the entrance to the convention center. The quilt was made up of individual squares submitted by each state. Mary White designed and made the 12 X 12 square. A picture of the quilt is to be published in *Teaching Exceptional Children*. The entire quilt measured approximately 7 X 7 feet. It will also be hung for display at the national headquarters office in Reston, VA. Our thanks to Mary for her excellent creativity and sewing efforts.

The Kentucky Federation for Exceptional Children sponsored a "Kentucky Derby Party" at the recent national convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mint Juleps were served. Members of the Board of Governors, division presidents, and members of the delegate assembly were invited. The Derby Party was well attended and many positive compliments were received. Thank you cards were received from numerous governors and national officers.

The elections for national office were held. Elected as Vice President was Bill Bogdan. He is from Cincinnati, Ohio and originally from Bowling Green. I know him and am sure he will do an excellent job.

Elected as Governor-at-Large were Janet Burdick from Idaho, and Jim McCormick from Indiana. Janet teaches school in Idaho. I'm sure she will do an excellent job. Jim was recently the program chairperson for the national convention held in Indianapolis. I know Jim. He is a hard worker and very active in CEC. A nice person, he will be excellent.

The national convention was well represented by Kentuckians. Students from Murray, Eastern, Western, and Bellarmine were in attendance. Two students from Western served as delegates to the delegate assembly. Hats off to all the students for their professional commitment as well as to all the other persons from Kentucky who attended.

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PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Mary White

At the annual KYCEC Convention which was held in Owensboro this year, the following awards were presented:

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - Xi Alpha Mu

The Green River Chapter Council for Exceptional Children, Chapter 278 recognized the Xi Alpha Mu sorority with a Certificate of Appreciation. They are a chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. The sisters of the sorority have helped in the Area 2 games for the past two years. They have been in charge of the awards station. "They fill out the ribbons, pin them on the athletes, have a smile and hug for them." The chapter has also donated money to the area Special Olympics. Many of the sisters of the chapter help in Special Olympics all through the year.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT MEMBER OF THE YEAR - Vivian Lasley

The highest tribute Kentucky CEC pays a student member was presented to Vivian Lasley. This year's recipient of the Outstanding Student Member of the Year commutes a considerable distance to pursue a college degree. She has served

as an officer at the chapter level as well as the state level CEC. She serves on a national SCEC program committee. She has written an article for the November 1996 issue of CEC TODAY. In the words of the person who nominated her, "she spoke eloquently on behalf of the needs of special education teacher preparation in the 1996 Fall State Advisory Panel open meeting at Pine Mountain State Park." She is the student representative on the Statewide Advisory Committee on Minority Educator Recruitment and Retention. Congratulations Vivian, good luck as you begin your teaching career!

OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR - J. R. Mullins

The Outstanding Special Education Administrator of the Year award was given to a school administrator whose primary responsibility is special education. Mr. J. R. Mullins currently serves as principal of an alternative school for severely emotionally disturbed and behaviorally disordered children. He has had 20 years experience in education and has received awards from other organizations as well. He has demonstrated leadership by initiating a Family Resource Center for disadvantaged youth and their families. He has designed an after school tutoring program for special education students and has created a school-to-work program for special needs students. Congratulations to the Principal of Fayette County Alternative School in Lexington!

CARL PERKINS CONTRIBUTOR TO SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARD - Dr. Al Levy

The recipient of this award is a retired special education professor who was involved with the drive for special education in the late 1960's and early 1970's. He was a professor at the University of Kentucky and one of the forerunners in developing programs for teacher training in special education. In the words of the person who nominated him "he always made his expertise available to those who were under his guidance. He listened carefully to the problems and helped determine solutions. As public demand for improved services began to

mandate laws and regulations, students of Dr. Al Levy had the foresight, the knowledge and the sympathetic understanding of the exceptional to assure that the rights of the special students were protected." The Greater Lexington CEC Chapter has established an award in Dr. Levy's honor. For a number of years special educators have been receiving the Al Levy Award. Now Kentucky Federation CEC honors Dr. Levy with the Carl Perkins Contributor to Special Education Award.

MARY MAY WYMAN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR - Dr. Sister Sharon Sullivan

The purpose of the Mary May Wyman Outstanding KYCEC Member of the Year Award is to allow the Kentucky Federation to honor the member who has shown consistently unselfish service in promoting the education and welfare of exceptional children in Kentucky. Dr. Sister Sharon Sullivan has been teaching since 1975. She is presently employed at Brescia College in Owensboro. She has developed programs, obtained assessment materials and helped in preparation of Brescia graduates in special education. She has served on many panels for exceptional children, conducted workshops, written journal articles; she has assumed a leadership role at Camp KYSOC and is involved in Special Olympics. She is a very caring person. She is always there for her students. She is not only their teacher but their friend.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR - Claire Greer

Our next award recipient is a teacher in the Daviess County Schools. She has been teaching since 1987. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Kentucky in Trainable Mentally Handicapped and Elementary Education and Master of Arts Degree from Western Kentucky University. Not only does she try to keep up to date on new ideas and issues in the special education field, she has also been involved with training other teachers. She has lead inservices for Daviess County Schools and the Western Kentucky Speech and Language Association.

Her areas of expertise include: Life Centered Career Education, Touch Money, Alternate Portfolios, Functional Communication and Specific Learning Strategies. In receiving this award, Claire Greer's name will be forwarded to International CEC for consideration for the Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award.

Congratulations to all the award recipients! KYCEC is proud to honor such outstanding professionals whose accomplishments are certainly to be admired.

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KYCCBD UPDATE

by Laura Straugh

KYCCBD is "hard at it" preparing for the Behavior Institute '97, July 9-11 at the Radisson Hotel in Lexington, KY. The focus of the institute is effective school intervention and program development both for students with a wide range of common behavior needs and for children and youth who currently exhibit or are at risk of developing emotional-behavioral problems or disabilities.

There will be new, exciting sessions and presenters, as well as some old favorites revisited. Content areas include early intervention, classroom management, school wide discipline, violence prevention and response, social competence instruction and curricula, interagency collaboration, medication, service delivery and legal issues. etc.

Barb Ungvary, our President-Elect (soon to be the new president in July, 1997) just returned from Utah after attending the National CEC Conference. She will be updating us on this conference at our next general meeting which will be Thursday evening, July 10 at the Behavior Institute in Lexington. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Any teachers or administrator can have behavior concerns. KYCCBD is not just an organization which can

provide support to all educators who work with our children and youth who may have a range of behavior difficulties. KYCCBD can provide a network, information, support, training options, and camaraderie to all educators. We have 141 members in which to network. If you ever feel like you just can't deal with "those kids" one more day, you are not alone. KYCCBD can provide you the resources needed to rejuvenate your spirit as you return to continue your work with "those kids". Please call me at 502-222-4180 if you would like to join our network.

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CASE REPORT

Your CASE Executive Board has been very busy. Some results of their work was seen at the CASE sponsored pre-conference day at the CEC Conference in Owensboro in February. Topics included: Current Court Cases; Confidentiality; Assistive Technology; and National CASE Issues. Directors were also updated by staff from the KDE Division of Exceptional Children Services. Mr. Mike Armstrong delivered the keynote address at lunch, which was provided this year as part of the meeting. New officers were elected during the CASE general meeting. The new officers for your Kentucky CASE are: Jane Bowman, CASE Division Liaison; Dale Weatherly, Vice-President; Judy Muehleman, Treasurer. It was a very successful day of learning and networking.

Another aspect of the Executive Board's ongoing efforts to meet local directors' needs is strategic planning. The Board recently surveyed Directors of Special Education by way of their Special Education Cooperatives. The Board will use the information at a strategic planning meeting soon.

The next CASE Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 1997 at the Double Tree Guest Suites in Lexington. You should receive a conference brochure and be able to register by mid-May.

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KENTUCKY PIONEERS

A new subdivision is being established within the Kentucky Federation of The Council for Exceptional Children. The Pioneer Division for retired and long-term members is also open for membership to the past presidents of CEC units.

During the KYCEC Convention in Owensboro on February 28, the Kentucky Pioneers held an organizational meeting to approve the constitution and by-laws and to make plans for an active Pioneer Subdivision in Kentucky. The following officers were elected: Laura Thomson, President; Esther Bailey, Vice President; Don Cross, Secretary-Treasurer; Coleman House, Membership.

CEC members who may qualify for membership in the Pioneer Division by having 20 or more years of continuous membership in CEC should contact the membership division for verification of their membership status. Retired CEC members and the past presidents of CEC units should check the Pioneer Division on the membership form. Retired members should give the date of their retirement and the position retired from. Past presidents should state the chapter or subdivision and the date of their term as president.

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CEC NEWS REQUEST

On July 1, Bill Porter, who has been Vice President and the Editor of KYCEC Exceptional News, will assume the position as KYCEC President Elect. The new editor will be Coleman House, who was elected as Vice President of KYCEC during the KYCEC Convention in Owensboro.

All members are encouraged to submit articles for publication. All chapters and subdivisions are asked to report unit activities in each issue. Four issues of the newsletter are published each year. Circulation includes all the members with one or more issues being sent to all special education professionals across the Commonwealth.

Articles for the fall issue should be mailed no later than September 15 to the address listed below.

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**HAVE
A
GREAT
SUMMER!**

KYSCEC by Easter K. Leung

The KYSCEC enjoyed one of its most well attended annual meetings in the 1997 KYCEC Conference in Owensboro. Students had fun meeting their counterparts from various Kentucky universities. Officers for the 1997-98 KYSCEC were elected, and we are proud to say that they represent four universities. We hope this is a sign of more participation and interaction among our students in the coming months and years.

KYSCEC is proud that our current president Vivian Lasley is the 1997 KYCEC Student of the Year Award recipient. Vivian exemplifies the best of Kentucky students, who, in spite of adverse circumstances, demonstrates courage, determination and extraordinary achievement. For four years Vivian travels more than two hours one way to attend college. She often gets up before five and sometimes gets home after midnight. She does this because she wants to make a difference for people with disabilities. She knows their needs intimately because some of them are her family. Vivian wrote a scholarly article as an undergraduate student. Her article appeared in the 1996 CEC Today, making a statement for Kentucky students. We share Vivian's glory and extend our warmest congratulations to her and her supportive family in Pineville, Southeastern Kentucky.

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**CALL FOR PAPERS
KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF
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1998 ANNUAL CONVENTION
February 26-28, 1998 - Louisville, Kentucky**

All interested persons are invited to submit proposals for presentation at the 1998 KYCEC Convention. Potential participants and presenters include: teachers, administrators, parents, teacher educators, college and university students, researchers and related service personnel, educational diagnosticians, social workers, and psychologists.

Selection Process: The Program Chairperson, with the Program Advisory Committee, is responsible for the selection of conference presentations. Selections are made on the basis of relevancy, audience appeal, soundness, innovation to the field, organization, and clarity. Possible strands include: special education trends nationally and in Kentucky, KERA issues related to special education, technology in the field, post secondary transition, community-based services, early childhood special education, family issues involving the education and care of children with disabilities, consultation and collaboration, curriculum and program delivery (instructional methods), low incidence disabilities, and certification issues. A special emphasis is being placed on teaching techniques and practices to be used with special education students.

Proposal Format: Submit a presentation summary of approximately 200-250 words and a brief presentation abstract of approximately 50 words. The abstract must be included for your proposal to be considered. Also submit the following information: your name, position, address, and telephone number for yourself and all presenters.

Selection Time Frame: Proposals must be submitted no later than November 15, 1997. Authors will be notified by December 15, 1997 regarding the status of their proposal.

Title of Presentation : _____

Presenter(s) : _____

Position : _____

Business Address : _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone : _____ (work) _____ (home)

If more than one presenter, please submit additional names and information attached to this form.

Length of Presentation : _____ 60 minutes _____ 90 minutes _____ 3 hour workshop

Audio-Visuals Needed (Circle) Overhead Cassette Recorder TV VCR Screen

Other Audio-Visuals are the responsibility of the presenter

Send proposals by November 15, 1997 to:

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Convention Registration KYCEC 43rd Annual Convention February 26,27, 28, 1998 "Seize the Opportunity"

One registration per form. Duplicate copies accepted. Registration deadline is February 2, 1998. Make checks payable to Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children.

Full Name _____ School/Agency _____
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Pre-register and save! On-site registration fees will increase by \$10.00 after February 2, 1998

CEC Member	\$45.00	_____	Saturday Brunch/Keynote/Awards	\$13.00	_____
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Presenters	\$25.00	_____	CCBD Pre-Conference	\$10.00	_____
CEC Student Member*	\$25.00	_____			
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Saturday Only	\$25.00	_____			

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*To be eligible for student registration, the advisor must verify full-time status with signature.

Advisors signature _____ School _____

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ALL PRE-REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION BY MAIL.

The KYCEC *EXCEPTIONAL NEWS* is full of information you need to have to be an effective teacher. I hope you enjoyed reading it; please share the information.

Please send any comments concerning this edition to Bill Porter or if you have a news item or article for a future edition, please forward it to Coleman House. The newsletter is published in early fall, late fall (before Christmas) winter (around conference time) and summer.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

June 18 - 20	State Advisory Panel	J.R.'s Executive Inn, Paducah
June 23 - 25	Early Childhood Conference	Louisville, Kentucky
July 9 - 11	CCBD Summer Training Inst.	Louisville, Kentucky
July 18 - 19	CCBD Summer Training Inst.	Portland, Oregon
July 18 - 19	CEC Leadership Institute	Washington, DC
July 21 - 23	CASE Summer Conference	Double Tree Guest Suites, Lexington
October 2 - 4	CCBD International Conf.	Dallas, Texas
October 15 - 17	State Advisory Panel	Rough River State Pk, Falls of Rough
November 20 - 23	National DEC	New Orleans, LA
November 24 - 26	KDE Conference	Louisville, Kentucky

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