Instructor Judy Heideman, Kneeling In Front, Works With Literacy Program Students

# 'We Teach Survival Skills'

## *Literacy Program Helps Students Deal With The Real World*

By Andrea Shaw
Staff Writer

John Anderson, 26, a native of Ethiopia, used to live on the streets of Fayetteville.

Now he stays at the Salvation Army Shelter on Hawley Lane. He is studying basic courses in daily classes at the Salvation Army on Russell Street and a similar program at the shelter.

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"I wanted and needed to learn something," Mr. Anderson says in broken English. "I want to get job to get me an apartment. I want to be on my own. They going to help me find a job, get an ID card and Social Security number."

Next door at the Cumberland County jail, inmate David Foster has just passed the high school equivalency test. He plans to get his college degree while completing an 18-year sentence for drug offenses.

"I've been in and out of trouble with drugs," Mr. Foster, 44, said. "Now I see this as an outlet to turn my life around. My ultimate goal is to own my own business and do home repairs. They tell me, and I know, I can be somebody."

Mr. Foster and Mr. Anderson are among hundreds who have been helped by Fayetteville Technical Community College's literacy program.

Those non-traditional students — the homeless and prison inmates — are only part of the reason that FTCC's literacy program was chosen last month as the best in the southeastern United States.

Lauro Cavazos, secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, singled out FTCC's program from 12 in the Southeast, including those in Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina and Tennessee.

"They offer adults the literacy and basic skills they need to fully participate as citizens and to compete as effective workers in our global economy," Mr. Cavazos said. "They serve the disadvantaged and homeless who seek avenues for self-sufficiency, and immigrants requiring improved English language skills."

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Nearly 3.2 million people participated in adult education programs nationwide in 1989, according to federal officials. That group represents 7.8 percent of the nearly 39.4 million adults age 16 and over who lack high school diplomas.

Based on the 1980 census, more than 46,000 Cumberland County adults are believed to be undereducated — functioning at or below high school level. Last year, FTCC served more than 3,500 people in 200 classes throughout the county, officials said.

Of those, 932 adults received high school diplomas and 570 found jobs, officials said.

"We tailor our curriculum to meet a student's individual needs," said Sue Thorne-Crytzer, director of the literacy education program. "Our non-traditional programs are something not found anywhere else. We will go anywhere there's interest."

She attributes the program's success to a dedicated staff and 35 partnerships with businesses and community agencies. The two-year-old program has grown 56 percent over the last 18 months, Mrs. Thorne-Crytzer said.

The 130 literacy instructors attend workshops four times a year in addition to receiving kits that supplement textbooks and materials used in class, Mrs. Thorne-Crytzer said.

"We do deliver what we promise," she said. "Our instructors provide quality instruction and are dedicated."

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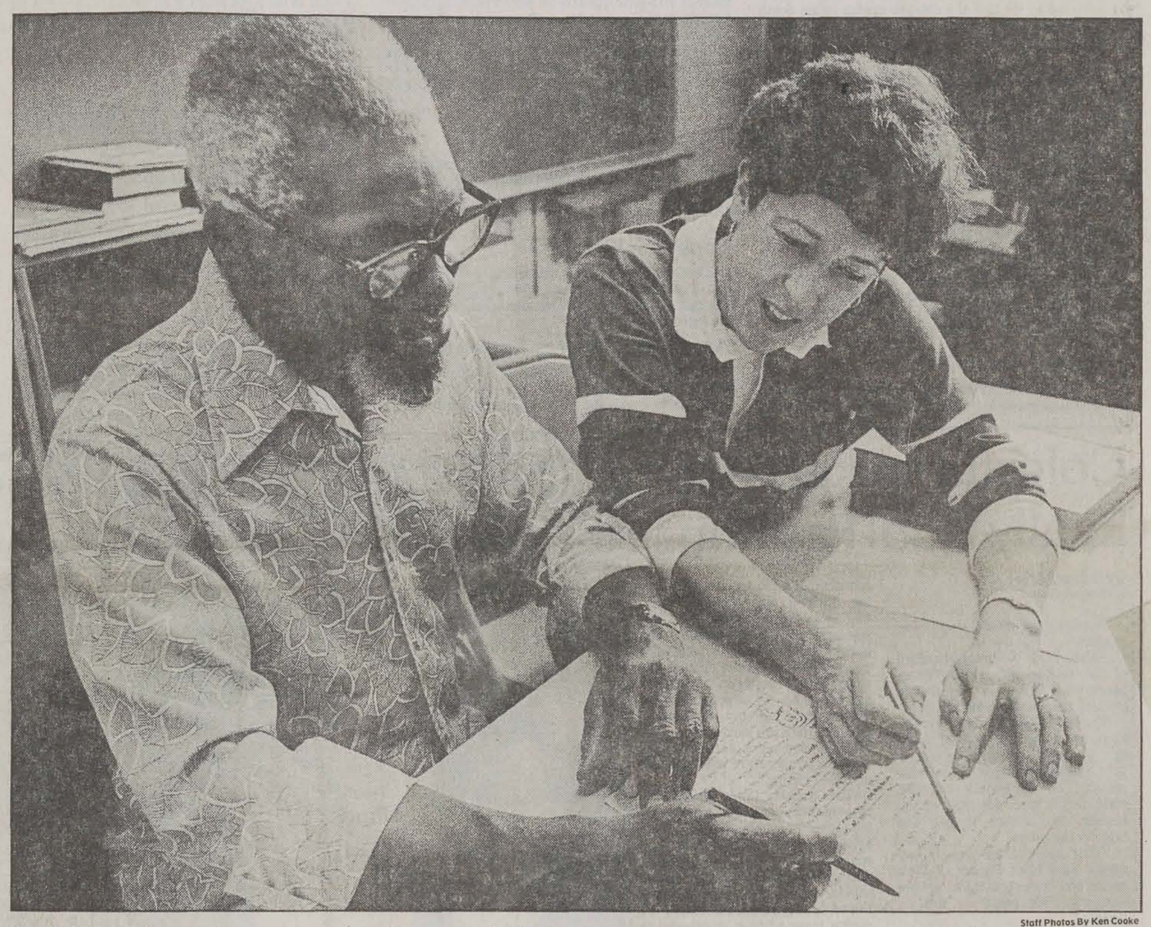

Jean McGuire, Right, Instructs A Student At The Salvation Army Shelter On Hawley Lane

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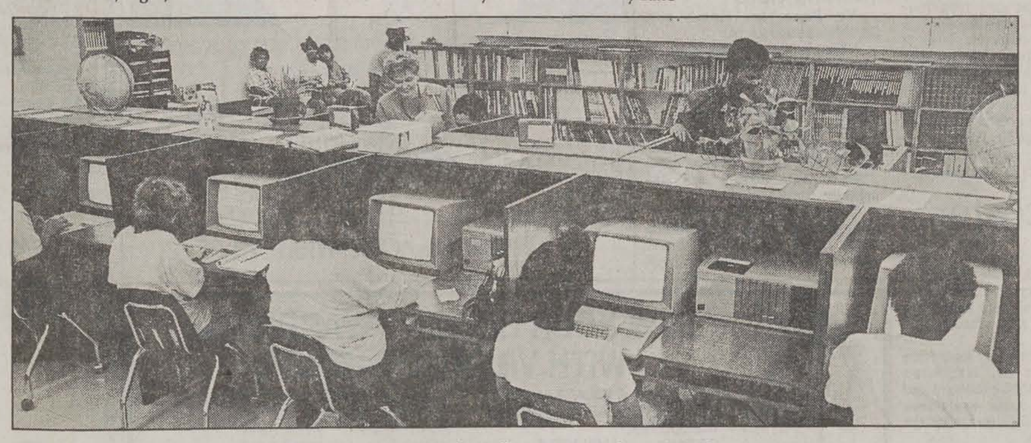

FTCC Literacy Program Students Work On Computers At The College's Ramsey Street Location



## Literacy

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Two instructors, Bobby Thomas and Hector Ray Jr., were recently named FTCC Outstanding Literacy Instructors of the Year. They teach at the Cumberland County jail, and they say they are more than teachers to the inmates.

"They come in here for different reasons," Mr. Thomas said. "You can usually tell who's in here to truly learn. They benefit from this program. Their self-esteem increases and generally their outlook on life improves."

"The inmates are people just like you and me, but they've run into some problems along the way," says Keith Clayton, coordinator for literacy education.

The inmate program began in 1989. Since then, 30 inmates have received their general education diplomas and 10 others recently completed the test, Mr. Clayton says.

Inmate Michael Lesane, 22, of Lumberton, says he looks to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Ray for support when times get tough in the jail. Mr. Lesane, who dropped out of school in the 11th grade, is serving time for drug charges.

"I was addicted to drugs," he said. "I thank God for catching me and putting me in here. I'm ready now to improve my life. I have some kids, and I don't want them to be like this."

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They go to class every day, and they are always on time.

Six students — sometimes more — go to the Salvation Army not only for coffee and fellowship but also to better educate themselves. Some are homeless. Others are at risk of becoming homeless.

"I love it," says Cindy. "I learn a lot here. I ain't gonna lie. I'd probably be in jail or something if I wasn't here."

Anita says she is glad to be in the classroom studying for her high school diploma.

Arnitha's goal is to get her first job.

"I'd be somewhere feeling sorry for myself because I can't fill out an application," she said. "They help you to feel good about yourself."

There are incentives to attract and keep the students in class, from free bus passes and refreshments to identification cards and free dental cleanings, Mr. Clayton said.

"I believe they are at the Salvation Army because they really want to be there," Mr. Clayton says. "They work hard."

Students also are assisted in finding jobs and getting financial and medical help.

"If you've got a student who is worried about finding a job, it's hard to concentrate on learning," Mr. Clayton said. "Many don't know that help is available. We're teaching survival skills."

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Breaking the cycles of illiteracy and poverty is the main goal of the Kenan Family Literacy Project housed at Teresa C. Berrien Elementary School. The program, funded through a $92,000 grant from the Kenan Foundation, is a joint effort of FTCC and the Cumberland County school system. It has been endorsed by First Lady Barbara Bush.

Sally Widener, 28, a graduate of the program, has received her high school equivalency diploma and is working at Berrien School as a teacher assistant.

"I want to become a preschool teacher," she says. "My heart is like that of a child. I understand them. I like working with them and giving them encouragement."

Parents and children begin their day at school with breakfast. They split up with children going off to preschool and parents taking courses to prepare for the test for high school equivalency diplomas. They also brush up on vocational skills like typing and preparing for job interviews.

In the afternoons, parents and children share activities like reading stories to each other and educational games. There also are discussions on skills for parents.

"We measure success by the changing of lives if a family becomes more secure and self-esteem improves," says Judy Heideman, family literacy instructor. "The students in the class show respect, love and concern for each other. They want to do well."

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Other components of the literacy education program include courses for illegal aliens who want to gain legal residence or citizenship, adult basic education courses for the hearing-impaired, courses for upgrading skills of employees at businesses and the General Education Development program carried weekly in The Fayetteville Observer-Times.

About 105 Mexican and Indian migrant workers are preparing to become U.S. citizens through the program, says coordinator Maggie Johnson. Twelve have already established permanent residency in North Carolina, she said.

The program helps with immigration procedures and social knowledge and provides English classes.

"We're trying to break the barriers to make this one community without having them lose their own culture," Mrs. Johnson says. "If they want to survive on their own, they've got to be good citizens of the state."

FTCC also provides education at Douglas Byrd High School for the hearing-impaired. There are 17,286 hearing-impaired and 2,279 deaf residents in Cumberland County, said Jessie Tolar, supervisor of hearing-impaired and compensatory education programs.

"We offer consumer-usable learning that they can translate into everyday living," she said.

Officials estimate that nearly 74,000 households are reached weekly through The Fayetteville Observer-Times newspaper program for the high school equivalency test, Mrs. Thorne-Crytzer said. Full-page lessons are run on Mondays for 12 weeks in the newspaper. The program is believed to be the only one of its kind in the country, she said.

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At the hub of FTCC's literacy education program is the Literacy Assessment and Retention Center at the college's annex on Ramsey Street. The only one of its kind in the state and the Southeast, the center was designed to test students, determine their needs and keep track of their progress.

The center also provides tutoring and a computer learning lab that enables students to brush up on reading and math with specially designed lessons, says Roger Dostall, center coordinator. The lab is open 60 hours a week, he said.

For more information on any of the adult education and literacy programs, call 678-8400.

Saturday EXTRA

# A story

readers write for readers

# The roach that drove me to insanity

By Stephen Ward

Joey was sitting on the floor of the laundry room, immersed in the stubborn calculus problem, when the movement caught his attention. IT was small and black. And IT was crawling from underneath the washer.

"Agghh," Joey grunted in disgust. "Stop right there."

The roach stopped in its tracks.

Joey giggled. "Go on ... get out of here."

The repulsive insect wiggled its antennae, then backtracked beneath the washer, stopping just on the fringe of darkness.

"What a creepy dorm," Joey muttered. "Roaches everywhere." He lost interest in the roach and returned to studying the confusing numbers in the calculus book. Causticly, he checked the cover just to see if he had mistakenly picked up a textbook in Russian.

He visualized the widening of the eyes of his calculus teacher, Miss Bluefield, as she asked "Didn't do your homework again, Joey?"

The movement drew his eyes back to the washer. The roach eased its head out of the shadow, its whip-like antennae laid back like the ears of a frightened dog. It crept out into the light. Moved a little closer.

"Stop!"

Joey stared at the intruder in amusement as it came to an abrupt halt. Son of a gun must be at least two inches long. Biggest roach he had ever seen. "Roll over," he commanded, wondering how long this little game would go on.

Without hesitation, the roach flipped over onto its back, its legs waving in the air. Joey issued a nervous laugh.

"Get back under the washer!"

The roach rolled onto its feet and darted across the floor, disappearing under the washer. "OK!" Joey said, laughing again, and rose to gather his laundry.

Back in his room, Joey felt the beginning of a calculus headache. He swallowed four aspirin and went to bed. A few minutes later he was sound asleep. Immediately, he was dreaming.

In the dream he was crawling up the stairs of the dorm. He could see long antennae wiggling before his eyes. The ceiling appeared to be a mile high. He reached the top of the stairs and moved along the hallway toward his room. Reaching it, he crawled through the space beneath the door and saw HIMSELF ASLEEP IN THE BED!

Joey bolted upright, fully awake. He snapped on the bedside light and saw the roach on the floor, its antennae signaling like crazy.

"What is this?" he thought. "If you're going to sneak into my room, why couldn't you be Becky. (Becky Reynolds was the beautiful blonde in math class.) Oh well, guess you'll just have to be my girl tonight."

Joey found a crumpled chip pack on the table by the bed and shook out some crumbs on the floor. "There you go, darling," he said, and turned the light out.

The next morning in calculus class, Joey tried to avoid Miss Bluefield's piercing frog eyes. He shuddered, recalling nightmares of her tongue leaping out and zapping a piece of chalk like a fly before writing on the blackboard.

Miss Bluefield was wearing a short dress that showed off her knobby knees as she sat on a corner of her desk. She was staring straight at Joey.

"Joey, (his heart skipped a beat) would you like to come to the board and solve problem No. 1?"

Subdued snickers floated across the room. Joey's difficulites with calculus and his on-going battle with Miss Bluefield were a class item. The teacher seemed to delight in his confusion and her tongue snaked across her lips in obvious pleasure as she watched him struggle. And, when he had inevitably failed, she would add to his embarrassment by calling the class genius up to correctly solve the problem.

Joey grudgingly moved to the blackboard. Miss Bluefield's perfume reminded him of Bloodworm Chanel No. 5. Smiling sarcastically, Miss Bluefield asked, as she poured the last of the coffee from her thermos into the cup, "Anyone want to bet a cup of coffee on Joey getting this right?"

No takers.

The chalk made a loud pop as it snapped in Joey's hand. More snickers, not so subdued this time. The familiar feeling of panic crept over Joey. Any sense he might have made of the problem melted away. He had memorized the solution to the example on the assignment page and began helplessly writing those numbers in.

Miss Bluefield snorted a laugh. "Sit down, Joey. Becky, please."

Joey felt his soul wither. Not Becky Reynolds. Not his secret love. Any hope of a relationship with her would be totally destroyed now. Miss Bluefield had won. Somehow, she had sensed his attraction to Becky. Like the song said, "It's all over now."

Becky easily solved the problem and returned to her seat. Miss Frog Eyes wore a smug grin. Joey sat at his desk, head down, staring at his shoes, about where he figured his ego was at the moment.

That's when he saw the roach again. Perched on the toe of his Reebok. He stared at the insect for a moment, feeling a stange attachment to the ugly creature. Then he raised his eyes and saw the gloating grin on the teacher's face. "God, I'd like to strangle you till those frog eyes pop out," he thought.

Joey watched in disbelief as the roach suddenly left his sneaker and crawled in the direction of Miss Bluefield. She was still posed on the corner of the desk. Joey felt a smile begin as the roach climbed a leg of the desk.

"What are you doing, laughing at yourself, Joey?" the teacher asked mockingly. More

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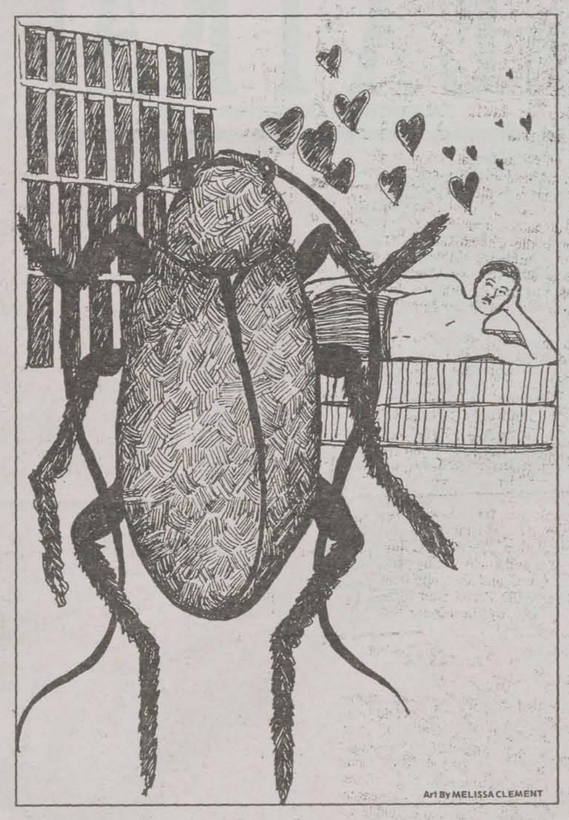

Art By MELISSA CLEMENT

### An invitation

We invite you to write a story for this page. The topic may be a person, event, experience or anything you think your neighbors would be interested in reading.

Entries should not exceed four typed, double-spaced pages.

Fiction — in the form of humor, fantasies, mysteries or adventures — is welcome, too. Be sure to label the story as fiction.

And poetry is welcome. It may be serious or humorous.

Saturday Extra reserves the right to edit all stories including copyrighted material, for grammar, usage and newspaper style and to rewrite headlines for our purposes.

Stories and poems cannot be returned, so we encourage you to send copies only.

We also accept feature photographs. Send color or black-and-white prints.

Send your materials to Larry Cheek, Neighbors Editor, The Fayetteville Observer-Times, P.O. Box 849, Fayetteville, N.C. 28302.

**— Jeffery Womble**
**Saturday Extra Editor**

### about the cover

Susan Caudle waves to motorists from atop a trailer where a local business was selling pumpkins, Indian corn and bales of hay. Ms. Caudle was at the corner of Raeford Road and Robeson Street.

### about the writer

Stephen Ward is a student at Fayetteville State University and teaches a creative writing class at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He is a member of the Horror Writers of America Society.

## Driver's Ed Course A Blessing For Wives

By Bonnie Wilson
Staff Writer

The exodus of troops from Fort Bragg to Saudi Arabia left many family members back home stranded.

Margaret Smith, 36, is one of them. She doesn't have a driver's license.

"My niece, she takes me to the grocery store and to

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## Drivers

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pay my bills, but I'd rather be able to drive myself," she said. "My husband's in Saudi Arabia, and I've been trying to find a driver's ed course that is reasonably priced."

She found an answer to her problem through Fayetteville Technical Community College, which is starting a driver's education course at Fort Bragg the first week of December. The cost of the class is $15 per person.

"I think the main reason behind (the program) is the wives are left here without any means of transportation to get them to the commissary, to the doctor or even to recreation events," said Joe Catlett, instructor of the course. "Also, if you think about it, there are a lot of young ladies and young men in the service who have not learned to drive or received driver's licenses. I imagine when they return there'll be a lot of them interested in getting their licenses."

Mr. Catlett said there are many people who have never bothered to get a driver's license. "My wife's sister in Raleigh ... has never learned to drive and now her husband is handicapped and she doesn't have anybody to drive for her," he said. "Here at Fort Bragg, I'm sure there are a lot of foriegn wives that probably can't drive or haven't applied for their licenses here."

So far 27 people have registered for the course and 50 more are on a waiting list, school officials said.

"I think it's a great program, especially for military wives," Mrs. Smith said. "I've been wanting to learn how to drive for a while. I didn't get a chance to take driver's ed in high school. You had to take driver's ed at night, and I couldn't ... so I didn't take driver's ed."

Barbara, who asked that her last name not be ued, said her husband is in Saudi Arabia, and she has to depend on neighbors to get anywhere.

"I just ned my license so I'd have some tpe of tranportation," she said. "I always knew that I needed it. This is just the first time I really didn'thave reliable transportation.

"I know a lot of other women whose husbands are away and everybody needs to have their own transportation. I think it's a good thing they're doing."

## Story

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snickers. She blinked the bulging eyes and flicked her tongue at a lingering drop of coffee on her lips.

The roach scurried across the top of the desk, climbed the side of the coffee mug, teetered on the lip, and disappeared inside.

Joey stifled the urge to laugh.

"Now, who would like to solve our next problem?" Miss Bluefield asked, raising the coffee to her lips as she scanned the room for a volunteer. She turned the mug up, took a long swallow of coffee ... and gagged. A stream of coffee followed by a long, black roach flew across the room.

The girls screamed. Joey howled in laughter. Miss Frog Eyes recovered enough to send him out of the room. His laughter echoed down the hallway as he descended the stairs.

That incident seemd to turn the battle in Joey's favor. Calculus was still a struggle, but he was determined to conquer it. And Miss Bluefield no longer used him as the class dummy. Slowly, he gained a measure of respect.

Then one day it happened. Becky Reynolds, the vision in blonde, came up to him in the library as he wrestled with a problem and asked if he'd like her to help him with the calculus.

Would he llke it? Would he die of happiness?

Becky made all the difference. She had a special talent for tutoring and he eagerly followed her every suggestion. Even the toughest problems were now making sense.

Joey passed the midterm exam with room to spare and, as a thank you, invited Becky to his room for the first time to share a bottle of celebratory wine.

"Let's sit on the window ledge and enjoy the view," Joey suggested. Moments later, he had slipped an arm around her waist, his heart pounding with excitement. She turned to him and he suddenly found their lips touching in a first kiss.

From a corner of the window ledge, a jealous roach watched, her antennae twitching in fury.

Joey reached for the wine bottle to replenish their glasses. Becky took a brush from her purse and began stroking her long, silky hair. Joey vaguely realized that something black had dropped from the window into Becky's hair just before she flung her hands upward, losing her balance on the ledge.

Joey screamed Becky's name as she fell from the 5th floor window, the hair brush seeming suspended in air momentarily before following her plunge. Frozen in horror, he heard the thud of her body against the pavement, then the clatter of the brush joining her.

Joey rushed down the stairs to Becky's broken body and was on his hands and knees, furiously pounding the pavement near her head and screaming incoherently, "I'll kill you! I'll kill you!" as the students gathered around.

The trial was short. Joey's attorney pled insanity and Joey was admitted into a psychiatric hospital. He was kept sedated because each time the medication began wearing off, he began screaming "I'll kill you!"

The nurse approached the bed cautiously. "You've been a bad boy," she said, shaking a finger at Joey. "So you're going to have to stay in this padded, sound-proofed room tonight. The other patients can't sleep with you making so much noise. You can scream as much as you like in here and no one will hear. Have a good night."

She turned to leave, speaking over her shoulder from the doorway. "I hope someday you'll be able to tell us what's bugging you, Joey."

Even through the medication, Joey managed what he thought was a wry smile. To the nurse, it was an insane grin. Shaking her head, she closed the door and left, failing to see the two-inch dark shadow that scurried over her shoe and into the room at the last second.

As she had promised, Joey's scream went unheard.

Staff Photo By DICK BLOUNT

*FTCC winners pose with certificates and plaques*

## FTCC students finish second in competition

Students from the Horticulture Business Technology program at Fayetteville Technical Community College placed second overall in the Student Field Day competition sponsored by the N.C. Landscape Confractors Association.

The competition was held Oct. 27 at Sandhills Community College in Southern Pines.

The contest was open to any full- or part-time student in a post-secondary institution offering a curriculum in landscape contracting or a related field.

There were eight areas of skill competition. Individual first, second, and third place winners in those categories received a framed certificate.

In addition, the top three overall individual point winners received a plaque, and the participating schools were ranked according to their overall point accumulation.

Sandhills Community College ranked first; Fayetteville Tech, second; and N.C. State University was third.

Here are the individual rankings in each category as well as the overall point winners:

Pruning: 1st place, Maurice Bullard, FTCC

Interior Plant ID: 3rd place, Pam Warrenn, FTCC

Landscape Design Prob.: 3rd place, Randy Page, FTCC

Balling & Burlapping: 2nd place, Maurice Bullard, FTCC

Patio Construction: 3rd place, team of Baker Jordan and Peter Weiss, FTCC

Landscape Maint. Prob.: 2nd place, David Matthews, FTCC

Sales Presentation: 1st place, Pauline Stroud, FTCC

Outdoor Plant ID: 3rd place, Pauline Stroud, FTCC

1st place individual: Maurice Bullard, FTCC

2nd place individual: Pauline Stroud, FTCC

# IN THE NEWS

## Business Travel Battered by Budget

The budget agreement is expected to have a negative impact on business travel. Proposed tax increase on gasoline, plane tickets and liquor will make travel more expensive. Michael Brooks, travel manager for an insurance company, thinks there will be a decline in business travel and an increase in teleconferencing.

## Exam by Phone

Students at Governors State University in Chicago were able to telephone in the answers to a psychology quiz recently. The quiz was a multiple choice test of ten questions.

Students answered the questions by punching in numbers that were registered with computerized voice-mail program. The system allows instructors to record up to 30 questions.

## Service Training

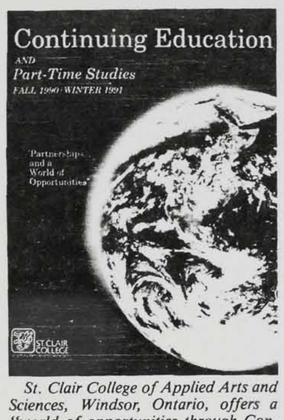
Before the first Pizza Hut restaurants opened in the U.S.S.R., the basics of customer service had to be instilled in the Soviet workers. Five managers from American Pizza Huts spent nearly two months in Moscow to train 300 people chosen from 3,000 applicants. Smiling, eye contact, folding boxes and making pizza was all part of the 12 hour days of training. A plus for the U.S. is perhaps adding a favorite Soviet Pizza—sardine and salmon.

## Workshop for School Staff

The continuing education program at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH organized a workshop for nonteaching staff at an area school regarding children's behavior. The three sessions focused on developmental, social, economic and environmental conditions affecting behavior as well as changing values and morals. The audience was custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers and other support staff.

## Small Business Conference Planned

The U.S. House has approved a bill authorizing a White House Conference on Small Business in 1944. Delegates will be elected at state and regional conferences. Previous conferences were in 1980 and 1986. The upcoming conference will focus on the needs of women entrepreneurs, health care costs, exports and the need for access to technical and scientific information from federal and university sources.




*St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Sciences, Windsor, Ontario, offers a "world of opportunities through Continuing Education and Part-time Studies." Their fall catalog lists a full range of programs from Business and Commerce to Transportation/Pay Equity offerings.*

## CLEP Receives High Marks In Evaluation

The American Council on Education (ACE) has given the College Board's College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) high marks for "improving a valuable program that facilitates the efforts of institutions to recognize students for their learning." It reaffirmed recommendations made in 1983 that institutions grant credit on the basis of CLEP exams.

Established in 1967, CLEP offers 35 national general and subject examinations. Today more than 2,800 colleges and universities grant credit on the basis of CLEP exams.

For a new brochure outlining ACE's recommendations, contact: Orlando Toro, Director, CLEP, Box P, The College Board, 45 Columbus Avenue, New York, NY 10023.

## Head Start Underfunded

Representative August F. Hawkins (Dem. CA) who announced his retirement last January said that "Head Start is a wonderful program. The business community favors it. The education community favors it." Hawkins noted, that although it is a documented success, it has never been sufficiently funded. Hawkins has been chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee since 1984.

## Regional Conference in Charlotte

The first LERN Regional Conference in the Southeast will be held May 22, 1991 at Queens College in Charlotte, NC. Fred Bayley, dean of continuing education at Isothermal Community College in Spindale, NC, is the conference chair.

Bayley said he expects the conference to be well attended and is issuing a call for workshops. To obtain a workshop proposal form contact him at Isothermal Community College, PO Box 804, Spindale, NC 28610 or fax your request to him at (704) 286-1120.

## Fayetteville Tech Wins Award

Fayetteville Technical Community College's non-traditional Literacy Education Program is the recipient of the Secretary's Award for Outstanding Adult Education and Literacy Programs from the United States Department of Education, Office of the Secretary. Fayetteville Tech competed against 12 model programs from the six states in its region—one out of 10 regions in the nation.

Sue Thorne-Crytzer, Director of Literacy Education at FTCC, says that one of the reasons that our program came out on top is because, "FTCC uses a combination of innovative techniques and over 35 business and community partnership programs to deliver educational and support services to Cumberland County residents. These non-traditional programs are targeted to workplace employees, families with preschoolers, county jail inmates, the homeless population, the hearing impaired, migrants and aliens seeking permanent legal status and to adults (via the Newspaper GED Preparation Program co-sponsored by the Fayetteville Publishing Company)."

## New Guide to Sources of Education Topics

More than 900 of the most important, recently published books and journals in the field of education are now identified and described in a single sourcebook. *Core List of Books and Journals in Education* provides librarians, educators, scholars, and researchers with a simplified and valuable resource for locating key sources of information on education topics.

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# Pat Hickmon an active supporter of FTCC

**NAME:** Pat Hickmon

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**LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT:** Ms. Hickmon was recently elected president of the North Carolina Council of Officers for Resource Development. This organization is composed of the resource development professionals in North Carolina's 58 community colleges.

**HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN WHAT YOU DO?** "I've always enjoyed working with people, and my position of assisting the foundation board in raising funds for FTCC (Fayetteville Technical Community College) gives me the opportunity to interact with students, faculty and staff as well as the people in our community."

**WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?** "The majority of our students at FTCC could not attend our college without financial aid. Knowing of their desire to further their education and their lack of financial means to do so is a great motivation for me to assist our foundation board in raising funds for these students and our college."

**ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH YOU ARE MOST PROUD?** "I am pleased that in just five years we have increased our general scholarships from fewer than 10 to 95 and our endowed scholarships (minimum $5,000) from three to 25."

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:** President of CORD (Council of Officers for Resource Development), Director of the National Council of Resource Development for nine Southeastern states, American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges, Cumberland Memorial Auditorium Commission, N.C. Pharmaceutical Auxiliary.

## *Check Presented*

Representatives from the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club presented a check for $1,000 to Fayetteville Technical Community College President, Dr. Craig Allen, second from right. The money will be donated to the FTCC Foundation Book Fund. Pictured with Dr. Allen from left are Richard L. Fisher Sr., Hugh Haigh, president of the Kiwanis Club and Frank Everett.

Charles T. Haigh, Jr.

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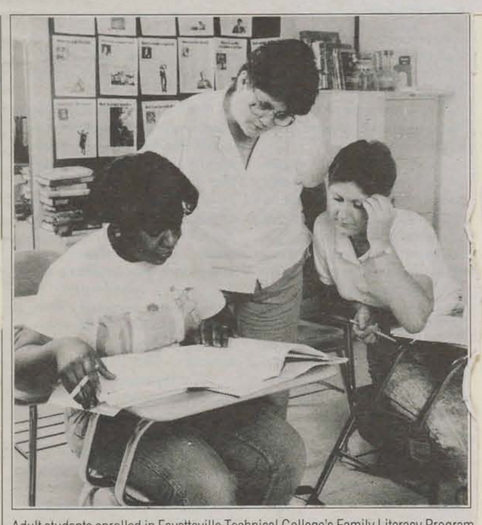

Adult students enrolled in Fayetteville Technical College's Family Literacy Program work with an instructor to achieve literacy skills in preparation for their GED exams.

## *Fighting Illiteracy: CCs Contribute to a Solution*

*by Joye Mercer*

As predictions are made about the work force necessary to guide the nation into an increasingly advanced and competitive world, educators and policy-makers forecast that illiteracy, more than being America's shame, could be its downfall.

Estimates by the U.S. Department of Education are that 23 million Americans over 17 are "functionally illiterate" — that is, they are "able to read between the fourth- and eighth-grade levels, can perform routine or uncomplicated tasks, but lack basic skills needed to cope well in society." Another two to three million people annually join the pool of functionally illiterate Americans, according to department's Division of Adult Education and Literacy.

But others, such as Jonathan

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## Illiteracy War Waged With Help of Community Colleges, FROM PG. 1, COL. 3

Kozol, author of *Illiterate in America,* estimate that as many as 72 million Americans may be functionally illiterate. Laubach Literacy International estimates that one in every five Americans reads at no more than the eighth-grade level.

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If the numbers are to change, every segment of society must be pressed into service, literacy advocates say. And the community college, which traditionally has provided access to groups that wouldn't otherwise seek higher education, will fill an especially vital role in eradicating a problem linked to welfare dependency, crime, unemployment and poverty.

"Community colleges are uniquely positioned as educational and learning centers for their communities, to lead and provide literacy efforts," said Nick Kremer, faculty coordinator of El Camino Community College's (ECC) Division of Economic and Community Development. "In some cases, it will be the colleges that are providing instruction, and in other cases, they will be coordinating the activities of local literacy providers.

"They are spread out and yet close to where the people are, they are big enough and have the resources to mount really meaningful literacy programs," he said.

Some community colleges are finding creative and novel approaches — often with the help of federal or state grants—to teach people to read.

At Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC), tutors seek out the illiterate, particularly men with substance abuse problems, who are homeless or inmates of the county jail. The college's efforts also include a work force component, where literacy programs are conducted at local businesses, and a project, run in conjunction with the *Fayetteville Observer-Times,* that allows readers to earn their general equivalency diplomas through lessons printed weekly in the newspaper.

Sue Thorne-Crytzer is director of FTCC's literacy education program.

**'We don't wait for people to come in . . .'**

"Most of our programs are dynamic outreach," said Roger Dostall, coordinator of FTCC's Literacy Assessment and Retention Center. "We don't wait for people to come in, we go out and seek them."

Additionally, FTCC offers literacy classes, under the state's Legalization Impact Assistance Grant, for illegal aliens who want to gain legal residence or citizenship in the United States. "By their participation, the U.S. government will allow them to stay in the U.S. and hopefully, grant them citizenship," said Dostall.

Other efforts bus mothers to the college with their pre-school children. "While the kids are preparing to enter kindergarten, the mothers prepare for their GEDs," Dostall said.

Keith Clayton, homeless project coordinator, said this is FTCC's third year working with the homeless, with funds from the Stewart B. McKinny Act's Adult Eduction for the Homeless Program. "When you get down to it, a lot of the needs of the homeless are not much greater than the needs of our regular (community college) students," he said. "Many of those who have dropped out of high school are only one step away from being homeless themselves."

Through the program, morning and evening classes are offered at the 12-bed Salvation Army shelter. "Any homeless who are unemployed are required to attend our class and we help teach them basic skills," said Clayton. "We also have classes at a number of halfway houses around town. Our program becomes part of their rehabilitation efforts."

The response of the homeless men to the program ranges from enthusiasm to resentment. "Some are very interested and have actually completed their GEDs, but a few are there only because they're required to be," Clayton said.

Two counselors who work with the program help to meet other needs of the homeless men, arranging for dental care or other services they may need, he said.

According to Don Snodgrass, coordinator of adult basic education for the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges, five community colleges are currently funded under the McKinny Act to provide literacy programs for the homeless. "The programs are similar, but the focus is on a different subset of the homeless population," he said.

Wayne Community College, in Goldsboro, is targeting homeless families with children, while Central Piedmont Community College, in Charlotte, targets homeless women with children and victims of domestic violence. Guilford Technical Community College, in Jamestown, is honing in on substance-abusing males, and Wake Technical Community College, in Raleigh, is trying to

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**Percentages of Young Adults At or Above Selected Points on the Document Literacy Scale: 1986**

| Average proficiency of young adults reporting full time employment by various occupational categories | | Selected points on the scale | Total | Race/ethnicity | | | Levels of education | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | White | Black | Hispanic | 0-8 years | 9-12 years | H.S. diploma and/or more | 2 or 4 year degree or more |
| | | 500 | | | | | | | | |
| 323 | Professional | 350 | 20.2 | 24.3 | 2.5 | 6.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 10.9 | 40.7 |
| 311 | Technical | | | | | | | | | |
| 308 | Manager | 325 | 37.6 | 44.0 | 9.0 | 20.8 | 0.7 | 7.5 | 28.0 | 63.2 |
| 301 | Clerical | | | | | | | | | |
| 297 | Sales | 300 | 57.2 | 65.4 | 19.8 | 37.0 | 11.0 | 22.0 | 50.2 | 81.8 |
| 286 | Service | | | | | | | | | |
| 281 | Operative | 275 | 73.1 | 80.8 | 38.7 | 54.7 | 21.1 | 39.5 | 70.6 | 91.4 |
| 279 | Craft | | | | | | | | | |
| 277 | Laborer | 250 | 83.8 | 89.9 | 55.5 | 69.0 | 31.5 | 59.1 | 83.4 | 96.0 |
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SOURCE: Unpublished data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, *Young Adult Literacy Study, 1986,* Educational Testing Service.

## Literacy Programs Lauded, FROM PG. 3, COL. 5

reach homeless women. Next year, the McKinny Act will fund literacy programs at four other North Carolina two-year colleges.

**Homeless: Most difficult to reach**

"The homeless are probably the most difficult population to deal with, in that their other needs are so great . . . that literacy may not be the first priority for them," Snodgrass said.

"If they get a job, or permanent housing, we can very easily lose track of them. But we try to approach it from the point of view that we'll do the best we can for as long as we can," he continued. "Mostly, we're dealing with the day-to-day life coping skills. Our objective is to improve their literacy skills, but we try to teach that in the context of the skills they need to cope in our society."

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In the program that operates at the county jail, which is funded entirely out of the college's literacy budget, two instructors work with from 40 to 50 interested inmates, offering four two-hour classes five days a week. This year, 20 inmates earned their GEDs through the program.

This year, FTCC's literacy efforts were cited as the best among all community college-based literacy programs in the Southeast by U.S. Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos. But without federal support, many of the college's efforts probably wouldn't be offered, Snodgrass said.

"We're certainly into more depth and we're serving more people than we otherwise would be able to," he said. "But our standard mode is to take the program out to where the people are. We're used to being in the churches and community action centers."

**Literacy in the Workplace**

Offering outreach literacy services also means going into the workplace. A $241,000 grant from the Education Department will allow El Camino, in Torrance, CA, to assess BP Chemicals Hitco Inc. employees' needs and upgrade the workers' basic skills.

ECC's grant was one of only 40 awarded nationally and the only award given in Southern California.

"One of the key components will be to evaluate the literacy needs of employees and then prepare curriculum to address those needs," said Kremer. "We will also establish an in-company learning lab which will be both for people taking our formal classes and those who just want to come in for assistance in a few areas." The program also will provide guidance and counseling for employees who are interested in pursuing higher education, he said.

A local grant will provide for "release time" so that employees may attend classes during the work day.

"We are hoping that this will be the springboard for several other work place literacy programs," Kremer said. "I think it's the wave of the future. It simply fits what's happening economically in the country—the need to step-up our competitiveness and the need for a higher level of skills."

At Burlington County College (BCC), in Pemberton, NJ, Robert C. Messina Jr., president, and Joseph Browne, publisher of *The Burlington County Times,* established the Burlington County Committee on Literacy about three years ago after realizing the shared responsibilities of their two institutions.

Committee members, who include local business executives, as well as educators and community activists, have put together a directory of all literacy services available in the county, sponsored several workshops on literacy in the workplace and are planning a program to reach illiterate persons convicted of crimes.

Another component of the college's literacy efforts is in place at the local shopping mall, said Eugene Jones, dean of community services at BCC. "A class meets

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two evenings a week throughout the year, funded by the college and the state. It offers a chance for county residents to refresh their skills or earn their GED," he said.

**The buzz words may change, but there's going to be a need for some skills development training prior to any other type of vocational training. This issue will be around for a while, until we eliminate illiteracy.**

Aside from the GED and English as a Second Language programs BCC offers, the college also has formed partnerships with local businesses to provide programs for improving the skills of employees, Jones said. "Our major effort has been in customized training programs with local businesses," he said.

Jones said BCC has a special role in fighting illiteracy in southern New Jersey and improving the skills of workers in the county. "Community colleges in general could be one of the leading forces in trying to prepare people to build their skills, either for employment or educational purposes," he said.

Literacy, Jones said, will continue to be a "burning issue."

"For anything you want to go into, you have to be somewhat literate in your reading and math skills. It's the foundation of everything," he said. "The buzz words may change, but there's going to be a need for some skills development training prior to any other type of vocational training. This issue will be around for a while, until we eliminate illiteracy."

But whether literacy programs are in the classroom, the work place, the jail or the homeless shelter, advocates say those efforts will take an abundance of energy and constant attention by a society known for its short attention span. Frustration at the growing number of people who need the programs is a reminder that much work remains to be done, they say.

"Occasionally, it is frustrating, but I think we're making a dent," Clayton said. "But what's a dent? Are we solving the problem? No. Are we contributing to a solution? I would say yes." ▲

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# Community Profile

Herbert and Barbara Hyrne practice their nursing assistant techniques. The couple, natives of Baton Rouge, La., hope to one day work at the Veterans Administration Medical Centerl and serve as volunteer tutors at Fayetteville Technical Community College's reading lab.

Photo Courtesy of FTCC

## Nursing Couple Making The Grade At FTCC

By Jeffery Womble
Staff Writer

Herbert Hyrne never buys green bananas.

Mr. Hyrne jokes that he doesn't buy the tropical fruit when it is green because he may not be around long enough to see it ripen.

Mr. Hyrne, 69, was diagnosed with throat cancer last year. Now that Mr. Hyrne is on the road to recovery, he and his wife, Barbara, have their sights set on new goals — receiving certification in the Nursing Assistant II program at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The Hyrnes' decision to enroll in the program stemmed, in part, from Mr. Hryne's bout with cancer. The couple decided that Mrs. Hyrne needed a marketable skill to support her in case the deadly disease killed Mr. Hyrne.

But before she could enroll, Mrs. Hyrne had an embarrassing confession to make to her husband: She didn't have a high school diploma.

"My husband didn't know that I did not have my high school diploma," the 65-year-old Mrs. Hyrne said. "I had to make that confession to him first. It was traumatic.

"I dropped out during the Depression because I had to get a job. Times were really tough."

After revealing her long-kept secret to her husband, the two decided it was time to do something about it. Mrs. Hyrne enrolled in the Adult High School classes at FTCC's Ramsey Street Annex, where she not only earned her high school diploma, but earned high marks in the process.

"When I got to the school it was such a shock for me," Mrs. Hyrne said. "Many of the students were there to socialize and some were there because the judge said 'got to school or go to jail.' Many were not there for the right reasons."

Because of FTCC's academic calendar, Mrs. Hyrne won't receive her high school diploma until June. In fact, she will receive her nursing degree before she receives her high school diploma.

"When I get that diploma in June, I'll be just as proud of it as the Nursing Assistant II (diploma), maybe even more," Mrs. Hyrne said.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyrne decided upon the nursing assistant curriculum because they wanted to find a degree program that wouldn't take too many years to complete.

"I've always taken care of people," Mrs. Hyrne said. "So this is what we came up with."

Mr. Hyrne said the care and treatment he received from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham was a factor in their decision to go into nursing.

"The quality of care they gave us was impressive," Mr. Hyrne said. "We thought and we decided that we wanted to be a part of that career."

At FTCC, the Hyrnes find themselves competing with each other for top grades. Mrs. Hyrne has a grade-point average of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale, while Mr. Hyrne boasts a 3.0.

"We are very competitive," Mrs. Hyrne said. "If I have to live with him, I have to make better grades. Women have a lot to prove."

The couple takes studying seriously and they help each other out when it's needed.

"We have a long list of definitions and we help each other out," said Mrs. Hyrne. "When I was working on my high school diploma, he prepared me for all of my tests. He taught me everything he knows."

Getting in the nursing assistants' program was difficult for the Hyrnes, but they said thanks to Marvin Whitfield of Falcon Children's Home and the FTCC administration, their dream became a reality.

"We have some outstanding people behind us," Mr. Hyrne said. "When we first came onto this campus we felt loved. So many people have supported us and it has been just wonderful. The people here have bent over backwards for us."

After graduation, the Hyrnes hope to work part-time at Fayetteville's Veterans Administration Medical Center. Mr. Hyrne said his first objective will be to let the patients know that their lives are not over.

"I've been where many of those patients are," Mr. Hyrne said. "So they'd better not tell me, 'I can't.' If I did, so can they."

Mr. Hyrne also hopes to one day serve as a spokesman for FTCC and as a volunteer in the school's reading lab.

"I visualize that Barbara and I are going to be involved in public relations and involving this institution to receive more students who want to do the things we are doing. Because of what we are doing, the end results are going to make people realize that there's something they can do."

## Thompson Named VP

HAROLD THOMPSON
Replaces John McDaniel

Harold B. Thompson has been named vice president for personnel at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Mr. Thompson replaces John McDaniel, who is retiring from the college after 14 years.

For the last six years, Mr. Thompson has been director of special programs at FTCC. He also has served as an administrator at Robeson Technical Community College in Lumberton.

A graduate of Fayetteville State University, Mr. Thompson also has a master's degree in education from North Carolina State University.

He is a member of the N.C. Association of Community College Instructional Administrators, the N.C. Developmental Studies Association, the N.C. Eastern Deans' Association and the Early Childhood Education Association. Mr. Thompson also was a former member of the Fayetteville City Schools Board of Education and the N.C. Vocational Advisory Committee.

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## FTCC Literacy Program Goes To Head Of Class

By Bonnie Wilson
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College received a national award Friday for its 2-year-old adult education and literacy program.

The Secretary's Award for Outstanding Adult Education and Literacy Programs is given annually to 10 community colleges nationwide. The U.S. Department of Education, which sponsors the award, said FTCC's program is the best in the southeastern United States.

"This is the first time we've ever received this kind of distinguished award," said Dr. Craig Allen, FTCC president. "The national secretary's award gives recognition to the college for the kinds of programs and the quality of educational offerings that Fayetteville Technical Community College has provided for 30 years.

"We're very proud to receive this award, and we'd like to share the credit with the business and industries, governmental bodies and the citizens of our county for their support, which has allowed this dream to become a reality."

The program, started in 1988, recruits businesses to act as "literacy partners" and teaches illiterate people from the workplace, the county jail, homeless shelters and elsewhere.

It includes the Kenan Family Literacy Project, a joint program with the Cumberland County school system. Parents without high school diplomas who have children ages 3 and 4 get a chance to return to

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school and earn high school equivalency diplomas. The children attend preschool.

Other parts of the literacy program include courses for illegal aliens who want to be legal residents or U.S. citizens, adult basic education courses for the hearing-impaired, courses for improving employee skills and the General Education Development program carried weekly in the Fayetteville Observer-Times.

Last year, 3,580 students participated. In 1988-89, 932 students received high school diplomas and 570 found jobs because of the program.

Program Director Sue Thorne-Crytzer said the literacy program is based on the concept of actively involving students in designing their goals and curriculum.

Jack Will, a representative of the U.S. Department of Education, said the college won the award because of its non-traditional methods of recruiting and teaching students in the literacy program.

"Once they're brought into the program, they make every effort to not let them go, and I think that underlying philosophy is the key to making the program successful," he said.

Mr. Will presented a plaque to college officials at Cumberland Hall. About 250 people attended the ceremony.

He said the students who have completed the program are the college's reward, not the plaque.

FTCC's program is a model for other community colleges, particularly in the southeastern United States, he said. "There are a number that have inquired as to the specific nature and structure of this program, and I think you'll begin to see a lot more of it," he said.

One award is presented for each of 10 regions in the country. FTCC is part of a region that includes North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee.

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Baroque trumpeter Barry Bauguess is the new visiting artist for Fayetteville Technical Community College. Mr. Bauguess is available for performances, lectures or master classes for schools, civic groups, churches and other non-profit organizations.

He is a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts. Mr. Bauguess has taught at Wake Forest University and played with the Matrix Brass Quintet and the Winston-Salem Symphony.

The visiting artist program is sponsored by the North Carolina Arts Council and the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges.

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## $1.5 Million For Equipment AT FTCC Cut

By Andrea Shaw
Staff Writer

State officials have frozen $1.5 million earmarked for equipment at Fayetteville Technical Community College for the second time in nine months.

And the college will return an additional $200,000 to the state because of decreased enrollment caused by Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base troops participating in Operation Desert Storm, an official said Monday.

The freeze on equipment and the $200,000 repayment follows a decision by the state to trim nearly $1 million from the community college's budget.

Last August, the General Assembly required all state agencies and institutions to trim their budgets by 3 percent. For FTCC, that meant a $632,656 cut, according to Gene Parker, the college's controller.

And in the last three weeks, state officials asked the college to reduce its budget by another 1.6 percent, or $342,742, Mr. Parker said.

Those funds were budgeted for salaries of part-time instructors, he said.

No jobs have been cut because of budget reductions.

"We've had to run larger classes and increase faculty workloads," Mr. Parker said.

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The cuts were ordered to meet the state's $354 million budget shortfall. Officials have projected a $1 billion revenue shortfall for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

"If we go into another fiscal year with the same kind of financial constraints, it's going to be pretty dismal," said FTCC President Craig Allen. "We're definitely going to need some relief."

Of the $1.5 million for equipment, $1.3 million was set aside for the Center for Applied Technology. Although those funds were frozen last April, the state House Appropriations Committee later revised a $175 million construction budget that included $900,000 for FTCC. That money was scheduled to be appropriated in January, Dr. Allen said.

"But the revenue picture was not adequate enough to fund our equipment needs," he said. "Now we have to wait until April."

The $5 million technology center is scheduled to be completed July 5, Dr. Allen said. It will house programs such as automotive technology, business computer programming, civil engineering technology and industrial management.

Upon completion, the 85,000-square-foot, two-story building will have 35 offices, 24 classrooms, a lecture hall and an adjacent one-story shop.

But the center may not open until money for equipment is obtained, Mr. Parker said. If money becomes available in April, opening the center could be delayed until after school starts this fall, he said.

"We're talking about high-tech equipment that may take six months to get here," Mr. Parker said.

On Monday, FTCC's board of trustees decided to ask the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, Fayetteville City Council, Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce and Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corp. to send resolutions seeking relief to Gov. Jim Martin and Marvin Dorman, the state's deputy budget officer.

*'I'm always looking for the best from the past to incorporate into the design.'*

—Scotty Hood Prevost

Side View Of Yonahlosse Resort Home, Right

Mountain Resort Home Designed By Scotty Hood Prevost Features Curved Wing Wall, Columns And High-Pitched Roof

Staff Photos By Marcus Castro

Scotty Hood Prevost, Now Of Linville, Enjoys Mountain View

# Cottages Speak Nostalgia

## *Fayetteville Native's Design Featured In Southern Living*

By Alice Thrasher
Staff Writer

BOONE — Scotty Hood Prevost recalls that she built her first house when she was 10. She and a friend built it in the back yard of her family's home on Devane Street in Fayetteville and painted it pink.

Her parents, Tom and Sara "Bo" Hood, were tolerant and let her leave it there for a long time, she says.

That early interest led to a career of designing homes and a business of her own called Classic Cottages By Scotty. One of her cottage designs can be found in the house plans section of Southern Living magazine's February issue, which should be on newsstands by the end of this month.

Lil Petrusnek, Southern Living's house plans editor, says the magazine contracted with Mrs. Prevost to design a home after becoming familiar with her cottage designs.

Mrs. Prevost provided the working drawings for a two-story, 2,450-square-foot home that has four bedrooms. The plans now are the property of the magazine. Southern Living sells the house plans for $200 for one copy and $250 for five copies.

In recent years the majority of the homes featured in the section have been larger homes in the 2,700- to 3,600-square-foot range, Ms. Petrusnek says. She says Southern Living decided to offer a smaller home in the February issue for many reasons.

"With the economy the way it is we wanted to offer a home that is more affordable for the 'empty-nesters' and first-time buyers.

"The design really translates all that we were trying to get — with multiple-use rooms like those that we depended on in the '20s and '30s. And it is compact so it will fit on a smaller lot in the suburbs if you don't have a lot of land to work with."

Mrs. Prevost's house design, which Southern Living calls "Cottage Charm," evokes nostalgia, and Ms. Petrusnek says it doesn't sacrifice style and character for function. "It has a cute little dormer window in front that gives light at the stairway landing. It is a simple house, too, with frame construction. But with the architectural details, such as molding around the windows and the roof line, it all comes together."

Mrs. Prevost says some of the design features in her homes have been translated from older homes in the United States and other countries. Among the features found in many of the designs are a curved wing wall on the front, dormer windows, columns on a small front porch, and unusual roof lines.

"In the past five years I have traveled with my husband when he is on business trips, and I take my sketch pad along," she says. When she sees an architectural detail on a house she likes, she sketches it quickly and puts it in her files for later use.

One of her designs in a new home in Boone features exterior window trim with curved edges like casings she saw on a house in Bermuda last year. Other ideas came from a trip to England three years ago.

Mrs. Prevost's husband, Harris, does public relations work for Grandfather Mountain. He went to England to help promote tourism in North Carolina and she went along. They spent one weekend driving through the Cotswold area, and Mrs. Prevost says she liked the homes in the countryside there.

In the United States, the homes with the most appeal for her have been the older rural homes.

"I'm always looking for the best from the past to incorporate into the design," she says. "I like to see some of the old-fashioned details, and I have to look for ways to get the same look when the materials and craftsmanship are not available to reproduce them."

She had to search a long time to find a company in Texas that makes old-fashioned Fiberglas shingles in a hexagonal shape, she said. She specified the shingles for the roof of the Southern Living cottage plan. "I like red or green shingles, cedar shakes or tin for roofs," she says. The Prevosts' mountain-side home in the community of Foscoe, between Linville and Boone, has a tin roof.

Mrs. Prevost also likes to use stucco and board and batten exteriors and is partial to painted brick. Cottages and larger homes she has designed in the Boone area are painted beige or other light colors with white trim. "I do like for them to blend in with the background. Up here in the mountains the sky is a lot of the background, and there is a lot of lightness in the sky."

Before moving to the mountains in 1985, Mrs. Prevost worked with several architectural and design firms in Pinehurst and Fayetteville, and operated her own house-design business in Fayetteville at one point. She taught drafting at Fayetteville Technical Institute for three years and at Cape Fear Senior High School for one

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Mountain Stone And Cherry Enhance Boone Home

A 3,500-Square-Foot Home On A Mountaintop Incorporates Some Of The Architectural Details Of Designer's Smaller Cottages

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**Artist's Rendering Of Scotty Prevost's Design Which Appears In Southern Living**

## Cottages

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year. She received her diploma in architectural drafting and design from FTI and a bachelor's degree with a major in art from Methodist College.

Among the homes she has designed are two in Fayetteville at 178 Ellerslie Drive and 3678 Raeburn Court in Kingsford.

From 1981-85 she worked for Jose Camina Design & Construction Associates in Pinehurst, and helped design multifamily condominiums and upscale single-family custom homes. "We did a lot of big houses when I worked in Pinehurst," she says.

She prefers designing smaller homes now and enjoys the convenience of working in an office in her own home. "I like for all the square footage to be useful, and I like for a house to feel cozy," she says. "There doesn't need to be an excessive amount of space in a house, but the rooms don't have to be tight.

"I like for rooms to have many uses so that as family life changes, the rooms can have multiple uses through the years," she says. In a mountainside cottage she designed at the Yonahlossee resort outside Boone, one of the bedrooms can be converted to a study later.

Another of her designs, which she says is larger than those she usually likes to work with, is a mountaintop home that has 3,500 square feet of living space. The home has an attic room that can be used for a variety of purposes — from a study for the owners, Dr. Larry and Cindy Stigall, to a teen-age retreat for their children later.

That home is made of stucco and will have native stone installed at the foundation. Other homes, such as the home of John and Martha Ray in Boone, use native stone for a fireplace as well.

Cherry, another material native to the Appalachian mountains, is used in the Rays' home for floors and cabinets.

All the mountain homes Mrs. Prevost has designed have lots of windows and decks to provide views of the Appalachian peaks that she says she has come to love.

"The mountains are always different from the day before — from the way the clouds hover over and the blueness of the sky," she says.

Letter

## FTCC's Virtues

Fayetteville Technical Community College has heart! The state government cut a lot of money out of the school's budget, but no way could they cut the heart out of our school.

After class, students are grouped around his desk asking questions, and he always has an answer and time to answer. Sure, there are a few clock-watchers, but not many. These student are here to learn, and Dr. Whitehead is here to help them.

He shouts, "Learn the procedure." Students howl. They want to do the math their way. Fat chance with Mr. Orbin. He is preparing his students for the real world. Mr. Orbin isn't out to win any popularity contests. He is there to prepare his students for a job and life in the real world.

Brumble's Raiders (some call us students) profit from his education. He is well-qualified to teach but his graduation from the school of hard knocks is there to say to us, "Go for it. If I can, you can." He teaches in such a jolly way, it is almost painless except for test time. His legs don't work but his brain and his heart sure do! He's there for us! He makes more mileage in a week with his heart and spirit reaching students than an All-American track star does around a track. These men are the rule rather than the exception for the great majority of teachers at FTCC.

An average student at some schools may be 20 years old, have a high I.Q., and be physically fit, but this doesn't apply at FTCC. Here, all students who wish to learn are welcome. Our students are all ages, all sizes, and fathers, sons, mothers, and daughters go to school here. Why they even let this ancient grandmother in, propped up by my walker. I not only didn't know the new math method; I didn't know the old math very well.

Fellow students are a real extended family. My natural son and two of my daughters are grown and gone but I have no shortage of sons and daughters I can pet, tease, and even ask for a hand when I need it. Nobody need be lonely at FTCC.

True, FTCC isn't an Ivy League college, but who cares! I, for one, need to be just where I am. I love my kind and patient math teacher, Mrs. Mook with her smile. Mrs. Davis tries to push a little psychology into my head. She's got her work cut our for her.

People frequently ask why on earth I go to school. I tell them I am tired of the wind whistling through my ears. I know I need FTCC, and I am happy to be here. Come join us. It just may be the place you need also.

I'd like very much for one lawmaker to pay us a visit. Times are hard financially, now, but dollars spent at FTCC are returned a hundredfold. They are a real investment in so many future lives. Nobody need guess if the dollars are well spent at FTCC. They finance the future. FTCC salvages lives. It does not waste dollars!

JODY STEGMANN
Fayetteville

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The Fayetteville Area Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Education Fraternity will have a dinner meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Student Union Building at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Guest speaker will be **John Henley**, executive director of the N.C. Association of Schools. Entertainment will be provided by **Barry Bauguees**.

Cost is $6, payable to **Kellum Fipps** at Ponderosa Elementary School. The meeting is open to anyone interested in North Carolina schools.

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A videoconference, "Beyond the Dream III: A Celebration of Black History," is scheduled for Thursday at 1 p.m. at Fayetteville Technical Community College's in the Student Center multipurpose room.

A program of literature, music, dance and art has been scheduled for Feb. 7 in the college auditorium.

For more information call Val Collins at 678-8413 or Barbara Melvin at 678-8396.

## Students

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is already enrolled at FTCC for next fall. But she said she had never walked around the campus to locate classroom buildings, the student center and other services.

"This is where I want to come," Miss Bunnell said as she walked across the sunny campus. "I always liked working with the kids."

She and several of the other young women are already studying child care and development in their high schools. They go to school part of the day, then go to work with pre-schoolers.

Alisa Miller, also a senior at South View High School, is in her second year of specializing in child care services at school. And she plans to continue in that field at FTCC in the fall.

"It's a lot of fun," she said. "I love it."

She said a lot of babysitting pulled her into the day care field, where she now works with 3, 4 and 5-year-olds at Highland Baptist Church in Hope Mills.

"I love to work with kids," Miss Miller said. "I'm going to come here, then I'm thinking about going on to another college."

She now develops lessons, games and stories for the children she works with, and she said it's important to be creative and imaginative when working with pre-schoolers.

Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

**Some Of The 250 Students Who Visited FTCC Release Balloons As Part Of The Tribute To National Vocational Education Week**

## High School Seniors Ponder Vocations At FTCC

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Connell Knight plans to follow in her mother's footsteps next fall — as a freshman at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Her mother, Mary McQueen, is already studying for an associate's degree in one of the college's newest programs, early childhood development and education.

And Miss Knight said she plans to enroll in the same program after graduation from Terry Sanford High School in a few months.

"I want to come here and learn all I can about child development," she said.

Miss Knight and about 250 other Cumberland County high school seniors toured the FTCC campus Tuesday as part of National Vocational Education Week.

The students watched a balloon release, listened to speeches by FTCC officials and graduates, then broke into small groups to tour classrooms and talk to teachers in the areas they plan to study.

"We really hope, through programs like this, that students will see the advantage of continuing their education past high school," said Peggy Hall, vocational director in the Cumberland County schools.

A group of 10 girls toured the early childhood program with department Chairman Winona Humphrey.

Ms. Humphrey said 82 students are enrolled in FTCC's early childhood program, which had its first graduating class last year.

She said the group that toured Tuesday makes her job a lot easier.

"It's great for me to know I have an enthusiastic bunch coming from Cumberland County next year," she said.

The students asked Ms. Humphrey questions about financial aid, job availability after graduation and a co-op program in which students go to school and work in their field.

The girls also wanted to know if they would have to take math and English to get their associate's degree. The answer, of course, was yes, as well as psychology, sociology and computers.

Melissa Bunnell, a senior at South View High School,

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## Cumberland Considers Jail-Work Operation

By Mike Barrett
Staff Writer

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Department is considering starting a trial program that allows some low-risk inmates in the county jail to work while they are being held.

"I think people ought to be working instead of just watching TV," Sheriff Morris Bedsole said last week.

The benefits, challenges, risks, legal and liability factors of a work program are being investigated by senior sheriff's officers, he said.

One of the issues being researched is whether federal and state laws would allow the Sheriff's Department to force inmates to work and whether their wares could be shipped across state lines.

Sheriff Bedsole said he and other sheriffs from across the United States discussed the increasing number of inmates and the increasing costs of housing them during a recent National Sheriff's Association meeting in Phoenix, Ariz.

"It's one of the biggest problems sheriffs have across the country," said Sheriff Bedsole, a member of the association's Detention and Corrections Committee.

The U.S. Sentencing Project, a Washington-based public interest group, reports that the U.S prison population has doubled in the past decade. The rate of incarceration is 426 inmates per 100,000 population.

In a prison in the Phoenix area, inmates have worked as reservation clerks for a national motel chain, while inmates at a county

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## Work

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jail make crutches, Sheriff Bedsole said.

Inmates at still another county jail work on a county farm, and the farm operation is self-sufficient, he said.

Inmates at some jails are allowed outdoors to clean up along county roads, the sheriff said. At some jails, inmates are paid for their work.

While the work program is being considered, some Cumberland County jail inmates are not idle.

On Friday, five inmates received high school equivalency diplomas. They completed courses taught by deputy jailers who are qualified teachers under the auspices of Fayetteville Technical Community College, Sheriff Bedsole said.

More than 30 inmates have gotten their diplomas since the nationally-recognized program began in January 1989.

## Education Update

*Two days, times open*

## Classes gear to families

Education Center

The Army Education Center and Fayetteville Technical Community College are offering free workshops on "Learning To Cope" for family members and the community. The workshops will be held in the Town Hall at the Community Center.

The workshops will be offered from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and again from 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 and 27. Areas covered will include "Is Your Car on the Blitz?, The IRS Commeth," and "Do You Know the Law?" during the first session and "Parenting, Financial Aid" and "Test Taking Anxiety" Feb. 27.

Free child chare is available to military family members. Child care reservations must be made no later than the day prior to the workshop by calling 396-5320. For more information about the workshops call 497-1112 or 497-8893.

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## New Collection Center For Recyclables Opens

A recycling dropoff site opened Thursday at Eutaw Shopping Center in Fayetteville.

The collection center is sponsored by the city of Fayetteville and Cumberland Urban Recycling and Beautification, a nonprofit organization.

Residents can bring recyclable materials such as glass, newspapers, magazines, plastic, cardboard and aluminum cans to the center. It will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Cumberland Urban Recycling and Beautification operates two other recycling centers in the city. A site at the Westwood Shopping Center on McPherson Church and Morganton roads has been open since fall 1989. A center at Andrews Commons on U.S. 401 near Pine Forest High School opened in November.

The city plans to open several other sites as part of a voluntary recycling program, according to Jason Brady, a city spokesman. The city also plans to start a recycling system in city departments and encourage businesses to recycle waste, particularly corrugated cardboard.

Next fall, the city will open a composting center for yard debris collected by the Sanitation Division.

## Firefighters' Seminar Under Way

The Eastern Fire Seminar for firefighters is being held at Fayetteville Technical Community College today through Sunday.

Registration is from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Room 128 of the Heart Inn & Suites hotel on Bragg Boulevard.

Late registration will be Saturday from 7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. at the Horace Sisk Building at FTCC off Hull Road.

Classes will be held today and Saturday.

On Sunday, from 10 a.m. to noon, firefighters will burn a house at 918 Carver St. and extinguish it. Gas fires will be started and extinguished in Parking Lot No. 2 at FTCC at 10 a.m.

## FTCC To Get $1.5 Million Allocation If Bill Passes

By Mark Stinneford
Raleigh Bureau

RALEIGH — Fayetteville Technical Community College would get $1.5 million to equip the Center for Applied Technology under a bill filed in the General Assembly on Thursday.

The school is seeking that money and the unfreezing of $900,000 previously allocated for center equipment but held up because of the state's budget crunch.

Construction of the $5 million center has been paid for by the Cumberland County commissioners, and the building is set for completion in July. The cost of equipment is expected to be about $3 million, said FTCC President Craig Allen. The equipment is necessary if the building is to serve its purpose, he said.

"It's absolutely essential to being able to do things that building is designed to do," Dr. Allen said, adding that some existing equipment is World War II surplus. "Otherwise, we'll be teaching obsolete job skills. The object is to upgrade the job skills to be on the cutting edge in preparing people to go into the world of work."

Lawmakers say there will be little new money in the budget for projects, but state Sen. Lura Tally said that legislation is expected to be introduced to conduct a bond issue to finance state construction projects, most of which have been frozen because of the budget crunch. Gov. Jim Martin has proposed a $355 million bond issue for construction.

"I know it's not an optimistic time, but I think there will be bills presented on a bond issue, and I'd like us to be in line for any bond issue money that comes forth," said Mrs. Tally, a Fayetteville Democrat who sponsored the FTCC bill.

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## FTCC

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Dr. Allen said that FTCC officials are trying to pursuade state budget officials that the $900,000 should be moved to the top of the priority list if money for projects becomes available. Budget officials are scheduled to review the revenue situation in April to see if any of the delayed projects can be funded. Dr. Allen said support appears to be strong for the project among state officials and local lawmakers.

"With the interest of the leaders, I think now it depends on whether funds can be provided through the revenue sources," Dr. Allen said.

The building would serve as a computer nerve center for the campus and would house instructional programs such as computer-aided design, computer-aided mechanics, a state-of-the-art automobile technicians program, civil engineering technology, and architectural engineering, Dr. Allen said.

Staff Photo By Cindy Burnham

## Hot Training

Firefighters use a house on Carver Street Sunday to train in the Eastern Fire Seminar. Fayetteville Technical Community College hosted the event.

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# Lifestyles


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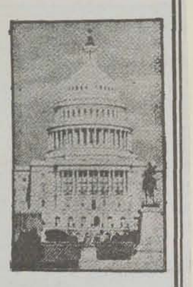

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**COURSE INFORMATION**

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FTCC Auditorium
Registration Fee: $25.00
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Please use Continuing Education Data Form to register:

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Charles Koonce, Regional Coordinator 436-5238

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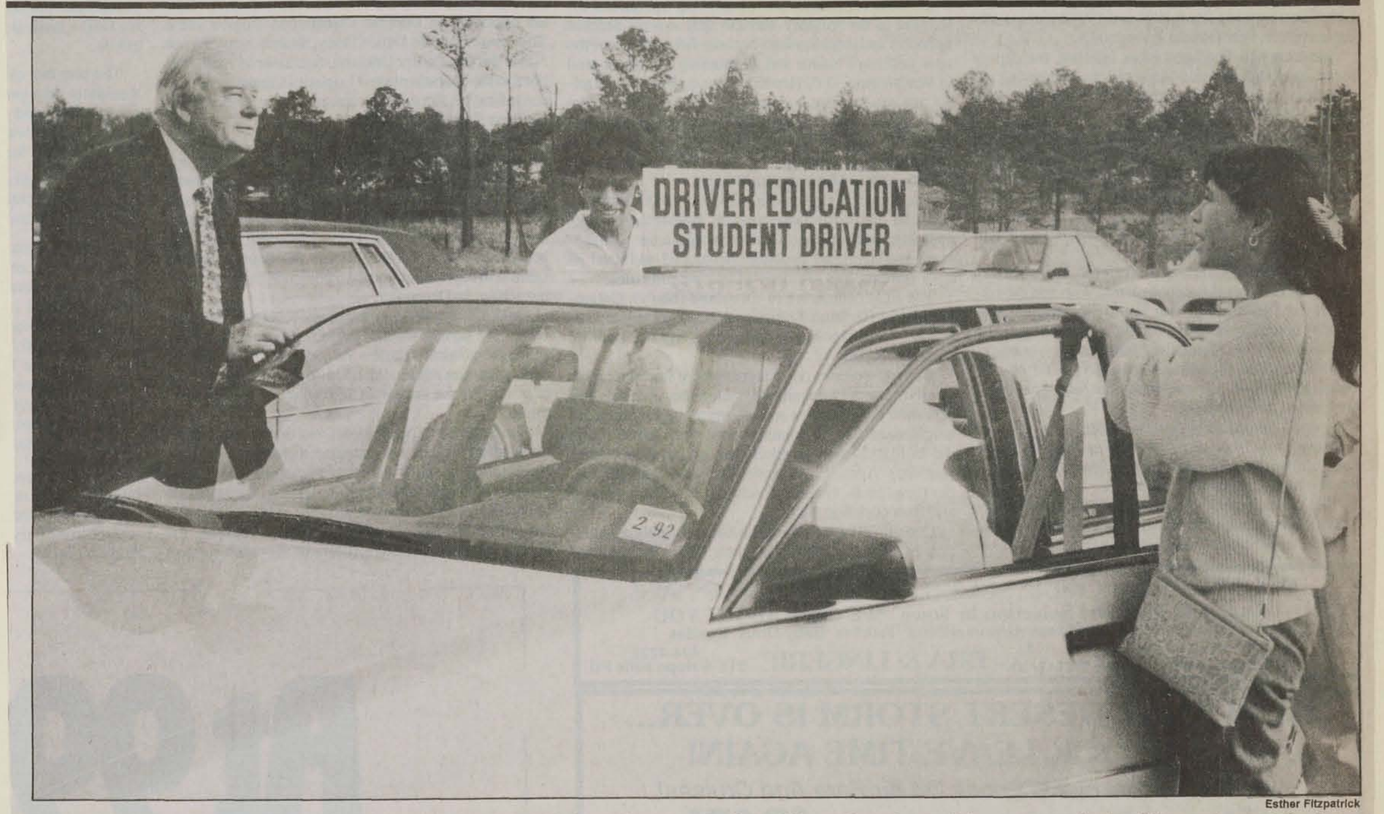


Esther Fitzpatrick

**Instructor Joseph Catlett prepares to observe a student's driving skills as part of the driver education training program for familiy members at the Army Continuing Education Center.**

# Desert Storm wives learn to drive

**by Esther Fitzpatrick**
Staff writer

Some women lost their transportation when their husbands deployed to Saudi Arabia. No, the men didn't load their vehicles onto planes headed for the Persian Gulf.

The women didn't have their drivers' licenses.

Cars sat idle in driveways until the Army Education Center found out about the situation. The center, together with Fayetteville Technical Community College, opened its first driver education training course for family members of soldiers deployed to Saudi Arabia.

"We have the only course like this in the world," said Dr. William Cannon of the Army Education Center. "Other installations have called us because they want to know how to start such a program."

The 54-hour course is broken down into 36 hours of classroom instruction, 12 hours of driving observation for each student and six hours of driving. Each student is charged $25 for registration and $15 for minimal vehicle maintenance and insurance for a total of $40. "If a person wanted to take a driver education class anywhere else, it would cost $200 - $300," Cannon said.

So far the course reports a 100 percent success rate.

Fifteen students made up the first class that began Dec. 3. Every student earned a learner's permit and most went on to receive a North Carolina driver's license.

The demand for the course exceeds the space available.

"Now we have 66 family members on our waiting list," Cannon said. "To sign up for the course call 396-5320 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday."

"The class consists of women age 23-60," said instructor Joseph Catlett. State-qualified to teach the course, he has taught driver education for the Cumberland County school system. "About 75 percent of the students are foreign-born. Some are new to this country so we have to overcome the language barrier. For example, our text is written in Spanish as well as English and the students are given driving instructions through hand and arm signals."

The driver's license test can be taken in Spanish or English.

"The student's goal is to obtain a driver's license," Catlett said. "We use humor to correct mistakes and try not to criticize each other. As the course progresses we get to know each other."

"I got tired of depending on others for transportation," said Tammy Ward, one of the students. "I have three children — one's in school, one is 2 and my youngest is an infant who has asthma. Sometimes I really need to be able to go without a moment's notice."

"My husband wants me to get a driver's license," said Paula Turner, student. "Life is going to change dramatically for me — now I can go to nursing school. The day he gets back from Saudi Arabia I'll be able to pick him up and drive him home."

"Several persons have been instrumental in making the course a reality," Cannon said. "Peggy Mikol, a family support group leader, organized volunteers to provide day care for the children at the Army Continuing Education System Skill Center while their mothers attended class. Mrs. Mikol also established a car pool so the students have transportation to and from class."

"During the first class I transported as many as eight students a day," Mikol said. "Now I carry two daily, but we still need volunteers. The logistics of getting things accomplished has been hairy but things have gotten done.

"The program has far-reaching effects," she added. "The school has bent over backward to make this program available. It's been a lot of hard work but so necessary. The Fort Bragg area isn't like New York City — here a car and driver's license are vital."

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# FTCC May Lose $1 Million In Budget Cuts

**By Kim Oriole**
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College's budget could decline by $1 million next school year because of the state budget crunch, college board members learned Monday.

Gene Parker, the college's controller, said the General Assembly told the state Department of Community Colleges that it will have to cut $19.2 million from all community colleges in next year's budget.

And he said FTCC's share of that cut will be at least $1 million, or a 5 percent cutback.

The state faces a $500 million budget shortfall this year, and the legislature is cutting expenses everywhere, including the state's 58 community colleges.

FTCC's base budget for this year was $21.1 million. Mr. Parker said he has been told to plan on a $20.1 million base budget for next year.

That budget pays for teacher salaries, administration, supplies and all basic operating expenses, he said.

"It affects everything," Mr. Parker said after Monday's board of trustees meeting. "This has been the worst year that we've ever had with our budget, and now this."

He said Army and Air Force troops returning from the Saudi Arabian desert could make the financial squeeze even tighter.

The college's budget for next year, which starts July 1, is based on this year's enrollment, which was down about 800 students because of the troops' absence.

If a lot of soldiers and airmen enroll next fall, they will put extra pressure on the fewer teachers and supplies, Mr. Parker said.

He said that if more of the troops enroll next fall, they will benefit the college in 1992-93, but will not help next year.

The college will be teaching more people with less money because the extra tuition that the troops would pay goes to the state, not the college, he said.

Even though the financial picture looks dismal, Mr. Parker said, the school has no plans to lay off workers.

"We'll make the necessary adjustments to keep from having to let anyone go," he said. "That will be our first priority."

Mr. Parker said the college will save money by hiring fewer part-time teachers. That will force the full-time teachers to teach more classes and do more work outside the classroom.

He said classes also will be enlarged so more students can be taught at the same time and by a single teacher.

The college will also cut back on its travel and supplies, Mr. Parker said.

In another financial matter, the board of trustees approved a state request that the college give $200,000 back to the state.

Mr. Parker said FTCC usually returns about that much money at the end of the school year "because we can't spend our budget down to nothing."

But this year, the state asked for the money now instead of in June.

The money usually is used to hire four or five part-time recruiters in the spring to go out and recruit students for the school.

"These are people we won't be able to use this year," Mr. Parker said.

He also said if the school has an emergency or unexpected expense, it will be unable to fall back on the $200,000 like it has in the past.

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## Education Notes

LUMBERTON — About 40 students will compete Wednesday in a regional Citizen Bee contest at the O.T. Owens Auditorium. The competition, which is like a spelling bee, will feature students from Cumberland, Robeson, Harnett, Lee, Richmond and Columbus counties.

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PEMBROKE — The Southeastern North Carolina Regional Science Fair will be held March 27 at Pembroke State University's Jones Physical Science Center, with 400 projects expected from high school, junior high and elementary students.

Judging will be from 10 a.m. until noon. The projects will be on view for the public from noon until 1 p.m. An awards ceremony is scheduled for 1:15 p.m. The top prize is one year of tuition and fees at PSU.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College is offering evening classes starting in March on tax investment strategies, sign language and interpretation, pre-retirement and estate planning, and boating skills and seamanship. For more information, call the Continuing Education Division at 678-8431.

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BUIES CREEK — **Daniel Teat**, director of admissions and continuing education in the Campbell University School of Pharmacy, won a continuing excellence award from the North Carolina Society of Hospital Pharmacists. This is the second year Dr. Teat won the award for educating pharmacists and other health professionals and helping the public with health information.

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PEMBROKE — A Pembroke State University band concert will be held March 26 at 8 p.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center. The free concert will include all kinds of music, from heavy to light, and will feature several patriotic songs.

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Twelve Fayetteville State University students were inducted into the Rho Beta Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society on March 1. They are **LaDenna Brown, Kevin Burgess, Katherine Colwell, Mollie Coney, R. Lewis Deese, Veronica Hall, Dwight Morrisey, Michelle McLaughlin, Alana Powers, Jeong Suh**

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## Education Notes

**Rona H. Schriber**, a computer math and calculus teacher at South View High School, was picked as one of the best teachers in the nation in the Tandy Technology Scholars program.

She was one of 100 national finalists, and will get $2,500 from Tandy Corporation for her work at the high school in math and computers.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College is offering free GED courses through the mail for people who cannot attend classes at the college.

FTCC will send lessons by mail and provide postage-paid return envelopes for the completed lessons. There is also free telephone tutoring available.

For more information, call 678-8491 on Tuesday through Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. or Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

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It will include performances and workshops, and is free and open to the public. One workshop, presented by professional actor Andrew Reilly of Columbia, S.C., has a fee. For more information, call 488-7110, Ext. 212.

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**Terence Murchinson** was named chairman of Fayetteville State University's Youth Motivation Task Force program. Mr. Murchinson is superintendent of the Celriver Plant of Hoechst Celanese Corp. in Rock Hill, S.C.

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BUIES CREEK — "What Happens Next: The Implications of the Gulf War" will be the

sity on March 19 and 21 at 7 p.m. in the Scott Concert Hall.

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**Catina Jackson** of South View High School in Hope Mills won a three-quarter tuition scholarship at Newberry College in South Carolina.

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BUIES CREEK — Campbell University's 17th annual Junior ROTC Drill Meet will be Saturday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Eakes Athletic Complex.

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**Dana Carol Gill** of Fayette-

Letters To The Observer-Times

# For Free Enterprise

Students In Free Enterprise Inc. is a non-profit corporation sponsored by individuals, foundations, and corporations. Its mission is to establish and direct student-generated free-market education programs on college and university campuses. Our goal is to bring America's college students and citizens to a better understanding of and a greater appreciation for the free-enterprise system.

Free enterprise involves businesses' freedom to decide what to supply and how well a customer's needs are met. Also, the right to private property, freedom of choice and the right to all post-tax profits are inherent in our free-enterprise system.

For the system to function properly, we must continue to guard our basic freedoms. Constant vigilance must be maintained to ensure our rights. If, for example, we see of our rights being abused or limited, action is mandatory. To turn a blind eye toward injustice, tyranny and usurpation of freedom is to condone the same.

We can work toward safeguarding our freedoms first by registering to vote and then by exercising the right to elect our leaders freely. We must stay involved by letting our leaders know our feelings and concerns. If we choose not to voice our thoughts on issues, we run the risk of leadership by default. Democracy demands participation by citizens, and to fulfill our destiny we must take part in the governmental process. To jeopardize our freedoms through apathy or inaction is an unaffordable risk.

The economic vitality of this country depends on the continued freedom of its citizens. A United States populated by free, productive citizens will provide the base for a future filled with hope and improved prosperity.

The SIFE chapter at Fayetteville Technical Community College is dedicated to promoting the ideals of freedom and the free-enterprise system. Throughout the academic year, we design and implement projects to help accomplish our mission. The 1990-91 students in Free Enterprise team at FTCC are Al Albert, Shad Archuleta, Charlene Sumlin, and Sylvia Gries. We sincerely thank all whom we have reached through our various programs. It is the enthusiasm and positive response we receive that drive us to continue to work.

JAMES D. "AL" ALBERT
Fayetteville

# Mrs. Coon Fondly Remembered

It was with great sadness that we read recently in The Fayetteville Observer-Times of the death of Mrs. J.W. Coon in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1931 Mr. J.W. Coon was employed as principal of Seventy-First School. The next year Mr. Coon married Miss Anne Batts of Enfield, N.C. During the Thirties and Forties, grades one through 11 were all in the same school. There were about 400 students in grades one through 11 at this time.

Mrs. Coon began teaching at Seventy-First in 1932. In the Thirties there were only three teachers teaching in high school. For years Mrs. Coon taught English and French in high school. In addition to teaching, Mrs. Coon always planned and directed the junior-senior play and the junior-senior banquet.

Mrs. Coon was a dedicated teacher with a lively sense of humor. She always tried to instill moral values and manners in her students. The one thing she could not tolerate in anyone was rudeness.

Some years later, Mr. Coon went on to become assistant superintendent of county schools and Mrs. Coon went on to teach in other schools. Mrs. Coon was never too busy to help and encourage everyone. She would rejoice with us when things went right and commiserate with us when things went wrong.

We, her former students, will never forget this gracious lady for the teaching, patience, understanding, encouragement and love shown to all.

JIM L. SHAW
Fayetteville

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# Pay, Center Boost FTCC Budget Bid

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College probably will ask the Cumberland County commissioners for a $3.5 million increase in next year's budget.

FTCC's finance committee agreed Monday that the college needs the extra money to open its new Center for Applied Technology next school year and to make the college's salaries competitive so it can attract and keep good workers.

Next Monday, the FTCC board of trustees will consider the budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

FTCC President Craig Allen said he believes the county commissioners "are sympathetic to helping us." But he said the recession has squeezed the county's finances just like it has the college's.

"Our hope is we're high on their priority list and will get some of this request," Dr. Allen said.

He said the proposed budget "is an honest appraisal of our needs."

Gene Parker, FTCC's controller, said the college learned its lesson several years ago when it asked the county for extra money in the middle of a budget year to fix a roof.

He said county officials told them they should have put the amount they needed in their regular budget request.

"This year, we're spelling it all out," Mr. Parker said. "If they cut it (budget), they'll know what they're cutting."

The college's total proposed budget is about $32 million, with $6.37 million of that coming from Cumberland County, Mr. Parker said.

He said the college got $2.87 million from the county for this school year.

The biggest chunk of money the college wants for next year, nearly $1.8 million, is for capital outlay, which includes money for buildings, equipment and construction.

Dr. Allen said the college got no money from the county for capital improvements in this year's budget.

He said the Board of Commissioners is aware of the pressure on the college to spend money this year on capital projects, like buying equipment for the technology center.

The center is scheduled to open next fall, but the college has almost no money for equipment and furniture for the building, Dr. Allen said.

The college needs an extra $572,000 for heating, lighting, maintenance and clean-up of its new technology center and maintenance and repairs for its other buildings, the proposed budget says.

Mr. Parker said $135,000 of that is for nine new custodians for the new building, plus salary increases for many custodians because the national minimum wage went up this year to $4.10 an hour.

Another $50,000 is for three new maintenance workers for the technology center.

Mr. Parker said $174,000 of the $572,000 request would go for repair roofs, painting several of the college's buildings and other maintenance costs.

If the county approves the college's budget request, another $700,000 would go for a proposed salary enhancement program.

A study done for the college by a research firm shows that FTCC's teacher salaries are $3,000 to $5,000 lower than salaries at comparable community colleges, public schools and state agencies.

Dr. Allen said the salaries of other FTCC workers also are lower than their counterparts at other agencies.

The study found that it would cost $700,000 to raise FTCC's salaries to the labor market median level.



# Education Notes

the state run-offs April 18. A student from Raleigh won the algebra II contest, and a student from Apex won in geometry.

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The Methodist College Chorus will present its spring concert tonight at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium at the college. It is free and the public is invited.

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Cumberland County parents need to register their children for next year's kindergarten class. The registration dates in April include: Ferguson-Easley and Alma Easom, April 17; Beaver Dam and Cliffdale, April 19; T.C. Berrien, Eastover-Central and Gray's Creek, April 26.

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**Ann Ashford**, an English teacher at Fayetteville Technical Community College, has been named to the Advisory Board of the North Carolina Association for Developmental Studies.

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Five E.E. Smith High School students will attend East Carolina University's annual Scholars' Weekend April 13-15.

They are **Kristen Hogg, Kietra Musgrave, Karen Owens, Latonia Roach and Lalita Wood.**

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**Lori P. Pender** and **Tammy S. Brown**, both of Fayetteville, will appear in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

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**Pamela M. Bedsole** of Fayetteville will be inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nursing, at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

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Southeastern Community College in Whiteville will sponsor free lunch and learn sessions for business owners and workers in April. The sessions run from noon to 1 p.m. in Room M110 on campus. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. For more information, call 642-7141.

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The Campbell Players will present the comedy "Everybody Loves Opal" on the weekends of April 11-13 and April 18-20. For ticket information, call 1-919-893-8316.

## Helping Hands

● Fayetteville Technical Community College and Rape Crisis volunteers are co-sponsoring volunteer training classes for Rape Crisis Intervention. Classes begin May 4.

The Volunteer Center is making a survey of volunteers in our county. If you volunteer in any program, we would like to hear from you and add your name to our roster. We appreciate the contributions you make to our community.

All volunteer groups are encouraged to register with the Volunteer Center. We would like to include you in our statistics.

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chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, a national theater honor society.

Ms. Kearns' entry was a one-act play entitled "Pounding on the Door." It was judged the best of three original one-acts presented at the college's "Hail Dionysus!" celebration.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College started a chapter of the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society. Members include: Debra Austin, Barbara Bader, John Barnes, Lauren Bascomb, Melodye Baskin, Carey Berg, Angela Berry, Stella Blankenship, Lash Bragan, Daisy Bridgers, Sandra Broadwell, Darlene Brotherton, Lisa Brower, Collette Burgess, Hope Butler, Anda Byrd, Sarah Cain, Jennifer Cameron, Joanna Campbell, James Carlisle, Donald Casto, Linda Cerbone, Deborah Conary, Susan Cook, Scott Craig, Doreen Dallas, Marsha Dunais, Sharon Falls, John Ferro, Andrea Fowler, Angela Garvin, Norma Gibbons, Maria Gibbs, Karen Goins, Gayle Gondek, Cheryl Hackett, Tara Hamilton, John Hill, Olga Hogan, Denise Holliday, Barbara Humphries, Luis Hyatt, Josephine Jacobs, Robert Jankovics, Lisa Johnson, Patricia Kittrell, Ella Knox, David Kohrman, Donna Kurzendoerfer, Karen Launderville, Marvin Lawson, Linda Lee, Carrie Locklear, Joseph Lupyak, Jennifer Malkin, David Mangrum, Kimberly Marsh, Patricia Masa, Pamerla Mason, Martha May, Mary McCaskill, Janet Melvin, Gloria Mills, Preston Moreaux, Enrique Moreno, Angela Murry, John Nixon, Claudia Normand, Robert Notton, Jane Ogilvie, Robert Oranchak, Sally Oxendine, Jodi Pace, Kathryn Palmer, Timothy Pate, Zondie Pauling, Theresita Phillips, Akapol Phimsoutham, Wajarapol Phimsoutham, Sharon Pietsch, Michael Prevatte, Tuesday Price, Carolyn Prickett, Donna Prickett, Angela Prill, Lori Qualls, Pamela Quinn, Lynn Ragonnet-Nail, Carolyn Raisig, Channon Redmond, Ruth Rice, Mary Sandle, Deborah Santos, Mary Schreiber, Mark Seffels, Lisa Seffels, Jovana Simpson, Kimberly Smith, Elise Smith, Dale Snyder, Elaine South, Patricia Speicher, Tammy Apires, Denise Stach, Laurie Stancil, Jameson Stewart, Ronald Storey, Angela Strother, Linda Suggs, Yvette Sullivan, Jimi Sweeny, Carolyn Temoney, Shannon Thomas, Michael Tucker, Kathy Tucker, Diane Vega, Kathryn Walker, Belgica Wall, Beverly West, Jacqueline Wicks and Robin Wilkinson.

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**Susan Burke**, a teacher at VanStory Elementary School, was named Academically Gifted Teacher of the Year for Region IV. She was one of eight academically gifted teachers to win the award in the state.

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The North Carolina Eastern District High School Band Contest will be held at Methodist College today through Thursday. School bands from Cumberland and surrounding counties will compete in several categories, based on the difficulty of the music.

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**Wendy Harris** of Fayetteville and **Missy McGill** of Raeford will take part in the National Model United Nations conference in New York City today through Saturday.

The women will be with 1,500 other students who take part in working sessions at the United Nations, a briefing with the South Korean Mission to the UN, simulations of working UN committees and other events.

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PEMBROKE — Students from 16 high schools competed at Pembroke State University's Art Affair recently. **Kevin Richardson** of Lumber Bridge and Parkton High School won the competition. Lee Cherry of Douglas Byrd High School in Fayetteville was second and **Rodney Mitchell** of Scotland High School in Laurinburg was third.

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PEMBROKE — The Julian T. Pierce Memorial Scholarship committee gave Pembroke State University $15,800 for the scholarship awarded annually in honor of the slain Indian leader. Scholarships worth $1,100 are awarded every year to students based on financial need and a grade-point average of B or better.

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LILLINGTON — Central Carolina Community College will offer continuing education classes in farm machinery repair and North Carolina history in April. For more information, call 893-9101.

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Student musicians from Fayetteville and Laurinburg took part in the East Carolina University String Workshop, where they learned about orchestral music. The students were **Laura Free**, violin, **Tamara Brown**, cello, and **Kim Pfleeger**, cello, all of Fayetteville, and **Heather Grubbs**, bass violin, of Laurinburg.

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PEMBROKE — The 10th annual PSU Mathematics Contest on Thursday is expected to draw students from as far away as Durham, Chapel Hill and Monroe.

The competition in plane geometry, algebra I and algebra II will be from 9 until 10:30 a.m., with the awards ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

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**Stacey M. Poole** of Fayetteville, a freshman at North Carolina State University, has joined the University Scholars Program in agriculture and life sciences. She was in the top 10 percent of freshmen in her program of study, and will join honors sections of academic classes.

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**Lash Bragan**, a real estate student at Fayetteville Technical Community College, won the Harwood Memorial Scholarship from the Real Estate Educators Association. He was one of 50 students around the country to win the award.

# Fayetteville-Based Group To Join Nationwide Victims Rights March

THORNBURG

By Marc Barnes
Staff Writer

Several years ago, the victims rights movement had few vocal supporters and little clout, either in the legislature or in the courthouse.

Things have changed.

This weekend, 8,000 victims advocacy groups across the nation, including the Fayetteville-based Coalition for Victims Rights, will hold marches to bring attention to victims of crime.

The Fayetteville march, part of the observance of National Victim's Rights Week, will begin at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the west end of the Hay Street Commons.

The march, led by North Carolina Attorney General Lacy Thornburg, will proceed to the Market House and then to the Cumberland County Courthouse, where there is a monument to crime victims.

On Monday, People Assisting Victims, a Fayetteville victims rights advocacy group, will sponsor a debate at Fayetteville Technical Community College on Hull Road.

The debate, in the multipurpose room of the Student Development Center, will be moderated by Greg Barnes of WTVD-TV. It begins at 7:30 p.m.

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## Victims

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Assistant District Attorney Robert Stiehl and Fayetteville lawyer Billy Richardson will debate the topic: "Victims Deserve Justice Too — Or Do They?"

Lynn Minick, the founder of People Assisting Victims, recalled the earlier days of the victims movement, which she said gathered steam because of decades of increasing emphasis on the rights of the accused.

"All of the attention had been focused on criminals and criminals' rights, and the victim literally had no rights," she said. "The victim has been ignored and neglected by the system.

"The trauma that follows being a victim of violence is so intense and so few people understand it that many victims become withdrawn to their own emotional detriment. Others are angered at the treatment they get and resolve to make a change to restore what they perceive as balance in the system."

It was that anger, she said, that led victims to the first few victories. Among them was the Victims Compensation Commission, which arranges financial compensation for the innocent victims of violent crime.

Typically, amounts of up to $20,000 are awarded for medical care, counseling, lost wages, funeral expenses and almost anything else linked to a violent act, said commission Director Art Zeidman.

But not every victim qualifies for the compensation, Mr. Zeidman said.

"For example, if there were two participants in a drug deal and one was injured, the one who was injured would be a victim but would not receive compensation under our program," he said.

The basic rules are that the incident has to be reported to law enforcement within 72 hours, and the claim for compensation has to be filed within one year.

Mr. Zeidman said that in some cases, the deadlines can be extended or waived. He said the commission has been lenient in child abuse cases, when the victim has not reported the incident for a long time.

Each claim is investigated before checks are written, and the files are kept strictly confidential, Mr. Zeidman says.

"It presents a problem for us because it is our goal to help victims and sometimes our investigation is directed at the victim's behavior," he said. "I don't disagree with that but it is troubling sometimes. The most difficult problem is when you are dealing with the family of a murder victim and you have to tell a parent that you can't pay the funeral bill because the victim contributed to his injuries."

Mr. Zeidman said most of the claims are referred to the commission from prosecutors, police departments, physicians and funeral homes throughout the state.

Ms. Minick of People Assisting Victims said that although some goals have been reached, many more remain, such as truth in sentencing and a constitutional amendment mandating victims' rights.

"All victim advocates want to bring moral truth into the system and make moral truth and legal truth synonymous," she said.

Victims in need of help can call:

- CARE-Family Violence Center 323-4187.
- Cumberland County Department of Social Services-Child Protective Services — 323-2302.
- Cumberland County Department of Social Services-Adult Protective Services — 323-1540.
- The Cumberland County Department of Social Services can be contacted 24 hours a day through the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department at 323-1500.
- Fayetteville Police Department Victim Coordinator — 433-1849.
- Cumberland County Sheriff's Department Victim Coordinator — 323-9888.
- Mothers Against Drunk Drivers — 630-1942.
- People Assisting Victims — 323-9888.
- Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County — 485-7273.
- Victims Compensation Commission — 1-800-826-6200.



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WFSS, Fayetteville State University's public radio station, will hold its annual on-the-air membership drive from April 27 until May 5. Volunteers who want to help with the drive should call 486-1381.

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Methodist College is registering students for its three summer terms. Registration for 120 summer courses will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Registrar's Office.

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**Dr. Robert Fortenberry**, a national expert on school improvement, is in Robeson County today and tomorrow helping public school officials and Pembroke State University officials and students create better schools.

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The Fayetteville Urban Ministry needs volunteer tutors for its Adult Reading Program. Tutors will be trained in sessions from 6:30 until 9:15 p.m. April 29, May 1, 6 and 8 at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry. To preregister, call 483-5944.

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Stedman Junior High School's Future Farmers of America Chapter won honorable mention in a statewide "Take Pride in America" contest. The students did landscaping and beautification around the school, concentrating on the courtyard, to win the prize.

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Four Cumberland County students won awards in the Grape Expectations essay and poster contest, sponsored by the California Table Grape Commission.

In the elementary division, **Melissa Browning** of Van Story Hills Elementary School won first place; **Anthony Staples** was second and **Ausha Whitehead** was third, both from Brentwood Elementary School. **Page Jackson** of District 7 Elementary School in Wade won second place in the middle school division.

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Elizabeth Cashwell Elementary School PTA will have its Spring Carnival Friday from 5 until 8 p.m. at the school. It features games and a hot dog dinner.

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Pembroke State University will hold its second annual Gospel Music Festival Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center. Performers will be The Kingsmen from Asheville, the D&L Singers of Maxton and the PSU Gospel Choir. For more information, call 1-919-521-0778

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**Angela Lynn Little**, a Douglas Byrd Senior High School graduate, will receive a Scott-Ellis Transfer Scholarship to Campbell University in the fall.

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Southeastern Community College's Oratorio Society will perform Sunday at 8 p.m. in the auditorium in Whiteville. The free concert, featuring Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus," is being staged as a thank you to the local military.

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**Christine Russo**, a Fayetteville Technical Community College graduate, won the local North Carolinians for Community Colleges essay contest. Her essay is titled, "How Community College Has Changed My Life."

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**Leshe Sanders** of Fayetteville will participate in the 1991 Science Talent Enrichment Program this summer at Emory University.

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**Johnny Jackson**, a Pine Forest High School student, is a United States National Award winner in foreign language, after being recommended by her German and world geography teacher.

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**Toni Melvin** and **Keitra Musgrave**, E.E. Smith High School students, attended the Converse Leadership Program at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., to learn leadership skills.

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Methodist College will hold its 10th annual Stock Market Symposium Thursday at 7 p.m., with guest speaker **G. David Orr**, vice president for economic research at First Union Corporation's Funds Management Division.

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Fayetteville State University will hold its annual academic honors and awards program on Thursday at 2 p.m. in the J.W. Seabrook Auditorium. **Dr. Wynton**

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# Fund Cuts Threaten 37 Jobs At FTCC

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Thirty-seven full-time Fayetteville Technical Community College teachers will lose their jobs, and the college could lose accreditation unless the state legislature changes proposed cuts for next year, FTCC's president said Monday.

President Craig Allen told the college's board of trustees that the budget cuts, totaling $3.46 million, would hurt all of the college's programs, from its degree programs to continuing education to police, medical and military classes.

"A budget reduction of this enormity will have devastating effects on this college," Dr. Allen told the board.

The college will lose about $1.45 million to the state's budget ax and $2 million because of a drop in the college's military enrollment during Operation Desert Storm.

Dr. Allen said the $2 million cut will occur because next year's

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## FTCC

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budget is based on the number of students enrolled this year. Enrollment fell by 833, or 13.2 percent, when the troops left for the Middle East last fall.

"I don't feel optimistic that this cut won't happen because the legislature is in a cutting mode," Dr. Allen said after the board meeting.

He outlined the cuts the college will have to make next school year if the budget picture does not change.

Dr. Allen said the college would lose:

- 37 teachers in degree and diploma programs.
- 9,338 classroom slots in degree and diploma programs.
- Major cuts in the library and media center, including staff and books, which could threaten accreditation.
- Five full-time counselors, recruiters or testers.
- Its foundation leadership, which raises money for the college.
- 515 continuing education classes.
- 172 instructors and spots for 7,725 adults in continuing education classes.
- 75 classes for emergency medical technicians.
- 65 classes in law enforcement training.
- 140 classes that help train workers in business and industry.
- 110 classes usually offered to the military and their dependents.

"The Fayetteville-Cumberland County community will be the victims of this brutal attack by the state budget ax," Dr. Allen said. "Our community's citizens, businesses and industries, economic well-being and quality of life will be impaired by the budget cuts described."

Dr. Allen said legislators will not change their minds on the budget cuts unless local voters persuade them.

"It's going to be up to the people to let the leadership know that education is important to them and their children and their jobs," he said. "We're hoping that the individuals in our community will take some action to let them (legislators) know of their support. If that happens all over the state, we may get some relief."

State Sen. Lura Tally, a Democrat from Fayetteville and an FTCC board member, said legislators need to hear from people who do not like the cuts.

"I think it's important because these cuts will be felt right down to the local level," Mrs. Tally said.

She said there are "hundreds of bills" in the General Assembly on tax and tuition hikes, and voters and education leaders need to tell their legislators what to do in this tight economic year.

Dr. Allen and Mrs. Tally said FTCC is being hit harder than any other community college.

Dr. Allen said the college needs the legislature to rule this year's low enrollment a glitch, and allocate money based on last year's normal enrollment figures.

But Mrs. Tally said she does not think the state will do that. She said the college will have to get money to make up for the war out of federal impact money that might be coming to the county.

She said the federal government has money to make up for the war's economic effects, and Cumberland County should be getting some. She said the county should share that money with the college.

In other action, the FTCC board of trustees asked the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners for a $3.5 million budget increase for next year, from $2.87 million to $6.37 million.

Dr. Allen said even if the county gives the college the extra money, it won't help because the county pays for buildings, grounds and maintenance. The state cuts are coming out of classes, teachers, administration and programs.

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retraining that goes on at FTCC cannot be underestimated," Mrs. Shaw said. "It is very important."

Commissioner Thomas Bacote said, "I just hope and pray that we'll be able to work out some means to help them."

He said the county is in a tough spot because it does not know how much money it will get from the state and federal governments.

But Mr. Bacote said the state legislature can help county governments by increasing the sales tax and giving that money to counties, and by approving a 1-cent manufacturer's tax on every pack of cigarettes produced in the state.

He and Commissioner Juanita Gonzalez said those taxes would go a long way toward helping counties out of their financial squeeze.

Commissioner Billy R. King said Dr. Allen "put forth a very persuasive argument. I think the Board of Commissioners were listening, and we'll do what we can."

The commissioners made a spending priority list last month which puts FTCC in fifth place for $1.6 million in equipment and building repair. About $900,000 of that is for equipment for the new center.

At Thursday's meeting, Dr. Allen asked for a $3.5 million increase, which includes the following major increases:

- $883,000 for equipment for the new Applied Technology Center.
- $800,000 for replacing roofs and renovating buildings that used to house the technology classes that will move to the new building.
- $716,000 for increased operating costs like utilities, maintenance and upkeep on the new building, a 2 percent raise for all workers and increasing the salaries of janitors to keep pace with other county janitors.
- $700,000 to increase the salaries of teachers, administrators and other workers who fall far below the average salaries paid by other community colleges and governmental agencies.

# County's Support Sought By FTCC

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Cumberland County commissioners said Thursday night that they want to help Fayetteville Technical Community College with more than $3 million it wants next year, but don't know how they will be able to do it.

Rollin Shaw, commissioners' chairman, said the board has a lot of "soul searching" to do as it considers next year's budgets for the college and all other county agencies.

The county board, FTCC board of trustees and FTCC Foundation board met for dinner Thursday night, and FTCC President Craig Allen talked about the college's most pressing financial needs.

He said FTCC needs extra money for four main reasons.

He said the college cannot compete for skilled workers because it pays such low salaries, the college's new Applied Technology Center still needs equipment, the college will have to pay more to heat, light and run the new center when it opens this summer, and other college buildings need renovations and new roofs.

In all, FTCC is asking the county for a budget of $6.37 million for next school year, which is $3.5 million more than the college got this year.

Commissioners also have received requests for $18 million from county department directors.

And county officials have told the board it might have only $3.6 million to divide up among all of those areas.

Despite that, most county commissioners were optimistic Thursday that the county will be able to help FTCC, at least a little bit.

"Given the fact that most of the people who are going to be in the work force by the year 2000 are already in the work force, the importance of the training and

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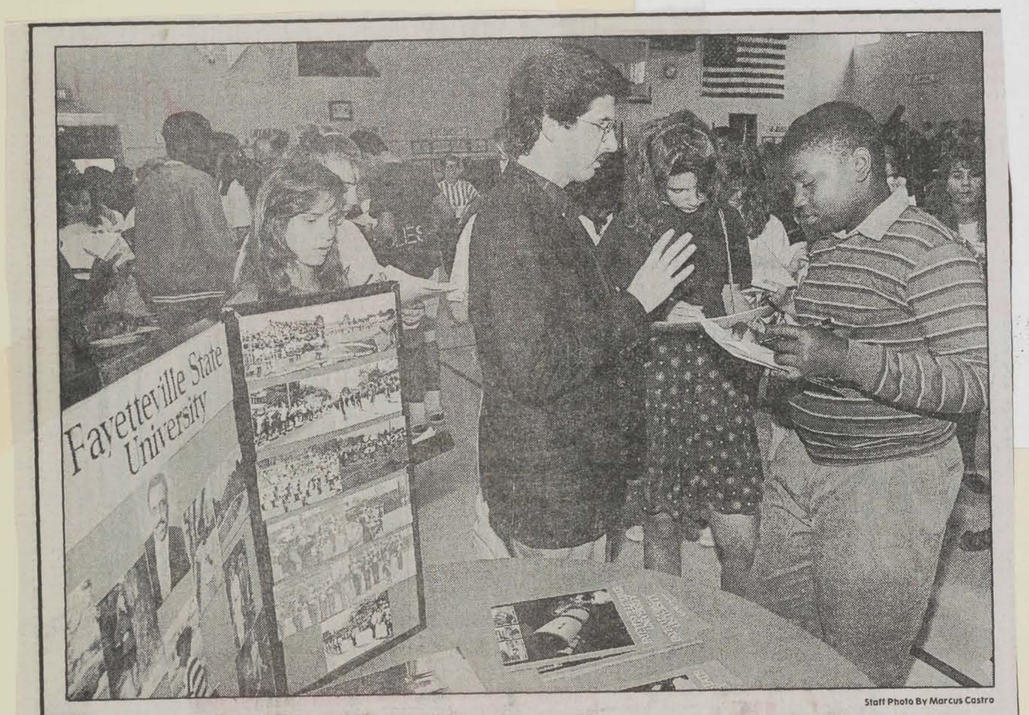


Staff Photo By Marcus Castro

## Starting Early

Brent Hester of Fayetteville State University gives some information to Derrick Cowan, 12, at a college fair for Douglas Byrd Junior High School students Friday in the school gym. The children heard presentations by representatives from six area colleges and universities (FSU, Pembroke State University, Methodist College, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Robeson Community College and Phillips Junior College). It was the first time a college fair has been held at a junior high school in the county, officials said.

Staff Photo By Steve Aldridge

## Seeing Red

Arthur Taylor sees red when he gives the Fayetteville Rose Garden its weekly cutting. If you like flowers, you should drop by for a look. The garden, on the campus of Fayetteville Technical Community College on Hull Road, is at its peak in May.

ALL-USA JUNIOR COLLEGE ACADEMIC ALL-STARS

# Many paths to success in two-year schools

By Pat Ordovensky
USA TODAY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Twenty students, representing the best academic talent at the nation's two-year colleges, today are named to the All-USA Academic First Team.

Winners were selected by Phi Theta Kappa, honorary fraternity at two-year campuses, in cooperation with USA TODAY and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Twenty students each also are named to second and third all-USA teams.

The top 20 get a trophy and $2,500 cash award today at the AACJC convention here. The ceremony will be broadcast live over the Community College Satellite Network starting at 10 a.m. EDT.

"Outstanding academic talent certainly is not confined to four-year colleges," says Tom Curley, USA TODAY president, who will present the awards. "This expands our commitment to recognize and to encourage scholarly achievement anywhere."

Similar All-USA Academic Teams offer national recognition and cash awards to high school and four-year college students.

Today's winners were selected, in a three-step judging process, by panels of educators assembled by Phi Theta Kappa. More than 400 students were nominated by their college presidents.

Judges considered grades, activities in college and high school, community and public service, academic honors and awards and faculty recommendations. Heavy weight was given to a student's essay describing a highlight of the two-year college experience.

First-team members reflect the variety of the 5.7 million students at community, junior and technical colleges.

Their majors range from pre-medicine to hospitality management to aviation maintenance. Their grades average 3.86 on a scale in which 4.0 means all A's.

Their ages range from 19 to 55, averaging 28.7. Three are over 40, seven are at least 30.

Each comes with a resume full of social commitment.

The oldest winner, David Berggren, 55, of Honolulu, crosses Hawaii speaking on substance addiction. He's in Alcoholics Anonymous. He also manages a homeless shelter and volunteers with a service for the deaf.

One of the youngest, Scot Blehm, 19, of Scottsbluff, Neb., has overcome diabetes to make his college varsity basketball team.

"As a serious student-athlete," says Blehm, "I have spoken to many young children in elementary schools stressing the importance of a quality education, striving for good grades and making smart choices."

Judith Levings, 43, of Moberly, Mo., single mother of three, already has a daughter with a college degree. Levings now makes speeches from Georgia to Texas extolling the virtues of going to college.

Eric Halamka, 19, of Port Huron, Mich., says he became a poet after taking a poetry class and has invented a style he calls a six-line poem.

"The six-line poem," he says, "is like any other form of poetry such as the sonnet or the limerick but with one exception: I made it up."

Twenty of the nation's best high school students will be honored May 17 on the fifth annual All-USA High School Academic Team. The second All-USA College Team was announced in February.

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## SECOND TEAM

**Sheila Bennett,** Southern Arkansas U./El Dorado; radiologic technology
**Jerry Bowman,** Crosby Quality College, Orlando, Fla.; pre-engineering
**Karen Brown,** Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, Md.; business/accounting
**Patricia Capo,** Allegheny County Community College, Pittsburgh; social work
**Deborah Conary,** Fayetteville (N.C.) Community College; business
**Emily Decker,** Brevard Community College, Cocoa, Fla.; art
**Brian Garrard,** Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, Ill.; physical education
**Jimmy Harris,** North Arkansas Community College, Harrison; secondary education/English
**Anthony Hebert,** Louisiana State U./Eunice; computer science/math
**April Lowry,** Richland College, Dallas; international business
**Alice Miller,** St. Louis (Mo.) Community College; liberal arts
**Barbara Moore,** Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City; history/English
**Juli Morgan,** Andrew College, Cuthbert, Ga.; psychology/social work
**Brian Piland,** Highline Community College, Des Moines, Wash.; business
**Wendy Robison,** Beaver County Community College, Monaca, Pa.; nursing
**Nancy Sabelko,** Chippewa Valley Technical College, Eau Claire, Wis.; mechanical design
**Daren Scroggie,** Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Fla.; medicine
**Ruth Smith,** St. Petersburg Junior College, Palm Harbor, Fla.; elementary education
**Margaret Surbaugh,** Lexington (Ky.) Community College; dental hygiene
**Deanne Taylor,** North Shore Community College, Lynn, Mass.; engineering

## THIRD TEAM

**Leonard Benton,** Broward Community College, Davie, Fla.; electrical engineering
**Mary Brown,** Midland (Texas) College, business
**Vinnie Drew,** Genesee Community College, Batavia, N.Y.; office technology
**Susan Graham,** Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa; social science
**John Harris,** Atlantic Community College, Mays Landing, N.J.; criminal justice
**Marilyn Jacobcik,** Lorain County Community College; Elyria, Ohio; business
**Kenneth Kerr,** Brazosport College, Lake Jackson, Texas; chemical engineering
**Deborah Koonce,** American River College, Sacramento, Calif.; agricultural economics
**Jennifer Lehtinen,** Ulster County Community College, Stone Ridge, N.Y.; liberal arts
**Terri Leon,** GateWay Community College, Phoenix; business
**Diana Lutz,** Madisonville (Ky.) Community College; journalism
**Michael Lyles,** Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, N.C.; computer science
**Wanda Martin,** El Reno (Okla.) Junior College; elementary education
**Donna Miller,** University College, Bangor, Maine; health information technology
**Amy Peters,** Iowa Central Community College, Fort Dodge, Iowa; political science
**John Talman,** Brunswick (Ga.) College; business
**Dina Treece,** Westark Community College, Fort Smith, Ark.; nursing
**Donis Tucker,** Pratt (Kan.) Community College; art education/graphic arts
**Diane Welty,** North Hennepin Community College, Brooklyn Park, Minn.; civil engineering
**John Wesley,** Lurleen Wallace Junior College, Andalusia, Ala.; electrical engineering

## FIRST TEAM

### David Berggren

*Honolulu Community College, Hawaii*
▶ **Age:** 55
▶ **GPA:** 3.68
▶ **Major:** Liberal arts
▶ **Goal:** Master's in social work
▶ **Activities:** Manager, shelter for homeless families; speaker on alcohol addiction; volunteer, Hawaii Service on Deafness; Alcoholics Anonymous; Hawaii Ecumenical Housing.

### Scot Blehm

*Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff, Neb.*
▶ **Age:** 19
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Pre-medicine
▶ **Goal:** Medical school
▶ **Activities:** Varsity basketball; speaks at elementary schools on importance of education, resisting drugs; counselor at camp for diabetics; United Methodist Sunday School teacher; baseball umpire; trumpeter; volunteer, police teen center.

### Kelly Cain

*Calhoun Community College, Decatur, Ala.*
▶ **Age:** 20
▶ **GPA:** 3.78
▶ **Major:** Political science, psychology
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree
▶ **Activities:** Volunteer in program to support at-risk, low-income middle school students; volunteer, Special Olympics, Cancer Society, Salvation Army, Governor's Conference on Drug Awareness.

### Mary Clark

*East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss.*
▶ **Age:** 19
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Liberal arts
▶ **Goal:** Lawyer
▶ **Activities:** Pianist; piano tutor; choir and Bible school assistant, Baptist church; volunteer, summer reading program; state public speaking award, Future Farmers of America.

### Tona Courrier

*Potomac State College, Keyser, W.Va.*
▶ **Age:** 20
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Biology
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree in biology
▶ **Activities:** Tutor in math, science; volunteer at Backbone Mountain Boys Camp for inner-city youth; missionary to Jamaica; volunteer at nursing home, food pantry, group that opposes abortion; advisory committee, Mineral County public schools.

### Susan Ferber

*Pierce College, Tacoma, Wash.*
▶ **Age:** 38
▶ **GPA:** 3.7
▶ **Major:** Business
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree in business
▶ **Activities:** Single parent; co-chair, Lutheran church mission; legislative chair, high school PTA; student rep, faculty tenure committee; curriculum panel, Franklin Pierce School District.

### Terri Frost

*Frederick Community College, Maryland*
▶ **Age:** 26
▶ **GPA:** 3.91
▶ **Major:** Aviation maintenance, flight technology
▶ **Goal:** Professional pilot
▶ **Activities:** Organizer, college flying club; instructor, theatrical sound and lighting; produces tapes, slide shows for church, schools, Washington Public Assistance Fund.

### Jeffrey Gardner

*Madison Area Technical College, Wis.*
▶ **Age:** 24
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Hospitality management
▶ **Goal:** Hotel management
▶ **Activities:** Tutor in math, accounting; teacher, Lutheran church; volunteer Big Brother; staff, Special Olympics, Boy Scouts.

### Ray Hager

*Sauk Valley College, Dixon, Ill.*
▶ **Age:** 26
▶ **GPA:** 3.95
▶ **Major:** Criminal justice
▶ **Goal:** Lawyer
▶ **Activities:** Army veteran; volunteer hunter-safety instructor for Illinois Conservation Dept.; coordinator, Special Olympics; volunteer, Salvation Army, Lutheran Social Services; volunteer in political campaigns.

### Eric Halamka

*St. Clair County Community College, Port Huron, Mich.*
▶ **Age:** 19
▶ **GPA:** 3.97
▶ **Major:** East Asian studies
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree
▶ **Activities:** Poet; piano instructor; puppeteer; soup kitchen volunteer; organized student support for passage of school tax levy.

### Rene Holmes

*Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio*
▶ **Age:** 30
▶ **GPA:** 3.38
▶ **Major:** Pre-medicine
▶ **Goal:** Oncologist
▶ **Activities:** Student rep, college board of trustees; mentor to at-risk students; teaches literacy skills to senior citizens; volunteer, Children's Hospital; youth coordinator, mayoral campaign.

### Elva Josephson

*Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, N.J.*
▶ **Age:** 21
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Business
▶ **Goal:** MBA
▶ **Activities:** Chair, Committee to Have State Fulfill Financial Commitment to Community Colleges; member, state student advisory board on financial aid; tutor in accounting, algebra; volunteer, environmental cleanup.

### Judith Levings

*Moberly Area Community College, Mo.*
▶ **Age:** 43
▶ **GPA:** 3.94
▶ **Major:** Communications
▶ **Goal:** College PR director
▶ **Activities:** Mother of three, including college graduate; motivational speaker on advantages of college education; 4-H leader in photography, sewing; member, county fair board; story lady, public library; volunteer in political campaign.

### Karen Marshall

*Bucks County Community College, Newtown, Pa.*
▶ **Age:** 33
▶ **GPA:** 3.95
▶ **Major:** Computer technology
▶ **Goal:** Degree in medical computer systems
▶ **Activities:** Organizer, community literacy program; fund-raiser for homeless; reader to nursing home residents; tutor in elementary school.

### Cheryl Phinny

*Tyler Junior College, Texas*
▶ **Age:** 19
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Accounting, taxation
▶ **Goal:** Master's in international business
▶ **Activities:** Peer tutor; pianist entertaining at nursing homes; coordinator, canned food drives; volunteer, voter registration drive.

### Terrell Ringer

*Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio*
▶ **Age:** 25
▶ **GPA:** 3.81
▶ **Major:** Business administration
▶ **Goal:** Master's in international business
▶ **Activities:** Navy veteran; coordinator, Dayton Hunger Project; peer mentor for college minority recruitment and retention program; volunteer, neighborhood priority board; intern, City of Dayton planning and development office.

### Suzan Seger

*Brookhaven College, Farmers Branch, Texas*
▶ **Age:** 27
▶ **GPA:** 3.63
▶ **Major:** Nursing, gerontology
▶ **Goal:** Master's in gerontology
▶ **Activities:** CPR instructor for American Heart Association and Red Cross; volunteer at soup kitchen and shelter for homeless in Dallas; volunteer, adopt-a-pet program for homeless animals; hospital volunteer.

### Kathleen Simpson

*Monroe Community College, Rochester, N.Y.*
▶ **Age:** 41
▶ **GPA:** 3.86
▶ **Major:** English, women's studies, anthropology
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree, English/women's studies
▶ **Activities:** Past president, New York Citizens Coalition for Children; adoption advocate, county Social Services Dept.; facilitator, Food for People Network; raised four children including two Vietnamese refugees; speaker on women returning to school.

### Jake Slegers

*Normandale Community College, Bloomington, Minn.*
▶ **Age:** 31
▶ **GPA:** 4.0
▶ **Major:** Communications, music
▶ **Goal:** Bachelor's degree in speech/communications
▶ **Activities:** Farmer; tutor, college writing center; peer mentor for at-risk students; Boys Club counselor; church youth group leader.

### Kimberly Wansley

*Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Miss.*
▶ **Age:** 20
▶ **GPA:** 3.64
▶ **Major:** Business education, information processing
▶ **Goal:** Master's degree
▶ **Activities:** President, student government; coordinator, Special Olympics; tutor for illiterate adults; highway clean-up volunteer; Red Cross swim instructor; teacher, United Methodist church.

COVER STORY

# 2-yr. colleges boom, serve varying needs

Community colleges are no longer 'the school of last resort'; All Stars, **9A**

By Pat Ordovensky
USA TODAY

DAYTON, Ohio — Terrell Ringer, four-year Navy veteran, was terrified when he entered Sinclair Community College at the age of 22.

"My environment expected nothing of me," he says. "The media bombarded me with statistics predicting my failure as a black male."

But his mother, a single parent in the West Dayton ghetto, pushed him. Sinclair was close and inexpensive. He enrolled to make her happy.

An "A" on his first algebra test brought some confidence.

Today, Ringer walks across a stage in Kansas City, Mo., to receive a trophy and $2,500 check as one of 20 members of the USA TODAY All-Academic Team for two-year colleges.

He's the third student to be honored from Sinclair, a com-

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By Greg Sailor

**ACADEMIC TEAM:** Larry Leach, left, and Terrell Ringer.

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## Popularity taxes open door policy

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munity college that sprawls across 53 acres on the edge of downtown Dayton.

And he's a reason why two-year colleges are booming — the fastest-growing segment of education anywhere.

For Ringer and thousands like him, "it's not a choice of Sinclair or Harvard," says Sinclair president David Ponitz. "It's Sinclair or no place."

More than 5.7 million students are attending the nation's 1,200 two-year colleges, up 34% in five years, says the U.S. Education Department. Five years ago, 35% of all college students were on two-year campuses. Now, 42%.

"There's much less stigma attached than when (a two-year college) was seen as the school of last resort," says Boston marketing consultant Steve Avakian.

Price obviously is an attraction.

Average yearly cost at a two-year college is $904, says The College Board. At a four-year public college, it's $1,755. At a four-year private school, $7,685.

"More people are turning to us because of the economy," says Miami-Dade's Betty Semet. "They can't get jobs, so they're going back to school." A high school diploma is not enough, she says.

But you'll also find people like:

▶ Lynda Bluhm, who entered Sinclair two years ago directly from high school because she wants to be a sign-language interpreter. It's the least expensive, and closest to home, of three Ohio colleges that offer such training.

▶ Steve Duff, 41, former car salesman, who drives 48 miles five days a week to study business at Sinclair, after marrying young and putting his wife through nurse's training. He eventually wants an MBA and a job as a business executive.

▶ Haitham Imam, a Palestinian refugee from Jerusalem, studying food service and working in the school cafeteria. When he graduates in June, he has a job at Disney World.

▶ Judy Ralston, 48, who enrolled to "prove there's life after children." She's being trained as a surgical technician.

"A lot of the baby boom generation are reaching the stage where they're taking a second look at their lives," says Avakian. "Women especially are going through tremendous changes" in their 40s.

"A lot of things that were important to us at four-year colleges aren't so important to these people," he says. "Football games and fraternity parties aren't so relevant when you're 42 years old."

While the over-40 crowd is growing — at Sinclair, it's up 12% in two years — the bulk of community college students still is under 30 and looking for an education launching pad.

About half, like Lynda Bluhm, want to enter the work force. For them, Sinclair offers two-year degrees in fields such as law enforcement, nursing, aviation management, physical therapy, accounting, computer repair and dozens more.

The other half, like Terrell Ringer, want a start toward advanced degrees.

This spring, he earns an associate degree in business administration and has applied to four universities where his Sinclair credits will be accepted. His long-range goal: a master's degree in international business and corporate success.

Larry Leach, the Sinclair student who won national honors last year, enrolled 14 years after dropping out of Ohio State. He's working on a business degree across town at Wright State University and taking courses at Sinclair.

He thinks Wright State, a four-year school, is easier than Sinclair.

"When you go into a (Wright State) classroom there are 350 students," he says, "and they only can offer you a computer-graded test. With smaller classes at Sinclair, you get more individual attention and you also get tougher tests."

At community colleges you also get better teaching, officials say, because that's the faculty's only job.

"It's big news," says Dale Parnell of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, "that Stanford wants to return to an emphasis on teaching (from research). In community colleges, we never left. That's all we do."

Paul Rab drew sneers from peers in graduate school when he took a job teaching biology at Sinclair in 1972, but times were tough and job offers few.

"I never once regretted it," says Rab, still at Sinclair. "Anyone who has a commitment to teaching will succeed here."

Some community colleges are growing so fast their traditional open door — anyone who survives high school can attend — is being closed. The problem: money.

Miami-Dade, banned by Florida law from raising tuition, capped enrollment at around 50,000 for the winter and spring terms. Last fall, 51,830 enrolled.

Unless the Legislature provides more money — which it's considering — president Robert McCabe predicts up to 5,000 students will be shut out next fall.

Similar problems are arising in Virginia and Massachusetts. Judy Tomczak of the national community college association says schools in at least 40 states have some kind of economic crunch.

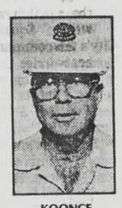
The crunch hasn't hit Sinclair. Voters in Montgomery County, Ohio, recently approved a local tax to supplement the school's state subsidy and tuition income.

Even Steve Duff, who must pay higher fees than most students because he lives in another county, finds Sinclair's cost is half what he'd pay at a Miami University branch in his hometown. And he thinks the education is better.

Although he hopes to earn an MBA, Duff says: "What I'd really like to do is teach at a two-year college. I'd love to come back here and teach."

● John Wallace Koonce of Fayetteville was one of five North Carolina residents recently recongized as a Master Craftsman by the state Department of Labor. Presentation of the award was made during ceremonies in Raleigh.

Mr. Koonce is senior project superintendent for Player Inc., a general construction company. He has worked for the company for 29 years. In addition, he has taught classes for 12 years at Fayetteville Technical Community College sponsored by the Carolinas Construction Training Council Apprenticeship Program.



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# *Trumpeter Gave It Up To Go For Baroque*

**By Mark Price**
Staff Writer

It's tough to play the trumpet with braces on your teeth.

Barry Bauguess did it for years as a teen.

But he says that challenge was nothing compared to trying to play a trumpet with no valves.

Seventeenth century baroque trumpets have no valves, says Mr. Bauguess, who is considered to be one of the country's leading baroque trumpet players.

"The valves change the notes. Without them, you have to do all the note changes with your lips. That's tough," says Mr. Bauguess, who will play a modern trumpet this Saturday as guest soloist with the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra.

"I had to play nothing but baroque trumpet for four years to get good at it. That's why there are not that many baroque trumpet players. Not many people want to devote that much time."

Mr. Bauguess, who is artist in residence at Fayetteville Technical Community College, began playing the trumpet in the fifth grade, after becoming enamored with the skills of Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass.

After stints with elementary school and high school bands, he attended the North Carolina School of the Arts, then went to the New England Conservatory of Music to specialize in baroque trumpet.

The instrument has a much softer sound than a modern trumpet and gives a more lyrical quality to the music, he says.

Mr. Bauguess claims there are probably only three skilled baroque trumpet players in the country. As a result, he has been much in demand as a guest soloist, including an annual seven weeks with the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra in San Francisco.

Prior to becoming the artist in residence at Fayetteville Technical Community College, Mr. Bauguess considered himself a free-lance trumpet player who averaged playing with 12 orchestras a year in various parts of the world.

He has performed with some 40 orchestras, he says, including the Concert Royal in New York and the Tafelmusik in Toronto.

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**Who:** Trumpeter Barry Bauguess With the Fayetteville Symphony
**When:** Saturday at 8 p.m.
**Where:** Methodist College's Reeves Auditorium
**Tickets:** $7, $6 for senior citizens. Available at The Dancer, Jewelery Appraisal and Repair, The Eclectic Emporium and The Arts Council
**Information:** 864-2890 or 323-1776

Barry Bauguess Performs Here Saturday

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## Bauguess

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"My goal out of college was to get a permanent job in one orchestra, but there are not that many orchestras, and each one has only three trumpet players. You have to wait for someone to die to get a job," says Mr. Bauguess, who was born in Winston-Salem.

"That's one of the reasons I took up baroque trumpet in 1984. There's not much competition."

Mr. Bauguess says he will play the modern trumpet Saturday because the baroque trumpet doesn't play well with modern instruments.

He will perform "Suite of Music for Trumpet and Orchestra' by Handel and "Prayer of St. Gregory' by Hovhannes.

The show begins at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium at Methodist College. The orchestra will perform the Overture to "Bronze Horse" by D. Auber; "Water Music Suite" by Handel; ballet music from "Le Cid' by Massenet and "Symphony No. 39 in E Flat Major" by Mozart.

Tickets are $7 for adults and $6 for senior citizens and students. They are available at the door or in advance at The Dancer, Jewelry Appraisal and Repair, the Eclectic Emporium and the Arts Council. For information, call 864-2890 or 323-1776.

# Community Profile

**Deborah Conary, Student Government Association President at Fayetteville Technical Community College, is one of 60 students nationwide named to the All-USA Academic Team. For being named to the team, Ms. Conary received a plaque. Her name was also published in the April 16 edition of USA Today.**

Staff Photo By Steve Aldridge

# Deborah Conary Named To Academic Team

**By Jeffery Womble**
Saturday Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College student Deborah Conary was one of 60 students from around the country honored recently by being named to the All-USA Academic team.

Twenty students were named to the All-USA Academic first team and 20 were named to the second and third All-USA teams. Ms. Conary was a member of the second team.

The top 20 finishers received a plaque and $2,500 cash award, and second- and third-team members each received a plaque. First-team members also had their pictures published in the April 16 edition of USA Today, while second- and third-team members had their names and schools listed.

The teams, selected by Phi Theta Kappa, an honorary fraternity at two-year colleges, consist of the brightest and most active students at community and junior colleges across the country. The event was also sponsored by USA Today and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

"This is the very first time we have had a student to be recognized nationally for this award," said Barbara Copeland, public relations and marketing director at FTCC. "Fayetteville Tech is proud of Deborah and she represents our school very well. She represents a lot of Fayetteville Tech students. We have a lot of students with leadership and organizational skills, the same skills that Deborah has."

Similar All-USA Academic teams offer national recognition to high school and four-year college students.

Winners from two-year colleges were selected in a three-step judging process by panels of educators assembled by Phi Theta Kappa.

Judges considered grades, activities in college and high school, community and public service, academic honors and awards and faculty recommendations. Heavy consideration was given to a student's essay describing a highlight of the two-year college experience.

In recommending Ms. Conary for the award, Margene Sunderland, a business administration instructor at FTCC, said: "Deborah not only excels academically, but has provided support for military families during the Saudi Arabia crisis. She has used her role as a student, mother and Army wife as a stepping-stone to reach out and help people while experiencing strong personal growth. Deborah's character, dependability and citizenship are unquestionably the very best."

To be eligible for nomination, a student must be currently enrolled in an AACJC member institution and should expect to graduate during the 1990-91 academic year. The nominee must have completed at least 12 semester hours (or quarter hour equivalent) in pursuit of an associate of arts, associate of science or associate of applied science degree prior to being nominated; and must currently post a cumulative grade-point average of not less than 3.25 out of a possible 4.0 in all credit course work taken at that college.

Ms. Conary, 38, who has a 4.0 grade-point average, was a marshal at last year's graduation exercises, served on the school's board of trustees as a non-voting member, was on the President's List, was inducted in Phi Theta Kappa and served as Student Government Association president.

"I saw a lot of positive things that I could do for FTCC based on my experience as a military wife," Ms. Conary said. "The SGA here is a group that works together. We have a contrast in personalities, but we agree to disagree. I have taken management skills I've learned in class and applied them to SGA."

The awards and honors are great, but she said she has to give credit where it is due.

"I was very pleased, of course, when I found out I was chosen for the second team," Ms. Conary said. "But the big honor is representing FTCC."

Ms. Conary said she obtained academic success the old-fashioned way — hard work and dedication.

"I attend class faithfully," the Amsterdam, N.Y., native said. "I try to listen carefully and I put in a lot of time and work."

And that isn't easy considering Ms. Conary has a husband and three school-age children who demand a lot of her time and attention. But she manages, she said.

"I really work at it," she said. "I'm fairly organized. I set priorities and see what needs to be done first, what can be taken care of when and what can slide. I also write myself notes."

Ms. Conary will graduate in June from FTCC, but her college career won't end. She has been accepted to Fayetteville State University where she plans to complete work for a bachelor's degree in business administration. Upon graduation from FSU, she plans to use her degree to help her husband get his photography business off the ground. She also plans to teach at FTCC one day.

In addition to her school activities, Ms. Conary is also actively involved in community affairs. She has taken over 100 foster children into her home, is a girl scout leader, a teacher at Peace Presbyterian Church and a volunteer for Army Community Services. As an Army volunteer, Ms. Conary has earned her 2,500-hour pin.



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## Honors/Awards

**Thom Amnotte,** faculty member at Eastern Maine Technical college, has been selected under the United States Department of Education's 1991 Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program. He will participate in the Mexico and Central America seminar this summer.

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**Ann Ashford,** an English instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College (NC), has been appointed to serve on the Advisory Board of the North Carolina Association for Developmental Studies, a state chapter affiliate of the National Association for Developmental Education.

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A Riverside Community College (CA) assistant professor has been awarded a fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities to participate in the 1991 Summer Seminar for College Teachers. Under the terms of the endowment, **David V. Baker** will study under UC- Irvine history professor Michael P. Johnson, a distinguished scholar of American Southern history.

appointed to a three-year term on the American Council on Education (ACE) Commission on Women in Higher Education. Carroll was named president of Saddleback College in 1983.

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The Oregon Department of Education, Division of Vocational Technical Education, has named **Doug White** of Lane Community College as Outstanding Administrator from a postsecondary institution for 1991. White is department head of health occupations at the college.

## Trustees

**Ruth H. Moorman** has been appointed to the Washtenaw Community College (MI) Board of Trustees. Moorman will fill the vacancy created by the Jan. 29 death of **Vanzetti M. Hamilton**, who had served on the board since 1980.

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**Phillip W. Shrout** was appointed to the Lakeland Commu-

# FTCC A Partner To Business, Industry

Fayetteville Technical Community College salutes business and industry in the Fayetteville and Cumberland Country communities. By providing vocational and technical skills training to the community, Fayetteville Tech serves as an anchor for progressive technological and economic development.

Over the past 30 years, FTCC has enhanced opportunities for occupational training and education, and has formed partnerships within the business and industry community, building a strong base for economic growth.

To ensure that the future economy of Fayetteville and Cumberland County is built on the expansion of higher wages and high value jobs, a bold, new initiative to create an educated workforce is essential. The development of a more skilled workforce is more than a problem to be solved, it is an opportunity to be seized.

*Applied Technology Center To Open In The Fall*

***FTCC Responds***

The college's strategic planning process has identified several future realities to which the college must respond over the next decade. They are:

- By the year 2000, new developments in technology, international competition, and changing demographics will dramatically alter the nation's employment characteristics;
- In the next decade, 6 million jobs are projected to be available in executive, professional and technical positions. Only 1 million available jobs are expected for less skilled and laborer categories;
- Seventy-five percent of new jobs will require post high school education/training, but they will not necessarily require a bachelor's degree;
- America's competitive advantage will rely on the applications of technological advances and our nation's ability to maintain and improve the skill level of our workforce;
- Seventy-five percent of the people who will be working in 2000 are already in the workforce, and
- Ninety percent of the world's scientific knowledge has been generated in the last 30 years, primarily in the United States. This body of knowledge will double by the year 2000, and manufactured products will become obsolete in fewer than 5 to 10 years.

***Meeting The Challenge***

In the mid-1980s, however, it became apparent that if FTCC was to continue to be involved with business and industry training in a significant manner, past practices would have to be altered. A Blue Ribbon Task Force of business and industry leaders was formed to identify the critical training needs of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. As the pace of innovation quickens, the demand for teamwork between industry and education increases as well. That teamwork identified the need for and is the heart of the college's Applied Technology Center.

***Partners In Training***

In the fall of 1991, the doors of the new Applied Technology Center will open. The center represents FTCC's continuing commitment to excellence in education. Through this facility, Fayetteville Tech will provide the best technical education possible for students, equipping them with lifelong skills and knowledge. Graduates trained in this center can immediately be productive on the job, and present employees can upgrade their skills in specialized courses on the latest equipment. Couple that with the guidance of business and industry leaders and a knowledgeable and dedicated faculty, the result is a winning team.

***FTCC's Commitment***

Fayetteville Tech plans to accomplish many goals with the resources and facilities available through the Applied Technology Center. The objectives of the center are four-fold:

- To attract industry and business to the local community by providing comprehensive educational programs;
- To provide broadly educated and highly skilled graduates with the competencies necessary to work in technological fields;
- To enhance the student's ability to meet dynamic changes in technology by providing long-

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term instruction on state-of-the-art equipment, and

- To integrate and consolidate technological resources for maximum cost effectiveness and efficiency.

***Key to Economic Competitiveness***

The 85,000 square foot structure will house eight of the college's high-tech programs. Thirty-four specialized labs and shops are planned as well as classrooms, a 100-seat lecture hall, multi-purpose room, and telecommunications conference room. The center will also provide seminar and workshop facilities as a regional center for technology-based instruction.

***The Curriculum Center***

For Fayetteville Tech to prepare highly skilled graduates, the faculty must also stay in touch with technological advances. The Curriculum Center for FTCC faculty members, in the Applied Technology Center, will:

- Enhance the use of technology in classrooms campus-wide;
- Allow faculty to implement technological advances, and
- Allow faculty to make greater use of multi-media presentations for more efficient instruction.

***Architectural Technology***

Graduates of the Architectural Technology program must have a working knowledge not only in drafting and construction materials, but also in computer applications. The CAD (Computer Aided Drafting) workstations will provide advanced training in skills that are imperative for employment in the field today.

***Automotive Technology***

Automotive technology is advancing at a rapid pace, and FTCC's goal is to train technicians prepared to service and repair automobiles and light trucks equipped with highly technical mechanical and electrical systems. The Applied Technology Center will provide spacious, well-equipped classrooms, shops and labs to best train students to meet the challenges of automotive technology in the '90s. Students will have access to the latest computer software and diagnostic tools like the chassis dynamometer and engine balancing equipment.

***Business Computer Programming***

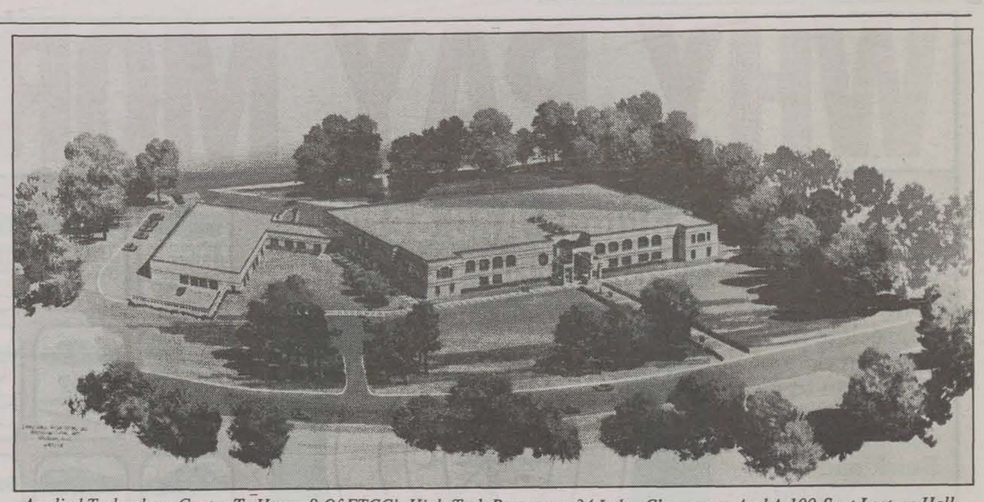
Business and industry increasingly need employees trained in current business application programming. FTCC strives to meet this need by training students on state-of-the-art equipment in system and program design and application. The faculty emphasizes real-life application problems to best prepare students to enter the workforce.

***Civil Engineering Technology***

The training and skills necessary to be successful in the competitive construction fields are varied and changing with technology advances. To fully prepare students for positions as civil engineering technicians, FTCC has several objectives for students in this program. Students must learn:

- To use the latest surveying equipment and computer software;
- Basic construction methods, equipment used and cost estimating;
- Analysis and design of various structural shapes, and
- Drafting skills associated with civil engineering work.

Drafting students must have computer aided drafting experience and a background of mechanical and industrial processes in order to be successful job candidates.



*Applied Technology Center To House 8 Of FTCC's High-Tech Programs, 34 Labs, Classrooms And A 100-Seat Lecture Hall*

# FTCC May Need Tuition Increase Of 41 Percent

**By Kim Oriole**
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College probably will not face the major financial problems it expected from Operation Desert Storm, two legislators said Monday.

But students at FTCC and community colleges throughout North Carolina may see tuition jump 41 percent to help their schools over the budget hump next fall, FTCC President Craig Allen said.

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Dr. Allen said FTCC expected to lose $2 million next year because the college lost 833 students when the troops left for the Persian Gulf last fall.

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But at a board of trustees meeting, Sen. Lura Tally and Rep. Luther "Nick" Jeralds, both Fayetteville Democrats, said the legislature probably will put that $2 million back into FTCC's 1991-92 budget.

That would leave the college facing a budget cut of $1.45 million as its part of statewide cuts to all schools.

Mrs. Tally said the extra $2 million "is in the expansion budget. We've just got to hold it in the expansion budget."

She said a special provision in that budget lets FTCC use its enrollment figures from last school year instead of this year.

Mr. Jeralds said the school will recover some of what it lost during the war.

"We need to catch up before we start talking about increased enrollment," he said.

The special provision also helps Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville, which was affected by the deployment of Marines from Cape Lejeune, and Wayne Community College in Goldsboro, which was hurt by the loss of airmen from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. The legislators were not sure how much would go to those colleges.

Dr. Allen said he is happy that the legislature plans to let FTCC use its regular enrollment figures instead of the artificially low ones from this year.

But he said community colleges statewide are expecting a 5 percent to 8 percent increase in the number of students next year, which would cost an extra $16 million.

Dr. Allen said the legislature may pay for that increased cost with a 41 percent tuition increase.

FTCC's full-time tuition would go from $105 to $148 a quarter, and that would hurt many students, he said.

"The whole idea is to keep the cost down so people can attend," he said. "It was designed to get more people into college."

In another financial matter, Mr. Jeralds said he hopes FTCC will get $1.8 million to buy equipment for its Applied Technology Center.

The college needs $3 million to furnish the center, Dr. Allen has said.

The board of trustees set aside $225,700 from the college's budget

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earlier this year, and that is the only equipment money so far.

The center was supposed to be finished in July, but officials said Monday that it will be two to three months late.

The state promised the college $899,900 last year, but that money was frozen during the budget crunch.

Mr. Jeralds said the money could be unfrozen, and FTCC could also get $1 million from capital bonds the state is considering.

He said the legislature is considering a bill that would issue $660 million in bonds for construction and equipment for the state's schools, prisons and other institutions.

Mr. Jeralds and board of trustees members toured the unfinished center Monday. Mr. Jeralds said it is an impressive building.

College officials said it will include about 40 faculty offices, 20 general classrooms, a high-tech automotive lab, computer labs, an industrial lab with robotics and lasers, an architectural technology lab and an advanced communications and electronics lab.

Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

Lucy West, Left, Gets Help With House Number From Geraldine Henderson; Background: Alton West; Foreground, Edward Avent.

# Special Housewarming Opens 'Habitat' Home

By Marc Barnes
Staff Writer

CEDAR CREEK — Alton West had dozens of people stop by Sunday afternoon.

They managed to track a fair amount of muddy Cumberland County farmland all over his brand-new, freshly scrubbed kitchen floor.

Mr. West didn't much care.

For the first time in his life, he could say that the kitchen floor below his feet belonged to him.

"It's kind of hard to believe," he said. "I have to pinch myself, sometimes. It is kind of like being in a dream, you know."

"Oh, it feels good!," said his wife, Lucy. "I want to put me some new stuff in, some bedroom stuff and dining room and living room stuff. It makes a difference that it's mine. It's a good feeling."

Mr. West's new home was dedicated Sunday by the Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity, an international ecumenical organization that has the goal of making affordable housing available to all.

The dedication marks the fifth home built by the organization in the Fayetteville area.

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But it also marked a big difference in the life of Mr. and Mrs. West and their four children. "You ought to go by and see what I live in now — a dump," Mr. West said.

The family met the criteria for a Habitat house about three years ago, but didn't want to move into Fayetteville, preferring instead to stay in their Cedar Creek neighborhood.

Ground was broken for the house on Dec. 16. Students at Fayetteville Technical Community College did all the masonry, carpentry, electrical and plumbing work and built the kitchen cabinets. Businesses and individuals donated materials and money.

Joseph Nagel, chairman of the board of Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity, said the program is targeted toward people with a good credit history, whose incomes are considered low to moderate. Participants get no-interest loans for 20 to 25 years to pay for their homes.

Mr. Nagel gave the example of a 1,150-square foot home, which would cost Habitat about $33,000 to build.

The cost to the homebuyer would be $125 per month, with insurance, taxes and termite protection bringing the monthly payment to no more than $200. The payments go back into Habitat to build more houses.

In return, Mr. West has had to do 400 hours of volunteer work on his own home and on a home on Silk Lane that Habitat completed last summer. He painted, picked up trash and helped with the building.

Mr. Nagel says that what Habitat needs right now is money and volunteers.

"We need people to come forth to work in all the different functions that we've got," he said, "to raise money, to handle publicity, to handle our membership activities. We need people to come forth and do a little bit."

Mr. Nagel can be reached at 483-0952.

Mr. West says he will keep volunteering with Habitat, after moving into his own house — and taking a well-deserved breather.

"I will volunteer with them, off and on, but I am give out right now," Mr. West said. "I have been here just about every day. If it wasn't picking up trash, it was painting or coming over here and watering the lawn."

The house came equipped with an acre of land and a good neighbor.

"A guy told me that I could plant all I wanted out there," he said, smiling and pointing across a field. "It is good to have neighbors like that."

Letters

## Race Unity Day

Sunday, June 9, is Race Unity Day. This day was established by the Baha'is of the United States but is increasingly being observed by non-Baha'i individuals and organizations around the country.

Picnics, guitar players, banners and keynote speakers are lovely and inspiring symbols of the goals which this country put forward in its Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

We read every day of incidents of racially based violence. No group is immune. If affects the way we see each other. It alters expectations of good and evil from our fellow citizens.

No group is totally to blame, nor totally innocent; and "to ignore the problem is to expose the country to physical, moral and spiritual danger." It drains the energy and leaves a sense of futility in people struggling to eradicate all traces of inequity.

"The oneness of humanity is a spiritual truth abundantly confirmed by science. Recognition of this truth compels the abandonment of all prejudices of race, color, creed, nation and class." Given the same opportunities of education and employment, all prosper.

The above quotations come from "America's Most Challenging Issue: The Vision of Race Unity," a statement by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States. We welcome any opportunities to collaborate with individuals and associations of similar mind, and we hope you will join others this Sunday in celebrating the oneness of humankind.

ROBERTA KRAITSIK
Fayetteville
Baha'is of Cumberland County

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## Rose Garden

On Saturday, May 25, I attended a wedding of dear friends at Fayetteville Technical Community College. The wedding was held in the Rose Garden.

I have never seen a more spotless and clean campus. The Rose Garden was beautiful and so was the rest of the campus.

Those responsible for the care of this campus and those who do the work have every right to be proud of their campus.

CALVIN CHADWICK
Fayetteville

## Sheltered

After reading the letter written by Lt. Col. Richard D. McCreight, it would appear that he has led a sheltered life.

As a starter, I invite him to visit San Francisco, U.S.A.

GEORGE A. WECKERLE
Fayetteville

# FTCC Losing Race For Teachers Due To Pay Plan, Officials Say

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Pamela Best works at Fayetteville Technical Community College teaching people to be nurses. Then she sits back and watches them earn more money than she does.

Ms. Best has a master's degree in nursing and nine years teaching experience, but she said her salary is about the same as her students' who graduated last year with associate degrees.

"They start off making as much as we do, and when they come back in a few years, they're making more," she said with a shake of her head.

So what keeps her and the other nursing teachers at the community

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college?

"I like the students," Ms. Best said, adding that she switched this year from teaching freshmen to sophomores. "I've seen this group go from where they couldn't wash their hands to where they're handling groups of patients. It's been one of the most rewarding things I've done."

Paula de la Cerna, who has taught nursing at FTCC for 13 years, said, "I love the students. I really do. And I like the hours — the weekends and summers off."

Yet the veteran teachers make only about $31,000 each, and the higher pay at local hospitals and other nursing jobs keeps tugging at them.

It has taken away one of FTCC's first-year nursing teachers, who "already said she's not coming back," Ms. de la Cerna said.

The problem is not just in the nursing department, FTCC officials said.

The college does not have the money to pay its teachers higher salaries, and it is losing the race for new, qualified instructors in many fields, officials said.

The FTCC board of trustees asked the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners last month for $700,000 for next fiscal year to bring the college's salaries up to the middle range of salaries at comparable schools and government agencies.

Of that money, $383,000 would go for improved teacher salaries, and $317,000 would go to other workers, including administrators and clerical and technical workers.

Larry Norris, FTCC's vice president for academic affairs, said he knows the state and county are facing their own budget crunch, but FTCC is facing "a critical situation."

He said the college is the major training ground for most of the county's workers in fields ranging from nursing and dental hygiene to computer technology and auto mechanics.

"With our existing salary plan, we can't compete," Dr. Norris said. "It's almost impossible to attract people from businesses and industries. But we always try to hire the person with work experience."

The college is having trouble hiring teachers in nursing, advertising design and commercial art now, but Dr. Norris said that could quickly change.

"The critical area is where we have our next vacancy," he said.

A study by a Texas firm, Andersen and Associates, shows that FTCC's salaries repeatedly fall $3,000 to $5,000 below salaries offered by community colleges of the same size in the eastern United States and Cumberland County's schools and government agencies.

At most teaching levels, Wake Technical Community College pays about $5,000 more than Fayetteville Technical Community College, the study shows.

The study also compares FTCC's salaries to those of Cumberland County school teachers, after the teachers' salaries were expanded from 10 months to 12 months.

If Cumberland County teachers worked 12 months like the FTCC faculty, the public school teachers would make about $4,400 more per year than the college faculty, the study said.

A teacher with a bachelor's degree and no experience will earn about $21,000 at FTCC. The study shows that the market median, or the middle amount paid to people at that level, is $25,200.

Ms. Best and Ms. de la Cerna said one woman a few years ago went from teaching nursing at FTCC to teaching health in the Cumberland County schools and got a raise. They said people who move into hospital nursing do even better.

FTCC graduates can become registered nurses as soon as they pass the state nursing test, Ms. de la Cerna said.

Those new nurses with no experience earn a basic salary of about $27,800 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, hospital spokesman Clinton Weaver said.

They can earn more by working the undesirable weekend and night shifts, he said.

Mr. Weaver said he is not sure how large the nurses' raises are, but at 5 percent per year, FTCC's graduates would make $29,200 after one year with the hospital and $32,200 after three years.

When teachers in any field leave, the college has a hard time replacing them.

In nursing this year, FTCC had to "borrow" two instructors with master's degrees from Cape Fear Valley Medical Center to keep the program going.

Dr. Norris said that without the Cape Fear nurses, the college did not have the staff to start a freshman nursing class.

The problem is not limited to teachers.

Dr. Norris said the college could not even hire its secretarial science graduates for clerical jobs. "They said they could make more money at private industries."

Harold Thompson, vice president for personnel, said it usually takes three months to fill a teaching job, and "we've advertised over a year for one position."

"I find myself constantly advertising over and over for the same job," he said, adding that if people take one of the college's low-paying jobs, they frequently leave for higher pay.

Dr. Norris said the main thing keeping FTCC going is its longtime, dedicated teachers.

He said people stay because the college offers flexible working hours, state benefits and a good working atmosphere.

"But we're concerned about the future," he said. "As our faculty retires, we won't be able to replace them."

About 41 percent of FTCC teachers have been there 21 to 25 years. That puts many of them near retirement.

Another 36 percent are new teachers, with one to five years experience with the college. A job offering a higher salary can easily steal these people from FTCC, Dr. Norris said.

Only 23 percent of teachers have been with the college six to 20 years.

Sylvia Pearce, assistant to the president for research and planning, said, "We see ourselves slipping. At one time, we were at the top of salaries in the community college system."

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# Community Profile

## Mary James Honored For Nursing Contributions

By Jeffery Womble
Staff Writer

Being honored by the college or university from which you graduated can be one of the best feelings in the world.

If you don't think so, ask Mary James.

Ms. James, dean of health programs at Fayetteville Technical Community College, was recently selected by Dr. Frederick S. Humphries, president of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, to be enshrined in the school's Nursing Gallery of Distinction. She was one of 18 FAMU nursing graduates to be chosen for recognition.

"It's a great honor," said Ms. James, who has been dean for two years. "It's about one of the best things that could happen to a graduate."

After speeches by school administrators and distinguished guests, the unveiling of photos of the 18 alumni being honored took place. Each photo was decoratively mounted in a frame on a wall.

It was a moment Ms. James won't soon forget.

"It was something to behold," she said proudly. "To sit through that ceremony was so rewarding. I was touched and blessed."

Being honored by her alma mater is nothing new for Ms. James. In 1990 she received FAMU's Oustanding Alumnus Award. The award was presented for her contributions and achievements in nursing education.

A native of Brunswick, Ga., Ms. James received her masters degree in education from North Carolina State University and a masters in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

From 1961 through 1969 she worked as a hospital nurse. But deep in her heart, she knew that she belonged in the classroom.

"That has always been a dream — to be able to work with students. I had worked with students at the V.A. (Veteran's Administration) Hospital and really decided then that I wanted to be in nursing education."

In 1969, she joined the faculty of FTCC where she was the first black woman on the faculty, the first black nursing instructor, the first black department chairman and the first black dean.

But Ms. James modestly downplays her "first" role. She said her main concerns are keeping FTCC's health education programs running smoothly and efficiently.

Apparently she's doing a good job because the nursing program at FTCC is in such great demand, prospective students are on a two-year waiting list, she said.

"We have a long eligibility list of students who are ready to go into the program," she said. "We are limited to the number we can take due to the limited instructors and off-campus and on-campus facilities."

Currently, FTCC has 124 students in its three nursing programs — the registered nurse, the nursing assistant and practical nursing programs.

In addition to the nursing program, Ms. James is responsible for FTCC's eight other health education programs including surgical technology, respiratory care technology, pharmacy technology, physical therapist assistant, radiological technology, dental hygiene, dental assistant and emergency medical science.

The health education department also has 27 full-time and 16 part-time faculty members who Ms. James oversees.

It's a difficult job keeping a hand in all of the programs and keeping in touch with her instructors, but thanks to quality department chairmen, her job is made easier, she said.

"Some (programs) are a little more difficult than others, but having strong department chairs with each of these is a plus."

Ms. James has greater plans for FTCC's health education programs as the years progress. She said with the addition of joint nursing programs at Fayetteville State University and Pembroke State, FTCC will be able to offer more quality nurses to this region.

"I would consider us a feeder into their program," Ms. James said. "It will be a R.N. (registered nurse) program. This is something we have wanted for years and I'm excited about that."

Ms. James said that when she was growing up, occupations for most women were limited. She said they either became secretaries, teachers or nurses. She chose the latter because it best suited her.

"I have no regrets having chosen this profession," Ms. James said.

*'It's a great honor. It's about one of the best things that could happen to a graduate.'*

— Mary James

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learning computer." They also like to go to festivals, the Museum of the Cape Fear and to play air-hockey at a video arcade.

Being a single mother is not easy, but it's not impossible, Ms. Goins says. "If you're a single parent, you're very talented. You learn to be very resourceful and to manage your money, your family and your time for school meetings and everything else you have to do."

For Alphonso it has been tough not to have money to buy the things other kids at his school have, Ms. Goins' says. He helps around the house and earns spending money by helping neighbors with yard work.

Ms. Goins began taking courses at Fayetteville Technical Community College three years ago when she realized that she would never get ahead with her minimum-wage salary as a store clerk. She's a full-time student now in the general education program. She participates in FTCC's Single Parent Program and recently was re-elected president of the the Single Parents for Higher Education support group.

The single parent program offers counseling, workshops, financial aid information, tuition and books to qualified single parents who maintain a "C" average or better. The members of the support group — male and female — help each other by sharing children's clothes and books as well as information on community resources and things to do with the children.

A plaque Ms. Goins got recently for the "Greatest Contribution to FTCC Single Parents" is proudly displayed in the living room of her immaculate apartment.

She says Alphonso is very proud of her for going back to school.

Ms. Goins has to walk a mile from her duplex apartment off Ireland Drive to the nearest bus stop at K mart on Owen Drive when she can't catch a ride to class with a friend.

When she feels sorry for herself, she says she just remembers that there are people with greater problems than hers.

"I go to school with women who have four or five children, and some of the women hold down jobs and have a 4.0 grade-point average.

"You get stereotyped by people," she says. "They categorize you as being lazy for being on welfare, but there are a lot of hard-working people on welfare," she says.

Ms. Goins describes herself as a "very independent-minded person." She wants to continue her studies after graduating from FTCC. She would like to design learning materials for children or pursue a career in library science or social work.

She hopes that her struggles to better her life and that of her son will have a positive effect on him.

"I think he will have a strong respect for women in his life when he grows up," she says.

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Life as a single mother has had its ups and downs, but 30-year-old Loleta Goins says she loves being a parent and wouldn't change anything about having her son.

GOINS

"I don't think there is anything wrong with children who come from single-parent homes," she says. "Some women feel they need to be married if they have children, but parenthood is a commitment whether you are married or not."

Ms. Goins became a single mother seven years ago when her son, Alphonso, was two years old.

The decision she and her former husband made to end their marriage was a mutual one, she says. "I was just too young to get married," she says now.

Her ex-husband moved out of town, and there has been no contact with him since, she says. She is a native of Carthage, but her nearest relatives are a sister and a brother in Greensboro.

Ms. Goins says her son is "very well adjusted, happy and is growing up quickly."

"We like to spend time together — the two of us," she says, "but he's beginning to want less 'mommying' — particularly when his friends are around."

Ms. Goins says her son has male role models at their church, Grace Tabernacle. "I'm the mother and I'm a woman — not the father, but I am going to be the best mother that I can be."

She tries to balance her life and keep up with adult friends to prepare for the time when her son doesn't need her as much.

Without a car or much money, she says they are limited in what they can do, but they take advantage of free or inexpensive entertainment.

"Alphonso loves the library a lot. We go down on Saturday mornings. He loves books and likes to sees the films. And I sign him up for an hour's time on the

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# He Cultivates The Beauty Of Old Tractors

By Bill Wright
Staff Writer

Steve Core looks at the old tractors lying around his place and sees only beauty.

Where others see junk, he sees engines that can be made to hum again, body work that can be made to shine and machines that can be made to work.

Mr. Core is one of a number of people in the area who love, and restore, old tractors.

He has already restored one to better-than-new condition, and has six others waiting for his magic.

"I just enjoy tractors," he said.

He said he has had a love affair with them since he was 12 or 13.

The tractor Mr. Core has restored is a 1952 Farmall Cub.

He keeps a picture of the Cub on his desk at work. "And I look at it," he said.

A lot of other people feel the same.

Mr. Core fell in love with the Cub as a youngster working on his grandfather's farm where he often drove one. Ever since, he has wanted one.

He got his chance in 1983 when a farmer's widow decided to sell the Cub her husband had left her.

Mr. Core is a mechanic, head of the automotive mechanic department at Fayetteville Technical Community College, a skill that helped in restoring the tractor.

The engine was "frozen up" from sitting in the barn for 10 years. It had to be rebuilt.

The body was bent and scratched, and the paint fading. There was water in the hydraulic system. The front end needed reworking.

Core Rides His Restored 1952 Farmall Cub That's Better-Than-New

Mr. Core spent more than a year in his spare time restoring the tractor.

"The whole tractor has been reworked," he said.

"To me, it's just like new, if not better than new," he said. "It has better paint."

Mr. Core painted the tractor with five coats of acrylic enamel with a hardener that gave it a hard, glossy finish. It is bright red, the color of the original cubs.

He said he has about $1,200 invested in buying and restoring the tractor, which, he said, is about what it cost new.

In its restored condition, he said it would be worth several times that.

A Cub is what is called an "offset" tractor.

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## Education Notes

Students at VanStory Elementary School won state and national awards in a computerized All-Star Math competition this year. The third grade team placed fourth in the nation, just two points away from second place. The fourth/fifth grade team was 11th in the nation. Both teams finished first in the state. The school's sixth grade team was second in the state.

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**Paula Creech**, a Pine Forest High School graduate, and **Andora Bass**, a Triton High School graduate, each won University Scholar Awards, which are worth $12,000 to attend East Carolina University.

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**Patricia Margaret Watson**, a Flora MacDonald Academy graduate, won a Special Merit Scholarship, Frances P. Weaver Scholarship and Sloan Scholarship to attend Peace College. Together, the scholarships are worth $2,400.

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**Stephanie Nicole Harris** of Fayetteville won a George Foster Hankins Scholarship from Wake Forest University.

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**Teresa Ann Rogers** of Fayetteville won a Scott-Ellis scholarship from Campbell University.

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**Robin Bullard** of Laurinburg won a Sparkman Leadership Scholarship and Nancy Elizabeth Marlowe Scholarship at Saint Mary's College.

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**Christi Martin**, a South View Junior High School student, won a national math award from the U.S. Achievement Academy.

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**Brian Scott Hendrickson**, a South View High School graduate, won an Honor Scholarship from Elon College.

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Southeastern Community College in Whiteville will offer a free seminar — A Strategy for Quality — for business and industry leaders Wednesday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 642-7141.

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The Methodist College library will hold a book sale Wednesday through June 28, with prices from 50 cents to $5.

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Ten area teachers were picked to attend the Governor's Language Institutes this summer. The teachers are: **Dorothy B. Hubbard** of Cape Fear High School in Vander, **Patricia S. Mace** of Lee County High School in Sanford, **Martine B. Hairr** of Hobbton High School in Newton Grove, **Glenwood Hemmingway** of Kerr Elementary School in Clinton, **Cindy M. Lynch** of Harnett Primary School in Dunn, **Sarah E. Shaw** of Coats Elementary School in Coats, **Mary M. Dickson** of Long Branch Elementary School in Lumberton, **Georgia B. Grant** of Sherwood Park Elementary School in Fayetteville, **Helge E. Grill** of St. Pauls High School in St. Pauls and **Jacqueline R. Oakes** of Westover High School in Fayetteville.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College has given 11 area high school students $500 scholarships for tuition and books. The students are: **Monica Sue Hall**, **Tracy Leedy**, **Constance Ann Parker** and **Christine Keel**, all from Cape Fear High School; **Chorie Ann Louis**, **Faith Peoples**, **Michelle Snyder**, **Alberton Winchell** and **Chet Heath Steen**, all from Douglas Byrd High School; **Angel Louis Morales** of Seventy-First High School; **Patty Blalock** of South View High School.

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Pembroke State University now has copies of video cassettes and narrated slides about famous art and artists. The university also has copies for the Robeson County Public Library and public schools. The material is printed by the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and can be checked out for free.

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The Southeastern Speech and Hearing Service will hold a Summer Speech Therapy Clinic, June 24

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# Tractors

That means the driver sits to the side of the engine, and is given an unobstructed view of the row he is plowing. It is a one-row tractor, meaning it will plow one row at a time.

Mr. Core uses the tractor to scrape his driveway and to work his garden, and as an object of fascination for children.

"Every child I've ever seen has been fascinated with tractors," he said. "And I've never grown out of it.

"This is a hobby, just like golfing," he said.

He thinks restoring tractors is better than restoring autmobiles. Taking a restored car out to show it off can get it damaged, he said.

"Park it somewhere and somebody will go out of his way to open his door against it," he said.

Mr. Core shows off his tractor by taking it to the county fair each fall. And he drives it in parades.

He has six other tractors in varying stages of deterioration. He hopes to restore them all when he retires.

One is his grandfather's 1953 John Deere. He said he plans to turn it into something truly beautiful.

Hardie Tew of Bingham Drive has restored a tractor that not only is a thing of beauty but had an important role in the history of farming in this area, he says.

It is a small, early 1950s TO-20 Ferguson. He says that size tractor generally, and the Ferguson in particular, revolutionized farming.

It is the tractor, he believes, that more than any other replaced the mule and horse on the farm.

It was small, versatile, and had new technology.

Ferguson and Ford made a tractor together during the 1940s. But the two companies split in a legal squabble, and for about three years during the early 1950s Ferguson made tractors in three models: the TO-20, TO-30, and TO-35.

The TO-20 was the smallest of the three. Mr. Tew said that until the middle 1950s, Ferguson's TO-20 took over the pulling chores on the farm.

"At that time a farmer could take this tractor and 30 acres of land and support his family," Mr. Tew said. "He can't do it now."

Later, Ferguson linked up with Massey to produce the present-day Massey-Ferguson.

Mr. Tew became attracted to the Ferguson tractor as a boy growing up near Stedman. During summers he worked on the farm, making spending money and saving some to buy his school clothes.

One farmer, Marcus Harris, had one of the Fergusons, and Mr. Tew drove it. Ever since, he has wanted one.

About two years ago a friend bought an old TO-20 that had been junked, and began restoring it.

He worked for about two months, then found another tractor he wanted, so he sold it to Mr. Tew.

Mr. Tew finished restoring it in about a month.

He has painted the tractor red and gray, although the Ferguson was originally all gray, Mr. Tew said.

The Ford-Ferguson was red and gray, and later, the new Massey-Fergusons were also red and gray, Mr. Tew said. He painted his Ferguson red and gray with the Massey-Ferguson shade of red.

"It brings back old memories," Mr. Tew said of the tractor.

He uses the tractor now to cut weeds near his church, and to take his grandson on rides when he visits from Charlotte.

"Every time he comes from Charlotte he has to take a ride on paw-paw's tractor," Mr. Tew said with a laugh.

Out on Old Dunn Road, Billy Bain has an old tractor that he plans shortly to restore.

It is a Ford 601 Workmaster, a small but heavy, highly maneuverable tractor. He bought it a year ago.

It is also an offset tractor, the first one that Ford built, Mr. Bain said.

Norwood McCullen, who has operated Cumberland Tractor Co. for 38 years and knows much of the history of Ford, Ferguson and Massey Ferguson tractors, confirms it was Ford's first offset tractor, and said he has some not-so-fond memories of it.

His Cumberland Tractor Company was selling Fords at the time. He said when the offset Workmasters came out, his company sold five of them.

He said his company has one of the best records around for avoiding repossessions. But he had to reposses three of the five Workmasters. Mr. McCullen said people just didn't like them, because of the offset feature.

He recalled with a laugh that one farmer came back and told him to take the tractor back and would not be talked into keeping it under any circumstances.

Mr. Bain said his tractor is in excellent mechanical condition, and there are few dents in the body. Restoring it will not require any work on the engine or transmission. It will require only a repainting job, putting on a new light and a new cover to the steering wheel. A rusting exhaust stack will be replaced. He plans to carry out the repainting job down to the decals.

Mr. Bain said he plans to have it fully restored by next fall's county fair. He took it to the fair last year, but he hopes it will make a better impression next year with new paint.

It does not have a switch key — being built when people didn't steal tractors, Mr. Bain said. It has a toggle switch.

Since he cannot remove the switch, he said he removed the distributor cap as a security measure at the fair.

Mr. Bain uses the tractor for both work and fun.

He grew up plowing mules on a farm, and never had a tractor. So he always wanted one.

"If you have never plowed a mule barefoot, from sunup to sunset, you haven't lived," he said with a laugh.

He uses it to cut weeds, scrape with a blade and rake about his place.

He said the tractor sold new for about $2,900. He bought it for $2,700, and spent $300 on a new set of rear tires.

Charlie Chason of Skibo Road and his son, Charlie Jr., have been restoring tractors for 15 to 18 years. He has four restored: a 1936 F-30 Farmall; a 1936 John Deer B; a 1939 Allis-Chalmers; and a 1956 International 350 Diesel.

He is also working now a 1920 Fordson with iron wheels. It is about 75 percent restored. And he has four or five others he might restore.

Mr. Chason said he also got into tractors because he grew up on a farm and couldn't afford one at the time. So when he grew up, he started buying them. He is also a mechanic and does the work himself.

Mr. McCullen of Cumberland Tractor said his company has restored several. There are others around the county who do so.

Mr. Core summed it up for all of them: "It is just like a diamond ring, or a set of golf clubs," he said. "I have just got to have a tractor."



# Budget Woes Force Cut In Senior Classes

By Rich Browne
Staff Writer

The state budget crunch is forcing Fayetteville Technical Community College to reduce the number of classes it offers at senior citizen centers by as much as two-thirds.

The college received $208,993 from the state this year for community service programs, which include the senior center classes. The proposed state budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1 includes about $104,000 for community service programs, said Dr. Larry Norris, FTCC's vice president for academic affairs.

"The reality is that we are having to cut back," Dr. Norris said.

This year, FTCC offered about 220 classes at six senior citizen centers in Cumberland County. Dr. Norris said he does not know how many courses will be offered the next fiscal year.

But people at the centers will begin seeing the effect of the expected budget cuts next week, when FTCC's new term begins. The

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college will continue to offer classes — primarily on crafts, hobbies and similar activities — but there won't be as many.

"It is on a very limited basis, one class instead of two or three classes," said Martha Parrish, a community extension coordinator for FTCC.

The action has angered people at the senior centers.

"My senior citizens are very upset," said Bonnie Ammons, senior citizens director at the Cumberland County Association for Indian People.

Annie McCrimmon, who is in her 70s and is a regular at the Spring Lake Senior Citizen Center, said she hated to hear about the reduction. "We can't just come up here and hold hands," she said.

Another Spring Lake senior, 78-year-old Frances Bell, said, "In the days we didn't have the classes, it was a pitiful looking place."

Thelma Farmer, 69, of Spring Lake, said people at the senior center would feel lost without the classes. "A lot of us don't have anything else to do," she said.

Mrs. Ammons said classes at her center will be reduced from three to one a week.

At Hope Mills' Sunshine Center, director Margaret Blount said she was told initially that classes might be put "on hold" until September but was told Tuesday that only one of three classes has definitely been cut. A second class may be eliminated, she said.

"We certainly need these classes to go on," Mrs. Blount said.

Genola Williams, director of the Spring Lake center, said she was told Monday that the center could not start any more classes. But Tuesday, the center was told it could offer six of 10 that had been planned, she said.

Mrs. Williams said FTCC reversed its decision because of the angry reaction from the politically active senior citizens.

Dr. Norris said it was caused by a misunderstanding by instructors and coordinators and was not a decision of FTCC's administration. "We are going to offer courses as long as we have the budget," he said.

# Arts Service Winners Announced

The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County has announced the winners of its annual Arts Service Awards.

Twenty-nine people and groups were presented the awards Thursday at the council's annual meeting at the Arts Center on Hay Street.

The awards, which honor achievement in the arts, were given in the following categories:

- Outstanding volunteerism — Elizabeth Passacantando, Jeanette Thomasson and Marie Winfree.
- Audience development — Writers Ink.
- Creation of new organizations/support groups/collaborations — Fayetteville Art Guild, Fayetteville Museum of Art and Cape Fear Regional Theatre.
- Service to traditionally underserved patrons, innovative fund-raising event/technique and educational program — Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County.
- Creative/innovative programming — Ken Cooke.
- Outstanding staff — Cape Fear Regional Theatre.
- Outstanding business/corporate support — North Carolina Natural Gas. Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. and Reed-Lallier Chevrolet received honorable mentions.
- Outstanding media coverage — Fayetteville Observer-Times.
- Special events/program printed materials — Fayetteville Museum of Art.

The following received the Anne Frank In The World — Lessons for Humanity award for most outstanding contribution to the arts and humanities:

- Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County.
- Cape Fear Regional Theatre.
- Fayetteville Museum of Art.
- Beth Israel Congregation.
- Highland Presbyterian Church.
- Hathaway & Crawford Graphic Designs.
- Waldenbooks.
- Belk-Hensdale Department Stores.
- Highland Press.
- Fayetteville Publishing Co.
- North Carolina Humanities Council.
- Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.
- North Carolina Grassroots Arts Program.
- City of Fayetteville.
- Cumberland County Public Library and Information Center.
- Cumberland County.
- Bojangles.
- Cumberland County Schools.
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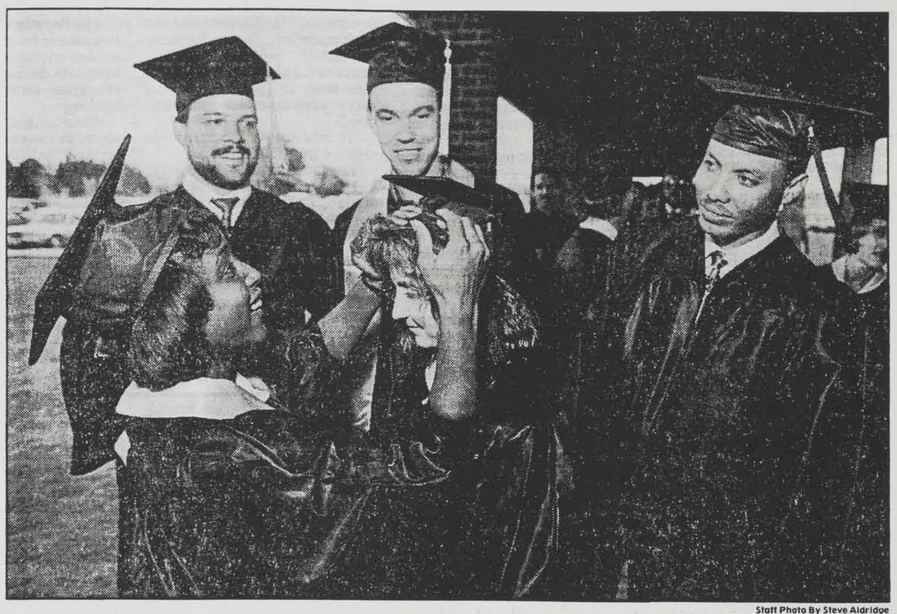
- Fayetteville Technical Community College.
- Methodist College.



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**Mary Sandle, Left, Helps Tomi Tarpley With Last-Minute Preparations Before FTCC Ceremonies; Looking On Are, From Left, David Paschal, Mark Seffels And Jose Rivera**

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# Trustees Chairman 'Very Proud' To Be Among FTCC's Graduates

**By Andrew Liepins**
Staff Writer

Four hundred twenty students graduated from Fayetteville Technical Community College on Thursday night during a ceremony at the Cumberland County Auditorium.

One of them was Harry Shaw, chairman of the college's board of trustees.

Mr. Shaw, who has a bachelor's degree from Davidson College, received his associate's degree in real estate and a certificate in real estate appraisal at the ceremony. He is vice president of Home Federal Savings and Loan.

Mr. Shaw said getting the degree was "to indicate to the kids the value of it.

"I've taken a lot of courses, and I had almost enough credits to get it," Mr. Shaw said, speaking of the credits he earned at Davidson. "I'm very proud of this."

Three hundred seventy-five students received associate degrees at the ceremony. Twenty-five were awarded diplomas and 20 received certificates.

Dawn Kranich is proud of her degree in banking and finance. She was initially enrolled in accounting. "I thought that I liked banking and finance more," she said.

Now, Ms. Kranich is searching for a job. "I need one bad," she said.

James Albert received his degree in business administration. "It was important for me to be here tonight," he said. "I enjoyed going there. It's a good school."

State Sen. Henson Barnes told the graduates: "You've worked long and hard to get where you are at the present time," he said. "You have much to be proud of."

He said the graduates have planned well for their lives. "Planning is crucially important," he said. "Being prepared is important. I encourage you to continue to learn."

"Make your plan for success," Mr. Barnes said.

Staff Photo By Cindy Burnham

**The Hyrnes Both Graduated From FTCC This Year**

# Couple In 60s Earn Diplomas In Nursing

**By Kim Oriole**
Staff Writer

The throat cancer that threatened Herb and Barbara Hyrne's happy life two years ago has led to unexpected fun and adventure for them.

When Mr. Hyrne learned about his cancer, he worried that his wife, who was 64, would not be able to pay the bills if he died.

He thought it would be simple to get her some training so she

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could work and support herself.

But Mrs. Hyrne had a secret that she was not proud of — she had never finished high school.

"This was very traumatic to have to tell my husband that he was living with an illiterate," Mrs. Hyrne said. "I just started crying. It was a real blow to my ego. My children did not even know I didn't finish high school."

A sympathetic Mr. Hyrne, who will turn 70 this fall, said, "I felt terribly sorry for such a battering for an ego of an otherwise proud woman."

But he saw the problem as a small one.

He knew his wife of 15 years was intelligent, so he figured she could simply get her high school diploma and then enroll in college.

"I wasn't ashamed," he said. "I was proud that she wanted to go on."

In eight months, the 66-year-old Mrs. Hyrne went through two of Fayetteville Technical Community College's programs, getting a high school diploma and a nursing certificate.

Thursday night, she walked across the stage and got her high school diploma as an honors graduate, earning a 3.8 grade point average.

"I've looked forward to this night for 66 years," she said before the ceremony. "I'm going to take advantage of it and have a great time."

Mrs. Hyrne said she was apprehensive about going to class, "wondering how I'd make it in school after 45 years."

She had no trouble. She zipped through the high school program in 10 weeks, attending classes six hours a day.

And when it came time to start the nursing program, Mr. Hyrne — his throat cancer cured — decided to join his wife.

Working in the nursing field would be Mrs. Hyrne's first job outside the home, and Mr. Hyrne figured he would start his fourth career.

They both earned nursing certificates in six months and now work as aides to occupational therapists in nursing homes in Eastover, Dunn and Smithfield.

"We're taking care of old people," Mrs. Hyrne said, laughing.

Mr. Hyrne said he is "mighty proud of what we've accomplished. But I'm really proud of what Barbara's accomplished."

He said they loved the time they spent together at FTCC. "I cannot say enough about what an asset FTCC is to this community. They're dedicated people."

And the Hyrnes carry that dedication into their jobs.

They said they enjoy their work, which includes helping stroke and accident victims relearn to feed, dress, bathe and take care of themselves.

"I love it," said Mr. Hyrne, who has retired from careers as a printer, banker and video store manager. "You can see the results of what you're doing."

His wife agreed. "It's rewarding. It's all very interesting work.

"I've always taken care of people, my children and grandchidren, so nursing was a natural.

"Sitting around doesn't agree with some people," Mrs. Hyrne said when asked to explain their devotion to their work. "Doing nothing is the most nothing thing you can do. It gets old."

The Hyrnes joke about being old themselves, but it has not slowed them down.

They said they were the oldest people in their nursing class.

"We were the oldest ones in the world," Mrs. Hyrne said.

She said one of their teachers at FTCC did not want to offend them, so she stepped delicately around the subject of nursing care for old people.

"We said, 'You teach and we'll learn and we're old and it's OK,' " Mrs. Hyrne said.

She said that since she started her studies, "I've met so many people my age and older who say they never got their high school diploma. I tell them, 'There's nothing stopping you. Just go do it and feel good about something you've done.' "

Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

**FTCC's Dr. Larry Norris Congratulates Mrs. Hyrne**

# FTCC Increases Student Fees

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**By Kim Oriole**
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College students soon will pay an extra dollar per quarter year for student services like intramurals, festivals, orientation and health care.

The FTCC board of trustees Monday raised the fees from $3 to $4 per quarter, beginning July 1, and learned that the opening of the new Advanced Technology Center will be delayed until November.

Gene Parker, FTCC controller, said the increase in fees means most students will pay $12 next fiscal year instead of the $9 they paid this year. He said most students attend college for three of the four quarters each year. If students take classes all four quarters, they would pay $16 a year.

All students pay the student services fee, even if they take only one class, Mr. Parker said.

The fees will raise about $79,000 next year, based on 19,500 students.

If the fees had stayed at $3 per student per quarter, that would have raised only $58,500, forcing the college to dip into its reserves, Mr. Parker said.

About half of the fees will go for a full-time nurse on campus to provide health care for the students and staff.

The nurse and her benefits, supplies and travel will cost the students $37,500 next year. She treats students and tests them for illnesses, college officials said.

Another $18,500 will pay for student insurance, $15,000 will go for the student government association and its activities, and $7,750 for student activities.

In other action, the trustees were told that the Advanced Technology Center, formerly the Applied Technology Center, will not open until winter quarter classes begin in November.

College officials had hoped the new center would be ready for fall classes in September. But they don't expect construction to be finished until August, according to Linwood Powell, vice president for facilities.

Another obstacle is a lack of money for equipment, he said.

The state twice allocated then froze $1.5 million for equipment. But the college may never get the $1.5 million because of the state's budget troubles.

Mr. Parker said the college hopes to get help from Cumberland County. He said county commissioners probably will give FTCC $845,000 for capital improvements, and most of that money will go to buy equipment for the center.

The college has set aside about $500,000 for equipment, Mr. Parker said.

And he expects another $500,000 from the state — the college's regular yearly capital budget.

Mr. Parker said most of that money, which usually goes to fix and improve other buildings and for other equipment, will be used to fill the center with computers and equipment.

He said with all of that money, the college will have almost $2 million, which should let it buy most of what it wanted for the center. Originally, college officials said it would take $3 million to equip the center.

Mr. Parker said if the General Assembly approved any extra money for the center, "we'd certainly be in a good position."

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## Education Notes

schools by bringing recent research into the classroom through new study units and hands-on activities.

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**Gerald Ittenbach**, a physics and chemistry teacher, has been named Fayetteville Technical Community College's teacher of the year.

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**Marion Joyner**, a 1991 graduate of Fayetteville Technical Community College's Funeral Service Education program, won the J.M. Nolte National Award from the University Mortuary Science Education Association.

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**Ruben L. Flores Jr.** of Anne Chestnutt Junior High School won an All-American Scholar Award from the United States Achievement Academy.

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**Jennifer McDonal** of Terry Sanford High School will attend the 1991 National Young Leaders Conference from July 2 to July 7 in Washington, D.C. In the conference, she will meet national leaders and

Letter To The Observer-Times

# Seniors Are Not The Enemy

In her June 16 letter regarding funding cuts for our schools, Rebecca Chalfa wrote: "We have a dangerous system in that there is a growing population of elderly people who are politically active, yet dependent on government funds, and have no interest in school programs."

Whoa! Whoa!

A number of things need saying about that statement, but I'll stick to "have no interest in school programs."

On the front of the "B" section that very same Sunday was a report that FTCC classes offered at senior citizen centers will be reduced by as much as two-thirds with cuts expected as early as "next week." Seniors were described as "angry" and "upset." That doesn't sound like people who have no interest in education.

On the front page of the June 14 Observer-Times was an article, with picture, of a local couple in their late 60s who had just completed a nursing program at FTCC and earned their certificate. In addition, she had earned her high school diploma. Hardly people who have no interest in education.

Finally, Robert B. Maxwell, president of the 30-million-member American Association of Retired Persons, targeted education as the cornerstone of his two-year administration when he was elected last year.

He challenged AARP members "to get involved in improving the quality of education for our nation's children." In frequent speeches and writings, Mr. Maxwell reminds members that AARP believes "there is a vital need for a better-educated America. Education can right many wrongs and enrich lives. Education is our country's best and only hope for the future."

This is hardly a program aimed at people who "have no interest in school programs." I can assure Ms. Chalfa that we were tremendously interested in quality education for our children. We are just as interested in that goal for her children — and our grandchildren.

Whoa on blaming seniors for reductions in school funding. And, woe to those who attempt to drive a wedge between generations. Senior citizens share the goal of quality education for your children. We are not the enemy!

MARVIN PARRISH
Hope Mills

June 21, 1991

# All Ages Victimized

There are not too many jolly things to look forward to after one turns 65 years old. There are senior discounts at stores and restaurants, Medicare and Medicaid, and, best of all, fee-exempt education.

Free education after 65 years has been a bonus as long as I can remember. Perhaps the thinking behind this is the fact that seniors have paid taxes for about 45 years to support our public schools and community programs, plus paying tuition for our own as well as our children's college education. Many seniors could never afford a college education for themselves or their children, so after 65 we can take free classes for our own enrichment.

The FTCC Summer 1991 Continuing Education schedule of classes plainly states "Persons 65 or older are fee-exempt." This policy was reprinted in the FTCC newspaper ad on Sunday, June 9. However, on Monday, June 10, there was a new policy when seniors arrived for their classes! There must be 10 paying students or the class won't "make." So, if seven students are under 65 and three are over, the three seniors must pay the regular fee or the class will be cancelled!

The questions in my mind are:

1. Who at FTCC changed the senior policy so quickly, and how much moeny do they plan to save?
2. Why wasn't this new policy printed in the June 9 newspaper ad?

In today's (June 16) paper is more senior bad news. The headline reads, "Budget Woes Force Cuts In Senior Classes." The article tells of program cuts at senior centers because the state cut the FTCC community service program by $104,000, effective July 1.

These programs have been a blessing to so many elderly to add joy and interest to their lives, especially to those who cannot afford any other "entertainment" than sitting in front of their TV sets.

The really sad part of our state's budget woes is the resulting cuts in the education for our youngsters. Education is vital if students expect to become productive citizens. The legislators' mentality seems to be "penny-wise" (now) and "dollar-foolish" (down the road).

To me, the most ridiculous situation at our General Assembly is that sacred cow "tobacco" staring our legislators straight in their eyes and mooing to be milked, while they turn their heads and argue whether or not North Carolina should have a lottery somewhere in the future!

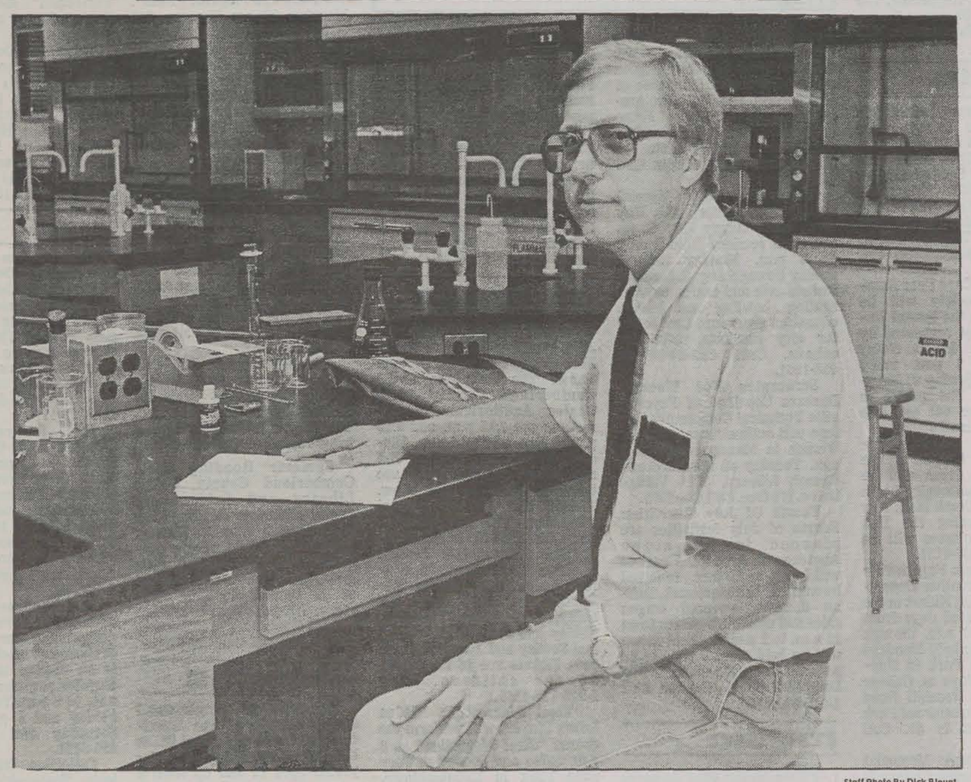
Rep. Alex Warner introduced a bill three months ago to cut out the two-cent N.C. excise tax on a pack of cigarettes and replace it with a one-cent tax per pack at the factory. In this way, the cigarette manufacturers would add one cent per pack to all their customers — worldwide, raising an estimated $180 million for our state coffers!

If our legislators would get busy and pass this bill, money would start rolling in immediately. Another one cent added to the state sales tax (food exempted!) would add millions more — now.

Instead, while our leaders in Raleigh dilly-dally around, some just playing politics and worrying about re-election, we have education cuts for youngsters and oldsters, and that's not a jolly thought for anyone.

NORMA CURRIE
Fayetteville

# Community Profile



Chemistry Teacher Jerry Ittenbach Has Been Teaching At FTCC For 10 Years

Staff Photo By Dick Blount

## Jerry Ittenbach Chosen FTCC's Top Teacher

By Jeffery Womble
Staff Writer

For the past 10 years, Jerry Ittenbach has been a loyal and devoted employee of Fayetteville Technical Community College.

So the school decided it was time to reward him for his dedication. Recently, Mr. Ittenbach, a chemistry teacher at the two-year college, was selected by FTCC as its Teacher of the Year. He was chosen for the award by a committee consisting of faculty members, administrators and students.

Criteria used in selecting teacher of the year includes ability to lead and motivate students, ability to understand, relate, listen and interact with students, innovation in teaching and service beyond the classroom.

"It's quite an honor," Mr. Ittenbach says of his award. "At times I ask myself, 'How do I deserve this honor since there are so many outstanding people here?' Unfortunately, we have so many people who do so many outstanding things, but their accomplishments go unrecognized."

A native of Fayetteville, Mr. Ittenbach is a 1969 graduate of Pine Forest Senior High School. Upon graduation from Pine Forest, he enrolled in North Carolina State University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in science education in 1973. In 1976, he received a master of arts degree in education from East Carolina University.

Prior to joining the FTCC faculty, Mr. Ittenbach taught for seven years at Plymouth (N.C.) High School and for three years at Westover Senior High School. While at Westover, he was chairman of the science department and tennis coach.

A chemistry and physics teacher, Mr. Ittenbach says since joining the FTCC staff, one of his goals has been to make his students feel comfortable in the classroom.

"In an area that has a reputation for a high degree of difficulty, my first objective is to reduce some of the apprehension students may have and bring in everyday examples," he says. "The biggest thing is to try and make them relaxed and if I don't do that, their chances for success aren't going to be as good."

Most successful professionals have a secret for their accomplishments. Mr. Ittenbach is no exception. He says the key to success is early planning.

"I think one of the things that has made things work for me is that early on, I knew this is what I wanted to do. I wanted a profession that was going to make me feel good at the end of the day, he says."

Mr. Ittenbach also says that it's important to make the students feel at home in the classroom.

"Success goes back to making people feel relaxed," he says. "I think a successful class depends on the interaction between student and teacher. It's a team effort. It's never one person who's going to be running the whole show."

Mr. Ittenbach says it was difficult deciding whether to leave his high school teaching job for FTCC. He admits there was one factor that helped him make up his mind.

"The thing that made the difference was money," says Mr. Ittenbach, whose wife, Christine, teaches at Seventy-First High School. "I hate to say that, but there was a big difference in salary."

But now that he's at FTCC, he says he realizes that he made the right choice for reasons other than salary.

"I never realized how important FTCC was," says Mr. Ittenbach. "This school offers opportunities for people who excelled in high school and for people who marginally make it. FTCC gives you the opportunity."

Since students at FTCC come from a variety of backgrounds, Mr. Ittenbach says it's important for them to know that they are welcomed at the school and their needs are going to be met.

"Some of our students have been slapped around by life and the last thing they need is to be slapped around by the education system," he says.

Mr. Ittenbach says his job has one drawback.

"That has to be when you have to counsel a student when they are not doing well and they have given it their best effort," he says. "One of the toughest things a teacher has to do is tell them, 'Look, I don't think this is going to happen,' but that's after we have exhausted all other avenues. Then, we have to look for other ways we can use their talents."

Nancy Halen, a student in Mr. Ittenbach's chemistry class, said in a letter to the Teacher of the Year nominating committee that Mr. Ittenbach is a teacher willing to put in extra hours to ensure his students learn.

"Chemistry is a subject that can make even the smartest of students cringe," she said in the letter. "After purchasing my Chemistry 101 textbook last summer, I was sure I could never learn the Greek that I saw printed on the pages before me. I walked into the classroom that first day scared out of my wits. As Mr. Ittenbach spoke, I started to relax. I sensed a unique quality in this man. He made me want to learn."

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## Rowedder: Schools Struggle Despite Increase

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Cumberland County schools got an extra $2.47 million from the county for the next school year, but state budget cuts are still expected to eliminate some jobs and programs, Superintendent Larry Rowedder said.

He said it is "a great advantage when you have county commissioners who are pro-education."

But he said the extra local money will not stretch far enough to offset the state cuts.

The county Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved a $28.4 million operating budget for the school system. That is a 9.6 percent increase from the past school year.

The school system planned to use the local money for staff development, salary increases, medical and retirement benefits, utilities, computers and supplemental reading materials.

But the state may take $2.3 million away from Cumberland schools.

Dr. Rowedder said that would force the schools to use local money to pay for things the state used to pay for, like lights and heat, books and supplies, equipment, administrators, summer school and driver education.

For example, the state plans to cut $743,800 from the county schools' energy budget next year.

That would cause the school system to either cut back its energy use or find the money elsewhere, Dr. Rowedder said.

"We have to keep the lights on," he said.

He said one area that may be cut is staff development, where teachers are trained to be better teachers.

"I'd be surprised if that was left alone," Dr. Rowedder said about the $1 million program.

He said the school system wanted to use part of the county increase to hire eight teachers who would move around the system helping to train other teachers. "That piece will not be funded now."

He said the schools would also save money in staff development by using local people for training instead of outside consultants. Money also would be saved by having the training in schools instead of hotels and convention centers, as was done this school year, he said.

Ricky Lopes, schools finance officer, said the schools had other plans for the extra money from the county.

They included about $400,000 for 2 percent raises for workers, $600,000 for medical and retirement benefits, $620,000 for utilities, $230,000 for leasing computers, $225,000 for supplemental reading materials and smaller amounts for other projects.

Mr. Lopes said it will be up to the Board of Education to decide which school programs and areas to cut as it tries to balance the budget after the state cuts come in.

Dr. Rowedder said the school system will face tough decisions after the cuts are made.

The county commissioners also approved a budget for Fayetteville Technical Community College that includes a $1.7 million increase from this past year.

FTCC will get a $3.73 million operating budget, an increase of

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$863,400, or 30 percent.

The college also got $841,500 for equipment and construction, most of which will go into the new Advanced Technology Center. The county gave the college no money this past year for equipment.

Even with the $1.7 million jump, FTCC will not be able to pay for all of the new programs it wanted.

The FTCC board of trustees met with county commissioners in April asking for a $3.5 million increase for equipment, construction and repairs, salary increases, increased maintenance and utilities costs.

And the state plans to cut about $1.45 million out of the college's budget.

College officials will not know what programs will suffer cuts until they see the state budget, said Barbara Copeland, FTCC public information officer.

"Once we get our state budget and put both pieces together, we can really take a look at the total picture," she said.

## Auditors Find Little Amiss In FTCC's Financial Records

### $70 Glitch Turns Up Amid $30 Million In Funds

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

State auditors pored over Fayetteville Technical Community College's financial records for an annual audit, and the only problem they found was a $70 glitch in financial aid.

FTCC controller Gene Parker said that is not a bad showing, considering the college spent about $30 million last year.

The error involved just one student.

That student was studying in the general education area but got $70.50 in federal financial aid from the Vocational Education Grant for Single Parents

Mr. Parker said the problem was clerical — a financial aid office worker gave the student vocational money when she was not studying in a vocational program.

"It's an unfortunate situation there," he said. "But as many people as we've got, and just $70 out of as much money as we have . . . that's not bad."

Mr. Parker said about 1,000 of the college's students get financial aid.

He said the auditors look at all three areas — federal, state and local money — in the college's $30 million budget.

"They audit everything we've got," Mr. Parker said. "And for the last 10 to 15 years, we've had good audits.

"Our audits have been clean. There have been no recommendations and no (negative) findings."

He said the $70 error would not even have been mentioned in previous audits.

"The federal government has made reporting on federal funds more stringent," he said, adding that the auditors must report any problem, "even if it's just 50 cents."

Because the auditors found a problem, the college plans to look at how it gives out financial aid "to ensure that all recipients meet applicable eligibility requirements prior to disbursement of funds," according to the college's official response.

Craig Allen, FTCC president, said the college has "had excellent audit reports. We're very conscientious. Our people are very concerned about the use of public funds and that we get as efficient and effective use of our money as we can."

He said the state auditors spent six weeks on campus.

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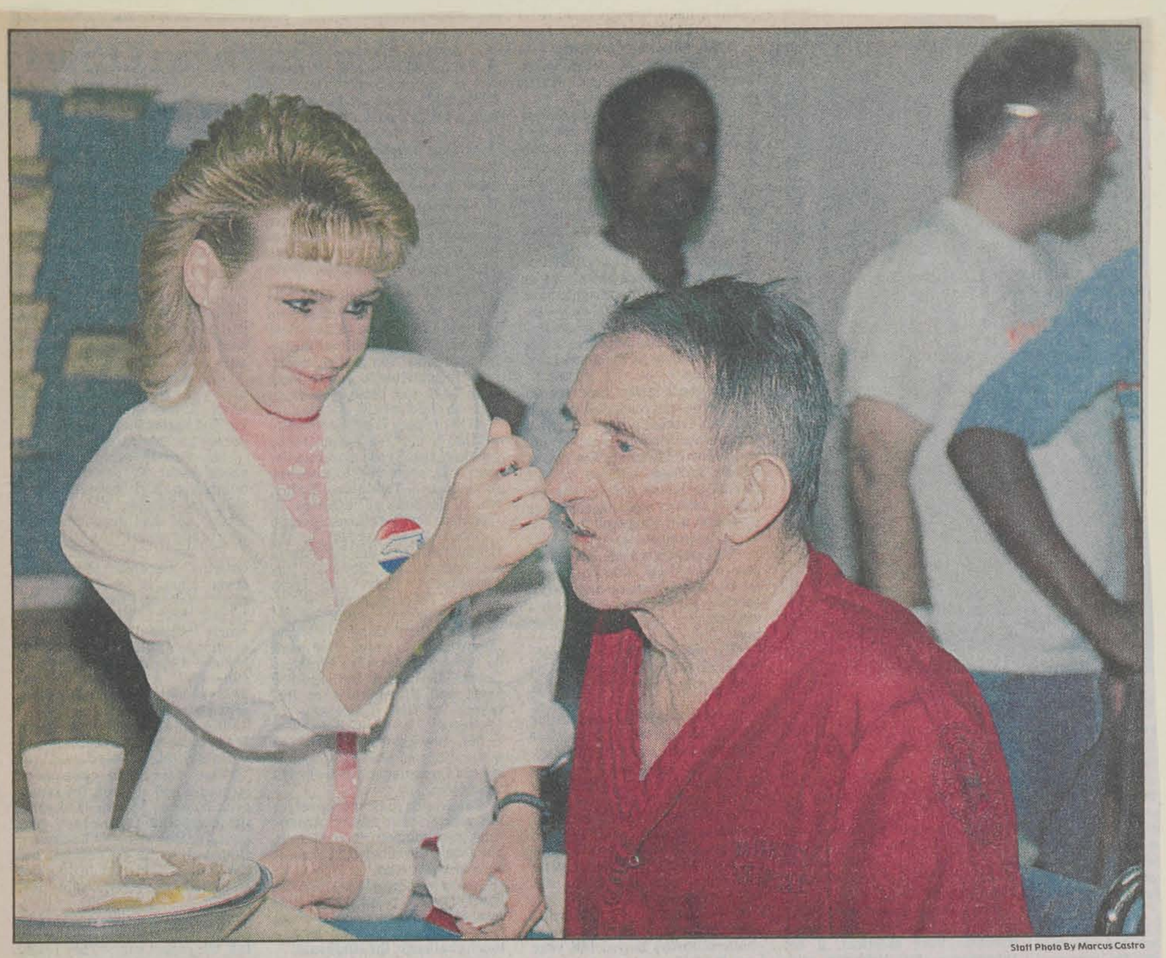

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Volunteer Kelli Lankford Feeds Patient Kinchen Owens At The Veterans' Administration Medical Center

# Silver Spoons

## *Hospital Feeding Program Aids Both Volunteers And Patients*

By Eleanor Lee
Staff Writer

Bronnie Williams of the Department of Social Services was finding it tough going. She had approached two hospitals with the idea of having single mothers who received Aid to Families With Dependent Children to volunteer with patients.

No one was very interested.

Then she made her pitch to Chris Chambers at the Veterans' Administration Medical Center. He, too, was hesitant.

"It sounded like trouble," he recalled. Then he remembered that a program to help feed hospital patients was short of volunteers. After talking to the director of that program, he decided to give it a shot.

Months later, a number of young women who were previously sitting at home watching TV are valuable assistants at the VA Medical Center. And some are planning to continue training as nurses' aides, licensed practical nurses and registered nurses.

"We are very happy with them. They're incredibly valuable. They just don't come here and hide in the quarters. Also, we're giving them exposure to the world of work. Many have never had a job and this is a good training ground," says Mr. Chambers. "If they stay with the program this could be the beginning of a career where they could support themselves and a child."

Perhaps most importantly, the experience is giving the volunteers a big dose of much needed self-respect.

The women are taking part in the federal Job Opportunity Basic Skills (JOBS) program, whose goal is to help participants become self-sufficient.

"We work with them, whether it's getting a high school diploma, furthering education after high school or getting some type of job training, says Bronnie Williams, a social worker with the local JOBS program.

The women don't get paid for their nine months of work but they do get credit for taking part in the JOBS program.

"Most of the women aren't lazy," she says. "They just haven't had an opportunity to learn."

The six working at the VA right now range from age 19 to 35 and work 20 hours a week in the hospital's Silver Spoons program. Patients in the program have dysphagia, difficulty with chewing and swallowing. The condition, according to speech pathologist Sally Dewar, can be caused by strokes, cerebral hemorrhage, Parkinson's disease, brain tumors and other neurogenic disorders.

Silver Spoons was started by the Veteran Administration Medical Center in Miami, one of the largest institutions in the network. There wasn't enough staff to adequately feed patients, sitting with them to make sure they swallowed their food properly. The volunteers also watch to see that the patients don't choke.

Mrs. Dewar tried to start a Silver Spoons program at the Fayetteville VA facility in September of 1990.

"It was very hard to get people to volunteer," she says. "It takes a special person to work with someone who is having a feeding problem."

When Mr. Chambers presented his proposal about Department of Social Services clients becoming volunteers, she was receptive.

The women went through a training course. It wasn't for everyone. One Social Services client told her case worker she was not interested. But the ones who remained soon fit right in. Those who had had to help out with an elderly family member had the easiest time with the training, she said.

There are charts in the room of each patient to remind the volunteers if food should be fed on the left or right side of the mouth or if liquids should be thickened to make swallowing easier.

Several elderly patients smile when Kelly Lankford walks into the room. She is working on a long-term unit. Many of the patients will never leave the facility. The TV room is a gathering place this morning, as it is every morning, for a group of men in wheelchairs.

Before she started helping at the VA last month, Ms. Lankford spent a lot of time watching TV herself. She is the divorced mother of a 4-year-old and wasn't able to find a job that paid enough for child care.

"I'm here for the experience," she says. "I'm learning by watching."

She's also learning by doing because the women help the nurses and nurses' aides when they are not at work feeding patients.

Now that she's had a taste of hospital life, Ms. Lankford would like to be a nurse. She plans to study the program at Fayetteville Technical Community College. While at FTCC she says she would still like to volunteer in the Silver Spoons program.

Phyllis Payton has been working with the program since May. The mother of two children at home, she, too, thinks she would like to be a nurse, or a nurse's aide. She enjoys talking to the patients, many of whom have few or no family members.

"On some days this is the most attention the patients get," says Mr. Chambers.

Ms. Payton says she has learned quite a bit by helping and watching the nurses.

"I would love to be hired here. And I don't think they want me to leave," she says.

## Graduates

**The following students received their degrees from Fayetteville Technical Community College recently:**

Thomas Wendell Bennion, Susan Paulette Naylor Cook, Lalon West Holland, Catherine Wicker Richardson, Jeffrey Antonio Roberson, Michell D. Turner, Jacqueline Diomande Wicks, Yvonne Aschim, Charlene E. Bagley, Shelby Ann Herbert, Kalynn Marie Husar, Chanell Morrisey, Carol M. Pace, Jennifer Lee Simpson, Tammy L. Spires, John Matthew Barnes, Wiley L. Bunce III, Derek C. Drummond, David L. Mangrum, Shawn Edward Stevenson, Gary M. Blanks, Gene Autry Brown, Charles E. Bryant Jr., John William Canipe, Lynn D. Davis, Patricia Leeyne Kittrell, Steve M. Moranno, Timothy Wayne Pate, Christina F. Ruegsegger, James Allen Simpson, Kimberly Ruth Weaver, Kimberly g. Adcox, Catherine L. Alkins, Melodye Holbrook Baskin, Michelle Lyn Bethoulis, Maritza Elena Boone, Deborah L. Breece, Tina Louise Brigman, Dawn Marie Bronson, Darlene Duncan Brotherton, Betty Houston Brown, Sylvia Deneice McCormick Brown, Maria A. Bussius, Sarah A. Cain, Wendy Lee Carney, Donald R. Casto, Carol Ann Clemens, Patricia Ann Driscoll, Sharon Grace Falls, Libby Carole Garner, Norma L. Gibbons, Weyma L. Gonzales, Cheryl D. Hackett, Ada Ferguson Harris, Patricia M. Heinein, Jeanette R. Houston, Sandra Nation Howell, Gloria Faye Jackson, Wendy Jean Jung, Leslie Bell Killingsworth, Janna M. Lewis, David Ray Lindsey, Kerry O. Manning, Patricia M. Masa, Rachel Melvin McKellar, Cheryl McLaurin, Sarah Jane McPhaul, Gloria Caruci Mills, Cynthia Gail Minnick, Pamela Dawn Morris, Yvonne Ratchford Parra, Sandra A.M. Petit, Susan Elizabeth Price, Angela Rae Ross, Mary C. Sakamoto, Ann Elisabeth Schoenberger, Linda Jill Ray Schreiber, Aura R. Simmons, Delores Gaines Smith, Karen Anders Spengel, Emily Ruth Sports, Elizabeth Stebbins, Jennifer Anne Sweeney, A. Paulette Terrell, Kara Ann Tracy, Therese L. Troutman, Angela Fitzgerald Tyson, Patricia Vazquez, Sharon Baginski Weitenbach, Ann Wilkes-Edrington, Robin Mixon Woodward, Frances Delcine Wright, Evelyn R. Zaragoza, Rebecca K. Zimmerman, Daryel L. Garnes, Raymond Bernard Hast, Patrick Wayne Hoyt, Ronald L. Hymes Jr., William Ray McNeely, Van McPherson III, Ben Ngoc Nguyen, Kyle Gordon Snyder, Heath Forrest Troutman, Scott William Whalen, Danny Ray McCormick, Juanita M. Bain, Debra Beard, Ivoreen Clawson, Pamela Marie Hutson, Suzanne O. Imbs, Melissa Clary Jarrard, Cordellia Rogers Johnson, Kimberly Michelle Johnson, Dawn Michelle Kranich, Regina Leigh Legge, Paula Ann Jackson Marshall, Debbie Frances Rogan, David L. Rector, Lucy D. Rudolph, Anita Ramele Smith, Patricia Joy Van Buren, Gail Drye Wise, James Douglas Albert, Lind Knight Atkins, Debra Jane Austin, Horace L. Baker, Renata Lynn Boone, Johnnie C. Brockett Jr., Starlett G. Brotherton, Deborah Ann Conary, Felice Michael Cortese, Warren Lavon Crain, James Edward Daniels, Katherine Kay Davidson, John Michael DeCarlo Jr., Jason Compton Draughon, Helen A. Dzwonkowski, Suncha Gilman, Gina Arcelia Gongora, Bobby M. Hardin, Ronnie Harris, Diana L. Hayes, Elizabeth Linda Higdon, Randall Leo Hinds, Olga H. Hogan, Arthur L. Jackson, Amanda Carol Jarman, Angela B. Jeffreys, Kendra D. Jefferson, Ronald H. Johnson, Ella Knox, Gordon Ronald Lancto, Linda F. Lee, Lichen Lo, Joseph W. Lupyak, Sylvester McKoy, Mary Ann McLaurin, Joseph W. McQueen, James Andrew Morrell, John Lee Mosley, Henry Wayne Myers, Claudia Sue Normand, Henry Wayne Myers, Beverly Peach, Robert R. Peach, Michelle Winter Pollock, Mechthild Quinones, Constance D. Reid, Janet Marie Sexton, Elizabeth Faye Sutton, James Warren Taylor, Joseph Wesley Thigpen, Don Lamonte Vaughan, John Royal Vereen, Amel Rachele Wilson, Sheila Charisse Buskey, Larry Stuart DuChaine, Loretta Jean Hurt Durbin, Hildegard A. Ellis, Karen Denise Huntley, Cindy Marie Miller, Yen Long Phung, Jovona Marlea Simpson, Mary Malinda Scott Thomas, Jacqueline Ann Vickers, Catherine Alexander Williams, Guy Charles Christian, Sherryl Darlene Parker, David Harold Paschal, Jose Miguel Rivera, Mary Teresa Sandle, Mark R. Seffels, Denise Ann Stach, Tami Lei Tarpley, Tara Bartol, W. Michael Booth, Jonathan Paul Chestnut, Veronda Patrice Graham, Tracey Leigh Hughes, Hannah R. Russ, Stefanie Dawn Trevison, Daniel Wallington, Jackie Weaver, Melba D. Baker, Marietta Barr, William Alexander Black, Amy Elizabeth Brennan, Johnnie Mac Byrd Jr., Glenn Allan Carpenter, Bryant Lamar Cunningham, Edward Monte Currie, Leroy Davis, Steve Bernard Doss, William Everet Ellis, Gregory A. Goodman, John Anderson Hill, Eugene Hunt, Marjorie Jones Ingram, Jacqueline Denise Johnson, Angela Michelle Jones, Annmarie S. Locklear, Brian Patrick Mims, Jane M. Ogilvie, Sally Mae Oxendine, Travis W. Pigott Jr., Ronald F. Riedel, Johnny Earl Smiley, Kimberly R. Smith, Carlos L. Walker, William H. Wiggins, Susan Smith Butler, Amy Lynn Byrd, Patricio JoAnn Bauer de la Cruz, Stephanie Elaine Gabor, Marilyn Mitchell Gilmore, Wenby Gail Hall, Kimberly J. Hunter, Cindy L. Kilgore, Roxann Schneckloth, Janice Miller Thomas, Leisa Adale Vigh, Mary Ann Brunson, Monique L. Coley, Lisa Renee Drayton, Pamela Ann Dry, Janice Lorraine Johnson, Regina Gardner McMillan, Donna Michelle Murchison, Angela M. Murry, Stephanie Smith, LaTesha Caprice Vaughan, Jeffrey Wayne Andrews, Douglas B. Billingsly, Anthony Wheeler Brown, Gregg David Dunham, David Miles Hale, Allen L. Jones Jr., Johnny W. Jones, Frederick Alexander Lott, Gary Leander McCormick, Michael Glenn McLamb, John W. Nixon, Enouch Meccio Stinlish Pugh III, Bryan D. Wenrich, Scott Smith Westbrook Jr., Lise Christine Waters, K. Brandon Cook, Bobby Russell Joyner, Marion P. Joyner, Debra L. Lane, James Roger Nelson, Gary Franklin Nobles, Cecil Melvin Peebles, Susan E. Bertke, Richard William Braun Jr., Brigitte E. Bush, Michelle Jayne Chrisman, Sidney M. Craig, Timothy Wayne Drews, Barbara A. Fitch, Lisa Janowski Frank, Ernest Stacy Grooms III, Kisha Yvette Hairston, Debra Kay Hartnett-King, Anna Della Henson, Peggy Brisson Kelly, Tina Leann Kelly, Angela Marie Moore, Mark A. Morris, John Wheeler Myers, Kelly Ellen Ned, Deanna Lynne Ray, Dwayne T. Smith, Karen N. Steele, Linda Carol Carpenter, Debra Ann Gersh, Darrell Lysandrius McDonald, Doreene Elizabeth Banks, Carmen Miranda Kivett, Sharon Stewart West, Clarence R. Lovitt, David Michael Matthews, Tonya Dee-Ann Wiggins, Nina S. Branch, Wayne W. Bryant, Curtis Bradford Davis, Clarence E. Fonville, Eric Gray Money, Michael Anthony Simmons, Michael L. Weller, David Wayne Dudley, Jerald Edward Hatfield, John Aaron Powell, Jimmie D. Bogan, JoAnn S. Carter, Norman W. Governor, Kristin Danielle Knowles, Logina B. Lanier, Sophia Steve Papas, Ray L. Warren, Frances Marcella Whitehead, Otis C. Wilks Jr., Leticia F. Williams, Denise Arestad, Peggy Susan Boles, Daisy Marie Bridgers, Collette P. Burgess, Willie Mae Carter, Charity Patricia Cushing, Doreen C. Dallas, Karen Sue Fairbanks, Tina G. Foster, Jimmie E. Freeman, Angela Christine Garvin, Maria C. Gibbs, Jennifer Hunter Hardie, Monica Heid Holladay, Sandra A. Honey, Janelle Kime Iverson, Lisa Jo Johnson, Tracy Lynn Johnson, Sherrea McCutchen Kimble, Martha Jane May, Robert W. Oronchak, Angela Mae Prill, Beverly Gail Pyle, Carolyn S. Raisig, Sonia Reddy,

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## Graduates

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Alice Anne Roberts, Deborah E. Crol Santos, Susan Denise Swinton, Diane M. Vega, Corrina Jolinda Anderson, Russell E. Bridges, Kelly Michelle Bundy, Kim Marie Craft, Robin Annette Cummings, Kelly Helms Harwood, Iris Yvonne Leggett, Teresa Jean Rector, Shelly Marie Sampson, Karen H. Shoemake, Wanda F. Simmons, Ivan R. Johnson III, Gary John Muller, John David Tirpak, Linda Ann Melvin, Donald Palms Jr., Diane McDonald Pruett, Michael L. Shreves, Vincent E. Singletary, Lee Von Talton, James Edward Clement, Lucy D. Rudolph, Harry Shaw, Robert Shawn Barnes, Victor J. Crisco, Rossie Grubbs Jackson, Jack Thomas Johnson, Elwood C. Mauck, Mary G. Pines, Lorraine Elizabeth Richardson, Tracy J. Schneider, Wanda Jenae Beard, Kimberly Gale Bunnells, Michael Todd Cooper, Frank Robert Gauthier, William David Harper, Sylvia Ann Horne, Timmy Marie McGhee, Cindy LaJune McLamb, Candee Jayne Percherke, Tonya Lynn Randt, Marilyn Reaves, Pamela Jean Stephens, Charles Phillip Warren, Julian Monroe Boyles, William Ernest Bridges Jr., Charles A.R. Clark, Chum Cunningham, Steven L. Ricketts, David Wayne Royal, Armando Lee Torres, Julian Monroe Boyles, David Harold Paschal, Peter Rollins Boelte, Robert P. Hawkins, Marvin Ray Lawson, Preston J. Moreaux, Harold B. Sublett, Toni Short, Kelly Edward Galloway, Tracie Marie Parris, Rodnet Herman Griffin, Jeffrey Donald Magee, James R. Monroe, Lawrence A. Reese Jr., Harvey Lee Campbell Jr., Monique Evans Sutton, Paul Kelly Abner, James E. Holton, Chae Kum Brenengen, Tonya Renee Dew, Tammy Renee Frizzelle, Jennifer Lee Hayes, Alice Mabe Hogan, Joanna Dawn Longnecker, Tanya Reiko Love, Regina Ann Martin, Lisa G. McManus, Rhonda Renee Miller, Marcy W. Reeves, Madeline M. Roman, April Michele Sellers, Cynthia H. Thomas, LaDonna Carter Williams, Percilla Patterson, Kathryn D. Gaines, Charles T. Haigh, Douglas C. Jolley, Burnice G. Jones, Harry Shaw, Henry L. Simpson, and Gerald G. Wright.



## Education Notes

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**Trey Jarmond**, a rising senior at E.E. Smith High School, is at the 4th annual Actuarial Science Institute at Florida A&M University now through July 12 on a full scholarship.

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The American Intercultural Student Exchange is looking for host families for high school students from around the world. The students, ages 15 through 17, will come to the United States in August, go to a local high school, then go back home in June. For more information, call 1-800-SIBLING.

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Nine cadets from the Douglas Byrd High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps went to Camp Victory at Fort Jackson in South Carolina for a week of training in leadership, communication, physical fitness and teamwork.

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E.E. Smith High School will not hold registration for classes during July. Registration starts again on Aug. 1.

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Four area high school students went to Washington, D.C., with the 1991 Rural Electric Tour, where they visited Congress, government agencies, museums and other points of interest.

**Caroline Jelinek** of Fayetteville and **Robert Gray** of Dunn represented South River Electric Membership Corporation, and **Gracie Jones** of Maxton and **Kristie Lowery** of Red Springs represented Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation.

During the tour, **Robert Gray** was picked to be on the Youth Consulting Board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Also, **Ms. Jelinek** led a soda pop co-op, a mini-corporation that taught the students how their electric co-op works.

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Central Carolina Community College in Lillington will offer several courses starting in July. They are Introduction to Word Perfect, Nurses Assistant III Refresher, Farm Machinery Repair, Introduction to Painting, Learning to Paint and Painting With Oils. For more information, call 893-9101.

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Fayetteville State University's Pre-College Program will serve more students and expand its teacher training and parental programs with a $75,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. The program tries to increase the number of women and minority students going to college to study math and science. The grant will allow the college to work with students in 10th through 12th grades. It now works with 7th through 9th graders.

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Carolina Power and Light Company gave Fayetteville Technical Community College a $550 scholarship for a student pursuing a two-year degree.

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**Deborah McGrath**, lead instructor in Fayetteville Technical Community College's Dental Assistant Program, will serve as a consultant to the Commission on Dental Accreditation for one year starting in October.

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Methodist College installed phone jacks in each of its dormitory rooms so students can have private telephones next year. The college also put in 84 direct lines to various college offices and departments.

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Applications for admission to Pembroke State University's fall classes must be in by July 15. For more information, call the PSU Admissions Office at 521-9917.

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**Stephanie Freccia** and **Tisha Oehmke**, both of Fayetteville, attended the U.S. Space Academy for eight days of Level II aerospace training at The Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala.

# Community College Teachers Elsewhere Outearn N.C. Colleagues

Staff And Wire Report

CHAPEL HILL — A new report shows those who teach at North Carolina's community colleges were paid less than most of their colleagues across the country last year.

But faculty members at the state's four-year public schools fared pretty well, the report said.

At the state's 58 public community colleges, faculty salaries averaged about $25,690 during the 1990-91 school year. That's almost $11,000 less than the national average of $36,600.

And in the South, salaries in North Carolina were the lowest of any state in the region for the second year in a row, according to the Southern Regional Educational Board.

In the 15-state southern region studied by the board, two-year college professors averaged $31,511 last year. That's $5,821 more than the average Tar Heel salary.

What these statistics mean is that North Carolina's community college professors could make more money by moving out of the state, to almost any other state in the country.

But community colleges in the Cape Fear region have more trouble competing for teachers with local businesses and industries than with other states' community colleges.

"When we have to go out in the field and hire teachers, especially in highly technical areas, it really does affect us," Jim Halstead, vice president of Instructional Services at Sandhills Community College, said about the low salaries.

"The salary they command is much higher than the salaries we pay."

Mr. Halstead said his college recently had trouble hiring a radiology technology teacher.

Fayetteville Technology Community College officials have had the same problem trying to hire nursing teachers and others in technical areas.

"The people we need are demanding such high wages on the outside that we can't attract them to our colleges," said Craig Allen, FTCC president.

The Cumberland County commissioners denied a request from the college this year for an extra $700,000 to raise teachers' salaries.

Dr. Allen said the college's long-time teachers "have carried the load and maintained the quality of the college, and they deserve more than they receive.

"If they leave us, we're not going to be able to replace them with people near the quality we have," he said.

Joseph L. Marks, associate director of research at the Atlanta-based Southern Regional Educational Board, said, "State leaders have long been interested in faculty salary comparisons because of the general interest in remaining competitive in attracting faculty in the higher education market place.

"Over time, state leaders believe that non-competitive salaries will lower the quality of the system," he said.

The educational board's annual report said faculty members at the state's community colleges fare dramatically worse than faculty at the state's four-year schools.

In contrast to teachers at two-year schools, North Carolina's four-year college professors were paid only slightly less than the national average salary of $44,789 last year.

And professors at the state's public four-year universities traditionally make more money than their counterparts across the South.

Across the region, salaries of professors at public, four-year universities averaged $42,131 last year. In North Carolina, they averaged $43,849.

One reason North Carolina community college professors are paid less than their colleagues is the nature of the state's schools.

In many states, the community college system serves as a preparatory school for students who expect to transfer to four-year colleges. But in North Carolina, many schools are still grounded in professional or technical training and do not provide college preparatory courses.

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**Education Notes**

Fayetteville Technical Community College has federal scholarships available for spouses and family members of Desert Storm veterans. The family members must take classes that give them job skills. For information, call 497-1112 or 497-8893.

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# In time of need

## Concern for survivors has a primary place in funeral director's work

By MARY ELLEN POLSON
*Staff Writer*

When Bob Dunn was a little boy, he and his friends used to play "funeral."

Old-fashioned cardboard matchboxes made perfect caskets for an assortment of bugs. The children would line the miniature coffins with tissues, then carefully lay the bugs inside.

The grasshoppers where considered particularly choice, Mr. Dunn said, because they sat up in the box.

That early play gave him the idea that he might like funeral work, along with another vivid memory at a tender age — his grandfather's death in 1949, when he was 5.

At a time fraught with emotion, "I can remember the man coming in to remove my grandfather," said Mr. Dunn, now co-owner of People's Funeral Home in Burgaw. "I guess I was impressed with the way he handled things."

While many people attach a morbid curiosity to mortuary work, most people in the business prefer to emphasize their work with the living. They offer the bereaved someone to look to for help in a troubled time.

"Next to the ministry, I would say that our work in dealing with families in their time of sorrow is as near a God-called ministry as anything else," said James Padgett, owner of Padgett Funeral Home in Wallace.

He has been in the funeral business since 1948. "If it was just for the money, I would have been out the door long ago," Mr. Padgett said. "There's a lot of self-satisfaction in it, being able to help someone when they can't help themselves."

Things have to happen quickly. The body must be picked up and prepared for burial or cremation, the casket selected, the service planned, the obituary announced — all in about 36 hours.

"We try to take as much of the work off the family as possible," said Samuel Drain, who with his wife, Allene, owns Adkins-Drain Funeral Service in Wilmington.

It's work that requires a great deal of sensitivity — starting with the call to pick up the body. "If it's at the home, you have to help the family, console them," Mr. Dunn said.

He once dealt with a woman who wasn't ready to let the body of her loved one go.

He waited patiently. "In a little while, she said, 'OK, I'm ready now,' " he said. "She just wanted to sit in the room with the person a little longer. It was almost like a spiritual thing was happening."

"You get acclimated to the fact that you're dealing with people in their time of sorrow," said Mr. Padgett. "There's no two families that their grief is exactly alike."

Usually, all the aspects of planning the funeral will be done in one sitting, said Mr. Drain, either at the family's home or at one of his two chapels.

While the cost of the service is based on the price of the casket, a breakdown of costs is required by law. "We show our price list to all families before they come in to the showroom," Mr. Drain said.

Then he leaves the room, so the family is left alone to choose a casket.

While the funeral industry has taken some gouging about the cost of funerals, a typical funeral will require about 100 hours of labor, said Mike Landon, chairman of the funeral service science program at Fayetteville Technical Community College in Fayetteville.

"So when you take the service charge of $1,500 to $3,000, they're getting $15 to $30 an hour for their service," Mr. Landon said.

Funeral service is something that's hard to appreciate until you need it, he said.

"Families come in with this preconceived idea of horror stories that go on in the funeral home, then they find out the funeral director is a caring, compassionate person," said Mr. Landon, who until 1988 was manager of Coble Ward-Smith Funeral Home in Wilmington.

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The funeral science school at Fayetteville Tech (the only one in the state) offers a two-year associate degree that prepares the student to do embalming and funeral direction, Mr. Landon said. The school also offers a one-year program that leads to certification in funeral directing only.

The state requires graduates to perform a one-year internship before they are licensed, and students must also pass a state or national exam for certification.

The cost for tuition and books for the two-year associate degree is about $2,000, Mr. Landon said.

The program attracts students looking into a second career (the average age is more than 30), including ministers. "Another large percentage of our students come from families that have involvement in the funeral industry," Mr. Landon said.

Some, he freely admitted, are just curious.

Most students get the associate degree, but not all practice both aspects of the profession.

There are funeral directors and there are morticians. Someone with an associate degree in funeral service science is qualified to embalm the body and direct the funeral — although some prefer to do one or the other.

At Mr. Padgett's firm, he primarily acts as funeral director, while his sons handle most of the embalming and other body preparation.

The embalming process takes about three hours. "It's similar, I would say, to a blood transfusion," Mr. Padgett said. "The blood is removed and a chemical is put in place of the blood."

If the deceased died in an accident, plastic surgery may be needed to restore the body to a more normal appearance.

Mr. Padgett has lived in the Wallace area all his life, so it's not unusual for him to tend the body of someone he knew.

With some deaths, like that of a small child, he sometimes has to leave the room so he won't cry with the family when they come to mourn.

He's learned it's his job to let the family grieve without interference. "It can get next to you, but you can't let it get you down," Mr. Padgett said.

Mrs. Drain, who stays with the family throughout the funeral service, has learned that less is more in offering sympathy to the bereaved.

"I believe it's just a kind, comforting word and a kind touch," Mrs. Drain said. "I believe that does more than trying to tell them it's OK."

Although he encounters death almost daily in his work, Mr. Dunn is not sure how much it will help when he must confront it in his own life.

"Although you can maybe accept the fact that it's going to happen, that really does not soften the impact of the actual death," he said.

When the time comes, he knows he'll need all the help he can get.

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**Samuel and Allene Drain** own Adkins-Drain Funeral Service in Wilmington.

# FTCC Board Delays Vote On Smoking

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

The Fayetteville Technical Community College board of trustees agreed Monday that smoking will be allowed in campus buildings this fall, despite a request to ban it before school begins.

Board members didn't snuff out the request by a committee of teachers and staff. They'll take it up later.

The college's 13-member Safety and Physical Facilities Committee asked the board to ban smoking in all campus buildings, forcing smokers outside.

But board members said they did not have enough information about what students, teachers and staff think.

They asked college officials to get the Student Government Association to look at the smoking policy and bring the students' recommendation to the board.

The present smoking policy says people can smoke in buildings and rooms except where no smoking signs are posted.

Board members disagreed about whether the college should ban smoking.

"As students leave classrooms and come into the halls, students who oppose smoke for health or other reasons have to bear the smoke," board member Art Dew said. "That's the real question."

He said students and teachers "have the right to be in a room where there's no smoke, even though I used to smoke two packs a day."

He said the college would be "following a trend. We wouldn't be out in left field in passing this."

Board member Thornton Rose said, "I do not wish to antagonize any tobacco people."

He said tobacco companies and money from that industry have long supported education in North Carolina.

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## Smoking

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Dr. Norris said, "We've had a number of complaints from students and non-smoking teachers that the smoke in the halls and rest rooms is a health hazard.

"Between class, the halls and lounges are very thick" with smoke, Dr. Norris said.

He said college officials thought about designating smoking areas, but many buildings do not have adequate ventilation.

He said another problem is that the smoking policy is not consistent.

Smoking is banned in some buildings and allowed in others, and some employees are allowed to smoke in their work areas while others are not, he said.

Dr. Norris said the college did a survey last year that asked students and staff about smoking and other matters.

He did not have the survey results for board members at Monday's meeting.

The survey shows that 82 percent of teachers, administrators and staff think something should be done.

Nearly 44 percent want a smoking ban, while 38 percent want smoking areas set up. Sixteen percent said there should be no smoking policy.

The students were more divided.

About 44 percent wanted smoking areas, 17 percent were for the ban, and 21 percent wanted no policy at all.

Bob Carter, vice president for risk management, was on the college committee that asked for the smoking ban.

He said the committee looked at the survey results and heard from students and workers.

He said the smoking areas would be hard to set up in some buildings.

"It's going to be a problem to solve," Mr. Carter said. "The board is certainly being wise in making sure they had all of the information."

In another matter, the board changed the number of classes that full-time FTCC teachers will teach for their regular pay.

Last year, technical and general education teachers were full-time if they had a course load of 18 hours. Vocational teachers taught 23 hours for full-time status.

This year, full-time technical and general teachers can teach between 17 and 22 hours, and vocational teachers can teach between 22 and 27 hours.

President Craig Allen said the change will let the college manage teachers' workloads better.

He said it will also save the college about $100,000 because many teachers will have increased workloads and will not be paid overtime.

"What do teachers think about this?" Board member Bill Dukes asked. "This could create a morale problem among teachers who already believe we're whittling away at their benefits."

Mr. Dukes said teachers could become resentful if they work more classes than other teachers for the same amount of pay.

He said his main concern is that teachers who have been working overtime for extra pay are not hurt financially by the change.

"It's more a perception," he said. "If people perceive it as unfair, then it's a problem."

Larry Norris, vice president of academic affairs, said he thought faculty members would understand that the college needs the change because of a tight state budget.

He said other community colleges have similar workload policies.



## Education Notes

Parents in six school districts can register their 4-year-old children for free pre-school classes in the Cumberland County School system. Children are eligible if they live in the attendance areas for Cumberland Road, Howard, Ferguson-Easley, Sunnyside, T.C. Berrien and Lillian Black elementary schools.

Registration and orientation for parents will be held this week and classes will start the second week of September. Sign-ups will be held:

- Wednesday — Cumberland Road at 9 a.m. and Howard at 11 a.m.
- Thursday — Ferguson-Easley at 9 a.m. and Sunnyside at 11 a.m.
- Friday — T.C. Berrien at 9 a.m. and Lillian Black at 11 a.m.

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The Campbell University School of Law's Moot Court Team placed fifth in the national competition this month. The team is **Ashley Baker, Norma Barnes-Euresti** and **Elizabeth Miller.** Ms. Barnes-Euresti also won the best speaker award at the national competition.

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Campbell University's Division of Music and Fine Arts will present a concert Sept. 8 at 4 p.m. honoring North Carolina composer **Hunter Johnson.**

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**Donna Kurzendoerfer** was named outstanding student at Fayetteville Technical Community College during summer graduation. She earned a 3.959 grade-point average in an accounting program.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College's registration for fall classes Wednesday and Thursday and Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Cross Creek Mall.

Registration for FTCC's continuing education classes is now through Friday. For information, call 678-8309.

Robeson Community College's fall registration is Thursday in the student center.

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**Mary Gilliam Pines** of Fayetteville won a $2,500 Transfer Scholarship to attend Mount Olive College.

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**Joyce "Ricci" Fuller** is Fayetteville Technical Community College's new Commercial Art and Advertising Design department chairman.

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Campbell University in Buies Creek got a $5,000 grant from ALCOA Foundation of Pittsburgh to help the college integrate teaching business ethics with business administration.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will offer classes in prepared childbirth, sign language, how to buy stocks and bonds, estate planning, aircraft maintenance and effective teaching for certified teachers. The classes start Sept. 10. For information on aircraft maintenance and teacher training, call 678-8309. For all other classes, call 678-8431.

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Methodist College will offer two Kindermusik classes for preschoolers and music classes for all ages, starting Sept. 9. For information, call 630-7103.

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**Alan Boyette** from Fayetteville will be assistant provost for academic administration at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

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Teachers can apply for $250 grants from the Junior League of Fayetteville to do projects to help in their classrooms this year. The grants can be used for field trips, equipment and other educational pursuits.

The Junior League set aside $8,750 for the grants, and will take more donations. For information, call 323-5509.

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The Fayetteville Christian School at 1564 Ireland Dr. will offer an educational resources information session Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. Books, games and other educational materials will be on display for teachers or parents to try out. For information, call 497-0791.

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Mary McArthur Elementary School will hold an open house tonight at 7 p.m.

South View Junior High School will hold an open house and PTA meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Morganton Road Elementary School will hold a PTA meeting Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.

Seventy-First High School will hold an open house Sept. 23, starting with a guidance session from 6 to 7 p.m. and ending with a back-to-school session for parents to meet teachers.

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Two Robeson County residents will help pick the students who run for Morehead Scholarships next year. Beverley Townsend of Lumberton will be on the Cumberland Regional selection committee, which will review the picks of area county selection committees. Justin Oliver of Marietta will be on the Robeson County selection committee.

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**Alan M. Porter**, a music professor at Methodist College, will lecture on the life and music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the college's Hensdale Chapel.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will offer Prepared Childbirth refresher classes Saturday and Oct. 19 from noon to 3 p.m.

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Southeastern Community College's library has 27 recorded books that the public can listen to, in categories ranging from mystery to biography to children's books. For information, call 642-7141.

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Central Carolina Community College in Lillington is offering classes in CPR and Improving Your Public Speaking in September. For information, call 893-9101.

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The Robeson County Chapter of Parents of Academically Gifted Education will meet Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. in the O.P. Owens Auditorium in Lumberton.

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Campbell University's Friends of the Library will hold a banquet Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Marshbanks Dining Hall on campus. The banquet is open to the public. For information and tickets, call 893-4111, Ext. 2273.



## Education Notes

September is Parent Teacher Association membership enrollment month in the Cumberland County Schools. Fayetteville Mayor J.L. Dawkins signed a proclamation urging parents to get involved in their children's schools and PTAs.

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Graduates from the Campbell University School of Law had the highest overall passing rate on the North Carolina Bar Exam this year, the school announced. Campbell graduates' overall pass rate was 91 percent. Among people who took the test for the first time, 93 percent passed. Among repeat test-takers, 75 percent passed.

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**C.D. Spangler**, president of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will speak at Fayetteville State University's fall convocation Thursday at 2 p.m. in the J.W. Seabrook Auditorium.

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**Robin Wilkinson**, a Fayetteville Technical Community College student, won a two-year, $2,000 scholarship from the Elks National Foundation.

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The North Carolina Association of Educators will hold an orientation session for new teachers in the Cumberland County Public Library downtown Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Jerry Winberry at 483-3101.

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Senior citizens at the Hope Mills Sunshine Center recently honored Fayetteville Technical Community College students who built an addition to the senior center. The FTCC students spent more than 4,400 hours over several months building the one-room addition.

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Jazz pianist Dave McKenna will perform at St. Andrews Presbyterian College Sept. 25 at 8 p.m. in the Avinger Auditorium.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will hold a leadership teleconference Sept. 17 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Successful Leadership for Managing Quality. For information, call 678-8415 or 678-8495.

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**Oscar Patterson**, a Pembroke State University professor and director of PSU telecommunications, will speak on Censorship and the American Media at The Franciscan Center in Greensboro Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

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Six Cumberland County agriculture teachers helped kick off the state's FFA fund-raiser. They were **Randy Johnson, James Jernigan, Terry Nance, John Vines, David Harris** and **Benji Whisnant.**

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Methodist College will present "Family Linen" on stage Sept. 25-29 as part of the Southern Writers Symposium. Call 630-7104 for reservations.

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**Jay Lambeth** has been promoted from director to president at Phillips Junior College.

Lt. Col. **David Mikles**, a Concord native, recently was named North and South Carolina divisional commander for the Salvation Army.

He is the first native North Carolinian to receive the honor. Mr. Mikles and his wife Jean, who is the new director of women's services, served the same positions in Kentucky and Tennessee for the past three years.

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The following students have been named to the dean's list at Fayetteville Technical Community College:

**Cumberland:** Charlene D. Chapman, Susan Cook, Kimberly A. Crumpler, Joanne K. Masker, Stella B. Blankenship, Tina G. Foster, Robert L. Green, Asucena D. Miles, Pomyun Thibault, Angela M. Prill, Kimberly Currin, Deborah W. Parker, David W. Royal, Tammy L. Beasley, Kimberly W. Brown, Gwendolyn Burns, Christpher Butzgy, Virginia P. Collins, Scott Craig, Karen M. Goins, William Hammond, William G. Henke, David L. Mangrum, Matthew M. Mills, Sharon L. Pietsch, Anne J. Shipman, Michael A. Simmons, Joan U. Murrell, Tara Wise, Luther Adams, Lisa M. Alvares, Elizabeth A. Andersen, Michele L. Anderson, Dorette H. Aparicio, John M. Barnes, Kristy L. Barnhill, Wanda J. Beard, Lisa S. Bellamy, Jerry S. Bennett, Angela R. Berry, Walter M. Blanton, Ronald C. Blount, Reba H. Blunt, Teresa L. Bordeaux, Russell E. Bridges, Gene A. Brown, Gaynelle S. Brown, Susan S. Butler, Marsha J. Calesa, Regina M. Campbell, Ronald Campbell, Linda J. Cerbone, Gopal Chaudhuri, Clayton G. Clement, Anthony W. Cook, Charity Cushing, Bonnie L. Dailey, Gwendolye S. Dayton, Patricia J. Dela Cruz, John P. Donaldson, Lisa R. Drayton, Christopher Dulin, Tammy Elliott, Jutta M. Evans, Marlan L. Fagan, Michelle L. Fiew, Elaine P. Fiorentino, Harrison Fitzwater, Donna B. Fonke, Stephanie E. Gabor, Mary V. Graham, Johnnie Gunn, Sylvia L. Hair, Wendy P. Haire, Jennifer H. Hardie, Linda M. Highsmith, John A. Hill, Sandra A. Honey, Tracey L. Hughes, Kimberly P. Hunter, Marjorie Ingram, Janelle K. Iverson, Lawton Jenkins, Kimberly M. Johnson, Janice L. Johnson, Melvin Johnson, Jacqueline D. Johnson, Caroline A. Johnson, Kelle Johnson, Terri G. Junot,

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**Sampson:** Tammy H. Ammons, Faye S. Ratliff, Kimberly R. McLamb, Timothy W. Pate, Wendy A. Adams, and William B. Norris.

**Moore:** Thomas Dunning and Donna M. Magee.

**Hoke:** John W. Canipe, Danny R. McCormick, Frederick F. McGillm and Lise C. Waters.

**Robeson:** Karen Locklear and Chris D. Sanderson.

**Harnett:** Erick G. Hemmler, Bobby L. McPhail, Cathy A. Elmore, Toby Pope, Stephen B. Thomas, William Wood, and Lewis B. Byrd.

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The following students have been named to the president's list at Fayetteville Technical Community College:

**Cumberland:** Joseph Berry, Larry Angstrom, Kirsten U. Arrington, Catherine L. Atkins, Michelle D. Balsamo, Tara Bartal, Melodye H. Baskin, Roger Berardi, Gloria T. Blackstock, Joseph Bouchard, Amy Boyd, Daisy M. Bridgers, Chris Broadhurst, Carlene D. Brotherton, Betty A. Brown, Marie L. Bulask, Kelly M. Bundy, Melinda A. Butts, Amy L. Byrd, Sarah J. Cain, Michael J. Calpin, Darcell L. Carter, Donald R. Casto, Cathy L. Chapman, Charles A. Clark, Deborah A. Conary, Kent L. Confer, Patricia Covarrubias, Kim M. Craft, Craig L. Cummings, Dagmar H. Davis,

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Michelle Downs, Van Q. Dues, Tammie C. Dunn, Linh L. Durham, Douglas Ellard, Barbara M. Facius, Sharon G. Falls, Donna M. Flesher, Kimberly A. Foley, Clarence E. Fonville, Marvin R. Forbes, Robert Frazier, Sandra I. Gertz, Norma L. Gibbons, Deborah L. Givens, Gayle M. Gondek, Sylvia J. Gries, Ben J. Griffin, David M. Hale, Tara Hamilton, Janelle B. Hargett, Christopher Harrison, Andy D. Hart, Migdalia Herman, Louise J. Holmes, Charles Homan, Maria B. Horning, Earl M. Hubbard Jr., Gary D. Hughes, Stella C. Hundley, Josephine H. Jacobs, Margaret J. Jennings, Dave Johnson, Alfred W. Jones, Tami M. Joy, Cindy L. Kilgore, Albert Kittredge, Lisa A. Klingman, Donna R. Kurzendoerfer, Jamie L. Lawson, William T. Lee, Linda F. Lee, David M. Little, Corinne A. Little, Sonia R. Long, Joan S. Mack, Timothy Maddux, Ronald M. Mains, Rhonda J. Maire, Hervie F. Malloy, Michele C. Matthews, Mark S. Medrek, William Moad, Angela D. Moore, Cheryl A. Motte, John W. Nixon, Hill R. O'Donoghue, Jodi Pace, Kathryn L. Palmer, Yvonne R. Parra, Elaine Perez, Sherry K. Perry, Paula R. PetersonVernetta C. Pigott, Harold A. Pilotto, Robert B. Prudhomme, Kelli L. Purcell, Howard L. Ray, Simone W. Reagan, Robert t. Relyea, Catherine W. Richardson, Ronald R. Rieke, Donald T. Roberts, Danny Robles, Rojelio V. Rodriguez, Patricia A. Rose, Teresa A. Schilling, Roxann K. Schneckloth, Mark R. Seffels, Margie G. Self, Eric J. Shaffer, Julie A. Sharp, Michael D. Shea, Jae J. Shin, Wanda F. Simmons, James A. Simpson, Patricia S. Speicher, Marcelle K. Stanley, Deneed F. Stanley, Connie D. Strout, David J. Terlep, Jo Theobald, Anna M. Toney, Chris Townsend, Kara A. Trecy, Lauri A. Trotter, Michael Tucker, Rayfield M. Turner, Charles H. Underwood, Cosby E. Vining Jr., Kathryn R. Walker, Shannon D. Wiggins, Carol K. Wilhelm, Franklin E. Williams, John Williams, Melissa C. Harrard, Wendy J. Whitford, Susan R. Benoit, Misun Fedzer, Cynthia J. Mata, Laural C. Matthews, Angela M. Murray, Salvina P. Rogers, Hannah R. Russ, Shelly M. Sampson, Deborah F. Tutka, Christine B. Bass, Veronica H. Burrows, Brigitte E. Bush, Vicki J. Chrobak, Dawn A. Clark, Roy T. Cooper, Cordellia R. Johnson, Regina L. Legge, Felisha G. Sealey, Kimberly R. Smith, Robin T. Wilkinson, Paul Lopitz, Diane M. Pruett, Debbie A. Cook, Judith L. Wood, William M. Booth, April D. Evans, Peyton R. Hixenbaugh, Joanne P. Ludwigsen, Frank L. Miller, Richard E. Mitchell, Elsie J. Robinson, Suzanne M. Smith, Gina M. Underwood, Juanita L. Warn, and Alesia Brown.

**Sampson:** Deborah B. House, April D. Morris, and Scott S. Westbrook.

**Harnett:** Anda G. Byrd, Teresa J. Byrd, William D. Harper, and Kay O. Peebles.

**Scotland:** Ron C. Locklear.

**Moore:** John T. Ferro and Jonathan Robbins.

**Lee:** Carolyn S. Raisig.

**Hoke:** Denise F. Holliday and Roger M. Pickett.

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**Denise Mahone** has been approved by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors as Fayetteville State University's Vice Chancellor for University Advancement. She has been acting vice chancellor since 1989.

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Four area teachers attended a Summer Teacher's workshop at the North Carolina State University College of Textiles.

**Mary Anne Horn**, Hillcrest Junior High School; **Karen C. Liles** and **Freida Ann Dial**, both of Hoke County High School; and Brenda Sue Reese of Purnell Swett High School, attended the four-day workshop.

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Southeastern Community College in Whiteville will offer a free class to help people look for and land a job. The job search class runs Monday through Aug. 9 and meets daily from 9 a.m. until noon. For information, call 1-919-642-7141, Ext. 261.

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**Charlotte Dawn Chavis**, a Pembroke State University student, was elected to the statewide board of directors of the N.C. Chapter of the National Organization of Social Workers.

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New officers were elected to two-year terms in Pembroke State University's Alumni Association. They are **Randall Jones**, Pembroke, president; **Delthine Watson**, Asheboro, vice president; **Cathy Culbreth**, Fayetteville, secretary/treasurer.

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**Helisha D. McLauchlin** and **Marcus Swann**, both of Fayetteville, went through a statewide six-week Agricultural Research Apprenticeship Program at North Carolina A&T State University, where they studied and helped do research in the areas of economics, education, animal science, home economics and plant science and technology.

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**Paul Flowers**, a Pembroke State University assistant professor of physical science, won a $10,000 Cottrell College Science Award to continue his research.

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**Kristina Lynn Hales** of Pine Forest High School in Fayetteville is Cumberland County's winner of the James B. Hunt Young Citizen Award. She is eligible to win one of three scholarships.

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**Jennifer Dawn Watson** of South View High School in Hope Mills won a $1,000 scholarship from Who's Who Among American High School Students.

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**Vickie Holly** of Cape Fear High School in Cumberland County went to a drug intervention training institute at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she learned about helping students at risk for abusing drugs.

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About 200 pastors will be at Campbell University next week for the annual Pastor's School, where they will work on Bible study and worship and learn about chuch growth.

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Nine Fayetteville Technical Community College students won awards at the Fifth Annual Awards Day for the criminal justice department.

The winners were: **Sally Mae Oxendine**, **Kimberly R. Smith**, **Jane M. Ogilvie**, **Jacqueline D. Johnson**, **John A. Hill** and **Eugene Hunt**, all academic excellence medallions; **Mary Seuell**, outstanding freshman; **Deborah Kerr**, outstanding paper; **Deena Wilson**, distinguished service; **Sally Mae Oxendine**, outstanding scholar; and **John A. Hill**, outstanding graduate.

Dr. Craig Allen, center, president of Fayetteville Technical Community College, receives an award for being named Southern Regional Chief Executive Officer. Presenting the award is C. Louis Shields, left, of the Association of Community College Trustees Board of Directors, and Nancy Rososco, ACCT president. The award was given at the association's annual meeting in Jacksonville, Fla.

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**Teresa Rector**, a graduate of Fayetteville Technical Community College's physical therapist assistant program, won a $1,500 Mary McMillan Scholarship Award from the American Physical Therapy Association.

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Campbell University will offer the L.B. and Mabel Reavis Professorship and Scholarship Program for the university's summer Pastor's School. The program will pay for one speaker and two participants in the school each year.

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The STAR project at Douglas Byrd High School will continue next year with a $24,630 grant from the RJR Nabisco Foundation. The STAR (Students Together Achieving Recognition) program is among 15 schools in the nation working under RJR Nabisco Foundation's Next Century Schools Program.

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An Alcohol and Drug Defense Program is being held this week at Fayetteville State University for student athletes in Region IV school systems. Students in the program will develop anti-drug action plans to take back to their schools.

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**Beth Williamson**, a graduate of Littlefield High School, won a $1,000 Dr. Clarence Poe 4-H Scholarship to attend North Carolina State University.

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**Casandra Rucker** of Fayetteville won a Dean's Merit Scholarship from the North Carolina School of the Arts. She is a sophomore modern dance student at the school.

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Southeastern Community College will offer Basic Law Enforcement Training classes this fall. The classes will be Sept. 3 through Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. An orientation and testing session will be held Aug. 8. For information, call 642-7141.

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The Educational Foundation for Foreign Study is looking for families who want to host a foreign exchange student next school year. For more information, call 1-800-44-SHARE.

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**Valerie Wynne-Hall**, dental chairman at Fayetteville Technical Community College, was elected president of the Old North State Dental Society.

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Central Carolina Community College will offer Introduction to Word Perfect 5.0 in Lillington starting July 23. The class will be from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 893-9101.

# College Students Will Dig Deeper To Pay Share Of Balanced Budget

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

When college students hit the books next month, the state will force them to dig a little deeper into their pockets.

Students at Fayetteville State University and Pembroke State University will have to forgo about 10 large pizzas or that new pair of Reeboks to make up for the bite that higher tuition will take from their budgets.

Tuition increases ranging from 15 percent to 53 percent will be waiting for North Carolina college and university students across the state.

FSU students will see a 20 percent increase. Tuition there will be $676 for the year, an increase of $114 from last year, according to Chancellor Lloyd "Vic" Hackley.

PSU students will pay $556 in tuition this school year. That's a jump of $74, or 15 percent.

The increases are part of the General Assembly's effort to balance the state budget.

The tuition increases must be approved by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors at its Aug. 9 meeting.

But university officials said the board won't have much choice because the fees are part of the state budget package.

Most university students will be able to deal with the increase, Dr. Hackley said.

"It's not bad," he said, noting that the legislature had talked of much larger increases. "For most of our students, the bulk of that will be passed on to financial aid."

He said many students and parents worried that all costs would go up, including student fees and room and board. But those stayed the same.

"It's not too bad," said William S. Mason Jr., PSU's vice chancellor of business affairs. "Our applications are coming in pretty much like last year. If it was much more, it might hurt us."

The increase hit harder for community college students — a lot harder.

Robeson Community College President Fred Williams said the higher costs — more than 50 percent

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## Tuition

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for some — might push some of his students out of college.

Full-time community college students who take 14 or more credit hours will see their tuition jump 53 percent, from $315 to $483.

They will pay nearly as much as students at the state's small universities.

The $483 tuition for Robeson Community College students is just $73 less than the $556 tuition at Pembroke State University 10 miles away.

Mr. Williams said many students at Robeson Community College in Lumberton are trying to balance jobs, family and schoolwork.

"They're the ones who will suffer most," he said. "They're struggling to hold down jobs and keep their families, and here comes an increase that they're going to have to pay."

He said the state will be hurt in the long run if people have to stay out of community colleges because they can't afford it.

Students go to two-year colleges to get job training and quickly get back into the workforce, where they pay taxes and add to the state's economy, he said.

"The critical thing about this tuition increase is it's coming at a time of high inflation and high unemployment," Mr. Williams said. "This compounds some very serious problems already in the economy."

Students at two-year colleges around the state will see their tuition go up between 31 percent and 53 percent, depending on how many classes they take.

Students will feel the squeeze at Robeson Community College, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Sandhills Community College, Sampson Community College, Bladen Community College, Southeastern Community College and Central Carolina Community College.

Craig Allen, president of FTCC, said he believes the college's foundation, which collects money for scholarships, will be able to help needy students meet the higher cost.

"If it wasn't for that, some of them absolutely wouldn't be able to come to school," Dr. Allen said.

John Dempsey, president of Sandhills Community College, said the extra $57 "will impact our enrollment. By how much, we won't know until after fall registration."

If community college students take 14 or more credit hours, they will pay $483 for three quarters, which is the regular school year. Last year, they paid $315 for the same education.

The increase is so large because the tuition rate went up $2.75 per credit hour, and the legislature changed the way it figures tuition for students who take 14 or more hours.

Last year, anyone who took 12 hours or more paid for just the 12 hours. Now students must pay for all of the first 14 credit hours. Anything after that amount is not charged.

College officials said a lot of young, full-time students who take 16 or 18 credit hours will notice the extra two hours they will be charged.

# FTCC Official Quits; Probe Under Way

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

The chief financial officer at Fayetteville Technical Community College has resigned, and the school's president says an investigation is being made into irregularities involving about $1,000.

FTCC President Craig Allen said, "There were some questionable areas that we're looking into" about the money. "We're in the process of determining what is involved. Our auditing and business people are looking into it right now."

But Gene Parker, who resigned last week as the college's controller, said he does not know what financial problems Dr. Allen is talking about.

Dr. Allen said college officials had questions about "the incorrect movement" of about $1,000 of the college's money.

He would not explain what he

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## Parker

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meant by movement or what kind of problems the college had with the $1,000. "It's no longer a problem," he said.

"There's no money missing that we can determine," Dr. Allen said.

He said college financial officials are now "looking into our financial record-keeping to see if everything's in order, to make sure everything is in its proper place."

He said Mr. Parker "was not coerced into resigning."

Dr. Allen said the college has notified the state auditor's office and the State Bureau of Investigation about the in-house audit, but neither state agency is investigating.

Reached at home, Mr. Parker said he resigned on July 24 "for personal reasons."

He said: "As far as I know, everything was straightened out.

"The financial problem was mine. I've got 20 years (working with the state), and I felt like it was time for a career change.

"The state is getting to the point where it's not financially sound to be working for. There were no raises this year. I felt like I could make more money outside than working for the state. I figured now would be a good time."

Mr. Parker said he probably will work with a couple of businesses he owns or has worked with in the past.

Earlier this month, North Carolina state auditors released an audit saying FTCC's finances were nearly perfect for the 1989-90 school year.

The only problem auditors found was a $70 glitch where financial aid was given to a student who did not qualify.

The college's budget that year was $30 million.

Dr. Allen said he does not believe the financial irregularities now under study are widespread or have been going on for long.

He said Betty Smith, FTCC's administrative assistant to the controller, has been named acting controller. College officials are "looking within the college" to replace Mr. Parker.

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# FTCC: Cuts Mean Loss Of 360 Classes

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

A state budget cut will force Fayetteville Technical Community College to cut 360 classes this year that help train unemployed people for jobs and retrain workers in the county.

The college has to cut the 360 classes, affecting 5,400 students, because the state is not taking in as much money as it expected.

The state got $29 million less than it expected in July, forcing budget cuts in several state agencies, including the community colleges.

FTCC lost $349,000 out of this year's budget, college officials said.

That cut will dig deep into courses in business and industry, emergency services training, basic education for the military and non-credit vocational programs.

"Come spring quarter, we're going to have to pull back, gear down," said FTCC spokesman Barbara Copeland. "Spring quarter looks pretty bleak."

She said the college spends $162,000 a month on the Occupational Extension classes, and when the money runs out, there simply won't be any more classes.

Linwood Powell, FTCC vice president, said the cuts could hurt the college into next year.

"Our budget next year is based on this year's enrollment," he said.

If budget cuts push students out of classes this year, it could cut into next year's budget.

"Hopefully, it won't have a domino effect and won't lean over into future years, but it could," Dr. Powell said.

Ms. Copeland said the $349,000 budget cut is not the college's only financial worry.

**Barbara Copeland:** Spokesman for FTCC

She said FTCC officials project that enrollment in its occupational programs will continue to increase, creating an even bigger financial squeeze.

That could cut an additional 425

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## FTCC

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classes in the continuing education job-training areas, she said.

Besides the job-training classes, the budget cuts are squeezing more students into FTCC's regular classrooms.

Ms. Copeland said 12 programs, most of them in the health area, are full and not accepting new students.

She said 48 math and English sections, most with more than one class, were increased by five students per class.

The college does not like to crowd its classes because too many students can hurt the quality of teaching, Ms. Copeland said.

She said the spring quarter academic classes probably will be cut by 15 percent.

The South View High School Band Booster Club will hold a fall auction and yard sale Saturday at the school to raise funds for the band's trip to perform at the All American Music Festival at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla.

South View will represent Hope Mills, Cumberland County and North Carolina in the national competition. A total of $38,100 is needed to send the 170 band members on the seven-day trip, which will also include a performance in the Epcot Parade.

The yard sale is from 8 to 11 a.m., and the auction is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Fayetteville State University will host a statewide conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community on Friday and Saturday. The conference will feature state Attorney General Lacy Thornburg and local health and education officials. For information or to register, call 486-1474.

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Fayetteville State University's Department of Natural Sciences will hold an open house and community night Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Lyons Science Building. Visitors can tour the planetarium and observatory and see animals and science experiments.

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St. Andrews College will hold Scottish Night on Monday at 8 p.m. in the Vardell Building's Hagan Choral Room.

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**Gigi Hamilton**, a Fayetteville Technical Community College student, won first place in a floral design contest sponsored by the N.C. Landscape Contractors Association.

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The U.S. Marine Band will give a free concert at Pembroke State University's Givens Performing Arts Center Friday at 8 p.m.

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The Campbell University Jazz Ensemble will play Thursday at 8 p.m. in Scott Concert Hall in the Taylor Bott Rogers Fine Arts Center on the Buies Creek campus.

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**Tony Watlington**, a North Carolina A&T State University student from Bunnlevel, will present a paper in Russia as part of the North Carolina Consortium for International Intercultural Education.

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The Cumberland County United Negro College Fund will hold An Evening With The Ebony Poets of Cumberland on Friday at 8 p.m. at Ms. D's Pavilion on Ramsey Street. Admission will be charged. For information, call 864-5810.

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**Capt. John Bucciarelli**, head of Methodist College's Department of Military Science, won an Army Commendation Medal for writing new curriculum guides for the Army's ROTC programs.

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Methodist college will present the comedy "The Skin of Our Teeth" Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Admission is $5 for adults, $2 for students and senior citizens, $1 for children.

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The Fayetteville Area Association for the Education of Young Children will hold a program on Early Childhood Education: A National Perspective, on Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at J.W. Coon Elementary School. Barbara Day, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will speak.

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The North Carolina Retired School Personnel District 10 Advisory Board will meet today at 10:30 a.m. at the Southern Kitchen Restaurant, Red Carpet Inn in Lumberton.

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**Samuel Lupo**, former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, will speak to a Methodist College convocation Monday at 1 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The public is invited.

## Education Notes

Education Notes runs each Tuesday in Focus: Family. The deadline for submitting information is noon Thursday.

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# Program To Improve Students' Preparations For Work, College

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Cumberland County's new Tech Prep program will enable many high school students to head down the road to a better job when they start school next fall, school officials said Monday.

But the students have to get ready now because they will sign up for the program in February and March, said Peggy Hall, vocational director.

This month is Tech Prep Month. The local Tech Prep program is a joint venture of Cumberland County schools, Fayetteville Technical Community College and businesses.

"This month, we want students to start seriously thinking about their careers and getting ready to sign up for classes," Ms. Hall said. "Students need to explore career fields and decide what they want to do after high school.

"We need to get parents to understand what this is and to be interested in it. Young people, their parents and the community need to know about Tech Prep."

In Tech Prep, vocational students take high-level academic and technical courses to prepare them for two years of community college and the high-tech work world they will face after that.

The program is geared to help the biggest group of today's high school students — those not aiming for a four-year college.

They will get training they can use on the job and also get tougher academic classes so they can go to college if they want to.

Ms. Hall said Cumberland County will focus on pulling this year's eighth- through tenth-grade students into the program.

Freshmen coming into Tech Prep must take three math classes, one of them algebra; three science courses, including biology and physical science; three social studies courses and four English courses.

They also take classes in one of three broad career catagories: business, engineering or health and human services.

The careers they will be shooting for are as varied as nurse, accountant, computer programmer, electronics technician, carpenter and law enforcement officer.

After graduating from high school, many of the students will go to Fayetteville Technical Community College for two years, then be ready for a high-tech job.

Tom Gill, manager of the du Pont Co. plant in Fayetteville, said Tech Prep graduates will give businesses like his workers who are better prepared.

"We all face severe competition," he said. "One of the keys is a well-prepared work force."

He said Tech Prep's goals for students are "totally aligned around industries' expectations of the work force."

Mr. Gill said workers will soon have to think critically, solve problems, make decisions and do complicated technical work.

He said much of America's work force is unprepared to do that.

Most workers in Japanese and European plants similar to du Pont's have four-year college degrees or technical degrees, Mr. Gill said.

"This is such a step forward," he said. "We want people to come in and think and use the abilities they use in their everyday lives to make them successful and make us successful.

Craig Allen, FTCC president, said Tech Prep will allow FTCC to enroll students who have a better high school education and better chance to succeed in college and beyond.

Dr. Allen said the county schools, FTCC, local business, industry and the students will gain from the program.

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# FTCC Graduate Job Placement Slips To 86%

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

A slumping economy is making it hard for some of this year's graduates of Fayetteville Technical Community College to find jobs, but a college official said the 86 percent job placement rate is still pretty good.

"That's an excellent placement statistic, but it's below FTCC standards," said Dr. Larry Norris, vice president for academic affairs. "Basically, it's the state of the economy."

Over the past five years, 93 percent to 94 percent of students have gotten jobs right out of the two-year college.

The figures for this year, presented to FTCC's board of trustees Monday, show the number of graduates from June and August who had jobs by Oct 1.

There were 674 graduates in those two ceremonies. Of those, 497 were available to work, 109 had gone on to do more college work, 34 were not looking for a job and 34 could not be located.

Of the 497 graduates looking for work, 426 had jobs and 71 were unemployed, the survey said.

Of those working, 73 percent had jobs in Cumberland County.

Dr. Norris said that is important to FTCC because one of its main goals is to improve the work force and employment picture in the county.

Jack Fernald, associate vice president for student development, said a hiring freeze in state government and at many private businesses hurt students' ability to get jobs in many areas.

But there are jobs in some fields, he said.

"Anything with number-crunching did well," Dr. Fernald said. "Accounting, auditing, keeping track of trends and figures did well. It's the age of accountability."

Of 10 graduates with accounting degrees, five continued their education, four were working and one could not be located. Of 17 graduates in business computer programming, 16 were working.

Dr. Fernald said jobs were also plentiful in the health field.

Of 139 FTCC graduates looking for work in a health field, 91 percent had jobs, he said.

And many of those out of work should get jobs as soon as they pass their state board test, which is given this month, he said.

Of 54 students who got associate degrees in nursing and were looking for work, 52 had landed jobs, and 11 of 14 graduates in practical nursing were working, the report said.

In other action, board member Michael Boose asked if the board was going to tackle the question of smoking cigarettes in campus buildings.

In August, the board got a request from the college's Safety and Physical Facilities Committee to ban smoking in all buildings.

The board directed college officials to ask members of the student government association how students feel about a smoking ban.

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## Jobs

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But Craig Allen, FTCC president, said "the problem took care of itself."

He said officials asked teachers where they believed smoking was a problem, then put No Smoking signs in those areas.

The signs are now in most buildings around campus.

"You can walk through any building on campus and not see the smoke or smell the smoke," Dr. Allen said. "We decided we'd rather do that than raise the hackles of the tobacco industry."

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# FTCC To Ease Advancement To Bachelor's

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

A program that begins next fall will make it easier for students at Fayetteville Technical Community College to begin work on a bachelor's degree.

FTCC will start a college transfer program where all of its credits will transfer to most four-year colleges and universities.

Larry Norris, vice president for academic affairs, said the new program should put many older students on their way to a four-year degree.

He said personal circumstances, high tuition and a lack of college preparation keep many older students out of the state's universities.

But if they can get the first two years of their degree at FTCC, they have a good chance of getting that degree.

He said the new program should bring an extra 100 students to FTCC next fall, including older students and recent high school graduates.

"We now are truly a comprehensive community college," Dr. Norris said.

FTCC's college transfer program was approved Thursday by the State Board of Community Colleges.

It is the 34th of 58 community colleges in the state to offer a college parallel program.

Students will be able to get an associate of arts or associate of science degree at FTCC.

FTCC now has a general education program, where students take general education classes instead of vocational or technical classes.

Many colleges and universities

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## Bachelor's

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now accept most FTCC general education credits. But students must transfer their credits on a course-by-course basis.

With the college transfer program, all of the credits will be accepted automatically at most schools.

Dr. Norris said about 500 students have been enrolling each fall in FTCC's general education classes. He expects most of those 500 to switch to the college transfer program, and another 100 to start it, putting 600 students in the new program.

"We wanted to round out our offerings," said Neal Hardison, associate vice president of curriculum. "It was a segment of education that we weren't offering."

To add the two associate degrees, FTCC will add 65 courses, most of them in foreign languages, according to Edward Jackson, dean of general and service programs.

He said the college will add French and German courses and expand its Spanish program.

Classes also will be added in math, English literature, philosophy, sociology, psychology and physical education, Mr. Jackson said.

He said the college will not hire new teachers when it starts the program next fall, but may have to add staff in the future as the college adds students.

Fayetteville State University and Pembroke State University have backed the program since it was proposed.

FSU and PSU officials sent letters saying the associate degrees would give students another way to start college, then continue in the university system.

When FTCC proposed the college transfer program, Methodist College opposed it because it could take freshmen and sophomores away from the more expensive private college.

Erik Bitterbaum, Methodist College's vice president for academic affairs, said he believes college officials are now seeing the good side of the transfer program.

He said it will probably still take away some students, especially those from Cumberland County.

But he said it could give the college older students who have been through two years of college.

"Many of those students work hard, are very interested and very goal-oriented, and those are good students," he said.

Charles Plummer, Methodist College's registrar, said FTCC students have always transferred to Methodist and brought most of their credits.

He said nine FTCC students are headed to Methodist this spring.

But college officials have had to look at each course before giving the student credit for it.

"We can accept them pretty much at face value" after they graduate from the college transfer program, he said.

"We may lose some students, but I think we're going to gain some, too," Mr. Plummer said. "It might allow students who wouldn't otherwise get to go to college to go there first then come here. I think it's going to be good for the community."

# Community Profile

From left are Fayetteville Technical Community College's ambassadors for the 1991-92 school year. From left are: Deena Wilson, Kent Confer, Scott Craig, Robin Wilkinson, Pat Fulks, Karen Lucas, Charles Mays and J.J. Horne.

Staff Photo By Dick Blount

*Cream Of The Crop*

## Ambassadors Represent FTCC With Pride

By Jeffery Womble
Staff Writer

In the past couple of years, administrators, board members and faculty at Fayetteville Technical Community College deemed it necessary to reward students who perform well academically.

This year is no exception.

COPELAND

FTCC has chosen ambassadors who will represent the two-year junior college at social functions on campus.

"They will meet dignitaries at their cars when they arrive on campus and guide them to the appropriate place," said Barbara Copeland, director of marketing and public relations at the school. "They also serve as guides the first day of school."

Each year around April notices are sent to faculty members to keep their eyes open for students who they think will make good ambassadors for the school, said Ms. Copeland. To be selected, students must possess a 2.5 grade-point average, have at least 12 credit hours at FTCC, and be in good standing with the college.

"We also want them to have a good personality," said Ms. Copeland.

This year's ambassadors, all second-year students, are: Karen Lucas, a general education major; Kent Confer, a business occupations program major; Charles Mays, a postal service technician and business major; J.J. Horne and Robin Wilkinson, respiratory care majors; Deena Wilson and Scott Craig, criminal justice majors; and Pat Fulks, an accounting major.

Selected students were chosen by a committee made up of faculty, FTCC Foundation members, director of the foundation and director of marketing. Each was interviewed individually.

> *'The ambassadors have been a great asset to the school in terms of public relations. These students represent us very well.'*
>
> — Barbara Copeland

Those selected are notified of their acceptance and became instant celebrities on the campus, said Ms. Copeland. They also receive privileges not afforded to other students.

Ambassadors receive a uniform which varies each year, a gold parking sticker which allows them to park anywhere on campus except handicap spaces, and a $500 scholarship from the FTCC Foundation.

"The ambassadors have been a great asset to the school in terms of public relations," she said. "These students represent us very well."

Interest in the ambassador's program was minimal when it first started, said Ms. Copeland. Now that the program is off and running, interest has reached an all-time peak.

"Each year the interest has grown," she said. "Now when we ask for applications we get 30 to 40."

This year's ambassadors said that involvement in the program not only offers prestige, but gives them the opportunity to learn more about the campus, their peers and the administration.

"You get the chance to find out how the college operates from top to bottom," said Mr. Horne. "You get a better picture of the school.

"By being an ambassador, it gives you a better insight to the faculty and staff. I've had one-on-one talks with Dr. Allen (Dr. Craig Allen, FTCC president).

Of the current ambassadors, Ms. Wilson is the only one who has had previous experience. The others look to her for guidance when they need it.

"We've had some good leaders that I followed and I try to show them a lot, also," she said.

Being an ambassador has also helped in other ways, the students said.

"This has helped me build my confidence and self-esteem," said Ms. Lucas. "You get to meet a lot of influential people in Fayetteville. I want to be a corporate lawyer and this gives me a chance to hopefully one day represent them."

Mr. Mays said being chosen for the honor lets him know that his hard work in the classroom is appreciated.

"It makes you feel that someone on the faculty recognizes you and the work you do," he said.

There are only eight ambassadors and Ms. Copeland doesn't see the number increasing anytime soon.

"We don't always use eight at every function," she said. "I can pull two if I need them or I can use all eight. It depends on the type of function."

The ambassadors said that the incentive program has done so much for them, that when they graduate from the school, they hope they can give it something in return.

"As we leave, we will have a lot of fond memories," said Mr. Mays. "But no matter what I do, I plan on being a supporter of the school. I would like to give something back to the school, like a scholarship."

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Staff Photo By Steve Aldridge

*Recycler*

Fayetteville Technical Community College instructor Steve Core, left, explains the capabilities of this automotive refrigerant recycling machine to guests, including state Sen. Lura Tally, right, in school's Automotive Technology Department. IG-LO, Inc., the nation's leading manufacturer of automotive refrigerant, awarded the machine, valued at $3,500, to the school. It will be used to instruct students in the recycling of chlorofluorocarbons. Auto refrigerant constitutes the nation's single largest use of chlorofluorocarbons.

FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER-TIMES, Saturday, November 23, 1991

## Crime Report

### 2 Teen-Agers Charged In Thefts At Church

DUNN — Two teen-agers have been charged with stealing a television and a videocassette recorder from a Dunn church earlier this month, police records show.

Arrested Thursday were John Thomas Crooks Jr., 17, of the 500 block of Wallace Lane, Lillington, and Robert Shawn Kellams, 18, of Bottom Road Apartments, Buies Creek. They are each charged with one count of felonious breaking and entering and one count of felonious larceny, records show.

Authorities say they stole the items from the Westfield Baptist Church on North Ashe Avenue in Dunn between Nov. 12 and 14, records show. The items were recovered.

### Fayetteville Man Cut With Beer Bottle

A Fayetteville man told police he was assaulted in his home at 8:30 p.m. Thursday by a man who cut him with a broken beer bottle.

Kenny Ray Watts, 29, of South Plymouth Street, said a man named Larry cut him on the face, chest, leg and arms, according to police. Mr. Watts was treated at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and released.

### Georgia Man Hit In Head With Rock

A Georgia man told Fayetteville police that five men jumped him and hit him in the head with a rock as he stood near his truck in the parking lot of the 301 Truckstop at 1:30 a.m. Thursday.

Willard Wash, 42, of Macon, Ga., a driver for Action Moving and Storage, was treated at Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital and released.

### Break-In At FTCC Is Reported

Someone broke into the Fayetteville Technical Community College Annex on the corner of Ramsey and Quincy streets Thursday night, Fayetteville police report.

A man broke a window at the school with a brick and got into an office between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. A worker at the school saw the man and scared him off before he took anything, police said.

ETTEVILLE OBSERVER-TIMES, Sunday, November 17, 1991

*Home Builders Association*

## New Program Gets Students Beyond Diploma

By Jennifer M. Mullen
Real Estate Writer

In today's job market, a high school diploma just doesn't cut it — and in the future, it will mean even less to employers.

Area educators and business officials are trying to get that point across to high school students while giving them an alternative to minimum wage jobs through a new program called Tech Prep.

Tech Prep supporters were at the Home Builders Association meeting last Tuesday night to explain the program and garner support from construction industry officials.

"By 1995, more than 50 percent of jobs will require an education beyond high school," Southview High School Principal Lawrence Buffaloe told the members. By the year 2000, an estimated five to 15 million manufacturing jobs will require different skills with increased training.

And today, businesses are complaining that they can't find high school graduates with the knowledge needed and the desire to work, said Phyllis McDonald with the Fayetteville Area Economic and Development Corporation.

In an effort to encourage high school students to pursue career goals and get more than just a high school diploma, area education officials have embraced a new nationwide program called Tech Prep.

Known as the 4+2 plan, it is designed to encourage students to get the education needed in high school to enable them to enter a community or technical college to earn an associates degree or certification.

The key to encouraging students to get more than just a high school education is discovering their interest and career goals before high school and then helping them pursue the high school courses necessary to enter a community college or university, Mr. Buffaloe said.

About 50 percent of all high school students wander through their high school years without any post high school goal, he said. Called "the forgotten half," these are the students that need Tech Prep the most.

Mr. Buffaloe said greater emphasis will be placed on finding out just what these students want to do and then guide them through the courses needed to attain that goal. Good–paying jobs that require a little more than just a high school diploma will be encouraged because of the money–earning potential, he said.

"A high–school diploma is no longer the ticket to a good–paying job," Mr. Buffaloe said.

Dr. Ed Jackson of Fayetteville Technical Community College said Tech Prep will help prepare more students for the years after high school.

Too many students need an extra year of remedial work before they can begin a career–oriented program at FTCC, he said. Tech Prep should increase students' self–esteem and encourage career goals to better prepare students for the real world.

## Applause

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Craig, Teresa M. Goosley, Joe D. Jones, Lisa M. Pfannenstiel, John Thompkins, Paul Lopitz, Edward L. Saltzgiver, Judith L. Wood, Stella B. Blankenship, Peyton R. Butler, Lorena R. Glynn, Robert L. Green, Joanne P. Ludwigsen, Frank L. Miller, Joanne K. Masker, Jameson C. Stewart, William Hammond and Denise M. Welker.

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**HOKE COUNTY:** Denise F. Holliday, Frederick F. McGill, and Roger M. Pickett.

**MOORE COUNTY:** Cheryl M. Cunz, Jodi P. Border, Candace L. Edwards, and John T. Ferro.

**ROBESON COUNTY:** Aysha A. Almueti.

**SAMPSON COUNTY:** Joseph D. Martin, Faye S. Ratliff, and William B. Norris.

Dean's List

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY:** Michael L. Hill, Melinda A. Buie, Pamela J. Currie, Denise J. Mosley, Yvonne Alicea-Lugo, Angella N. Carter, Joseph Cincotta, Therese C. Henry, Jesse Johnson, Karen Lucas, Richard E. Mitchell, William K. Pannhoff, Gina M. Underwood, Lynn M. Wright, Wo Yu, Debbie A. Cook, Tammy S. Davis, Constance D. Downs, Carrie J. Degarmo, Dewain Degarmo, Linda M. Matthews, Benjamin J. Secrest, Joan U. Murrell, Elizabeth A. Andersen, Michelle D. Balsamo, Bryan C. Banks, Kristy L. Barnhill, Lisa S. Bellamy, Maris B. Boros, Lena A. Bower, James R. Bowling, Michelle C. Brazinski, Mary A. Brunson, Lanzy Burton, Jennifer L. Butler, Joanne E. Buzzell, Raymond W. Cables, Caroline Capino, Lee Carrillo, Thurma M. Carroll, Darcell L. Carter, Maninder M. Chahal, Michael Chase, Yvette H. Cisneros, James L. Collier, Mark O. Cook, Sharon A. Davis, Diana Dehart, Terry Devault, Michael T. Devillier, Sherry M. Dorman, Sandra J. Dulin, Julie C. Dunlap, Margaret E. Dykins, Kelly D. Ellis, George E. England, Kennith L. Farris, Barbara A. Fields, Elaine S. Figueroa, Elaine P. Fiorentino, Stephen E. Flannery, Jennifer O. Fletcher, Timothy Flood, Cecelia W. Forlini, Sam G. Gerald, Latonya Gilliam, Christopher Gregory, Ben J. Griffin, Vickie Gunn, Dorothy V. Harrell, Amy K. Harrelson, David A. Harris, Christopher Harrison, Andy D. Hart, Jeannette Hays, Lisa W. Hill, Charles Homan, Chong Horace, Eugene Hunt, Sara D. Hutson, Deandre L. Jackson, Lawton Jenkins, James E. Johnson, Freddy L. Johnson, Anna L. Johnson, Roxann S. Johnson, Yolanda R. Keyes, Robert K. Kringel, Deborah L. Laporte, William W. Lawrence, Marvin R. Lawson, William T. Lee, Daniel P. Lewis, Kimberly L. Lloyd, Sonia R. Long, Barbara J. Lyrenmann, Dawn D. Malchose

Coleen K. Mapes, Fernando Martinez, Sonia A. Mata, Connie L. Matthews, Michele C. Matthews, Arletta R. Mattulat, Ronald A. Maynard, Marchelo A. Maynor, Cheryl A. McCaskey-Brown, Melissa D. McConnaughey, Marketa A. McCulloch, Kelly McDonal, Angela A. McDowell, Willie E. McGirt, Frankie V. McIntyre, James E. McVeigh, Richard K. Mercer, Terry S. Miller, Nancy D. Miller, Sherri Mitchell, Dorothea R. Mixon, William Moad, Rhonda M. Munn, Della F. Neal, Ronnie L. Peele, Ann M. Poore, Jolynn M. Quinn, Stephanie R. Raby, Renate D. Reese, Norman C. Reno, Ronald R. Rieke, Ellis L. Roach, Donald T. Roberts, Kimberly D. Rodriguez, Richard A. Romano, Shannon E. Rubio, Deborah L. Schram, Tammy L. Sellars, Charles E. Sessoms, Sang S. Shin, Rosalyn Sinagra, Carol L. Sowa, Antoinette Starling, Janet K. Steele, Chet H. Steen, Mary M. Suver, Kelley D. Sykes, Doreen S. Thomas, Linda S. Thompson, Melanie A. Travis, Lauri A. Trotter, Addie L. Tusing, Michele H. Twaddell, Sarah Van Tuyle, Jan M. Vanderroest, Anne Walters, Michael Webb, Joseph K. Welsh, Aaron K. Westjohn, Mary C. Whatley, Mary E. Whidby, Robert Wickline, Ronald T. Williams, Eugene Woitas, Cortney E. Young, Debra L. Zeiber, Patsy E. Dawson, Rachael M. Elliott, Tonya A. Hayhurst, Rivian A. Wiley, Stephanie Altamirano, Danielle D. Alvis, Kimberly C. Cochran, Josie M. Garcia, Amy W. Herald, Kim S. Herrera, Judy Holt, Lynn J. McBride, Sally J. Natvig, Akapol Phimsoutham, Ruth A. Winiarski, Willie C. Woodard, Jennifer C. Burt, Brigitte E. Bush, Christopher Butzgy, Judy A. Click, Virginia P. Collins, Kristi M. Fields, Quenetta Lawrence, Scott B. Pareses, Jesus Perez, Opal J. Pope, Kenneth W. Porter, George B. Robinson, John Smith, David J. Spangler, and Robin T. Wilkinson.

**HARNETT COUNTY:** Randolph G Scott, Jamie D. Atkins, and Michael B Barefoot.

**HOKE COUNTY:** Kenneth C Andrews, Melody S. Beasley, Annie f Kearns, Jennifer R. Miller, Paul J Porter, and Colleen N. Thacker.

**LEE COUNTY:** Kathy B. Turner.

**MOORE COUNTY:** Thomas Dunnir

**ROBESON COUNTY:** Diane B. Henderson, Charles Hamilton, Candace J. Smith, and Kari S. McFarland.

**SAMPSON COUNTY:** Jenny E. Powell, William Davis, Amy L. Watson, and Deborah B. House.

# Gray speaks at FSU; FTCC honors Graves

**Fayetteville State University**

12-5-91 Paraglide

William H. Gray, president and chief executive officer of the United Negro College Fund, will deliver the keynote address at the commencement ceremonies at Fayetteville State University Dec. 17.

Gray, the former majority whip in the U.S. House of Representatives, began his tenure as president and chief executive officer of UNCF Sept. 11. Before being elected as a congressman in 1978, he served as the minister of Bright Hope Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

During his congressional career, he became the first black to hold a leadership position in the U.S. House as Budget Committee chairman. Gray also served as chairman of the House Democratic Caucus and the Democratic Platform Committee at the 1988 Democratic National Convention.

As Budget Committee chairman, Gray earned a reputation as a consensus builder and the chief negotiator between Congress and the Reagan Administration.

He received a bachelor's degree in sociology at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Penn., in 1963. Gray later earned a master's degree in divinity at Drew Theological Seminary in 1966 and a master's in theology at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1970.

Gray, who was a leading community activist in Montclair, served as a lecturer at Jersey City State College, Montclair State College, and Rutgers University.

## *FTCC award*

**by Jackie Tuckey**
**DPCA Marketing Branch**

Tom Graves, curriculum division coordinator for Fort Bragg's branch of Fayetteville Technical Community College, recently received a commendation from Lt. Gen. Gary Luck, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg commander, during American Education Week.

Presented by Col. William Pendleton, garrison commander and Education Director Dr. Eldridge Starling, the award was given for Graves' initiative and dedication in administering the disbursement of $25,000 through programs for family members.

In August, the Fort Bragg Army Continuing Education System received the money through Forces Command channels to provide assistance to family members whose sponsors participated in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. In accordance with Public Law 102-25, family members would receive funds for classes to gain skills and credentials in acheiving higher levels of responsibility for households. This need was much in evidence when thousands of family members became heads of the household for an extended period during the deployment.

Graves provided opportunities to acquire employment assistance skills training. He also set up additional staff in assistance centers with extended hours across Fayetteville and Fort Bragg to ensure eligible families had every opportunity to apply for the special funding.

Fort Bragg received an additional $10,000 due to the difficulty other installations had with obligating their funding in the time allotted. Graves and his staff put this money to use for family members as well.

More than 800 family members benefitted from Graves' efforts.



## Applause

Members of Modern Woodmen of America Camp 17087 and their families met at an awards dinner to honor **Edward Avent** of Fayetteville on Nov. 21.

Mr. Avent was cited for outstanding service to the community and its members. He is chairman of the building committee of Habitat for Humanity.

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**Tina Bennett** of Fayetteville was the only student from North Carolina to attend the National Teen Summit held in Princeton, N.J., Nov. 7-11. She was chosen for her essay which described how she and other American youth would benefit from the summit.

Two thousand students throughout the nation applied and 175 were selected to attend four days of workshops, during which they exchanged ideas and developed strategies for encouraging others to get involved in a variety of causes and projects.

Tina, a student at Seventy-First High School, was selected to serve on the summit's planning committee for next year. The summit is sponsored by Peterson's Guides, an educational publisher based in Princeton, Princeton Day School and BKG Youth, a marketing firm specializing in youth- and cause-related projects.

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**Below are students who made the President's and Dean's List at Fayetteville Technical Community College.**

**President's List**

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY:** Robert E. Peterson, Joseph Berry, Victor D. Williams, Deigh A. Allen, Michele L. Anderson, Andrea L. Atwood, Rosa M. Bailey, William M. Baker, Mildred B. Barber, Donald E. Barber, Judity E. Boswell, Cathy J. Brock, Sharon L. Bryer, Kimberly P. Bullard, Melinda A. Butts, Samuel D. Cain, Marsha J. Calesa, Regina M. Campbell, Torchy L. Campbell, Richard T. Cartwright, Yvette C. Carver, Angela S. Cassell, Cathy L. Chapman, Kelly H. Chavis, Susan K. Cissell, Kent L. Confer, Jeanette Confer, Michelle Connell, James Cooper, Jayn C. Cooper, Candace L. Cotto, Patricia Covarrubias, Kelly L. Creech, Thomas W. Daughtrey, Carolyn P. Dedeaux, Michelle Downs, Christopher Dulin, Anita G. Dunaway, Tammie C. Dunn, Victor C. Egbuonye, Cheryl A. El-Halabi, Sue H. Eller, Julie A. Escalona, Barbara M. Facius, Marlan L. Fagan, Harrison Fitzwater, Donna M. Flesher, Robert Frazier, Barbara C. Freeman, Bedford D. Gallagher, Tammy C. Gates, Deborah L. Givens, James J. Godwin, Gayle M. Gondek, Petra E. Gonzalez, Julie A. Greenfield, Sylvia J. Gries, Hubert H. Halstead, Tara Hamilton, Kim M. Hamm, Janella B. Hargett, Rebekah A. Henson, Linda M. Highsmith, John A. Hill, Robert C. Hockenbury, Marie K. Hogan, Maria B. Horning, Josephine H. Jacobs, Robert J. Jankovics, Margaret J. Jennings, Michelle L. Jennings, Kimberly M. Johnson, Caroline A. Johnson, Miae C. Johnson, Lewis E. Jones, Shelly D. Knott, Pamela J. Kuehnel, Alan R. Lamb, Mary G. Layton, Karen M. Lee, Maurice G. Licardo, Pamela G. Macon, Kirsten M. Mann, Ballarie A. Mayes, Tommy L. McCoy, Francenia McLaurin, Vicky L. McMillin, Mark S. Medrek, Linda C. Miller, Ingrid J. Miller, David E. Miller, Michael Montoya, Luciana Moon, Preston J. Moreaux, David M. Morris, Dorothy B. Myers, Linda J. Nisbett, Chad M. Ottoson, Judy L. Ottoson, Jodi Pace, Susan M. Paiser, James G. Parker, Melvin L. Payne, Troy B. Perkins, Harold A. Pilotto, Tuesday B. Price, Jenean W. Puckett, Mary A. Pugliese, Kelli L. Purcell, Octavia D. Purifie, Pamela M. Quinn, Shannon D. Rasmussen, Amanda B. Reed, Robert T. Relyea, Neomia C. Remer, Deborah S. Reynolds, Herbert C. Richardson, Lorraine L. Rinus, Sinclair Robinson, Danny Robles, Teresa A. Schilling, Gavin Shuey, Sheila G. Simmons, Paula R. Smith, Patricia S. Speicher, James D. Strickland, Ulrike K. Teeple, Allan M. Tolentino, Annemarie Tubbe, Michael Tucker, Charles H. Underwood, Jack D. Vance, Rita A. Walensky, Boonchar Y. White, John Williams, Gary A. Worley, Malissa R. Zartler, D. Lassiter, Kerri L. Thompson, Susan R. Benoit, Mary L. Hupp, Jacqueline G. Johnson, Sabrina D. Pickett, Nancy Shaw, Chong S. Sparks, Camie D. Stinson, Jo L. Bass, Vernoica H. Burrows, Dawn A. Clark, Scott,

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# *Trade Schools Battle 'Matchbook Marketing' Image*

**by Claudia Coates**
**The Associated Press**

PITTSBURGH — High technology has thrown a monkey wrench into the plans of many a high school graduate looking for a job. Now an old solution to this relatively new problem is helping them cope.

With the computerization of everything from drafting tables to auto tune-up equipment, would-be mechanics, furnace repairers and accountants require more than a vocational high school diploma.

And the nation's 6,000 or so trade schools are serving a large part of that training need.

"There's no work if you're not educated. You have to flip burgers," says Audrey Hoak, 54, a paralegal student at Duff's Business Institute, a Pittsburgh trade school.

An estimated 1.7 million people spend an average of $4,500 per year for advanced training and education at trade schools, according to figures from JBL Associates in Bethesda, Md., a higher education consulting firm.

Officials in the Atlanta school system noticed the demand for better educated students at least three years ago. Assistant superintendent Barbara Whitaker says recent graduates without higher education reported they were striking out with employers.

"They are expecting a different quality student," Ms. Whitaker says.

In her district, the trade schools have proved more attractive than colleges. While about 30 percent of Atlanta's high school graduates go on to college, 43 percent go to a technical school.

A maintenance man for a suburban Pittsburgh motel, Michael Klaeser, believes the associate degree he's earning will help double his salary.

After seven years maintaining motel refrigerators and air conditioners, Mr. Klaeser, 34, earned $12,000 per year. Now he studies refrigeration and heating at Triangle Tech in Pittsburgh.

"I got so used to just working, I never really followed through with further schooling," says Mr. Klaeser, the father of three.

He chose his trade school with care. Nationwide, trade schools have battled an unsavory image with their low-budget advertising on late-night television and with tuition scandals that attracted government scrutiny.

"They have a matchbook marketing that people equate with sleaziness," says JBL Associates President John Lee. In fact, trade schools reported they found word-of-mouth, not matchbooks, the most effective advertising, followed by television commercials.

The shoddy image was reinforced when the U.S. Department of Education started to crack down on student loan defaults in 1988. It identified which schools had the most defaulters and told them to educate their students on loan responsibilities along with how to dye hair.

Loan defaults will cost the Guaranteed Student Loan Program an estimated $2.7 billion in 1991, according to a Senate subcommittee's report in May.

The schools feel a few rotten apples have created the image problem. To counter, they are spending more time with student loan recipients.

"We go over their rights and responsibilities. Halfway through the program I do a whole session on budgeting," says Margaret Stone, the student financial adviser for Divers Institute of Technology in Seattle. The institute teaches deep-sea divers who inspect oil rigs, bridges, dams and nuclear cooling systems.

Divers' Institute reduced its rate from 28.3 loan defaults per 100 students in 1988 to 5.9 per 100 in 1989, she says.

In October 1990, the U.S. Department of Education stopped lending tuition money to students of 14 trade schools — at least three of them beauty schools — in California, Georgia, Washington, Connecticut and Florida. Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos says the schools misled students, in some cases lying about the chance of finding a job after graduating.

The president of Triangle Tech, Jim Agras, was indignant about the schools' practices, which left students with loan debts and no jobs.

A founder of the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools, Mr. Agras recalls a conversation in which the manager of another school told him of the advantage in signing up a student and getting the federal loan money whether or not the student stayed in the class.

"We've seen an evolution that you can't believe," Mr. Agras says. "Schools are out there enrolling students that have no ability."

Much of the trouble, he says, was caused by many schools expanding too quickly without qualified managers.

The reputable schools make sure the skills they teach meet employers' requirements, which can mean spending a bundle to stay competitive. Up-to-date equipment, for example, is something budget-squeezed high schools can't afford.

A classroom designed for just 12 bookkeeping students needs about $20,000 worth of equipment, says Mark Scott, director at Duff's Business Institute in Pittsburgh.

"There is a lot more money invested in training students now," Mr. Scott says. "It's not just computers, it's keeping pace with software and hardware."

The trade schools are using this equipment edge to increase enrollment. Students range from recent high school graduates to mothers returning to the work force to young adults who became disillusioned when they fail to find meaningful work.

Many students see trade school as the first step on a long ladder, not only to higher earning power but to professional status.

Denise Livingston, 26, went on welfare after divorcing a husband who made good wages as a truck driver. Now she wants to become a lawyer.

Studying at Duff's to be a paralegal, Ms. Livingston wants to build on her education by stepping on to community college and on to law school. Her classes, study time and ambitious plans leave little time to spend

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Michael Thomas Works At Pittsburgh's Triangle Tech Trade School

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## Education Notes

The Cumberland County Board of Education's Facilities Committee will hold a hearing Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Cape Fear High School. At the meeting, the committee will ask parents' and other residents' opinions about a plan to build a new middle school in the eastern part of the county and close Eastover-Central Elementary School.

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Three students each from Fayetteville State University and Pembroke State University have won scholarships from the National Aeronautic and Space Administration's Minority University Research and Educational Program.

FSU students **Iris M. Cunningham, Demetrius Haddock and Derick L. Purcell** and PSU students **Janet Harris, Jay Locklear and Leslie Lowry** won the scholarships, which are designed to help minority students become scientists and engineers.

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Methodist College will offer music classes for youngsters starting Jan. 13. To register for Kindermusic, First Music and Suzuki Strings, call 630-7103 or 864-1380.

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College Lakes Elementary School will have a PTA meeting and Christmas program tonight at 7:30 p.m. for all parents.

Alma Easom Elementary School will have a PTA meeting, and first-graders will perform Christmas Around the World tonight at 7 for all parents.

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The Westover High School PTA will have a general membership meeting for all parents Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will present a free concert by the Kordax Brass Quintet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Cumberland Hall Auditorium. For tickets, call 678-8431.

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Pembroke State University will host a National Issues Forums' Summer Public Policy Institute July 31 and Aug. 1-2. The program, sponsored by the Kettering Foundation, will study three topics of national concern yet to be determined. For information, call Terry Hutchins at 521-4214, Ext. 281.

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Pembroke State University's Chancellor's Christmas Dance is Friday at 8 p.m. in the Chavis University Center.

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The National Directory of Internships lists thousands of internships open to high school, college and graduate students, people re-entering the job market and people who want to explore a new career. For information, call 787-3263.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will offer safety and first aid classes starting Jan. 6. The classes range from training for emergency medical technicians to basic CPR for beginners. For information, call 678-8429.

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Pembroke State University's Small Business Institute will provide free analyses and recommendations to small business owners or entrepreneurs during the spring semester. Interested businessmen should call Douglas Schell at 521-4214, Ext. 214.

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William H. Gray, president of the United Negro College Fund, will speak at Fayetteville State University's commencement ceremonies on Dec. 17.

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Westarea Elementary School will have a PTA meeting, and second-graders will perform Winter Wonderland, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. for all parents.

Morganton Road Elementary School will have a PTA meeting and Christmas program Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. for all parents.

Warrenwood Elementary School will hold a PTA meeting and students' Christmas play Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. for all parents.

Elizabeth Cashwell Elementary School will hold a PTA meeting, and students will perform Around the World at Christmas Time, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.

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Education Notes runs each Tuesday in Focus: Family. The deadline for submitting information is noon Thursday.

# FTCC Awarded Reaccreditation

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College has been awarded reaccreditation with one of the highest ratings and almost no problems, officials said.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reviewed FTCC in February after school administrators, teachers and students took a hard, two-year look at all aspects of the college. Reaccreditation was awarded earlier this month.

The Southern Association review found only 10 problems at the college, and the leader of the team told college officials that most of those were "almost nit-picking," said Sylvia Pierce, FTCC's assistant to the president for research and planning.

"The 10 recommendations were for minor changes," Dr. Pierce said. "There was nothing major."

She said FTCC added one course, redefined it's mission to include its new college transfer program and made several other minor administrative moves.

Dr. Pierce said most colleges get about 28 recommended changes.

"We're very excited," she said.

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"We always say we have a quality education. This goes back to truth in advertising. It gives us credibility in how we say we do business."

College President Craig Allen said the rating shows that FTCC is "recognized by our peers as being one of the better institutions."

He said the college is also "recognized by the community as providing quality graduates."

Dr. Allen said the Southern Association used to measure the quality of equipment, amount of classrooms, teacher qualifications and number of books in the library.

"Now, SACS focuses on outcomes assessment — what are your graduates like, do they get jobs, do they get promotions?" he said. "It's a much greater measure of accountability for the public."

Colleges and universities must be reaccredited by the Southern Association every 10 years.

Dr. Pierce said FTCC did so well on its reaccreditation because of the two-year, comprehensive self-study the college did before the association's visit.

Dr. Pierce said everyone at the college — administrators, teachers, students and other workers — was involved in the self-study.

She said people helped study areas of the college that they usually have nothing to do with, so it helped everyone get a better feel for what FTCC does.

The study groups also looked at the next 10 years "and gave us their projections so we could use them in planning," Dr. Pierce said. "It gave us a vision of the next decade."

Dr. Pierce said the college updates its programs and policies every year, as the Southern Association comes out with new guidelines. It does so to keep up with the latest requirements, even if it is not an audit year.

"I think it goes back to why we'd be a member of SACS even if we didn't have to," she said. "It makes us much better."

She said colleges can be reaccredited if they meet the association's minimum requirements, but FTCC does not settle for that.

"Everything we do should be geared to helping the students," Dr. Pierce said. "How can you be satisfied with giving them just the minimum?"

She said many FTCC students work full time and are parents working to get better jobs.

"It's the people we serve that cause us to strive to be the best."

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Methodist College has received a $25,300 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation for a joint project at Pauline Jones Elementary School to bring parents into the school to help their fourth graders read.

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**Edwina Gross**, a vocational education teacher at E.E. Smith High School, won an outstanding service award from the American Vocational Association this month in recognition of her contributions to the association's Business Education Division.

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**Jan Lowery**, director of Pembroke State University's Health Careers Access Program, helped plan the Minority AIDS Conference in Atlanta and was the only Indian on the conference's panel discussion.

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**John Rimberg**, Pembroke State University sociology professor, was featured in Teacher Magazine for his efforts to start a statewide residential school for social studies like the North Carolina School of Science and Math.

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**Heather Grindstaff**, a fifth-grader at Ferguson Easley Elementary School, won a bicycle and Westarea Elementary School won a $500 award for their participation in Carolina Telephone's Hunt Down the Facts program.

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Warrenwood Elementary School students buried a time capsule in a memorial garden on school grounds last week. Each class put something in the capsule. It will be dug up in December 2001.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College and the Fayetteville Museum of Art will hold winter art classes starting Jan. 6. The registration deadline is Dec. 20. For information, call 678-8431.

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**Ann N. Ashford**, English teacher at Fayetteville Technical Community College, is going through eight months of seminars on leadership sponsored by the North Carolina chapter of the American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges.

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Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

## Cold Planting

FTCC students and Fayetteville City Parks and Recreation workers plant trees Wednesday in the Bragg Boulevard median near the 401 bypass intersection in a special project.



# Logisticians seek total quality

Directorate of Logistics

Total Quality Management is becoming a buzz word to the Army. In the Directorate of Logistics, we committed ourselves to total quality in 1989 with our vision statement which read and still reads, "Setting the standard for excellence in customer service."

### *Care*

A key ingredient of DOL TQM is the Customer Care Program. The DOL developed a "customer care comment card" which was adopted for use by the installation. The card draws feedback from customers and customers are contacted to ensure satisfaction. The program has been fully automated providing a quick reference for corrective action.

Unique to DOL are the employee Partnership Teams and the Process Action Teams (PAT). Partnership Teams, which consist of volunteers, were formed in September 1990 as a pilot project.

The teams meet 1 hour weekly to identify and analyze causes of problems adversely affecting service excellence and recommend solutions to management. The PAT is a team chartered by the DOL Quality Management board to address a specific broad-based task and includes appointed members from one or more functional areas. Both teams follow a disciplined, rigorous, fact-based process for defining, prioritizing, and solving problems. The successes of the first teams have encouraged its growth and expansion. Additional teams will debut in January.

Each team member, leader, and facilitator receives training used in this process before participating on teams. Team members undergo a two-day training session to help establish the team and to develop the member's skills in the 7-step quality improvement process.

### *Training*

Team leaders and facilitators attend the same training as the members, plus an additional 1-day session on their separate roles. Managers and supervisors attend a one-day session. Training is accomplished by the DOL TQP Office personnel and is augmented by outside instructors for variety.

DOL is never satisfied with "status quo." As part of the Total Quality Management concept, all DOL employees, from top management down, share the responsibility for improving quality of products and services delivered. Training has played an important role in putting quality service first.

DOL has placed a premium on improving service by better training and treatment of the often overlooked "frontline" worker who answers phones, fills out forms, directs and helps the public.

A two-day supervisor, and three-day employee course on customer service was developed by Fayetteville Technical Community College, based on DOL's needs.

Many of our supervisors and employees have completed the training which deals with one-on-one encounters with the customers, identifying the internal and external customer, recognizing "moments of truth," and understanding personal values and attitudes. Continuing education credits are awarded to each participant. Orienting the employees in this manner has better equipped them to serve and direct the customer.

### *Communications*

The foundation of Total Quality is open communication and individual involvement. Effective communication is a key ingredient to effective teamwork. DOL enhances its communication through an employee news bulletin, *"On-A-Positive-Note."* A reflection of DOL issues and events, the bimonthly bulletin is produced in-house and gives encouragement and recognition to DOL team players.

DOL recognizes its employees in many ways. Annual employee picnics have come to be a symbol of camaraderie and fellowship in DOL. The afternoon event is a time for recognition and awards, sports events, and plenty of good food which is shared by all.

### *On-the-spot*

The DOL has a $50 On-the-Spot Cash Award program which is used when an employee receives a "kudo" from a customer. The awards are a means of quick on-the-spot recognition for employees who go above and beyond in assisting customers.

The Material Maintenance Division Work and Metal Shop provides a capability and expertise using crafts and skills not normally found in an industrial operation.

Various plaques, name tags, and small pieces of furniture items unique to specific customer requirements are fabricated for the entire Fort Bragg community. Work orders are submitted and items are fabricated on a reimbursable basis. In this particular shop, customer satisfaction has become a key driver concerning its existence.

As you can see, the DOL is serious about TQM. TQM is a way of life within the DOL.

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Networth has elected its officers for 1992.

Pat Hickmon, director of Institutional Advancement at Fayetteville Technical Community College, was elected president.

HICKMON

LAMBERT

Aline Lambert, executive director of the Cumberland Community Foundation, was elected vice president and chairman of the group's programs. Nancy R. House, branch manager of Branch Banking and Trust, was named program co-chairman.

Other officers include: Pat Beeler, vice president of administration at Systel Office Automation, secretary; and Teresa High, a Certified Public Accountant with Williford, High and Company, treasurer.

Sandra Quinn, owner of Faye Collections, was elected chairman of the Arrangements Committee. Sara VanderClute of the Fayetteville Area Chamber of

# 'Miss Buttercup'

## Family Man Turns Burlesque Ballerina In 'Funniest Videos'

**Steve Phillips:** Member Of Raeford City Council

By Larry Bingham
Staff Writer

RAEFORD — First, some introductions.

Meet Steve Phillips. He's a college professor, a husband and father and a recently elected member of the Raeford City Council.

Now meet the reigning Miss Buttercup. She's a burlesque ballerina with a bad sense of balance and a worse sense of fashion.

Tonight the world will meet them both when a homespun videotape airs on America's Funniest Home Videos at 8 p.m. on ABC.

It's hard to see the 46-year-old Mr. Phillips dressed as Miss Buttercup. But he's there, disguised by the make-up, the wig, the blue tutu and the Converse tennis shoes. It's even harder to see him when he, uh, she, falls off the stage smack dab in the middle of a pitiful pirouette.

His antics earned him the dubious title at an all-male beauty show four years ago. Now they've earned him a two-minute spot on national television.

"Back in 1987 the band boosters had a womanless beauty contest and they drafted about 10 or 15 local guys to be in it, and they had a typical contest competition," said Mr. Phillips, head of the carpentry and cabinetmaking department at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

"They had your swim wear and your talent and your evening wear and us guys had to dress up like women and parade around," he said. "Ever since the thing took place, and then when 'Funniest Videos' came on TV, people were telling me: "Steve, you've got to send this in.' "

It took a chance at winning two Superbowl tickets before the die-hard Redskins fan decided that the world was ready for Miss Buttercup.

He mailed a segment of himself in the talent competition — the part where he starts to dance but intentionally falls off the stage — to California with his fingers crossed. "That's the part that really made everybody roll over in the aisles," he said.

The video was chosen to be on the show but another video won the Superbowl tickets. Mr. Phillips

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Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

**Steve Phillips Performs In Video**

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said he doesn't mind tripping in front of thousands of people. He's just bummed he didn't win the Redskins tickets.

"I'm disappointed," he said. "I was wanting that $10,000 and that trip to L.A. and those tickets to the Superbowl." He figures he'll at least get a T-shirt.

"The video's been passed around town and everybody's had a good laugh. We've had a lot of fun with it," he said. "I'm the reigning Miss Buttercup and I still get ribbed about it."

But how does it feel to be married to the reigning Miss Buttercup?

"It's quite an honor," said Susan Phillips. "He's really not a cut-up but he's a ham when he does things like this. It's hilarious."

The Phillipses said the Sunday night show is one of their favorites. Mr. Phillips said it's the only television show he watches. Both are sure the video will fit right in among the bumbling brides and food-throwing babies.

Daughter Stephanie, who said she is no longer embarrassed by the whole stunt, said her dad is certain to be a hit. She shows the video to girlfriends at slumber parties.

"It's pretty cool," said Stephanie. "When I first saw it I just rolled over. I mean, my dad didn't tell anybody about it. He just, like, falls off the stage."

# Bedsole, FTCC Dispute 'Resolved'

BEDSOLE

By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

A dispute over a student led Cumberland County Sheriff Morris Bedsole to stop sending people to Fayetteville Technical Community College for law enforcement training last year.

But the sheriff and FTCC President Craig Allen said last week the matter has been resolved and that it was "not any big deal."

The dispute involved a student who did something so displeasing that the sheriff tried to have him removed from the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program last summer. When the school denied the request, Sheriff Bedsole stopped using the program.

Sheriff Bedsole and Dr. Allen refused to reveal the student's name, or what he did that upset the sheriff. "It would be something I would not put up with if he worked here," Sheriff Bedsole said.

No one who has passed the FTCC course has failed the state-certification test, Dr. Allen said. Earlier this month, 21 people graduated from the program.

Sheriff Bedsole said he thought there was an understanding that a student would automatically be removed from the program if the sheriff decided to withdraw sponsorship.

School officials refused to act on the sheriff's request, Dr. Allen said, because they did not know that the sheriff had the authority to make the demand.

Dr. Allen said he did not know anything about the problem until Sheriff Bedsole called him on graduation day in August. By then, it was too late to do anything. The student had already completed the course, with passing grades, and was entitled to receive a certificate of completion.

"It had progressed beyond the point of removing him from the program because he had completed the requirements of the program," Dr. Allen said.

But the sheriff had thought differently, Dr. Allen said, despite his efforts to explain the school's position to him.

"We tried to reason with him and showed him our side and how the circumstances that took place were un-

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avoidable," Dr. Allen said. "We didn't see it as unreconcilable, but he did. He informed me that they would no longer be partaking of our services."

Sheriff Bedsole said he did not remember what he said to Dr. Allen; but acknowledged that he may have said something in anger about not using the program anymore. The sheriff said he was never angry with Dr. Allen and never questioned the quality of training offered by FTCC. In fact, the instructor, Peppi Masa, used to work for him, he said.

"I was angry with the situation because I didn't think he should graduate," Sheriff Bedsole said.

FTCC's basic law enforcement program meets the requirements of the state Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission in Raleigh, said FTCC spokesman Barbara Copeland. The course covers 34 required subjects, from how to write a speeding ticket to how to fire a weapon. Graduates must then pass a state test before they can be given the power of arrest.

The school offers the law enforcement training course for free to people who are sponsored by a sheriff's department or police department, Dr. Allen said. In most cases, the person is sponsored after he is hired. Other law enforcement agencies that use the service include police departments for Fayetteville, Spring Lake and Hope Mills and the Harnett County Sheriff's Department.

To save money, Sheriff Bedsole said, he tries to sponsor people to take the course before they are hired. It would cost the county to pay the salary of a deputy who cannot perform patrol duties until after he completes a basic law enforcement course and becomes certified, he said.

The sheriff said the person he tried to pull from the program was not employed by the department.

Since the incident last summer, Sheriff Bedsole has not sponsored anyone to take the FTCC course. But he had his training officer develop a basic law enforcement class for jailers who were hired before he became sheriff and had never been certified. After completing that class, the jailers can take the state test to become certified, he said.

There has been no additional cost to the county for this training, which has been the only training offered since the temporary break with the community college, Sheriff Bedsole said.

Several days ago — for the first time since the dispute — Sheriff Bedsole said he approved a request that he sponsor someone in the FTCC program.

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## Education Notes

Twenty-one area high school students are semifinalists in the 1992 Merit Scholarship competition.

They are among 15,000 semifinalists, 6,100 of whom will get the college scholarships next year. The students, their high school and hometown are:

**Ashlie K. Sponenberg**, Union Pines, Cameron; **Jason D. Iverson**, Clinton, Clinton; **Jared Spataro**, Pine Forest, Fayetteville; **Valerie A. Krolick**, Terry Sanford, Seul K. Choi, Seventy-First, and **Marie R. Archambault**, Westover, all of Fayetteville; **Kathryn M. Jones**, South View, Hope Mills; **Michael A. Blackburn**, Scotland, Laurinburg; **Jacob C. Spencer**, Hobbton, Newton Grove; **Scott J. MacDonald**, Lee County, Sanford; **James E. Weatherly**, O'Neal School, and **Crieg R. Alley**, Pinecrest, both of Southern Pines. The following area students attend the School of Science and Math in Durham: **Jill S. Barrett**, **Robert H. Brannon Jr.**, **Michael R. Jones**, **James M. Manning** and **Amber L. Radachovsky**, all of Fayetteville; **Tart J. Hunter**, Dunn; **Jamie P. Raulerson**, Sanford; **Jennifer L. Hubbard**, Maxton; **Marcela C. Musgrove**, Pembroke.

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Pembroke State University has received a $60,933 grant from the National Science Foundation to set up a computer network for college students who are studying to be teachers.

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**John T. Casteen III**, president of the University of Virginia, will kick off St. Andrews Presbyterian College's 22nd Annual Writers' Forum on Thursday in the Belk Center with a 12:30 p.m. reading of his short stories. Also Thursday, St. Andrews alumni **Carolyn Moore**, **Kris Deal**, **David Southwood-Smith** and **E. Waverly Land** will read at 8 p.m. in the Mecklenburg Lounge. The public is invited.

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**Vivian Ann Woodall**, principal at Howard Elementary School, was elected president of the Tarheel Association of Principals and Assistant Principals for this school year.

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Elizabeth Cashwell Elementary School will hold an open house and PTA meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The Warrenwood Elementary School PTA general membership meeting will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Hope Mills Junior High School will hold an open house and its first PTA meeting Thursday at 7 p.m.

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Campbell University will hold a cultural enrichment program Thursday at 11 a.m. in Turner Auditorium. Bill Leslie, a news anchorman with WRAL-TV, will speak.

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**Sandra Wurth-Hough**, associate professor of political science at East Carolina University, will give a talk called "The Middle East: Behind the Camels and Oil Derricks" at Southeastern Community College next Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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**Don Fawkes**, a professor at Fayetteville State University, will speak on Students' Rights and Teachers' Responsibilities on Sept. 25 at 3 p.m. in the FSU Humanities Department.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will offer medical training courses this fall in CPR, basic first aid and emergency first aid. For information, call 678-8429.

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A planning session for the 1991 Sampson/Harnett/Cumberland counties gift support dinner for Mount Olive College will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

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The South Carolina State College alumni will meet Sunday at 5 p.m. at Five Star Realty at 5322 Yadkin Road. For information, call 864-5545.

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## Letters About Handicap Fees, Abortion, FTCC

### FTCC Helps

I would like for the community to be aware of the wonderful way that Fayetteville Technical Community College is helping the handicapped students.

My son, Ronald Owens, is enrolled in the automotive technology program. He is deaf. FTCC obtained an interpreter at no charge to us, which has made a big difference in Ron's understanding.

Mr. Steve Core, chairman of that department, has gone out of his way to accommodate Ron. He even enrolled in sign language classes offered through FTCC at Douglas Byrd High School.

The counselors, Ms. Collins, Dr. Winstead, Mr. Wheelons, and everyone at FTCC have made a possibly uncomfortable situation into a very rewarding and comfortable situation for Ron.

MRS. ANNA R. OWENS
Fayetteville

# FTCC Raises Teacher Salaries To Standard

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

About 76 teachers at Fayetteville Technical Community College will get raises Friday as the college tries to push its salaries up to the middle range of pay offered at other community colleges and government agencies.

FTCC President Craig Allen said Monday that 40 percent of the college's approximately 190 full-time teachers will get a raise.

Raises will be based on how much a teacher earns compared with workers at other institutions, Dr. Allen told the board of trustees.

He said FTCC workers who are not teachers will be eligible for a similar raise starting in April.

In another matter, Dr. Allen said the state will return $244,700 to FTCC that the college had to give back to the state during the budget crunch three months ago. The money being returned is 70 percent of the amount taken.

The college had to send back $349,000, which college officials said would force them to cut 360 classes that help retrain workers and train unemployed people so they can get jobs.

Larry Norris, vice president for academic affairs, said the state's decision to return the $244,700 will let the college "function in an almost normal way."

He said the college decided to offer all of the occupational courses it planned in the fall and winter because there were more students in those programs this fall than last year.

The cuts would have come in the spring. "We were really looking to a dismal spring quarter if they had not returned this money," he said.

The college had planned to cut 360 classes in business and industry, emergency services training, basic education for the military and non-credit vocational classes.

Now, many of those classes will be held, although officials have not decided which classes to keep and which to cut, Dr. Norris said.

On the salary increases, a study done by a Texas firm, Andersen and Associates, showed that FTCC's salaries repeatedly fall $3,000 to $5,000 below the pay offered by community colleges of the same size in the eastern United States and Cumberland County's schools and government agencies.

The study showed that Wake Technical Community College teachers at most levels make about $5,000 more than FTCC teachers.

Dr. Allen said Monday that the raises should help remedy that. "We're going to catch up significantly in our salaries."

That should help the college attract and keep high-quality workers, especially in areas like nursing, where workers are in high demand, he said.

FTCC will spend about $162,300 on the teacher raises for the rest of this school year. Dr. Allen said the college has not figured out how much it will cost to give the rest of the workers their raises in April.

The money is part of an extra allocation that the county Board of Commissioners gave the college this year, Dr. Allen said. The college used the money for the raises, higher utility costs and changes to buildings and facilities, he said.

Dr. Allen said commissioners told him that they would continue providing money for the raises in next year's budget.

The cost to keep the raises for

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the entire year would be about $700,000, he said.

"We're happy to be able to do this for our faculty," he said. "We've been working on this for a number of years."

Last May, college officials said FTCC was having trouble hiring teachers in nursing, advertising design and commercial art. They said other areas could become problems as people leave their jobs at FTCC.

But the raises should help by making FTCC competitive with other institutions.

## Applause

The Fayetteville Cumberland County Youth Council has recognized five members who served as governor's pages in Raleigh from Aug. 26-30.

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**Norman Jefferson Carter III** recently completed the Federal Aviation Administration's 9-week air traffic controller basic course at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City.

CARTER

Only 60 percent of the students complete the course, according to the FAA.

They are **Julie Barrett, Tina Bennett, Greg Buck, Sean Imbs** and **Laine Tolar.**

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Scott Meltszner of Pembroke received honorable mention for a play script he submitted for the 1991-92 Playwright Fellowship.

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Laura DeCasto received a $250 scholarship to Fayetteville Technical Community College from Brian Crumpler, an independent Kirby distributor.

Ms. DeCasto is an independent Kirby dealer participating in "Makin' the Grade," an annual college scholarship program jointly funded by independent distributors, divisional supervisors and the Kirby Co.

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**LaTisha Blue** of Fayetteville recently served as a page in Raleigh with the Department of Cultural Resources.

The daughter of Linda B. Evans, LaTisha is a senior at Seventy-First High School.

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# • Students To Help Restore Historic Facility

By Scott Yates
Staff Writer

Student builders will take on the job of restoring the Market House.

The City Council was told Monday that students from Fayetteville Technical Community College should be able to complete exterior work with the money has left for it. The project on the city's downtown landmark is about four years old and has been plagued by cost overruns and fund-raising problems. It had been planned for work to be completed about three years ago.

Two residents who led the effort to restore the 150-year-old building, Rosalie Kelly and state Rep. Bill Hurley, announced in September that they were not giving up even though they didn't have money to complete the project.

More than $450,000 has been spent so far. About $170,000 was paid for design plans and archaeological and architectural research. About $220,000 was spent to tear down the surrounding brick wall and make outer improvements such as installing steps, curbs, sidewalks and brick paving.

Assistant City Manager Roger Stancil told the council that the students in building classes will do the work and the city will buy the materials. He said the remaining

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## Restoration

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$100,000 set aside for the project should be enough to at least complete exterior work, and said the students will save the city at least $50,000.

"It will really make it a community project," he said.

The students will do carpentry, electrical, masonry and plumbing work. Mr. Hurley said the work should take about a year.

Mr. Stancil said the interior of the building is stripped. Plans had called for it to be used as an office for the Olde Fayetteville Association. Mr. Stancil said it would cost about $300,000 to hire a contractor to do the interior work, less if the students do it.

Mr. Hurley said efforts to raise money through foundations and other organizations will continue, but another community fund drive may be planned for next year.

Of the money raised, about $400,000 came from public sources, including the city, county and General Assembly. The remaining $150,000 came from private contributions.

In other matters, the council:

• Heard an update on plans for the Arsenal Park, across the Central Business District Loop from the Museum of the Cape Fear.

Museum Curator Scott Loehr said the plans include building a replica of the northwest arsenal tower. He said construction on the tower, which will be 35 feet tall, should be completed by summer.

A pedestrian bridge over the loop is being completed between the E.A. Poe House, which is next to the museum, and the planned 4-acre park on city-owned property.

Construction of the loop cut through much of the site of the Civil War-era Arsenal. Completing plans for the park may take five years, Mr. Loehr said. Private donations and more state money are being sought to pay for it.

• Agreed to turn over the management of the downtown Farmers Market to the Women's Center of Fayetteville. The agreement will also be presented to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners.

The center's executive director, Sylvia Ray, said the center is nonprofit. She said the market will still be used by farmers to sell produce, but the produce will be sold outside in sheds. Crafts, baked goods and other items will be sold in the market by volunteers from the Women's Center. Enough money may be generated to hire a full-time manager later, she said.

## FTCC Honors Top Teachers

**Each year Fayetteville Technical Community College honors its Teachers of the Year in the Continuing Education Department. From left are this year's winners: Mary Dillon, Donald Brooks, James Reynolds, Margaret Simmons, Eric Mena, Claretha Lacy and Barbara Massey. Not pictured is Cheryl Perkins, Jan Weeks and Carol Holcomb.**

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# LESSON 7

**MATH: Decimals**

A *decimal* is a fraction whose denominator is not written but is indicated by the position of the decimal point. Like a fraction, a decimal can express a value less than 1. Unlike fractions, the denominators of decimals are limited to 10 or to powers of ten such as 100; 10,000; and so forth. The place-value table summarizes the names of the decimal places as well as those of whole numbers.

Decimal Place Values

| thousands | hundreds | tens | units or ones | . decimal point | tenths | hundredths | thousandths | ten-thousandths | hundred-thousandths | millionths | How They Read |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | . | 4 | | | | | | four tenths |
| | | | | . | 0 | 4 | | | | | four hundredths |
| | | | | . | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | | four and four thousandths |
| | | 4 | 4 | . | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | | forty-four and forty-four ten-thousandths |
| | | | | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | four hundred four hundred-thousandths |
| | 4 | 0 | 4 | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | four hundred four and four millionths |
| | | 4 | 0 | . | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | forty and forty hundredths or as forty and four tenths |

Decimal parts of a number are written to the right of the decimal point. The last digit to the right of the decimal point determines the place value. The decimal .04 is the same as the fraction 4/100; .004 represents 4/1000.

Zeros at the beginning of a decimal serve as place holders. With no zeros in .04 and .004, these decimals would have the same value. Zeros at the end of a decimal have no value. For example, the decimals .4 and .40 have the same value.

**Directions:** *Items 1 to 4 refer to the following table.*

**U.S. Energy Use**

| Year | BTUs in Quadrillions | Population in Millions | Year | BTUs in Quadrillions | Population in Millions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1976 | 74.4 | 218 | 1980 | 76.0 | 228 |
| 1977 | 76.3 | 220 | 1981 | 74.0 | 230 |
| 1978 | 78.1 | 223 | 1982 | 70.8 | 232 |
| 1979 | 78.9 | 225 | 1983 | 70.5 | 235 |

1. To the nearest ten-thousandth, how much did energy use per million people decrease from 1982 to 1983?
2. To the nearest ten-thousandth, what was the difference in energy use per million people between 1976 and 1981?
3. In 1979, the population of the State of New York was approximately 18 million people. To the nearest ten-thousandth, what was New York's energy use in 1979?
4. To the nearest ten-thousandth, what is the difference between the year with the highest energy use per million people and the year with the lowest energy use per million people?

**SCIENCE**

*Items 1 to 7 are based on the following information*

Boyle's Law states that for a fixed mass of gas at a constant temperature, the volume of gas varies in inverse proportion to the pressure on the gas. In other words, the volume of a gas will decrease when the pressure on it increases, and vice versa.

*Charles's Law* states that when the pressure is constant, the volume of a gas varies directly with the temperature. In other words, the volume of a gas will increase as the temperature increases, and it will decrease as the temperature decreases.

*The Pressure versus Temperature Law* states that the pressure of a given mass of gas varies directly with the temperature. In other words, an increase in temperature will cause an increase in the pressure of a gas if the volume stays the same.

1. If you double the pressure on a gas, the volume decreases by half if the temperature stays the same. This is a proof of ——————Law.

2. According to Charles's Law, if you heat a gas, its volume will ——————at constant pressures.

3. A balloon is blown up at room temperature and then placed in a freezer. What will happen to the size of the balloon?

4. Why is the air pressure in your tires greater in summer than in the winter?

5. Which of the following is not a physical change?
(1) Nitrogen gas becomes a liquid at very cold temperatures.
(2) Dust mixes with the gases in the air.
(3) Soil is dissolved in the water of a river.
(4) Wood is burned to generate heat.
(5) Boiling water evaporates into the air.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

*Items 1 to 3 are based on the following passage*

In 1933, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt took office, the nation was in the throws of a severe economic depression. After the stock market crashed in 1929, corporations began to face bankruptcy since they could no longer sell their output, no matter how much they lowered their prices, nor could they raise money for new production. Twelve million Americans lost their jobs, and more than one million homeless people took to the road. Tens of thousands of mortgages were foreclosed; many savings accounts and the banks that had held them were wiped out. National income was more than halved.

To meet these difficulties, the Roosevelt administration proposed a New Daal, an unprecedented series of programs with three main goals: relief, recovery, and reform.

"Relief" meant helping individuals in need, while "recovery" entailed aiding farmers, business-people, and workers in order to lift the nation out of the depression. Finally, "reform" meant government action to eliminate abuses in the economy and, through a range of new programs, to prevent future depressions. In short, the New Deal attempted to get the economy going again. Government officials promised to take steps to solve the nation's ills.

1. Which of the following statements is best supported by the passage?
(1) New Deal legislation introduced the idea of the government's responsibility for the nation's economic health.
(2) The New Deal was consistent with the idea of rugged individualism and self-help.
(3) New Deal programs brought the nation to recovery.
(4) The New Deal was destructive to the private sector of the American economy.
(5) New Deal reforms failed to survive the 1930's.

2. Based on the passage, which of the following statements best explains what caused the Great Depression of the 1930's?
(1) Businesses raised their prices so high that people could not afford to buy their products, and to make up their losses, corporations raised their prices even higher.
(2) Labor unions demanded wages that were so high that companies could not afford to pay them, so businesses fired some of their workers, resulting in massive unemployment.
(3) Businesses, lacking capital from a collapsed stock market, laid off workers to lower costs, but these workers then lacked purchasing power, so business output went unsold, leading to further layoffs.
(4) Banks attempted to force businesses and individuals to whom they loaned money to accept unfavorable terms, but this move eventually backfired, resulting in numerous bank failures and a contraction of the economy.
(5) Millions of Americans lost their jobs, and more than a million homeless took to the road.

3. Which of the following government programs is the best example of the New Deal relief measure?
(1) The Glass-Steagall Act, which separated commercial and investment banking and set up federal insurance to guarantee bank deposits up to a maximum amount.
(2) The Agricultural Adjustment Act, which subsidized farmers to withdraw acreage from production so that crop prices would be raised.
(3) The Revenue Act, which raised income taxes for corporations and individuals in the upper brackets to a historic level.
(4) The Works Progress Administration, which employed Americans from many walks of life in cultural and construction projects.
(5) The Wagner Act, which guaranteed collective bargaining and set up a National Labor Relations Board to supervise disputed union elections.

**WRITING**

**Introduction to Personal Writing**
The best way to improve your writing is to practice writing every day. By making writing a habit that comes naturally and easily to you, you will find that your skills and your confidence develop quickly. You will also find that it is easier to think of ideas to write about and to put them on paper. A good way to practice is to start with fastwriting. In fastwriting, the idea is to write as fast as possible and not to worry about correctness. What you write is not important. What *is important* is that you are writing. You can start by writing as little as five minutes each day. Fastwriting is a good warm-up for writing activities and for all your personal writing.

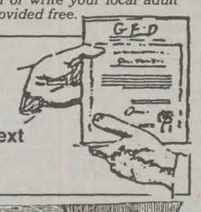
**Activity**
In the space provided on the Answer Form write for five minutes about your favorite possession or about any other topic that comes to mind. Use the fastwriting method. Write as fast as you can and do not stop to correct any mistakes that you might make. Don't pause to think of changes to make to your writing, just keep writing for five minutes.

**Suggestions:**
Try at least ten minutes of fastwriting every day. The topics listed in this activity are examples of the sort of subjects you might be interested in writing about. Choose a different topic every day, or think of ones that concern you in a more personal way. You will probably do your best writing when you find a topic that interests you.

**Suggested Topics:**
1. Sit in one place for about ten minutes and observe what's happening around you. Take notes on what you see and hear. Later, use your notes to refresh your memory, and write for ten minutes about your observations.
2. Write about your job, or about how conditions could be improved where you work.
3. Write about the person in your life who has had the most influence on you. Describe the person and explain how that person has influenced you.
4. Write as though you were writing a letter to someone you haven't seen in a long time. Write about recent events in your life.
5. Write about what the world would be like if there were no automobiles.
6. Write as though you were writing a letter to the president of a company whose product you have bought recently. Explain what you like or dislike about the product.
7. Write about a place or a time that means a lot to you.

*Study the lessons and complete the work. If you need extra practice with the skills presented, call or write your local adult education program and help will be provided free.*

**Can you answer half of these questions correctly? If so, you may be able to pass your G.E.D. Good luck with the next lesson to be printed next Monday.**

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2. _____
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**Science**
1. _____
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3. _____
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**Social Studies**
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

**Writing**

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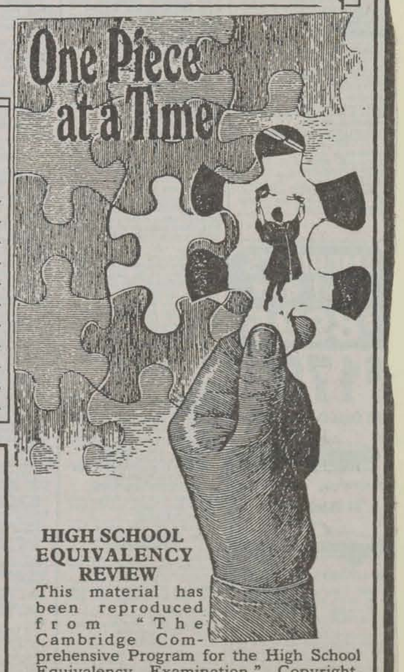
1. Social Security Number 2. Full Name (Last, First, MI)
3. Current Mailing Address (Route, Street, or Box Number; City)
State Zip Code
4. Phone Number Home (Area Code) Work (Area Code)
5. North Carolina Resident? Y Yes N No
6. County of Residence (Name of State if Nonresident) (County Code Office use)
7. Birthdate Mo. Day Yr. 8. Sex M Male F Female 9. US Citizen Y Yes N No
10. Race W White B Black I American Indian S Hispanic A Asian
11. Employment U Unemployed P Part-time Employed F Full-time Employed Signature
12. Circle Highest Grade Completed 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 or ☐ check if passed High School Equivalency
13. Last High School Attended 14. Last Year Attended School

## NEED HELP?

A free class will be held each Thursday from 6:00-9:00 P.M. in Eutaw Village on the top floor of the McNairy Building, room #207 to help in solving these problems. A qualified instructor will teach YOU. Classes are October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12.

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## *Friendly Greeting*

**Brenda Booth, left, and Rick Booth, greet Bob Ervin and Jane Garrow at Friday's 'Ladies Night' meeting of the Kiwanis Club. Rick Booth is president of the civic club. The meeting was held at Highland Country Club on Raeford Road.**



# Grant Money Used To Finance FTCC Equipment Purchases

By Suzanne Walker
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College has made nearly $600,000 in improvements in the last three years with the help of a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The three-year grant was presented to FTCC in 1988. FTCC was one of about 600 schools to apply. About 120 grants were awarded.

Dr. Sylvia Pierce, assistant to the president for research and planning, told FTCC's board of trustees Monday that the college has used the $577,000 grant to strengthen its academic programs and administration.

The award enabled FTCC to buy $235,070 in equipment for classes that it would not have been able to afford otherwise.

Dr. Pierce said improvements are still being made even though the grant money has run out. She said the idea was to make gradual improvements by incorporating new equipment into FTCC's regular curriculum.

She said the project has had a positive effect. "It's really making a contribution to the college," she said.

She said school officials and instructors have been dedicated in making improvements at FTCC.

"The things we've been able to accomplish have come from total commitment," she said. "Everybody has contributed to making this Title III grant project a success."

Dr. Pierce said FTCC may apply again next year for a grant if the school has the time to develop a proposal.

In other matters, it was announced that Dr. Sue Kimbell was appointed to the board of trustees by Gov. Jim Martin. Dr. Kimbell will be sworn in at the next meeting.

And the Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator program was terminated due to lack of enrollment. Continuing Education courses will cover the program.



# New East Bank Donates House To Area Habitat For Humanity

By Suzanne Walker
Staff Writer

A little blue house on Twin Acres Drive will soon be getting a new home.

And a much-needed makeover.

But the new owner, Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity, is delighted to get the run-down two-bedroom house.

The house was donated Thursday afternoon by New East Bank of Fayetteville. Carl McCallum, president and chief executive officer of the bank, said it made the donation because Habitat is a worthy cause. "Hopefully, it will provide a deserving family with a comfortable place to live," he said.

The house will be moved to 2005 Center Street in the Massey Hill area. The lot was donated by Rich Wheeler.

Joseph Nagel, chairman of the board of Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity, said the renovation project is exciting. "This is a new direction for us. We've never renovated a house before." He said it will take about four or five months to finish renovations.

The project will also save money. Mr. Nagel said the average three-bedroom house costs about $30,000 to build, while renovating this one will cost about $12,000.

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical organization founded in 1976. The goal of the group is to make houses available to families who otherwise could not afford them. Fayetteville's Habitat for Humanity was established in 1988. It is one of 500 affiliates in the world.

So far, six houses have been built in Fayetteville. Mr. Nagel said the organization hopes to build another house from scratch next month.

Mark Jenkins, public relations chairman for Fayetteville Habitat for Humanity, said the hardest part is raising money and getting volunteers. "We've got a lot of opportunity. It's just a matter of getting the money and manpower to get the houses built."

Mr. Nagel said he hopes to get the community involved. "There is the need for businesses, churches, organizations and individuals to come forward to sponsor a house or part of a house," he said.

Ed Avent, the organization's building coordinator, said the group is thankful for support given by Fayetteville Technical Community College. He said FTCC has helped build four of the six houses in Fayetteville and did the masonry work on the other two.

Mr. Nagel agreed. "FTCC has offered their building-trade department to work with us in building houses. We wouldn't be where we are without them."

Staff Photo By Steve Aldridge

## *Recycler*

**Fayetteville Technical Community College instructor Steve Core, left, explains the capabilities of this automotive refrigerant recycling machine to guests, including state Sen. Lura Tally, right, in school's Automotive Technology Department. IG-LO, Inc., the nation's leading manufacturer of automotive refrigerant, awarded the machine, valued at $3,500, to the school. It will be used to instruct students in the recycling of chlorofluorocarbons. Auto refrigerant constitutes the nation's single largest use of chlorofluorocarbons.**

Staff Photo By Steve Aldridge

## *Outdoor Study*

**Luciana Moon is engrossed in her studies outside Cumberland Hall on the campus of Fayetteville Technical Community College.**

# Community Colleges Face Funding Crisis

Oct 11, 1991

RALEIGH (AP) — More students and less money could force state community colleges to cap enrollment, ending a 28-year open-door admissions policy, system President Bob Scott said Thursday.

The state must make a realistic funding commitment to community colleges or tell its citizens and the business community that the state can't afford to train them, Mr. Scott told the State Board of Community Colleges.

He said the board can lobby the General Assembly for an additional $12 million to $20 million, increase tuition or cap enrollment.

"These may be the choices this board may be forced to make — not sometime in the distant future, but this year — because the community college system, the educational system we've been touting across this state as the only means to prepare the work force for the next century — is fast going from the 'Little Engine That Could' to the 'Little Engine That Could Have' if it only had gotten the resources," Mr. Scott said.

Fifty-eight community colleges were asked for estimates of fall curriculum enrollments, Mr. Scott said. Of 51 that responded, 44 reported growth, from about 1 percent at Alamance Community College in Haw River to more than 28 percent at Mayland Community College in Spruce Pine.

Mr. Scott listed other problems at community colleges:

● Cape Fear Community College, where there are classes with more than 70 people in them.

● Central Carolina, where more than 50 students are enrolled in a chemistry lab.

● Forsyth Tech, where more than 100 students were denied access to a remedial class because there was neither class space nor money to hire teachers.

The system can't continue to accept students without money to serve them, Mr. Scott said.

Included in the enrollment reports were comments from community college officials.

Richard Conrath, president of Cape Fear Community College, said 800 potential students were turned away there. Students also were turned away at Craven County Community College.

At Central Carolina Community College, President Marvin Joyner teaches a class.

"Do we really and truly want to be that last great hope for minority and nontraditional students or just another middle-class educational system?" he asked.

Many classes at Fayetteville Tech are full.

"We've always done more with less, but there is a limit," Fayetteville Tech spokesman Barbara Copeland said. "I don't know what is next. I hope we don't have to find out."

Said Fred Williams, president of Robeson Community College: " ... We face a critical dilemma when we are unable to provide students with the necessary skills to compete in today's workplace."

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## Education Notes

School Personnel will meet Oct. 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the McPherson Presbyterian Church on Cliffdale Road.

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Fayetteville State University and the Cumberland County schools will present a workshop on effective schools Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the FSU School of Business and Economics building.

Parents, school workers and FSU students are invited. To register, call 486-1731.

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**Dolores G. Everhart**, a teacher at Westover Junior High School, won an award at the annual Governor's Business Awards in Education luncheon.

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**Eleanor Herndon** and **Jimmy Cash**, Cumberland County educators, made a presentation during the North Carolina State Dropout Prevention Conference on how the school system helped students cope with stress during Operation Desert Storm.

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District 7 Elementary School has 412 PTA members for the school's 379 students after a membership drive titled Dive Into PTA.

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C. Wayne Collier Elementary School will hold a Healthful Living Field Day for students on Oct. 15. The school won the governor's award as the top physical fitness school in the state last year.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will hold a workshop for parents of exceptional children Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Development Center. For information, call 822-2301, 432-9240 or 864-3409.

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South View Junior High School will hold an Open House Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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**Jennifer Clark Jones** and **Kathy Jean McCraney**, both of Fayetteville, were placed on the President's List at Sandhills Community College for the Summer Quarter.

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The North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching has been awarded a $4,000 grant to commission a mural for the center.

Artist for the project will be **Tarleton Blackwell** and **Kay S. Shapiro**.

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The Board of Trustees of Fayetteville Technical Community College will meet in regular session Oct. 21 at 12:45 p.m. in the Board Room of the Student Center.

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The PTA at Ponderosa Elementary School will hold a Fall Carnival Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

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The Curriculum Committee of the Cumberland County schools will meet today at 6:30 p.m in the Board Room.

# English Teacher Joins FTCC Board

Oct. 18, 1991

The Fayetteville Technical Community College board of trustees recently got a new member, while two members were reappointed to the Fayetteville State University board of trustees.

Gov. Jim Martin announced the appointments.

Sue L. Kimball of Fayetteville will serve on the FTCC board through 1995.

Ms. Kimball, who replaces Robert C. Lewis, teaches English at Methodist College and is president of the North Carolina-Virginia College English Association.

Bruce R. Pulliam of Fayetteville and James G. Patterson of Greensboro were reappointed to the FSU board through 1995.

Mr. Pulliam teaches social studies at Methodist College, is on the boards of directors of the Fayetteville Symphony and Fayetteville Drug Task Force. He also serves on the Human Relations Council of Fayetteville.

Mr. Patterson is executive vice president of B&C Associates, a public relations firm in High Point.

# *Scholarships Presented*

**The Health Education Foundation and the Cumberland County Medical Society Auxiliary presented scholarships to two Fayetteville Technical Community College Nursing students. From left are: Mercedes O'Hale, chairwoman of the nursing scholarship committee; Lauren Bascom and Lisa Hall West, recipients of the $750 scholarships; Kathy Weeks, director of nursing at FTCC; and Marilynn Walls, president of the Cumberland County Medical Society Auxiliary.**

Staff Photo By Marcus Castro

# *Gazebo Study*

**Kandi Apple, a freshman at Fayetteville Technical Community College, studies in the sunshine under the Rose Garden gazebo on the school's campus Friday. Partly cloudy skies and a 30 percent chance of rain are predicted for today.**

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## Education Notes

Cumberland County's eight high school marching bands will present a musical showcase at 7 p.m. Oct. 1 at Seventy-First High School. Admission is $1 and will benefit the Seventy-First High School marching band.

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Kindergartners through high school seniors who need tutoring can get it for free Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. starting Oct. 1 at J.S. Spivey Recreation Center at 500 Fisher St. The Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the tutoring.

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The N.C. Governor's Crime Commission gave two Pembroke State University professors a $27,000 grant aimed at curbing domestic violence in Robeson County.

**Gary Willis**, associate professor in the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, and **Dan Barbee**, associate professor and director of the Master of Science in Administrative Studies Program, will develop a community coalition to respond to domestic violence, including abuse toward spouses, children and elderly people.

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**Frank B. Holding Jr.** of Fayetteville was named to the Board of Visitors at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The 120-member board advises the board of trustees and the chancellor.

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Comedienne **Phyllis Diller** will give a humorous talk during a program on aging at Southeastern Community College Oct. 3.

The program, Exploding the Myths of Aging, will run from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in the college auditorium. It also includes a panel discussion with authorities on aging.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will offer CPR, Basic First Aid, Emergency First Aid and other medical classes starting this month. For information, call 678-8429.

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Southeastern Community College will offer the General Educational Development test for a high school equivalency certificate Oct. 1 and 2 in Whiteville. To register, call 1-919-642-7141 by Monday.

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The E.E. Smith High School PTA will hold a meeting and open house tonight at 7 at the school.

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Pembroke State University will hold a health fair Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as part of Pembroke Day at the college. For information, call 1-919-521-4214, ext. 219 or 322.

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The Cumberland Retired School Personnel District 10 meeting will be today at 10 a.m. at MacPherson Presbyterian Church at 3525 Cliffdale Road. All retired school workers are welcome.

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**Frances S. Piland**, a sixth-grade teacher, was named teacher of the year at Seabrook Elementary School for this year.

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Montclair Elementary School will have a parade and pig picking Oct. 11 to tell parents and community leaders about the school's effective schools plans. The parade will be between 1 and 2:30 p.m., with the PTA pig picking from 4 to 7 p.m.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will offer courses to train volunteers for the Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County. The classes are Oct. 5, 12 and 15. For information, call 678-8431 or 485-7273.

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Two Cumberland County teachers took part in a 12-day seminar in Canada learning about Canadian history and culture. **Beatrice P. Carroll**, Douglas Byrd High School, and **Charlotte Darwin**, E.E. Smith High School, were sponsored by the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

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**Natasha Harris** of Seventy-First High School took second place in chemistry and fourth in math during summer school in the Morehouse College Upward Bound Math/Science Initiative Regional Center Program in Atlanta.

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**Christopher Smout**, history professor at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, will lecture on this area's Scottish immigrants in the Vardell Building at St. Andrews Presbyterian College's in Laurinburg Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Staff Photo By Marcus Castro

Parent Volunteer LaSandra Felder Helps, From Left To Right, Howard Elementary Students Percy McIntyre, Her Daughter Arlicia Walker, Ciara Hicks And David Tripp

# Getting Involved

## *Parental Commitment Keys Students' Success*

By Alice Thrasher
Staff Writer

No involvement. No commitment.

It's as simple as that, says Julian Norris, principal of Legion Road Elementary School.

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"If parents are not involved, either by working in the school or at home, there is not much commitment to a child's education."

When parents say they don't have time to monitor homework, can't leave their jobs to visit in a child's classroom or volunteer in some way, Mr. Norris has an answer.

"I tell them parents make time for what is important to them, and that the way children spell love is T-I-M-E."

Mr. Norris and the other school principals throughout Cumberland County, Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, will be welcoming parents to the schools this year, especially during the week of Oct. 7-11, a week proclaimed by Gov. James Martin as "Parent Involvement Week."

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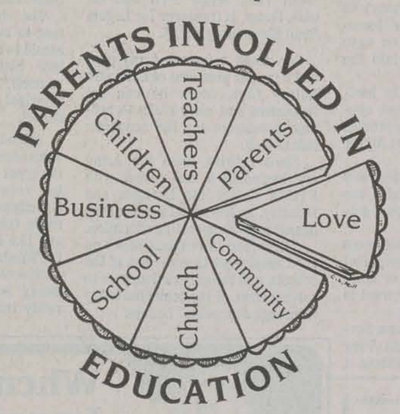
Mike Reid, president of the Fayetteville chapter of Phi Delta Kappa education honorary society, and Dr. Vivian Woodall, past president and Howard Elementary School principal, spearheaded the drive to get the special week set aside in the state. They hope to have it become a national event sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa in 1992.

The Fayetteville chapter got the international Phi Delta Kappa board to provide a $1,000 grant last summer to promote the project in Cumberland County. Principals, PTA officials and other community leaders attended a workshop in August and began making plans for the week.

School boards, the state PTA Council and governing bodies have recognized the special week and issued proclamations. Activities that range from open houses to dinners to parent-student flag football games have been planned to get more parents into the schools during the week.

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Art By Connie Neill

**Poster For Parental Involvement Week**

Some of the schools, such as Legion Road, have a special activity planned for each day of the week. Others will focus on one event or project. For example, J.W. Seabrook Elementary is setting up a parent center in the school to display articles, videos and other materials to parents and the community.

"I hope that we are continuing to move more and more in the direction of inviting parents into the schools, and I think it has to be a community-wide effort," says Cumberland County School Supt. Larry Rowedder.

"If businesses encourage their employees to visit their

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### The Parents' Part

The following suggestions for parents are from the North Carolina Parent-Teacher Association, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and other school officials:

- Monitor your children's grades, homework, attendance, behavior, health and basic needs. Set up a special homework area and provide adequate supplies at home and school.
- Be aware of the school calendar. Try not to schedule medical appointments during school hours if possible. Don't schedule vacations and trips during school time.
- Become familiar with your children's teachers and counselors, their school activities and their courses. Attend parent-teacher conferences.
- Visit your children's school.
- Hold your child responsible for actions at home and school.
- Know and discuss school rules and establish family rules.
- Read together and monitor television time.
- Watch for changes in behavior that may indicate stress from schoolwork, bullies, peer pressure or family situations.
- Attend school events such as book fairs, plays, concerts, sports and special days.
- Volunteer in schools to tutor, listen to students read, share your talents, help teachers with materials and papers, make telephone calls, chaperone dances, go on field trips or monitor in the lunchroom.
- Be an active member of the PTA or informal parent support group.
- Encourage your children's talents and interests and provide ways for them to be successful.

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## Machine Relieves Daily Stress

By Dana Parsons
The Los Angeles Times

SANTA ANA, Calif. — If a man's home is his castle, then the garage surely must be his playhouse — the one place where he can disappear for hours into a world of his own choosing and tinker his cares away. Souped-up cars, elaborate birdhouses, rewired stereos — all stand as monuments to the ingenuity of the American male when left to the late-night privacy of his garage.

From the outside, Jim Walker's garage in Santa Ana looks like thousands of others in Orange County. But he too has burned the midnight oil in the garage in recent years, spurred by a lifelong love of gadgets and a professional interest in the human potential movement.

The result is the Dream Machine, Walker's love child.

When Mr. Walker looks around today's world, he sees a stressed-out society. From housewives to chairmen of the boards to office workers, he sees people who either can't manage their time or who can't seem to plan their futures.

The Dream Machine will help fix that, he thinks.

The machine actually consists of several components, a package of sensory treats designed to eliminate stress and rid your mind of the clutter that keeps you from seeing things clearly.

The Dream Machine's central feature is what Mr. Walker calls the JETBED, a rubdown table that looks like the kind you'd see in an athletic training room. Hooked up under the table is a Jacuzzi that, with the flip of a switch, will give you a warm, bubbling, watery massage without actually getting you wet.

As you relax, you look up at a video screen and can have your program choice of a wide range of computer-enhanced videos, all designed to soothe you. Simultaneously, you're equipped with headphones with a similar selection of relaxing sounds. If you want, pleasing scents can be channeled into the room to enhance your comfort.

Mr. Walker incorporates other high-tech elements into the Dream Machine, such as laser light and biofeedback.

Although the Dream Machine experience can be a relaxation device unto itself, its greater purpose, Mr. Walker says, is as a step in the hypnotherapy process. "You can't help but relax, and once you relax, you re-prioritize what is reality for you," he says.

He pictures a future where stressed-out women at home with the children can take time during the day to visit the Dream Machine; where office workers on coffee break can slip into the Dream Machine room and relax their minds; where schoolchildren can rid themselves of tension.

We all know intuitively that we're stressed, that we never seem to find the time to relax, that we don't even know how to relax. And many of us who aren't too hip on mind expansion still wonder about untapped potential in the recesses of our brain.

People just aren't ready to make the leap?

"We do it every time we go to the theater or sit down in front of the TV," Mr. Walker says. "We're in a sense going into an escape machine. For an hour and a half, we're Mel Gibson or some other protagonist saving the world. For a moment, we're Arnold Schwarzenegger and we're having a great time and everybody loves us and we like ourselves."

## $2,000 Check Presented To Fayetteville Tech

Ronnie Peele, left, of Fayetteville Technical Community College, and Dr. Craig Allen, center, president of FTCC, receive a check for $2,000 from Alan Campbell of the Professional Construction Estimators Association.

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# State Budget Cut May Force Reduction Of FTCC Classes

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College may have to cut some classes because the state isn't making as much money as it expected.

The state Department of Community Colleges told FTCC that it will be forced to cut $349,000 from its budget this year.

The state took in $29 million less than it expected in July because of shortfalls in corporate income tax and sales tax, according to the state budget office.

That budget crunch, like the shortages last fiscal year, was passed along to some state agencies.

Craig Allen, FTCC president, told the college's board of trustees Monday that the college probably will have to cut some classes that help train Cumberland County's poorest people for jobs and that help re-train workers at the county's businesses and industries.

He said the college's budget was already $675,000 less this school year than last year, and the extra cut pushes that figure above $1 million.

"This puts us over $1 million in the hole," Dr. Allen said.

"All we can cut, we've cut," he said. "We're now to the point where we've got to cut instructional pro-

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## Count More U

By Todd Silberman
Staff Writer

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# Technical Schooling Program Expands

By David Bourne
Staff Writer

The Cumberland County school system and Fayetteville Technical Community College will soon take a major step in their efforts to produce a skilled work force for business and industry.

Tech Prep, a program directing students through technical courses designed to prepare them for jobs, will begin this fall.

"It's going to be an excellent program," said Dave Crane, a teacher at Douglas Byrd Senior High School who served on a steering committee that developed a Tech Prep program for the county.

"I think the main thrust here is that it will give students a positive direction to go in," Mr. Crane said.

Registration for the fall start of Tech Prep will begin later this month. School officials are sending letters home to parents to describe the program.

Tech Prep has already proved successful in other counties in the Cape Fear region.

In Robeson County, nearly a third of all high school students are enrolled in Tech Prep. The program is also available in Moore and Bladen counties.

The reason for offering Tech Prep is simple. Businesses and industries are demanding a better skilled work force that can handle assignments in a work place that is growing highly technical.

School officials estimate that by the mid-1990s, 75 percent of all new jobs in Cumberland County and the state will require a high school diploma plus two additional years of education and training.

David McCune, president of McCune Technology/Fayetteville Steel and another member of the Tech Prep steering committee, said he is anxious for the program to get started.

"These are the kind of people I'm going to hire," Mr. McCune said. "I've already told (school officials) that as soon as I get a couple of Tech Prep graduates, I'm going to hire them. These people are going to be able to handle the problems."

The idea of starting Tech Prep in Cumberland County has been discussed for three years, but only during the past year have efforts intensified to develop a curriculum.

Officials from county schools,

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Fayetteville Tech and business and industry served on the steering committee.

The program is designed primarily for students who are not interested in higher education, such as attending a four-year college.

Students enrolled in Tech Prep will start in the ninth grade taking classes above the minimum load needed to get a high school diploma. They will take vocational courses and higher level math, science, social studies and English courses.

"It's a challenging curriculum," Mr. Crane said. "It's not a watered-down thing."

Upon graduating from high school, they will take additional courses at Fayetteville Tech, another community college or a private school that can offer further vocational training.

School officials said students may want to consider entering Tech Prep even if they are considering going to a four-year college. They say the extra courses would help them be more prepared for college.

While Tech Prep is designed to start with students in the ninth grade, those already in higher grades can still join the program, Mr. Crane said.

Four major "career clusters" are available through Tech Prep: engineering, industrial, and commercial technologies; health technologies, public and human services technologies; and business and management technologies.

Within those categories are dozens of vocations or "career paths" that students can select. A few examples are automotive repair, commercial art, industrial mechanics, electronics engineering, carpentry, nursing, physical therapy, pharmacy, criminal justice, food service, law enforcement, accounting, banking and finance, insurance, business administration, real estate and marketing.

# Market House History Allays Misgivings

Feb 7, 1992

By Scott Yates
Staff Writer

Anecia Smith hopes the community and other students at Fayetteville Technical Community College learn more about the history of the Market House and forget misconceptions that it once served as a slave market.

Ms. Smith, a black student taking an electrical wiring class, is among the students who will be working to finish a restoration project on the downtown landmark.

She said she had misgivings about the project before hearing a presentation Thursday by Architect John Larson, who designed the restoration plans and gathered historical information about the 160-year-old building.

Mr. Larson said slaves were sold at the Market House, but that was not the building's primary function. Slaves were sold in all communities, he said, but there is no evidence that they were sold at the Market House like they were at true slave markets, such as one in Charleston, S.C.

"I hope your involvement will further the research and put in proportion what was going on," he said. "It was a very vibrant, urban setting."

Mr. Larson said it is possible that freed black masons helped build the Market House, though he could find no evidence of it. He said a black butcher rented one of the market stalls for many years, black women cooked and sold fish there and black residents celebrated their liberation around the building in a parade.

The building's history is also a tribute to women in the community. In the 1920s, before women had the right to vote, the Women's Civic Improvement Society derailed a proposal from some downtown merchants and the city to demolish the building to make room for a post office, Mr. Larson said.

The women converted the building into the city's first library, and later the city's first public health office was located in the building.

Ms. Smith said the history collected by Mr. Larson shows that the Market House was not just a slave market. She said she is willing to work on the project, but she wants to see an effort made to erase the misconceptions.

James Blair, who teaches an electrical wiring class at the community college, said other students have expressed similar concerns about

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## Restoration

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the building's reputation.

"I think Mr. Larson's presentation helped remove some of the misconceptions," Mr. Blair said.

Ms. Smith said she likes the idea of placing a plaque at the building as a memorial to the slaves that were sold there.

The issue of slavery has often stirred controversy about the building. In 1989, black state legislators boycotted a visit by the General Assembly to the building to commemorate the bicentennial of the state's ratification of the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution was ratified at the Market House.

The proposal to put a plaque at the building has also been controversial. The City Council voted 5 to 4 in 1990 to install the plaque once the restoration project is completed. Those voting against the plaque said it will brand the Market House as a slave market.

William T. Brown, a member of a committee that wrote the text for the plaque, said it should help bring the community together and foster appreciation for the building.

He said negative feelings about the Market House developed when white residents claimed thatslaves were not sold there.

Student from the college's building and trade classes have started working on the landmark. Plans call for the students to complete exterior work within the next year, and if money is raised to finish the interior work, they will do that as well.

The restoration project is about four years old and has been plagued by cost overruns and fund-raising problems.

But money ran out to hire a contractor to complete the work, and the City Council agreed last month to have the students finish it with $100,000 the city has left to spend on the project. More than $450,000 has been spent on it so far.

The students will do carpentry, masonry, plumbing and electrical work.

Plans call for the building to be used as an office for the Olde Fayetteville Association. Interior work is estimated to cost $300,000 but will be less if students do the work.

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## Education Notes

**David Ray Nimocks Jr.** of Fayetteville has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Saint Mary's College.

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**Henry E. Frye**, an associate justice of the N.C. Supreme Court, will speak at the 10th Annual Youth Motivational Task Force banquet on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel.

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Lewis Chapel Junior High School will hold a registration information meeting for parentsThursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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Methodist College's College Bowl team placed seventh out of 22 college teams at the recent Region 5 College Bowl Tournament at Virginia Tech.

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Pembroke State University will offer $110,000 in scholarships for academic achievement next school year. To apply, students can call 521-9917 or 1-800-822-2185.

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**Gregory Pence**, University of Alabama at Birmingham professor, will speak at the Franklin J. Matchette Philosophy Series at Pembroke State University March 18 and 19. The series is open to the public. He will speak at 9 a.m. March 18 on mandatory AIDS testing, 11:30 a.m. that day on invitro fertilization, and at 12:30 p.m. on March 19 on the right to die.

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**Valerie Wynne-Hall**, chairman of the dental department at Fayetteville Technical Community College, has been named to the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Dentistry.

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Pianist **Michael Lewin** will perform Friday at 8 p.m. at Southeastern Community College's 14th annual Piano Festival and Competition. For information, call 642-7141.

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Seventy-First High School in Cumberland County, Midway High School in Harnett County and Union Pines High School in Moore County will take part in NC SuperQuest, a statewide math and science competition.

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Hillcrest Junior High School will hold a parent orientation and information meeting tonight for parents of rising eighth-graders and March 17 for parents of rising ninth-graders. The meetings start at 7 p.m.

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**James F. Goodmon**, president of Capitol Broadcasting Company in Raleigh, will speak at Campbell University's Cultural Enrichment Program Thursday at 11 a.m. in Turner Auditorium.

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Gray's Creek Elementary School will hold parent-to-parent classes each Wednesday in March from 9 to 11 a.m.

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## Education Notes

Fayetteville Technical Community College will hold a Great Discussions lecture series starting March 19. The lectures are on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. through May 14. The subjects include world events, AIDS and domestic problems. For information or to register, call 678-8227.

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The Fayetteville Christian School at 1564 Ireland Drive will hold a "Dessert and Discovery" night on Friday at 7 p.m. with an open house and talk by school Superintendent **David Shirley.**

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The North Carolina League of Middle Level Schools will hold its annual conference March 9-11 at the Marque Hotel and Convention Center in Winston-Salem.

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**Joseph W. Dean**, secretary of the state Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, will speak at Campbell University's cultural enrichment program Thursday at 11 a.m. in Turner Auditorium.

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College Lakes Elementary School will hold a PTA meeting on March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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The Homework Center will hold learning workshops every Saturday in March. There will be morning and afternoon sessions. For information, call 485-1229.

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Southeastern Community College will hold spring registration on Monday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the A-Building. Placement tests will be held the same day. For information, call 642-7141.

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Pembroke State University will host a summer educational program for Robeson County public school teachers and administrators. The program is called Enriching the Agenda of American Culture and will be held June 14-26. For information, call 521-4214, ext. 266.

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Hillcrest Junior High School will hold orientation/information meetings for parents of rising seventh-graders tonight at 7 p.m. and for parents of rising eighth-graders on March 10 at 7 p.m. at the school.

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Spring Lake Junior High School is hosting the Cumberland County Junior High School Forensics Tournament Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at the junior high. Students from Cumberland County and Fort Bragg junior high schools will perform original oratory, dramatic and humorous interpretation and extemporaneous speaking.

An awards ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. and is open to the public. For more information, call 497-1175.

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**Barry Harding** of Peterson Elementary School in Red Springs was named principal of the year for Robeson County.

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**James F. Hubbard**, a retired professor of psychology, gave Pembroke State University $10,000 to sponsor a faculty member. To fully fund the teacher, Mr. Hubbard gave a deferred gift of $65,000.

Education Notes runs each Tuesday in Focus: Family. The deadline for submitting information is noon Thursday.

# Business & Industry in Cumberland County Support Tech Prep

## What Is TECH PREP and what can it do for me?

By the year 2000 only 15% of the jobs of the future will require a college diploma, but more than half of all jobs will require post high school education and training.

The Cumberland County School System, Fayetteville Technical Community College and area business and industry leaders have responded to these demographic trends in a three way partnership to introduce the Tech Prep Associate Degree Program to any high school student who wishes to pursue a challenging course of study.

The vision for a Tech Prep Program is grounded in the Cumberland County School System belief that "all students can learn". The program calls for a focused curriculum for high school students that emphasizes higher level mathematics, science, and technical skills necessary to enter two or four year college programs and ultimately the technologically demanding workforce.

The high school coursework intergrates advanced academic and vocational skills for high school students through a sequenced program of studies that results in better preparation for immediate employment, the military or a two year associate degree from a community college. Many of these same students will realize their potential to continue for a four year degree or beyond. Whatever career path is chosen, both students and future employers will be the recipients of a win-win program.

Business and education leaders are seeing more prestige and ultimate earning power for students who choose two year technology based programs after high school. The payoff from a better prepared workforce will ultimately create a stronger local economy and an enhanced quality of life for Cumberland County citizens.

Students and parents will hear more about Tech Prep during the registration process for 1992-93 throughout the month of March. Further questions can be directed to the counselors and administrators in the junior and senior high schools.

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

**Cumberland County Schools:** Larry Rowedder, W.T. Brown, Dave Crane, John Griffin, Peggy Hall, Eleanor Herndon, David Jackson

**Fayeteville Technical Community College:** Craig Allen, Neal Hardison, Donald LaHuffman, Larry Norris, Steve Wagoner, Pat Wright

**Business and Industry:** Tom Gill, David McCune, Louis Reaves, Charles Willis

### Tech Prep Course of Study
Cumberland County Schools - Fayetteville Technical Community College

### Career Clusters

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Firefighters Carry A Hose To A Building At The Fairgrounds That Was Set Afire For Practice

# Firefighters Learn In Heated Practice

By Scott Yates
Staff Writer

Firefighters gathered around a burning house Sunday at the old Jaycee Fairgrounds not only to put out a fire, but to start one.

Actually, they started several fires as part of a training exercise.

Talk about crawling in a 2,000-degree, smoke-filled hallway all you want. It's not the same as actually doing it, said Pete Guzman, a volunteer with the Half Moon Fire Department in Onslow County.

"We learn it here with qualified instructors before we get out there in the December snow at 2 a.m. and it has to be done right," Mr. Guzman said.

Tom Billig, an instructor from the Charlotte Fire Department, said many firemen have never been into a burning building, "especially in rural areas where you don't have a lot of fires."

In the class, the firemen got the feeling of a hot, working fire, he said. "You can sit in a classroom all day long, but until you put the gear on, crawl on your hands and knees and can't see your hand in front of your face, you don't know what it is like," he said.

"You learn when you get in a fire to use your other senses. You feel and you hear. You can hear the fire rumbling above you," he said.

About 50 firemen practiced by setting fires and putting them out at the old haunted house at the fairgrounds. The class was a part of the

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## Fires

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Eastern Fire Seminar, sponsored by the Cumberland County Firefighters and Fire Chiefs associations and Fayetteville Technical Community College.

It is the 12th year for the seminar, and more than 1,200 firefighters from six states attended the three days of classes that included hazardous materials training, rescue operations, equipment use and maintenance, and fire investigation. Benny Clark of the Charlotte Fire Department was an instructor at the class at the fairgrounds. He said most of the firemen at the seminar are volunteers who give their time to learn how to better do their jobs. They take that knowledge back to their communities and make it safer for them to fight fires and safer for their communities. "That is what this is all about," he said.

The firemen were learning a new method — positive pressure ventilation — to fight fires. The firemen determine where the fire is in a building and use high-power blowers to direct the fire.

Putting a blower at the door and breaking open a window at a strategic location will control the fire by forcing it to intensify where the window was broken but lowering the temperature and directing the smoke and heat outside, away from where the firemen will enter the building with the hoses.

Mr. Clark said the new technique allows firemen to see what they are doing and allows for quicker rescues.

Ronnie Maness, a volunteer with the Linden Fire Department, said the new technique gives firefighters a good view of what the fire is doing and it pumps fresh air into the house. He said he hopes all departments begin using the technique.

"I hope they never stop having these schools," he said. "It is good learning."

Lewis Womack, a volunteer in the Eno Fire Department, said he has been fighting fires for 16 years, since he was 12. He lived in Virginia then and there were no age requirements for volunteer firefighters, he said.

"I have been here at every seminar they have had, and I've seen everything from A to Z," he said. "This is good training, especially for firefighters that have never been exposed to the heat."

For example, putting water on a fire causes steam that can come back toward the hose and give firefighters what he called "the lobster effect." He said the new technique blows the steam away from the firefighters.

Like the rest of the firefighters, he said he enjoys his work because it helps makes his community a safer place to live and because he takes pride in doing a good job, but he said it can be stressful.

"You have got to watch what you are doing. I have had a fireman die in front of me," he said. The fireman had a heart attack.

"Inside a house, you got fire all around you. You can't panic in a situation like that. You have to stay calm and pay attention to what you are doing. If not, you will get hurt," Mr. Womack said.

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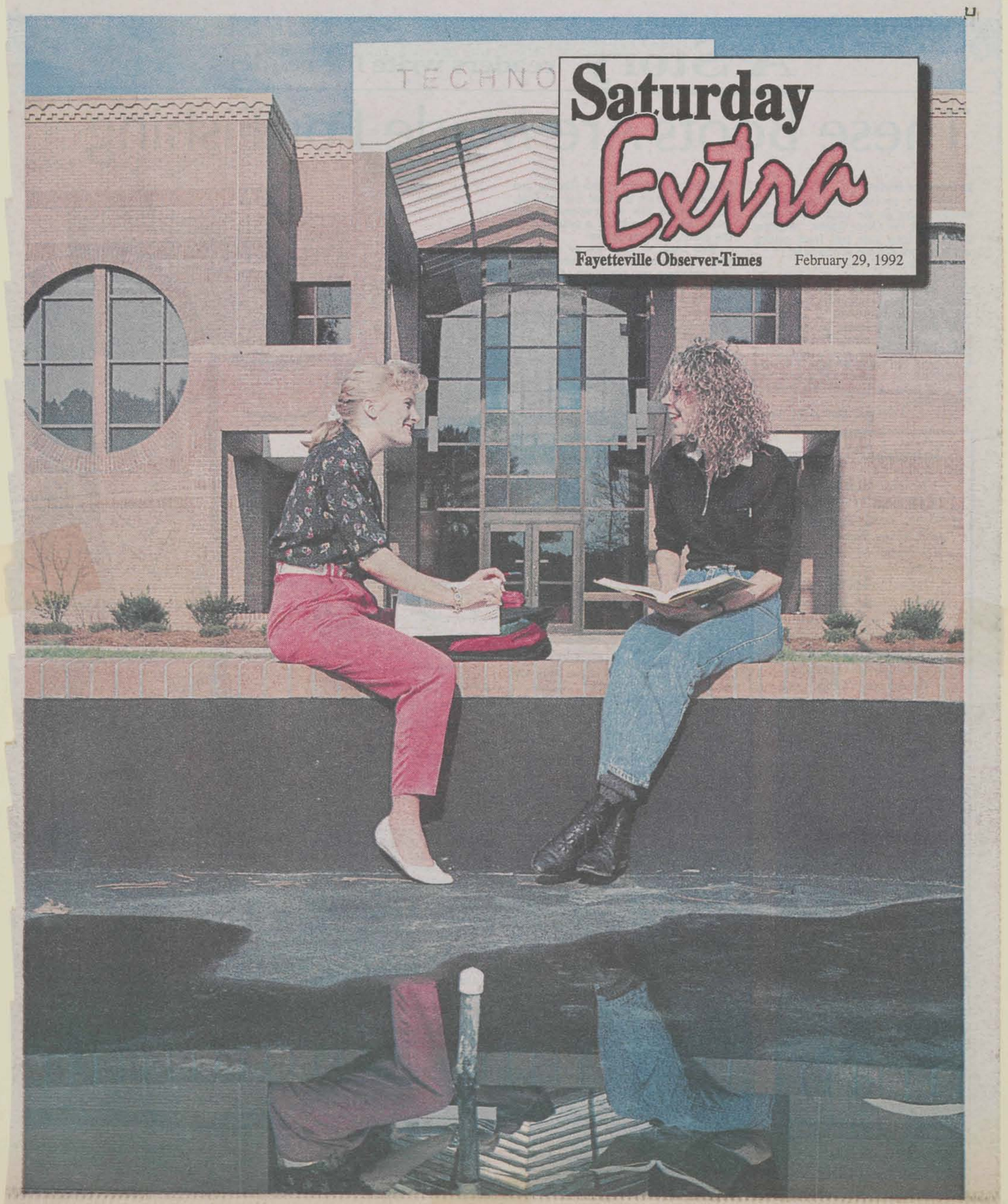
## Rose Pruning Demonstration On Saturday

A free public demonstration of rose pruning will be presented Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Fayetteville Rose Garden at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Members of the Fayetteville Rose Society will show how to prune roses and will give the public a chance to learn by doing.

Rose society members advise participants to bring gloves and pruners to the demonstration.



# Woman Beats Odds Against 2 Childbirths On Leap Days

By Bob Horne
Staff Writer

If Laurie Skipper had wagered a $1 bet with a Las Vegas oddsmaker, she would have hit a jackpot of more than 2 million to 1.

Mrs. Skipper's second child, Angela, was born Saturday night at 10:53 in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Angela's brother, Brandon, also was a leap baby. He was born Feb. 29, 1988.

Assuming that the odds of having a baby on any particular day of the year are the same, the odds of a woman have a leap baby are 1,461 to 1. The odds of a woman's only two children being leap babies soar to 2,134,521 to 1, said Marsha Ralph, a math professor at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Mrs. Skipper didn't even realize Brandon was born on leap day until her mother asked her the day after his birth if she planned to change his birthday to Feb. 28, the same day as his mother's.

"I said I wouldn't even consider changing it," she said. "That was his birthday, and I wasn't going to change his birthday."

Early projections were that Angela would be born on March 15. But last Tuesday, the projection was changed to March 5, at which point Mrs. Skipper admits she began thinking of the possibility of having two leap year babies.

Mrs. Skipper was interviewed earlier in the week for a Thursday Observer-Times article about leap babies that featured Brandon.

"That's when it really hit home," she said. "I thought it would be neat for both of them to be born on leap day." She said she told Brandon then that he might have a sister born on his birthday.

"On Friday, I started thinking about whether there was something I could do to hurry it up, but I didn't," she said. "Then on Saturday morning I woke up hurting and cramping, and again I thought about hurrying it up.

"But I was caught between hurrying it up and not, because my son was having his birthday party, and I didn't want to miss that." This was Brandon's first birthday party on the day he was actually born. He and his mother celebrated his other three birthdays on her birthday, Feb. 28.

"The party was at 1, and I got to the hospital about 3:30," she said.

Brandon is excited about having a sister born on his birthday, Mrs. Skipper said.

"He's been wanting to come to the hospital to see the baby," she said. "He tells everyone it's his baby."

Mrs. Skipper was separated from her husband when Angela was conceived.

Ricky Bowling is Angela's father, and she will be a Bowling after her parents are divorced, Mrs. Skipper said.

Three years out of four, Mrs. Skipper, Brandon and Angela will celebrate their birthdays together on Feb. 28, Mrs. Skipper said. "But every leap year, they will celebrate theirs together on the 29th."

Staff Photo By Dick Blount

**Laurie Skipper With Her Baby Angela And Son Brandon**

# Checks Used To Steal From FTCC, Audit Says

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Someone stole $4,870 from Fayetteville Technical Community College by writing college checks to cover the missing money, according to a state audit.

The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation is looking into the missing $4,870, but no charges have been filed. Because the matter is still under investigation, college officials had few comments.

The 1990-91 audit found that 13 checks were written in-house — from one college account to another.

The checks were cashed, so the money was taken out of the first account, but it was never deposited into the second account, and the money disappeared.

Stacy Weaver, FTCC's lawyer, said the $4,870 is still missing, but the college may try to get it back after the SBI finishes its report. "It depends on what they come up with."

The audit says the 13 checks followed the same pattern as a check for $1,045 that spurred the July resignation of Gene Parker, FTCC controller.

Mr. Parker resigned when the college discovered that $1,045 was missing.

According to the audit and college officials, Mr. Parker wrote a personal check at the cashier's office for $1,045.

That check was replaced in the college's bank deposit by an in-house college check that was cashed from one account but never received by the other account.

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## Probe

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The audit report said Mr. Parker repaid the college that $1,045 with a personal check, and the college started looking for problems with other in-house checks.

Mr. Parker was out of town Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

In August, shortly after he resigned, Mr. Parker said he thought everything had been straightened out. He said he resigned for personal reasons. "I felt like I could make more money outside than working for the state. I figured now would be a good time," he said.

The audit turned up the 13 checks worth $4,870. The report does not say whose signatures were on the checks.

"We don't have any proof of anything, and I'm not making any allegations," Mr. Weaver said.

Harry Shaw, chairman of the board of trustees, said he could not comment on any person because neither the audit nor the SBI has named anyone.

"Philosophically, I'm very disappointed that it could happen," Mr. Shaw said. "But when you deal with people, it can happen because no system is foolproof."

The audit report said that to try to prevent stealing in the future, the college is using a new system to keep track of checks and is writing fewer in-house checks.

Mr. Shaw said, "We have certainly improved the situation by being aware of an additional way that funds can be misused. We thought we had it before that. But there's no way to stop this. There are always ways to steal money."

"Any time these things occur, we are disappointed, the board is hurt," he said. "The board is pleased with the administration's remedying the problem so it doesn't happen again."

According to the audit, two college workers now have to handle and record all checks. It said most in-house movement of money now happens with journal entries instead of checks.

When the college writes checks to itself, a copy of the check is held by the cashier until it is marked as received by the department it was made out to. And, at the end of each month, the vice president for administrative services goes over a list of all checks cashed and all receipts to make sure they match.

The audit of the college's $30 million annual budget turned up only one other problem.

It found that one student got $590 too much from the federal Pell Grant Program and that one student's financial aid file was incomplete.

College officials said they are trying to get the $590 back from the student and are working to complete the other file.

# 'Tell It, Brother!'

## These Actors Sang Their Song In The Cellblock

By Pat Reese
Staff Writer

"God's Trombone" opened — and closed — Friday afternoon.

It was a short run and the audience was small. No one asked for autographs. There was no talk of holding over.

But the actors were as pleased as if they had been overrun by excited spectators at a Broadway opening night.

The actors are prisoners in the Cumberland County Jail. They staged their version of James Weldon Johnson's acclaimed work in the tiny chapel on the third floor of the lockup.

The play was a project of continuing adult education classes held in the jail by Fayetteville Technical Community College.

More than 30 prisoners are attending class twice a week to get their GED diploma.

The instructors, Billy Thomas and Gary Davis, said the play was the students' way of paying tribute to black writers and poets during Black History Month. The play is about the history of blacks.

There was no stage in the chapel. An old, upright piano guarded one corner at one end of the large room. There was a podium in the center.

The actors sat stiffly on pew-like benches. They didn't have costumes. Each man wore the orange coveralls issued by the jail.

Maurice Turner, 28, of Fayetteville played softly on the piano as the play began. He is an accomplished musician. He said he has played bass and piano in several bands.

Donald Gilliard, a Georgetown, S.C., native, adapted the script for Friday's production. He introduced the play with several passages from "God's Trombone."

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Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

**Donald Maynor, Left, Donald Gilliard, Center, Prentice Hoard**

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## Inmates

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Ronald Moore, 23, a former soldier from Georgia, sang in a soft tenor voice. "Jesus, he loves you and me ... There's sorrow in my soul."

Mr. Gilliard recited parts of ancient black sermons preserved in Mr. Johnson's writings.

"They crucified my Jesus. Jesus died for sinners, sinners like you and me."

The other actors chanted in response, like a congregation at a tent revival. One voice broke out over the chorus. "Tell it, brother."

Prentice Hoard, 37, a bearded native of Memphis, Tenn., read original lines for the production. He wrote them in his cell. He called the prose "I'm Black And I'm Proud."

Members of the cast smiled as their classmates and instructors applauded at the end of the show. There was no elaborate curtain call. It was almost time to return to their cellblocks in time for supper.

The cast talked to reporters at rehearsals Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

"We learned our lines in class and in our cellblocks," Mr. Gilliard said.

This was not the first time that Mr. Gilliard has been involved in staging "God's Trombone." He directed and starred in a production in February 1989, while he was serving a drug conviction sentence at Goodman Correctional Institute in South Carolina.

Mr. Gilliard and his fellow cast members are awaiting trial in Cumberland County Superior Court. They said they could not talk about their charges under an agreement with FTCC and the jail.

Jail records show that Mr. Gilliard is charged with three counts of trafficking in cocaine. Mr. Moore is charged with maintaining a dwelling for manufacturing and trafficking in cocaine. Mr. Hoard is charged with drug trafficking. Mr. Turner is awaiting trial on charges of armed robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Staff Photo By Cindy Burnham

## *Already?*

**Students Beverly Roberson, left, and Donna Gill talk after a class at Fayetteville Technical Institute as nearby daffodils bloom about a month early because of the mild winter weather.**

# Community Profile

## *Concerned About His Students*

## FTCC's Top Teacher Dedicated To Profession

By Jeffery Womble
Staff Writer

Michael McLaurin has been teaching at Fayetteville Technical Community College for 19 years. To him, that's not nearly long enough.

"I have two children, one in high school and one in junior high, and those jokers are already talking about graduate school. So, I'll be here for a while," he says.

Mr. McLaurin, chairman of the math department, recently received the school's Excellence in Teaching Award. The award, presented annually by the two-year school, goes to the faculty member who has demonstrated knowledge in his subject area, shows a concern for students and is admired by his fellow teachers.

"His love of people logically translates into church and community involvement," said Barbara Copeland, director of marketing and public relations, in an announcement of the award. "Much admired and respected, Mr. McLaurin teaches all who study with him, who work with him, and who interact with him what it means to be an exemplary human being."

Mr. McLaurin, 49, has lived in Fayetteville all of his life with the exception of "a couple of years in the Army at the invitation of Mr. (Lyndon) Johnson."

Mr. McLaurin has taught at Terry Sanford and Pine Forest high schools. But he enjoys teaching at the college level.

"It's pretty rewarding," he said. "You see a lot of positive effects in such a short length of time. We have a lot of students who come back and say how the school has helped them in their jobs, and that's rewarding."

Mr. McLaurin joined the FTCC faculty in 1973 and was promoted to math chairman in 1976. He is responsible for all faculty and staff within the department, one of the largest on campus.

"Mr. McLaurin puts the student at the center of all decisions that are made and by doing so, creates a climate for student support that permeates the student orientation for which the math department is known," said Ms. Copeland.

When Mr. McLaurin graduated from Central High School, he knew he wanted to teach school. He enrolled in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed work on his bachelor's degree in physics with a minor in math. He later earned a master's degree from Duke University.

"I was one of few people who could watch last Sunday's (Duke-Carolina) basketball game and go either way," he said.

Mr. McLaurin said he didn't expect the Excellence in Teaching Award.

"I was sort of surprised," he said. "They did it in secrecy. When they called my name out, I couldn't believe it."

The honor means that Mr. McLaurin will represent Fayetteville Tech in a competition with top teachers from the 57 other community colleges in the state. The purpose of the state award is to identify and recognize instructors who have consistently demonstrated excellence in teaching and service to their colleges.

Mr. McLaurin says he serves the college by being available when the students need him.

"I have a concern for the students, and I try to show them I care if they succeed or not," he said. "One solution may not be the same for everybody, so you have to keep trying until you find one that does."

Mr. McLaurin is married to Judy McLaurin, a teacher at E.E. Smith High School. They have two sons, David, a junior at Cape Fear High School, and Melvin, an eighth-grader at Armstrong Junior High School.

Three other teachers were finalists for the teaching award: Beverly Strickland, an instructor in basic law enforcement; Donald Hughes, an instructor in industrial maintenance; and Steve Core, chairman of the automotive department.

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—Barbara Copeland

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**"Beauty And The Beast":** The Spring Lake Little Theatre will present "Beauty and the Beast" April 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8:15 p.m. and April 5 and 10 at 2:15 p.m. at the theater at 301 Ruth St. For more information, call 436-5129.

**Native American Theatre:** The Native American Theatre Ensemble will presnt "Grandpa and Grandma" at Pembroke State University's Givens Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets are $8, $7 and $5. They may be purchased at the box office; The Dancer in Cross Pointe Centre, Fayetteville; Dee's Hallmark and McNeill's Jewelers, Lumberton; Comanche Pottery, Lumberton; and Quick Copy, Lauringburg. For more information, call 1-800-367-0778 or 1-919-521-0778.

**Student Showcase:** The Cape Fear Regional Theatre will host a Student Performance Workshop Showcase at Cumberland County Public Library on Maiden Lane will offer the films "The Zax" and "The Hoober-Bloob Highway" as its Saturday Matinees this week. These short programs are suitable for all ages and begin at 10:30 a.m. Call 483-7365.

### classes

**Boating Classes:** Fayetteville Technical Community College and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary are sponsoring classes in boating and seamanship April 7 through May 26. The classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Douglas Byrd Senior High School. Cost is $10. For more information, call Sheridan Turpin at 678-8431 or Luke Wilder at 424-3059.

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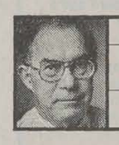
# Books



### Bookmark

By Roy Parker Jr.

## A Mixed Bag

The book lists are so full of a variety of things. Not ships and sealing wax, perhaps, but nearly every other thing under the sun.

A sampling from the smorgasbord:

● **IRISH STEW.** Sean Patrick, a 55-year-old Fayetteville television businessman, long ago learned how to eat fried chicken and say "you-all." But he grew up in a home in Cleveland, Ohio, that crackled and sparkled with city Irish life. One of six offspring who had to become a breadwinner at an early age, he also has the Irish gift for storytelling and for blarney. He recounts the story of his youth in a rollicking little book published just in time for — what else? Saint Patrick's Day. It is **PATRICK'S CORNER.** *By Sean Patrick. Pelican Books. Gretna, La. 144 pages.*

The author has long been a contributor to Catholic Digest and other periodicals. This is his first book.

## FTCC Will Offer Phone Registration

People who want to take a non-credit class at Fayetteville Technical Community College may soon be able to register by telephone.

The college's board of trustees voted Monday to spend $250,000 to connect the continuing education division to the school's computer system. The computer should begin working by June and be ready to register people for classes in the fall, said Hubert Bullard, associate vice president for continuing education.

The $250,000 will come from federal money that Fort Bragg pays for classes held on post, President Craig Allen said.

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## Education Notes

MATHCOUNTS, a competition between seventh- and eighth-graders from 10 counties, will be held Feb. 29 at 9 a.m. at Hillcrest Junior High School. Schools and students can still register for the contest by calling 822-0033 or 822-4475.

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Fayetteville State University celebrates Black History Month this week with a soul food dinner Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. in H.L. Cook Dining Hall; Black History Quiz Bowl on Thursday at 2 p.m. in Shaw Auditorium; a free play called The Meeting on Friday at 7 p.m. in Seabrook Auditorium; a spiritual program Saturday at 6 p.m. in Seabrook Auditorium; a junior artists' program Sunday at 3 p.m. in Butler Theater; and a Black History Bowl on Monday through Feb. 28 in the Butler Building.

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There will be a PTA leadership workshop and discussion of the Cumberland County schools budget for all interested parents on Feb. 29 at E.E. Miller Elementary School. The leadership workshop is from 10 a.m. to noon, and the budget discussion is from 12:30 to 2 p.m. To register, call 868-9746.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College spring registration is Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m., Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on March 4 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Classes begin on March 5. For information, call 678-8473.

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Southeastern Community College spring registration is Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Classes begin March 10. For information, call 642-7141.

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The Fort Bragg School Board will meet on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at McNair School on Honeycutt Road.

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Nine Cumberland County students are semifinalists for 1992 Merit Awards scholarships at North Carolina State University. The students are: **Marie R. Archambault** and **Michele M. Lada**, both of Westover High School; **Robert K. Harrell**, E.E. Smith High School; **Lawrence S. Kushner Jr.**, South View High School; **Wendy G. Owen**, Terry Sanford High School; **Amber L. Radachovsky**, N.C. School of Science and Math; **Michael B. Wallace**, Pine Forest High School; and **Melanie L. Tew** and **Tracey K. Poche**, both of Cape Fear High School.

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The United Negro College Fund is sponsoring An Evening With Ebony Poets of Cumberland on Friday at 8 p.m. in the E.E. Smith High School cafeteria.

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Douglas Byrd Junior High School will hold its Brotherhood Day program Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Parents are invited to the program to celebrate Black History Month.

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**Mel Torme** and **Maureen McGovern** will perform The Great American Songbook on Sunday at 3 p.m. in Givens Performing Arts Center at Pembroke State University.

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Fayetteville State University has opened a speakers bureau called FSU Options. Speakers are FSU faculty and administrators who will speak for free to community groups about various topics. For more information, call 486-1047.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College's Minority Affairs Committee will hold a free program, Crossing Cultures Through Communications, on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Cumberland Hall Auditorium.

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Fayetteville Academy will host the Cumberland County Independent School Spelling Bee today at 1 p.m.

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Pembroke State University will hold its annual career fair Feb. 26 in the Chavis Center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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The Second Annual All-Robeson County Chorus Concert is Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Carolina Civic Center in Lumberton.

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**Annissa D. Dawson**, a Pembroke State University sophomore from Autryville, was crowned PSU homecoming queen.

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**Lloyd "Vic" Hackley**, chancellor of Fayetteville State University, was appointed to the North Carolina 2000 Steering Committee to improve the state's education system. He was appointed by **Gov. Jim Martin.**

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Education Notes runs each Tuesday in Focus: Family. The deadline for submitting information is noon Thursday.

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## Education Notes

Fayetteville Technical Community College will hold its Great Discussions lecture series starting Thursday with a talk on the Breakup of the Soviet Union: U.S. Dilemmas. The series, on various topics, runs on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. through May 14. To register, call 678-8227.

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**Tracy Zayac**, a student at Hope Mills Junior High School, placed ninth in the North Carolina Spelling Bee state contest.

**Bill Burgess**, a seventh-grader at Fort Bragg's Albritton Junior High School, placed third in the Regional Spelling Bee.

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The State Geography Bee will be Friday at the Durham Hilton.

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North Carolina State University will offer a doctorate program in Adult Education at Fort Bragg this year. A question and answer session on the program is scheduled for May 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call 396-5320.

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**Michael Hoke**, a senior at Douglas Byrd High School, won the 11th Annual Pembroke State University Art Affair with a pen-and-ink drawing.

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The Highland Players of St. Andrews Presbyterian College will present "The Dining Room" April 2-4 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Liberal Arts Building. For tickets, call 1-919-277-5265.

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Elizabeth Cashwell Elementary School will hold a workshop on Parent Tips for Helping Children be Successful on the California Achievement Test on Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. for parents of third- through sixth-graders.

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Ferguson-Easley Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration on Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. For information, call 483-4883.

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**Mandy Beason** will sing at the 16th annual Southeastern Community College Foundation Dinner Theater on April 4 at 6 p.m. For tickets, call 642-7141.

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The Western Harnett High School drama department will stage "Don't Rock the Boat" on April 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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**Jamie Star Sellers** won the Synergy Gas "Just For Kids" coloring contest.

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Southeastern Community College will offer a free class called Women at Work in Non-Traditional Careers from April 6 to May 15. The class highlights careers like electrical engineering, welding, forest management and more. For information, call 642-7141.

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**Randall A. Bryan**, former teacher and principal at Sherwood Park Elementary School, is principal of the year for the Burlington City School System.

## Community Profile

# Four FTCC Students Win Awards

By Jeffery Womble
Staff Writer

Four Fayetteville Technical Community College commercial and advertising design students walked away from a banquet at DeLafayette Restaurant Feb. 21 with several awards.

The contest was sponsored by the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation, a club for advertising agencies and salesmen.

Of the possible 27 gold, silver and bronze awards, students from FTCC won 14.

"They have a very high standard," said Ricci Fuller, chairman of the commercial arts and advertising design department at FTCC. "The fact that they won that many awards means a great deal."

The standards of the Fayetteville Advertising Federation are so high, judges will not present an award if they feel none of the entrants are deserving, said Ms. Fuller.

Al Cain, a judge for the student competition and president of Cain & Cain Associates, a Fayetteville advertising agency, said the work of the FTCC students was deserving.

"They did win quite a number of awards," he said. "They had some very good work."

Other judges for the student competition were Greg Hathaway of Hathaway and Crawford Design Studio, Jean Hodges of Hodges Associates and Gary Smith of Smith Advertising & Associates.

The college category is designed to get more students interested in the advertising profession. "The student competition is something that hopefully will lead them to the ADDY Competition," Mr. Cain said.

The national ADDY competition is conducted annually by the American Advertising Federation. The contest is the advertising industry's largest competition for creative excellence. Entries are judged at the local, district and national level.

This was the second year that the federation had a category for college students. FTCC students winning awards were: Trisha Covarrubias, who won a Gold Award in illustrations; Jo Jacobs who won two Gold Awards in photography, a Gold Award in collateral material and a Bronze Award in illustration; and Christina Cole, who won a Bronze Award for photography.

Mary Pugliese brought home eight awards: three Bronze Awards for magazine cover, illustration and photography, two Silver Awards for consumer advertising and corporate logo, and three Gold Awards for illustration, corporate logo and campaign.

Listed are winners in the ADDY Competition:

**Collateral Media**
Smith Advertising & Associates, Hodges Associates, Blashfield Communications, The Advocates, Type Plus, The Image Men, The Ad Works Agency, Hathaway & Crawford, Peterson Graphics and Cain & Cain Advertising.

**Out-Of-Home**
Smith Advertising & Associates

**Print**
Hathaway and Crawford, Smith Advertising & Associates, Hodges Associates Inc., Cain & Cain Advertising and WRCQ.

**Electronic**
Cape Fear Broadcasting, WZFX, WKFT-TV and Cable AdNet

**Multi-Media**
Smith Advertising & Associates

**Industry Self-Promotion**
WRCQ, Hathaway and Crawford and Hodges Associates Inc.

**Advertising Arts**
The Advocates, Cain & Cain Advertising, Hodges Associates Inc., Smith Advertising & Associates and Garner-White.

**Public Service**
The Ad Works Agency, Smith Advertising & Associates, WKFT-TV and Cain & Cain Advertising.

**Judges' Choice**
The Ad Works Agency and Hodges Associates

**Best Of Show**
The Image Men

Staff Photo By Marcus Castro

From Left, FTCC Students Christina Cole, Trisha Covarrubias, Jo Jacobs And Mary Pugliese

**'They have a very high standard. The fact that they won that many awards means a great deal.'**

— Ricci Fuller

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# Board OKs Immunizing Nursing Students

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Students who want to start Fayetteville Technical Community College's nursing or other health and medical programs next fall will have to spend about $150 on a series of shots before they can start classes.

The board of trustees voted Monday to require all new health students to have immunizations for hepatitis B, measles and tetanus, as well as tests for venereal diseases and tuberculosis.

The requirement will affect about 300 students in programs in which they might handle blood or body fluids.

The programs include nursing, dental work, radiology, respiration, emergency medical services and funeral services.

Larry Norris, vice president for academic affairs, said the shots will protect the students, who work with patients in hospitals and nursing homes, and in funeral homes.

Dr. Norris said the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration this month began requiring all workers and teachers in those fields to get the shots.

The board's decision only affects new students, but officials are working on a policy to require all students in the fields to get the shots, he said.

The students must have a record of the shots or be taking them before they will be admitted into the degree program, he said.

Dr. Norris said the college does not want to force its students to pay more before they start college, "but we have no choice."

Students can get the shots for $143 at the county Health Department, he said. Private doctors probably will cost more, but students may be able to use their insurance to help pay for it.

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## Board

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In other action, the board of trustees:

● Dropped the college's associate degree in real estate and started a technical specialty certificate in that area.

President Craig Allen said few people pursue real estate degrees because they can get a state license without the degree.

He said some of the degree classes have only two or three people in them, and it costs the college too much money to offer them.

He said it also hurts the college if students start the degree program, then drop out. He said dropout statistics are used to determine how much federal grant money a college gets.

Students can get their real estate license after finishing six courses worth 20 hours, which is included in the technical specialty, Dr. Allen said.

● Gave Dr. Allen a positive annual evaluation, according to Harry Shaw, board chairman.



## Education Notes

St. Andrews College will hold the Second Annual Scottish Heritage Awards Banquet on Saturday at the William H. Belk Center at 6 p.m.

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The Wilmington Symphony will perform Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Southeastern Community College auditorium.

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Howard L. Hall Elementary School will hold a workshop called "Teachers Helping Parents Helping Children" today at 7 p.m.

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Winners in the North Carolina Junior Historians contest will be displayed at the Arts Center on Hay Street in Fayetteville through Monday.

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PTA meetings will be held at Edgewood Elementary School today at 7 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Thursday at Morganton Road Elementary School.

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Douglas Byrd Junior High School will hold parent workshops at the Massey Hill Recreation Center on Wednesday and again on April 15 and May 20 from 11 a.m. to noon. For information, call 483-3101, Ext. 27.

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The Campbell University School of Law will hold its annual Law Day Celebration March 27 at the Marriott Crabtree in Raleigh. For information or tickets, call 893-8681.

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The College Foundation offers educational loans for North Carolina residents. For information, call 821-4771.

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The Methodist College Education Alumni Association will hold its first general meeting Saturday at 10 a.m. in Room 209 of the Trustees Building on campus. All education graduates are invited.

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**Emily Cashwell** of Stedman Junior High School and **Jared Poche** of Armstrong Junior High School will be in the state Geography Bee. About 100 students will compete.

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Pembroke State University will hold its annual Instrumental Music Festival on Saturday. It features junior and senior high school concerts at 7:30 p.m. PSU also will hold its Spring Band Concert March 24 in the Givens Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Both are free.

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**Odell Uzzell** and **C.R. Edwards** of Fayetteville were named Distinguished Aluumni at the 17th National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education in Washington, D.C.

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Pembroke State University will hold the annual Angus McLean Executive Symposium Thursday from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Fred George, vice president for the eastern zone of the United States for Campbell Soup Co., will be the speaker. It is free.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will hold a Great Decisions lecture, "The Breakup of the Soviet Union: U.S. Dilemmas," Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Methodist College will hold a church handbell concert with more than 300 handbells Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. It is free.

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**Sarah Dumas**, a third-grader at Lucile Souders Elementary School, won the countywide Keep Your Smile For Ages poster contest.

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St. Andrews Presbyterian College got a $75,000 library trust fund from the family of Neil and Augusta Currie. The fund will be used to buy books for the business and English departments and the DeTamble Library.

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**Frank Palmieri**, a Fayetteville State University professor of marketing, gave a presentation at the 9th annual Atlantic Coast Business and Marketing Education Conference.

# Ex-Official From FTCC Arrested

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The former chief financial officer of Fayetteville Technical Community College and his wife were charged Thursday night with drug offenses involving 74 pounds of marijuana, narcotics agents said.

Raymond Eugene Parker, 42, and Deborah Spivey Parker, 40, both of 3699 Raeburn Court, were arrested in the Cross Pointe Centre parking lot about 6:30 p.m., according to a spokesman for the Fayetteville-Cumberland Narcotics Bureau.

Mr. Parker, who said he owns a Fayetteville health fitness studio, was charged with trafficking in marijuana by conspiracy, possession and transportation, the spokesman said.

Mrs. Parker was charged with trafficking in marijuana by conspiracy and possession, he said.

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## Arrested

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Sixty-one pounds of marijuana were seized in the parking lot, the spokesman said.

A Fayetteville police dog was used to find another 13 pounds of marijuana in a rental locker listed in Mrs. Parker's name at Colonial Storage Center, 1939 Skibo Road, the spokesman said.

Mr. Parker was released from the Cumberland County Jail after posting $20,000 bail, and Mrs. Parker went free after posting $10,000, records show. A court hearing is set for today.

Mr. Parker resigned from FTCC in July when a state audit showed that $1,045 in college funds was missing.

According to the state audit and college officials, Mr. Parker wrote a personal check at the cashier's office for $1,045.

The 1990-91 audit showed $4,870 missing from the college. The State Bureau of Investigation has been investigating the missing money, but no charges have been filed.

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## Education Notes

Fayetteville State University and The Carolina Club of Cumberland and Hoke counties will hold a conference titled "Can We Remake Our Public Schools?" at 7 p.m. Thursday in Shaw Auditorium at FSU. The conference is free and open to the public.

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Congressman **Charlie Rose** won the Dean Rusk Program Award for Citizen Service from his alma mater, Davidson College, for outstanding accomplishments internationally.

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Southeastern Community College is one of six U.S. community colleges to take part in a student exchange program by Youth for Understanding International Exchange. Ten exchange students are expected at the college in August.

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Pembroke State University will hold its 11th annual Mathematics Contest in algebra and plane geometry for public school students Thursday in the Givens Performing Arts Center.

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**Michael L. Menefee**, a Pembroke State University business professor, was elected secretary of the Southwest Case Research Association.

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The Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a public forum on $50 million in bonds proposed for the Cumberland County school system. The forum is tonight at 7 in the Fayetteville Technical Community College auditorium.

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The Campbell University Choir and University Singers will perform their 1992 Tour Program tonight at 8 in Scott Concert Hall. It is free.

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**Colin Brodsky**, a student at the N.C. School of Science and Math and formerly of South View High School in Hope Mills, took second place in the N.C. Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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The Methodist College Theater Department will hold its "Hail Dionysus!" High School Theater Festival April 9 in Reeves Auditorium. It will feature original playwrighting by high school and college students.

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The Public School Bus Drivers' Association of North Carolina will hold its annual meeting April 11 in the Lexington Civic Center in Lexington. Registration starts at 9 a.m., with the meeting at 10 a.m.

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The Fayetteville State University Student Government Association will hold its annual election April 6 to April 8 in the conference room of the Rudolph Jones Student Center. Students will elect their president, vice president, business manager, program director, senators and class officers.

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St. Andrews College will hold a Creative Therapy Presentation and Art Show Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Belk Main Lounge. It will feature work by mentally retarded artists.

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Pembroke State University will hold a Biology Open House Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon on the second floor of the Oxendine Science Building.

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Pembroke State University will hold a high school counselors luncheon Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Chancellor's Dining Room. All high school counselors are invited. For information, call 521-4214, Ext. 4507.

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**Tim McLaurin**, a Fayetteville author, will be at Southeastern Community College Monday at 8 p.m. talking about his books. For information, call 642-7141.

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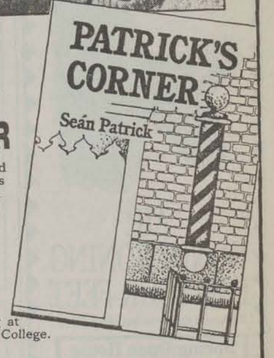
TODAY

SATURDAY
MARCH 28th
1-4 P.M.

MEET
**SEÁN PATRICK**
AUTHOR OF
**PATRICK'S CORNER**

You've heard of Murphy's Law and even the Peter Principle, but here's a new theory: Patrick's Law. Patrick's Law, which deserves at least equal space in the index of life, states that in large families, the youngest gets the shortest end of the stick.

Seán Patrick, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, lives in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he teaches creative writing at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

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## FTCC Celebrates Center Opening

Fayetteville Technical Community College will celebrate its 30th Anniversary and the grand opening of the Advanced Technology Center April 12 beginning at 2 p.m.

The college will be giving tours of the building and burying a time capsule on the grounds.

# Time

## FTCC Celebrates 30 Years As It Looks Ahead To 2012

By Bob Horne
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College moved into what board chairman Harry Shaw called "a new era of service and contribution" Sunday.

More than 300 people turned out for the grand opening of the 85,000-square-foot Advanced Technology Center and a new student terrace, and for the placement of items into a time capsule to be opened in 20 years.

The event was held in conjunction with the 30th anniversary celebration of the school. The time capsule, a section of plastic pipe three feet long and 8 inches in diameter left over from construction of the school garden, will be sealed, buried on campus, and dug up and opened in the year 2012 when the college celebrates its 50th anniversary.

The following items were placed into the time capsule during the ceremony:

● By Ronnie Peele, president of the Student Government Association, a photo of the school's first graduating class,

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Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

**Planning Committee Chairperson William Dukes Places Items In Time Capsule To Be Opened In 20 Years**

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## FTCC

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1963; the 1963 yearbook, the school's first; and the current Veterans Administration and financial aid brochures.

● By Mike McLaurin, teacher of the year, the school's first catalog; the catalog for this school year; this year's phone directory for the college; and this year's pictorial directory of the staff and faculty.

● By Betty Williamson, dean of Learning Resources, a videotape depicting an overview of the college and a list of magazine and periodicals to which the college subscribes.

● By Dottie Rollins, president of the Alumni Association, an Alumni Association membership card and certificate, 1991-92 quarterly alumni newsletters and a Fayetteville Technical Community College 30th anniversary commemorative T-shirt.

● By William Dukes, chairman of the Planning Committee, the original Industrial Education Center banner; a photo of the first Advisory Committee for the Fayetteville Area Industrial Center; a photo of this year's Board of Trustees; copies of the invitation, program, press release and work orders for Sunday's ceremony; and the 1990-92 executive report.

● By Richard L. Fisher, Sr., vice chairman of the FTCC Foundation, Inc., the foundation's 1991-92 annual report.

The Advanced Technology Center, a two-story building that includes everything from hundreds of computers to a robotic assembly line, is designed to launch the local work force into computer-controlled manufacturing, according to Earl Esslinger, chairman of the school's Industrial Management Department.

The student terrace, adjacent to the student center, was donated to the school's foundation by Tom McLean, a former member of the foundation and Board of Trustees, in memory of his late wife, Elizabeth. A gazebo will be added to the terrace later, according to Mr. Fisher, who said he hopes the terrace will become a student gathering place.


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# Lifestyle

Staff Photos By Ken Cooke

Workers With The Women In Construction Training Program Build A Produce Shelter

# Women At Work

## Market Project Provides Labor For Trainees

By Michael Futch
Staff Writer

When it reopens, the renovated Market on Russell Street will have more than just a woman's touch.

All the work, including a newly constructed farmers' canopy, is being done by women.

The project is part of the Women in Construction Training Program offered by the Women's Center. Fifteen students are enrolled in the two-part program, which not only gives them on-the-job training but helps the graduates find employment.

"We try to make sure there are some job openings and they get a crack at them. We try to at least get them a foot in the door and send them out in the right direction," says Alice Nalon, program director for the Women's Center and project coordinator for the Women in Construction Training Program.

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It's the first day of spring and despite the snow and rain, construction continues during the morning on the produce shelter. Two women stand on the scaffold, with instructor DeVon Brock showing one of them how to use a level. The other student hammers a top beam into a post. Lynn Bremer sits, the snow pelting her hard hat while others stand under cover in the market storage area.

"The first day here, we had training all right — we were digging holes," one of the students says, huddled together with some of her classmates.

Gale Koehler, Barbara Kirk, Carolyn Pettiford And Frieda Thompson

While working outdoors, they always face a deadline: "Grand Opening the Market April 3" is posted on the marquee that stands between the construction site and Russell Street.

With the weather not improving, Mr. Brock waves his crew inside. "The only thing working out in the rain proves is that you'll get wet," he says over some snickers before going over the canopy blueprints with the students. He is also concerned for their safety, the possibility of someone losing her footing on the scaffold.

"We were on schedule. If the weather holds," Mr. Brock says, "we'll continue on schedule. We're waiting for some material."

In the construction field, Ms. Bremer knows she will have to face the elements from day to day. But she says she can handle it. The 32-year-old Fayetteville native, a former clerical data processing accountant, loves the outdoors. "I'm really bored in the office," she says.

Ms. Bremer will also be confronted by problems that often arise in a male-dominated line of work. "Just like you work with more women in the office," she says, "I can deal with more men in construction."

Ms. Bremer says she has "a good general knowledge" of construction work, having helped her father do odd jobs on his property for years. "I'm always right under him when he's working, using circular saws and handsaws. When people tell me, 'Get me a Phillips screwdriver or a flathead,' I know exactly what they want."

Ms. Nalon says strides have been made in the construction industry, giving more women employment opportunities. "I'd say there's a long way to go. There are people who are willing to give them a chance. Certainly someone getting government contracts has to have some women," she says of federal minority employment requirements. "There are some people who say this is a man's job — that's all there is to it. That's not going to change overnight. But there are some men willing to hire women."

Donna Brayboy, a former basketball player at East Carolina University, plans to one day own her own construction company or a builder's supply store. She says the money at her last job wasn't very good.

"I thought this would be a good opportunity for me to learn a good trade and make good money," the 30-year-old says, watching the snow fall from behind the glass in the market front.

Most construction workers start at the bottom, earning about $5 to $6 an hour as a general laborer, according to Ms. Nalon. But if they become more specialized, she says they can make $10 to $12 an hour. "We try to expose them to as many jobs as possible."

Like the rest of her class, Miss Brayboy works 8 to 4 Monday through Friday. "It's not easy, but I wouldn't say it's hard," she says of construction work. "You have to get your rest. You never know what you'll be doing."

Miss Brayboy says the only thing women can't do that most men can involves some heavy lifting. "A lot of people think women shouldn't be doing

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## Women — From Page 13A

this type of work," she says. "I think I'm just as capable as the next person. It doesn't matter who you are as long as you can do the work."

The Women's Center laid the groundwork for the program a year ago, offering a two-week training program that introduced women to the construction industry and its related fields. Eleven of 12 students who completed the course got construction jobs, Ms. Nalon says. "That gave us the track record for more training this year."

The program was expanded at the center to offer two training classes: one in construction and the other in wastewater management.

More than 100 women applied for the Women in Construction Training Program this year, which includes five weeks of training in the market renovation and then seven weeks of classroom training and on-site visits.

Applicants were screened by the Women's Center, which is working with the National Association of Women in Construction. Program funds are paid by the North Carolina Department of Labor. The Center for Business and Industry out of Fayetteville Technical Community College has provided two instructors.

The classroom part of the program, to be taught at FTCC, will review vocational math and touch on sexual harassment, small business management and the different fields of construction. There will also be some commercial driver's license training. For further information on the program, call Ms. Nalon at 323-3377.

The average trainee, Ms. Nalon says, is in her early- to mid-30s, single, with a couple of children. Previous jobs include everything from industrial assembly line work to department store clerk.

"We want to make sure when they come into the program, it's not a rude awakening. This is a very labor intensive job, with long hours and the weather can be pretty tough," Ms. Nalon says.

Lynn Crespo used to work as a shear operator, cutting steel and aluminum. The 28-year-old hails from the state of New York, where she worked in building. "I like hard work. I like getting dirty," she says with a laugh. "Heights don't bother me or anything."

Now she thinks about being a foreman or owning her own construction company. She lights a cigarette, peering out at the unfinished 12-by-48-foot farmers' canopy. "Men can be secretaries and nurses. Why can't women be construction workers?"

Inside the market, the walls and floors are freshly painted off-white and forest green. The students did the work, along with patching some dry wall. They also painted and put coasters on the market's display tables.

Outside, the women have begun erecting the beams for the top of the produce stand.

Miss Brayboy can't wait for the Market Grand Opening on April 3. The pride in her work shows in her smile. "That's what I'm looking for — the building going up. To think I had something to do with that."

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## Agency promotes free enterprise to students

Students in Free Enterpris is a non-profit educational organization working in cooperation with American colleges and universities to help promote the free enterprise system. Being a non-profit organization, it receives funding from various sources, such as:

- Cash investments from business leaders for educational programs
- Donations from local businesses
- Fund-raising rallies, featuring prominent guest speakers
- Student-operated businesses (i.e. concessions, school supply stores)
- Club fund-raising projects, which are also used to educate the community about the economy
- Fund-raising banquets

The purpose of SIFE is to establish student-generated economic educational programs that will help develop both school and community spirit through increased awareness and appreciation of the American Economic System.

All SIFE chapters have the opportunity to participate in at least three major activities each year:

- Fall training workshops
- Economic Awareness Projects
- Regional and International competition

In addition to these, most chapters also participate in various other activities, such as:

- Fund raising projects
- Social activities
- Cooperative intra-campus club activities

While in SIFE members receive a variety of benefits, such as:

- Development of leadership and management skills
- Meeting important business contacts
- College course credits
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# Allen Says Raises On Line In FTCC Budget

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By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College will ask the Cumberland County commissioners for 7.5 percent more money next year than it got this year, even though the commissioners are considering cuts of 4 to 5 percent in all programs.

"There's no way we could conscientiously recommend anything but an increased budget," Craig Allen, FTCC president, said Monday. "We submitted a budget that reflects the needs of the college."

If FTCC doesn't get the $373,240 increase it wants, college workers might lose raises they got in January and April, he said.

It would also be impossible to maintain, clean and staff the new Advanced Technology Center, fix air conditioning in one building, replace a badly worn roof or renovate several buildings that have space left open because their programs moved to the new center.

The FTCC board of trustees agreed Monday to ask the commissioners for $5.33 million for the 1992-93 school year. This year, the college received $4.9 million from the county.

The commissioners have said they need to cut 4 to 5 percent from county programs to avoid raising the property tax rate.

Dr. Allen said that if FTCC's budget is cut, the biggest blow would be the loss of raises that workers got this year.

Dr. Allen said the college needs $700,000 to keep the raises in place next year, $426,100 more than it got this year.

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## FTCC — From Page 1B

FTCC gave many workers raises to try to push their salaries up to the middle range of pay offered at similar community colleges and government agencies.

The college asked the commissioners for $700,000 to start the pay raises last year. The commissioners gave the college $273,500, and asked school officials to start the raises during the year.

"The agreement was they'd find money next year to continue it," Dr. Allen said.

FTCC also asked for the following budget increases:

- $119,900 to make improvements so campus buildings are accessible to handicapped people, and for a roof and air conditioning repair.
- $54,000 for extra workers in plant operations and maintenance to work in the new nology Center.
- $30,000 for cleaning per supplies in the new building.
- $15,000 to cover insurance costs, mainly for the new building.

The college asked for $339,900 less for next year in its capital outlay request for equipment. The college has made smaller cuts in other areas.

Dr. Allen also told the trustees that FTCC and the state's other community colleges might start using semesters instead of quarters in the fall of 1995.

The presidents of the community colleges voted Friday to make the move, Dr. Allen said. It still must be approved by the board of community colleges and the General Assembly before the colleges' can make the change.

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Tuesday Focus **Family**

# Shopping $mart

## Wise Clotheshorses Wait For The Sales, Pore Over Catalogs

By Eleanor Lee
Staff Writer

There are clotheshorses who revel in spending all day in the stores, and there are the folks who would rather go on a diet of potted meat and soda crackers than shop for new togs. Whatever the degree of enjoyment or the longevity of the shopping ritual, it's an activity that almost all of us perform.

We queried a number of residents about their clothes shopping habits and strategies, as well as conferring with an expert clothes shopper, Willie Loftin with the Cumberland County Agricultural Extension Service.

Mrs. Loftin loves to shop. It's a relaxing, pleasant pastime.

She refuses to pay full price for clothes, knowing they're often marked up more than 100 percent.

"I watch for sales. February is my favorite month for shopping. I buy a lot then." Her latest bargain: a pair of $64 shoes purchased for $24. She has several favorite stores in which the clerks know her, and she makes a point of asking when certain items will go on sale.

Cardinal rule: Everything she buys must coordinate with something else she wears. Even dresses, which can stand alone, should match already owned blazers, shoes and other accessories.

Another cardinal rule is to buy quality. If it's on sale but not good quality, she won't purchase it. She inspects the item, checking for negative points such as small seams, dangling strings, and flimsy material. She leans toward natural materials, such as cotton, linen, silk and wool. However, for the convenience of not ironing, most of her cotton and linen garments are blends.

One advantage of becoming chums with sales assistants is that they get to know your taste and will let you know if there's an item you would like.

Mrs. Loftin is a big fan of accessories. She buys a lot of basic clothes that can be changed by new scarves, belts and jewelry. The extension office has compiled a number of clothes shopping tips from several sources:

- Don't buy clothes when you are feeling depressed. Your judgment may not be up to par. However, if you feel a purchase will give you a lift, choose a good second-hand shop.
- Don't shop for a special outfit the day before or, worse, the day of. You'll be desperate and may settle for an expensive outfit you don't really like and won't wear much.
- If you're primarily interested in saving time, shop in season. You'll spend more but will save time searching.
- Shop alone. A friend or children will just slow you down.
- Shop at the least crowded times, such as weekday mornings and dinnertime. Avoid prime weekend shopping.
- If saving money is a top priority, shop with a list, such as a blazer, a black skirt, to avoid impulse buying.

Shoppers establish their own routines and patterns. Others are lucky enough to have perks. Susan Shields grew up with access to the Atlanta Apparel Mart, where she saved 40 to 50 percent over retail prices. Now that she's an interior decorator, she still shops for a good number of her clothes there.

Ms. Shields enjoys sewing and, after taking a designer sewing course, she makes a lot of her clothes. Another way she stretches her wardrobe is by buying many items in basic colors, such as black, and accenting them with colorful coordinates.

Catherine VanSickle, who manages the local Employment Security Commission, is required to look professional on the job. She likes to buy a new jacket or two each season to add a lift to her wardrobe.

Staff Photo By Cindy Burnham

**Willie Loftin Of The Cumberland County Extension Service Is A Shrewd Bargain Hunter**

"I shop when I have money," quips Ms. VanSickle. Late spring, early summer is a prime time, she says, when she gets her tax refund back. She can't always take advantage of the sales, such as February clearances.

"I'm just too busy at work then," she says.

Barbara Copeland, public affairs coordinator at Fayetteville Technical Community College, has a shopping philosophy: "I try to find the best-looking outfit for the least amount of money." That means mostly buying on sale.

"Unless it's for a special event. Then I'll spend full price. Sometimes I'll watch an item I like and wait until it goes on sale," she says.

She does some catalog shopping, ordering from companies which have easy return policies should she get the wrong size.

Once upon a time wives did the lion's share of shopping for their husbands. That ritual appears to be falling by the wayside in many homes. Murray Duggins, president of United Realty and Developers, does all his clothes shopping. He knows his own style.

"I have a fixed taste. I like traditional, conservative clothes," he says. He has always regretted it when he bought trendy styles. But Mr. Duggins has succumbed to some of the new, sassy ties. "I fought them at first. But now I have ties with things like pool sticks on them."

Mr. Duggins says he's a spontaneous shopper. He enjoys browsing but has to be in the mood. He often pops into favorite shops when he's in business in Wilmington and Raleigh.

Tim Butler, a branch manager of the financial firm The Associates, is something of a clotheshorse. He loves to shop year-round and confesses to owning about 300 ties. Mr. Butler opts for quality, even if it means paying more.

"I buy expensive clothes on sale."

He has to buy top of the line when it comes to shoes because of a hard to fit foot. Although he can be an impulsive buyer, when he's buying a big ticket item, such as a coat, he usually has a color in mind.

Harold Thompson, a FTCC vice president and retired military man, takes advantage of his Post Exchange discount. He finds name brand suits at good prices, he says. When he hits the stores, he usually sticks to sales.

"But if something really strikes me, I'll buy it," he says.

Sara Getty, a semi-retired department store buyer who still works two days a week, uses her store discount to build her wardrobe.

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## Shop

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"You can never buy too many mix and match coordinates," she says. She's partial to black and white clothes, buying items in these colors and pairing clothes to match.

David Mack, an associate principal at Douglas Byrd Junior High School, calls himself a very particular shopper.

"I have a good eye for exactly what I want," he says. In fact, instead of his wife shopping for him, he shops for his wife.

Judy Robinson is petite and has a hard time finding clothes that fit. She buys early in the season, getting a better selection even though she pays more.

"Usually I buy one expensive item, such as a pair of pants, each season. Then I fill in with less expensive things, like blouses," she says.

Mrs. Robinson spree shops, rather than shopping for one item at a time.

"I don't have a lot of time to shop. I really prefer shopping in a place that I can get everything at once."

Mrs. Robinson owns Sak's Thrift Avenue, a consignment shop. She has seen a big increase in business during the last couple of years. Key clients are people on diets, mothers buying for children and shoppers on a budget who want to beef up their wardrobe.

Phoebe Dail, an owner of Asphalt Resource and Maintenance Co., travels throughout the state for her job. Some days she's in suits, some days she's in jeans. She loves clothes and her friends say her style is "dramatic."

"I don't have a lot of time, so I'm not a real good sale shopper," she says. She has favorite stores, many in cities like Atlanta, which she shops. She saves time by telling clerks what she's looking for. More often than not, she finds just the item.

Ms. Dail loves catalog shopping, and has found some of her most elegant clothes from Neiman-Marcus catalogs.

"Preferably on sale."

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## Education Notes

Resource program, was appointed to The North Carolina 2000 Steering Committee.

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**Julie A. Brooks**, an English teacher at Westover Junior High School, will be one of 15 teachers taking part in a summer seminar on author James Joyce at Texas A&M University.

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The Fayetteville Technical Community College chapter of the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society will hold its induction today at 3 p.m. in Cumberland Hall Auditorium.

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The E.E. Smith High School PTA will hold its last meeting of the year April 28 at 7 p.m.

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**Daniel Minor** of Stedman Junior High School has tied for the first chair tuba in the North Carolina Honors Band.

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**Dave Crane**, a teacher at Douglas Byrd High School, and **Jared Gallimore**, a student there, were featured on the cover of School Shop-Tech Directions, a national magazine for technical and vocational teachers.

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**Greg Knight** of Lumberton High School was the grand winner in the Southeastern North Carolina Regional Science Fair at Pembroke State University.

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**Don Tyson**, chairman of the board of directors at Tyson Foods, will speak Thursday during a luncheon in the Helen T. Chick Building at Fayetteville State University.

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Fayetteville State University will hold its arts and sciences open house Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. It will feature planetarium shows, the concert choir and jazz ensemble, art exhibits and literature readings.

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The Pembroke State University Concert Choir will present a free spring concert Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Moore Hall Auditorium.

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The Methodist College Stage Band will give a free concert today at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

The Methodist College Chorus will give a free spring concert Sunday at 3 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

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Pembroke State University wi[ll] hold its third annual Gospel Mu[sic] Festival Saturday at 7 p.m. in Givens Performing Arts Cente[r]

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Fayetteville Technical Cor[n]ty College will hold train[ing] anyone interested in be[com]e rape crisis volunteer. Th[e] is May 9, 16 and 19. [For] call 678-8431.

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**Christina M. Fair**[child] etteville won the thi[rd] tional High School R[ecit]

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## Military Affairs

### FTCC Registration

Fayetteville Technical Community College at Fort Bragg will hold registration Tuesday and Wednesday for eight-week classes that start April 27. For more information, stop by Room 11 of the Community Center or call 497-8893 for information.

### Policy Change at Liberty University

Students at the Fort Bragg campus of Liberty University who want military experience documented as college credits must now be enrolled in a degree program and successfully complete one course at Liberty.

### ODA Army Learning Center Hours Change

Beginning Friday, the ODA Army Learning Center will change its hours. The new hours are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday. For information, call Mr. Cherry at 396-0801.

### Read To Lead Books Available

Soldiers now have access to a complete set of Read to Lead Books at all Fort Bragg Army Learning Centers. For information, call Mr. Nuesse at 396-9286.

### Skills Workshop

The Main Post library is offering a spring break library skills workshop Wednesday, from 2 to 3 p.m., for children ages 6-10. For information, call 396-3523.

### Youth Services News

The Fort Bragg Youth Services offers programs for eligible participants. Youth services is in Room 27 of the Community Center. Registration is taken Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 396-9123 or 396-1270.

### National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is April 26 through May 2. A volun-

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# Business

# High-Tech Center Unveiled

## Advanced Technology Center Armed With Robots And Computers

By Jay Woodard
Staff Writer

Armed with robots and a computer, Earl Esslinger is ready to take on no less an opponent than Japan.

Well, maybe not the whole country, but certainly its dominance in industrial adaptability.

"Japanese plants have a response time of 48 hours," said Mr. Esslinger, referring to the time it takes a company in Japan to fill an order for a product. "It takes Americans more than two weeks."

Mr. Esslinger, is chairman of the industrial management department at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He said the Japanese advantage doesn't have to contine.

And now he and Fayetteville Tech have the ability to prove it.

Today the school will dedicate its new Advanced Technology Center, an 85,000-square-foot building designed to catapult the work force in the Cape Fear region into computer-controlled manufacturing.

The goal is to make the labor force more competitive.

By the year 2,000, there will be six million executive, professional and technical jobs available in the United States, according to the college. But only one million jobs are expected for less-skilled and labor categories.

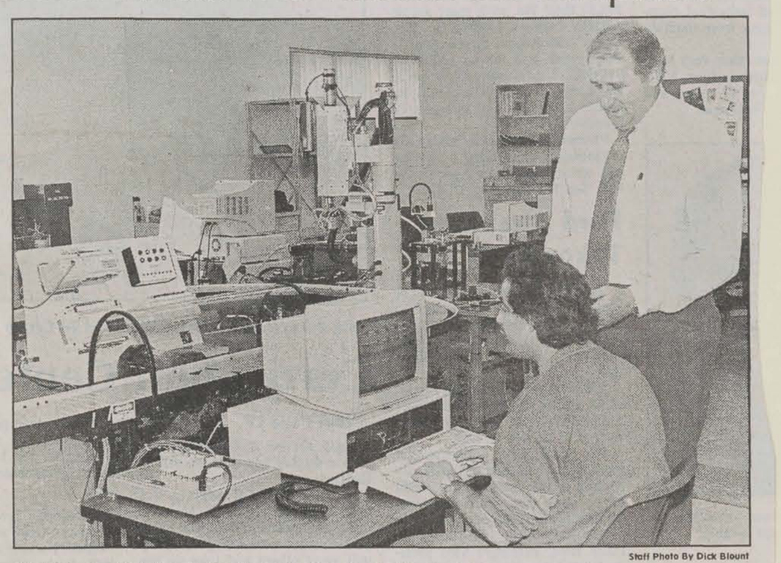
Moreover, North Carolina is expected to have 400,000 fewer skilled workers than needed by industry, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

These factors are among the forces that give the Advanced Technology Center its purpose.

The building houses departments for teaching architecture, automotive repair, business computer programming, civil and electronic engineering and industrial management.

"The building is designed to be changed as the needs of industry change," said Dr. Larry Norris, vice president for academic affairs.

"There are Teflon trays in the ceilings so that we can pull additional cables regardless of what type of communication lines are needed in the future.



Staff Photo By Dick Blount

**Mr. Esslinger Watches As Student Dominic Basile Works On Computerized Assembly Line**

"We can reconfigure the classrooms, labs and shops at any given time."

All computers in the center are linked, so an instructor can monitor work being done at any terminal. When the building is completely equipped, all the computers will connect with those in other sections of the college.

Mr. Esslinger can demonstrate ways for quickly setting up orders on an assembly line. He operates a "computer-integrated manufacturing cell" that looks much like a traditional assembly line, but parts of the production are performed by robots. Orders to start production are computer-controlled.

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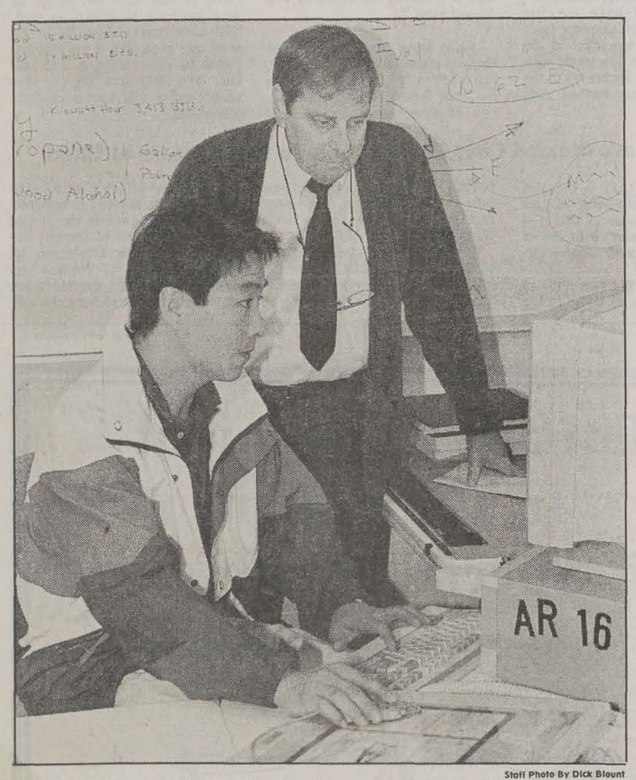

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**Mr. Bell And Student Wo Seon Yu Use Computer To Draw Building Plans**

# Students Praise Training Methods

By Jay Woodard
Staff Writer

Steve Zema sees his draftsman's training as a ticket to life at the beach.

Mr. Zema, a Black & Decker machinist at night and a Fayetteville Technical Community College student by day, will get his associate degree in architectural technology in June 1993.

Although he is considering a job as a tool designer, he hopes to move to the coast and design beach houses. A former Florida resident, he has a fondness for life near the water.

Mr. Zema is benefiting from the new Advanced Technology Center at Fayetteville Tech.

The center provides an opportunity to work on high-tech equipment, specifically electronic work stations where the students can quickly draw building plans on computers.

"It's state-of-the-art equipment," said Ron Wilson, chairman of the college's architectural-technology department. "What we had before was eight to 10 years old.

The center features U-shaped computer work stations that make maximum use of space.

"Before all we had was a big table with computers just placed on them," Mr. Wilson said. "Now we can get four times the number of work stations in the same space. This way we can offer the class to more students; we can introduces it to them much earlier in their training.

"We can also get the curriculum to more students outside the architecture discipline who want to take the course just because they're interested in it."

Charles Bell, architecture technology instructor, said, "There're so many things you used to have to draw as you needed them. Now you just store them in (the computer's) memory and call them up as you need them."

Another department in the Advanced Technology Center uses the latest electronic equipment.

Called the Decision Center, it's equipped with TeamFocus software paid for by IBM.

"IBM became aware of how far ahead Fayetteville Tech is in computerization," said Dr. Larry Norris, vice president for academic affairs at the college. That interest led to the addition of equipment that allows "electronic" meetings.

"Now, Fayetteville Tech is the only community college in the country to have this type of center," Dr. Norris said.

Video-display terminals are ar-

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# Former FTCC Official Indicted On 15 Counts

By Marc Barnes
And Kim Oriole
Staff Writers

The former chief financial officer of Fayetteville Technical Community College has been indicted on 15 counts of embezzling almost $6,000 from the college between April 1990 and July 1991.

The indictments against Raymond Eugene "Gene" Parker, 42, of 3699 Raeburn Court, who resigned from the school in July, were issued on May 19, according to a spokesman for the Cumberland County clerk of Superior Court. The amounts listed in the indictments total $5,998.28.

Mr. Parker declined to comment, other than to say that he learned about the embezzlement charges Tuesday afternoon and that the money has been repaid.

"There is no money missing," he said.

Stacy Weaver, a lawyer for the college, said Mr. Parker repaid the college "the whole amount. I believe he's paid everything."

Doran Berry, Mr. Parker's lawyer, said the former controller plans to plead not guilty to the 15 charges.

Mr. Berry refused to say whether Mr. Parker had repaid the money.

"The shortage took place on his watch," Mr. Berry said. "There's not that much (money) involved. He's responsible for it and the interest.

"He has not done anything to admit he has taken anything."

Mr. Berry and Assistant District Attorney Buntie Russ said Mr. Parker has agreed to appear Monday before a Cumberland County Superior Court judge.

At that time, orders of arrest will be served on him and a judge will explain his rights and set bond, the prosecutor said.

The 15 embezzlement charges all involve FTCC checks. They ranged from $82.53 in April 1990 up to $1,045 15 months later.

A state audit made public in February reported the theft of $4,870 by someone who had written college checks to cover the missing money.

The 1990-91 audit found that 13 checks were written in-house — from one college account to another. The checks were cashed, so the money was taken out of the first account but never deposited into the second account and the money disappeared, the audit showed.

The audit report said the 13 checks followed the same pattern

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## Parker

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as a check for $1,045 that spurred Mr. Parker's resignation.

He resigned when a cashier at the college discovered that $1,045 was missing.

According to the audit and college officials, Mr. Parker cashed a personal check at the cashier's office for $1,045.

That check was replaced in the college's bank deposit by an in-house college check that was cashed from one account but never received by the other account.

The audit report said Mr. Parker repaid the college the $1,045 in July, and the college started looking for problems with other in-house checks.

In August, shortly after he resigned, Mr. Parker said he thought everything had been straightened out. He said he resigned for personal reasons.

"I felt like I could make more money outside than working for the state," he said then. "I figured now would be a good time."

Dr. Craig Allen, FTCC president, said the college has since put better financial controls in place.

"We have as good a system as the state prescribes," he said. "We take every precaution to ensure things like this won't happen, but sometimes they do. Nothing else like this has happened in the 30-year history of the institution."

Mr. Parker also faces unrelated charges.

In April, he and his wife, Deborah Spivey Parker, 40, were charged with drug offenses involving 74 pounds of marijuana.

The Parkers were arrested in the Cross Pointe Centre parking lot about 6:30 p.m. on April 2, according to a spokesman for the Fayetteville-Cumberland Narcotics Bureau.

Mr. Parker, who owns the Fitness Plus health center on Raeford Road, was charged with trafficking in marijuana by conspiracy, possession and transportation, the spokesman said.

Mrs. Parker was charged with trafficking in marijuana by conspiracy and possession.

Sixty-one pounds of marijuana was seized in the parking lot, the spokesman said.

A Fayetteville police dog was used to find 13 more pounds of marijuana in a rental locker listed in Mrs. Parker's name at Colonial Storage Center, 1939 Skibo Road, the spokesman said.

Mr. Parker was released from the Cumberland County Jail after posting $20,000 bail, and Mrs. Parker went free after posting $10,000, records show.

Trial for both on the drug charges has been scheduled for June 25 in Cumberland County District Court, according to court documents.

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### Charges Filed By Narcotics Officers

Raymond Eugene Parker was charged Monday with conspiracy and intent to sell and deliver marijuana, according to Cumberland County court records.

Mr. Parker, 42, of 3699 Raeburn Court was arrested by a Fayetteville-Cumberland Narcotics Bureau agent.

In another case, Clarence Edward Fitzgerald, Wardell Smith and Eugene Vincent Burge have been charged with conspiracy and trafficking in cocaine by possession. The arrests were made on May 28 by agents of the narcotics bureau.

Mr. Fitzgerald, 33, is a resident of the 200 block of Spear Drive, Fayetteville, and Mr. Burge, 21, is from East St. Louis, Mo. The records do not include an address for Mr. Smith, 48.

If you have any information that could lead to solving crimes in the Fayetteville area, call Crime Stoppers at 483-8477. For crimes in Columbus County, 642-6551; Sampson, 590-2211; Harnett, 1-800-68CRIME; Lumberton, 738-1133; Dunn, 892-2222; or St. Pauls, 865-TIPS. You do not have to give your name.

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## *Snipping Spent Blooms*

**Arthur E. Taylor cuts off spent flowers of a 'Bonica' shrub rose in the Fayetteville Rose Garden at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Cutting faded flowers keeps plants tidy and encourages flushes of new growth to make fresh blooms.**

# Community Profile

Sen. Lura Tally, left, congratulates Dr. Karen Barefoot, second from right, for being named Fayetteville Technical Community College's Alumnus of the Year. Also pictured are FTCC president, Dr. Craig Allen, right, and Seavy Barefoot, second from left, Dr. Barefoot's husband and office manager.

## FTCC Graduate Goes From Nurse To Doctor

By Jeffery Womble
Staff Writer

When Karen Barefoot was growing up in Cumberland County her dream was to become a medical doctor.

Now that dream is a reality.

When she was accepted into the pre-med program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she was an out-of-state student. Her father was in the military and the family did a lot of traveling. The university wanted to charge her out-of-state tuition, but she couldn't afford it. So, she went to work at Hardee's and applied to Fayetteville Technical Community College's nursing program."

Smart move. Unfortunately it was at the wrong time. The nursing program at the two-year junior college is so popular, it can take years to get in. Dr. Barefoot waited until the nursing school's dean, Mercedes O'Hale, contacted her and said a space was available. She enrolled immediately.

"I continued to work at Hardee's on the weekends and was able to support myself and pay my tuition," Dr. Barefoot said.

With the money she earned working as a nurse pulling the shifts no one else wanted to work, Dr. Barefoot was able to earn her undergraduate degree in pre-med at Pembroke State University and her medical degree from East Carolina University.

For her dedication and hard work, Dr. Barefoot was recently honored by FTCC with its Alumnus of the Year Award.

"I was surprised," she said of the award. "I never knew they gave it. I had a lot of awards but that one means a lot to me because had FTCC not been there, I don't think I could have saved enough money to go to school."

**'I never knew they gave it. I had a lot of awards but that one means a lot to me because had FTCC not been there, I don't think I could have saved enough money to go to school.'**
—Dr. Karen Barefoot

Dr. Barefoot is operating a family practice out of the Medical Arts Center across from Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital. The business is also a family affair. Her husband, Seavy Barefoot Jr., is her office manager.

"This is my first venture on my own," Dr. Barefoot said. "There is lots of office space and lots of parking."

Prior to going into private practice, Dr. Barefoot worked with the Hope Mills Family Medical Group.

"When you get out of school you have a lot of debt and not enough money to open your own practice," she said.

Though her practice takes a lot of her time, Dr. Barefoot said her family takes priority. The Barefoots have two children, Michael, 15, and Matthew, 7, both students at The Fayetteville Academy. Weekends at the beach or other family outings aren't uncommon. But planning is the key, Dr. Barefoot said.

"The first thing you must do is set a priority list," she said. "First on my list is God, second is my family and third is my career. So career is not up there. It was, when I was 12. If you take care of numbers one and two, number three is easy."

Dr. Barefoot is also medical director of Hospice of Cumberland County.

This program provides trained nurses for terminally ill patients with a prognosis of less than six months to live. The service is free.

"That care for these dying patients comes from my nursing," Dr. Barefoot said. "In my nursing we had lots of training on death and dying."

Dr. Barefoot has served on FTCC's Foundation Board and has kept in tune with the school through its monthly alumni newsletter. But she admits the school has grown so much, there are things she doesn't know about.

"The buildings have really changed," she said.

There's one thing, however, that will never change, she added.

"The people really cared a lot about you and worked with you," she said. "They had a rule that if you were in the nursing program, that you could not hold an outside job. I didn't qualify for aid, and I said that if I didn't have this job, I couldn't attend school.

"Ms. O'Hale, who was dean at that time, told me that I could keep my job as long as my grades didn't suffer."

Ms. O'Hale recently died of cancer. Her former students have nothing but praise for her, especially Dr. Barefoot.

"She had a high standard," Dr. Barefoot said. "Even though she had not been there for many years, the people that came behind her have the same high standards."

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## Education Notes

Cumberland County Schools' 12th annual Spring Orchestra Festival and Finale concert will be tonight and Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Cumberland County Arena. The concert tonight will feature the elementary, intermediate, junior high and youth orchestras. The finale on Thursday will feature the high school and youth orchestras and the Northeast District and Southeast District String Ensembles. Both events are free.

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**John S. Ayers Jr.** of Fayetteville, a certified public accountant, was named to the Mars Hill College's Board of Trustees.

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**Jesse C. Smith** and **Ron Milton**, Fayetteville State University students, won third place in the Fifth Annual Graduate Business Student Competition.

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The Fourth Annual Veterans Administration Medical Center Awards Program for Walker-Spivey School's job training students will be Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the school.

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Grays Creek Elementary School will hold a PTA meeting tonight at 7.

Warrenwood Elementary School will hold a PTA meeting Thursday at 7 p.m.

Morganton Road Elementary School will hold a PTA meeting Thursday at 7 p.m.

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Douglas Byrd Junior High School will hold a parents workshop Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Massey Hill Recreation Center.

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Fort Bragg schools is looking for students who are mentally, physically or emotionally handicapped or need special educational services. Anyone who knows of such a child should call Judith Norris, director of Pupil Personnel Services and Exceptional Children's Programs at the post schools at 426-5835.

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The Cumberland County Schools' Exceptional Children's Program will present A Very Special Arts Festival at 10 a.m. Friday at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center.

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Methodist College will dedicate a War Memorial Wednesday at 2 p.m. in front of the Horner Administration Building. A stone marker and plaque memorializes college alumni who have lost their lives in military service.

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**Lloyd "Vic" Hackley**, chancellor of Fayetteville State University, was elected to the boards of directors of Southern National Corp. and Southern National Bank.

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Registration for Pembroke State University's summer session is May 25-27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the registrar's office or academic departments. The session starts May 30.

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Registration is open for Methodist College's Summer Music Camp July 20-25 for students 11 to 18 years old. For information, call Joy Cogswell at 630-7103.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College students in the Commercial Art and Advertising Design Department will have a portfolio day featuring art, graphics and photos Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Center Multipurpose room. It is free and open to the public.

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Larry Norris, vice president of academic affairs at Fayetteville Technical Community College, was named chairman of the N.C. Association of Colleges and Universities' Joint Committee on College Transfer Students, which oversees student transfers between two-year and four-year colleges in the state.

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# FTCC Says If County Breaks Word, It Could Put School In Money Bind

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Board members of Fayetteville Technical Community College said Monday that county commissioners are about to break last year's promise to pay for higher salaries, and that will put the college in a tight spot financially.

The college gave about half of its workers raises in January and April to bring salaries up to the middle range of pay offered at similar community colleges and government agencies.

Craig Allen, FTCC president, said the college took money from other accounts to pay for the raises after the Board of Commissioners endorsed the salary plan and agreed to fund it in future years.

It would cost about $700,000 for the college to provide the raises for an entire year, he said.

Dr. Allen said county commissioners face a budget crunch and now plan to provide only $350,000 for raises in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Cliff Strassenburg, the county manager, said the Board of Commissioners is not going to reneg on its promise. He said his spending plan calls for adding $350,000 next year to the $350,000 that the college found this year to pay for the raises.

"We're out on a limb," said Jimmy Harvey, an FTCC board member. "They promised that they'd give us the money. We pay them (workers) for six months and the next six months, who knows? We started paying them based on the fact that we had assurance (from commissioners) that we'd get that money."

Dr. Allen said he hopes the college will not have to take the workers' raises away.

"We'll definitely have a struggle in trying to locate money for the salaries," he said. "Somewhere in the college, we're going to come up short."

**Craig Allen:** FTCC president

**Cliff Strassenburg:** Commissioners won't reneg

The college asked for $4.55 million for next school year, and Mr. Strassenburg recommended a $3.9 million budget to commissioners.

The college got $3.96 million from commissioners this school year.

Mr. Strassenburg said he treated FTCC the same way as other county departments — he cut its budget by 5 percent.

But then he added money for the salaries, so the college will suffer only a $60,000 cut.

"I tried to do the best I could," he said. "They have additional needs, and I'm not taking issue with that. I have to submit to commissioners a budget that fits within the boundaries they established in their last planning session — to reduce everybody 5 percent."

If FTCC gets the $3.9 million budget Mr. Strassenburg proposed, Dr. Allen said other areas of the college will suffer, too.

He said areas that would be cut include:

● $612,200 for a new roof on the Horace Sisk building and to renovate other buildings. Dr Allen said the other buildings need to be changed because programs moved out of them and into the new Advanced Technology Center.

● $105,000 for raises for workers who are paid solely with county money. Dr. Allen said those workers probably would not get a raise to match the raises the state plans for state-paid workers.

● $150,600 would come out of plant operations and maintenance. That would mean the college could not hire nine workers it planned to hire to maintain the new Advanced Technology Center, he said.

● $39,300 to make buildings on campus accessible to handicapped people.

● $7,500 to rent classrooms for continuing education classes. That would cut out about 50 continuing education classes, he said.

# FTCC's Advanced Technology Center On The Cutting Edge

FTCC's new Advanced Technology Center (ATC) was built to respond to the challenges of the 21st Century.

One way is by networking the technologies available in the new center with those available in the Center for Business and Industry. Computer software and hardware will be linked so that anyone on the network in either facility will have access to the same information. Long term plans include working toward being able to network the Advanced Technology Center computer labs with industrial sites or area high schools. The expanded capability will permit "on site" training with current software programs.

Also, new technology has allowed FTCC to work with local industries to help them cut production costs through the use of a Computer Integrated Manufacturing cell (CIM).

Then there's the new Decision Center, a partnership developed with IBM, that uses TeamFocus software to help managers make decisions and brainstorm ideas through "electronic" meetings, instant feedback and rapid idea exchange. As the only community college in the nation with this type of center, FTCC is on the cutting edge.

Along with the new advanced computer systems, the Advanced Technology Center also houses curriculum programs such as Architectural Technology, Automotive Technology, Business Computer Programming, Civil Engineering Technology and Industrial Management Technology.

All 58 curriculum programs use the latest technology and computers to help students stay on the leading edge of their chosen fields.

For example, in the engineering technology program, modern computer-assisted drafting and design labs offer students opportunities to learn how to design plans for homes, highways and mechanical parts on computer.

The auto lab provides several of the latest computerized automotive diagnostic and repair devices. One special program allows students to simulate road conditions with a car. That allows the student to diagnose and troubleshoot problems that only show up occasionally. The special program, called a computerized chassis dynamometer, was custom designed by SuperFlow Corporation especially for FTCC's Auto Lab.

# Preparing The Workforce

Along with the ability to earn a certificate or diploma, FTCC students can now also earn an associate's degree in applied science.

Students can take the basic college courses, earn an associate's degree and transfer those credits to certain colleges and universities in order to continue their studies toward a bachelor's degree. Basic requirements to enter the college transfer program include having a high school diploma and completing two units of high school algebra.

In preparing students to join the workforce, especially in technical fields, FTCC participates in the Tech Prep program. Tech Prep is a partnership between Cumberland County Schools, FTCC, and business and industry. It blends higher level English, math, science, and social studies courses with technical skills. Tech Prep students begin taking specified courses in the ninth grade and continue through two years of education after high school.

The goal is to provide a focused curriculum and a smooth transition from high school to either the world of work or to post secondary education.

DuPont plant manager Tom Gill says, "In order for us to remain competitive in the global marketplace ... it is essential that our employees have education beyond the high school level. FTCC's link with Tech Prep will provide graduates who are going to be even more highly skilled which, in turn, will allow employers to function effectively in the global competitive arena."

Statistics show that students who receive an associate degree can expect to learn about twice as much annually as someone with only a high school diploma.

By providing vocational and technical skills training to the community, FTCC serves as a leader in progressive technological and economic development.

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# FTCC Still Going Strong After 30 Years

This year Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) marks 30 years of service to Fayetteville and Cumberland County, and its partnership with business and industry remains strong.

With the approach of the 21st century, it becomes apparent that for business and industry to remain competitive in today's global market, it is critical that an efficient and productive workforce be prepared to meet constantly changing technological needs. Providing technical/vocational training has been the mission of Fayetteville Technical Community College since its inception in 1961.

The college was founded as the Fayetteville Area Industrial Education Center with four programs, seven instructors and 58 students. It was renamed Fayetteville Technical Institute in 1963 and became known by its present name in 1988.

Currently, FTCC provides comprehensive, advanced programs in post secondary vocational/technical, health, business and general education curricula, as well as the College Transfer program.

## *Setting The Pace*

The college has identified several future challenges to which it must respond during the next decade. They are:

- By the year 2000, new developments in technology, international competition and changing demographics will dramatically alter the nation's employment characteristics.
- In the next decade, 6 million jobs are projected to be available in executive, professional and technical positions. Only 1 million jobs are expected for less skilled and labor categories.
- Seventy-five percent of new jobs will require post high school education and/or training, but they will not necessarily require a bachelor's degree.
- America's competitive advantage will rely on the applications of technological advances and on our nation's ability to maintain and improve the skill level of the workforce.
- By the year 2000, the U.S. Department of Labor estimates that North Carolina will have approximately 400,000 fewer skilled workers than necessary to meet industry growth and needs.

# FTCC Customizes Training For Individual Companies

Industrial training is an FTCC priority. The New and Expanding Industry training program enables the college to design and implement customized training programs for industry through joint planning by company personnel and the college industrial training staff. FTCC specialists visit the company site and study the job skills, work schedules, production processes and other variables in order to prepare a proposal suited specifically to that company's needs.

The versatility of this program is unlimited. FTCC has custom-designed programs for numerous industries such as Kelly Springfield, Westinghouse, DuPont, FASCO, Black & Decker and McCune Technology.

Currently, FTCC is developing training programs for the new Maidenform plant in pre-employment skills for production.

Gary Eissinger, plant manager of Maidenform, stated, "FTCC's greatest strength is its cooperative spirit and willingness to assess the type of training Maidenform needs and to develop a training program that will meet those needs."

The tremendous success of Westinghouse's expansion was directly attributed to the high quality of the workforce. Westinghouse plant manager, Frank Carpenter, credits FTCC's pre-employment training with helping employees be better prepared to do a quality job. FTCC's Focused Industrial Training (FIT), another specialized program, provides intensive, high tech training to small groups of skilled or semi skilled employees. These small classes allow employees to upgrade their skills and technical knowledge.

Tomorrow's standard of living depends upon the education and training of today's workers. Companies need associates who can think critically, communicate effectively, and solve problems efficiently.

Business leaders and private industry councils have identified important employment-related competencies necessary for those hoping to succeed in the workplace. These skills include math, reading, writing, speaking, listening, and problem solving skills used in a daily work environment.

FTCC provides a full span of programs designed to meet the basic skills needs of business and industry. FTCC's basic skills programs can be structured as a separate, stand-alone service or as an integrated part of an occupational

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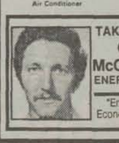

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# Gonzalez Charges Bedsole Willfully Omitted Jail Needs

By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

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BEDSOLE

The $12.9 million in "critical needs' that were left out of Cumberland County's proposed $125 million budget would be cut nearly in half under a recommendation made Wednesday night by commissioner's Chairman Billy King.

Included in Mr. King's proposal is $227,744 for food and medical supplies for jail inmates, the same amount as in the list of critical needs.

Although no action was taken during the first of five scheduled work sessions, Commissioner Juanita Gonzalez charged that Sheriff Morris Bedsole left out the money for food and medical supplies because he knew commissioners would have to restore the funds.

Sheriff Bedsole, contacted at his home after the meeting, said all he tried to do was to comply with the "benchmark" of a 5 percent cut.

"It wasn't very easy for me to pick how to cut in order to meet the benchmark," Sheriff Bedsole said. He said everything in the jail is a need, from food to bed sheets and mattresses to pay for jailers.

The sheriff said he is confident that the board will provide the money after he appears before the board Tuesday to explain his needs that are not in County Manager Cliff Strassenburg's recommended budget. The budget has to be approved by July 1, the start of the fiscal year.

Commissioners asked Mr. Strassenburg to develop a budget that would keep the county's tax rate at 72.5 cents per $100 valuation. To accomplish that required across-the-board cuts of 5 percent. Mr. Strassenburg told department heads to comply with the cuts but to submit a list of critical needs along with their budget proposals.

Other department heads will also plead their cases before commissioners, including Library Director Jerry Thrasher, who will ask commissioners to restore $115,000 in his operating budget to prevent the loss of nearly a half million dollars of state and federal money.

The battle over the budget will pit four commissioners who seek to avoid raising the tax rate against three commissioners who want to raise the rate to fund some of the critical needs.

Commissioner Ralph Barber said the board should agree on a tax rate and limit spending to the money that rate would generate. He dubbed the $12.9 million a "critical wish list."

Commissioner Rollin Shaw said Mr. Barber's suggestion would require cutting the proposed budget by more than $4 million and ignoring all the critical needs.

Mr. King said the board should try to keep the tax rate as low as possible, but not by setting it arbitrarily and forgetting about the range of county needs that would go unmet.

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Scholarships totaling approximately $25,000 were presented to these students recently. The 'Beat the Odds' Scholarship was established by Miss Fayetteville, Heidi Sue Williams who dedicated the awards to the honor of Mike Sewell, the Down's Syndrome teen from Cary who gained national attention from a McDonald's commerical. The program was designed by Miss Williams to given incentives to young people to overcome obstacles in their lives that otherwise might hold them back. The scholarships were donated by Campbell University, Fayetteville State University, Methodist College, Fayetteville Technical Community College and Pembroke State University. Front row from left are: Lisa Simmons, Tammy Sue Braxton and Charlene McLaurin. Back row from left are: Paula Turner, Sebrina Groves, Jason Strickland and Jennie Hughes.

Staff Photo By Cindy Burnham

# Tax Stance Puts 'Critical Needs' In Jeopardy

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By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

The frustrations are beginning to mount.

Four of the seven Cumberland County commissioners who attended a budget work session Thursday agreed on only one thing — that they couldn't agree.

Commissioner Johnnie Evans told board members that they were wasting their time reviewing a list of $12.9 million worth of "critical needs" because four commissioners have said they are not willing to raise the tax rate to pay for them.

"There's no point in talking about the tax rate if the votes aren't there," Mr. Evans said.

The critical needs include $1.5 million to raise local per-pupil school spending closer to the state average, $1.12 million for a special team of deputies, $1.3 million for Fayetteville Technical Community College and $1.9 million for raises for county employees.

They are not included in a proposed $125 million budget that commissioners directed County Manager Cliff Strassenburg to prepare. The directive was to keep the tax rate at 72.5 cents per $100 valuation and to cut spending by 5 percent across the board. Department heads were asked to submit a list of critical needs that did not make the budget.

The county finds itself in a financial squeeze despite more revenue sources this year than last.

If the tax rate remains the same, the recent revaluation alone is expected to generate an additional $4.22 million.

Then there is a projected 4.5 percent increase in sales tax revenues, which

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If the board approved all of the $12.9 million worth of requests, the tax rate would have to be increased to 90 cents per $100 valuation, Mr. Strassenburg said.

Items on Mr. King's shortened list of critical needs are:

- $1.12 million for a 21-deputy special enforcement unit.
- $142,000 for a home confinement program for jail inmates awaiting trial.
- $221,744 for food and medical coverage for jail inmates.
- $272,884 to improve the medical care offered jail inmates by the health department.
- $241,250 to the Mental Health Center to offer more after-hour psychiatric service to the mentally ill.
- $1.5 million to the Board of Education, which represents the third installment of a five-year plan to raise local per pupil spending.
- $652,000 to Fayetteville Technical Community College for building repairs and salary increases for employees.
- $1.92 million to offer county employees a 3 percent cost of living raise and include some employees not in the county's 401K retirement plan.

The board is scheduled to resume its review of the budget at 8:30 a.m. today.

## Autopsy Shows Injuries Like Fall

An autopsy shows that the cause of death of a man found Friday on the bank of the Cape Fear River is consistent with injuries from a fall, Fayetteville police said Wednesday.

The identity of the man found on the west shore of the river near Person Street remains unknown, police said. No identification was found on the man.

# Ex-FTCC Finance Officer Remains Free On Bond

By Marc Barnes
Staff Writer

The former chief financial officer of Fayetteville Technical Community College appeared Monday in Cumberland County Superior Court on charges of embezzling almost $6,000 from the college between April 1990 and July 1991.

Superior Court Judge Orlando Hudson of Durham ordered that Raymond Eugene "Gene" Parker remain free on $25,000 unsecured bond. Orders for his arrest were issued shortly before he appeared in court.

Mr. Parker, 42, of 3699 Raeburn Court, was indicted by a grand jury May 19 on 15 counts. He is charged with embezzling $5,998.28, court records say.

He resigned his job in July.

His lawyer, Doran Berry, asked that the judge set an unsecured bond, which requires that a defendant sign a document promising to appear for trial. A secured bond requires the use of a bondsman, or the posting of money or real estate as collateral.

Mr. Berry said that an "alleged shortage" discovered by the Office of the State Auditor had been forwarded to the college before the cases ever came up.

"There is no money missing," he said. "He has resigned his job at the college. The only work he has been able to do is freelance work. I wrote a letter some months ago to try to get this resolved so that he could get on with his life."

Stacy Weaver, a lawyer for the college, said last month that Mr. Parker repaid the college.

Assistant District Attorney Buntie Russ asked Judge Hudson to set the bond he felt was appropriate.

Mr. Parker also faces unrelated charges.

In April, he and his wife, Deborah Spivey Parker, 40, were charged with drug offenses involving 74 pounds of marijuana, according to a spokesman for the Fayetteville-Cumberland Narcotics Bureau.

The Parkers were arrested in the Cross Pointe Centre parking lot about 6:30 p.m. on April 2, the spokesman said.

Mr. Parker was charged with trafficking in marijuana by conspiracy, possession and transportation, the spokesman said. Mrs. Parker was charged with trafficking in marijuana by conspiracy and possession.

No trial date has been set.

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would generate $893,000 more; about $672,000 left over from building projects that were completed this year; and $850,000 for the lease of Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital.

But that is not enough. Unless the board agrees to raise taxes, the critical needs cannot be funded, Mr. Strassenburg says.

The reason: commissioners last year were able to use $10.75 million from their cash reserve — a type of savings account for emergencies — to balance a $128 million budget.

They don't have that luxury this year. Although an estimated $12.1 million remains in the reserve, governments are recommended to keep at least 8 percent of the budget total in the fund.

Commissioners would have to take $1.3 million from the cash reserve to balance this year's proposed budget, Mr. Strassenburg said. That would leave about $10.8 million in the reserve, or 8.6 percent of the budget total.

Commissioners Rollin Shaw, Thomas Bacote and Billy King, the board chairman, have said the board should not have used its cash reserve last year for recurring expenses. All three have said the tax rate should be raised this year.

On the other side, commissioners Mr. Evans, Juanita Gonzalez, Ralph Barber and Sherrell Riddle say they are politically sensitive to the anger caused by the revaluation and are unwilling to arouse more anger by raising the tax rate.

At the work session Thursday, Mr. Evans asked Mrs. Gonzalez to give her position on the tax rate, saying he knew where everybody else stood but her.

"I can't justify raising the rate in a revaluation year," Mrs. Gonzalez said.

Mr. King and Mr. Barber were not at the meeting because of their jobs. Mr. Riddle did not attend because he was sick.

In an interview Thursday afternoon, Mr. King said he hopes commissioners will do what is necessary to meet county needs.

"We must have some vision to carry forth a forward direction for the county," Mr. King said. "We as commissioners have to have the political will and the guts and the backbone to do the right thing. I'm very conscious of the fact that it is a reval year.

"I'm very conscious of the fact that it is an election year, but I am also very conscious of the fact that we have to provide certain services to the citizens of this community."

The next budget session is set for 7 p.m. Monday.

# Rose Speech Reaches FTCC Graduation

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

The fog and rain kept U.S. Rep. Charlie Rose grounded, but it didn't keep about 380 Fayetteville Technical Community College graduates down.

The graduates marched across the stage Thursday night at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium to whoops and cheers and an occasional "Yea, Mommy" from the packed house.

Mr. Rose, who was supposed to speak, was stuck in Washington, the victim of thunderstorms in Charlotte that prevented his flight from getting through.

FTCC President Craig Allen told the graduates that they were about to get a rare treat — "an apology from a U.S. congressman."

Mr. Rose dashed off an apologetic letter earlier in the evening when he realized he would not make it to Fayetteville.

Dr. Allen then read the speech Mr. Rose had planned to give.

In the speech, Mr. Rose said FTCC "is better preparation for the real world than any other institution in the community."

He said the community college trains students for jobs in today's workforce and helps prepare them for things they will face in the future.

Mr. Rose said the daring spacewalk and capture of the Intelsat-6 communications satellite last month is a good example. He said astronauts tried to use the high-tech equipment that they'd trained on for so long to save and stabilize the satellite, but it didn't work.

"On the third try, three astronauts just reached out and grabbed the thing," his speech said. "Preparation can put you in a position to reach your goals, but does not guarantee success. Don't be afraid to make the extra effort to reach your dreams."

A total of 360 students received associate degrees, while 23 got diplomas or certificates during the ceremony.

Dr. Allen told the graduates that their class shows how far the college has come and how fast it has grown in just 30 years. The first graduating class had just 40 students, he said.

"These graduation ceremonies mark the end of our 30th anniversary year," Dr. Allen said.

Staff Photo By Marcus Castro

Michelle Anderson Makes Some Last-Minute Preparations Before The Ceremony

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# Community Profile

## FTCC's Automotive Class Trains Students To Be Top Mechanics

By Jeffery Womble
Staff Writer

Steve Core has nothing against shade-tree mechanics.

In fact, Mr. Core said, he respects anyone who can service a car without having had any formal training. But Mr. Core said it's hard for a shade-tree mechanic to get a job with a reputable repair shop without knowledge of the latest equipment.

That's where he comes in.

Mr. Core has been an auto-mechanics instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College for 17 years. His job is to train students for the changes occurring in the automotive industry.

"There are a lot of good shade-tree mechanics out there," Mr. Core said. "But with the way electronics are today, they can't find a problem as quickly as a mechanic trained here can. With the machines we have today, you can pinpoint and find these problems so much quicker."

FTCC's auto-mechanics shop, which opened last year, is one of the best in the state. Mr. Core had a hand in designing a piece of the equipment, a chassis dynamometer.

Mr. Core refers to it as a treadmill for an automobile. It simulates road conditions and allows mechanics to test drive a vehicle without taking it on the road. The dynamometer, along with an engine analyzer, gives a printout detailing any problems that show up.

The makers of the device flew Mr. Core to Colorado so he could explain what he wanted. He drew out the design and the company's engineers made it. The chassis dynamometer was the first one made, Mr. Core said. It cost about $60,000, and that's "without all of the whistles and bells.

"They see such a need for this in the future that they invested their engineering time," he said. "We are the showplace on the East Coast for that company. Back in the winter, that was the only one in the world for that company."

Students who graduate from FTCC's automotive class are virtually guaranteed a job upon graduation, said Mr. Core. He said he receives calls every day from garages in need of college-trained mechanics.

"Students who graduate and go to work are making more money than I am," Mr. Core said. "A trained mechanic can earn anywhere from $30,000 to $60,000 per year."

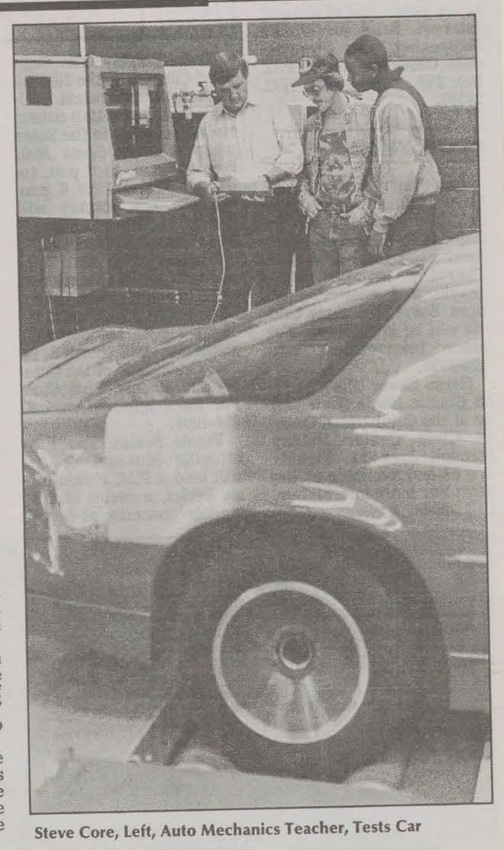
One service department, which did not want to be identified, reported that the starting salary for its technicians is $13 per hour. Once the mechanic gets experience, he can begin commission work — meaning that he gets a certain percentage of the labor cost on each job. If he doesn't have the qualifications for commission work, he starts at $6 an hour as a trainee helper. The spokesman in the dealership said the lowest salary in his shop is $25,000 and the highest is $60,000. The average is between $40,000 and $50,000.

Chevrolet donated a car for use in the FTCC classes. The car was damaged in shipment and was given to the school on condition that it not be driven and that no license tags be placed on it.

"We have a good working relationship with all the dealers," Mr. Core said. "They like the product we turn out. I feel that we have one of the best, if not the best, programs in the state."

Night classes are offered for mechanics who want to improve their skills, said Mr. Core.

"Here we start them out on the basics," he said. "We start them out in the electronics department and they get a lot of hands-on type work. If they have had schooling and know the basics, it's not going to take long to pick up the rest."



Steve Core, Left, Auto Mechanics Teacher, Tests Car

Steve Core adjusts a piece of equipment on an engine analyzer while students in his auto mechanics class look on. The analyzer can pinpoint any problems that the car's engine is having.

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# Opinion

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## Budget Realism

Refusing to raise taxes does not relieve members of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners of their obligation to meet the most critical of this county's needs.

In particular, they all know that it would be dishonest to throw up their hands and proclaim that without a tax increase there isn't enough money to keep their promise to the underfunded Cumberland County schools.

It will require hard, painful work. But they can go into the budget proposed by County Manager Cliff Strassenburg and come out with enough money to make the third, $1.5 million installment in a five-year commitment to the schools. They can also protect the library from harm, keep Fayetteville Technical Institute from suffering an exodus of underpaid instructors for other work and even fund the Mental Health Center's needed night psychological clinic program.

They will have to do what other elected boards and private boards of directors do when compelling needs outrun revenues. They have to wipe out less-critical programs, fail to fill some vacant positions, even lay off employees in the least-critical departments. There are worse things. Undereducating our children would cost us a lot more jobs than sacrificing for good education.

The budget doesn't just come to them for passive review. It is their responsibility to alter it until the highest-priority needs are met by either raising taxes or hacking away at the funding of lower-priority (in this case non-education and non-mental health) needs.

Some of the commissioners have special obligations to meet those critical needs. The clearest case is that of former Cumberland County Board of Education member Juanita Gonzales. She ran for the board of commissioners and was elected on a platform of of better funding for the schools.

At a minimum, she cannot fail to find an honest way to make the third, $1.5-million installment in that five-year commitment to the schools without breaking faith with all of those who supported her.

She and the others who are resisting a tax increase are inescapably obligated to do more than pretend helplessness or put forward smoke-and-mirrors solutions.



# College teaches logistics skills

by Keith Turgeon
COSCOM Public Affairs Office

In today's Army, it is crucial to stay current with the technology available.

For this reason, Fort Bragg and Fayetteville Technical Community College are offering two important courses that will aid soldiers in the logistics arena.

The Maintenance Management Supervisors course and the Unit Level Logistics Systems course have been taught by FTCC since April.

### Computer network

The ULLS course is designed to teach equipment records and parts specialists the full capabilities of the ULLS computer network, said Sgt. Gary Solomon, the 1st Corps Support Command ULLS manager.

"The ULLS computer system has been adopted Armywide, but here at Fort Bragg the system is used daily to speed up supply and maintenance operations at the unit level while eliminating errors that could occur with a manual operation," he said.

"Ordering parts and supplies with the ULLS computer system is simply faster and more efficient than using order forms," Solomon said.

"The three-week course at FTCC gives soldiers training they are unable to get from conventional Army schools," said MSgt. David Wise, a COSCOM maintenance noncommissioned officer.

"It gives the soldiers a complete view of how the system works and where to look for answers when they come upon a problem while using it."

The Maintenance Management Supervisors course is designed primarily for motor sergeants, motor officers and warrant officers at the battalion and company level.

### Effective managers

"Many times a sergeant or officer will find themselves in charge of equipment or vehicles they are not familiar with.

"To solve this problem the MMS course will teach the motor officers how to be effective managers for that particular equipment," Wise said.

Both courses came about when commanders of major subordinate units recognized these specific areas needed improvement, Wise said.

Each course is a three-week course taught by FTCC at the Fort Bragg Army Community Center off Varsity Road.

The classes are conducted Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Soldiers who are in a first-line supervisors position or soldiers who are the unit's equipment records and parts specialist are eligible to take the courses.

To sign up, soldiers should see the unit's training section, Wise said.

"This type of training is best conducted at the installation level. It allows the instructors and students to focus on the specific needs of the installation's commands. We're fortunate to have such a positive relationship with FTCC to help us teach soldiers these valuable skills," Wise said.

# FTCC OKs Budget For Support Services

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By Lee Weeks
Staff Writer

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Students at Fayetteville Technical Community College will continue to pay $4 a quarter in support services fees under a budget approved Monday by the college's board of trustees.

The student services support budget, which pays for health services, intramurals and other student programs, totals $92,500.

Dr. Craig Allen, president of FTCC, said the state system of community colleges prohibits individual institutions from controlling tuition.

Dr. Allen said the institution has budgetary discretion with financing student activities only.

FTCC has budgeted $9,125 to finance student activities for 1992-93. The money will pay for intramural programs, equipment and part-time workers.

The budget allocates $40,000 for health services, which includes the staffing of a school nurse.

Students will be required to pay $1.15 each school quarter for accident insurance, which will generate $25,875 for the school's student insurance coverage.

The Student Government Association's budget for administrative expenses was cut $1,000 — to $3,950.

The association's total budget is $17,500, which includes a $4,000 increase over last year for student events.

More than $13,000 was allocated for student events, which include fall and spring festivals, Christmas and graduation

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programs and student clubs.

The college has asked the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners for $4.55 million for the next school year. County Manager Cliff Strassenburg has recommended a $3.9 million budget to commissioners.

The college got $3.96 million from commissioners this school year.

Preparing for budget cuts, the board of trustees also passed a revision of the 'teaching load" policy for curriculum programs.

Larry Norris, vice president for academic affairs at FTCC, said classroom instruction for educators in the technical, general education and vocational programs would increase by at least two hours a week.

Dr. Norris said the college's budget problems forced the school to increase its teaching load.

In other business, Harold B. Thompson, vice president of personnel, told the board that FTCC compares favorably with other community and junior colleges across the country in recruitment of minority and women faculty and administrators.

Mr. Thompson said minorities make up 15 percent of FTCC's faculty, while the national average is 4.9 percent. He said women made up 47 percent of the college's faculty, equaling the state system's average.

Women represent 20 percent of FTCC administrators, 9 percent less than the state average. Minority administrators at FTCC exceeded the state average — 16 percent to 11 percent.

Mr. Thompson said he is pleased, but not satisfied, with the report.

"We will do all we can to recruit women and minorities," he said.

A study released by the Commission on the Future of the North Carolina Community College System predicts that by the year 2,000, nine out of 10 community college students will be minorities and women, Mr. Thompson said.

# A Sign Of The Times: More Adults Roosting With Their Parents

By Eleanor Lee
Staff Writer

This spring, more than one college commencement speaker asked parents of graduates to be patient.

Times are tough. Jobs are harder to find. More young people are coming home to roost.

And with divorce rates higher than ever, an increasing number of adults, many with children in tow, are returning to their parents' homes to regroup.

Bureau of Census statistics bear out the trend. In 1990, 58 percent of males from 18 to 24 lived at home, compared to 52 percent in 1960. Of males 25 to 34, 15 percent lived at home in 1990 compared to 10 percent in 1960.

Some arrangements are temporary, while young adults finish up college courses or save enough for a down payment on their own home. Others say they see no reason for living on their own when their families welcome them back.

Wendy Couey, a 23-year-old reporter for the Raeford News Journal, has lived at home since her graduation from East Carolina University.

"In college I worked very hard and made good grades, plus had part-time jobs. I just wanted to take it easy for a while after I graduated," she says.

She traveled before returning to Fayetteville. Then she took several part-time jobs, nothing too strenuous, she says.

"Then I begin to feel like it was time to get a handle on my future. I was beginning to feel like I was playing too long," she says.

For a while, she will continue to live at home with her mother and two brothers, aged 14 and 11, and make the commute to Hoke County.

"They pretty much grew up the four years I was gone. I think they like having me back at home," she says.

She takes care of some of her expenses, such as clothes and gas.

"I don't have to worry about rent or groceries," she says. "People in Raeford want me to come down there and live. But I'm enjoying this time with my family now. I could afford to live on my own, but I like having the closeness with them. I think I provide a realistic voice of reason to my brothers. I'm more of a peer. I'm not a parent."

After living in an apartment at college, she does miss having her own space.

"I miss doing things on my own schedule. When I was in college, I did what I wanted."

Part of the bargain was that she would share the cleaning, and that has been a point of contention.

"I'd rather clean on my own schedule."

As for regressing back into a little daughter role, Ms. Couey thinks she may if she's sick or stressed out.

"If something is really disturbing, I can slip back in that safety zone. It gives you an extra boost while you're trying to sort things out. I don't think I'm going to regret this time at home," she says. "A lot of my friends can't wait to cut the apron strings and take off on their careers. They see their parents once a year. But I think a lot of lessons can be learned from your family."

Steve Zema, 27, a machinist at Black and Decker, is also studying architectural design at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

"Right now living on my own would be a waste of money," says Mr. Zema.

A scholarship helps pay some of his college expenses, and he pays for the rest.

"I'm not getting married any time soon. If parents are in town, I don't see any reason to go out and pay at least $350 a month on an apartment," he says. The arrangement was his idea, but his parents readily agreed to his stay.

"We've always been a close family," says Mrs. Zema. Their daughter moved back home after a divorce.

"Steve helps out," says his mom. "He takes care of the yard. This morning I was sick and he drove me to the doctor, then did grocery shopping."

By the time he finishes school, Mr. Zema should have enough money saved to make a down payment on a house, he says.

Dr. Charles Keith, a psychiatrist with Duke University Medical Center, says having an adult child live at home can be advantageous if both can respect each other's position in life.

"But there's a natural tendency for parents to resume their parenting role, and children can slip back into their former roles. It's a very difficult thing to successfully pull off, especially for a lengthy time, say two years or more."

In many cultures, Dr. Keith points out, children never leave home until they marry. And even then, they rarely move far. But the more industrialized the culture, the less this tradition is seen, he adds.

"I'm not saying it's good or bad, but some people let this slide into a pattern of going on much too long," he says. "In my experience, some kind of dependency tie may develop after about six months to two years. Youth may be unconsciously using parents for fear of moving out on their own and avoiding financial independence."

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Irma Zema Looks At Blueprints With Her Son, Steve

Staff Photo By Dick Blount

# Staying In The SAFETY ZONE

Staff Photo By Ken Cooke

Kelly Horton, Right, Moved Back Home With Her Mother, Carolyn, To Continue College

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He sees many parents helping their children financially, by taking care of car payments, subsidizing their rent or allowing them to live at home for a set period of time. But in some cases, young adults misuse their parents, he says. "They soak off them."

This isn't to say that all young adults who still live at home are maladjusted.

"What makes it tricky is you can't tell from external relationships," he says. Coming home during periods of crisis is quite healthy, he says. Young adults may lose a job, get a divorce, drop out of college and go home to regroup.

"It's fortunate for children who have that option," he says. "They're able to take time off and work through some issues. And it may strengthen the family relationships. But in a healthy situation, it is understood as something temporary. Parents say, use our home for a base, then move on and move out."

He says the majority of young adults he has known who return home don't want to stay.

"They've been semi-independent at college and they go back home. From my experience it is a most untenable choice. Most young adults can't stay at home very long."

Kelly and Carolyn Horton seem to have worked out an amicable arrangement. But Mrs. Horton finally had to lay down the law with Kelly about the stray cats.

"I don't want any more animals. I told her when she got her own house she could have all the animals she wanted."

As Kelly Horton tells it, "It went from 'those damn cats' to 'Come here, baby' mighty fast."

Kelly graduated from Terry Sanford High School, attended Louisburg College, then returned to Fayetteville to study at FTCC. This fall, she plans to enroll at Fayetteville State University and study math.

Kelly, 23, says she doesn't plan on being a professional student. It just took her a while to decide what she wanted to do.

Her mom has no problems with that. Despite their good-natured chiding of each other, they seem almost like sisters.

"When I was young, I used to say I was going to marry David Cassidy and live in a trailer in the back yard," says Kelly.

"She's not living at home when she gets married," says her mother.

Kelly is grateful for her mother's patience.

"Some of my friends, when they turned 18, their parents told them it was time to get out. Some ended up quitting school and getting piddly jobs," she says. "I think my mom is glad I didn't run off and get married, then move back in with three kids."

# Schools, Fayetteville Tech Appeal For Money To Preserve Programs

By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

The superintendent of Cumberland County schools and the president of Fayetteville Technical Community College appealed to the county commissioners Monday night for money to preserve programs and offer pay raises to teachers.

At one point in the meeting, commissioners Chairman Billy King challenged Superintendent Larry Rowedder to explain a recent decision to replace the staff of Howard Elementary School.

The Board of Commissioners also heard requests from 12 non-government agencies, which asked to be spared from proposed budget cuts of 33 percent this year and all county funding within three years.

Dr. Rowedder explained a new budgeting process in which groups of 30 teachers and parents were used. The groups were assigned to specific budget areas, such as elementary education and transportation. They were asked to make cuts of 10 percent.

After that, the groups were asked to decide what they would do if they got a 5 percent increase, a 10 percent increase, and so on.

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The point was to shift money to make the best use of limited dollars and to develop a budget that reflected the educational plan, Dr. Rowedder said.

The plan is based on improving student performance in four areas: standardized test scores, attendance, grades and self-esteem as measured by a reduction in discipline problems and violence.

The school system's local operating budget this year was $28.4 million. The system got another $6 million other sources, including court fines and forfeitures.

County Manager Cliff Strassenburg was directed by the commissioners to cut the school system's budget by 5 percent — to $26.9 million — for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The Board of Education requested that its budget be increased to $30.9 million. The increase includes $1.5 million for the third installment of a five-year plan that the commissioners agreed to in 1990 to raise local per pupil spending closer to the state average by 1995.

Commissioner Ralph Barber asked Dr. Rowedder whether he would spend some of the school system's $3.5 million cash reserve to make up most of the difference between the $30 million budget the system is seeking and the $26 million budget that Mr. Strassenburg recommends.

Dr. Rowedder said it would be "a terrible fiscal error" to take half of the school system's savings to make up for the lack of money from the commissioners.

"It would be a terrible example of long-range planning to do that," Dr. Rowedder said.

The school system's priority that is not funded in the proposed budget is $800,000 for a 4 percent cost of living increase for locally paid teachers. The 4 percent is what state-paid teachers are expected to receive from the General Assembly.

Dr. Allen, the FTCC president, asked the commissioners for $1.3 million more than the recommended amount of $3.7 million.

About $350,000 would be needed to continue a salary enhancement plan started midway through this budget year. The plan is designed to raise faculty salaries closer to the state and national average.

Another $105,000 was requested to offer locally paid employees a 5 percent increase, although that figure could be lowered based on the raise state employees receive, Dr. Allen said. About $700,000 was requested for renovations and repairs.

During Dr. Rowedder's presentation, Mr. King, the board chairman, said the "wholesale removal" of the teachers and staff from Howard Elementary has aroused concern in the community.

"What's going on here, and is this any way to run a school system?" Mr. King asked.

Dr. Rowedder said he met with the staff at Howard Elementary last week to explain the decision before those affected heard about it indirectly.

But he said his first concern is children who are failing to achieve. Dr. Rowedder said he wants the school to have a new staff committed to changes, such as the one at the E.E. Miller Elementary School, which opened in the fall.

Sixth graders at E.E. Miller placed in the 82nd percentile in math on the California Achievement Test, he said.

If a system is demonstrated to work, he said, it should be tried in a school where students are performing poorly.

"In fairness to the kids in Massey Hill, we need to do something dramatic for the kids," he said.

Mr. King said after the meeting that the change was "insensitive" to teachers and could have been handled better.

Mr. King is a former Cumberland County representative for the N.C. Association of Educators. Most teachers are members of the group.

Outside agencies that appealed for more money were:

- The Fayetteville Area Sentencing Center — $15,000 requested, compared with the $10,000 recommended.
- The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County — $41,240 requested, compared with $27,500 recommended.
- The Cumberland County Dispute Resolution Center — $18,000 requested, compared with $8,000 recommended.
- The Olde Fayetteville Association — $15,000 requested, compared with $10,000 recommended.
- The Retired Senior Volunteer Program — $10,400 requested, compared with $6,933 recommended.
- The Sycamore Tree Senior Citizens Center — $20,000 requested, compared with $8,000 recommended.
- The Fayetteville Museum of Art — $9,500 requested, compared with $6,333 recommended.

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# Give Schools Proper Funding

Various issues being debated by the Board of County Commissioners as it attempts to complete the '92-'93 county budget and set the accompanying tax rate must seem quite obscure.

I would like to clarify my position on the necessity of adequately funding the Cumberland County Schools as well as Fayetteville Technical Community College. (It is hoped that the matter will be settled at a meeting of the commissioners tonight.)

(1) The Board of Commissioners made a moral commitment in 1990 to fund the Board of Education's five-year plan for its operating budget, beginning with Fiscal Year 1990-91 through FY 1994-95. The formula on which we concurred was based on the current year's budget, plus the local percentage match of the state's percentage increase for teacher salaries, plus $1.5 million in each of the five years.

(2) The $1.5 million in each of those years was targeted thus:

'90-'91: Staff development (i.e. continued training for teachers and principals) and system-wide office equipment.

'91-'92: Technology (computers, more computer-trained personnel).

'92-'93: Additional teacher salary enhancement.

'93-'94: Implementation of middle school component.

'94-'95: Continued teacher salary enhancement.

The additional $3 million in enhanced local support of teacher salaries would bring county teachers up to the state's mean in teacher pay by 1995.

(3) After two years of funding according to the schedule above, data collected by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction as well as by the N.C. Public School Forum indicate Cumberland County schools are meeting criteria for improving schools faster than any other system in North Carolina.

(4) The Board of Commissioners, however, instructed the county manager to prepare a '92-'93 budget reflecting a 5 percent reduction from the '91-'92 budget, to include both the county schools and FTCC. To do that, he had to cut the Board of Education's request from $30.9 million to $26.9 million — a $4 million cut from the long-range plan described above.

(5) If the Board of County Commissioners should refuse to fund the greater part of the Board of Education's request, the community will witness a significant erosion in its ability to keep and attract the most effective teachers, many of whom are enticed by the Fort Bragg school system as well as by Mecklenberg, Wake and Guilford counties. It is significant that not one teacher from the first class to graduate from the prestigious Teaching Fellows Program elected to come to Cumberland County. Our air is better than that of the counties mentioned above, but our teacher salaries aren't as yet competitive.

A failure by the Board of Commissioners to keep its moral commitment at precisely the moment at which progress is being documented would require that the Board of Education dig out $1.5 million to enhance teacher salaries from its allocation for textbooks and supplies. The latter are as necessary to the instructional program as are teachers who depend on them.

How, then, can the Board of County Commissioners meet its responsibility to appropriate the funds so critical to the effective functioning of the Cumberland County school system? Those who have studied the '91-'92 budget with its 5 percent cut know that further cuts there would inflict genuine harm to the operation of the county and to its fiscal stability.

Although the county may — emphasis, *may* — receive by year's end an estimated $2 million to $3 million unspent by county departments, it must retain a solid fund balance for a reason that has not been mentioned in any public discussion: the projected bond referendum for capital needs of the county.

The Board of County Commissioners must cement its plans for that referendum no later than July. If the fund balance is not in excellent condition, bond raters will low-rate our bonds accordingly. For that reason, the Board of Commissioners must take care in how it touches the fund balance at this precise moment.

If, then, the fund balance is not a possible source of funds, and if the critical operating needs of FTCC ($652,000) have yet to be funded, as well as those of the county schools ($3.5 million), the Board of Commissioners should favorably consider:

(1) Asking the Board of Education to fund $1 million from its fund balance.

(2) Raising the tax rate above 72.5 by 4.3 cents, totaling 76.8. The rate increase would be allocated for education in this county as follows:

- A 3.4-cent increase for the Cumberland County schools to cover $2.5 million funding.
- 0.9 cents for Fayetteville Technical Community College's critical need of $652,000.

A 76.8-cent tax rate would allow Cumberland County to meet its educational responsibilities. A failure to do this would, in all likelihood, mean that commissioners next year will duck fiscal responsibilities in a manner reminiscent of the U.S. Congress.

Please ask commissioners to act in a fiscally responsible manner when they meet at the courthouse tonight at 6:30.

ROLLIN SHAW
Fayetteville

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Shaw is a member of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners.*

# County Tax Increase Chances Diminish

By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

The possibility of an increase in the county tax rate was all but eliminated Wednesday night when Commissioner Johnnie Evans refused to respond to appeals from three commissioners to vote with them for an increase.

The board voted on two budget proposals, but failed to reach an agreement. Commissioner Ralph Barber was absent from the meeting.

Throughout the meeting, commissioners Rollin Shaw, Billy King and Thomas Bacote tried to coax Mr. Evans into accepting a higher tax rate. At the very least, the three commissioners wanted to get a 3-cent increase that would have enabled the county to offer more money to county schools and Fayetteville Technical Community College.

"It's time to fish or cut the bait," Mr. King, the board chairman, said at one point in the meeting.

Mr. Evans refused to nibble on the tax hook.

"I just don't think the citizens of Cumberland County want a tax increase," Mr. Evans said. "I personally don't want a tax increase."

Mr. Evans, who owns about 1,000 acres of farmland, said raising the tax rate would cost him about $500 in higher taxes. He said he would rather donate that much money to the schools than raise everybody's taxes.

With Mr. Evans' position clarified, it appears unlikely that the tax rate will rise above the current 72.5 cents per $100 valuation.

Mr. Barber and Sherrell Riddle are against increasing the tax rate, and have attempted to persuade the board to lower the rate because of this year's property revaluation.

Mrs. Gonzalez has said she will not raise the tax rate because of the revaluation.

Mr. Evans said he does not think the education of a single child will be sacrificed by his refusal to give schools more money. If he did, he said, he would raise the rate.

But he said the school board has $3.5 million in its cash reserve that can be used to support its programs.

Mr. King began the meeting with an appeal for a budget that would increase the tax rate by 7.5 cents — to 80 cents per $100 valuation.

The 7.5 cents would generate about $5.4 million. With the extra money, Mr. King wanted to offer:

- Schools $2 million more than the $26.9 million already in the budget, or about half a million more than the school system received this school year.
- $350,000 to increase faculty salaries at Fayette-

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ville Technical Community College.

- $734,000 for a 21-member strike force for the sheriff's department and another $262,500 for patrol cars for the unit.
- $106,000 for electronic bracelets for a home-confinement program that has been in place since February to ease jail crowding.
- $1.4 million to offer a 3 percent pay increase to county employees.
- $175,000 to provide around-the-clock psychiatric care at the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center emergency room.
- $66,500 to reimburse Cape Fear Valley for providing psychiatric care to patients.
- $111,000 to eliminate the 33 percent funding cuts to outside agencies.
- $115,000 for libraries to prevent the loss of about $500,000 in state and federal money.

Mr. King's proposal would also have funded $595,000 worth of needs that the county staff has identified within the past week.

The board deadlocked on Mr. King's proposal. Thomas Bacote and Rollin Shaw joined Mr. King in voting for it, while Mr. Evans, Mr. Riddle and Mrs. Gonzalez voted against.

Mr. Evans then made a motion that the board adopt a budget that does not call for a tax increase yet includes all of the items in Mr. King's proposal except the $2 million to schools and the $350,000 to FTCC.

This budget would have been supported by spending more money from the county's cash reserve. County Manager Cliff Strassenburg told the commissioners that there may be as much as $3 million more in the cash reserve than previously estimated.

Under Mr. Evans' motion, more money would have been offered to FTCC and the school system at mid-year if the cash reserve was large enough.

The motion was defeated by a vote of 4 to 2, with Mr. Evans and Mr. Riddle voting in favor.

At the end of the meeting, Mrs. Shaw told Mr. Evans that she thinks he does not want to raise the tax rate because he is afraid of offending his friends and supporters.

"It's fear, Johnnie," Mrs. Shaw told him. "What it amounts to, Johnnie, is we are afraid to tell the people of Cumberland County the truth" about the need to raise taxes.

Mr. Evans hesitated before responding, then said, "I think we're beating a dead horse" and called for the meeting to end.

The board will hold another budget session at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, an hour before the start of its regularly scheduled meeting. A budget must be approved before the next fiscal year starts July 1.

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# Tax Rate Stays Same In County

By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

Cumberland County's tax rate will remain unchanged.

The Board of Commissioners voted 4 to 3 Monday night to adopt a $130.4 million operating budget that keeps the tax rate at 72.5 cents per $100 valuation.

The budget includes:

- $1.5 million that will be placed in a special fund and earmarked to increasing local pay supplements to public school teachers.
- $734,000 for a 21-member strike force for the sheriff's department and $262,500 for 21 cars for the unit.
- *$350,000 to increase faculty salaries at Fayetteville Technical Community College and another $63,000 to offer FTCC workers a 3 percent cost-of-living increase.

Commissioner Johnnie Evans made the motion to keep the same tax rate and to use the cash reserve to fund $5.3 million worth of needs not included in a $125 million budget proposal by County Manager Cliff Strassenburg. Most departments will still be cut 5 percent, including the school system.

Voting with Mr. Evans were Juanita Gonzalez, Ralph Barber and Sherrell Riddle. Voting against were Billy King, the board chairman, Rollin Shaw and Thomas Bacote.

"I would much rather dip into the (cash reserve) a little more than we would like to than raise taxes," Mr. Evans said.

Even though the tax rate will stay the same, most property owners will see their taxes rise because the recent revaluation caused most property values to increase.

For example, the owner of a $75,000 house that increased in value by $10,000 will now pay $616.25 a year, or $72.50 more.

Mrs. Gonzalez argued that raising the tax rate during a revaluation year would doom a bond referendum that commissioners are considering for November.

"If we raise people's taxes, we can forget about a bond issue," she said.

Mrs. Shaw, Mr. King and Mr. Bacote said the board must stop dipping into its cash reserve to avoid raising the tax rate. Mrs. Shaw said the Local Government Commission expects county governments to maintain a cash reserve of 8 percent of its budget.

Mrs. Shaw warned that the Local Government Commission, which controls the issuance of government bonds, could give the county an unfavorable bond rating because of the low reserve. A poor rating would result in higher interest rates on the bonds and more money from taxpayers.

Mr. Strassenburg said taking $6.37 million from the reserve is expected to leave about $8.21 million in the fund, or slightly more than 6 percent of the budget.

Mr. King said the needs that will be funded include everything he had proposed except for another $500,000 for county schools.

"The part that gives me heartburn is the funding," Mr. King said. "This is a little bit dicey funding. I hope it does not come back to haunt us."

Mr. Bacote said, "All we do is run to the fund balance and we need to stop doing this."

Other so-called "critical needs" that were not in Mr. Strassenburg's proposed budget that are in the adopted budget include:

- $1.44 million to give county employees a 3 percent cost-of-

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living increase.

- $105,930 for electronic bracelets for a home confinement program.
- $61,970 for protective supplies and clothing for county Health Department workers.
- $175,000 for around-the-clock psychiatric coverage at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.
- $66,520 to pay Cape Fear Valley for psychiatric coverage offered to patients.
- $115,448 to libraries, which exempts them from the 5 percent local cut and preserves state and federal funding. ● $111,045 to eliminate the 33 percent cuts to outside agencies that was recommended by Mr. Strassenburg.
- $225,000 for the county's share of the costs for a National Guard Armory and $160,000 to extend water and sewer lines to the site.
- $37,500 for a drive-in window for the Clerk of Courts office.
- $75,000 to hire a consultant to see if county buildings are accessible to the handicapped as required under federal law.
- $60,000 to fire districts for innoculations. The school system will get about $100,000 more than the $28.4 million received this year. That is about $2.5 million less than schools had been promised under an agreement with commissioners in 1990 to provide an additional $1.5 million a year for five years to raise per-pupil spending closer to the state average.

Later in the meeting, the board voted to increase annual landfill fees from $25 to $29, which is $3 less than what Mr. Strassenburg had proposed.

Mr. Evans made the motion that passed 6 to 1, with Mrs. Shaw voting no.

The motion came after Mrs. Gonzalez made a motion that passed 4 to 3 to keep the fee from going up to $32.

It was supported by Mr. Barber, Mr. Evans and Mr. Riddle. Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Bacote and Mr. King voted against. Mrs. Gonzalez said she did not think the fees should be raised during a revaluation year.

Larry Carter, the landfill director, said the higher fees are needed to set up a depreciation account to replace aging equipment and to set aside a fund as required by federal law to close the landfill following federal standards.

## *Angry Mother*

A killdeer spreads its wings and tail in a display of aggression as Observer-Times staff photographer Johnny Horne gets close enough to the bird's nest to cause alarm. The nest is under a large oak tree on the Fayetteville Technical Community College campus.

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'The Dye Shell' By Photographer James Carter

# Artists Emergent

## Show Highlights Grant Winners

*A Review*
**By Vicki Hyman**
Staff Writer

Her slight Scottish accent makes it sound like sculptor Janet Bezzant said that people find her work "odd."

What Ms. Bezzant really said was that people tend to be "awed" by her sculptures — but odd also works, she said with a laugh.

And she's right — her works are visual journeys that challenge the mind as well as the senses. Several of Ms. Bezzant's intriguing pieces are on display at The Arts Center as part of the Emerging Artist exhibit presented by The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County.

Ms. Bezzant is one of nine winners in the Emerging Artists program, which recognizes local talent and provides them with funds to help launch professional careers, said program coordinator Lise Glazier.

A full-time artist and part-time art teacher, Ms. Bezzant, 34, used her grant money for papermaking equipment and materials, she said at the opening reception of the show June 26.

Ms. Bezzant said that the sculptures on display are part of a larger work, but the three main figures at the exhibit, "Snake Lady," "Guardian" and "Roosterman" were enough to show off her talent.

Three poles, arranged into a cone, hold aloft the twisting and arching Snake Lady, made of coiled wire covered with dark gray paper. Ms. Bezzant sprayed handmade paper pulp onto the figure's contorted frame, giving it a slightly grainy, uneven texture. The Snake Lady, from her coiled tail to her pointed head and crossed arms, is decorated with colored markings — dyed pulp she sprayed on in spirals, crosses and diamonds.

Surrounding the sculpture on the floor is a symbolic moat — plastic bags filled with water dyed every shade between violet and emerald green. All the colors of the moat are captured in a solitary egg, set on a forked, arched branch beneath the Snake Lady.

The two other figures are also covered with the same dark paper and similar markings. The Guardian, a dog, stands between the Snake Lady and the Roosterman, his hind legs inside the moat. The Roosterman, his arms attached to two cone-shaped pillars, faces the Snake Lady. A wire frame encases him and secures wings, laden with paper feathers, onto his back. He, too, has eggs to protect, piled into a wire satchel attached to his armor.

In these works, Ms. Bezzant said that she is exploring the ideas of protection and defense. All the figures could be perceived as attacking or protecting, and it is this ambiguity that makes her work so interesting.

This is the first year Ms. Bezzant, a Robeson County resident, is eligible for the grant program. Because it is funded with a matching grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, the program was open to seven neighboring counties for the first time, Mrs. Glazier said.

Additional support was provided by Cumberland County and the Florence Rogers Charitable Trust. Seven thousand dollars in grants were given out by the Arts Council, and winners represented three counties: Cumberland, Moore and Robeson.

The artists went through a rigorous selection process. Because the intent of the program is that the grants be used to advance the artists' careers, the applications were written with a specific project in mind. Selection criteria also included: overall excellence of work and demonstration of exceptional talent; serious professional commitment; and proof of positive efforts toward financial independence (such as exhibitions, published works or public performance).

Each artist's application was sent to judges around the region, who rated and ranked them. Then a four-member panel considered the applications, especially those ranked highest by the judges. But they didn't limit themselves to those, Mrs. Glazier said. "Some projects just caught our eye."

This is one of the few, if any, grant programs in the region that gives funds directly to the artist, not to an institution. "We give money to institutions to better resources. We give to artists to hone their crafts, to

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Staff Photos By Johnny Horne

Sculptor Janet Bezzant Was One Of Nine Winners Of Emerging Artists Grants

Grant Winner Merle Prewitt's Oil Painting 'Violet'



## Artist

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enhance their talents," Mrs. Glazier said.

Typical grant awards may cover the following: production of a demonstration tape or video, portfolio expansion, attendance at workshops or seminars, purchase of supplies and materials, or rental of facilities for presentation of a new work.

Merle Prewitt's colored pencils, watercolors and oils displayed her talent for vivid floral studies. Her grant went toward the purchase of a projector and macro lens for her miniature style of painting. Metalsmith Deborah Musika, who creates elegant openwork baskets and bowls, received a grant to expand her studio equipment.

Ray Carpenter's grant paid for woodworking tools and materials — his wooden vases, bowls and boxes were intricately crafted, smooth and innovative in design. Photographer James Carter, who bought a color enlarger with his grant, showed off his imaginative technique and talent for capturing dazzling color.

The four other winners were in the performing arts: Composer David Guy's grant paid for the recording of eight of his original music compositions, and Michael Rice used his grant for inventory and development of promotional materials for his puppetry work, which was on display at the exhibit.

Bea Barfield is using her grant money to expand and revise the novella she is writing for teen-agers. She read from the novella, titled "Jen," at the reception.

Actor Holden Hansen also performed at the opening, admirably acting out all the roles in the story "Wylie And The Hairyman." His grant covered the cost of acting classes and a videotape of a compilation of his stage and television work, and defrayed his living expenses while working with Charlotte Repertory Theatre Company.

The winning visual artists have their works displayed in The Art Center's Gallery East through Aug. 2. Also on display until Aug. 2 are two other exhibits at The Arts Center: The All Army Worldwide Art Competition in the Gallery West, which includes 14 Fort Bragg/Fayetteville winners from the 36 prizes given; and Children's Work: A Different Perspective in the Lower Level Gallery, which features the work of 9-year-old Shikery Fadel and 10-year-old Kyle Edwards, both students of Robyn Gahr, a local artist.



## FTCC Funding To United Way Up 30 Percent

Shying from competition helped the United Way of Cumberland County raise nearly 30 percent more from Fayetteville Technical Community College this year.

The United Way's employee fund-raising campaign raised $5,638 from the college this month, said Barbara Copeland, director of communications and marketing for FTCC.

The campaign was previously held in the fall and had to compete with the college's Foundation Drive, which solicits donations for FTCC scholarships, she said.

Mrs. Copeland said she thought spreading the fund-raisers out would help the United Way and the college raise more money.

"It should be able to keep them out of each other's way," she said.

FTCC employees were allowed to donate by payroll deduction for the first time this year, said Anne Nimocks, head of the United Way of Cumberland County. Payroll deductions allow contributors to pledge an amount and have a fraction of their pledge deducted from their paychecks throughout the year.

"They can give a larger gift with payroll deductions than if they had to give cash all at one time," she said.

Mrs. Nimocks said she hopes the success of the FTCC campaign will encourage employees at other businesses to contribute when United Way campaigns are held at their offices in the fall.

"Eighty-seven percent of our money comes from employees in the workplace," she said.

Contributions from retirees and corporate gifts comprise the rest of United Way's budget, she said.

Money collected during the campaign is distributed among United Way agencies. Groups like the American Red Cross, the Boys Club and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America benefit from campaign contributions.

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**Q: Are there any grants or scholarships available for someone going to nursing school? K.B., Fayetteville**

A: Yes, there are numerous grants and scholarships available for potential nurses, according to Kathy Weeks,

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chairman of the Nursing Department at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Besides the standard scholarships that are available for all students, North Carolina has a scholarship/loan program for nursing students who will work in the state after graduation. The Fayetteville Ambulatory Surgery Center, Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital also have scholarship programs for nursing students.

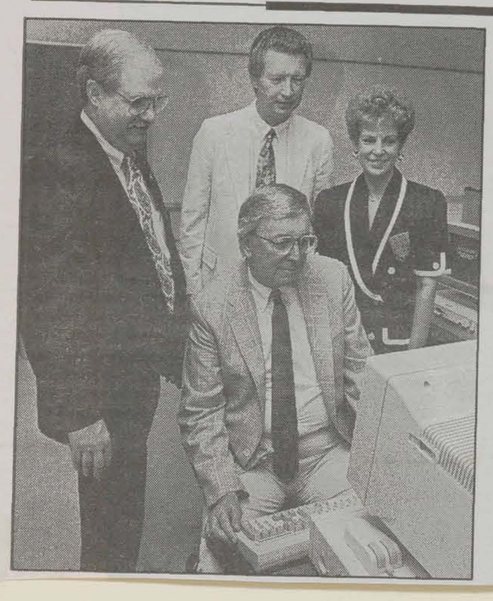
Some other hospitals in the area have similar scholarships for nursing programs. Some of the scholarships must be repaid if the recipient does not work at the place granting the scholarship after graduation.

More information about the scholarships is available from the FTCC's financial aid office. The phone number is 678-8242.

Some other hospitals and community colleges in the Cape Fear region also have scholarship agreements. Prospective students can get the details at their respective community college's financial aid office.



# For The Community



## FTCC Receives $7,500 Computer System For Its Insurance Department

**The insurance program at Fayetteville Technical Community College has received a $7,500 state-of-the-art computer system donated by the Southeastern North Carolina Chapter of Chartered Life Underwriters/Chartered Financial Consultants. The computer, which will be used in the college's Insurance Department in Cumberland Hall, will be used to facilitate record keeping, pre-licensing, and other administrative needs of the insurance program. Pictured from left are: Jim Pigotte, president of CLU/ChFC; Dr. Craig Allen, president of FTCC; and Sara Robers, CLU/ChFC president-elect. Seated is John Warner, chairman of the insurance Department at FTCC.**

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# Senate Drops College Bond Push

By Mark Stinneford
Raleigh Bureau

RALEIGH — The state Senate on Thursday dropped its push for a university and community college bond package, putting off until at least next year about $20 million for projects in the Cape Fear region.

Facing strong opposition to the $398 million bond referendum package in the House, the Senate pulled the plug on the bill after university system President C.D. Spangler met with Senate Democrats. Mr. Spangler thanked the Senate for its fortitude but said to prolong the legislative session further could harm system relations with the General Assembly.

"He felt it was better if we would do something we did when we lost a football game at Carolina: Wait until next year," said Senate President Pro Tem Henson Barnes.

The bond dispute was among the last issues holding up adjournment of a legislative short session that leaders had hoped would be done by early July. The Senate had insisted that the bonds could not wait, while the House said it would be imprudent to issue bonds without knowing where the money would come from to pay for them.

"I think we had reached the point of no return," said state Sen. Lura Tally, a Fayetteville Democrat. "We couldn't have accomplished anything by staying on at this point. It would have been very difficult to convince the leadership of the House that this bill is needed."

The university portion of the bond package contained $5.8 million for an administration building at Pembroke State University. School officials are seeking the building to free up space in the existing administration building to add classrooms and expand the library. The bill also contained $8.7 million for a health and physical education building for Fayetteville State University. But both the Senate and House have agreed to pay for the building directly in a state construction bill.

But differences in House and Senate versions of that construction bill is the major issue that must be resolved before the General Assembly adjourns.

The bond bill also contained more than $12 million for region community college projects, including: $480,000 for an allied health building for Bladen Community Col-

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## Bonds

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lege; $2 million for a classroom-laboratory building for Central Carolina Community College; $2.3 million for a literacy and continuing education building at Fayetteville Technical Community College; $702,000 for emergency training grounds for Robeson Community College; $2.3 million for a multipurpose building for Sampson Community College; $2.3 million for a continuing education center and classrooms for Sandhills Community College; and $2.3 million for unspecified construction for Southeastern Community College.

The House proposed appointing a study committee to look into state building needs and report back at next year's session of the General Assembly. But the Senate refused to take up the bill. Mr. Barnes said the study would usurp the traditional role of the university system Board of Governors.

House Speaker Dan Blue said the House would take up the study on its own.

He said of the Senate decision to drop the bonds: "It's an indication that reasonable people can agree to a reasonable solution. I think that it will put us in a position where we can see there's no valid reason for not move rapidly toward adjourning."

Mr. Barnes, who once vowed it would be a cold day before the Senate would give up on bonds, kept his sense of humor when he called the Thursday session to a close.

"Since the snows are falling upon this building, I move we adjourn," Mr. Barnes said.

# Bond Vote Approved By County

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By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

Cumberland County voters will be asked in November to approve nearly $50 million in bonds for county projects, with each project voted on separately, the Board of Commissioners decided Monday.

The projects and the amount of bonds are:

- $30 million in water and sewer bonds for residents of a proposed special service district. Only residents of the district could vote on the bonds, and only those residents would repay them.

The total cost of the water and sewer projects would be $62.7 million. A "revolving fund" for the projects would be replenished with a combination of the bonds, a property tax increase of 5.3 cents per $100 valuation and special assessments.

- $11.4 million for five branch libraries: Raleigh Road, East Fayetteville, North Pamalee, Spring Lake and Stedman.
- $5 million for an adult literacy and education building to replace the Ramsey Street school now under lease by Fayetteville Technical Community College, along with $711,000 for renovations and repairs of existing FTCC buildings.
- $1 million to add courtrooms and office space on the fourth floor of the courthouse, which has been an unfinished shell since the building opened in the 1970s.
- $1.65 million for a building at the county industrial park that would be offered for sale to a prospective industry to create jobs.

The commissioners unanimously approved the five projects and the decision to allow voters to consider the projects separately. Commissioner Sherrell Riddle was absent.

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## Commissioners

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Board Chairman Billy King said he called the special meeting to give the commissioners ample time to study the merits of the projects, and weigh the expected benefits against the projected costs.

But other commissioners, particularly Ralph Barber and Thomas Bacote, said they are eager to move forward with projects that they say are needed to raise the quality of life and extend basic services throughout the county.

"It's time to make a decision," Mr. Barber said.

Mr. Bacote, who made the motion to approve the projects, said, "I don't think we need to fool around with things that we know are a necessity. It is high time we get into some long-range planning and quit running this county out of our hip pockets as we have been doing."

Commissioner Juanita Gonzalez stressed that residents must be told of the tax burden should they approve the projects, which she agrees are necessary.

Bonds are among the cheapest ways to finance the projects, but they cannot be issued without voter approval because repayment comes from property taxes. That means taxes would either have to increase or the budget would have to be cut to repay the bonds.

The tax rate is currently 72.5 cents per $100 valuation. Each penny increase would generate about $734,000.

County Manager Cliff Strassenburg gave the commissioners figures showing the amount of taxes that would be needed should the board decide to repay the bonds without cutting the budget.

If all of the projects were approved, voters living in the special water and sewer district would see a tax increase of about 9 cents. Taxes for people living outside of the district would increase by 3.14 cents.

The special district would exclude Fayetteville, all towns and subdivisions in unincorporated areas that already have some combination of water and sewer, or the possibility of getting it because of their closeness to existing lines.

The total cost for sewer projects is about $30 million. For water it is about $32 million. The 10 neighborhoods that would get sewer service are: Lafayette Village, Ashton Forest, Morganton Place, Murray Fork, Summerhill, Cottonade, Bonnie Doone, Drake Park, Evergreen Estates and Eureka Springs.

The water lines would be extended beyond developed areas of the county, including some communities east of the Cape Fear River.

Last week, the commissioners decided to seek alternate funding for the proposed Social Services building and to continue studying the possibility of building a 624-bed jail. Recent studies estimated the cost of a new jail at $22 million, while the Social Services building was estimated to cost $16 million to $18 million.

Mr. Strassenburg said those two projects must be done, and the tax rate will have to increase.

Regarding FTCC, President Craig Allen said at a board of trustees meeting earlier Monday that the college is in critical need of the education center to deal with increased enrollment and lack of classroom space.

The center would add 71,500 square feet of space to the college, including 17 special instructional areas, six laboratory and workshop areas and 31 general-purpose classrooms.

The center would also centralize FTCC's Continuing Education program, as well as provide classroom space for literacy education, general equivalency diploma classes and basic skills courses.

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# FTCC, Chamber To Co-Sponsor Management Training Program

A management-training program designed for people interested in developing supervisory skills will be offered by Fayetteville Technical Community College this fall. The Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce is a co-sponsor.

The program, administered by the American Management Association of Watertown, Mass., will consist of training in supervisory skills, evaluating performance, team management to boost production and conflict resolution.

Those completing the course will receive a certificate in management.

"This program offers the business community an effective means of encouraging their employees to enhance job performance and to increase opportunities for career advancement," A.B. Bryant, chamber president, said Tuesday while introducing the program.

The three-hour sessions will be held once a week for seven weeks in the Center for Business and Industry. The fee is $100 per course.

"The key to remaining competitive is a well-trained work force," said Dr. Craig Allen, president of FTCC, "and this program allows local managers to sharpen their skills."

Sharmon Herring, FTCC coordinator of business service, said more than 120 colleges and universities are participating in the program.

The classes start Sept. 15. Topics offered this fall are first-line supervision, conducting performance appraisals, building high-performance teams and conflict resolution.

FTCC has more than 60 programs that participants can select from in designing their courses. To be offered during next winter are leadership skills for executives, business writing skills, time management and fundamentals of finance and accounting.

More details are available from Ms. Herring at FTCC, 678-8462.

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## Duke Reappointed To FTCC Board

William C. Duke of Fayetteville has been reappointed to the Fayetteville Technical Community College Board of Trustees.

Gov. Jim Martin made the reappointment, and Mr. Duke will serve until June 1996.

Mr. Duke is retired from the military and from teaching finance and management at Methodist College.

He received his bachelor's degree in science and math from Rutgers University in 1954, his master's degree in public law and government from Columbia University in 1962, his doctorate in Soviet studies from Columbia University in 1966, and his master's degree in business administration from Campbell University is 1980.

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# *Help 'Lost Souls' — Get A Map*

It seems that each and every referral service for human and legal services in the county sends its cases to us for the following reasons:

- Cumberland is part of our name on the marquee in front of our building.
- Our doors are open, and we are friendly.
- We are in a brick building.

Some days we have up to five lost souls looking for that "organization" that can help them "downtown." After we quiz our unexpected visitors, we generally find out that the services they need are offered in the brick building on the "other side" of the post office or somewhere else downtown, but not at 310 Green St.

Therefore, I urge that every federal, state, county, and city agency obtain a map of the downtown area and give their clients a real address (not "downtown across from the post office") and a contact name.

I put the burden of responsibility as much on the providers as the clients. I know people don't listen carefully, but if the person guiding them is not knowledgeable it does not help.

Present organizations sharing in our two buildings are: Association of Retarded Citizens, Better Health of Cumberland County, Children's Home Society, Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, Cumberland Community Foundation, Cumberland County PTA/LEAP Council, E.E. Smith Alumni Association, Fayetteville Area Sentencing Center, FTCC/Literacy Program, Junior League, Mental Health Association, Teen Involvement Projects Inc., and no one else.

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## Local Students Receive $1,000 Scholarships

**Mercedes Harris, a student at Methodist College, Julia Herrera, a student at Fayetteville Technical Community College, Sherrie Clark and Suzanna Vann, both students at Fayetteville State University, were recipients of scholarships presented by Networth, a professional women's group. The scholarships are valued at $1,000 each. Not pictured is Cathy Johnson.**

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# Community Colleges Scramble As Enrollment Climbs By 6,000

A Staff And Wire Report

Some North Carolina community colleges are scrambling to hire more instructors and shuffle class schedules as thousands of people seek refuge from the shrinking job market and rising university tuitions.

The number of people seeking diplomas from the system's 58 schools is up about 6,000 from last year, said Mark Van Sciver of the state Department of Community Colleges.

Just a week into the sign-up period at Wake Technical Community College, nearly 5,000 people have registered for classes, said Robert L. Brown, vice president for student services. That's up 40 percent from this time last year.

All medical courses are full. The nursing program, which has a long waiting list, has stopped taking applications.

"I will still have to turn away about 1,000 to 2,000 people," Mr. Brown said. "This year, we just won't be able to handle them. When we fill all the classes and hire all the faculty we can hire, that's going to be it."

Mr. Brown said some changes will have to be made to handle the crowd, including extending the school day.

Because tuition at community colleges is less than four-year institutions, the local schools are an attractive option for many.

"Every time there is recession, people turn to education that is affordable to either upgrade their skills or learn totally new skills," said Lou Russell, spokesman for Durham Technical Community College.

Dr. Craig Allen, president of Fayetteville Technical Community College, said the school is getting ready for an influx of students this fall.

"We certainly anticipate a significant increase next year," he said, adding that more problems are expected because of limited funding.

Dr. Allen said the greatest demand at FTCC is for computer classes.

At Alamance Community College in Graham, where many Orange County residents attend classes, student enrollment rose 10 percent in the past year, said Frank Rhodes, director of student services. He said it's part of a trend.

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# Law Enforcement Grads From FTCC Praised By Official

## 'It's An Achievement,' Pugh Says

By John Manuel
Staff Writer

One of the state's top law-enforcement officials commended the 30 graduates of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy on Wednesday during a commencement ceremony at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

"A degree from this academy means something," said Alan Pugh, secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. "It's an achievement you should all be proud of."

Mr. Pugh brought greetings from Gov. Jim Martin and complimented the graduates on choosing a law enforcement career.

"Young people now more than ever need to be able to look up to those who wear the badge," he said. "Your job is to continue what the Founding Fathers wrote over 200 years ago: preserve domestic tranquility and establish justice."

Lawmen from around the Cape Fear region attended the ceremony, including Fayetteville police Chief Ron Hansen, Hope Mills Chief John Hodges, Cumberland County Sheriff Morris Bedsole, Harnett County Sheriff Lewis Rosser and Moore County Sheriff James Wise.

Mr. Pugh, a longtime advisor to Gov. Martin, replaced Joe Dean as secretary in June.

After the ceremony, Mr. Pugh said that while the number of people seeking a career in law enforcement is increasing, more officers are needed each year because of the rising crime rate.

He talked about what he said are the chief accomplishments of the Martin administration in the law enforcement area, such as improvements in the Highway Patrol and National Guard.

"We're proud that we've taken some of the politics out of the Highway Patrol," he said. "Complaints against (them) are down 40 percent, the arrests made per officer are up 30 percent, and we've gotten the legislature to increase the number of patrolmen.

"And our National Guard is regarded as one of the top, if not the best, unit in the country, and we're very proud of that."

Sean Patrick Reads One Of His Stories To His Class At Fayetteville Technical Community College

Staff Photo By Cindy Burnham

# A Gift Of Blarney

## Irish Background Inspires Fayetteville Writer's Work

By Melissa Clement
Staff Writer

Sean Patrick is reading one of his stories to a creative writing class. He holds the manuscript in his left hand while waving his right hand wildly through the air, flexing his hand as if it were made of rubber. His voice changes with the characters and often takes on an Irish brogue.

He is reading from his first book, "Patrick's Corner," published this spring by Pelican Books, which the book jacket likens to an Irish Catholic, city version of "The Waltons."

The idea for the book came from a short story about growing up that Mr. Patrick wrote for The Fayetteville Times Saturday Extra section in 1986.

"I bought a computer and just started writing for myself. When I realized the Saturday Extra would print my stories, I submitted them and really got a kick out of seeing my byline. I would write for nothing, just to see my byline."

Since then he has seen more than a half million words published under his byline. He has written 62 monthly columns for Catholic Digest centered around his boyhood memories.

"Growing up poor but proud in the '40s" is how he describes "Patrick's Corner." It is a series of short vignettes about his own family. Born shortly before his father's death, Mr. Patrick was the "gasoon," or baby of the family.

The Patrick family consisted of a widowed mother, born in Ireland, and her six sons. They lived in a two-bedroom apartment in a tenement district in Cleveland. His mother eked out a meager living by working as a housekeeper. The boys shined shoes, hawked newspapers and cleaned the corner poultry shop after school to help out and to have a little money to "jingle in their pockets."

"Patrick's Corner" refers to the street corner where all six boys launched their "associate breadwinner" careers, first with a shoe shine box and then with newspapers and brooms, passing down jobs from one to another.

The stories are not merely memories but make a fable-like point. When his favorite uncle is killed in a drunken bar fight, young Patrick learns the perils of hero worship.

*"Sean-boy, Uncle Sean got killed in a bar fight. He was crazy and tried to hurt another man very badly. The bar owner had to shoot him.*

*I gasped. No heroic death trying to save lives in battered and wrecked railroad cars lying half in a river!*

*It was 'the weakness' that killed him, Sean. He was a fine, fine man when he didn't drink. A fine,fine man!*

*I jumped up and threw myself at Tommy, arms flailing the air and small fists bouncing off the broad chest of my oldest brother....*

*Instead of hitting me back, Tommy held my head in both his hands and kissed me on the forehead like Uncle Sean used to do.*

*Oh, me poor, poor boy-o Sean-boy, it'll be alright, baby brother. It'll be alright."*

One story describes the trauma of being arrested for shoplifting, but there is always the salve of family love to soothe the pains of adolescence.

There are the stories of boyish pranks, such as tacking a hated nun's veil to the back of her chair so that it was pulled off when she stood up. In another story a chicken is released in the auditorium of the Christian Brothers at Holy Redeemer High School, known as "The Holy Moley."

Mr. Patrick has used his gift for blarney to produce a second book to be released first of next year. "Kingdom of the Flies" is based on William Golding's "Lord of the Flies," published in 1954.

The book deals with man's struggle to survive on a deserted island. It pits the macho Jack and his hunters against the more ethical Ralph as they wait to be rescued from their primitive environment.

Editor Tim Gould of Amereon House in Mattituck, New York, who is publishing the book, says "it is about growing up and making choices — choosing which path to take, good or evil."

"Golding's premise in 'Lord of the Flies' is that if all restraints of society are removed, man will become evil or fall to his base level," Mr. Gould said. "Sean's philosophy is the opposite. He believes that in the end, man will overcome evil and do what is right and moral."

The book has universal appeal, he said. "It stands on its own and deals with different characters and age groups so that it does not infringe on the copyright of Golding's work.

Mr. Patrick, a Fayetteville resident for 16 years, teaches creative writing for Fayetteville Technical Community College at Terry Sanford High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights. He also works for The Radio Shack in Eutaw Shopping Center.

The 54-year-old author received a degree in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame and graduate degrees in human behavior in LeMans, France.

A self-professed "jack of all trades," he has worked as a policeman, a professor of criminal justice, the director of a corrections program at the North Carolina Justice Academy and as the director of a group home for problem teen-agers.

Mr. Patrick and Patricia, whom he calls "my first and only wife," have a daughter who is a nurse in a burn center in Chapel Hill. Mrs. Patrick teaches mentally handicapped adults at FTCC. The couple has cared for

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## Patrick

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more than 22 foster children over the last 20 years.

Every morning before work, Mr. Patrick secrets himself away to a room filled with computers, reference books and tapes and writes for several hours.

He also tries to answer the daily letters that come in from readers of his articles in the Catholic Digest, circulation 600,000, and other family periodicals. He is especially proud of one personal letter from Pope John Paul II and two from Barbara Bush.

"My agenda is nostalgia about the old days when families were the core of existence. I wonder what happened to society," he said.

He says he is glad to see the passing of the "yuppie, me-generation" and believes that people are beginning to return to a more compassionate life-style.

He is hard at work on "The Night of the Zoo Croo" set in a military academy in the Smoky Mountains. In the story a group of cadets conspire to avenge the murder of a classmate.

"Writing is just hard work," Mr. Patrick said. "You write once and you rewrite a hundred times. I ask my students if they have the guts to stick with it. And you also have to be thick skinned when it comes to criticism from others, and you have to be constantly self-critical."

"Someday I will become a good writer. The more I have published, the harder I am on myself."

## Education Notes

Fayetteville Technical Community College named Fayetteville lawyer Tony Rand as its representative on North Carolinians for Community Colleges, a grass-roots support group for the state's two-year colleges.

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Methodist College and Pembroke State University is now holding registration for its fall music classes for young children.

PSU offers Kindermusik for 4- and 5-year olds. For information, call 1-919-521-6230. Methodist holds Kindermusik, First Music, Suzuki Strings and private lessons. For information, call 630-7103.

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Southeastern Community College is offering two $200 scholarships for a foreign travel and study course called Our British Heritage this fall. Only SCC students and Columbus County high school students are eligible for the awards. To apply, call Annette Powell at 1-919-642-7141.

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Several Cumberland County schools will hold open houses this week for new students and their parents. The open houses are: Westover High School, Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Howard Elementary School, Thursday at 1 p.m.; Glendale Acres Elementary School, Monday at 5:30 p.m.; Elizabeth M. Cashwell Elementary School, Monday at 5:30 p.m.; Pine Forest High School, Monday at 7:30 p.m.; and E.E. Smith High School, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.

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Pembroke State University will register students for evening college classes Aug. 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the registrar's office in Sampson Hall Administration Building. Fall evening classes will run from Aug. 27 to Dec. 10. For information, call 1-919-521-6367. PSU also will hold its freshman orientation from Sunday through Tuesday.

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Southeastern Community College will register students for fall curriculum classes on Sept. 1 and 2 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the A-Building. For information, call 1-919-642-7141.

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Fayetteville State University's Fort Bragg-Pope Air Force Base Center is registering students now for evening and weekend classes. For information, call 497-9111.

## Health Foundation Supports The Community

**The Health Education Foundation of Cumberland County has awarded $10,000 in grants in Cumberland County during 1992. The grants went to Friends of the Cancer Center, The 'Be Alert, Don't Get Hurt' head and spinal cord injury prevention program, nursing scholarships at Fayetteville Technical Community College and most recently, a check for $5,250 to the Hospital Hospitality House of Fayetteville. Judy Rochman, second from right, chairman of the Foundation, and Beth Keeney, grants chairman of the Foundation, present the check to Patti Nicolay, left, Mozelle Ward and Carolyn Gaskins, all from the Hospital Hospitality House.**

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# Scott: Community Colleges Ailing

## Former Governor Says System 'Going To Hell In A Handbasket'

By Dennis Patterson
The Associated Press

RALEIGH — North Carolina's community college system is living off its reputation, former Gov. Bob Scott says. But it's a reputation that may not last long.

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"Back in Haw River, we'd say we're going to hell in a handbasket," said Mr. Scott, now the president of the state's community college system. "We lost BMW because we can't deliver.

"... The guy who searched for the BMW site made no bones about it," he said. "South Carolina had a better training program for their workers and more to offer."

Bavarian Motor Works announced earlier this year it will open an auto plant near Spartanburg, S.C.

The BMW choice was a disappointment North Carolina will have to get used to unless it focuses more attention and money on the community college system, Mr. Scott said.

"I don't think North Carolina can expect to get in with the big boys the way we're going now."

Benign neglect is threatening the future of the state's economy and the future of its poor, Mr. Scott said.

"They (legislators) love us, but they don't do anything for us," Mr. Scott said. "You won't find anyone who has an unkind word to say about us. But when they get up here, they get in that group mentality and something happens. They just forget about us."

The General Assembly this year approved $5 million in one-time money for new textbooks and equipment, along with the salary increase given to all state workers.

And it increased the system's budget by $13.6 million for enrollment growth in community colleges. The 58 campuses now serve nearly 750,000 students.

The community colleges will raise an additional $11.8 million through a 15.2 percent tuition increase beginning this fall.

The tuition increase, a compromise between the Senate and the House, concerns Mr. Scott.

Tuition for a full-time community college student was $39 in 1983. By 1988, tuition had increased to $75.

After three straight years of increases, full-time, in-state students this fall will pay $185.50. That makes the tuition for a full academic year or three quarters at a community college only $33.50 lower than the tuition for two semesters at University of North Carolina campuses like Pembroke State or Fayetteville State.

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The universities add fees that push their costs much higher, but community colleges were not set up for families that could afford the kind of tuition charged at universities, Mr. Scott said.

"The majority of the people who are going to be filling the new jobs 10 years from now are going to have to come from minorities and women — those people we're gradually excluding from our education system," he said.

To a middle-class person, an extra $100 a year for tuition may be a minimal nuisance, Mr. Scott said. But for people working at minimum wage, trying to raise families and better themselves, $100 can be the difference between attending or not attending college.

The latest tuition increase comes in a year when scholarships, which help the poor attend community colleges, were cut in half because of lower returns on investments.

Legislators look to the community college system to provide free education for the prison system, for firemen, for policemen, for senior citizens, for the illiterate and for businesses who want to retrain their workers.

It is considered the source for the technicians modern industries will need in the future, Mr. Scott said. But the idea doesn't always become reality.

"It's almost an oxymoron to use the words community colleges and high tech in the same sentence," said Mr. Scott. Earlier this month his office got its first computer.

Legislators said they have not forgotten the community college system. But they said it's all part of a balancing act.

"It's not that we get over there and decide that we're not going to do anything for them," said Rep. Jim Black, a Mecklenburg Democrat and chairman of the House Education subcommittee on community colleges.

"If we're going to do everything ... we're going to have to come up with more revenue. ... We're going to have to take it from somewhere."

Sen. Richard Conder, a Richmond Democrat and chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said lawmakers must pass a bond package next year.

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# FTCC Officials Plan To Promote Bonds Approval

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College officials Monday started planning how to convince voters to approve $5.7 million in bonds to pay for a new building and repair others.

The bond issue will be on the Nov. 3 ballot.

FTCC President Craig Allen said the college desperately needs the new building for continuing education classes. "There are more students than we have space for," he told the board of trustees.

About 30,000 people take classes at FTCC each year. The classes include adult education, literacy, general equivalency diploma, emergency services, law enforcement, firefighting, occupational and community services like aviation, woodworking, art, home economics and photography.

Many of the classes are in the college's Ramsey Street Annex. Others are spread around campus and in other buildings around town.

But if voters approve the bonds, most of the classes would be moved to thenew Literacy and Adult Education Center, planned for the corner of Hull Road and Devers Street. The school would use about $5 million of the bonds to build the 71,500-square-foot center.

The other $711,000 would go to renovate classrooms and repair roofs in several other campus buildings.

The trustees said FTCC should start an aggressive campaign to win voters' approval of the bonds.

The school will set up a committee of college officials and business and community leaders to push the bonds.

The board also approved newspaper, radio and television advertising, a speakers bureau and telephone solicitation for the bonds.

The college cannot pay for bond advertising, so it will have to get money from a private source.

Dr. Allen said the Literacy and Adult Education Center has been at the top of the list of building projects in the state community college system for the past three years, but there has been no state money for any buildings.

"We're the number one school on the priority list for space needs," he said. "But

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when the state hasn't come through for us in the past few years, the county has always helped."

He said the building on Ramsey Street is an old public school, and parts of it "are on the verge of being condemned." The old school needs a new boiler and roof and other structural repairs.

He said fixing the building and keeping it going would be expensive, and FTCC and its students would be better served by a new building.

The FTCC bonds will be just one of five bond issues on the ballot.

Others are $30 million for a special water and sewer district outside the city of Fayetteville, $11.4 million for five branch libraries, $1.65 million for a building at the county industrial park, and $1 million to add courtrooms and offices in the county courthouse.

All of the bonds would be repaid with county property taxes.

Dr. Allen said he believes voters will approve the FTCC bonds.

"I think it has an excellent chance, or we wouldn't be in it," he said. "We're not going to put the good name of Fayetteville Tech out to be voted down."

The bonds will be on separate ballots, so people can vote yes on one and no on others.

Art Dew, an FTCC board member, said he believes that is good for FTCC.

"I think that's going to be our best bet," he said. "We do not want to get caught up in water and sewer and all those other things."

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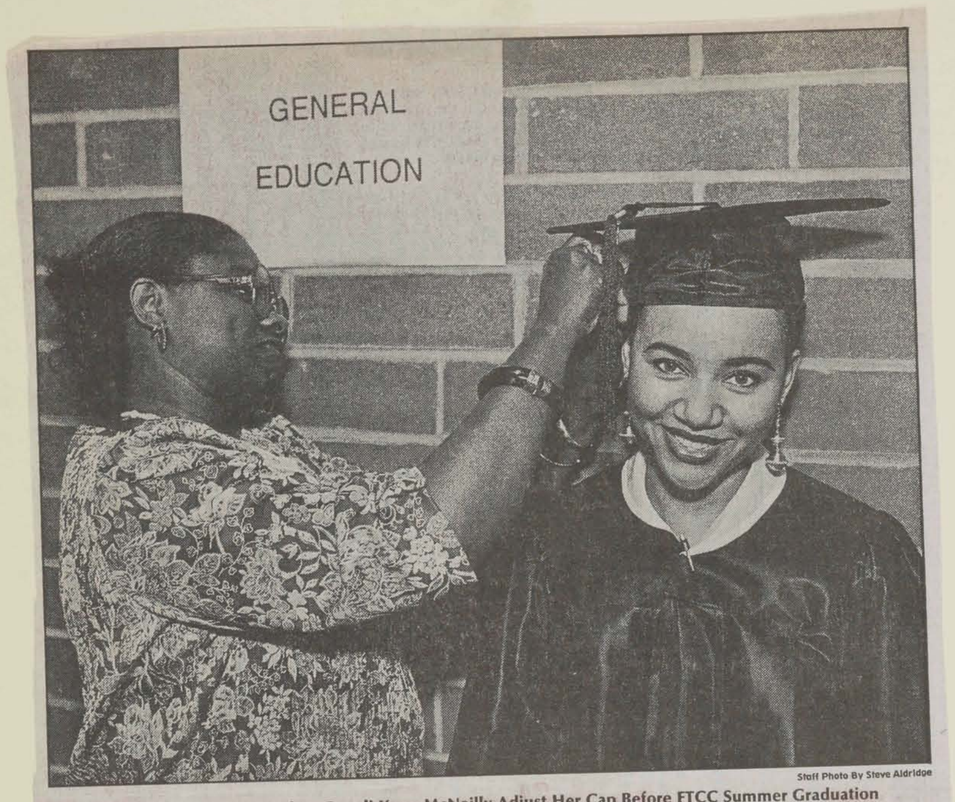
Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

**Attention To Detail**

Roger Hardin, an FTCC carpentry student participating in the Market House renovation, removes some moulding from the building's interior.




Staff Photo By Steve Aldridge

Jean McNeilly Helps Her Daughter Bevoli Knox McNeilly Adjust Her Cap Before FTCC Summer Graduation

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### Don't Be Afraid To Fail, Oxendine Says

# These FTCC Students Call It A Summer

By Keith Hempstead
Staff Writer

Pembroke State University Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine told nearly 200 Fayetteville Technical Community College graduates to celebrate their achievement this weekend but to get back to their goals Monday.

Many of the graduates at the summer commencement probably already had that in mind. One was Bevoli Knox McNeilly.

Mrs. McNeilly, 21, sat in the fifth row of graduates, ready to get her associate degree in general education. Farther back sat her husband, a soldier at Fort Bragg, her mother, brother, cousin and family friend, all from Connecticut and all ready to celebrate with her. It was her second graduation, counting high school.

"It's a joyous moment; long awaited," she said as she talked before the ceremony in a side hall crowded with other graduates and their families.

Her mother, Jean Dontfraid McNeilly, stood nearby. "This isn't anything new, but she is my only daughter."

She said her daughter is following in the footsteps of others in her family from the West Indies. Some have become doctors and lawyers.

> 'I hope that many of you will continue to pursue education. I want you to grow.'
>
> — Joseph Oxendine

On Monday, Mrs. McNeilly will start preparing for her third graduation. She has enrolled as a student at Fayetteville State University.

For her that's two graduations down, three to go. She wants to be a psychiatrist.

Dr. Oxendine would be pleased.

He told graduates to never be afraid to fail. "I hope that many of you will continue to pursue education," he said. "I want you to grow."

Dr. Oxendine said he wanted the graduates to use their abilities and develop them to reach out and help others. "You don't have to be rich to do that."

He said failures will come, but that should not be a signal to give up. "I'm not going to change my ways for fear of getting cheated."

Dr. Oxendine told the graduates not to compromise their morals, either.

"I want you to grow and have some psychological courage," he said. As an example, he cited the beating last year of Rodney King by Los Angeles police and how people have often asked how anyone could do that. "But I am just as incensed by those who stood by without stopping it," he said.

The full auditorium of family and friends gave the graduates a long ovation when they were declared graduates.

Harry F. Shaw, chairman of the school's board of trustees, awarded the degrees and diplomas.

Francenia McLaurin was presented an award as outstanding student of the graduating class. Ms. McLaurin received an associate degree in criminal justice and protective services technology. The award goes to the student with at least a 3.0 grade point average who has made a significant contribution to campus life.

# Bond Issue Hearing Set For Tonight

9/1/92

By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners has scheduled a hearing for tonight to get opinions from residents about a proposed $50 million bond issue for countywide projects. The bonds will be on the November ballot.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Room 118 of the Cumberland County Courthouse.

The commissioners voted July 27 to pursue the bond issue. Promotion of the bonds was sidetracked in early August, when the school board took the commissioners to court in an effort to get more local operating money.

The bonds would be used for water and sewer improvements, to add courtrooms and office space to the courthouse and to build five branch libraries, an adult literacy and education building and a building in the county industrial park.

County Manager Cliff Strassenburg told the commissioners last week that he has talked with department heads about ways to promote the bonds.

Board Chairman Billy King said he hopes for a large turnout at the hearing.

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"We believe the issues under consideration are very important, and we would hope that the citizens from throughout the community would come out and voice their opinions," Mr. King said. "This is a big step for this community and we are seeking support from all quarters."

Bonds are among the cheapest ways to finance the projects, but they cannot be issued without voter approval because repayment comes from property taxes. That means taxes would either have to increase or the budget would have to be cut to repay the bonds.

The county tax rate is 72.5 cents per $100 valuation. Each penny increase would generate about $734,000.

Each project will be voted on separately.

The projects and the amount of bonds are:

- $30 million in water and sewer bonds for residents of a special service district, which the commissioners have already created. Only residents of the district will vote on the bonds, and only district residents would repay them. The total cost of the water and sewer projects would be $62.7 million.

A "revolving fund" for the projects would be replenished with a combination of the bonds, a property tax increase of 5.3 cents per $100 valuation and special assessments.

The 10 neighborhoods that would get sewer service are: Lafayette Village, Ashton Forest, Morganton Place, Murray Fork, Summerhill, Cottonade, Bonnie Doone, Drake Park, Evergreen Estates and Eureka Springs. The water lines would be extended beyond developed areas of the county, including some communities east of the Cape Fear River.

- $11.4 million for five branch libraries: Raleigh Road, East Fayetteville, North Pamalee, Spring Lake and Stedman.
- $5 million for an adult literacy and education building to replace the Ramsey Street school now under lease by Fayetteville Technical Community College, along with $711,000 for renovations and repairs of existing FTCC buildings.
- $1 million to add courtrooms and office space on the fourth floor of the courthouse, which has been an unfinished shell since the building opened in the 1970s.
- $1.65 million for a building at the county industrial park that would be offered for sale to a prospective industry to create jobs.

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## Education Notes

Baptist students majoring in religion or a ministerial vocation.

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Southeastern Community College is offering a free job search class from Aug. 31 to Sept. 25 for anyone looking for work. For information or to sign up, call 642-7141, Ext. 261.

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**William H. Peterson**, a Campbell University professor, has been named chairman of Students and Professors Against Government Waste, an affiliate of a Washington-based education and public policy group.

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**Dixie W. Duncan** from Southeastern Community College, **Glenn T. Godwin** of Fayetteville Technical Community College, and **Tran N. Bui** and **Minnie Ragland**, both of Fayetteville State University, attended a weeklong biotechnology seminar at East Carolina University.

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**Patricia A Laney**, a teacher at Murray Elementary School, attended a two-week workshop on Chemistry Activities put on by the Institute for Chemical Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Carolina Bible College on McPherson Church Road will celebrate its 20th anniversary when fall classes start Sept. 14.

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Pembroke State University will offer an American Red Cross Lifesaving Class from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. Monday and Wednesday starting next Aug. 31. There is a fee. For information, call 521-6261.

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Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County and Fayetteville Technical Community College will offer Community Awareness and Volunteer Training sessions for rape crisis intervention Sept. 12, 19 and 22. The first two sessions are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the final meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. There is a fee. For information, call Sheridan Turpin at 678-8431, or call 485-7273.

# Projects' Time Frame Fuels Bond Opposition

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By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

No one told the Cumberland County commissioners during a hearing Tuesday night that water and sewer service isn't needed in many areas of the county.

But some residents said they are not willing to pay for services that would take years to get.

Twenty-three people expressed their views during the hearing on a proposed $50 million bond issue that will go before voters on Nov. 3.

The bonds would provide $30 million in water and sewer improvements; $11.4 million for five branch libraries; $5 million for an adult literacy and education building; $711,000 for renovations and repairs of FTCC buildings; $1 million to add courtrooms and office space on the fourth floor of the courthouse; and $1.65 million for a building at the county industrial park.

Each project would be voted on separately.

Ken Lancaster, a real estate agent, said he vehemently opposes the water and sewer bonds because he and other residents of eastern Cumberland County would have to pay additional property taxes of 5.3 cents per $100 valuation for services they may not see in their lifetimes.

It would be at least 20 years before public water and sewer would be extended to Mr. Lancaster's property, which is near the Bladen County line.

Mr. Lancaster called the water lines that would initially be extended to some areas east of the Cape Fear River "the carrot" to get voters to bite on a proposed $30 million bond issue.

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## Bonds

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That bond issue would initially help pay for about $60 million worth of water and sewer projects in the county. Only residents of a recently created special district would vote on the water and sewer bonds.

Developer Dohn Broadwell said the county's plan to extend sewer service to neighborhoods where septic tanks have failed tackles only half the problem. The other half would be installing sewer trunk lines ahead of residential development, he said.

"I guarantee you if the growth continues as it did this year ... we are going to be creating problems a whole lot faster than the county can clean them up," Mr. Broadwell said.

Dr. Jesse Williams, director of the county Health Department, said the 56,000 septic tanks in the county pose a health risk.

Dr. Williams said only about half of the soil in the county is suitable for septic tanks, and most of that land has already been developed.

Lt. Col. George Glann of Cliffdale West urged the county to help prevent the Public Works Commission from charging county residents higher monthly rates just because they live outside of Fayetteville.

Moses Mathis of Tiffany Pines, the leader of a countywide anti-drug task force, said he and other residents oppose the bonds because they do not address issues that concern them.

"They feel your bond issues are doomed," Mr. Mathis said.

Douglas Bryant of Stedman, chairman of the county library board of trustees, said an owner of a $70,000 house would pay $1.06 more a month to pay off the debt for five new libraries: Raleigh Road, East Fayetteville, North Pamalee, Spring Lake and Stedman. Bob Harmon of College Lakes and Preston Jones of Linden said they support the library bond because they want libraries closer to their homes.

Political activist Clinton Harris and Bonnie Doone activist William Klaiber faulted commissioners for not raising taxes to get enough money to pay for the county projects.

Mr. Harris said the commissioners agreed to pursue bond projects so that taxpayers would vote to impose higher taxes on themselves, thus escaping political fallout.

"I wish you don't run (for office) no more, or quit or leave the county if this is the way you are going to run the county," Mr. Harris said.

Harry Shaw, chairman of the Fayetteville Technical Community College board of trustees, told the commissioners that they had displayed leadership by giving voters "the opportunity to vote for what they need and what they want."

Danny Fore, director of the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corp., said a building at the county's industrial park is needed to lure prospective industries to the county. He said 70 percent of companies will not visit a location unless there is a building to look at.

Lawyer Larry McGlothlin spoke against the $1 million bond to convert the vacant fourth-floor of the courthouse into courtrooms. The move is expected to speed the disposition of criminal cases.

"We don't need more courtroom space," Mr. McGlothlin said. "We need to use the courtroom space we have now."

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## *Sean Patrick Practices What He Teaches*

Sean Patrick is an FTCC creative writing instructor who practices what he teaches — writing, and beyond that, getting published.

Sean Patrick

Mr. Patrick has recently had his first book published, "Patrick's Corner" by Pelican Books.

The book has been a long time coming for Mr. Patrick. It started as a short story for the Fayetteville Observer-Times Saturday EXTRA section. Then it evolved into a series of articles in "Catholic Digest."

Mr. Patrick is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and currently lives in Fayetteville.

He will be teaching a beginning creative writing course Tuesdays and an advanced creative writing course Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Terry Sanford High School. For more information on the classes, call FTCC 678-8400.

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# Education Notes

Pembroke State University is holding a disaster-relief drive for victims of Hurricane Andrew. Students, faculty and staff can drop off items at the Chavis Center, Sampson Hall, Classroom North, Educational Center and North Hall.

The items most needed are canned goods; paper products, like plates, forks and napkins; baby items, like diapers; and batteries. No perishable food or clothing is being accepted. Checks can be made payable to American Red Cross. For information, call 1-919-521-6207.

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Southeastern Community College will offer the GED test Sept. 15 and 16, starting at 8:30 a.m. For information, call 1-919-642-7141.

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The North Carolina Retired School Personnel's District 10 Executive Board will meet Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. at Hamont Grill.

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The Fort Bragg Schools will hold a volunteer training workshop Friday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Fort Bragg Community Center at Randolph and Knox streets. Anyone interested in attending should contact the PTA president at their school.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will offer several continuing education classes this fall. They include classes in prepared childbirth, sign language, genealogy and a parents' class on substance abuse. For information, call 678-8431. There will be two classes for school teachers, Multicultural Art Activities for Public School Personnel and Effective Teaching Training. For information, call 678-8309.

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Central Carolina Community College will offer a course called Harnett County History, starting Monday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information, call 1-919-893-9101.



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● Bonnie and Dan Henry are the new owners of Fayetteville Beauty College, 2018 Fort Bragg Road.

Mrs. Henry has worked at Fayetteville Beauty College for 10 years. She managed the school for the past three years. She is a cosmetology graduate of Fayetteville Technical Community College.

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# Study: Only Education Can Save South's Jobs

By Taylor Batten
The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Though it's a small company in a backward part of the country, Delta Wire is a global leader in its industry.

And it's a perfect example of what the American South must do to avoid economic disaster, says a report being issued today by a group of Southern leaders.

The report says the economy of the immediate future will require workers with strong minds, not just strong backs — and the South will prosper only by altering its approach to education.

"We've been selling the wrong things — cheap labor, cheap land, and low taxes," former Mississippi Gov. William Winter said in the report. "The rural South is finding that it has mortgaged its future to lure a few jobs."

The report, called "Greater Expectations: The South's Workforce Is the South's Future," was prepared by Manpower Development Corp., a North Carolina non-profit corporation, which worked with a panel of nine Southern leaders in business, politics and education.

"Low-wage jobs are disappearing," said George Autry, president of Manpower Development Corp. "The demands of the economy are escalating faster than we can retrain our work force."

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So extraordinary efforts are needed, such as those taken by Delta Wire, which makes wire used by AT&T and NASA, among others, from its factory in the impoverished Mississippi Delta region.

Burdened with rural workers who were functionally illiterate, Delta Wire president George Walker saved his company by delivering a mandate to his employees: Go back to school.

With the state paying about a third of the tab, he had his workers retrained in a program specifically designed for his company by the local junior college and Mississippi State University.

"Any money spent on educating my work force is the best money I can spend," Mr. Walker said. "Anyone can come in and buy machines like I have. The difference is the knowledge of your workers."

The problems of an uneducated work force in America have been documented often, but the new report is among the first to link education level with economic prosperity, target a particular region, enumerate the dangers and propose original solutions.

Among the greatest problems plaguing the South's education system and economy, according to the report:

● Today's work force is uneducated and unskilled, a legacy of the South's past economy that relied on blue-collar jobs that required little thinking. The region has a preponderance of slow-growth, low-wage industries.

● Technological improvements and the changing economy require a work force that can analyze, communicate, compute and think critically. Today's work force, which will make up 70 percent of the work force in 2010, does not possess those skills.

● The potential of women, minorities and rural Southerners is wasted. The region's unemployment rates for blacks are two to four times higher than for whites. In Mississippi in 1990, 3.9 percent of whites were unemployed, compared with 15.2 percent of blacks.

And women, who represent 40 percent of the Southern work force, are concentrated in clerical and service jobs.

The report's solutions focused on educating adults, who will need constant retraining to keep up with technological innovation.

Community colleges should take the lead in training the work force and preparing high school students for high-wage jobs, the report said.

Women and minorities should be steered into jobs traditionally held by white males, and rural residents should receive 14 years of education on par with that of their urban counterparts, it said.

# State Digest

From Wire Reports

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH — The next time you see someone walking on Wrightsville Beach with a snake wrapped around his neck, he is breaking local law if not scaring the wits out of some people.

The town's Board of Aldermen, armed with news of another snake-sighting on the beach this summer, has voted to amend the town's leash law to ban snakes from the beach. Mayor Fran Russ stirred the debate by reporting that a town resident complained in August after seeing someone walking on the beach with a snake wrapped around him.

"Was that person evaluated?" alderman Roy Sandlin asked.

A discussion punctuated by one-liners and snake anecdotes followed, with Aldermen Herb McKim, John Sherrill and Bill Golder questioning whether snakes pose enough of a danger to call for town action.

The board did not consider snakes a serious problem Thursday but decided to amend the leash law to keep them off the beach.

"Unless we have a problem, we ought to let a sleeping snake lie," Mr. Golder said.

### Colleges Ponder Semester Idea

RALEIGH — The state's community colleges could benefit by switching to a semester schedule, but the system first must re-examine its fundamental mission, says system president Bob Scott.

Mr. Scott's recommendation, which was approved by the state Board of Community Colleges, delays any major schedule changes for as many as 750,000 students on the 58 campuses.

It forces board members to debate a much larger question about the goals of the statewide system.

"We need to decide what it is we are trying to accomplish," Mr. Scott said Thursday. "What role are we going to play in the state's future development?"

The community college system was established more than 25 years ago to offer an open door to adults who needed job skills, and an 11-week quarter seemed feasible. But in the past decade, students have increasingly used the community colleges to earn academic credits before transferring to four-year colleges or universities.

Because most of the state's universities operate on a 16-week semester schedule, it often is difficult to transfer credits from one institution to another.

### Postmaster Selects N.C. Treasure

RALEIGH — Next year millions of Christmas cards and gifts will arrive bearing a North Carolina treasure.

The U.S. Postmaster General announced Thursday that one of the North Carolina Museum of Art's holdings, "Madonna and Child in a Landscape," will be reproduced as a Christmas postal stamp next year.

The museum acquired the painting in 1952 as part of a $1 million purchase of 139 European and American paintings that form the core of its collection.

The Postal Service selected the painting after museum curator David Steel recommended it to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, which reviews potential subjects for stamps.

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# GED Student Plans To Teach Her Sister

By John Manuel
Staff Writer

When you're the oldest daughter in a family of 11 children, school can get put on the back burner.

"My mother and father worked on a farm, so I had to take care of the rest of the kids," Gladys Waddell said. "I kept falling behind in school."

Mrs. Waddell could read, but she dropped out of high school and got married when she was 17. Four grown children later, she decided she wanted that high school diploma.

"It was something I always wanted," she said. "I always liked to read, and I would see on TV when they say, 'A mind is a terrible thing to waste.' And I think that's so true."

So Mrs. Waddell enrolled in a correspondence course through Fayetteville Technical Community College to earn her General Equivalency Diploma.

In December 1991, Mrs. Waddell passed the final exam. Her diploma hangs proudly on a wall in her den, above a well-stocked bookshelf.

"I was really on cloud nine when I got it," she said. "It's something I've always wanted to accomplish. I mean I was on a high. It's hard to explain when you want something as bad as I wanted this diploma."

Things didn't happen overnight for Mrs. Waddell as she pursued her diploma. She attended adult basic education courses at Grove View Terrace beginning in 1985, but lost interest in the classes because of their erratic schedule, and because she thought the pace too slow.

Then she learned about the correspondence courses at FTCC.

She said the home study program worked out well because she would come home from her job as a housekeeper at Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home too tired to get dressed for school.

Mrs. Waddell said she is proof that anyone can get the diploma. Age has nothing to do with it, she said.

"I try to encourage young people I know who dropped out to get back to school and get their degree," she said. "I mean if I can do it at my age, then they can do it, too.

"When you get that piece of paper in your hands, you can do anything."

Mrs. Waddell has had some problems since getting her diploma. Back trouble forced her to retire from Jernigan-Warren, a job she held more than 20 years.

Then, on July 4, her mother died, leaving Mrs. Waddell to look after a handicapped sister.

"I'm going to teach my sister to read," she said. "She recognizes things in the store by the picture, but she wants to be able to read."

Mrs. Waddell also plans to continue her education at FTCC.

"I am thinking now about going back to school, I'm strongly considering it," she said. She hopes to learn some computer skills, in case she needs to go back to work.

"Once you reach retirement age, it doesn't mean you're worthless," she said. "You just have to want it bad enough."

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# Perseverance Earned Diploma

By John Manuel
Staff Writer

**'My GED certificate is the most important thing I've done for myself. It's made me feel better than anything else I've done in my life. It's just a great feeling of accomplishment.'**
— Brenda Boykin

One wintry January afternoon, Brenda Boykin went to get her mail, as she had done thousands of times before. This time, she found a long envelope from Fayetteville Technical Community College, and she knew what was in it.

She just couldn't bear to open it.

"I didn't open the thing for three days, but when I did, I was so happy I just cried," she said. The envelope held the results of her final exam. She passed.

She had her General Equivalency Diploma.

Mrs. Boykin dropped out of school. She was 14 years old and two weeks into the ninth grade when she decided there were more important things in her life.

She said her life was troubled. "I just said to myself, 'This is enough,' and quit school because of all what was happening at home. It was just terrible."

Mrs. Boykin, now 30, says people didn't catch on to the fact that she never went to high school.

"I always read a lot, went to the library, read books and magazines, but I never was good at math. I think it's a cell you're born with." she said with a smile.

Not having a high school diploma was a major embarrassment, she said. "When people asked where I went to school, I always said, 'I graduated high school, just like you. I'm no different than you.' I'd lie about it."

But by the time she was 25, Mrs. Boykin began wondering what she could do if she had her General Equivalency Diploma. "I saw that all the women in my family were waitresses, and said, 'This is getting ridiculous.' I want a good job that I can take to old age with me."

Mrs. Boykin knew she needed her degree.

At the urging of her husband, Mitchell, a superintendent at a construction company, she got in touch with Bob Nichol at FTCC and enrolled in a correspondence course.

And so Mrs. Boykin had a second chance. She did just fine with most of her work, but continued to struggle with math.

"I'd sit on this couch trying to do a problem, but I'd never ask for help. That's just being stubborn," she said with a smile. "I was even embarrassed to show my husband what I couldn't figure out. But when I had trouble, I could call Bob. He was kind of like my tutor."

Mrs. Boykin soon was ready to take the test to obtain her General Equivalency Diploma and was so nervous when the results arrived that she couldn't open the envelope. When she did, she could not have been more disappointed.

"I scored three points too low on the math test," she said. "I was so upset, I cried for days. I was so depressed."

But Mrs. Boykin didn't quit. She shook off the disappointment, went back the next week and took the test again. Her proctor gave her a test identical to the one she had failed. She tried again. "I thought it was easier," she said.

This time, she passed.

"When I opened the envelope and saw my scores, I cried," she said. "Whenever I thought about it for weeks afterward, I'd cry. Like if I was in the supermarket and thought about it. I mean right now I still have this feeling deep down in my heart when I think about it.

"I never thought I could do it," she said. "I feel it's opened a lot of doors for me, and I've had Bob send all the women in my family information so they can get their GEDs too.

"My GED certificate is the most important thing I've done for myself," she said. "It's made me feel better than anything else I've done in my life. It's just a great feeling of accomplishment."

# Enrollment Spurts At Region's Colleges

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Enrollment at colleges in the Cape Fear region is up this year despite a sluggish economy.

● Methodist College has the most students in its 33-year history.

● Fayetteville State University has about 170 more students than last fall.

● Pembroke State University's enrollment has grown by about 100 students in the past year.

● And Fayetteville Technical Community College has about 240 more students this year than last.

"I'd say that's probably true everywhere," Jack Fernald, FTCC's associate vice president for student development, said about his school's growth.

"People are coming to school who would be at work if the economy was better," he said. "Statewide, the economy is flat."

Mr. Fernald said many students head to college to improve their chances of getting a job, or to try to get a promotion or raise in their current job during tight economic times.

FTCC and Methodist College have also gained from the Army's recent manpower reduction.

Mr. Fernald and Alan Coheley, Methodist's director of enrollment services, said many soldiers who retired early have gone to a local college in the past year to get training for a second career.

Mr. Coheley said Cumberland County is simply good to its colleges.

"We're lucky enough to be located in Cumberland County," he said. "The population of the county continues to grow."

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He said Methodist has 510 new freshmen and transfer students this year, and 235 of them are from Cumberland County.

The private college has 1,437 students — 1,072 during the day and 365 in evening classes. That is a 4.6 percent jump over last year's enrollment.

Mr. Coheley said Methodist, FSU and FTCC appeal to different kinds of students, so there is little competition among them. That is how all three can grow at the same time.

FSU has grown by 48 percent in the past five years.

In the fall of 1987, there were just 2,639 students. Last year, there were 3,742. This fall, there are 3,908.

All of the college's enrollment figures are based on the number of students enrolled, whether that student goes to class full time or takes a single course.

At FTCC, there are 6,444 students so far this fall, compared with about 6,200 a year ago.

Mr. Fernald said FTCC could reach its all-time high of 7,200 students before registration for fall classes is over.

He said the figures won't be final until next month because FTCC is on the quarter system, and the fall term at Fort Bragg starts in October.

Pembroke State University enrollment climbed 3.4 percent this fall to 3,043. Last fall, there were 2,941 students.

Neil Hawk, PSU's vice chancellor for business affairs, said the university's enrollment dipped last year, and this year's increase in encouraging.

"We hope last year was a blip and we've turned the corner and are on our way back up," he said.



# Hope Mills Woman Turns Her Dream Into Reality

By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

Three years ago, Deborah Regan of Hope Mills was an 18-year-old single mother without a job, a car or much hope that her life would get any better.

She wanted to go to college to learn a job skill, but had no money.

Even if she could get a job, she had no car. Nobody would sell her one because she was on welfare, she said.

She credits a visit to the Jobs Training Service Center in 1989 for turning her life around.

And now Ms. Regan has been named the state's 1992 Job Training Partnership Act Youth Participant of the Year and will visit Gov. James Martin on Oct. 15.

> 'I could be sitting at home waiting for a welfare check. I've gone from a single parent on welfare to getting an education from college and working. I've got my own car now and I'm able to support my daughter.'
>
> — Deborah Regan

Three years ago, she said, "I felt I was just going to sit around the house taking care of the little girl and that's all. (The center) gave me options and opportunities."

The center paid for her to attend Fayetteville Technical Community College and arranged for day care for her daughter, Kiana.

She worked at McDonald's at night while her mother cared for Kiana.

Before graduating from FTCC last summer, she began working as a pharmacy technician at Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton.

Ms. Regan said that when someone called her about the state award, she wondered what he was talking about.

And then she remembered how far she had come.

"I could be sitting at home waiting for a welfare check," she said. "I've gone from a single parent on welfare to getting an education from college and working. I've got my own car now and I'm able to support my daughter."

Ms. Regan said she relied on the moral support provided by her counselor to keep her going.

"I'd like to give them a lot of credit," she said. "A couple of times when I was in school I was ready to quit, but my counselor just said to keep it up, you're doing good."

And she is not through.

She wants to go back to college to earn a four-year pharmacy degree.

"I'm really motivated actually," she said. "I like learning new things and just going for it."

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## Dream

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# Industry Training Threatened, Officials Say

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Proposed state regulations could cost Fayetteville Technical Community College up to $250,000 this year and take training classes away from industries, FTCC officials said Monday.

"This would take a tremendous tool away from our county to attract and keep industry," said Wayne Williams, a member of the FTCC board of trustees.

Larry Norris, vice president for academic affairs, told the board of trustees that the college will have to change the way it offers training classes inside Cumberland County's businesses and industries if the state adopts the regulations.

He said the state Department of Community Colleges found problems in the way some other community colleges were handling their in-plant training, so new regulations have been written for all colleges.

Dr. Norris said that if the proposal is approved, "it would be a major change in the way we have dealt with industry in the past. It will drastically inhibit our abilities to provide classes."

In the past, FTCC President Craig Allen has approved all industry classes. The new regulations require the college's board of trustees to approve in-plant training.

Under the old regulations, FTCC counted all of the workers in industry classes as part-time college students.

The new regulations would stop FTCC from holding classes that an industry could provide on its own. That would knock out some of the student population and cost the college state funding, Dr. Norris said. State funding is based on enrollment.

The loss of $250,000 is based on last year's in-plant training, Dr. Norris said.

"It makes it harder for us to help industry, and that's one of the reasons we're here," said Harry Shaw, FTCC board chairman.

President Allen said, "It adds to the bureaucracy. It adds greatly to the problems of doing this."

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## Money

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Thomas King, chief financial officer at the state Department of Community Colleges, said the new regulations "will be more restrictive."

"But we have not cut out the ability to provide in-plant training," he said. "We changed the rules to assure we met the guidelines set by the General Assembly."

Mr. King said the new rules were written to stop community colleges from taking over training classes that are already offered in plants.

"When training would have gone on without us, we should not be there," he said. "It is our job to provide training when a company cannot or will not do it."

Sen. Lura Tally, a Fayetteville Democrat and a member of the FTCC board of trustees, said she believes FTCC can continue conducting its industry training the way it has always done.

"Some other colleges had been doing it the wrong way," she said. "Until we hear otherwise, I'd just continue on the way we've been doing it."

Dr. Norris agreed.

Last year, the college provided 600 classes for 5,500 workers in industries like Black & Decker, the Kelly-Springfield Tire Co., the county fire department and the county Health Department, according to Hubert Bullard, associate vice president of continuing education.

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# Community Colleges' Pay Scale Ranks Low

RALEIGH (AP) — Despite a push to offer faculty salaries that are at least competitive among Southeastern states, the pay for North Carolina's community college instructors is falling further and further behind.

In a recent report to the state Board of Community Colleges, the state ranked last in almost every category that measures salaries.

The average salary of $25,690 for a 10-month contract is $8,900 lower than that for an instructor in the state university system and $3,500 lower than a public school teacher's salary.

It is the lowest average salary of any community college system in the Southeast and ranks ahead of only Montana and South Dakota when compared nationally.

"Of course it's embarrassing, but the problem goes a lot deeper than just being last," said William Simpson, chairman of the community college board.

"What kind of quality can we attract at that level? If they are good, how long are they going to stay? Instructors come to the community colleges to mark time until they get a better job offer. If you stay five years, you're getting to be a veteran."

Community college officials have been pushing for higher faculty salaries for more than a decade.

Their efforts were encouraged when some of the state's most respected business executives, politicians and educators made the same recommendation in 1988 as part of a blue-ribbon commission report.

But the goal of being competitive in the Southeast by 1992 has died and it seems unlikely the state will be among the regional leaders by 1995 — one of the key recommendations of the commission.

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# Community Profile

Pictured from left are Fayetteville Technical Community College's Ambassadors for the 1992-93 school year: Felicia Corbett, Carrie DeGarmo, Anneda Paglianite, Sandra Gertz and Maruice Licardo. Not pictured is Kyunghee Heil and James Spencer.

Staff Photo By Marcus Castro

## FTCC Chooses Its Campus Ambassadors

By Jeffery Womble
Staff Writer

When there's a special event at Fayetteville Technical Community College, they're the ones guiding visitors on campus, wearing navy blue two-piece suits and a smile.

They're Fayetteville Technical Community College's Ambassadors.

Each academic year, FTCC chooses eight students to serve as ambassadors. The ambassadors act as official hosts for campus events.

"We are the face of FTCC," said Anneda Paglianite. "There are a lot of people who support this school and provide this school with money. So when it comes to meeting legislators and people who come into the college, we are the students who say 'thank you' for giving the school money."

To be an ambassador, applicants must have completed 12 credit hours at FTCC, have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and be recommended by a member of the college faculty, staff or administration.

This year's group of ambassadors reflect the diverse ethnic backgrounds on the FTCC campus, said Danielle McGinnis an assistant in school's public affairs office. The ambassadors include an Asian, a Hispanic and a Black.

In addition to the prestige of being an ambassador, each of the students receive a $600 scholarship, a parking sticker which allows them to park anywhere on campus and uniforms.

Kyunghee Heil said she wants to be a spokesman for minorities on the campus.

"I want to represent Asian students," she said. "They are pretty much unheard of. I want them to know that this college offers so many benefits with writing and helping us better understand English."

FTCC's ambassadors this year are:

● Felicia Corbett is a funeral services major from Riegelwood. She is treasurer of Sigma Phi Sigma, a fraternity for funeral service students.

"I've always been fascinated with death," Ms. Corbett said. "I chose this as a career because I like meeting people and it's nice to run into people after you have performed a service for them. It's nice to see them at the mall or someplace else other than at the funeral. They usually are friendly and they remember the service you gave them in their time of need."

● Carrie DeGarmo is a business administration major from Linden. After graduating from FTCC, her goal is to get her bachelor's degree from Methodist College and get a master's degree. While pursuing a career in business, she also wants to enter the political arena.

"People in politics have the power to make a difference in the world," she said. "Unfortunately, some of them get wrapped up in their own little worlds."

● Sandra Gertz has an associate degree in medical technology from FTCC. Her goal is to get her nursing degree and become a critical care nurse. At FTCC, she is president of the Nursing Association. She is also a mother of three.

● Kyunghee Heil has a bachelor's degree from Korea University. A business major, she decided to come to FTCC after hearing about the quality of education here.

"The reputation of American education is famous world-wide," she said. "I couldn't afford to get a master's, so I decided to get familiar with American customs, and the college campus is the best way to do that."

● Maurice Licardo is an electronics engineering technology major. He is president of Phi Theta Kappa at FTCC, an honor society. His goals are to work for a computer company and increase the size of the honor society.

"I want to work for a company that provides an opportunity for their employees to go back to school," he said.

● Angela McDowell is a food services management major. After graduation, she hopes to work in a hospital as a dietitian and nutritionist.

● Anneda Paglianite is seeking a degree dental hygiene. She also works as a respiratory therapist at Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital.

After graduation, she plans to enroll at Fayetteville State University and eventually go to dental school.

● James J. Spencer is an emergency medical science major. His goal is to become a paramedic and work with an ambulance service.

"It's something I've been wanting to do for about 10 years," he said. "I had the opportunity to come back to school, so I did."

## Pet Pig Runs Afoul Of The Law

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By Scott Yates
Staff Writer

Murphy probably thinks the law was named after him.

After all, everything was going great until now. He had a loving family and comfortable accommodations — a big dog house with an enlarged doorway in the back yard of a home on Coffman Street.

And now this.

Fayetteville inspections officials say Murphy must go. It's illegal to have a pig in the city limits. The law was written before North American potbellied pigs caught on as household pets.

Rhonda Carson, Murphy's owner, says she will fight to keep her beloved pet.

She's not being pigheaded.

It's just that she and her son, Jerry, nursed Murphy almost from his birth about a year ago. Now, Murphy is a fat, full-grown, potbellied pig.

"He is part of the family now," Ms. Carson said. "People get attached to dogs, and he is just like a dog to us."

This is the second persecution of the porky pets by the city's Inspections Department.

In June, Ziggy the pig was sent packing after his owner, Jennifer Gardner, decided it was not worth fighting City Hall. She sold Ziggy to someone in Georgia, where presumably pigs are more welcome.

Murphy was caught the same way Ziggy was — a neighbor squealed.

Jim Alexander, a city zoning inspector, said he doesn't enjoy kicking pets out of homes, but he must enforce the ordinance.

"I told her it needs to go," Mr. Alexander said. "The city ordinance does not allow any type of swine."

The inspector said the pig has 14 days to leave, but he has sympathy. He said if Ms. Carson asks to speak to the City Council about changing the law, he will give her time to do so.

She plans to go before the City Council at its Oct. 5 meeting. She hopes other owners of pet pigs will come to show their support.

Although potbellied pigs usually tip the scales at 75 pounds, Murphy weighs in at a robust 100 pounds. Ms. Carson said she fed him too much, but he is on a cookie-free diet now. "No one told me just to feed him a little bit," she said.

Mr. Carson said Murphy likes to lay in dirt in the back yard, and visitors need to keep their shoes away from him because he likes to gnaw on shoestrings.

The back yard is surrounded by a fence. Mr. Carson said there is no concern about Murphy leaping over it, "or even jumping, period."

Pigs don't make much noise, either, so they can't keep the neighbors awake at night, he said.

"And he is a good watch pig," Mrs.

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Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

Rhonda Carson And Murphy At Their Coffman Drive Home

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Carson said. "Some people are afraid to go in the back yard."

Murphy is a celebrity of sorts. He was the pig at the Fayetteville Technical Community College's spring fair. Students paid a quarter to cast a vote, and the instructor with the most votes got to kiss Murphy. Math teacher Marsha Ralph was the winner, or loser.

Ms. Carson's love for Murphy is not in question, and the feeling is mutual. When she calls her pet, Murphy comes running — well waddling. He'll also roll over on his back to let Ms. Carson rub his belly.

Laws against potbellied pigs have become a nationwide concern for some, with Bill Leudke of Enumclaw, Wash., leading the fight to liberate the swine.

Mr. Leudke is the chairman of a zoning and legal committee for the North American Potbellied Pig Association.

He said the potbellied pig has been a household pet in the United States for about seven years.

"They don't have fleas. They shed lightly if at all and sleep most of the time," he said. "They are very loyal and like to cuddle. And they make an interesting conversation piece."

## Sunday's Folk Festival Salute To Columbus Angers Indians

By Pat Reese
Staff Writer

The leaders of Cumberland County's 5,000 Indians are angry because the spotlight in Sunday's International Folk Festival Parade of Nations will be focused on a replica of Christopher Columbus' Santa Maria.

They say they are not planning any demonstrations, but they want the public to know they consider any celebration honoring Columbus and his discovery of America as offensive.

Most of the leaders of the Cumberland County Association for Indian People say they like the festival. Their own association was featured in the annual parade a couple of years ago.

The problem began when it was announced Monday that a replica of the Santa Maria would be the highlight of the parade in downtown Fayetteville. The parade begins at 3 p.m.

The float was built by the Fayetteville Chapter of the Sons of Italy with help from students in a carpentry class at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Each year, the Folk Festival officials pick one of the many nations represented in Cumberland County's diverse population to be featured in their parade. It is Italy's turn this year, and the Sons of Italy decided to enter a float honoring the 500th anniversary of Co-

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## Festival

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lumbus' voyage to America.

Therein lies the rub. The Indians do not consider Columbus' landing in Puerto Rico in 1492 a discovery. They say it was an invasion that eventually led to the destruction of nations of Indians, says Gladys Hunt, executive secretary of the Association For Indian People.

Mildred Evans, a City Council member, said she was surprised by the reaction of the Indian community. She and Martha Duell were founders of the Folk Festival about 14 years ago.

Mrs. Evans said the Indians were featured in the parade of nations about two years ago. "It was great, and their float was beautiful," she said. "I am sorry the association officials feel the way they do. I really feel there has been some overreaction. Our idea has always been one of bringing people together, to share their cultures, to have a good time."

Dr. Sam Wynn, president of the association, said the association represents more than 5,000 descendants of early American Indian tribes who live in Cumberland County.

The primary concern of the association is that the feature of Sunday's event calls attention to Columbus as a time for celebration, said Dr. Wynn, 38, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church.

"Why would anyone want to celebrate the voyage of Columbus knowing the historical impact it had on indigenous people in this country?" he asked.

*Dr. Wynn was sharply critical of the nation's celebration of Columbus. "One thing we are saying as we embark upon the hoopla is that* Native Americans across this country, and other groups, must not succumb to the bizarre and illicit history that would have us believe that the past 500 years has been an age of enlightenment."

He said history books in public schools have created a myth that Columbus was a hero, "when in fact he was a very cruel man, and historical facts reveal that he committed atrocities of the worst kind.

"Indigenous people were hunted down in the hills," he said. "Even his own men were subject to extraordinary acts of cruelty, having their hands, noses and ears cut off for acts he considered criminal."

Besides his duties as a pastor, Dr. Wynn serves as executive director of the Native American International Caucus of the United Methodist Church.

He said the caucus in 1988 recommended to the international church body that its members not be involved in the celebration of Columbus Day. He said the arrival of Columbus and the Europeans who followed led to diseases and oppression that killed millions of Indians.

"Whole Indian tribes were wiped out." he said. "In Puerto Rico, where Columbus landed after being lost at sea, the entire Taino Tribe was destroyed.

"Instead of a celebration, 1992 should be a time of healing and redirection...a time when we go back and try to reconstruct history, not from a European aspect but from the prospect of the indigenous people of this country. White people of this country have at least one thing left to discover and that is justice of the American Indian."

Donnie Brewington, a Fayetteville native, said he does not object to the Folk Festival. "It's a good idea and a way we can come to know each other."

But he, too, objects to any celebration of Columbus' voyage. "I remember when I was in school, we were taught in our history books that this was a great time, one to honor. That was before I learned the truth about history, that there were great nations with really advanced cultures of their own in America long before Columbus came to this part of the world. We also learned that Columbus was no hero in the way we think of heroes being people who are brave and good men and women that we can respect and admire.

"To the native Americans, it's almost like someone asking the people to celebrate Adolf Hitler's birthday."

Efforts to reach members of the Sons of Italy were unsuccessful.

Robin Legg of the Olde Fayetteville Association, which is coordinating the festival, said she is distressed about the response of the Indian community.

"The main purpose of the festival is to bring together the many cultures of our county," she said. "The Association For Indian People has been an important part of our festival in the past. Their association is an important part of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. They're wonderful people.

"I am very distressed that they might object to the float," she said. "The Sons of Italy have worked very hard on the project.

"I have not talked to any member of the Indian association. They have not called me. I really believe this year's festival is going to be the best in its history."

## Bond Forum Converts Doubter

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By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

Bobby Ewell of New Ponderosa subdivision was uncertain whether to support a proposed $30 million water and sewer bond issue when he arrived at a forum held by the Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night.

He knew his neighborhood needs public sewer service, but he did not know how long — or how much in additional taxes he would pay — before his neighborhood could get it.

He also wondered whether extending sewer lines would lead to annexation by the city of Fayetteville.

He said he left the forum with most of his questions answered. He also discovered that his subdivision would be one of the first to get public sewers if voters approve the bond issue on Nov. 3. Construction would begin in January 1994 and be completed in June 1995.

Mr. Ewell was among about 75 people who attended the forum at the Fayetteville Technical Community College Auditorium.

After hearing County Manager Cliff Strassenburg's presentation on the water and sewer bonds, Mr. Ewell said he would have supported the bonds even if it meant waiting 20 years to get the sewers.

Four other speakers talked about the need for bonds to add courtrooms and office space to the courthouse, to build five branch libraries, an adult literacy and education building at FTCC and a building in the county industrial park.

Each of the projects will be voted on separately. Mr. Strassenburg appealed to people to consider "the common good" when voting on the water and sewer bond issue.

"We need in this county to de-

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velop a sense of community," Mr. Strassenburg said. "We cannot measure every decision simply by (asking) 'what is my immediate benefit.' We have to have some sense of the common good."

In the first phase of construction, Mr. Strassenburg said, $63.2 million worth of water and sewer projects would be financed through a combination of the $30 million bond issue, a special tax of 5.3 cents paid by property owners living in a special water and sewer district and special assessments in which only owners of properties that benefit would pay.

He said the county is 20 years behind in extending water and sewer to urban areas. The only way to catch up is with an infusion of money from these three sources, he said.

Mr. Strassenburg acknowledged that some homeowners in the service district would pay the special tax — about $40 a year at the current tax rate for a $75,000 house — and still wait years to get public water or sewer.

The water and sewer district, which has already been created by the Board of Commissioners, excludes Fayetteville and nearby towns, Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base and some larger subdivisions outside city limits that already receive water and sewer from the Public Works Commission.

If the bond issue fails, Mr. Strassenburg said, the county would be forced to raise property taxes to complete some water and and sewer projects for distressed areas on a "pay-as-you-go basis."

The county Health Department could force some businesses to close because of health risks associated with failing septic tanks, he said.

"Yes, it is going to be expensive, but it is going to be even more expensive if we delay," Mr. Strassenburg said. "Unless we squarely face the problem that confronts us, I feel we are going to face some dire circumstances."

County resident John Apple said he felt "enlightened" after asking Coy E. Brewer Jr., Cumberland County's chief resident Superior Court judge, how adding more courtrooms would help alleviate jail crowding.

Mr. Apple had thought that adding more courtrooms would lead to more convictions and more people being sentenced, making the jail even more crowded.

But Judge Brewer said that nearly all of the Cumberland County Jail inmates are awaiting trial. The quicker an inmate's case is tried, he said, the less time he has to spend in jail.

Judge Brewer said it is in the "economic self-interest" of the county to invest in a $1 million bond issue to add three courtrooms and office space on the fourth floor of the courthouse to delay the costs of building and operating a bigger jail.

After the meeting, Mr. Apple said he supports the bond issue for the courtrooms.

FTCC President Craig Allen presented a proposal for a $5.71 million bond issue that would be used for an adult literacy and education building to replace the Ramsey Street school that FTCC now leases. It also would raise $711,000 for renovations and repairs of FTCC buildings.

Ron Hankins of the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corp. explained the need for a $1.65 million bond issue for a shell building at the county industrial park.

Mr. Hankins said if a company bought the building, the county would benefit from an expanded tax base and additional property and sales taxes.

County Library Director Jerry Thrasher explained a proposed $11.4 million bond issue for branch libraries at Raleigh Road, East Fayetteville, North Pamalee, Spring Lake and Stedman.

Branch libraries are needed, he said, because people will not use libraries unless they are convenient to where they live and work.

# Education Notes

Glaxo Inc. gave the Campbell University School of Pharmacy a $200,000 grant so the college can help practicing pharmacists improve their communication skills through a series of classes.

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The Douglas Byrd Junior High School PTA will hold a parent appreciation breakfast from 7:50 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. Thursday in the main campus cafeteria. To attend, call 483-3101.

Glendale Acres Elementary School will hold a picnic lunch for parents at 11 a.m. Thursday.

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**Oscar M. Blanks Jr.** of Clarkton, the Chapter 1 supervisor for the Bladen County schools; and **Priscilla Berry Leaser** of Lumberton, a math teacher in Robeson County, were named to the Board of Trustees at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.

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The following students were named semi-finalists in the 1993 National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students: **Natasha Howard**, Seventy-First High School, and **Kenyon M. Chavis**, E.E. Smith High School, both of Cumberland County; and **Demitra L. Williamson**, Union High School, Sampson County.

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Methodist College's Teacher Education Alumni Association will sponsor a Homecoming breakfast, featuring **Bob Etheridge**, state superintendent of public instruction, at 9 a.m. Oct. 17. For tickets, call 630-7060.

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The R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and the North Carolina Tech Prep Leadership Development Center has awarded schools and workers for outstanding Tech Prep programs. Local winners are:

Outstanding program: third place, Moore County Schools.

Outstanding principal: second place, C. Michael Warren, Lee Senior High School.

Outstanding faculty member: second place, John A. Staton, Lumberton Senior High School.

Outstanding community person: third place, Joseph W. Glezen III, personnel director of Southeastern Healthcare Corp.

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Fayetteville State University's Fort Bragg-Pope Air Force Base Center will hold registration for fall Term II through Oct. 16. Classes start Monday. For information, call 497-9111.

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Ninety-six percent of Fayetteville Technical Community College nursing graduates passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. That equals the state passing rate of 96 percent and is higher than the 93 percent national passing rate.

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Irwin Middle School on Fort Bragg will celebrate its 30th anniversary and is looking for former students, teachers, school volunteers and anyone associated with the school. For information, call 436-5252.

# Appalachian State honors former St. Pauls teacher

Appalachian State University's Alumni Association has honored two outstanding educators and a business woman for their career accomplishments. Robert Craig Allen, Robert H. McCabe and Dorothy G. Owen received the association's Distinguished Alumni Awards during ceremonies October 3.

Allen's interest in education didn't stop when he received a bachelor's in business administration from Appalachian in 1959. During his year as a high school teacher and administrator, and community college president, Allen earned a master's from UNC-CH in 1963 and a doctorate from NCSU in 1977.

Allen taught business education in the St. Pauls City Schools from 1959 to 1963. He was also an assistant administrator for the school system from 1960 to 1963. Allen chaired Fayetteville Technical Institute's business education department from 1963 to 1965. He was the founding president of Robeson Community College, holding that position from 1965 to 1983. In 1983 he became president of Fayetteville Technical Community College.

For work in education, Allen received the National Association of Community College Trustees' Outstanding Regional Chief Executive Office Award in 1991.

He was recognized as "Transformational Leader in the National Community College Movement" by the Community, Technical, and Junior College Journal in 1988. Allen was named to "Who's Who in American Education" in 1987 and 1992. The St. Pauls Jaycees and Carolina Power and Light awarded Allen their Outstanding Young Educator Award in 1971.

Other awards include Fayetteville Marquee Award for educator of the year in 1988 and the Lumberton Jaycees' Boss of the Year Award for 1978-79.

Allen is an active member of the N.C. Association of Public Community College Presidents, of which he served two terms as president from 1971-1973 and he was 1990 chair of the Hugh McEniry Award Committee of the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities.

Allen is also active in civic and church organizations. He is on the board of directors of the American Cancer Society, the Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Commission. Allen is a member of the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club and has worked with the Boy Scouts of America. He is former president of the St. Pauls Jaycees, and served two terms as president of the St. Pauls Parent Teachers Association. Allen is former chair of the Robeson County Recreation Commission.

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# $15,000 Sought To Help Promote Bonds

By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

A group of Cumberland County business and community leaders hopes to raise up to $15,000 in the next week to promote nearly $50 million in proposed bond issues to finance county projects.

Voters will decide on the bonds Nov. 3.

The Cumberland County Bond Task Force, appointed by the Board of Commissioners last month, met at the Headquarters Library on Wednesday to decide how much money it could raise and how best to spend it.

The bonds would be used to build public water and sewer lines, add courtrooms and office space to the courthouse, and build five branch libraries, an adult literacy and education building at Fayetteville Technical Community College and a building in the county industrial park. Each project will be listed separately on the ballot.

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The task force was formed to raise money the county could not and to create a group that would demonstrate unified support for the bonds. Promotional brochures and advertising will be developed to promote the bond issues as a package.

Such a group is needed because the county is prohibited from spending public money to buy advertising to persuade voters to approve the bonds, County Manager Cliff Strassenburg said. And while some of the bond issues, such as the library projects, have strong advocates to promote them, others do not, he said.

"I'm satisfied today that the task force got about its job of raising public funds to help publicize the bond referendum," Mr. Strassenburg said after the meeting.

The group is expected to meet again within the next 10 days to decide how to spend the money.

Calvin Wells, president and chief executive officer of North Carolina Natural Gas, was selected to collect and oversee the money. Mr. Wells will try to raise $6,000 from major businesses.

Danny Fore, director of the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corp., said that his organization already has committed $1,500 to promote all the bonds and is spending more money to promote the $1.6 million bond issue for a shell building at the industrial park.

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District Court Judge Sol Cherry said he would ask the Cumberland County Bar Association and law firms for money. He estimated he could raise $1,000.

Ron Hankins, city executive for First Union National Bank and leader of a two-year study for a shell building, said he would solicit money from area banks, but made no predictions on how much could be raised.

Realtor Bill Maxwell said he would try to get $1,000 from the Cumberland County Board of Realtors.

Engineer Walter Moorman said he would try to raise $2,000 from the Homebuilder's Association.

The group talked about using churches to promote the bonds, including use of bulletin boards to present information and getting endorsements from pastors.

The Rev. Harry Miller of Haymount Presbyterian Church and the Rev. K.P. Johnson of St. John's Free Will Baptist Church serve on the task force.

# Space For New Center A Must, Bond Backers Say

*This is the third of a series of occasional stories on a proposed $50 million bond issue for Cumberland County.*

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

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Kelli Lankford got her GED this year through Fayetteville Technical Community College, but the classes and studying were just part of the obstacles she faced.

Ms. Lankford was determined, so it took her just 15 months to get her high-school equivalency diploma.

But the 24-year-old single mother had to fight problems with planning, transportation and coordination of her classes and homework.

In the first nine months she was back in school, Ms. Lankford's evening classes flipped back and forth between Seventy-First and Douglas Byrd high schools, making it hard for her to arrange rides to and from school.

"There are no buses to the high schools," she said. "My main complaint was trying to get from one place to another. I had to catch the bus to the library downtown to do book reports."

That's why Ms. Lankford is pushing a proposed $5.7 million bond issue for FTCC.

The bonds would pay to build the Literacy and Adult Education Cen-

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ter to put people like Ms. Lankford on the FTCC campus at Hull Road and Devers Street.

The proposal will be on the general election ballot on Nov. 3.

If voters approve the bonds, $5 million will be used for the 71,500-square-foot center, which will house adult education, GED, literacy, fire, police and emergency training and community classes like arts and crafts, childbirth, car repair, photography and aviation.

The center will replace the run-down Ramsey Street elementary school that FTCC uses now for literacy, adult education and GED, and give the programs room to grow, according to FTCC President Craig Allen.

The other $711,000 of the bonds would pay for repairing and renovating some FTCC buildings.

Several programs moved into the college's new Advanced Technology Center this year, leaving behind 39,000 square feet of space, including an auto shop and other rooms that must be renovated before new classes can go into them, Dr. Allen said.

About 29,000 square feet of that is empty because new equipment cannot go in until the rooms are rebuilt, and the school needs the bond money to rebuild them, he said.

Dr. Allen said if the bond issue is approved, the average Cumberland County taxpayer with a $70,000 home would pay an extra $6.37 a year in property taxes. He said that is less than 2 cents a day for the average homeowner.

At the 40-year-old Ramsey Street building, the walls are a dingy yellow, and white, bare light bulbs hang from the ceiling in some places. The boiler is rusted and broken.

Workers are trying to get the boiler going before this winter, but FTCC officials say it will just be a temporary repair.

The building simply needs to be replaced, Dr. Allen said.

Ms. Lankford dropped out of high school after her sophomore year, but she was not happy at home.

"I wanted to make something of myself," she said. "My little girl's an inspiration to me, and I can't support her without a good job. Getting an education is the key.

"I know there are people who would like to go back to school, but can't because they can't arrange it," she said. "They'd do better going to the main campus. There probably would be a lot more people who would get their GED."

Maurice Bostwick, a GED teacher, said a building on campus would give the returning students a more permanent feeling, like they are a part of the school instead of someone being shuffled around.

The high schools where Ms. Lankford took her GED classes were not convenient because they lack fully-stocked libraries, cafeterias, a computer lab and other things that she said would have made her studies easier.

She said going to the main campus is much easier.

"If the community stresses education so much, they should build this building," she said.

Dr. Allen said the college's buildings can't handle all of the people in the county who need or want classes.

"We have 40,000 people in Cumberland County with less than a high school education," he said. "We have 800 to 850 who get a GED or high school diploma at FTCC every year. At that rate, we'll never catch up with the 40,000.

"We've been in cramped conditions for years at Fayetteville Tech."

He said the college will keep holding some of its classes in local high schools and other community spots because they are often easier for people to get to.

But a new building would make it easier for students and teachers to schedule classes, and give the college room to expand all kinds of programs, he said.

Closing the old Ramsey Street school also should save the college money in utilities, Dr. Allen said.

The old school is hard to heat and cool and not energy efficient like a new building would be. And the new building would save in rent the college pays now to hold its classes, he said.

People trying to finish their high school education are not the only ones who would benefit from the new center, according to Bob Atkinson, director of emergency services training.

This fall, he turned away 35 people who wanted to become policemen and 60 to 70 who wanted to learn phlebotomy, or the skill of drawing blood, because there is not enough room for them.

"We train 95 percent of the law enforcement and firefighting personnel in this county," Mr. Atkinson said.

In the temporary wooden hut where future policemen attend class, the green carpet is torn and ceiling tiles sag. Next door, 25 rescue workers sit at desks crammed around two mobile beds and a pile of mats where they practice CPR.

Since the classes are in huts, the students are moved around a lot.

In the past 10 months, the basic police training class has moved three times, with students picking up their books and equipment and hauling them to another room, Mr. Atkinson said.

Guns and ammunition for police training and medical and fire equipment can not be kept in the wooden huts because they are not secure.

So the equipment has to be picked up from storage in another building, used in class, then returned to storage, which takes up class time, Mr. Atkinson said.

The new center would correct many of these problems, he said.

And Sheridan Turpin, director of community services and extension education, would have a place to put all of the classes people want.

"Lots of times, I'll come up with a new idea and have no where to put it," she said. "I just do not have the space to put 8,000 students in 800 classes."

She said that is how many people want to take classes in her area, which includes the fun and entertaining evening classes that the school offers.

# FTCC Building Given A Boost

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

It looked like a carnival at Fayetteville Technical Community College on Monday afternoon, but the message was serious — vote for $5.7 million in bonds for a new education building at FTCC.

Iva Holiday clutched a yard sign with a huge check mark. The sign read Vote Yes FTCC.

A red balloon bobbed above her, and a red and white bumper sticker was plastered across her purse.

Ms. Holiday, who takes GED classes at FTCC's Ramsey Street Annex, said the building "is not big enough. It's not equipped for our needs. We make the best of it, but we need this building in this nice area.

"I'm putting this sign in my yard," she said. "We need a lot of

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Staff Photo By Marcus Castro

**Study Time**

As the cold season nears, the time for enjoying the outdoors gets smaller. Amy Holmes takes advantage of the fresh air during her studies recently. She was hitting the books for her nursing class at Fayetteville Technical Community College.



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things."

She said GED and literacy students would love to go to class on the FTCC campus, where they would be able to use the cafeteria, library and other college amenities.

"We don't have all that now," Ms. Holiday said.

She and her classmates were joined by about 1,000 FTCC workers and students for a lunchtime rally at the corner of Hull Road and Devers Street, where college officials hope to build a new Literacy and Adult Education Center.

Cumberland County voters will decide Nov. 3 whether the college gets the $5 million building.

It would house classes in adult education, literacy, general equivalency diploma, emergency services, law enforcement, firefighting and occupational and community services like aviation, woodworking, art, home economics and photography.

Monday's rally was the official kickoff of FTCC's bond drive.

Colorful tents lined the field where the new building would be built. FTCC executives wore red and white sweatshirts and handed out free hot dogs and cokes.

Police, fire and emergency workers brought their cars, trucks, bicycles and horses to plug the bonds. Their classes would move from old, temporary huts on campus to the new building.

Harry Shaw, chairman of FTCC's board of trustees, said the site of the planned building held a school for defense workers' children during World War II.

"It's not gone, but we'll see a new school rising right here," he said. "It will be a new kind of school. A place where our adults can come to learn. We'll no longer have to use second-class facilities for the first-class students we have at Fayetteville Tech."

The new literacy center would cost $5 million. The other $711,000 would go to renovate classrooms and repair roofs in several other campus buildings.

Bonds for FTCC will be among five bond issues on the ballot.

The others are $30 million for a special water and sewer district outside the city of Fayetteville, $11.4 million for five branch libraries, $1.65 million for a building at the county industrial park, and $1 million to add courtrooms and offices in the county courthouse.

All of the bonds would be repaid with county property taxes.

Staff Photo By Dick Blount

Thornton Rose and Cathy Barkley Seek Votes At The FTCC Rally

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## FTCC Rally On Quayle Schedule

A Staff And Wire Report

Vice President Dan Quayle will speak at a rally Friday at Fayetteville Technical Community College as part of a campaign swing through eastern North Carolina.

Republicans will follow up with a visit to North Carolina by President Bush as the Nov. 3 election approaches, officials said Tuesday.

Mr. Quayle will speak in front of the the FTCC's Student Center off Hull Road. Anyone wanting to attend should be in front of the center no later than 2 p.m.

Following the rally, Mr. Quayle will attend two separate fund-raisers, at the homes of Fayetteville businessmen Keith Allison and Rajan Shamdasani.

The vice president will fly back to Washington from Fayetteville Regional Airport, about 4:45 p.m.

Mr. Quayle will spend

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# Pro-Military Rally Predicts GOP Win

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## For Friends, Foes, Event Was Exciting

By Scott Yates
Staff Writer

Dr. Sue Kimball said she didn't know there were so many Republicans in Cumberland County as she surveyed the crowd at a rally Friday in Fayetteville for Vice President Dan Quayle.

In fact, Dr. Kimball said, she knows there aren't that many Republicans because she has long been a member of the county's GOP. But even Cumberland County Democrats have supported Republican presidential candidates in the past.

"This is my first real political rally, and it is exciting," Ms. Kimball said. "I thought his speech was moving. He is a much more intelligent man than he is generally perceived to be. I think he was a crowd pleaser."

About 1,000 people attended the rally, which capped a campaign swing through eastern North Carolina. Many adults took the afternoon off work, and children were let out of school early to gather in

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Staff Photo By Marcus Castro

Gov. Jim Martin Applauds And FTCC Supporters Cheer As Vice President Dan Quayle Makes A Point During Friday's Rally

## Noisy FTCC Crowd Hails Dan Quayle

By Mark Stinneford
Staff Writer

Using battle and baseball themes, Vice President Dan Quayle led a raucous rally in Fayetteville on Friday, predicting victory in the GOP's underdog bid to retain the White House.

Speaking to the largest and noisiest crowd of a six-city bus tour through eastern North Carolina, Mr. Quayle tailored his stump speech for the pro-military crowd of more than 1,000 people at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Mr. Quayle took a combative tone from the moment he thrust his fist in the air in response to the crowd's welcome.

"Is this crowd ready to fight?" Mr Quayle said, speaking from a platform in front of the FTCC Student Center. "And we're going to fight for George Bush, and we're going to fight to win, and we're going to fight against Bill Clinton. And we're going to fight against high taxes, and we're going to fight against big government, and we're going to stand up and fight for the American people."

Gov. Jim Martin set the tone in introducing Mr. Quayle when he noted that North Carolina sent more troops than any other state to the Persian Gulf last year.

Mr. Quayle accused Mr. Clinton of taking both sides on the decision

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Thursday night in Raleigh and will watch the second presidential debate at the North Raleigh Hilton, said state GOP Chairman Jack Hawke.

"We're going to have a little party downstairs and I think we may be able to get him to come down after the debate," Mr. Hawke said.

Mr. Quayle will offer his views to the media after the debate, Mr. Hawke said.

Mr. Hawke said he wanted "to do a train trip. I have a thing for trains. When I proposed it for Quayle's visit (in August) they didn't like the idea. But after they tried it they fell in love with it.

"Now I think they're reserving trains for Bush. So we get a bus tour."

Mr. Hawke said he was sure Mr. Bush would make his fourth trip of the year to North Carolina some time after Oct. 19, the date of the final presidential debate.

"We don't know when exactly," he said.

The Kannapolis Independent reported that Secret Service agents said Mr. Bush would be there Oct. 21.

State Rep. Coy Privette, R-Cabarrus, told The Salisbury Post that tentative plans called for a train to carry Mr. Bush on a whistlestop tour with an 11:55 a.m. speech in Kannapolis.

Mark Pasternak with the Bush-Quayle campaign said he could not confirm details of the visit.

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to go to war. Mr. Quayle told of spending two months at Fort Bragg for basic training as a National Guardman in 1969, and he made a special mention of the Persian Gulf veterans.

"Thank you for your contribution and thank you for winning the Persian Gulf war," he said. "Could you imagine what would have happened if Bill Clinton had been president? ... He pulled a Clinton — both sides of every issue."

Mr. Quayle also sought to highlight differences between the two campaigns on defense spending.

"They're the ones that are saying we're going to cut at least $60 billion more out of national defense," he said. "We're saying we're going to continue to invest in national defense and invest in our military."

Mr. Quayle was interrupted by applause with nearly each sentence and was greeted with chants of "Four More Years" and "Quayle '96." Most members of the crowd waved American flags or Bush-Quayle signs. There was also a smattering of Clinton-Gore signs whose holders chanted "Two More Weeks".

While stressing the importance of the character of the candidates, Mr.Quayle did not specifically mention the controversy surrounding Mr. Clinton's efforts to avoid the draft during the Vietnam war.

Speaking to reporters aboard his campaign bus, Mr. Quayle said the draft issue would probably be a winner for the campaign in Fayetteville but that the draft was not the real issue. Mr. Quayle has been criticized over the circumstances of his entry into the National Guard.

"To me, the main issue is that he (Clinton) has trouble telling the truth," Mr. Quayle said as his bus motored between Wilson and Kenly. "He says that he didn't get an induction notice from the draft board, we find out that he did. He said he didn't have an ROTC slot reserved for him, we found out that he did. He said he didn't use special influence in Sen. Fullbright's office, we found out that he did."

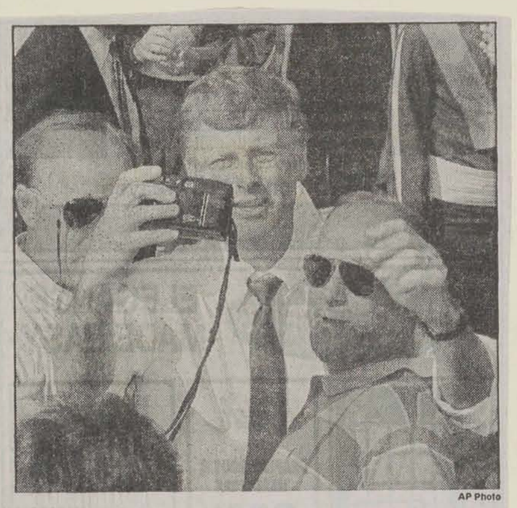
Mr. Quayle spent the night in Raleigh Thursday, attending a GOP rally at a Raleigh hotel held in connection with the presidential debate. His bus tour Friday took him to Knightdale, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Kenly and Smithfield before Fayetteville. His visit ended with private fund-raisers in the homes of Fayetteville businessmen Keith Allison and Rajan Shamdasani.

During the stops, Mr. Quayle also ticked off the campaign themes of holding the line on taxes, passing a balanced budget amendment, providing affordable health care, allowing parents choice in their children's schooling, and electing a new Congress.

"Elect George Bush, and things will get much, much better," Mr. Quayle. "Elect Bill Clinton, and your taxes will go up, spending will go up, government will get bigger. Things will get much, much worse."

Mr. Quayle predicted the GOP ticket would mirror the dramatic performance of the Atlanta Braves in Wednesday night's deciding game in the National League Championship Series.

"When we get to the bottom of the ninth, and it's two outs, we're going to score another run, and we're going to win," he said.



AP Photo

Dan Quayle Tries To Snap A Picture Of Himself With A Supporter During A Campaign Stop In Rocky Mount

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front of the Student Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College to hear Mr. Quayle rally support for President Bush.

"If one had only the weather to go by, you'd assume God is a Republican," said Randy Darden, who brought his stepmother to the rally.

Bands from E.E. Smith and Pine Forest high schools kept the mood festive from the beginning. People brought blankets to sit on. Signs that had littered the ground were thrust to the sky when Mr. Quayle stepped on stage. Secret Service men, the best-dressed onlookers, mingled through the crowd along with police officers.

Mr. Darden teaches English in Saudi Arabia for the Saudi government. He said his students can't believe that President Bush could lose. "Of course, this is a country that has never had an election," he said.

"Political rallies in America are practically interchangeable with sports rallies," Mr. Darden said. "And the people take it about as seriously. Well, they may take sports a little more seriously."

Greg Mandloh, an airman at Pope Air Force Base, was one of many soldiers and airmen at the rally.

"I thought it was very good, and he brought up some good points," Airman Mandloh said. "Fayetteville is a military community, and with Bush's and Quayle's position on defense, they are probably supported by a lot of people here."

Phil Pugh brought his daughters, Sara, 11 and Hannah, 9, to see the political process at work.

Sara knew how she would vote even before Mr. Quayle's speech because he had criticized the television character, Murphy Brown, an unwed mother who gave birth earlier this year. "He isn't very nice saying those things," she said. "I like Murphy Brown."

Sara said the best part about the rally is that she got out of school, and even though she held a Bush-Quayle campaign sign, it didn't relate to her political leanings. "They are free. They are giving them out," she said.

A spattering of Clinton supporters held signs and shouted "two more weeks" in response to the battle cry from a partisan crowd: "Four more years."

Demetrius McCollum, a Methodist College student, held a sign asking Mr. Quayle to tell the truth about Brett Kimberlin, a federal convict who said he sold marijuana to Mr. Quayle in the early 1970s.

"I am here to support Bill Clinton," he said. "I know his plan is right. It is time for a change. We have tried the Reagan and Bush trickle-down economics for 12 years and it is not working."

He didn't like Mr. Quayle's plans to attend a fund-raiser at a home in the affluent Kingsford subdivision after the rally. "Why isn't he going someplace like Murchison Road or into any poor neighborhood. That is what I am not seeing from the Republicans," Mr. McCollum said.

Mr. Quayle's supporters enthusiastically responded to his calls for Republican support in November.

"I thought he was wonderful," said Rosalie Kelly. "I like what he said, and there was great enthusiasm. It is terrific that he came to Fayetteville, and it will be something else that can go down in our history."

Coy Privette, a Republican candidate for U.S. Congress from the 8th District, may have done the most handshaking at the rally. "Everyone you touch is a vote," he said. "I think this will help the president and the entire Republican effort."

Eboni Baugh, 16, was playing in the E.E. Smith band for the event. "This is a good experience, and he is a famous person. Whether we support him or not, just being here is important," she said.

Charles Barlow, who works at FTCC, handed out American flags before the rally. "This is great for Fayetteville and great for the school," he said, calling it a milestone in the history of the college.

Sharon Edwards cast an angry glance at the Clinton supporters every time someone stopped to talk with them.

"This is a Bush-Quayle rally. Remember that," she said. "I support them because I don't want my taxes to go up. We are taxed enough."

Like many, Bob and Gerta Slattery of Hope Mills came because they wanted to see what the rally would be like. "It's just curiosity," Mr. Slattery said.

All the presidential candidates are liars, he said. "(Ross) Perot probably comes across the most honest, but he doesn't stand a chance."



## Applause

Eight students from The Fayetteville Acadmy have been named Advanced Placement Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP Examinations.

**Brad Inman, Anne Harris** and **Kevin Satisky** qualified as AP Scholars with Honor earning grades of three or above on four or more AP Exams, with an average exam grade of 3.25

**Shannon Logsdon, Oriana Mellott, Stuart Nemerov, Thoedore Paris** and **Nikole Wilson** qualified as AP Scholars by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of three or higher.

Only about 11 percent of the applicants.

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**Robin Greene**, a Fayetteville poet, was a recent recipient of the 1992 North Carolina Arts Council Writers Fellowship. The fellowship carries a cash grant of $7,500.

The purpose of the fellowship is to encourage the state's finest writers to achieve and to recognize the central contribution they make to the state's creative climate.

A panel of nationally known writers selected the recipients from 50 highly qualified fellowship

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Four Fayetteville Technical Community College second-year nursing students were awarded scholarships of $750 each by the Cumberland County Medical Society Auxiliary at their monthly membership meeting.

The recipients were: **Jimi Edwards Sweeny, Rhonda Jean Maire, Nancy Jean Halm** and **Lisa Christine Loughran.**

The scholarships were given in honor of Pat Wells, and in memory of Mercedes O'Hale and Merle Rainey, all physician spouses.

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The following students graduat-

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## Fayetteville Woman Faces Charges

Wanda Ellen Snow, 39, of 713 North St., Fayetteville, was charged Wednesday with selling and delivering crack cocaine and receiving stolen goods, police report.

Police accuse Ms. Snow of selling and delivering a quarter gram of crack to an undercover officer Tuesday night and possessing computer equipment valued at $5,000 on Nov. 5, court records say. The equipment belonged to Fayetteville Technical Community College.

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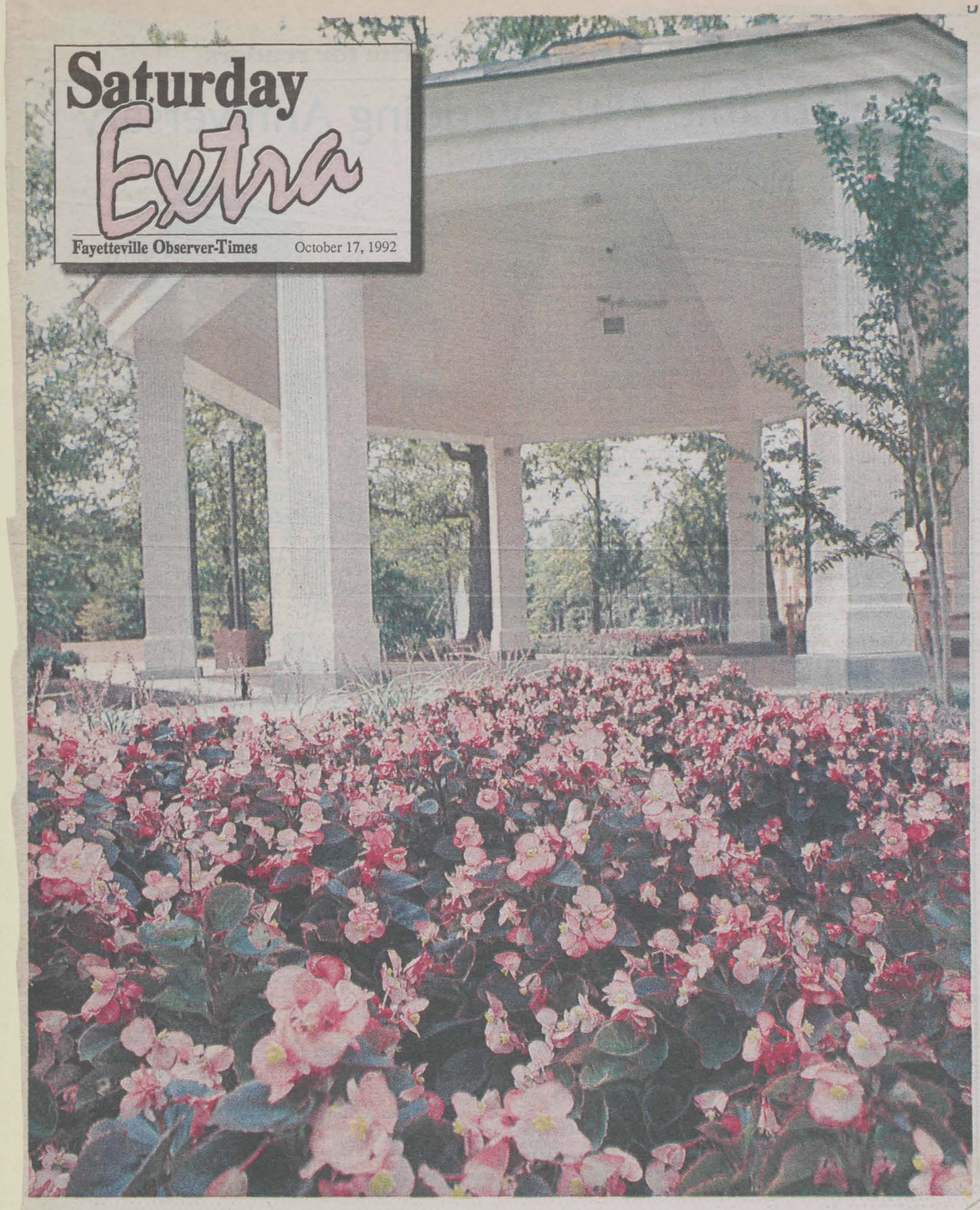

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## FTCC Student Group Urges All To Vote

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is an organization dedicated to promoting the free enterprise system on college campuses and in our communities.

As we move closer to the general election in November, we, the chapter at Fayetteville Technical Community College, feel compelled to urge all citizens to exercise their right to vote. Without widespread citizen participation in the voting process and in democracy itself, our country suffers.

Our system is predicated on the assumption that every citizen will take an active, participatory role in the affairs of our government. Government by default is not representative of the diverse populations in the United States, nor is it particularly beneficial for the long-term health of our country.

Issues of importance will be debated, decisions affecting all citizens will be made, and it is imperative that we add our voices to the process.

Budget deficit, debt, trade imbalances, free-trade agreements and common markets all have political as well as economic ramifications. Our decisions will have an effect on the future course of economic realities; people sitting on the sidelines watching this process take away from our democracy.

Students in Free Enterprise at Fayetteville Technical Community College urge all eligible citizens to vote on Nov. 3.

**Al Albert**
**President, SIFE**
**Fayetteville**



## Education Notes

The Carolina Telephone Yellow Pages is sponsoring a Hunt Down the Facts contest in Cumberland County elementary and middle schools. Students can win their schools audio visual equipment, library books and other educational materials by finding information and answering questions out of the phone book.

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Pembroke State University will have its annual Graduate and Professional School Day Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Chavis Center. Representatives of graduate schools will be at the college to talk to students.

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The Fayetteville State University Math and Science Education Center Precollege Program will tutor students in the fourth through 12th grades in Room 109 of the School of Business and Economics on Monday through Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. For information, call 486-1055.

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**Leslie A. Kiewra**, an Opportunity Center counselor at Douglas Byrd Junior High School, was appointed 1992-93 membership chairman of the North Carolina Counseling Association.

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**Craig Allen**, president of Fayetteville Technical Community College, was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year by Appalachian State University. He graduated from the Boone college in 1959.

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**Tony DeLapa**, an education professor at Methodist College, was named Outstanding Faculty member by the alumni association.

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Methodist College will offer 17 classes during the two-week Christmas break this year. For information, call 630-7032.

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**Roy Parker Jr.** of Fayetteville is chairman of a task force on university impact for the board of visitors at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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**Mary N. Marler**, a teacher at J.W. Coon Elementary School, went to a seminar on "The Decline of the Petroleum Age: Designing Solar Alternatives" at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

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**Mr. and Mrs. George H. Armstrong** of Fayetteville have been named to the Parents Advisory Board at Saint Mary's College for the 1992-93 school year.

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**Clarie White**, coordinator of the Bonnie Doone BRIDGES program, will go to the National Middle School Association Conference in Texas this week. She will give a workshop on the BRIDGES program.

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Southeastern Community College will hold registration for winter courses Nov. 11 and 12 from 1 to 7 p.m. in the A-Building. For information, call 1-919-642-7141.

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Education Notes runs each Tuesday in Focus: Family. The deadline for submitting information is noon Thursday.



# Animal Haven isolation ward provides care for homeless pets

**by Keith Turgeon**
**22nd Mobile Public Affairs Det.**

The Animal Haven, a shelter for unwanted pets located on Bragg Boulevard, has broken ground for an addition to its shelter facility.

"The addition will be our Isolation Ward," said Lynn Stone, president of the Animal Haven.

The Isolation Ward will be used to isolate pets which develop upper respiratory infections or kennel cough.

"These infections can spread rapidly through the shelter, increasing the amount of money we spend on veterinarian costs," Stone said.

The Animal Haven is a shelter for pets that can no longer be kept by their families.

"We can't take in strays," Stone said.

"But pets that are brought to us by families who are unable to keep them, stay here until they are adopted," she said.

"We had one cat that was here for more than a year before it was adopted," Stone said.

The shelter is not funded by either state or federal funds but by private donations.

"If we can cut back on our veterinarian costs, we'll be able to save money."

Because the shelter does not receive government funds, it raises money through bake sales, pet adoptions and donations.

"We've had to save money for more than three years to afford this addition," Stone said.

Fayetteville Technical Community College, which built the current building for the Animal Haven, will also help build the addition.

Stone said other donations including pet food, money, cat litter, garbage bags, bleach, detergent and any other supplies that would help with the shelter's operation, would be greatly appreciated by the Animal Haven.

Donations can be delivered directly to the shelter, which is located across from the old Tart's building on Bragg Boulevard.

Donations can also be mailed to 3927 Bragg Blvd., Fayetteville, N.C. 28303.

LIVE WIRE Call 485-3440

**Q: Who is paying for the advertisements and posters for the passage of the Fayetteville Tech bonds? I've noticed that neither the ads nor posters have a sponsor's name listed. Makes it smell**

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## Live Wire

**like public money is being used improperly. J.R., Godwin**

A: No taxpayer money is used to promote the bonds, said Harry Shaw, chairman of the Fayetteville Technical Community College board of trustees.

He said the bonds are being promoted primarily with discretionary money accumulated from federal government contracts for courses taught at Fort Bragg when the amount of the contract exceeds the school's expenses for presenting the courses.

Some of the money comes from the school's foundation, which receives gifts from private sources, he said.

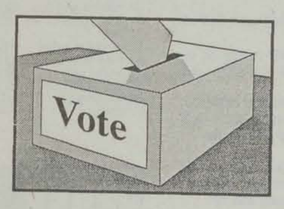
# Opinion

*Editorials*

## At Last, The Day

For years — decades, really — newspaper editorials have bemoaned the declining presence of Americans at the polling place. Editors have ascribed this dispiriting phenomenon alternately to apathy, scant choice between major candidates, and even to hostility for the whole process. Many seem to have felt that the big political machines have written off the individual voter as irrelevant, so why bother?

The truth probably rests on a little of all those explanations. But this year, nationwide voter registration statistics suggest strongly that Americans are about to reverse this trend.




The Observer-Times devoutly hopes so. If American voters are taking a renewed interest in who governs them and how it's done, that can't fail to be healthy.

There's a lot at stake. We cannot take note of all of the races, but several are of surpassing importance:

● Starting with the presidential race, U.S. voters seem this year, as in no year of recent memory, to feel that we are at a turning point. A majority of us are concerned down to our shoe-leather about the state of the economy. We have become the world's largest debtor nation. There is hardly anyone among us who hasn't either lost a job or who doesn't know someone who has, and most of us have felt an erosion in real income. And to name just one other (for lack of space) overriding concern, we want someone who can hang onto the hard-won gains the winding down of the Cold War has brought.

Today, it comes down to a question of which man we think is up to these challenges.

President Bush feels the economy has turned the corner, and has some small good news from the third quarter to back him up. Bill Clinton takes the view that such figures are transitory, and the broader picture is symptomatic of 12 years of trickle-down economics. Mr. Bush really has not articulated how the next four years under him would be different; at the same time, many voters view Mr. Clinton's "investment" regimen as tax-and-spend by another name. Ross Perot still just wants to get under the hood. It's a quandary.

Mr. Bush claims to have won the Cold War. That's simple self-aggrandizement. On the other hand, with Russian President Boris Yeltsin and his military increasingly sniping at each other, some will wonder if this is the time for a change in top leadership in Washington. At the same time, the president's huge positive ratings of a year ago over the Persian Gulf War have been undercut by serious questions from both the Clinton and Perot camps as to whether the Bush administration may have gotten us in that fix in the first place.

● Statewide political races in North Carolina have been dominated this year by the battle between moderate Democrat Jim Hunt, a former governor, and conservative Republican Jim Gardner, the lieutenant governor.

Mr. Hunt, who while out of office has worked in the national educational reform movement and refined his vision of how to stimulate the state's economic growth, has dominated the race.

Mr. Gardner's positions often sound like conservative echoes of Mr. Hunt's. Lagging in the polls, Mr. Gardner has moved in the last days of the campaign to attacks like those he made on former state Sen. Tony Rand in the race for lieutenant governor in 1988. Mr. Gardner had to apologize for those ads as part of a court settlement in a libel action.

Mr. Hunt has counterpunched without resorting to similar shrillness, and has focused on his version of how to make North Carolina prosper.

● Even more intense in harshness is the race between incumbent Democratic U.S. Sen. Terry Sanford and Republican challenger Lauch Faircloth.

Actually, the race is between Mr. Sanford and the National Congressional Club, which is running the campaign of former Democrat Faircloth. He makes few appearances. The Congressional Club's media blitz casts Mr. Sanford as an aging, befuddled liberal.

Hospitalized for surgery during part of the campaign, Mr. Sanford is back out on the hustings. His campaigning is vigorous and avid. He is making speeches in the moderate Southern Democratic tradition of which he is one of the region's primary exponents.

The race is an election-day toss-up.

● The choices are somewhat more difficult, even for avid partisans, in the race for three seats on the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners. It features two Republicans who have made it clear that they favor better funding of the local public schools: businessman David M. McCune and Democrat-turned-Republican Bob Lewis, a retired high school principal. They also support all of the bond issues on today's ballot. Those bond issues are a reasonable yardstick for candidates' understanding of the community's need for better education and infrastructure.

On the other side of the ticket is Republican-turned-Democrat John Keefe, who all but opposed the recent school bond referendum. He is equivocal in his support of today's bond issues. Democrat Lee Warren supported the school bond referendum and is straightforward in his support for each of the other bond issues the voters will approve or reject today.

Democratic school board member Marshall Faircloth supported the school bonds but was equivocal in his support of the one bond issue he did endorse: water and sewer. Republican Lindy Gardner opposed the school bonds and supports only the water and sewer bonds now.

● The school board race has 29 candidates for six seats (one from each of six districts). The number of candidates suggests the intensity with which Cumberland County citizens care about public education.

It is important to weigh carefully how well each candidate understands the improvements made thus far. They are important improvements. They could be halted or reversed by misguided leadership. Likewise, it is important do decide whether each candidate demonstrates a clear understanding of how to make further improvements. No one who is short in either category deserves a seat on the school board.

● Cumberland County can grow and prosper as it should, with its people healthier, better able to take advantage of the opportunities that come to them and richer with job opportunities if the bond issues presented for approval today pass. Largest and most important are the water and sewer bonds, which total almost $30 million. They can substantially reduce the threat of epidemic waterborne disease and boost overall economic prospects here.

The $11.4 million in library bonds are important for the sake of the education of our children, who need well-equipped and readily accessible public libraries, and for the sake of adults.

There is an equally strong need for the $5.7 million in bonds for Fayetteville Technical Community College's adult literacy and education center.

The courtroom bonds are needed to alleviate overcrowding. The industrial development bond is required to make Cumberland County competitive in the fight to recruit outside investment.

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It is a cliche that those who don't vote don't deserve to complain later. Like most cliches, this became one because it contained so much truth. This newspaper certainly subscribes to it, and we urge that everyone entitled to vote do so today. If we don't know what we want, and say so, others will shape our future.


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## Bonds Wins Attributed To Marketing

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College won its bond issue while most others failed in Cumberland County on Tuesday because of a serious marketing push and because the college has won a place in people's hearts over the years, a college official said.

FTCC spent $45,000 to $50,000 from its private foundation for yard signs, buttons, bumper stickers, hats and a rally promoting its $5.7 million bond issue. And it worked.

Voters overwhelmingly approved the FTCC bonds 41,288 to 23,729, according to election returns made official Friday.

The only other bond to pass in the county was $11.4 million for five new branch libraries.

It won by just 198 votes — 32,210 votes for the buildings and 32,012 against.

Bonds for water and sewer lines in parts of the county failed by a slim margin, while bonds for new courtrooms on the fourth floor of the courthouse and a shell building at the county industrial park were soundly defeated.

The $13.6 million water bonds were defeated 15,714 to 14,932, while the $16.4 million sewer bonds went down 15,579 to 15,201.

A $1 million bond to add courtrooms and office space in the courthouse failed 41,095 to 22,654.

A $1.65 million bond for a building to attract business into the industrial park failed 35,965 to 27,745.

Larry Norris, FTCC vice president for academic affairs, said "If we had not done the marketing we'd done, we would have had some difficulty. I'm

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not saying we would have lost, but it would have been much more difficult."

He said FTCC has helped county residents improve their lives for the past 31 years, and that goodwill helped the college's bond effort.

One FTCC student said some of the older students resented the class time spent promoting the bonds and the pressure put on students to support them. But Dr. Norris said it was an educational process that brought the college together and helped the community.

"My gut feeling is that the people who voted against Fayetteville Tech voted against all the bonds," Dr. Norris said. "People were concerned about their pocketbooks."

Bob Stanger, Cumberland County engineer, agreed.

"I'm sure the bottom line was money consideration," he said. "People who voted against it felt they couldn't afford it."

But Mr. Stanger said the voters' rejection of water and sewer bonds leaves the county and the county commissioners in a tough spot.

"The problem is not going away. I think we're simply going to have to rethink how we're going to provide the services to the residents who desperately need them."

He said the commissioners can still raise taxes and do assessments to lay the water and sewer lines.

Voters in 33 precincts outside city and town limits voted on the water and sewer bonds.

People on the crowded western side of the county generally supported the water and sewer bonds. They have the worst problems with malfunctioning septic tanks and low water pressure, and would get the new lines first.

Voters east of the Cape Fear River — the last area that would benefit from the new lines — generally went against the bonds.

Mr. Stanger said the water and sewer bonds had an image problem, and the county could do little to improve that.

"Our problem was the county had very limited resources to promote the water and sewer bonds," he said. "We had to rely on the community and special interest groups."

A bond task force made up of business and community leaders raised money and did an advertising campaign in the newspaper, on radio and television.

The group also sent speakers out to clubs and groups, but the effort fell short for the water and sewer, courthouse and shell building bonds.

Jerry Thrasher, director of the Cumberland County library, said he is not sure what pushed the library bonds to victory.

During the few weeks prior to the vote, the library had been under attack by a group that objected to two children's books it carries on homosexuality, "Daddy's Roommate," and "Heather Has Two Mommies."

Mr Thrasher said he isn't sure if the protest hurt or helped the library's cause. "I did get calls from people concerned about the protests and the ads appearing in the newspaper. That may have had an impact on people coming out to vote for the bonds."

The group that tried to defeat the library bonds has said it will ask for a recount since there was just a 198-vote margin.

Assistant Attorney General Charlie Hensley said the county Board of Elections will have to decide whether to recount the library bonds.

Mr. Hensley said there is nothing in state law that would force or stop the elections board from doing a recount.

The protesting group would have to show cause that there was a possibility of errors in the voting or counting of the ballots in order to get a recount, he said.

Coy Brewer Jr., chief resident Superior Court judge, said he is disappointed that the courtroom bonds failed, but "I'm fully satisfied that we got a fair hearing, and the voters made a decision. I have tremendous respect for the decision that the citizens of Cumberland County made."

W.A. Bissette, president of the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corp., said he is also disappointed that the shell building bonds failed "because we feel like it's a tool we need" to recruit industry.

He said the issue of constructing a shell building is not dead. He said one of the industrial recruiting agency's committees will look at other ways to pay for the project.

## Voters OK FTCC Bond Issue; Three Losing; Others Close

By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

Cumberland County voters on Tuesday appeared to overwhelmingly approve a $5.7 million bond issue for Fayetteville Technical Community College, but bond issues for courtrooms and a building at the county's industrial park appeared to have been defeated.

With 40 of the 57 precincts reporting, it was too close to determine whether voters favored bond issues for water and sewer projects and five branch libraries.

County officials had viewed the $16.4 million sewer bond issue and the $13.6 million water bond issue as the most critical to the county's future.

Unofficial returns on the sewer bond issue show 8,686 votes for and 8,497 against. For the water bond issue, the unofficial count was 8,568 for and 8,810 against.

The vote for a building and other improvements at FTCC was 24,785 for and 15,073 against.

The vote for an $11.4 million bond issue to build five branch libraries was 19,607 for and 20,461 against.

A $1.65 million bond issue for an 80,000-square-foot shell building at the industrial park was losing by a vote of 17,269 for and 22,507 against.

A $1 million bond issue to add courtrooms and office space on the fourth floor of the courthouse had received 13,299 votes for to 25,785 against.

Last summer, the Board of Commissioners established a special water and sewer district and approved a tax of 5.3 cents per $100 property valuation to be paid by property owners within the district.

Only people living in the district voted on the two bond issues, which excluded 24 city precincts and six town precincts.

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Should both the water and sewer bonds pass, $63.2 million worth of projects would be built by the year 2000.

The projects would be paid for with a combination of the bonds, the special tax and special assessments that only owners of benefited properties would pay.

For FTCC, the bonds would be used to build a $5 million adult literacy education building. The remaining $700,000 would go for improvements to existing buildings.

FTCC President Craig Allen said he was pleased with the community's response.

"I think people realized there is a need for literacy education in our county to raise the education level of our people if we are to progress and prosper and have a better quality of life," he said.

The literacy building would be built at Hull Road and Deaver Street. Plans call for it to open by fall 1994.

Regarding the bond issue for courtrooms, Trial Court Administrator Kim Tucker attributed the apparent defeat to few residents using the courtrooms. She added that any tax increase is "a hard choice" for voters in "tight economic times."

"Given the vote of the people, (court officials) have no choice but to carry on and make the best possible use of the existing facilities," Mrs. Tucker said.

The fourth floor of the courthouse has been an unfinished shell since the courthouse opened in 1978.

Library Director Jerry Thrasher, contacted at his home shortly before midnight, said he was still hopeful that the $11.4 million bond issue for five branch libraries would be approved.

## Scott Urges More Work To Get Extra Community College Money

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By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Community college students, workers and trustees will have to join the fight this year to get more money for their schools, the president of the state's community college system said Monday.

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Bob Scott, a former North Carolina governor, is traveling the state telling the community colle es' trustees that they must wo harder to persuade the legislatur to increase the two-year schools portion of the state's education budget.

He was to meet Monday night in Lumberton with the boards of Robeson, Bladen and Southeastern community colleges to kick off the campaign for more money to this part of the state. He plans to meet later with the Fayetteville Technical Community College board, as well as others in the Cape Fear region.

He said part of the campaign will be an effort to get students,trustees and business leaders to write letters to their legislators.

The goal is to get 10,000 letters to legislators between now and summer, when the General Assembly will set the 1993-94 budget, he said.

"The trustees historically have left it up to those of us who are employed by the system to lobby," Mr. Scott said. "That's not going to do it.

"Each board of trustees is being asked to meet with their own legislators. We're asking each trustee to be a liaison to a legislator and talk

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to them from now until next July."

Mr. Scott said the state's community colleges get just 7.9 cents out of every dollar the state spends on education.

"Aren't we worth a dime? If we could get that, we'd be a long way toward buying equipment we need and educating our students better. We see the quality eroding away from us rather rapidly."

He said 750,000 students go to the state's 58 community colleges, and the system does much more than its original job of vocational and technical training.

Community colleges award 20 percent of the state's high school diplomas, and thousands of students go to community colleges to get started on their college careers, then head to universities.

"Our enrollments keep going up. They've been going up 5 to 10 percent each year."

But the money has not kept pace, he said.

Mr. Scott said the state Board of Community Colleges will ask the legislature for $64 million more in next year's operating budget to pay for the extra students, buy equipment and library books, give workers raises, hire more workers and add to programs.

The board will also vote Thursday on whether to ask for a $311 million bond issue for buildings on each community college campus, Mr. Scott said.

He said the bonds would pay to build the two buildings most needed on each campus.

# Community Colleges Eye Construction Bonds

## 7 Cape Fear Region Schools Need $32-Plus Million

A Staff And Wire Report

RALEIGH — The state Board of Community Colleges voted Thursday to ask voters to approve $311 million in construction bonds for the system's 58 schools.

The state board's decision almost guarantees that the General Assembly again will face as much as $1 billion in bond requests from Tar Heel educators.

Included in the package are projects at seven community colleges in the Cape Fear region that would cost more than $32 million. The money would come from a variety of sources, including the bonds.

Board members agreed to step up their lobbying efforts over last year when they spent most of the legislative session playing second fiddle to a $300 million bond request being pushed by the 16-campus University of North Carolina system.

"We tried to work with them (the UNC system) last year, and it just didn't work," said Bob Scott, president of the state's community colleges. "Let's make our pitch and work for it."

Enrollment at almost all community colleges has grown in the past decade while budgets have remained stagnant. More than 750,000 students are enrolled around the state, and some schools have turned away hundreds of students.

Community college officials stressed that the $311 million request won't come close to covering all needs. Rather, it represents only the top two priorities for each school as identified by each president.

House and Senate leaders downplayed the chance of a huge statewide bond referendum.

"I'm sure we'll have to pare back some of the requests," said Marc Basnight, a Manteo Democrat who is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the most likely person to become president pro tem of the Senate. "It will be very much directed by the state of the economy."

House Speaker Dan Blue said a House committee currently looking at the state's immediate and long-term capital needs also should help avoid the sometimes aimless debate and sloppy approach that dogged the previous discussion about bond issues.

Following are the community colleges, their priority projects and the college's estimated cost of the projects:

● Bladen Community College, allied heath care center, $1,015,472, and a child care center, $447,045.

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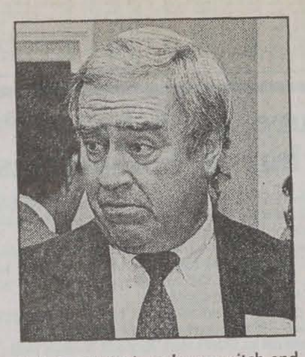

**Bob Scott:** 'Let's make our pitch and work for it'

**Marc Basnight:** 'Sure we'll have to pare back some of the requests'

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● Central Carolina Community College in Lee County, classroom building, $2 million, and renovation of main building and library, $1,120,000; and a classroom at the college's satellite in Harnett County, $2 million.

● Fayetteville Technical Community College in Cumberland County, literacy and continuing education building, $6 million, and renovation of two classroom buildings, $1.8 million.

● Robeson Community College, emergency training center, $855,387, and teaching theaters and allied health classroom, $1,430,228.

● Sampson Community College, multipurpose building, $4,257,856, and academic building, $2,552,000.

● Sandhills Community College in Moore County, continuing educational center classrooms, $5.1 million, physical education building, $4 million.

● Southeastern Community College in Columbus County, nursing and allied health building, $1,309,400, addition and renovation of building, $896,070.

# Veteran Honored At Last

**Coalition Seeks Attention; Town Pays Tribute, Page 1B**

By Henry Cuningham
And Kim Oriole
Staff Writers

Roland Narducci finally received his Bronze Star medal Wednesday — 50 years after he earned it fighting in the Pacific theater during World War II.

"I feel wonderful after 50 years!" the 80-year-old San Jose, Calif., native said after the Veterans Day observance at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Fayetteville.

Veterans Day events also were held at Cumberland Memorial Garden on Raeford Road, Fayetteville Technical Community College and Wachovia bank in Laurinburg.

Outside the VA Medical Center, veterans standing on chairs saluted as Brig. Gen. James M. Wright pinned the medal with a bronze star suspended from a red ribbon on Mr. Narducci, who wore an Army uniform with sergeant's stripes and other ribbons and medals.

Mr. Narducci said he "would only accept this in the name of his buddies," according to Gen. Wright, commander of Fort Bragg's 1st Corps Support Command. The citation commends him for "meritorious achievement in ground combat against an armed enemy during World War II in the Asiatic Pacific theater of operations."

Mr. Narducci, an outpatient at the medical center, said the awa was delayed because his rece were lost. "They finally locate erything," he said.

He was an amphibious sc in the 7th Reconnaissance Uni th

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Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He lives in Fayetteville with his daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Michael Tucker.

"I was in 109 landings," Mr. Narducci said. "I fought all over the Pacific."

He was a patient on a Navy destroyer during a kamikaze raid, a suicide attack by Japanese pilots.

Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division's 82nd Signal Battalion introduced themselves during the Veterans Day ceremony. The battalion commander, Lt. Col. Harold S. Schmidt, greeted the veterans on behalf of Maj. Gen. Hugh Shelton, the division commander.

"We think every day is Veterans Day," said Thomas Arnold, associate director of the medical center.

The medical center, at 2300 Ramsey Street, dates back to a decision by the U.S. government 54 years ago to build a veterans' hospital in the Myrtle Hill area, Roy Parker Jr., contributing editor of the Fayetteville Observer-Times, told the audience.

On the same site 74 years earlier, Confederate troops built trenches to stop the advance of Gen. William T. Sherman's union soldiers, Mr. Parker said.

"This place has been connected with the military since 1865," he said.

Retired Special Forces Sgt. Maj. Joseph Pillow, a former Fayetteville city councilman who died this week, was typical of many veterans who contributed to the community, he said.

Curtis Stevens and Robert E. Allen of the Military Order of the Purple Heart assisted in laying a wreath during the ceremony.

Several hundred people attended, including Col. Robert F. Burke of Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville Mayor J.L. Dawkins, Spring Lake Mayor Vernon Hobson, Hope Mills Mayor Edwin Deaver and Billy King, chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners.

At FTCC, criminal justice student Arletta Mattulat spoke during a half-hour service.

Mrs. Mattulat was forced out of the Army by an accident almost four years ago, but she spent Veterans Day being thankful for her 16 years in the service.

The disabled veteran said she was depressed and felt like her life was over when she left the Army, but has rebounded and turned her life into something positive.

"To many people, Veterans Day is about dying, remembering those who died," she said to a crowd of about 150. "To me, that's only half of it. It's about remembering the living — those who gave their time and energy to their country.

"It's a day to remember the places I've been with the Army, the people I've known, the things I've learned in the military service," Mrs. Mattulat said.

Ken Digby, a Vietnam veteran who is chairman of the college's General Occupation Technology Program, said that county veterans and FTCC have helped each other.

He said a third of FTCC students are veterans.

"It's the veterans who have chosen to stay in our community, and active-duty soldiers who take classes, who have helped Fayetteville Tech grow," Mr. Digby said. "And they add to our classrooms. Their life experiences cannot be found in a textbook. As a teacher, I always welcome veterans in my classes."

The ceremony at Cumberland Memorial Garden included a wreath laying and color guard.

In Laurinburg, military hardware and memorabilia were displayed at the St. Andrews branch of Wachovia bank.

"I think it's great," said John Mogan, who flew bombers and fighters during World War II. "It brings attention to veterans. There are fewer and fewer of us every year."

*Staff writer Bill Wright contributed to this story.*

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# Community Profile

## FTCC Growing Under Dr. Allen's Leadership

By Jeffery Womble
Staff Writer

The walls in Fayetteville Technical Community College President Dr. Craig Allen's office look like an academic shrine.

Degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University are prominently displayed. Plaques and certificates recognizing his contributions to education have a place on his paneled walls.

The education profession has done a lot for Dr. Allen, and he'd like to return the favor.

"Fayetteville Tech was like coming back home," said Dr. Allen who was the business education department chairman from 1963-65. "It's been a challenge and it's been something I've enjoyed. It provides more benefits than any other profession you can choose."

Since he became president of FTCC in 1983, Dr. Allen has seen significant changes. Some of those changes are in the working and learning environment of the college. "I hope I've been able to bring about a cohesive atmosphere among the employees and students of our college," said Dr. Allen, dressed in a neatly-pressed shirt and blue slacks.

"There are people who come here everyday and put a good part of their lives here. It's a place that's enjoyable to be."

There have also been changes in the school's physical structure — a $3 million student center, a $1.5 million center for business and industry and a $5.6 million advanced technology center have been constructed. Renovations and improvements account for another $2 million over the period he has been president. And with the recent passing of the $5.7 million bond issue, a Continuing Education Center will be added to the school's campus.

"We continue to work toward the improvement of the quality of our instructional programs, student access and support for students," Dr. Allen said. "One of the challenges or goals is to stay abreast of the needs and to stay on the cutting edge as far as technology is concerned."

Dr. Allen gives credit to the community, the administration and board of trustees who believe in the mission of FTCC — to make students their top priority and provide them a quality education — for the college's success.

"This job could be an impossible job if you had a board that puts itself first. Our board works as a board and that makes the implementation of policy a lot easier."

His job is made easier because of the relationship he has with his faculty and administrators, he said.

"I think I have a very good relationship with the college," Dr. Allen said. "I appreciate the faculty and I hope we have a mutual feeling."

Barbara Copeland, director of marketing and public relations at FTCC, calls Dr. Allen a "good leader."

"He's the best boss I ever had," said Ms. Copeland who has been working for Dr. Allen for eight years. "He's a quiet leader, but he's an effective leader."

Ms. Copeland also said she has become a more effective manager since she began working for Dr. Allen.

"I've learned a lot from him," she said. "In terms of my own professional development, I learned some management skills from him that I didn't have when I first took this job."

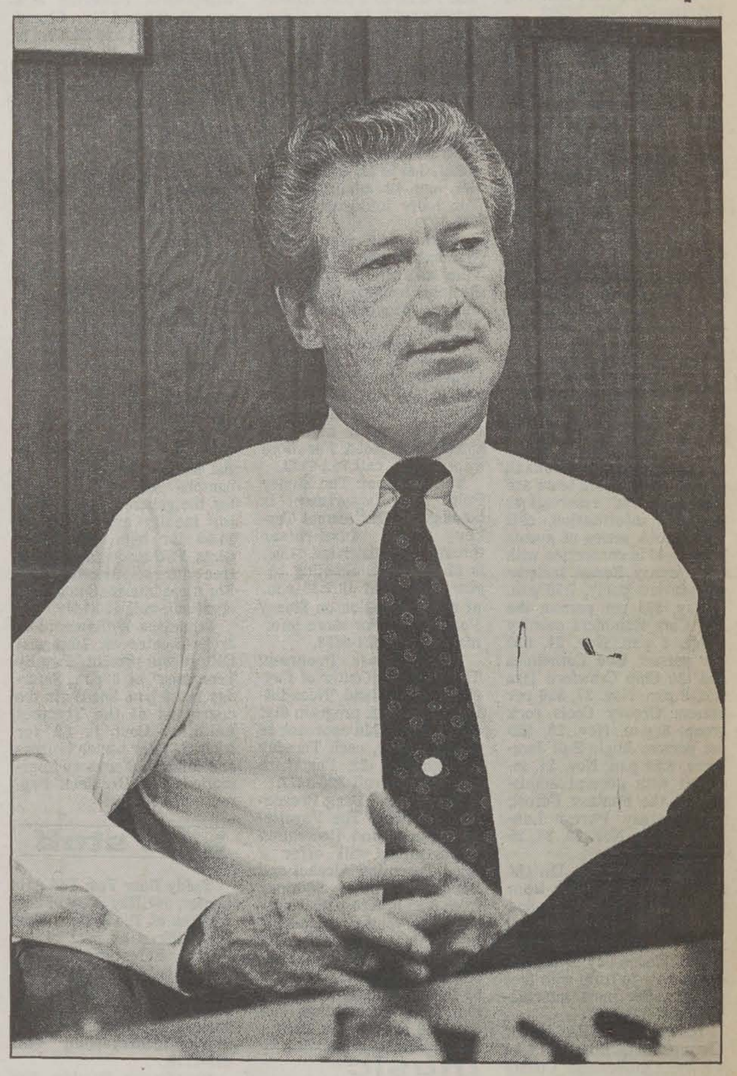
A native of Robeson County, Dr. Allen received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Appalachian State Teacher's College (now Appalachian State University) in 1959. He got his master's of education in public school administration and supervision from from UNC-CH in 1963, and his doctorate in adult and community college education from NCSU in 1977.

Dr. Allen is married to Peggy Averitte Allen, and they have four children. Dawn is a graduate of the UNC-CH School of Pharmacy, Jeff is a graduate of the United State Military Academy at West Point and is employed by Merrill-Lynch Corp. in Tacoma, Wash., Yates is a graduate of NCSU and is working on his master's degree and Lesley is a freshman at UNC-CH.

Before joining FTCC in 1983, he was the founding president of Robeson Community College from 1965 to 1983. From 1960 to 1963, he was an administrator in the St. Pauls City Schools.

But it was his love for the community college system that brought him out of public schools.

"The community college system gave me a purpose for my life," Dr. Allen said. "We all have a place and a purpose, and we have to prepare ourselves the best way we can."



Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

**'Fayetteville Tech was like coming back home. It's been a challenge and it's been something I've enjoyed. It provides more benefits than any other profession you can choose, and I enjoy seeing people benefit from what we have to offer.'**

— Dr. Craig Allen

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Q: What do you have to do to become a notary? A.C., Fayetteville

A: First, you must take a course. Patricia Blackburn of Fayetteville Technical Community College said the school

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offers a four-hour class on a single day or a five-hour course split over two nights.

You must pre-register and pay in advance for the course, which costs $35 for the registration fee and $7.95 for a required book, she said. The next course is Dec. 16, from 1 to 5 p.m., or Dec. 15 and Dec. 17, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Students must pre-register for either of the courses by noon on Dec. 15, she said.

After completing the course, you fill out an application and mail it to the state with a $25 application fee. The state will send you a green sheet of paper that will enable you to go to the Register of Deeds office at the county courthouse and get sworn in. The swearing-in process takes about two minutes and costs $5, she said.

Once you're sworn in, you can buy a seal, which is sold at office supply stores at varying prices, she said.

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# Opinion

*Editorials*

## Work Force Education

Governor-elect Jim Hunt and the next General Assembly are going to put a lot of energy into developing a sound state education budget. The needs are unignorable. And North Carolina's fund-starved public schools, community colleges and universities will hit them hard in 1993.

The struggle should be cooperative. They all have unmet needs that are important to the public, whose interest lies in having the best-educated work force the state can afford. Together, they can reinforce one another on the point that better education is an overarching priority. The state should pay it less lip service and more money.

After all, the public school budgets of tax-base-poor counties like Cumberland and Robeson require heavy fiscal injections from the state if their students are to get fully competitive educations. The state's college and university system has been forced by budgetary starvation to cut staff, to let classes grow large and to allow flagship libraries like the one at North Carolina State University to atrophy.

Education interests should not risk cannibalizing one another with arguments like the one made by community college system President Bob Scott: The state's community colleges get 7.9 cents of every dollar spent on education, they're worth a dime.

Former Gov. Scott has a thunderous case for a lot more money for the community colleges without bidding for an increased share of the need-besieged state education budget. Community college enrollment has gone up 21 percent in three years. Buildings are crowded. Equipment is aging and too often obsolete. Three-fourths of the libraries are substandard. Faculty salaries are the lowest among 15 southeastern states.

That's a portrait of neglect. It defies good planning in a state whose citizens are soon going to demand even more of their community college system. Even without the North American Free Trade Agreement, this is a state where keeping a decent job is more and more often going to require training and retraining toward ever-higher levels of skill. NAFTA is going to accelerate the exodus of low-skill jobs and increase the public's demand for what the community colleges offer.

Yet the colleges and universities will also play a strong role, as adults return to their classrooms for the skills required to qualify them for better jobs, or to keep the jobs they have. And no thoughtful public official can, with a clear conscience, plan to continue the mediocre performance of North Carolina's public schools by failing to improve their funding as well.

Better education is a better future. The state budget should reflect that with fuller funding of the public schools, the community colleges *and* the university system.

## FTCC's 1992 Class Scores Higher In Job Placement, Figures Show

By Suzanne Walker
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College graduates had little trouble finding jobs in 1992.

A job placement survey presented Monday to the FTCC board of trustees shows that 92 percent of graduates looking for a job found one. That's a 6 percent increase from 1991.

Catherine Barkley, coordinator of job placement and alumni affairs, said the increase shows that FTCC offers students quality and excellence in their education.

"Students consistently perform well on the job. We are constantly training and retraining a viable work force in this community," she said.

The figures show the number of graduates from graduation ceremonies in June and August who had jobs by Oct 1.

There were 595 graduates in those ceremonies. Of those, 414 were available to work, 112 had gone on to further their education, 42 were not looking for a job and 27 could not be located.

Of the 414 graduates looking for work, 379 had jobs and 35 were unemployed, the survey showed. The average annual salary of graduates increased from $18,723 in 1991 to $19,558 in 1992. Eighty-eight percent of the working students had jobs related to their field of study, up 4 percent from 1991.

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The students were followed from the time of graduation through a personal interview, by mail and by telephone, Ms. Barkley said.

Last year, 86 percent of the graduates found work by Oct. 1. Ms. Barkley said the increase was related to a number of factors, including a greater demand for health workers and businesses and industries recruiting on campus. She said a state hiring freeze and the Persian Gulf war contributed to last year's lower job-placement rate.

Of 158 graduates in the health field, 124 had found jobs, the report said.

Eight students were continuing their education, 14 were not seeking employment, seven were unemployed and five could not be located.

Of 52 students with nursing degrees, 49 were working, one was not seeking a job and two could not be located.

In other action, the board:

- Approved a lease agreement with the Cumberland County Board of Education for the Ramsey Street annex. The lease lets the school use the property for one year for $10.
- Accepted Bob Lewis' resignation from the board of trustees. The county Board of Commissioners in June 1991 appointed Mr. Lewis to a four-year term. He lost a bid for a seat on the Board of Commissioners earlier this month.
- Approved an unaudited financial report for the year ending June 30, 1992.

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## FTCC Seeks Change In Bond Wish List

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College wants to change its wish list in a proposed $311 million bond issue for buildings at the state's community colleges because the list includes money for a center that county voters approved two weeks ago.

FTCC President Craig Allen said the college obviously doesn't need the money for a literacy and education building twice, so it will send a new list to the state as soon as possible.

But changing the list now could be a problem, according to Mark Van Sciver, spokesman for the state Board of Community Colleges.

The board last Thursday approved a list of buildings that the state bonds would pay for. Mr. Van Sciver said the board is preparing to send the list to the legislature, which must approve the bond before it goes before the state's voters.

"If they're going to change that,

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it is going to have to go back to the state board," Mr. Van Sciver said. "As to whether or not they're going to change it, I don't know. It is certainly well within Fayetteville Tech's right to ask the board to make a change."

But Mr. Van Sciver said several other community colleges around the state have local bonds that could overlap with the state bond, and the state cannot keep changing its list.

"When you talk about 58 campuses and 19 off-campus centers, there are well over 100 projects," he said. "We just can't keep on changing the list."

Dr. Allen said a finance official for the state board told him Wednesday that the board may leave the list as it is, and let local boards of trustees change their projects if the bond is approved.

"He said they don't know how they will handle it yet," Dr. Allen said.

Cumberland County voters on Nov. 3 approved $5.7 million for FTCC's literacy center and repairs and renovations at several college buildings.

The center will be 71,500 square feet and will house adult education, GED, literacy, fire, police and emergency training and community classes like arts and crafts, childbirth, car repair, photography and aviation.

The state bond includes $7.8 million for FTCC. Dr. Allen said that amount will not change, no matter what projects FTCC decides to build with the bonds.

He said the literacy center appeared on both the state and county lists "because of the timing. There wasn't any way it couldn't appear in both places."

He said it has been on the state list since 1990 and on the county list since 1991.

"We couldn't afford to take it off of either list and maybe lose the project," he said.

Dr. Allen said FTCC officials haven't decided which building projects they want on the state bond instead of the literacy center.

He said there are three main possibilities — a new general classroom building that would include space for the new college transfer program, a new financial operations building or major renovations and alterations to buildings across campus.

"We were supposed to have two buildings in the state bond issue," he said.

Dr. Allen said he doesn't think the mix-up will have ill effects on the state bond. "There's such great need throughout the state for facilities in community colleges," he said. "What we're doing now is just taking the first priorities at each college."

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

SUPPLEMENT TO ARMY TIMES, NAVY TIMES, AIR FORCE TIMES

# A Story readers write for readers

## How To Cook A Thanksgiving Turkey

By Danielle McGinnis

August 15, 1990
Dear Mom and Dad:
Well, we're finally settled in here at Fort Bragg, and I'm beginning to get the hang of being an Army wife rather than a Marine Corps daughter. The Army is just so huge and different from the Marine Corps. But it has its own special military vocabulary too. Instead of a base, we live on a post. Instead of cammies, Jay wears BDUs. And instead of covers, soldiers wear headgear. But my new ID card will still get me in the commissary and the PX, so that's reassuring and familiar.
I don't remember military moves being this difficult when I was a kid. It just seemed like Dad got orders; the movers came and packed up, and we got to the new quarters and unpacked. I never realized all the planning and coordination it takes to get moved half way across the country with only three months notice. And I don't know how Mom put up with two kids fighting in the back seat through three and a half states.
If you still have the curtains that were in my room in Quantico, could you send them to me? I think they'll fit the odd-sized windows here, and I can't afford to have custom drapes made now.
Thanks, and we hope to see you at Christmas time. Gotta go get ready for the new wives' meeting now. Wish me luck!

Love, D.

September 4, 1990
Dear D.
Welcome to the world of the military wife. It's a lot different than being a military "brat," but that experience is good training for being a military spouse — or any other career for that matter.
Here are your old curtains you asked for. Now do you see why I've been such a packrat all these years? Anyway, I hope they fit.
I'm still doing genealogy research for the family tree and Dad is "enjoying" his retirement by working on projects around the house. Actually, it's about to drive me crazy having him at home this much, but at least he's staying busy.
I'm glad the move ment well and all your things arrived in the right place relatively undamaged. I could write a whole book about the moving nightmares we've had over the years.
Take care of each other, honey. We sure miss you. Even the dog misses you; he looks in your old room for you every morning.

Lots of love, Mom

October 12, 1990
Dear Mom,
I always thought I was a pretty good cook, but lately I haven't been able to make anything right. Jay likes the way his mother makes biscuits, and he won't eat tomatoes at all. The other night I ruined the pork chop gravy by accidentally adding baking powder to thicken it up. It was terrible, but Jay wasn't going to say anything about it until I nearly spit mine out. We ended up ordering pizza. Now I'm really anxious about our first Thanksgiving. I've never cooked a turkey by myself before, and you always seem to be cooking all day for the big dinner. Could you send me your turkey and stuffing recipe?
I haven't called lately because the Army has messed up Jay's pay again. He was underpaid this month, and we can't afford any long distance calls. The pay office assures us it will be taken care of soon though, so I'll call when I can.

Love, D.

November 1, 1990
Dear Daughter,
How To Cook A Turkey
Follow the simple instructions to delightful dining:
1. Make sure the turkey is dead. Live turkeys kick up one unholy helluva fuss and ruckus if you try to cook them.
2. Remove all innards and vital organs. Sometimes these are found in their natural state, while at other times they come in little polyethylene bags. It depends on whether you have a country turkey or a city turkey. In either case, get rid of all that stuff unless you happen to have a taste for hearts and livers and gizzards and awful things like that.
3. Season turkey to taste with seasoned salt, onion powder, garlic powder and stuff like that there if you like it. (For an authentic outdoor flavor add a sprinkle of sand, a tablespoon of ants, a bit of crumbled pine bark and a few small twigs.)
4. Either:
a. Place turkey in cooking bag, or
b. Do not place turkey in cooking bag
5. Place turkey (either a or b above) in roasting pan. If you do not have

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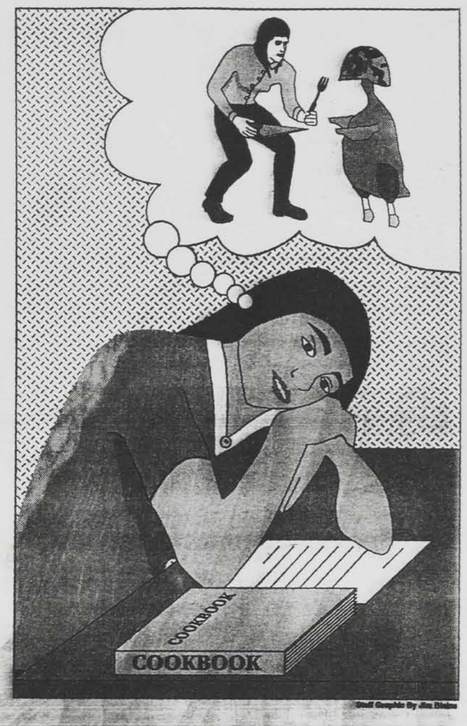


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### An Invitation

We invite you to write a story for this page. The topic may be a person, event, experience or anything you think your neighbors would be interested in reading.
Entries should not exceed four typed, double-spaced pages.
Fiction — in the form of humor, fantasies, mysteries or adventures — is welcome, too. Be sure to label a story as fiction.
We also accept feature photographs. Send color or black-and-white prints.
And poetry is welcome. It may be serious or humorous.
Saturday Extra reserves the right to edit all stories, including copyrighted material, for grammar, usage and newspaper style and to rewrite headlines for our purposes. Stories and poems cannot be returned.
Send your material to Larry Cheek, Neighbors Editor, The Fayetteville Observer-Times, P.O. Box 849, Fayetteville, N.C. 28302.

— Jeffery Womble
Saturday Extra Editor

### About The Cover

You can tell Thanksgiving is just a few day away because turkeys can be seen all over the place. Staff photographer Johnny Horne took this photo of this turkey on the Arnold Miles farm in Sampson County.

### About The Writer

Danielle McGinnis is an administrative assistant in the marketing and public relations department at Fayetteville Technical Community College. This is her first contribution to Saturday Extra.

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roasting pan an old-style helmet will do in a pinch. (Remove helmet liner first.)
6. Place turkey and pan (or helmet) in oven.
7. Turn on oven. ALWAYS follow this step. If you do not turn on oven, you will wait forever for turkey to cook and likely end up eating Thanksgiving dinner at Taco Bell.
8. Cook turkey at 325 degrees, allowing approximately 25-30 minutes cooking time for each pound of weight (do NOT include weight of pan or helmet) following the procedure below:
a. If you have followed step 4a, peer anxiously at turkey every half-hour or so, then call husband and ask, "Does it look done to you?"
b. If you have followed step 4b, baste turkey every 20 minutes or so by:
1. dribble butter or margarine over turkey for first several bastings
2. for subsequent bastings, spoon up juices from cooking turkey and drible liberally over cooking turkey.
NOTE: Basting is VERY important if you are following step 4b. If you do not baste, your turkey will emerge from the oven about as chewable as the sole from an old boondocker (that's a boot in Army terminology). That's fine if you really enjoy old boondocker soles. If not, you're back to Taco Bell.
Bon Appetit!

Love, Dear Old Dad

## Bragg Soldier's Body Burned, Home Destroyed In Blaze

By Mike Barrett
Staff Writer

A Fort Bragg soldier was burned over about 70 percent of his body Wednesday in a fire that destroyed his Belmont Avenue home, police said.
David Nordhaugen, 31, of 1105 Belmont Ave., near Oakridge Avenue in the Haymount neighborhood, was in critical condition in the Burn Center at UNC Hospitals at Chapel Hill.
Deputy Fire Marshal Joey Farrior said the blaze was intentionally set. Liquid accelerant was found at several places in the house, Mr. Farrior said. Samples of burned materials have been sent to the State Bureau of Investigation for analysis.
No arrests have been made.
The fire was reported about 2:39 a.m. after a neighbor, Hyman Fleishman of 1004 Belmont Ave., heard a noise, according to Mr. Farrior and Jason Brady, the city's spokesman. At least one neighbor described the noise as an explosion, according to a police report.
Mr. Fleishman saw fire through the window of Mr. Nordhaugen's one-story brick house, Mr. Farrior said.

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Mr. Fleishman rushed to the house, opened the front door and yelled. He heard someone groaning inside, but he couldn't see anyone because of the smoke, Mr. Farrior said.
Firefighters arrived at 2:44 a.m., found Mr. Nordhaugen behind the front door in the foyer and pulled him out. Mr. Nordhaugen's clothing was burned, Mr. Farrior said.
Firefighters quickly knocked down the flames inside the house but had trouble reaching the fire in the attic, Mr. Farrior said. Flames burned off the roof.
The house appeared to be a total loss, Mr. Farrior said.
Mr. Nordhaugen's wife and three children were away at the time of the fire.
The house appeared to be more than 50 years old, Mr. Farrior said.

## Aggressive Effort For Funds Needed, FTCC Trustees Told

By Pat Reese
Staff Writer

The president of the state's community college system told trustees of Fayetteville Technical Community College on Tuesday that they must mount an aggressive campaign to persuade state legislators to give the system more money.
Bob Scott, speaking at a dinner meeting at the Radisson Prince Charles hotel, warned the trustees that they cannot take a passive role in the battle for money during the 1993 session of the General Assembly.
He asked the trustees to dedicate themselves to months of hard work to show local legislators that they should find ways to fund the system's request for budget increases and approve a $50 million bond issue for community colleges.
Dr. Craig Allen, president of FTCC, said FTCC could receive about $9 million from the bond issue.
Mr. Scott said there is a strong movement in Raleigh to combine the public schools, the university system and community colleges under a single board. One person would be picked as the leader and would possibly assume cabinet status in Gov.-elect Jim Hunt's administration, Mr. Scott said.
He said he has been told by influential legislators that the plan would create division vice presidents across the state.
He opposes the plan, saying it would create "another level of government bureaucracy."
Mr. Scott said the 58 community colleges, with more than 750,000 students, are receiving only 7.9 cents of every dollar spent on education. "You must ask your legislators: Aren't we worth at least a dime?"
Mr. Scott said government and business leaders are turning more and more to community colleges to eliminate illiteracy in the work force and to provide better training for workers.
"We are doing the job as best we can but we must have more money to meet the steadily increasing demand, to take care of the ever-increasing growth in student enrollment," he said.
Dallas Herring, former chairman of the state Board of Education and an early advocate of the development of community colleges, joined Mr. Scott at the meeting and said he supports Mr. Scott's proposals.
Mr. Herring visited the FTCC campus Tuesday afternoon and said he was amazed by the phenomenal growth. "The last time I was here, you hadn't completed the second building," he said.
FTCC is the second largest community college in the state, with about 40,000 students.

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Staff Photo By Marcus Castro

## Robot Wonder

Groups of high school students in Cumberland County last week toured Fayetteville Technical Community College to learn more about Tech Prep, a program that directs students through technical courses to prepare them for jobs. Pictured is Earl Esslinger demonstrating how a robot functions. The students are some of the 467 junior and senior high students in the county enrolled in Tech Prep. The program began this past fall.



## Education Notes

Registration for Fayetteville Technical Community College's winter classes in the Center for Business and Industry is Friday in the Neill Currie Building or during the first class meeting. For more information, call 678-8415.

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Three staff members at Campbell University attended the 97th annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in Dallas this month. They are college President Norman Wiggins, Vice President Jerry M. Wallace and Ng Lay Swee, vice principal at Tunku Abdul Rahman College, Campbell's sister college in Malaysia.
Sylvia H. Dean, media supervisor for the Cumberland County schools, also attended the 97th annual meeting.

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Methodist College will hold its 20th winter commencement at 2 p.m. Friday in Reeves Auditorium.

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Ron LaVoie, a professional golf management teacher at Methodist College, was named Southeast Region Teacher of the Year in the 1992 Home Pro Award program sponsored by the Spalding Co.

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Six elementary schools and one junior high school won educational mini-grants from Coldwell Banker. They are T.C. Berrien, Ashley, Edgewood, Montclair, Seventy-First, and Warrenwood elementary schools and Stedman Junior High School.

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E.E. Smith High School will present its free annual winter concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the school auditorium. It will feature the Smith 16 singers, orchestra, dance, drama and the concert choir.

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Thirty-four of Cumberland County's 69 schools and two school administrative offices received safety awards from the state Department of Labor. The awards mean that no school worker lost any working days because of injury.

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Harriet Caligan Dial of Pembroke gave Pembroke State University $5,000 to start the Dial-Chavis Student N.C. Association of Educators Scholarship.

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Ten Pembroke State University students and a faculty member attended the national conference of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society. They are Dori Brooks, Shirley Locklear, Amelia Jackson, Ken Brayboy, Gwendolyn Dial, Janet Harris, Brett Locklear, Jay Locklear, Terry Locklear and Leslie Lowry, and PSU math teacher Freda Porter-Locklear.

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The Rev. Johnny Smith, pastor of Clement Baptist Church in Roxboro, will speak at Campbell University's faculty and staff Christmas Service on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Scott Concert Hall.

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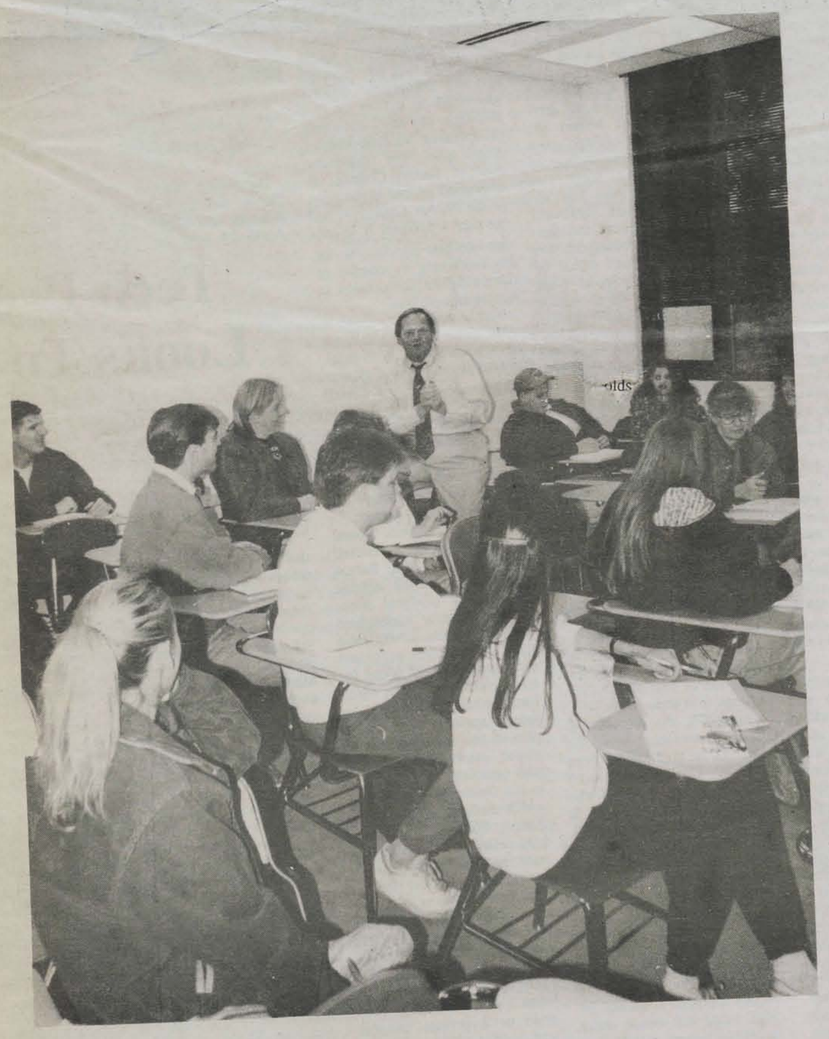
# Learning To Live



# ...And To Make a Living

Fayetteville Technical Community College
thanks Cumberland County
for its support on the
successful passage of the
Community College Bond Referendum.

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## Community College Audit Review Stalls

2/12/93

RALEIGH (AP) — The state Board of Community Colleges expected to discuss the findings of a state audit Thursday but had no plans to vote on its recommendations. A letter from the state Senate changed that.

Sen. Bill Martin, chairman of a committee formed to study the audit, said he needed the board's input on the audit's recommendations by Feb. 22.

That news left the board in disarray. No one, including chairman Bill Simpson, could decide what to do.

"It's terrible for the chairman to say we were confused, but we were," he said after the meeting.

The audit by KPMG Peat Marwick found that the community college system has been unable to control expansion and allows too much local control. It recommended major changes.

After some spirited debate Thursday, including debate over whether they should be debating, board members voted to approve two of 22 recommendations. The rest will be studied by the board, which hopes to vote on some of them when it meets in March.

The recommendations supported by the board would:

● Mandate a moratorium on the establishment of new colleges and satellite campuses until the board develops a system restructuring plan. A policy statement prepared by one of the board's committees echoed a statement from the Government Performance Audit, which said: "With the advent of new technologies that are available now and in the future, North Carolina has sufficient community colleges to serve its present and future needs."

● Organize an Education Cabinet to include heads of public school, university and community college systems. The cabinet would aim to establish a working relationship between the three entities.

The board decided to ask Mr. Martin for more time to study the remaining issues.

Mr. Martin, a Guilford County Democrat, said he could offer some flexibility. But he warned that too much delay would mean legislators could make decisions without board input.

"We really do need the information so we can make the best decisions," he said.

He suggested that the board schedule a special meeting to submit its recommendations to him by mid-March. Mr. Simpson said that would be done if necessary.

Audit recommendations to be studied include restructuring the system with a regional instead of a local approach.

Mr. Simpson read a letter from Bob Scott, the system president who is recovering from heart surgery. Mr. Scott said some recommendations would mean fundamental change in the community college system.

"It has a lot to do with the mission and philosophy of our system — mainly the issues of access, geographically and financially. If the General Assembly desires to change the mission and philosophy of our system then that should be stated up front and we can then get on with doing that," he wrote.

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## Local Architects Are Hired To Design FTCC Building

Architects were hired Monday to design the $5 million Literacy and Adult Education Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The college's board of trustees agreed to pay MacMillan and Ellinwood of Fayetteville $275,000.

Linwood Powell, FTCC's vice president for administrative services, said the design should be done by Oct. 15. Construction bids will be sought in December and work should start in February 1994, Dr. Powell said.

Cumberland County voters approved the project in November.

The building will house classes in adult education, literacy, general equivalency diploma, emergency services, law enforcement, firefighting and occupational and community services such as aviation, woodworking, art, home economics and photography.

The trustees also hired Hayes-Howell Associates architects of Southern Pines to design a roof for the Horace Sisk Building.

Dr. Powell said the roof will cost about $185,000, and the architect fee will be 5 percent to 8 percent of that, or between $9,000 and $15,000.

## Feels Like Spring

Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

Skip Eanes, a fitness instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College, walks past a puddle at the Honeycutt Recreation Center track. The high Tuesday was 73.

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## Applause

**Isabel L. Walters** of Fayetteville was one of 14 North Carolina teachers participating in a seminar at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

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The following Fayetteville residents recieved the Occoneechee Council Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award for their outstanding service: Robert V. Elrod, James McClinton Jr., Douglas E. Nunnally and Linda H. Schmidt

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**Stacy Jaramillo** of Fayetteville has earned a $8,400 Honors Academic Scholarship to attend Peace College in Raleigh. The Honors scholarships are reserved for students graduating in the top 10 percent of their high school classes.

Miss Jaramillo is the daughter of Gary and Diana Knight of Fayetteville, and she is a senior at Pine Forest High School.

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**Mary Jon Sumrell** of Fayetteville has earned a $11,000 Trustee Scholarship to attend Peace College in Raleigh. Miss Sumrell is the daughter of John and Carolyn Sumrell of Fayetteville, and a senior at Seventy-First Senior High School.

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The following area students made the President's List at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

**Cumberland County:** Laura A. Bracey, Peyton R. Butler, Melanie Choueri, Michele L. Jennings, Denise M. Marshall, Fernando Martinez, Arletta R. Mattulat, Erick R. Mcafee, Valerie J. Murray, Ivy Rasool, George P. Rasor, Jane F. Stewart, David G. Vigil, Diane M. Woodrum, Betty L. Snelling and Pamela J. Currie.

The following area students made the Dean's List at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Hiromi Carroll, Laura A. Dexter, Linda S. Dickens, Eric J. Hargraves, Ricky E. Johnson, William G. Peek, Terry B. Porter, Denise D. Simmons, Nancy K. Spell, Therese W. Steinhoff, Lisa M. Stolarski, Peggy A. Brown, Paula L. Castillo, Brigitte M. Posley, Therese C. Henry, Deborah J. Duncan, Judy R. Huss, Ilah R. Laffoon and Chad A. Smith.

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The following area students earned honors from East Carolina University for the fall semester.

**Bladen County:** Stephen H. Brown, Stephen C. Cox, Hillman K. Frazier, Kimberlee J. Gooden, Christopher L. Gooding, Henry L. Hill, Sarah K. Singletary, Sonya L. Singletary, Teresa L. Smith, Marsha M. Tatum and Regina K. Thompson.

**Cumberland County:** Tonia L. Honeycutt, Don L. Teter, Aaron J. Shoemaker, Kathryn J. Short, Jennifer L. Spivey, Richard L. Starling, Sarah A. Steward, Melissa A. Stewart, Scott T. Stewart, Susan D. Stewart, Anthony W. Strickland, Ronald J. Strong, Joshua D. Sturtz, Elizabeth L. Parks, Ann-Marie L. Phillips, Krusheska M. Quiros, Melissa J. Readling, Mark R. Rich, Marisa D. Roach, Regina S. Roberts, Flora A. Sealey, Patrick W. Searcy, Holli J. Sharkey, Tammy J. Malone, Deborah S. McDuffie, Ashley M. Neal, Kelli S. Nellinger, Brandy B. Nixon, Kelly A. O'Brien, Michelle M. O'Neill, Bethony A. Orwin, Kelly A. Osborne, Wesley G. Johnston, Wendy P. Jones, Michele R. Kennedy, Brian W. King, Susan J. Kolvick, Lori J. Laughlin, Bridget K. Lawlor, Rebecca A. Lewis, Steven T. Lewis, Curtis A. Hayes, Tara M. Henke, Kathleen C. Hewitt, Linda M. Highsmith, Susan A. Highsmith, Hilary A. Hobbs, James J. Holt, Ruby A. Honeycutt, Kimberly E. Horne, Virginia M. Jenrette, Kimberly A. Gilliard, Laura L. Girouard, Kimberly M. Goldie, Jeffery D. Gordon, Karen M. Gottfried, Crystal L. Gray, Cynthia G. Gresham, Patricia L. Hamilton, Regenia M. Hawk, Richard D. Evans, Lora R. Faircloth, Marianne Fink, Shannon E. Fowler, Kelly L. Frazee, Joseph M. Fussell, Paul Garcia, Scott D. Gibson, Lloyd L. Caulder, Connie E. Chandler, Daniel L. Chisholm, David H. Coates, Michelle R. Cox, Paula A. Creech, Cynthia L. Danker, Lydia R. Dawson, Vu N. Donie, Katherine R. Addison, Jennifer E. Alano, Sherri L. Almasie, David M. Anderson, Gillian K. Ashley, Katheryn J. Bedsole, Andre Bigford, Heather M. Bradley, Trenton D. Britt, Leilani M. Buchanan, Rhonda R. Buhler, Mark A. Burrell, Brian L. Zuchelkowski, Brian L. Swanson, Joseph B. Taylor, James O. Tisdale, Stephen K. Truesdale, Christopher M. West, Allison E. Whitener, Edward L. Williams, Lisa D. Williams, Lydia H. Williams, Faydra V. Womble, Crystal D. Wright and Kyle T. Zimmerman.

**Harnett County:** Susanne G. Denning, Brian K. Godwin, Stormy P. Averitte, Shelley N. Ballard, Andora L. Bass, Sonya J. Brown, Laurie L. Bynum, Jonathan L. Denise, Jon A. Matthews, Carolyn M. McLamb, Tony M. Messer, Jesse F. Morris, Kathryn M. Neighbours, Teresa M. Parson, Lloyd A. Pope, Elizabeth P. Powell, Troy G. Powell, Meredith C. Ruark, Sonya G. Smith, Michael H. Stephens, Lisa M. Strickland, Billy R. West and Donna M. West.

**Hoke County:** Angela M. Crews, Dana S. Hagins, Joseph S. Leandro and Leslie C. Tatum.

**Lee County:** Sonya L. Kersey.

**Moore County:** Caroline M. Doby, Erin E. Elliott, Tiffany S. Graham, Helen M. Grzesnikowski, L. Allen Howard, Anthony H. Morris, Adrienne E. Walter, Tiffany J. Hailey, James W. Grant and Wesley A. Davis

**Robeson County:** Lisa N. Ezzell, Jeffrey N. Burleson, Tammy L. Chandler, Virginia L. Connor, Patrina L. Dove, Wendy E. Ellis, Brandie L. Harker, Clara T. Hodgson, Kevin P. Jones, Thomas L. Jones, Christopher L. Melvin, Kristina M. Metzger, Robert L. Prevatte, Mary A. Smith, Amy R. Stanton, Tamara L. Sternes, John H. Threewitts and Melissa G. Dawson.

**Sampson County:** Stephanie L. Cashwell, Jennifer L. Edgerton, Eric S. Eldridge, Paula G. Eure, April A. Hales, Ralph M. Hill, Lori J. Hunter, Lekeisha L. Monk, Eric K. Pope, Sharon D. Raynor, Elizabeth A. Riley, Shawnda M. Robinson, Harriett R. Thomas, Patrick B. Williams, Mary E. Gordon, Amy M. Edge and Joy L. Faircloth.

**Scotland County:** Eric B. Byrd, Elizabeth J. Caulk, Emily R. Dunn, William G. Hatchell, Aimie N. Lee, Dennis A. O'Brien, Leonard E. Spears and Susan E. Spears.

The following area students made the Dean's List at North Carolina State University for the fall semester.

**Scotland County:** Emmett D. Crawford, Veronica M. Godfrey, Laura F. Heller, Tracy L. Inniss, Angela L. McNeil, Marshall A. Laviner and Lucy C. Smith.

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The following area students made the President's List at Robeson Community College with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

**Robeson County:** Teresa W. Hathway, Amy Newton, Rachel P. Pridgen, Remanual L. Sampson, Kecie M. Simmons, Andrea L. Richardson, Afia W. Zafar, Mildred R. Ratley, Regina K. Shaw, Sybil E. Brock, Gina R. Jackson, Janet L. Callahan, Tina L. Emanuel, Virginia A. Floyd, Margaret L. Taylor and Linda F. Goins.

**Cumberland County:** Tammy K. Duggins, Josef T. Dunlap and Denise D. Haburn.

The following area students made the Dean's List at Robeson Community College with at least a 3.5 grade point average.

**Robeson County:** Karen D. Allen, Ranall L. Anderson, Nichole E. Berga, Ladoska C. Britt, Wendy E. Bruce, Kimberly K. Dial, Margo L. Handy, Felicia A. Horne, Christopher L. McPhatter, Gregory S. Neblett, Zinna R. Oxendine, Alexander R. Phillips, Ann F. Sluss, John C. Stanton, Deanna M. Stephens, Angela D. Thompson, Pamela A. Ward, Sheila O. Chavis, Aaron Scott, Sara M. Wethington, Elaine B. Clark, Robert K. Edge, Kevin L. Jordan, Frank J. Whitted, Darlene L. Collins, Tracy L. Hunt, Kimberly J. Hunt, Kelvin F. Parker, Todd K. Lindsey, Kelli N. Miller and Toni L. Spears.

**Cumberland County:** Dawn M. Alston, Karla L. Harris, Sherry A. Hewitt and Sharon K. Thames.

**Scotland County:** David E. Ganous.

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The following students earned academic honors at their respective colleges.

Sandhills Community College: James R. Moss, Cindy L. Nance, Elizabeth M. O'Connor, Michael S. Strange, Lori W. Gray, Misty T. Mattern and Sharon F. Schumacher, all of Cumberland County; and Karla D. Young-Phillips of Moore County.

Southeastern Community College: Jan E. Ha, Jean Roney, Hilda Jenrette, Catherine Strickland, Stephanie Ward and Angela Williamson, all of Columbus County; and Frances Roberts of Bladen County.

St. Andrews Presbyterian College: Cindy Ritter of Cumberland County.

The following area students made Pembroke State University's Chancellor's List by earning a 3.7 or higher grade point average.

**Bladen County:** Carolyn Bordeaux, Sabrina Sasser, Lori Summerlin, Cynthia Allen.

**Columbus County:** Gloria Cutler, William King, Nicolas McColskey, William O'Conner, Wanda Strickland and Veronica Bullock.

**Cumberland County:** Linda Annas, Rosa Bailey, Stephanie Britt, James Bulmer, Nancy Clark, Sherry Condon, Barbara Crayton, Bonnie Davis, Omayra DeJesus, Ronda Garza, Matthew Bellanger, Kevin Cvitko, Tami Jewell, Kenneth Smith, Samuel Spillers, Patrick Waugh, Kimberly Young, Connie J. Lanier and Anessa Lewis.

**Hoke County:** Rosemary Jacobs and Annedda Ward.

**Lee County:** Susan Manuel.

**Moore County:** Danae Weekley, Elizabeth English, Robert Etheridge, Beverly G. Boaz III.

**Robeson County:** Alisa Deese, Amy L. Hunt, Kelvin B. Oxendine, Steven Boone, Angela Brown, Samuel Fields, Tina Griffin, Misti Harrison, Becky Hurt, Mark Klinikowski, Sharon Nealy, Rebecca Neese, Christine Romine, Debra Townsend, Patrick Abele, Sandi Carter, Amy Selberg, Kent Robinson, Matthew E. Chavis, Leah Jenkins, Gregory Mitchell, Gwendolyn Dial, Michael Smith, Robyn Zanard and Marsha McCormick.

**Scotland County:** Connie L. Logelin, Carol McKay, Christine O'Neal, Leanne Radabaugh, Robert Tucker, Jerry Wilkes and Tiffany Quick.

The following area students made the Honor's List at Pembroke State University with grade point averages of at least 3.2.

**Bladen County:** Stephanie Gibson, Tulisha Jarmon, Sheila Ludlum, James Pope, Jamie Richard-

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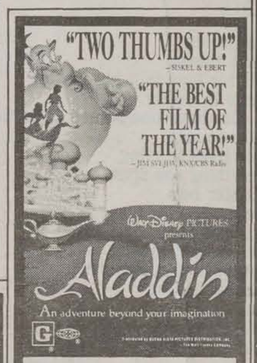

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## Contract Issues On Agenda

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### Business Calendar

"Financial Issues for the Contracts Professional" is the topic of a seminar Feb. 9 at 8:30 a.m. at the Fort Bragg Officer's Club sponsored by the Sandhills Chapter of the National Contract Management Assn.

The seminar is designed to take a comprehensive look at the financial issues surrounding the contract.

Instructors will be Michael Mayer of an Arlington, Va. law firm; Ruth Ganister of a West Chester, Pa. law firm, and Gary Grossman of a Washington law firm.

To register, call Steve Darling at 919-396-9216 or the Association, 800-344-8096.

**Feb. 3**

As part of its celebration of Afro-American Heritage Month, Fayetteville Technical Community College will present a "Minorities in Small Business Seminar" Wednesday at 1 a.m. in the Student Center Multipurpose Room.

Among the speakers will be area representatives from real estate, insurance, banking, funeral service, criminal justice, day care and plumbing industries.

Topics include: how to start a small business, sources of funding, knowledge and skills needed, available consultation services, pitfalls to avoid, and tips for success. For details, call Sandra Emerson, 678-8203.

**Feb. 10**

TranServices of Dover, Del., will hold a seminar Feb. 10 on "Understanding Department of Transportation Requirements" at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Creek Road (Interstate 95, Exit 49). The program will cover DOT regulations for truck and bus companies. The guest speaker will be Francis D. Hammond, who has nearly 40 years of experience in transportation. For more information, call 1-800-367-9100.

## Sen. Tally Honored For Environmental Efforts

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### N.C. Wildlife Federation Names Fayetteville Woman Legislator Of The Year

**By Mark Stinneford**
*Raleigh Bureau*

RALEIGH — State Sen. Lura Tally of Fayetteville is bullish on the environment and got a bear for her efforts Saturday.

The North Carolina Wildlife Federation honored Mrs. Tally as its legislator of the year. The conservation group presented Mrs. Tally its Governor's Award, a trophy topped with a statue of a bear.

"I was very pleased to receive it," Mrs. Tally said. "I've stressed the preservation of the natural environment which we enjoy in North Carolina and which is going to be one of our biggest attractions — not only to tourists but to industry."

Mrs. Tally, a Democrat, is the longtime chairman of the Senate Environment Committee. The federation recognized her work to pass legislation to protect air and water quality and to manage hazardous waste.

She was the author of legislation to create the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Fund. The fund, financed by proceeds from the sale of personalized license plates, is used to buy land for parks and wildlife preservation.

"I greatly appreciate it because it shows that here in the General Assembly we are making a real contribution to the preservation of our state," Mrs. Tally said.

The conservation leader who nominated Mrs. Tally said she is more likely to use persuasion than force in winning passage of environmental legislation.

"Sen. Tally is one of the leaders in the Senate for protecting the environment," said Bill Holman, a lobbyist for environmental groups. "Sen. Tally has pushed interested parties to come to the table and negotiate in good faith to try to resolve their disputes."

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### Education Notes

The Cumberland County schools' communications councils will be featured on on Conversations, the system's cable television show, Thursday at 7:30 p.m. It will also run at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 9, Feb. 18 and Feb. 23.

There are communications councils made up of parents at each school and in each of the eight attendance districts. The show on Fayetteville Cablevision Channel 3 will include board members, principals and parents.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will celebrate Afro-American Heritage Month with a seminar on minorities in small business on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Student Center Multipurpose Room, and a program on Cultural Diversity: Valuing Differences on Feb. 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Cumberland Hall Auditorium. Both events are free and open to the public.

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Fayetteville State University will hold a Teachers' Job Fair for FSU students and other people seeking teaching jobs on Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Pembroke State University will hold a Teaching Fellows Recruitment Day on Saturday at the Givens Performing Arts Center for all regional finalists. Registration is from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

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**Cheryl Ransom Locklear** of Pembroke, the first Indian to graduate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, won Pembroke State University's Outstanding Alumna Award this year. **Fred George** of Laurinburg, vice president at Campbell Soup Co., won PSU's Distinguished Service Award.

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Southeastern Community College will celebrate Black History Month with a live teleconference called "Beyond the Dream V: A Celebration of Black History: The Writers, The Stories, The Legacy" Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. The free program is in the SCC Auditorium.

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A film on Fayetteville State University's satellite office of the N.C. Employment Security Commission will be shown Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. throughout the 58 community colleges and state public schools. The office lets students use computers to search for jobs on the FSU campus.

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## Legislators Hear FTCC Pleas For $2.37 Million More

**By Kim Oriole**
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College needs an extra $2.37 million next school year to cover extra students, buy equipment and books, pay teachers more and improve literacy programs, college officials said Monday.

The school outlined its case for more money at a luncheon in the student center attended by six members of the General Assembly.

"We know the resources are going to be limited," said Dr. Craig Allen, president of FTCC. "We hope you'll be able to find more money for us."

The college hopes to get about $7.7 million for construction projects if a statewide bond is approved by the legislature and state voters.

Dr. Allen said one of every seven adults in Cumberland County will take at least one class at FTCC. About 40,000 people enroll in classes each year.

"Our programs are geared to the job market and the jobs that are out there," he said.

That is what should help the college in its fight for money with other state agencies, said Sen. Lura Tally, a Democrat from Fayetteville.

"Jobs are going to be stressed this year in the General Assembly," she said. "This might be the year the community colleges can get some help."

Mrs. Tally, who is on FTCC's board of trustees, said the Clinton administration is trying to create jobs and improve the economy on the national level, and the states are sure to follow.

"We'll be looking at those institutions that train people for jobs," Mrs. Tally said.

Rep. Billy Richardson, one of Cumberland County's two new Democratic lawmakers, said he hopes to make FTCC a financial priority.

He said helping people get an education will improve the local economy as well as keep people out of prison.

"Workers who get training here generally stay in the community and become good, taxpaying citizens," he said. "We want to invest in an area where money is well-spent, and Fayetteville Tech has proven that it spends its money well."

Mr. Richardson said he believes county voters gave him a mandate in November when they approved $5.7 million in building bonds for FTCC's Literacy and Continuing Education Center.

"As a public servant, that tells me that the community embraces the community college," he said.

Other legislators at the meeting were Reps. Owen Spears, Mary McAllister and Ted Kinney, and Sen. C.R. Edwards. All are Democrats. 2/9/93 Obs. Times

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## Donation

**Eddie Bartlett, treasurer of the Fayetteville Chapter of the Professional Estimators Association, gives Pat Hickmon, executive director of the FTCC Foundation, a check for $2,000. The foundation has raised $13,500.**

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**The Winners Of The Egg Drop Competition Used Straws To Cushion The Fall**

# Students Use Their Heads In Olympiad

## Competitors Drop Everything To Solve Puzzles Of Science

By Steve DeVane
Staff Writer

Bridget Locklear and Amber Melton had a tough egg to crack.

The two seventh graders at Pembroke Middle School were teamed for an egg drop contest Saturday at a science olympiad sponsored by the North Carolina Science and Math Alliance and Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The olympiad, held at FTCC, pitted students from throughout the Cape Fear region in 33 contests that tested their knowledge and ability to solve problems.

For Bridget and Amber, the problem was trying to build a contraption that would protect an egg when it was dropped from steps in the FTCC library.

A few weeks before the contest, students were given a list of supplies they would have available so they could build egg protectors for practice. But once the contest started, they had to build a new device within 30 minutes.

A few days before the contest, Bridget, 13, designed and built a gadget that she and Amber thought would guard their egg. But when the contest started, Bridget couldn't remember how she had built the egg protector.

So she built a different one. She wrapped the egg in paper, put Popsicle sticks on the side to keep it from moving, and placed straws under and over it to cushion its landing. String and tape held it together.

Several other teams built more complicated devices. But some were damaged during the first couple of drops. Repairs were not allowed between rounds.

Amber, 12, dropped the egg during the contest. It survived falls of two, three and four meters. On the last drop, it bounced about a foot and a half in the air, but still didn't crack.

About 15 teams entered the junior high egg drop contest. Eleven survived the two-meter drop, but only four eggs didn't break when dropped from three meters.

When the remaining eggs were dropped from four meters, contest leader Stuart Creighton, a chemistry and physics teacher at Lee Senior High School, in-

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## Olympiad

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spected the results. Only Amber's and Bridget's egg had survived.

Amber raised her hands in triumph.

"I was excited," she said.

"I was amazed," Bridget said.

Eggs were used in another contest called scramble, according to Thomas Bell, coordinator of the olympiad.

Students were told to build a car, powered only by the drop of an object, that would go a certain distance without crashing into a wall. Students had to put eggs on the front of the cars; if the eggs broke, the cars went too far.

During another contest, one student had to study a tinker toy and write directions on how to build it. Another student then had to build the figure, using only the other student's directions.

A pentathlon combined science questions with physical challenges similar to those on kid's television game shows.

About 500 students from Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Robeson and Scotland counties participated in the olympiad, said Mr. Bell, an assistant principal at Pauline Jones Elementary School.

Teams from Hillcrest, Lewis Chapel, Anne Chestnut and Westover junior high schools in Cumberland County and Sycamore Lane Middle School in Scotland County qualified for the state competition in March, he said. Teams from Harnett Central and Lee Senior high schools also qualified.

Winners in the state contest will advance to a national event.

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# Trustees Snuff Out Smoking At FTCC

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Smokers have three more weeks to light up inside Fayetteville Technical Community College buildings.

The FTCC board of trustees, acting after a request from some student leaders, voted unanimously on Monday to ban smoking in all buildings starting March 6. Smoking will be allowed outside.

The board did not discuss enforcement of the policy or penalties for violators.

Members of the Student Government Association asked the board last month for a review of the school's smoking policy because students had complained about second-hand smoke in the school's two cafeterias.

Two students smoking in the cafeteria Monday afternoon were not happy.

"If I can't smoke in here, I'm not going to sit in here and eat," Karen Cartwright said. "It's almost enough to make you want to go to school someplace else. They (non-smokers) have rights, but we have rights, too."

John Franklin said the school should have designated smoking areas. "People who smoke have the right to smoke without standing out in 15-degree weather or rain."

But several non-smokers on the Student Government Association said they think most students will be happy that the cafeteria will know longer be smoky.

"I think it's great," Kimberly Kittle said of the ban. "It was awful sitting in there."

Patrick Moran said not many students ate in the smaller cafeteria in Lafayette Hall because it was so smoky.

"You could walk in one side and out the other and smell like smoke," he said.

Many buildings now are posted with signs that say "Thank you for not smoking," but Mr. Moran and Ms. Kittle said the signs are ignored, especially during bad weather.

The college has had a ban on smoking in classrooms, labs and shops for some time. The college's board of trustees decided Monday to get smoking out of buildings entirely after an Environmental Protection Agency report on the health risks to non-smokers of being around smokers.

There are two smokers on the board of trustees, Wayne Williams and Thornton Rose.

Mr. Williams said, "As a smoker, I don't have any problem with smoke-free buildings. I think you're going to offend more people by allowing smoking now than by limiting it."

A survey of teachers and staff in the 1990-91 school year showed that nearly 44 percent wanted a smoking ban, while 38 percent wanted smoking areas set up. Sixteen percent said there should be no policy regulating smoking.

In the same survey, about 44 percent of students wanted smoking areas, 17 percent were for the ban and 21 percent wanted no policy at all.

But Betty Snelling, Student Gov-

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## Smoking

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ernment Association president, said two petitions started 10 days ago showed students supporting a ban over designated smoking areas by a three to one margin.

The association planned to end its petition drive next week, but Monday's board action brought it to a halt.

Some students think the issue is not settled.

Kathleen Gilman, a smoker, said she doesn't have a problem with the ban, but believes other students will.

"I think they'll yell for their rights," she said. "They might be upset, especially when it rains. I can go outside, but what bothers me is that they're only listening to the non-smokers' rights and not the smokers' rights."

In other action Monday, the board of trustees agreed to spend up to $30,000 on eight red emergency telephones that will be hung around campus in parking lots and other isolated areas.

Linwood Powell, vice president for administrative services, said anyone will be able to reach campus security officers simply by pushing a button on the telephones. Even if the person can not talk, the phone will let officers know which phone to go to, he said.

He said the telephones, which cost $2,500 to $3,000 each, are tamper-proof and will improve security in remote parts of the campus.

FTCC has had no assaults or other such incidents, Dr. Powell said.

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# PUFFERS' PENALTIES

## FTCC, County Doing Right Thing On Smoking

Officials around here are coming to understand that smoking in public places is not just offensive to the nostrils and a source of allergies for some; it produces a dangerous carcinogen. And non-smokers, in growing numbers, don't want to be subjected to it.

The latest evidence of this new awareness came on Monday, when the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners and the Fayetteville Technical Community College trustees voted to ban smoking in all their buildings. For the county, that includes both the buildings it owns and leases, and all county-owned vehicles.

Neither ban is perfect. At FTCC, the trustees provided no penalty or enforcement method. Thus they can be assured of violations; they probably will want to re-address the question later. And over at the courthouse, the commissioners' 3-2 vote handed violators a stiffer penalty than intended. By voting against any penalty at all (instead of the $20-and-up fine originally proposed), they automatically made violations a criminal misdemeanor. These carry a fine of up to $50 or up to 30 days in jail.

Also, it would provide a gentler transition if both entities could provide some special ventilated area — even an outdoor gazebo — for smokers. After all, the intention is not to give smokers pneumonia while saving the lungs of others. And many good people are hooked on this legal drug, quite a few of them dating back to the days when the dangers were not as well known.

Still, these are moves in the right direction. For FTCC, the ban takes effect on March 6. For the county, it's April 15. Fayetteville City Council: You're being left behind.

## FTCC Honor Society Joins In Clean-Up Efforts

**Dr. Craig Allen, left, president of Fayetteville Technical Community College, joins members of Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society at FTCC, in picking up trash along Business I-95. Approximately 30 students participated in the clean-up project which took place last Saturday.**

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# Van Damme Hearing Big Draw

Van Damme

By Marc Barnes
Staff Writer

Civil sessions of Cumberland County Superior Court don't usually attract much attention.

But that was before actor Jean Claude Van Damme came to town.

Jury selection began Monday afternoon in a trial that pits former soldier Jason "Rock" Pinckney against Mr. Van Damme. No jurors were selected.

The suit, filed in July 1991, charges that Mr. Van Damme hit Mr. Pinckney in the left eye with a sword during a fight scene for the movie "Cyborg," which was being filmed in Wilmington in 1988.

Mr. Pinckney, then a Fort Bragg soldier, was hired as a "special ability talent" by Action Casting Co. for Cannon Films, which was producing "Cyborg." Mr. Van Damme played the lead role in the film.

But little of that matters to Mr. Van Damme's fans, who filled a third-floor hallway for a glimpse of the star of action films. The actor has appeared in several films featuring his kick-boxing skills.

By mid-afternoon, Temple Worley had been waiting for several hours to see Mr. Van Damme.

"He is a star, he is good-looking and all that stuff," she said. "He is just fine."

Ms. Worley was a trifle upset, however.

"We left and went to lunch and came back and he had snuck in behind us," she said.

Darryl Marshall said he knew the source of Mr. Van Damme's appeal.

"He's got money," Mr. Marshall said. "That is the bottom line. He's got credit cards and money — he's got what I need."

Mr. Marshall said Mr. Van Damme's looks are not the attraction.

"I want to clarify that right now," he said. "I want him to teach me how to do those splits and how to kick down doors."

Sheila Williams, who was supposed to be in class at Fayetteville Technical Community College, where she is studying to be a dental assistant, said she likes both Mr. Van Damme's looks and his European accent.

She said jokingly that she hopes to do a survey of Mr. Van Damme's teeth for extra credit.

Inside the courtroom, as a panel of potential jurors entered, Mr. Van Damme slipped on a pair of gold-rimmed eyeglasses and studied some notes in front of him.

Mr. Pinckney's suit claims the wound resulted in permanent loss of sight in his left eye and substantial medical bills. In addition, Mr. Pinckney was medically discharged from the

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Pinckney

*The Family Of The Late*
**BARBARA J. MASSEY**
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**Mrs. Barbara J. Massey**

Mrs. Barbara Jean Harris Massey, 41, of 2063 Corrinna St., Fayetteville, died Thursday in Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the MLK Coordinating Committee and the Cumberland County Interagency Council.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in College Heights Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Garfield Warren, directed by Wiseman Mortuary. Burial will be in Cumberland Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Massey is survived by her husband, Fayetteville City Councilman Robert Massey Jr. of the home; a daughter, Stacey M. Massey of the home; two sons, Robert A. Massey III and Christopher Massey, both of the home; her parents, Leroy and Dorothy Harris of Henderson; and a sister, Mary L. Harris of Washington, D.C.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6:30 to 8 at the funeral home.

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The following Fayetteville Technical Community College Commercial Art and Advertising Design curriculum students were selected winners in the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation's ADDY Awards:

Orlando Bustamante, Jason Canady, Craig Cummings, Kathleen Gilman, Harry Madison, Mark Medrek, Brigitte Posley, Tricia Raymond, Lola Reid, Albert Warfield-Graham, Deborah Wilson and Albert Winchell.

# Secondhand Smoke Report Triggers Restrictions On Puffers

NEW YORK (AP) — A government report linking secondhand cigarette smoke to lung cancer and children's diseases has triggered a surge in smoking restrictions across America — from a delicatessen in Denver to state offices in tobacco-growing Kentucky.

The study, released Jan. 7 by the Environmental Protection Agency, blamed secondhand smoke for 300,000 cases of bronchitis, pneumonia and other ailments in infants and 3,000 deaths of nonsmokers each year from lung cancer.

Momentum for smoking restrictions grew in February, when first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton banned smoking in the White House and McDonald's said 40 of its nearly 9,000 fast-food restaurants would become smokefree.

The report has already boosted efforts to restrict smoking, and restaurant owners and government officials say even tighter restrictions are on the way.

"That (report) was the icing on the cake for me," said Chuck Fischel of Denver, who has just declared his Gaylord's Deli smokefree. "I get a lot of kids in here, and that part about being dangerous to kids had a big impact."

"We got a copy of the report summary and it scared the heck out of us," said Jim Bomm, manager of two Jake's restaurants in suburban Milwaukee. By the end of January, Mr. Bomm banned smoking in both restaurants.

"We thought it was unconscionable to allow it to go on," he said. "The EPA report was a blessing. We latched on to it" as justification for the ban.

Restaurants have been hesitant to ban smoking, for fear of losing business from smokers. But at Mr. Bomm's restaurants, business increased after the ban.

In New Jersey, Public Service Electric and Gas, which employs 13,000 people, has announced an April 1 ban on smoking in its 100 workplaces and in company vehicles. "The new EPA report has definitely been a factor in our decision," said spokesman Gene Murphy.

In Kentucky, the nation's No. 1 producer of burley tobacco, Gov. Brereton Jones banned most smoking in state buildings on Jan. 25. Tobacco growers were incensed.

"If they have a problem with tobacco, maybe they should give back part of their salaries that comes from tobacco dollars," said Danny McKinney, who heads the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in Lexington.

Ohio and California have also banned smoking in state buildings, and Vermont is considering a bill to ban smoking in most public places. In New York, Gov. Mario Cuomo has proposed that smoking be banned on all school grounds and places where children congregate.

Minnesota lawmakers are debating a bill that would bar people who run day-care centers in their homes from lighting up when children are present. Michigan is considering bills to outlaw smoking in all schools and restaurants.

Many of the new regulations have been prompted by legal as well as health concerns. Employers are worried they might be sued for not providing smokefree workplaces, now that secondhand smoke has officially been declared a cause of cancer.

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# Tobacco Industry Should Help Pay For Health Problems, Elders Says

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK (AP) — The tobacco industry should pay its "fair share" to treat health problems caused by smoking, President Clinton's nominee for surgeon general said Friday.

Dr. Joycelyn Elders said an additional federal tax of $2.17 per pack of cigarettes would help pay for an estimated $69 billion in health costs caused by smoking.

But lobbying by the tobacco industry would make it difficult to impose such a tax, she said, and $1 a pack extra would be more realistic.

Dr. Elders, state health director in Arkansas, made her comments during a state conference on maternal and infant health.

She said statistics show more than 60 percent of the population supports higher cigarette taxes.

Dr. Elders said the industry argues that higher taxes would hurt tobacco farmers. But she contends the effect would be felt more by the companies since the content of domestic tobacco in American cigarettes has declined.

"A large percentage of company profits is really related to tobacco use" rather than farming, she said.

Tobacco was worked into her speech as she talked about health care for the poor, especially pregnant women and their children.

"All legislators love little children as long as you don't want to biopsy the pocketbook," she said. "We have a health care system that costs too much and delivers too little."

She emphasized early, preventive health care as the cheapest and most effective way to handle health problems. And she said health care should include transportation for the poor, birth control and education.

Her speech was interrupted several times by applause from the 500 health care workers.

"We've got to do more than look at costs," she said. " ... We've got to expand women's health, expand family planning ... . We pay for pregnancy, but we won't pay for family planning. That system could only have been designed by a white, male slave owner."

She said family planning isn't the same as advocating abortion.

"I've never known a woman who wasn't pregnant to want an abortion," she said.

# 16-Year-Old Charged In Woman's Slaying 2-93

By Pat Reese
Staff Writer

A 16-year-old boy was charged Wednesday with second-degree murder in the shooting of a woman off Murchison Road on Monday, police said.

Maurice Douglas Boone of Buckingham Avenue surrendered to detectives and was jailed pending a first appearance court hearing today. Bail was set at $20,000.

Detective David Bloomfield said the youth is accused of shooting Marilyn Elizabeth Mahorn, 38, of 917 Fiske Drive.

Ms. Mahorn and her fiance, Ernest Lane, also of 917 Fiske Drive, were walking away from Mr. Boone on a dirt path behind the Suburban Mart when the youth shot her once in the back, the detective said. She was dead on arrival at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Mr. Lane was not injured.

Detective Bloomfield said he talked to the boy by telephone and told him that a warrant had been issued for his arrest. He said the boy surrendered a short while later at the Law Enforcement Center.

The detective said he discussed the case with the District Attorney's Office before filing the second-degree murder charge.

He said witnesses linked the killing to the neighborhood's heavy cocaine traffic. The detective would not elaborate.

The boy is a student at Fayetteville Technical Community College where he has been working toward completing studies for his high school equivalency diploma.

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# FTCC's Smokers Want A Place They Can Call Their Very Own

## 'We Can No Longer Afford The Risk,' School Official Says

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

A group of Fayetteville Technical Community College students wants a warm place — or at least a dry place — to light up their smokes.

Starting today, they're out in the cold and wind and rain under a new smoking ban.

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Six students met with college administrators Friday morning to ask for inside smoking areas either in the main cafeteria, separate smoking lounges or a new building on campus.

"We as smokers don't feel it's right to have to go outside to smoke," student John Woodard said. "We want something to eat, to drink a cup of coffee and do our homework between classes."

He said the cafeteria is the only place on campus where smokers can sit and study and smoke.

"I for one will get extremely cranky and my grades will drop if I can't smoke there and study," Mr. Woodard said. "We feel our rights are being violated."

Students who don't smoke had complained to school officials about second-hand smoke in the school's two cafeterias. That encouraged the FTCC board of trustees to ban smoking in all college buildings.

Mr. Woodard said he and other students have collected 500 signatures on petitions calling for a compromise.

He said the smoking students know the smaller cafeteria should be smoke free, but believe the school can put up partitions, ceiling fans and a ventilation system in the main cafeteria so smokers can use it without bothering other people.

The students said they do not know how much their request would cost, but said they believe it would be worth it.

Larry Norris, vice president for academic affairs, told the students, "I see no hope that the policy will be rescinded, but there may be something that can be done."

Dr. Norris, a smoker, said he understands the students' frustration at being forced outside.

"But it's come to the point where we can no longer ignore the risk," he said. "That is the way of the world, not to disenfranchise smokers, but to acknowledge that second-hand smoke is cancerous.

"We're supportive of everyone's rights. If I choose to smoke, then I take the risk. But I shouldn't inflict that on Dr. Powell" he said of Linwood Powell, vice president for administrative services, who was sitting beside him.

"This is a case where the majority does not win because of the cancerous effect to non-smokers," he said.

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## Smokers

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Dr. Norris told the students that the trustees talked about setting up designated smoking areas, but decided the college didn't have the space or money to do it.

He said FTCC officials have talked about building an outside shelter for smokers, but nothing has been decided.

Student John Volpicelli of Sanford said he has been smoking for 42 years and would like to quit, but hasn't been able to.

He said the cafeteria is the only quiet place he has to do his homework between school and work at a Fayetteville manufacturing plant. He said the smoking ban could hurt his studies and even his desire to stay in school and work toward his high school diploma.

Keith Howell, another student, asked if the group could give its petitions and request to the trustees at its March 15 meeting.

Dr. Norris told the students to work through the Student Government Association to bring their complaints to the board.

Mr. Howell said the students will keep getting organized. They plan to hold a "smoke-in" at noon Wednesday at the gazebo on campus to draw attention to their efforts.

**Pictured are the first graduates of the Certificate in Management Program offered through a joint partnership of Fayetteville Technical Community College and the Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce. These graduates completed six, 21-hour management courses to receive the certificate. Front row from left are: John Ward and Stephanie LaVallee. Back row: Rose Routier, Glenn Barnett and Tommy Hester**

## Dogwood Swinging

The Dogwood Festival Celebrity Golf Classic has traditionally brought in soap opera stars and other small-screen big names. This year's event will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. at Gates Four Golf and Country Club.

Coming to town this year are TV and movie actors Tim Culbertson and Matthew Laurance, Cathy Martindale, co-host of Nashville Network's music video program, Russ Grimm, assistant coach for the Washington Redskins, and Kim Zimmer, Emmy-winning actress on "The Guiding Light." "The Bold and the Beautiful" and "The Young and the Restless" star Kimberlin Brown has canceled her appearance.

To benefit Fayetteville Technical Community College, a lot of people have already signed up to play in the golf tournaments with the celebs. General admission is $5. Tickets are available in advance at a number of local businesses or at the gate. Call 483-2783 for information.

# Sen. Tally Garners Support With New Water Transfer Bill

By Mark Stinneford
Raleigh Bureau

RALEIGH — State Sen. Lura Tally has moved to dam up opposition to her latest attempt to regulate large transfers of water between river basins.

Lawmakers from the Raleigh-Durham area, fearing such legislation would block growth, led efforts to defeat Mrs. Tally's water diversion regulation bill in 1991. But her latest bill, introduced Thursday, won praise Friday from representatives of a regional government organization.

The bill would require approval from the Environmental Management Commission for new transfers of two million gallons a day or more. Existing transfers of any amount would not have to be approved unless they were increased.

Transfers of water between river basins usually occur when a water user such as a city has its water source located in one river basin and its sewage treatment plant in another. Mrs. Tally's bill would apply to transfers from 38 river basins, including the Cape Fear River, South River, Deep River and Lumber River basins in the Cape Fear region.

Representatives of the Triangle J Council of Governments said Friday that the bill would eliminate inconsistencies in current law. Under present statutes, only transfers by water authorities or joint withdrawals by two or more local governments must win state approval. Mrs. Tally's bill would eliminate a ban on transfers from rivers that flow into another state from North Carolina.

"I don't know how other local governments or water authorities will react," said Ed Holland, research and planning administrator for the Orange Water and Sewer Authority. "This appears to be a substantial improvement over existing law and water management."

Lawmakers from the southeast have been actively pursuing regulation of diversions since 1989, when the Environmental Management Commission approved a request from the Wake County towns of Cary and Apex to withdraw up to 16 million gallons a day from Jordan Lake, which feeds the Cape Fear river.

Environmental organizations and downstream governments have expressed concern about the effect of such large transfers on economic development down river. Officials of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission have said that any reduction in river flow could put it out of compliance with its sewage plant discharge permit and require improvements more costly than the $40 million worth recently undertaken.

"At least we don't have the fierce opposition we had before,"

'At least we don't have the fierce opposition we had before. I think the bill itself is easier for opposing groups to understand.'
— Sen. Lura Tally

Mrs. Tally said of her bill. "I think the bill itself is easier for opposing groups to understand."

Before issuing a permit for a large water transfer, the state would have to find that water use needs of the basin are protected for the foreseeable future, that benefits of the transfer outweigh any harm, that the amount of transfer and its proposed use are necessary and reasonable and that any negative effects have been minimized. The bill also expands public notice requirements concerning a proposed transfer.

Sen. J.K. Sherron, a Raleigh Democrat who opposed the 1991 bill, said he hadn't seen the latest version. But he said the legislation should make a distinction for reservoirs, which are designed for water supply purposes.

"Water taken from a reservoir would have no impact downstream," Mr. Sherron said. "If they released it from the reservoir, it would just end up in the ocean somewhere."

Under the administration of Gov. Jim Martin, the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources opposed Mrs. Tally's 1991 bill, saying that it was incon-

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sistent in application and provided no means for additional staff needed to implement the program. The administration of Gov. Jim Hunt has not taken a position on the bill, but the department has actively participated in its preparation.

John Morris, director of the state Division of Water Resources, said the new bill is clearer and more straight-forward. He said the need for more staff will be minimized by an increase over the 1991 bill in the proposed minimum transfer required before state approval is required, from one million gallons a day to two million gallons a day.

"The bill is more workable, more practical, and I think it does the job," Mr. Morris said.

A bill sponsored by Mrs. Tally and approved in 1991 required water users to register water withdrawals or transfers of one million gallons or more per day. But state officials say compliance has been slow. A report in 1992 said about 20 percent of those expected to register actually did so. Mrs. Tally has introduced a bill to fine those who fail to register $5 a day, with a maximum total fine of $50.



# One college generated profits from sheltered workshop pact

BY BILL KRUEGER
STAFF WRITER

**GRAHAM** — Few people would disagree that the state should help handicapped adults learn job skills.

But should a community college act as a middleman to make a profit on that training?

In 1991-92, Alamance Community College gave $195,000 to a vocational rehabilitation center that serves mentally retarded and physically disabled adults. It then claimed the center's clients as students and received $550,000 in an FTE reimbursement from the state.

That was a $355,000 profit for the college, according to auditors with the state Department of Community Colleges. It was money that could be spent on other college courses and programs.

In effect, the state spent $550,000 to provide less than $200,000 worth of training at Vocational Trades of Alamance.

"In conducting training in this manner, the college is not in violation of a specific policy, but is utilizing the arrangement as a financial tool to generate significantly more revenue than expended," the auditors wrote in August 1992.

"This arrangement can no longer be overlooked as not being specifically addressed by policy when the college is utilizing it as a 'windfall' dollar generator."

While Alamance Community College made the most of the absence of a law or regulation prohibiting such arrangements, it was hardly alone.

Of the 58 community colleges in the state, 31 cleared profits totaling $1.9 million in 1991-92 from their partnership with sheltered workshops, according to a report compiled by legislative fiscal analysts. Surry Community College, Vance-Granville Community College and Wilkes Community College each cleared more than $100,000.

Before the department's auditors stepped in, Alamance Community College had a long-standing relationship with the rehabilitation center. The arrangement made money for both parties.

Rep. Jim Black, a Charlotte Democrat who is co-chairman of a House subcommittee that oversees community college funding, says it was the taxpayer who lost out on the deal.

"If we're going to fund education, let's fund education," he says. "If we need to fund sheltered workshops, let's fund sheltered workshops."

Vocational Trades of Alamance is one of the largest such centers in the state. Sometimes referred to as a sheltered workshop, it is a public non-profit agency where more than 230 adults come to work and learn each weekday.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the clients work at a variety of tasks. Some assemble sterile medical supplies for a large pharmaceutical company. Others are placing metal bands into a plastic bag.

Throughout the 85,000-square-foot warehouse, working and learning are one and the same. The clients are paid for their work, which they do with the help of instructors and case managers. The work is done on a contract basis for companies such as IBM and AT&T, and sometimes leads to regular employment.

Until late last year, Alamance Community College paid 60 percent of the instructors' salaries. The center gets funding from a variety of sources, including almost $600,000 from two divisions of the state Department of Human Resources. About $900,000 of the center's $2.2 million budget comes from contract work for 25 private industries.

After its own auditors took exception to the arrangement last year, the Department of Community Colleges put a stop to it. A community college is no longer allowed to simply underwrite ongoing training at such a center, but a college still can provide instructors to teach there.

The community college and the center were hit hard by the new rule. The center was told in September that it would not receive the $150,000 it had expected from the community college. And the department withheld $145,000 from the college's 1992-93 allotment as a result of the audit.

The center is trying to scrape up money from other sources and cut expenses to cover the loss.

Advocates for mentally handicapped adults say community colleges should continue to provide funding for such centers.

"It does matter to me where the money comes from," says Kathryn Turner, executive director of Orange Enterprises, a vocational rehabilitation center in Hillsborough. "The community colleges have an obligation to provide an education to people with disabilities."

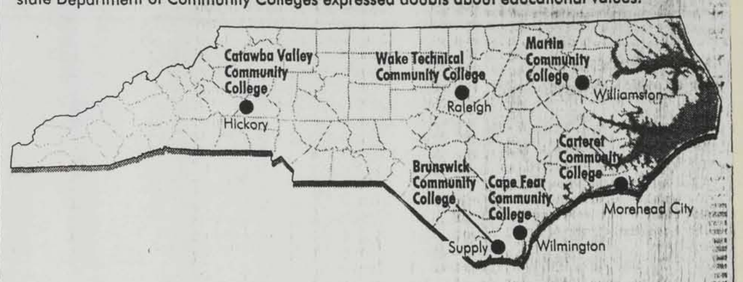
Vocational Trades of Alamance is hoping to renew the partnership by having the college provide five instructors.

Ron McCarter, president of the college, hopes he can get approval, particularly since he saw nothing wrong with the previous arrangement.

He asks: "What could be more beneficial and more in line with our mandate than industrial training and training for the handicapped?"

## Students are where you find them

When it comes to beefing up enrollments to qualify for state funds, some of North Carolina's community colleges display plenty of entrepreneurial zeal. But in these cases, auditors for the state Department of Community Colleges expressed doubts about educational values.




1. An auto mechanics course offered by **Brunswick Community College** had the some group of nine or 10 students each quarter. Four students had taken the class more than 40 times. An auditor said: "The primary focus of the class appears to be the repair of vehicles owned by the students."
2. When several law enforcement groups including the N.C. Police Executives Association held conferences on the coast, many of those attending were counted as students by **Cape Fear Community College.** Auditors said in 1991: "These 'classes' consisted of the associations' annual conferences, four of which were held at the Shell Island Resort at Wrightsville Beach, and the other one was held at the Hilton Inn in Wilmington."
3. **Cape Fear Community College** offered a course in small gasoline engine repair, but students attended only long enough to work on personal projects. "No visible instruction in small gas engines was noted," an auditor wrote in 1992. "The one student present was observed playing chess on a computer terminal in the room."
4. Upholstery and cabinetmaking were popular courses at **Carteret Community College.** "Of the 40 students identified with excessive repeats, 25 students completed courses 10 or more times, with six of these taking the courses 20 or more times," an auditor wrote in 1992. "The majority of students in the classes were working on personal projects and did not appear to have an occupational interest in cabinetmaking or upholstery."
5. When inmates at the state prison in Iredell County went to their work assignment producing furniture, they became students at **Catawba Valley Community College.** Auditors said in 1992: "A distinction cannot be objectively made between the course content ... because each class essentially involved production tasks."
6. The Carrolton Nursing Home in Williamston became an extension of **Martin Community College** when 14 residents were included in an adult basic education course — some, without their knowledge. "The instructor was working with the more alert students while the other students were sleeping, working with puzzles, etc. The instructor indicated that a number of the students were receiving medication which affected their activity levels."
7. When **Wake Technical Community College** officials held a series of informational sessions to tell their employees about different facets of the college, they turned them into a course entitled "Institutional Practices for Employees." An auditor said in 1991: "The course was essentially an orientation or seminar type session for the college employees and not a course which merited an occupational extension classification."

# HILLCREST TRIUMPHS

## Relishing The Scientific Adventure, Students Win

Science is a competitive enterprise, like the North Carolina Science Olympiad Tournament in which Hillcrest Junior High School students did so well this year.

Even in its purest form, science involves competition among scientists who support differing theories. And there is intense competition among scientists racing to establish the latest difficult-to-verify piece of empirical information. The search by high-energy physicists for new subatomic particles is, for example, rife with both kinds of competition. Those involved often find the competition exhilarating.

In the area of applied science, the field in which Hillcrest students have done so well, the competition is if anything more intense. The stakes are high. Huge amounts of money and the technological future of this and other nations are at risk in the competition among scientists involved in developing small things, like computer microchips, and large ones, like passenger and military aircraft. Again, the struggle is exhilarating.

Some of the students at Hillcrest say they discovered through this competition just how exciting the pursuit of scientific excellence can (and should) be. That discovery is a personal triumph. It can lead them to continue the pursuit of scientific excellence long after their third place in this contest has receded from public memory.

If that discovery is made often enough in the public schools here and elsewhere, there will be another generation of scientists that is large enough and enthusiastic enough to carry on this nation's long tradition of world-beating scientific excellence.

For the present, though, this particular group of students needs cash donations so that it can go on to the national competition in Pueblo, Colo.

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# Community College System Gets Close Look

## ● Radical Changes Proposed

A Staff And Wire Report

RALEIGH — When the state's community college system was created in the early 1960s, education leaders envisioned a tool to help North Carolinians learn job skills without traveling far or spending much.

It proved so popular that three decades later it is the nation's third-largest community college system.

Yet the 58-campus system lacks consistency and control, according to an audit of state government. And one of the recommended remedies would force some students to travel farther to take courses.

Among 22 recommendations, the performance audit proposes restructuring the system so that it is based on a regional view of program needs rather than a local view.

This could mean that a community college would have to stop offering a course if students could take it at another community college in the same region.

Other recommendations would move some of the decision-making authority from the local schools to the state.

"My personal feeling about all the recommendations ... is that they have very little to do with teaching and learning in the classrooms, shops and laboratories," Bob Scott, the system president, said in a recent letter to the state Board of Community Colleges. "It has a lot to

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## ● Local Concept Works For Pamlico Students

By Hunter T. George II
The Associated Press

GRANTSBORO — Sheila Hill has it all figured out.

After she finishes a college prep program at Pamlico Community College, she and her husband and their three kids will move to Greenville so she can get a degree from East Carolina University and her husband can find a higher paying job. He's a mechanical engineer making $7.50 an hour.

But the whole plan hinges on the local community college.

"If I couldn't go here, I probably wouldn't go to school," said Mrs. Hill, 22, of New Bern.

Last year's performance audit of state government found that North Carolina's community college system has expanded beyond control. It recommended that the state restructure the system with a regional rather than a local approach.

The audit also said that in some cases it costs more to run smaller community colleges than it does larger schools.

But to students at Pamlico Community College, more than money is at stake.

Pamlico, about 25 miles from New Bern in the Grantsboro community, is the smallest of the state's 58 community colleges.

Enrollment is only about 1,500 a year. Students like it that way.

Larry Cahoon is among a number of New Bern residents who attend Pamlico, although they live closer to Craven Community College. Mr. Cahoon says he prefers the teachers at Pamlico.

"There's less students per teacher, and they act like they care more about their students," said Mr. Cahoon, 20, who's studying industrial electronics.

The school's president likes the atmosphere, too.

"These students are getting more individualized attention," said Doug Kearney, who came to the school six years ago after working 20 years at Carteret Community College.

The alternatives for continuing education aren't many for the 11,300 residents of Pamlico County, where per capita income is $12,859.

There are no major employers to assist with job

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do with the mission and philosophy of our system — mainly the issue of access, geographically and financially."

Dr. Craig Allen, president of Fayetteville Technical Community College, said Saturday that college officials believe the state has adequate control.

"I'm sure it has more control than the legislature realizes," he said.

Dr. Allen said FTCC and other community colleges already have regional programs. For example, he said, some colleges send students to FTCC for courses such as respiratory services.

He said community colleges — not the state — should decide how to develop regional courses and where duplication could be eliminated.

The community college system long has been touted for its accessibility. For example, single working mothers who didn't have the time or money to travel could learn job skills in community colleges.

"The reason we came into being in the first place is the universities did not reach out into the communities," Mr. Scott said in a telephone interview from his home in Haw River, where he's recovering from heart surgery.

"Students aren't going to drive much over 25 miles to attend a class," he added. "They don't want to be that far away from their families, and they've got to get back home and go to work."

The community college system was created in response to the state's shift from an agricultural to an industrial economy. The focus was on vocational and technical education.

By 1966, there were 43 institutions with 28,250 full-time students. Brunswick Community College became the 58th campus in 1978, and since then, 27 satellite campuses have been added. Enrollment last year reach 750,000.

The performance audit, conducted for the legislature by KPMG Peat Marwick, found that the Board of Community Colleges has been unable to control expansion.

The state estimates that 95 percent of its residents live within a 30-mile drive of a community college. The audit found that most residents live close to several community colleges.

The overlap can't be helped, according to Frank L. Eagles, president of Wilson Technical Community College and of the N.C. Association of Community College Presidents.

"The mission of our system is primarily to meet local needs," Mr. Eagles said "When you move too much toward regionalization, you reduce this ability."

Auditors suggested that since the state provides most of the system's funding, it should exert more control. The audit recommended that the state appoint rather than approve presidents of community colleges so that local leaders will feel more of an allegiance to the state.

The state funds about 70 percent of the system's $463 million budget. Local governments pay 14 percent and tuition provides 12 percent. The remaining 5 percent comes from the federal government and other sources.

The state Board of Community Colleges and, ultimately, the legislature will have to decide what changes the system should undergo.

At its meeting earlier this month, the board acted on two of the audit's recommendations: it agreed to establish a moratorium on new campuses and to participate in a proposed Education Cabinet that would include heads of the public school, university and community college systems.

## Puffing Protest

Above, FTCC student Janet Hodges signs a petition protesting the school's ban on smoking in college buildings. Beth Capps, at front, and Terra Poole were among students who participated in a 'smoke-in' at the campus gazebo. At left, Bobby Deavitt, who will enroll at FTCC next quarter, listens to Keith Howell speak during the protest. The students are asking the administration to partition an area of the main cafeteria and equip it with a ventilation and filtering system. The students have collected about 600 signatures in favor of their position.

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# Opinion

*Editorials*

## YES, TAX TOBACCO

### Better Health Care And Longer Life Will Result

Saying this pains those of us who were fed, clothed and sheltered through childhood and college by the profits from a North Carolina tobacco farm. But it is the truth: There are good financial reasons to tax tobacco more heavily to help pay the bills for a national health-care plan.

Tobacco extracts a staggering health-care price from the American economy. Take it from the ever-conservative American Medical Association, which issued a report last month entitled "Factors Contributing to the Health Care Cost Problem."

Smoking topped the list at an estimated yearly cost of $22 billion by causing some 500,000 premature deaths a year. Some estimates put the cost higher than that, but it's a reasonable estimate of direct costs.

If so, the $34 billion that a $2-a-pack federal cigarette tax would raise toward a national health-care plan is on the high side of tobacco's contribution to health-care costs. In fact, it's too high. But a lesser tax, better matched to tobacco's health cost, is in order.

Arguments that smokers do not impose an additional burden on the health-care system were not accepted by the AMA. (Such contentions are based on some actuarial tables which indicate, among other things, that the medical-care dollars consumed by smokers who die prematurely are offset by the fact that those smokers don't become heavy medical-care consumers at a greater age.)

It is natural for those in the tobacco industry, and those in Congress who defend tobacco interests, to respond that an increase in the federal tobacco tax would wreck North Carolina's economy and cripple the industry. But, setting aside attempts to rally opposition by inspiring panic, cigarettes are ferociously addictive. Demand for them is not nearly as sensitive to price as the demand for, say, peanut butter.

That is why a series of past increases in price — the heaviest of them piled on by cigarette manufacturers — have not ruined the industry. While per-capita consumption of cigarettes in this country continues to fall, the market is still huge, exports are strong and tobacco remains enviably profitable for skilled producers at every level.

As for the effect of even the too-high $2 tax, in Canada taxes of *more* than $2 a pack were the rule in May of 1991, when this newspaper last published a story about them. At that time, a quarter of the population smoked — about the same percentage as here.

Even so, the long-term trend in U.S. tobacco consumption is downward. A sizable tax increase will move up the date of various tobacco plant closings and consolidations just a bit. As decades pass, tobacco taxes will cease to be a useful source of revenue.

That is no more to be mourned than good health and long life, which are exactly what this will mean to people who otherwise would have died prematurely of smoking-induced diseases.

## COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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### Make A Needed System As Good As It Should Be

North Carolina's community college system is a good thing that needs a lot of fixing.

It is no reflection upon Fayetteville Technical Community College, perhaps the best of its kind, that the system is insupportably large, that the academic standards set for its programs are too weak and that state-level coordination of programs is poor.

There is nothing about those key shortcomings, and lesser ones, that reduces by one bit the need for a top-notch community college system in North Carolina. Nor do those shortcomings justify any of the claims that will almost inevitably pop up that the system is overfunded.

The same North Carolina Government Performance Audit Committee consultants who documented the shortcomings said that "future infusions of money may be needed." North Carolina has yet to create a record of lavishing money upon any aspect of its educational system, but the community college system should be restructured before it becomes a candidate for heavy infusions of new funding.

First, the State Board of Community Colleges should take a regional view of community college programs, and carry out the consolidation of services and facilities dictated by that view.

As it is, the service areas of community colleges overlap. Some serve few students, and the audit consultants found that program planning evaluations are weak. The apparent price of supporting that kind of inefficiency is below-average investment per student statewide and faculty salaries that are 48th in the nation.

Second, strengthen program planning and evaluation. The same regional view of needs should involve a sophisticated projection of work force needs, so that the programs required are in place when they are required and superfluous ones can be pruned away. At the same time, the effectiveness of programs should be more rigorously assessed, and instructional strength rewarded.

Third, modern telecommunications technology should be deployed to carry strong programs to as many students as possible. That will also make it possible for low-population counties to offer programs their students need even though the student population does not justify hiring an instructor for them.

All of this is recommended by the auditors, KPMG Peat Marwick. It is not an attack on the community college system. Periodic reform and reorganization are required of all good organizations if they are to continue to serve their purposes well.

Items for What's Happening should be submitted in writing by 3 p.m. Tuesday. Events should be sponsored by a non-profit organization, open to the public and of general interest. Send to: What's Happening, The Fayetteville Observer-Times, P.O. Box 849, Fayetteville, N.C. 28302.

## events

**Railroad Series:** Fayetteville Technical Community College will hold a series of lectures about the railroad industry through May 11. The first lecture, "New Transportation Priorities: Energy, Environment, Evolution," will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at FTCC's Auditorium. All sessions are free. For more information, call 678-8431.

**Investment Seminar:** Bordeaux Branch Library will present a two-part program on "Investing for the 90s: Tax-Deferred Investments" at 7 p.m. April 5 and April 12. For more information, call 424-4008.

**Planter's Day:** The White Oak Ruritan Club will host an Old Fashion Planter's Day "from 9 a.m. until" today. For more information, call Bill Brafford at 1-919-866-4858 or 1-919-866-4170.



# Community Profile

## Bill Boyles Named FTCC's Top Educator

By Jeffery Womble
Staff Writer

At 26 years of age, Bill Boyles was entering his freshman year of college at Pembroke State University. There were times, he says, when he felt out of place. But he hung in there, and he's glad that he did.

"It was different," says Mr. Boyles, a teacher at Fayetteville Technical Community College. "So, it gives me empathy with my students here. It helps me understand what they are going through. I was almost a high school dropout and had a lot of catching up to do in high school. Just because a person hasn't done well in the past academically doesn't mean they don't have the potential."

Mr. Boyles has carried that philosophy with him throughout his life. For his concern for his students and for his willingness to go that extra mile in the classroom, he has been named Fayetteville Technical Community College's Teacher of the Year.

"Disbelief" and "shock" were some of the terms Mr. Boyles used when asked how he felt when he found out he won the honor.

"I was really surprised," the 49-year-old said. "Oftentimes, the past recipient had an inkling of what was going on. I had no idea that I was ever nominated. I am seldom speechless, but I was then."

Mr. Boyles, who teaches classes in residential carpentry, blueprint reading, and building codes regulations, was nominated for the award by one of his colleagues, Donald Wilkinson.

"Through the six years I have been working with Bill, I've seen the outstanding work he has done with the students, how patient he is and how tolerant he is, if you will, when they make a mistake," says Mr. Wilkinson who teaches cabinet making. "He is just an organized person, and I felt he was probably the most deserving person that I know."

Mr. Wilkinson says he put Mr. Boyles' name in the hat for the award, but didn't tell him about it.

"If you nominate someone and they don't make it, they probably will be disappointed," says Mr. Wilkinson, who has been teaching at FTCC for six years. "If they don't know they were nominated and didn't make it, then they probably won't be disappointed."

Mr. Wilkinson says Mr. Boyles' relationship with his students was the major factor in nominating him for the award.

"Everybody thinks the world of him," says Mr. Wilkinson. "Many of the students who come out of his program come into my program and have exceptional regard for him as a person and as a teacher."

Edward Lloyd, one of Mr. Boyles' former students, wrote a letter recommending Mr. Boyles for the honor. An excerpt from the letter says: "Mr. Boyles has provided me guidance and motivation as my faculty advisor and imparted some of his valuable carpentry knowledge and related skills to me. It's his genuine caring and unselfish giving of himself to students that makes him stand head and shoulders above his peers."

For winning the FTCC award, Mr. Boyles has earned the right to compete for the state award against other communinty college instructors. The winner will be named later in the year.

Mr. Boyles says he's proud to represent FTCC, but adds that there are other teachers at the two-year school who could have won the award.

"I didn't have any idea that this would be happening two weeks ago," he says. "There are others more deserving of the award ... I honestly believe that."

Mr. Boyles began teaching at FTCC on a part-time basis in 1986, and when the opportunity to become a full-time member of the faculty arose, he jumped at the chance.

"I started teaching and fell in love with it," he says. "I had a few positive experiences that kept me in love with the profession."

The thing that keeps him going is seeing students who have all the odds against them succeed in their careers, he says.

"I had one student who had every strike in the world against him or so it seemed like," says Mr. Boyles. "I said to myself if you can help this guy, you have accomplished something. He successfully completed the program."

The administration at FTCC also played a factor in his teaching career, says Mr. Boyles.

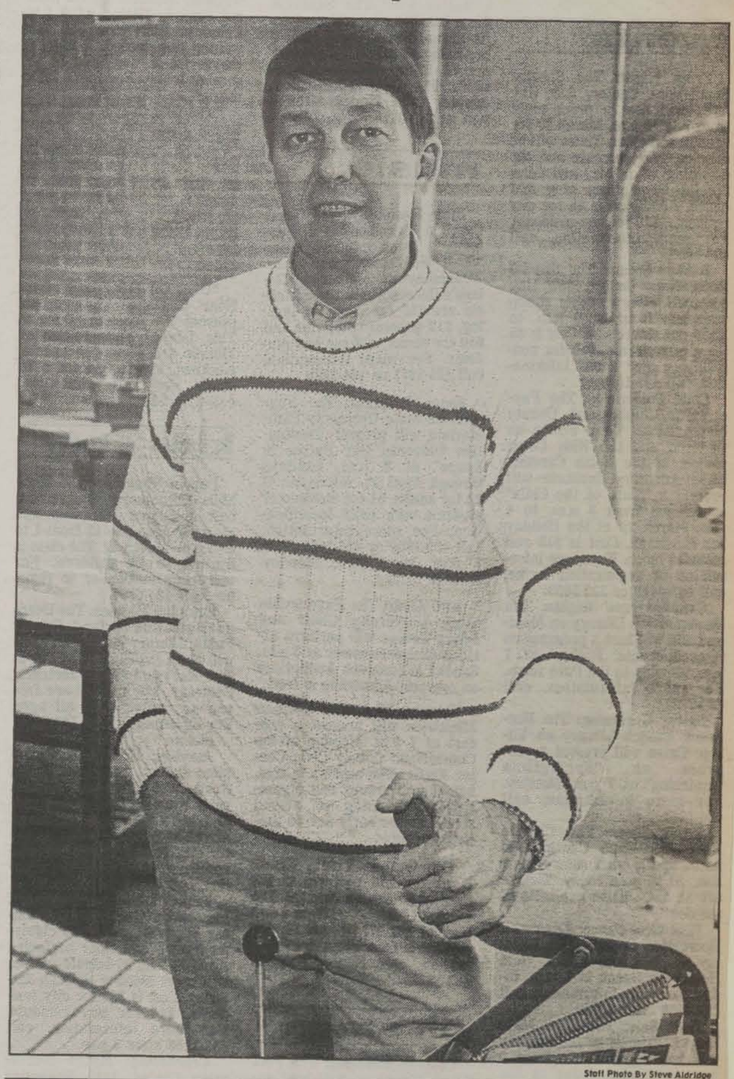
"It's been a positive experience working with the board and administration here," he says. "They have given me a lot of positive influences to maintain my interests here. FTCC takes its students at heart and they look after their students."

Mr. Boyles says he credits no one individual for his success.

"I could list a half dozen or more, but I hate to because I might leave someone out," he says.

A native of Hoke County, Mr. Boyles is a graduate of Hoke County High School and PSU, where he enrolled after a three-year stint in the Army. He and his wife, Sandra, a media specialist in the Hoke County School system, have two daughters, Karen, a student at PSU, and Susan, a junior at Hoke County High. They knew of Mr. Boyles' award, but managed to keep a tight lip.

"They knew about it before I did and did an excellent job of keeping it a secret," he says with a laugh. "I don't know what their initial reaction was, but they probably didn't believe it either."



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—Donald Wilkinson

Adolph Dial of Pembroke will take a seat on the Pembroke State University Board of Trustees on July 1, replacing Julian Ransom. The UNC Board of Governors appointed Dr. Dial, a former member of the state House and professor of American Indian Studies at PSU.

The board reappointed the Rev. Jerry Lowry, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pembroke; John C. Nicholson of Lumberton, general manager of Belk of Lumberton; and Gloria G. Williams of Raeford, assistant superintendent of the Hoke County Schools.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will start its Great Decisions Lecture Series on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the FTCC Auditorium. The first free lecture is on China: New Reforms, Old Politics. For more information, call 1-919-678-8431.

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Pembroke State University will hold the Fayetteville area Citizen Bee on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. for about 40 area junior high and high school students. The Close Up Foundation sponsors the contest.

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The Region IV Science Fair will be Wednesday at Pembroke State


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## Education Notes

University in the Jones Physical Education Center from 8 a.m. until noon. More than 500 students from 11 counties will enter the fair.

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Bowley School on Fort Bragg will hold a preschool parent workshop on self-esteem on Friday at 1 p.m. for parents of children enrolled in post schools' preschool programs.

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Bladen County Schools will hold a Celebrate the Art program Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the East Bladen High School gym in Elizabethtown. There will be student performances, art and booths.

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# Fayetteville NEWS

## Fayetteville Technical Community College Begins 1993 Great Decisions Lecture Series

Fayetteville Technical Community College will begin the 1993 Great Decisions Lecture Series on March 25th. This eight-week program to discuss foreign policy issues will be held each Thursday evening (except May 13th) from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the FTCC Auditorium in Cumberland Hall.

Topics will include:

- China: New Reforms, Old Politics
-Germany's Role: In Europe? In the North Atlantic
-India and Pakistan: Collision or Compromise
-Russia and the Central Asian Republics: After Independence? New Directions?
-United Nations: What Role in the New World?
-Trade and the Global Economy: Protecting US Interests
-US In a New World: What Goals? What Priorities?
-Children at risk: Abroad and at Home.

Featured speakers will include Dr. Steven Levine, Visiting Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Dr. Robert (Robin) Dorff, Professor of Political Science, North Carolina State University; Dr. Timothy Lomperis, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Duke University; Dr. Joseph Mastro, Professor of Political Science and Director, Humanities Extension, North Carolina State University; John Fobes, Former Deputy Director General, UNESCO; Dr. Stanley Black, Professor of Economics, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Dr. Marvin Soroos, Head - Department of Political Science and Public Administration; John Niblock, President, North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute.

All Sessions are free and open to all ages. Great Decisions has been approved for teacher renewal credit (2.0 CEU's) and area public School Teachers are encouraged to participate.

For more information, contact Sheridan Turpin at FTCC 678-8431 or 678-8309.•

**Don't Forget**
Deadlines for Press Release Friday, the week before publication.

## On The Move... in Fayetteville

*By Sean C. Robinson*

Fayetteville, because of it being located so near a major military facility, is diverse in it's cultural interests and offers much to the average "traveler" who is looking for something different to see or do. Each week, I encounter a differing variety of interesting people, places, and events and would like to share these experiences with you on a more "critical" level. Therefore, we present "On The Move", a critic's view of what's happening (and what's not) in Fayetteville.

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Average Cost: Variable

Challenger Rating : ★★★

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You've heard the commercials and seen the logo hundreds of times over, now it is time to visit the place! Curiosity drew me into this well publicized place to see all they could offer and bewilderment led me through each section! Specializing in everything from haircare to fashion wear, this place has it all! "Impressive" could only begin to explain this unique fashion boutique!
Average cost: Variable
Challenger Rating: ★★★★ 1/2

***Rating Scale:** 5 stars maximum Opinions expressed in "On The Move are the sole expression of columnist Sean Robinson , and are done for entertainment purposes.*

*Though we frequent a variety of places and offer a critical review, we encourage you to experiment and explore independently and discover the interesting points of Fayetteville's community without bias or prejudice, and as always, be careful while you are "On The Move".•*


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# Nervous Home Buyers Can Get Help At FTCC

By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

The thought of buying a first home strikes fear in many people's hearts, and Fayetteville Technical Community College is trying to change that.

Sheridan Turpin, director of FTCC's community services program, said community colleges across the state are starting the home-buying classes to help people learn the ropes.

The class starts Saturday and continues April 3, 17 and 24 and May 1. It runs from 10 a.m. to noon each Saturday.

Ms. Turpin said it "will take the mystery out of the home-buying process."

Students will learn the steps involved in getting ready to buy and buying a house, from setting up a household budget and solving credit problems to finding the right mortgage company and negotiating a purchase price.

The class will also cover home maintenance, housing assistance available in the community and avoiding default and foreclosure after a home purchase.

Class teachers include real estate agents, credit counselors, home economics extension agents, real estate lawyers and utility company representatives.

"I'm not saying everybody will walk out of there with the ability to buy a home, but they won't walk into a financing office blind," Ms. Turpin said. "It will help them understand how to get ready. I think more than anything else, it will take away the fright."

The cost of the class is $20. Registration will be before the class on Saturday in the multipurpose room of the Neil Currie Center for Continuing Education.




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Margaret Simmons Of Fayetteville Displays One Of The Springtime Flags She Designed And Made For Her Farley Place Home

Pansies Are Featured On Dale And Melissa Hansen's Flag

# A Banner SEASON

By Alice Thrasher
Staff Writer

When Margaret Simmons passes a house where a colorful seasonal flag is flying, she says it makes her think it would be fun to visit there.

"I had seen the flags first in Richmond several years ago and thought they were just so neat," she says.

They were selling in shops there and in Williamsburg for $75 to $100, plus $25 for the pole, and Mrs. Simmons was thinking about making her own when Fayetteville Technical Community College asked her to teach a flag-making workshop.

She majored in home economics in college and was teaching classes already in designer sewing, serging and French sewing at FTCC. "I told them I would teach myself how to make one first," she says. She borrowed a flag from a friend who was selling them and studied the construction.

"When I first started making them, there was no such thing as a pattern," Mrs. Simmons says. "Now you can buy all kinds of patterns." In Fayetteville, patterns at fabric and crafts shops range in price from $3.50 to $8.99. Some patterns are in a book of five or six seasonal flags and others are sold singly.

At first, Mrs. Simmons had to order the nylon flag-bunting fabric from Richmond. Now it's available in more than a dozen colors at Fayetteville fabric shops and some crafts stores. The fabric ranges in cost from $4.47 to $6.20 a yard and comes in widths of 54 or 60 inches. At least one Fayetteville crafts supply store, Crafts, Frames and Things, sells a kit with the pattern and fabric for $22.

Since the first three-hour workshop three years ago, Mrs. Simmons has led about 10 others. The classes are offered through the FTCC Continuing Education Department, and the next one is scheduled for May. They are held at Piece Goods fabric shop on Raeford Road twice each quarter and are limited to eight persons each.

"You don't actually make a flag at the workshop, you just learn the basics," she says. "When you go home, you make one."

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Nancy And Marshall Sullivan Jr.'s Flag Features A Hummingbird And A Colorful Flower

Beth Thornton Made This Flag For Her Valley Road Home

## Banner

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You do have to know how to sew first, she says, and you have to have a sewing machine that will make a zig-zag stitch. "You can make a flag for $15 to $20, plus five hours of your time," Mrs. Simmons says.

The simpler designs look prettier from the street, according to Mrs. Simmons. She likes the designs that are the same on both sides and says a flag should match the scale of the house. She makes most of her flags 30-by-48 inches.

Mrs. Simmons makes her own designs or adapts designs she finds in catalogs, magazines and books. And she likes to look for flags whenever she's visiting in another town.

She has made 10 flags for herself and others for neighbors on Farley Place and for relatives and friends. At this time of the year, she flies her bunny or dogwood flag.

Beth Thornton, one of Mrs. Simmons' former students, made her first flag to hang from the porch of her home at the corner of Valley Road and Branson Street, and caught the flag-making bug.

"My neighbors say the flags bring a smile to their face," Mrs. Thornton says. She now has about 30 flags that she changes with the season or for special occasions. "It's fun to help everybody feel better as they drive by on their way home from work," she says.

Mrs. Thornton's children, Haigh, 6, Maggie, 3, and Philip, 2, especially like the holiday flags and the balloon flag for upcoming birthdays. "I made a special flag for the first day of school for Haigh, and he considers that his flag," Mrs. Thornton says.

Before she began making her own, Mrs. Thornton says she had seen some flags at the Holly Day Fair, but found them too expensive for her budget. Because she was an experienced seamstress and had made quilts and craft items, she figured she could learn to make her own.

After attending the flag-making workshop, she was on her way to a new hobby that has since turned into a home-based business. She's made about 50 or 60 custom-designed flags to date, many for gifts for family members and others for friends. Mrs. Thornton's husband, Jim, makes the wooden poles and brackets for the flags.

It takes from three to 10 hours to make a flag, depending on the design, Mrs. Thornton says. The price range for her flags is from $42 to $75, and the poles are $18. She also has some rental flags for customers who need them only for three to seven days.

Homeowners can buy less expensive flags at specialty and gift shops in area stores and range in price from $18.99 to $25. The flags stay pretty longer if they are sprayed with a fabric protector before hanging them, according to one sales clerk.

Wooden poles and aluminum brackets are available at a couple of the stores and at building supply stores. They range in cost from about $9 to $14 for the pole and $8 to $14 for the bracket to hold it.

For more information about the next FTCC flag-making workshop on May 10, call the Continuing Education Department at 678-8431. The workshop is from 2 to 5 p.m. and costs $5.

Hospitality Flag Of Mr. and Mrs. U. Ben Blalock Jr.

From Left, Rose, Sanford And Hefner Enter To A Standing Ovation From About 1,000 Democrats

Staff Photo By Steve Aldridge

# Salute

## Democrats Pay Tribute To Sanford's Public Service

By Pat Reese
Staff Writer

A cheering crowd of about 1,000 Democrats welcomed Terry Sanford back home Tuesday night in a tribute to his 40 years of service in local, state and national government.

Democratic congressmen, legislators and ranking state officials came from Raleigh and Washington to join the party honoring the one-time Fayetteville lawyer who became governor of North Carolina and a member of the U.S. Senate.

A poignant moment early in the program set the tone for the evening. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars ringed his banquet table at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center.

The former soldiers stood stiffly at attention and saluted in recognition of Mr. Sanford's service as an 82nd Airborne Division trooper in the World War II invasion of Europe.

The enthusiasm of the crowd wasn't dampened by the absence of the keynote speaker, Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska. He called from Washington to say the Democratic leadership had insisted he remain on the Senate floor in support of one of President Clinton's economic proposals.

U.S. Representatives Charlie Rose of Fayetteville and Bill Hefner of Concord filled in. Both called Mr. Sanford one of the greatest statesmen in North Carolina history.

**Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars stood at attention and saluted in recognition of Mr. Sanford's service as an 82nd Airborne trooper in the World War II invasion of Europe.**

They said they were inspired by Mr. Sanford's leadership as governor in 1960-64 and gave him credit for their own entrance into politics in the 1960s.

Videotaped messages from U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, the Senate majority leader, and U.S. Sen. David Boren, the chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee, were shown on a large screen near the speaker's platform.

There also was a videotaped message from Gov. Jim Hunt, co-chairman of the tribute, who was unable to leave Raleigh Tuesday night. He said that his introduction to politics came as a college student organizing campuses across the state for Mr. Sanford when he ran for governor.

A letter from President Clinton was read to Mr. Sanford by Rep. Rose. The letter praised the former senator as a man of courage who wasn't afraid to stand up for his convictions.

"This is your life, Terry Sanford," said George Breece, program chairman, who introduced a dozen old friends who had been associated with Mr. Sanford during his career.

Among the presenters were Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker; Dr. Vic Hackley, chancellor of Fayetteville State University; Dr. Bill Loudermilk, vice president of Methodist College; John Henley, who served with Mr. Sanford in the General Assembly in the 1950s; Jim Slaughter of Greensboro, state president of the Young Democrats; Fayetteville lawyer Stacy Weaver; Fayetteville Mayor J.L. Dawkins; Tom Bacote, chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners; state Sen. R.C. Soles of Columbus County; and Rep. Marie Colton, speaker pro-tem of the state House of Representatives.


# Business

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# Catering Lessons Coming

## Hotels, Restaurants Prepare For Big Convention

By Jay Woodard
Staff Writer

The hospitality industry in Fayetteville and Cumberland County is about to get some lessons on catering.

Catering to travelers and visitors, that is.

Hotel, restaurant and convenience store staffs will receive hospitality training under the guidance of the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and Sharmon Herring of Fayetteville Technical Community College.

It's part of the bureau's preparation for the N.C. League of Municipalities' convention to be held in Fayetteville Oct. 17-19.

"This will be the single most important convention Fayetteville has ever hosted," said Paul L. Comer Jr., president and chief executive officer of the bureau.

The 2,000 members of the league include mayors and city council members from throughout the state.

"We're striving to treat them so well that when they leave here, they will be ambassadors for Fayetteville," said Ms. Herring, Fayetteville Tech's director of human resources development.

The visitors bureau will sponsor instruction for 800 people who have jobs that bring them into frequent contact with visitors, Ms. Herring said.

Beginning in mid-August, Ms. Herring will supervise the instruction.

Students will be taught to greet everyone with a smile, speak to all guests, ask if there's anything that can be done to make the visit better and suggest points of interest for sightseeing trips.

"They should know the whole county and what's going on," Ms. Herring said.

Staffs also will get lessons in dealing with problems such as a guest who doesn't like his room, a complaint about an unsatisfactory meal or a snarl in reservations.

"They are shown how to deal with an irate customer," Ms. Herring said.

Hour-long classes will be set up in hotels, restaurants and stores.

"We'll make it as convenient as possible. This will be a very busy time of the year for them," Ms. Herring said.

While preparation for the league convention is important, the instruction in traveler-accommodation won't stop after the group leaves.

"Our people must be marketers for the area," Ms. Herring said. "They are the ones who will 'sell' Cumberland County."

Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

**Sharmon Herring Talks About Hospitality With Econolodge Clerk Rhonda Porter**

Keeping and attracting more of this business can benefit the area, Mr. Comer said.

"The most recent figures I have, those from a 1990-91 study, show that tourism had a $257 million impact on Cumberland County," he said.

The same study showed that Cumberland is the tenth-largest generator of tourist income in the state.

Businesses want to attract more of this income.

Fayetteville Tech has had several requests from employers to give customer-service training, Ms. Herring said. The school is considering a degree program in hotel management, she said.

Hospitality skills training is already offered at the school.

Among those training at Fayetteville Tech for hotel work are Brenda Simmons and Tonya Davis. They want to work at the front desk. Ms. Davis doesn't want to stop there. "I want to get into management," she said.

Levi Goddard, who is retired from the New York Transit Authority and has bought a home in Fayetteville, is training for a maintenance job or that of a bellhop.

They are taking to heart the advice to know the community. They've recently visited the Museum of Art, Mazarick Park and Museum of the Cape Fear.


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March 30, 1993

The Honorable Terry Sanford
2500 Auburn Street
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Dear Senator Sanford:

Along with your many friends and associates who have gathered to honor your lifelong achievements, please allow Fayetteville Technical Community College to be numbered among them.

As the Father of North Carolina's Community College System, you mobilized the grass-roots movement that paved the way for FTCC to become the second-largest and one of the finest community colleges in the state. Over the years, you have fought relentlessly for the support needed to maintain excellent educational standards through high quality instructors, up-to-date equipment, and much needed facilities.

Through your personal dedication, you have endowed the state with one of the strongest and largest community college systems in the nation. Your insight into the needs of North Carolina has laid the groundwork for anyone, regardless of background, to become educationally empowered. You are responsible for creating the system that has kept up to date with the economy of North Carolna and put us on the cutting edge of training. We are deeply indebted to you for your wisdom, your dedicated service, and your vision by providing a system that reacts to the shifting needs of the economy.

North Carolina owes you a debt of gratitude for the opportunities provided and the building of the economic base of the state through education. The community college system's open door policy has made education a reality for hundreds and thousands of citizens who otherwise would not have had the chance to improve their overall quality of life.

You have dedicated your life's work to the citizens of North Carolina and for that, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Craig Allen
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# More students mean more money

## State audits show how dozens of community colleges pad their rolls

BY BILL KRUEGER
STAFF WRITER

Dozens of North Carolina's community colleges are padding their rolls with unlikely "students" who receive little or no education while costing the state millions of dollars.

Homeless people eating breakfast at Fayetteville shelters have been counted as community college students. So have mentally retarded adults packaging razor blades in an Alamance County rehabilitation center.

Also enrolled were inmates in an Iredell County prison, sedated residents of a Martin County nursing home, conferees at a Wrightsville Beach resort and employees at Wake Technical Community College.

And on more than 10 campuses, students have been allowed to repeat state-subsidized classes seven, 12 and even 46 times.

Why?

Because more students mean more money.

Years of state audits show how administrators have mastered an obscure art called "FTE chasing" — exploiting the formula under which the state doles out money for each of its 58 community colleges. Many students attend part time, but the state measures them in units called Full-Time Equivalents.

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"The more FTEs you get, the more dollars flow to the school," says Curtis Clark, staff director of a commission that spent the past year studying state government waste. "If your funding formula is driven by how many people you enroll, the concern could become quantity over quality."

If the college adds students in low-cost programs, its FTE reimbursement provides extra cash to feed more expensive programs. A bigger enrollment can mean a bigger staff and even a bigger paycheck for the college president.

Individual colleges enjoy a history of autonomy, and the state Department of Community Colleges is unable or unwilling to exercise strong control. State community college administra-

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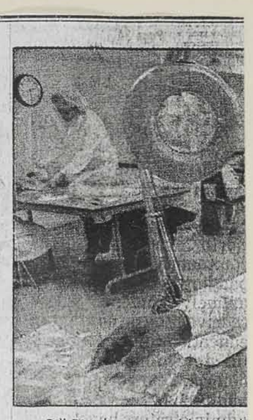

Bill Bigelow assembles medi
sheltered workshop for ment
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## COLLEGES

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tors admit that funding guidelines are vaguely worded and loosely enforced.

When auditors object to a questionable program, the state is more likely to issue a mild rebuke than to demand repayment of FTE dollars.

By and large, college presidents deny chasing Full-Time Equivalent dollars. But state audits of the 58 campuses over the past four years show that the practice is widespread.

"Some colleges will go to rather unusual lengths to generate more enrollment," says Bob Scott, president of the state community college system and a former governor. "They'll work that gray area where the rules are not clear or where there's nothing that says they can't do it."

Dozens of colleges have formed lucrative partnerships with vocational rehabilitation centers, also known as sheltered workshops. A college sometimes claims the center's handicapped clients as students, without providing them any new training. Then it uses the FTE formula to claim funds from Raleigh, netting as much as $350,000 more than it paid to the rehabilitation center.

Other colleges piggyback onto outside programs — such as law enforcement conferences, prison programs and fire department training — to claim students that already are being trained.

And the state is paying for it.

### Hospitality lab

Many college presidents say they are simply trying to meet the varied needs of their communities. While the primary focus of community colleges remains job training, many college presidents say their communities expect much more.

"I don't see our institutions going out and collecting bodies just to get funding," says Harold Mitchell, president of Roanoke-Chowan Community College in Ahoskie. "We really provide just what our students need."

When an Ahoskie restaurant wanted help training waiters and waitresses, Roanoke-Chowan set up a course entitled "Human Relations for the Hospitality Industry," taught at the restaurant. The course consisted of 15 hours of lectures and 145 laboratory hours, the equivalent of four 40-hour work weeks.

Some state officials are alarmed by what is taking place on many campuses. They argue that such practices are, at best, distractions to the primary mission of the colleges and, at worst, gross abuses of the way the state finances its community colleges.

"That is abusive, it's wasteful, and it needs to stop," says Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, the newest member of the state board that oversees the community college system. "This is the very kind of practice that causes the public confidence to erode in our education system."

More than 75,000 students who take community college courses are converted, in a complicated formula, to Full-Time Equivalents. FTEs, based on the number of hours that would be taken by a full-time student in a year, are grouped in three categories:

■ An occupational extension FTE, generated by students in non-degree, continuing education programs, was worth $2,029 this year in state reimbursement to the local college.

■ A literacy FTE for students in literacy and basic education courses was worth $2,893.

■ A curriculum FTE for students in degree or diploma programs was worth $3,037.

The funding system caught the attention of an independent accounting firm that was hired last year to study North Carolina state government for inefficiencies and duplication. Based on the firm's findings, the Government Performance Audit Committee recommended a change in the way community colleges are funded, to remove the incentive to "chase FTEs."

Scott welcomes the committee's recommendation. He acknowledges that the system is flawed but is at a loss for how to improve it.

"The alternatives that have been looked at have more negatives than this one does," Scott says.

### Repeating the class

It is difficult to measure how much the FTE chase is costing North Carolina.

Community college officials say that the financial cost is minor. In 1992, department auditors required 11 colleges to pay back a total of $175,802. The required repayments amounted to $285,348 in 1991 and $159,197 in 1990. These numbers are small compared to the community college system's $411 million budget.

But many problems cited by auditors are listed only as "concerns," and repayments are not required. And the audits themselves cover only a 10 percent sampling of the colleges' classes.

There are other indications that the problem is larger than state officials acknowledge. Reports prepared by fiscal analysts working for the General Assembly found that schools cleared $1.9 million in "profits" from their partnership with vocational rehabilitation centers in 1991-92. Also, the report said, schools cleared another $1.7 million by underwriting existing training in industries.

A persistent problem cited by department auditors involves students allowed to repeat the same course many times. Most of these abuses occur in continuing education classes such as carpentry, auto mechanics and upholstery where students are using the school's facilities to work on personal projects.

The most extreme case reported by auditors occurred at Brunswick Community College. Since the school was established in 1980, H.D. Parrish has been teaching automotive mechanics for the college. A retired equipment superintendent for the state transportation department, Parrish has an auto shop behind his small red brick home along a rural road near Supply.

Cars are parked at the home of H.D. Parrish. Since Brunswick Community College was established in 1980, Parrish has been teaching automotive mechanics for the school.
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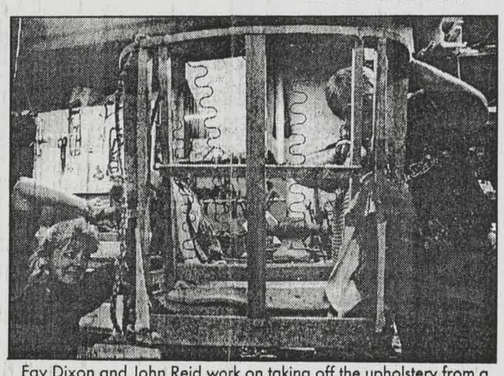

Fay Dixon and John Reid work on taking off the upholstery from a chair during Gordon Freeman's Carteret Community College class, which is held at Freeman's shop.
MARC J. KAWANISHI FOR THE NEWS & OBSERVER

***'If your funding formula is driven by how many people you enroll, the concern could become quantity over quality.'***
says Curtis Clark,
staff director of a commission that studied state government waste

Two nights a week, students come to his shop to spend two hours learning how to work on cars. Parrish describes the course as hands-on training with little formal structure and no testing.

"We worked on whatever students had trouble with," he says, perched on a chair squeezed in among the four cars parked in the shop. "If they had a bad carburetor, they overhaul it and I look it over. How are you going to put a test on that?"

The department's auditors found that the same group of students were taking the course over and over. Of nine students enrolled during the 1992 spring quarter, seven had taken the class a total of 244 times.

Mack Phelps, 71, a retired carpenter, has taken the class 45 times. Asked why, he says, "I don't have to pay." All continuing education courses are offered free to seniors; others pay $35.

Does Phelps work on his car during the class? "I ain't got no car," he says. Sometimes he works on others' cars, and "sometimes I just look to see what's going on."

Jimmy Robinson has taken the course 44 times over the years. Robinson, 49, says the course has enabled him to work on the trucks he uses in his plumbing business. He also works on his father's tractor.

What did Brunswick Community College get out of Parrish's class? It is impossible to get a precise figure because the course has run for so many years and the rates paid to colleges have changed. In the FTE formula, the seven auto mechanics students who have taken the course 244 times have chalked up the equivalent of 36 full-time enrollments.

If they were counted at this year's going rate for FTE reimbursement, these seven students would have generated more than $73,000 in FTE dollars for the college. Mack Phelps alone would have cost the state almost $14,000.

Parrish provided his own tools, paid for the heat and lights in his shop, and was paid $10.50 an hour by the college. When the state auditors finally took exception to all his repeat students, the college was required to repay less than $9,000.

Michael Reaves, president of Brunswick Community College, says no state policy or law restricts how many times students can take a class. "There were no guidelines given to us to indicate what was excessive," he says.

Reaves is considering putting a limit on repeat classes. But other presidents see nothing wrong with students being allowed to repeat the same course several times.

"Some students, especially as they get older, do not learn as fast," says Charles Russell, president of Pitt Community College. "It's a way for them to get their tax dollars back, by taking the course."

### Breakfast is served

The community college system has been haunted by questions about how it bends the rules in search of more students. In 1986, the State Bureau of Investigation found that Cape Fear Community College had paid more than $1 million to part-time instructors for hundreds of phony classes. A year later, the state auditor found evidence of padded enrollments in classes at three colleges.

The Government Performance Audit Committee recommended shifting toward a funding system that put more emphasis on the actual costs of programs and less on student enrollments. Community college officials are divided over that recommendation.

"In order to provide the local flexibility and autonomy that we need, the FTE provides the best mechanism," says Craig Allen, president of Fayetteville Technical Community College. "We're not a bunch of sharks. It's not a matter of us being gluttons of FTEs."

But the state's auditors viewed Fayetteville Tech as an FTE glutton in 1990, when it offered literacy classes at 12 homeless shelters. The auditors visited several of the class sites and found that the prevailing activity was the preparing and eating of breakfast. They found classes poorly attended although the college claimed big enrollment numbers.

The auditors acknowledged that the college was providing a community service by helping the homeless with breakfast, but questioned whether the state was getting its money's worth from dollars intended for literacy training. Auditors required the college to pay back just under $7,000.

Fayetteville Tech officials say that serving breakfast as part of the class helped ensure good attendance.

"They needed those kinds of services to benefit from the reading, writing and arithmetic," Allen says.

Despite the variety of abuses detailed in the audits, college presidents insist that the problem is a minor one.

Richard Conrath, president of Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, says he has no need to pump up his enrollment artificially. Conrath says his school can't satisfy all the demands placed against it. Two years ago, he says, a line of 250 people formed outside the school 12 hours before registration opened.

"We haven't been chasing FTEs," he says. "They've been chasing us."

### 'Piddling amount of money'

Many community college presidents say that the only significant flaw in the current system is that it is underfunded. The median FTE reimbursement figure for community colleges across the country is $4,305, which is $1,275 above North Carolina's highest FTE rate. And average faculty salaries are lower in North Carolina than in any other southeastern state.

"If we were adequately funded, colleges would not feel the pressure to generate FTEs," says Bryan Brooks, president of Davidson County Community College in Lexington. "We do a darn good job on a piddling amount of money."

Bill Simpson, a Reidsville restaurant owner, is chairman of the state board that oversees community colleges. He says that the funding formula needs to be changed to reward quality over quantity, but that would take more money than is now available.

"In those cases where there have been FTE chases, what happened to the money?" Simpson asks. "It didn't go anywhere. It went into higher-cost programs in most instances. So it's not a case of us chasing for the dollar and then pocketing the dollar. The dollar went to support programs that we can't get through our normal funding from the General Assembly."

A college may generate an FTE surplus from 30 students in an English or history class that needs no expensive equipment. But a nursing class may be limited to 10 students and require expensive equipment.

"In order to pay for these expensive programs, I have to operate programs where there are just four walls, a blackboard and a teacher," says Donald Bryant, president of Carteret Community College in Morehead City. "I make a killing on those programs and then turn around and pay for the more expensive programs.

"I guess could say I'm an FTE chaser in a way, but there's a method to my madness."

drugs in schools.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will hold a Great Decisions lecture on India and Pakistan: Collision or Compromise on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium.

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# For The Community

## Special Olympics Receive Check From Elks Club

From left, Terry Brown, Tommy Byrd, Dallas Brisson and Glenn Autry, members of the Elks Club No. 1081, present $1,200 check to Campbell Haigh, educational services coordinator for Fayetteville Publishing Co. The money will be used for the Cumberland County Special Olympics.

Staff Photos By Steve Aldridge

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## April is Community College Month; Governor issues proclamation

Raleigh - Governor James B. Hunt Jr. declared April 1993 Community College Month.

The Governor issued a proclamation touting the North Carolina Community College System's 30 years of service. "North Carolina can be proud of its Community College System because of its fine record of service and quality programs it provides to help citizens improve their professional and personal lives," the proclamation stated. "Today this system has 58 campuses, more than 22,000 faculty and staff, and enrolls more than 700,000 students."

In issuing the proclamation, the governor joined in the National Community College Month observance, which recognizes the contributions of 1,200 community, junior and technical colleges across the country.

Robert W. Scott, president of the Community College System, said that as the state observes Community College Month, he hopes more citizens will be encouraged to take advantage of the educational services they offer. "The 58 million private campuses don't exist for themselves," he said, "but for this state's 6.5 million private citizens and for our corporate citizens who do so much to make our state such a fine place to live."•

O.T. 4-18-93

# Cape Fear Schools Say Security Won't Change

By Pat Reese
Staff Writer

Officials at colleges and universities in the Cape Fear region say they foresee no changes in security after the murder of a student at Fayetteville State University.

But they say they remain alert for violence and have warned students to be extra cautious.

"The students in the dormitories were made aware of the murder and were reminded of the constant need for precaution," said Charles Bryant, who has worked as a security officer at Pembroke State University for 28 years.

Bill Billings, director of public relations at Methodist College, said the Fayetteville school is always on the alert for the safety of students. He said there was a kidnapping and murder two years ago at Methodist's sister college, Wesleyan in Rocky Mount.

"These are tragic deaths that affect all of us," he said.

Campus police have tightened security at FSU as the administration studies recommended changes it hopes will prevent another tragedy like the April 10 slaying of Kiesha M. Simpson. The body of the 20-year-old honor student was found on the floor of her room in Harris Hall. Her throat had been slit.

On Friday, police arrested FSU student Darryl Ashley Myers, 19, and charged him with the murder.

Dr. Harry Ghee, vice chancellor for student affairs at FSU, said the administration has no immediate plans to lift a ban imposed last weekend on coed visiting in dorms.

Two temporary guards have been added to Chief Willie Bell's 15-member police force. One will

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...hardships."

## Security

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work full time at Harris Hall. The second will be added to the department's foot patrol.

Chief Hall said he is studying a dorm security system set up last year at N.C. Central University. He also plans to look at the dorm security that North Carolina A&T University started about three years ago.

Both schools had scattered reports of violence prior to their new security systems, Chief Bell said.

Dr. Ghee said the administration is considering about 15 changes but will wait for recommendations from a student task force appointed to find ways for making the campus safer.

The following is how other universities handle security:

**CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY**

Security has been relatively tight at Campbell University since early last year, when a student was abducted from a classroom and taken to a nearby cemetery. She escaped unharmed after kicking her captor.

Ricky Symmonds, a Harnett County sheriff's deputy on loan to the school, is director of security.

Linda Walker is chief of the eight-member campus police force. A number of part-time officers are known as walking guards.

The university has about 5,800 students. Half of them live in campus dorms.

Coed visiting is not allowed in dorm rooms. Visits by male students in the women's dorm are limited to the lounge.

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"There has not been a single violent crime committed at the Fayetteville Technical Community College since it opened in 1961," says Dr. Linwood Powell, vice president for administrative services.

"I am not so naive that I would say something couldn't happen on any college or university," he said.

Although there are no dorms at Fayetteville Tech, the school has 17 full-time and two part-time officers who maintain 24-hour security for the 6,000 students.

Some students in the school's police science classes work in plain clothes as part-time security officers as part of their classroom training.

The chief of Fayetteville Tech security is Wayne Sanderson, a former Air Force security specialist who has completed extensive training at law enforcement schools.

His officers are enrolled in a 13-week training program for security guards taught by the school's police science faculty.

The Fayetteville Tech officers are not armed, except for small tear gas dispensers. They do not make arrests.

The officers work closely with the Fayetteville Police Department. All crimes are reported to city police, who conduct independent investigations.

Dr. Powell said Fayetteville Tech receives statistics on all campus crimes from Fayetteville police. "We've had no serious crimes," he said. "In fact, we've had very few crimes of any kind."

**METHODIST COLLEGE**

At Methodist College, the director of security is a retired Army first sergeant, Wilford Saunders.

Mr. Saunders is certified by the state as a law enforcement officer and is a special deputy with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department. He was a member of the FSU security force for about 18 months before taking the chief's job at Methodist College.

Mr. Saunders can arrest people, but has not had to make one since he became director six months ago.

He has a staff of 18 officers maintaining 24-hour security. Eight of them are full time, six part time, and four are on reserve.

Mr. Saunders also has students who are paid by the college's work-study program to serve as escorts for fellow students who have concerns about walking across campus at night. The escorts wear florescent orange vests and carry flashlights.

Methodist College becomes a closed campus for vehicles after 5 p.m. The officers lock the south gate and stand guard most of the night in a guard shack inside the main gate.

Methodist College has about 1,600 students, but only 470 live on campus.

**PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY**

About 3,000 students attend Pembroke State and about 1,100 of those live in campus dorms.

Coed visiting is allowed from noon until about midnight. But visiting male students at the two women's dorms must show photo identification and register at a staffed desk in the main lobby.

Mr. Bryant, who became chief in 1980, has 11 officers, all armed and with the power of arrest. He also has three unarmed guards who are not certified enforcement officers but who are authorized to give parking tickets.

The security force has reciprocal agreements with the Pembroke Police Department and the Robeson County Sheriff's Department. They can move off campus to assist the two departments in emergencies and can call on them for help if needed.

Mr. Bryant said there has not been a murder or rape on campus since he went to work for the college.

FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER-TIMES, Wednesday, April 21, 1993 3BX

# Frega's Scotch-Spring Sculpture Highlight Of Art Exhibit

Photo By JOHNNY HORNE

*Shown With His Stainless Steel Work Entitled "Reliquary," Sculptor Al Frega Will Have Work On Display At The Art Center Through May 9.*

The showcase is sculpture at The Arts Center's Dogwood Festival display, "On Common Ground."

The exhibit includes works by Tom Grubb and Alvin Frega and runs through May 9.

Mr. Grubb is internationally known for his celestial art featuring "winged" designs that project skyward.

Mr. Frega is the town's public artist and will officially unveil a work of art May 8 in the fountain plaza located between the Radisson Prince Charles Hotel and the Amtrak Railway Station, known as Scotch Spring Plaza.

The sculpture will represent a landmark lost to our generation, but once used extensively in the late 1700s — Scotch Spring.

Scotch Spring Plaza has been chosen to mark the location of what was once a vital part of life in our community. The spring served as an important water source before being abandoned sometime during the early 20th Century.

For more than 120 years, Scotch Spring not only provided fresh water, but served as a public meeting place and gathering point.

Archaeologists worked in 1989 to locate the spring as a result of the planned construction of a new parking lot behind the Prince Charles and the Cumberland County Social Services Building. Then in 1990 a public art committee chose artist Alvin Frega to construct an outdoor sculpture commemorating Scotch Spring.

Mr. Frega will be working in studios located at Fayetteville Technical Community College April 19 to 30. The installation will be made May 3 to 7 with an official ceremony on May 8.

"This project will clearly reflect to the public at-large that art and creative activity is an integral part of the community," said Libby Seymour, director of the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County.

Sponsors of the project are the Arts Council, the Fayetteville Historic Resources Commission, Fayetteville Technical Community College, the Radisson Prince Charles Hotel, the City of Fayetteville, the Fayetteville Museum of Art and the North Carolina Arts Council.

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# High School Notes

## Cape Fear

By Mark Locklear

Congratulations go to David Carter for being awarded the Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation Scholarship for the 1992-93 school year.

LOCKLEAR

The FTCC Foundation Scholarship Program awards $600 to outstanding high school seniors who plan to continue their education at FTCC.

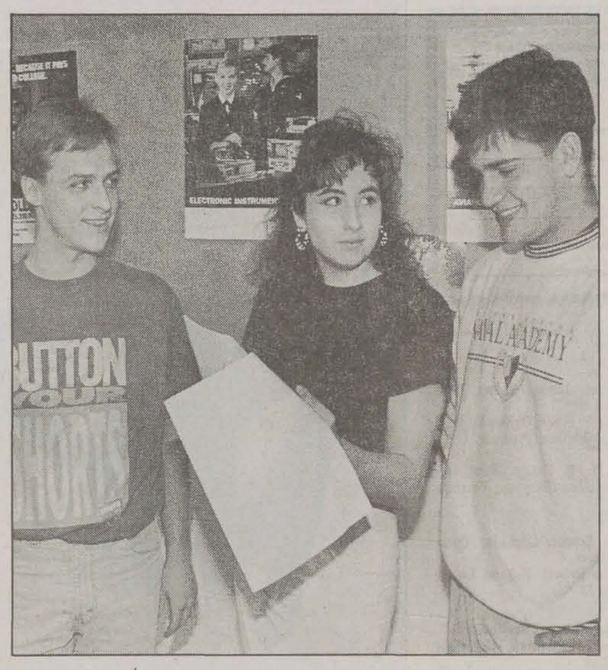
● Recently two Cape Fear student, Autumn Cano and Clay Smith, received appointments form the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. These students will receive four years of free college including room, board and $600 per month, a package worth $190,000. In return, these students must serve five years in the military.

In order for Clay and Autumn to receive an appointment, they had to first receive a Congressional nomination, pass a physical assessment examination and pass a physical.

Congratulations to Clay and Autumn for a job well done.

● Congratulations to the following students for their acceptance in the Leadership Development class for the 1993-94 school year.

They are: Sherice Alford, Stacey Bolton, Jennifer Coleman, Eric Duggins, Kelly Eason, Mark Locklear, Byron Massey, Miyoshi McMillan, Ricky Redfern, Shawn Smith, Joey Stanley, Joanna Stickland, Melissa Taylor, Richard Walker, Jennifer Warren and Laura Warren.



## Scholarship Winners

**Pictured are students from Cape Fear High School who have won scholarships. David Carter, left, won a $600 scholarship from the Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation. Autumn Cano, center, and Clay Smith, both received appointments to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.**

## Terry Sanford

By Jim McGuire

Several students from Terry Sanford won prizes at the Cumberland County High School Art Show at Fayetteville State University.

McGUIRE

Katie Matlack won first prize and $100 for an acrylic painting; Hector Garcia won third prize and $25 for an oil painting; Courtney Cooper won both a third prize and $25 for a pen-and-ink drawing, and an honorable mention and $5 for an acrylic painting and Jessica Smith won honorable mention and $5 for a pen-and-ink drawing.

● Terry Sanford students who have been selected as finalists for summer ventures are: Elliott Baer and Jared Green at Appalachian State University, Eric Leser at North Carolina Central University, Naynesh Mehta and Sarah Olack at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Heather Simms and Ami Zota at East Carolina.

● Last week, the Terry Sanford media center celebrated National Library Week with a "free fine" week and several special presentations held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

● Some seniors who have recently won scholarships are: Susanne Martinez who won a Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation Scholarship; Cayse Fields who won the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholalrship to East Carolina University and Scott Peabody, who received Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC Scholarships as well as an appointment to the Coast Guard Academy.

Congratulations to these students.

## *FTCC Should Address The Issue Of Parking*

Parking at Fayetteville Technical Community College has long been a problem. This problem is now expanding into the city of Fayetteville, as students are forced to find alternative parking. Student parking on campus is inadequate and poorly lit.

The administration is aware of the problem, but has done little. Dr. Helen Winstead acknowledges that parking has been a problem since at least 1970. Students are continually issued citations for parking in unauthorized slots. But when these slots are available, why penalize the students for using them?

Some students park at Honeycutt Recreation Center. This creates a problem for individuals who use the recreation facility. Student parking often overflows into a field along Hull Road. This area is officially defined as a student parking area. The space available is sufficient, but the area is unpaved and completely unlit at night.

The area behind the new Advanced Technology Center building is also inadequately lit. Student safety should be a priority at FTCC, but often the lights in this area are extinguished before students are dismissed from class.

This parking problem is escalating as the college continues to expand. If the college hopes to grow in the future, it must deal with the issue of parking now.

4/21/93

**Lisa Hill**
**Fayetteville**

**Railroad Series:** Fayetteville Technical Community College will hold a series of lectures about the railroad industry through May 11. The next lecture will be "Light Rail Transit: Solution or Pretender?" by Scott Leonard, assistant director of the National Association of Rail Passengers in Washington, D.C., at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Fayetteville Technical Community College auditorium. All sessions are free. For more information, call 678-8431. O.T. 4-24-93

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## Teen Assaulted Woman At FTCC, Report Says

A teen-ager pushed a woman student into a room in the Horace Sisk Building at Fayetteville Technical Community College and sexually assaulted her about 4 p.m. Tuesday, according to a Fayetteville police report.

The 19-year-old woman was treated at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, a hospital spokesman said.

According to police, the assailant was a classmate of the woman.

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# Community Profile

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## FTCC SIFE Students Excel At Regional Contest

By Jeffery Womble
Staff Writer

When Fayetteville Technical Community College's Students in Free Enterprise left for regional competition April 12, they had something to prove to themselves and to the other schools competing in the event.

Yes, their four-member team was one of the contest's smallest. And yes, their school may have been overshadowed by schools with world-wide reputations. But they didn't let that stand in their way.

"We don't worry about things like that," says SIFE president Al Albert. "Our motto is, 'We do the best we can do and we do what got us here through the year.' The results speak for themselves."

At the southeast regional competition in Atlanta, FTCC's SIFE Club came away with three trophies and earned the right to compete in the international competition in Kansas City, Mo., May 23-25.

SIFE is a non-profit educational organization that works with American colleges and universities and the business community. The purpose of the organization is to establish strong, student-generated economic educational programs that will help to develop both school and community spirit through increased awareness and appreciation of the American economic system.

The national organization was founded in 1981 in Austin, Texas, by Robert Davis, J. Mark Holmes and Sheryl Etchinson-Garcia. FTCC's chapter of SIFE was established in 1984.

"SIFE is open to anyone," says Mr. Albert, who has been a member of SIFE for four years. "The primary focus is on business students. We try to recruit across curriculum lines, but everyone in here now is basically in a business field."

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Other members of SIFE are James Van Ness, vice president; Sam Edens, secretary and Renata Covington, special project coordinator.

At the regional contest, FTCC's SIFE members gave a 22-minute presentation on "Success 2000," which dealt with the how America's work force prepared for the year 2000, and "Halt the Deficit." SIFE members conducted various outreach projects which involved visiting local schools and explaining the economic system. SIFE members also visited fifth-grade students, expected to graduate in 2000, and encouraged them to graduate on time.

Before arriving in Atlanta, each participating school sent in an annual report outlining all projects they conducted. Each team also conducts an oral presentation before a panel of judges. Some schools rely on one person to do their presentation, while others use the team method.

"In the past, we have found that the team approach works best," says Brenda Britt, SIFE advisor.

Apparently, the judges liked their concept.

"Excellent presenters," said one of the judges on his score sheet. "Very professional and great speaking ability."

Ms. Britt says she isn't surprised about her student's success.

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Ms. Britt says one of the reasons she thinks the team did so well is that the members are all adults who have families.

"Other schools had 18-year-olds on their teams, but I think they were at an advantage by showing the judges they could juggle school and a family," she says.

Advice from Mr. Albert also helped, says Ms. Covington.

"Al always tells us, 'Don't look at your competition before you compete.' We didn't and we weren't nervous at all."

Mr. Edens, a first-year student, says Students in Free Enterprise has been beneficial to him.

"For me, joining the group has helped me with public speaking," he says. "I've learned more about economics and how it affects our lives."

Mr. Van Ness says FTCC's SIFE Club can't take all the credit for their success.

"We would like to thank the school, Mayor Dawkins (Fayetteville Mayor J.L. Dawkins) and the whole community for their support," he says.

# Brainstorming goes high-tech

## Commercial's planning meeting uses state-of-the-art software

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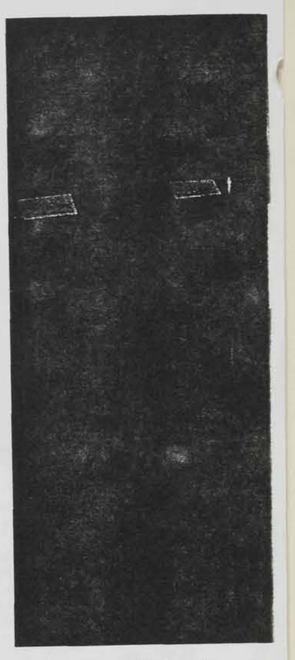

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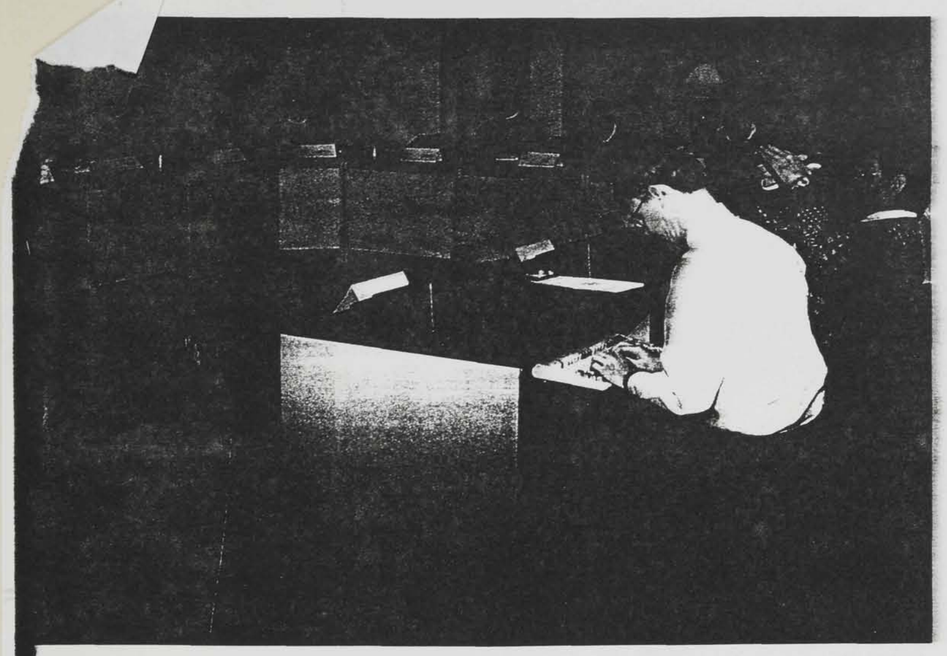

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# A Noble Profession

## *Waiting Tables Is In The Blood Of Foley And Wildes*

By Caroline E. Mayer
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — To the casual customer, the restaurant table looks just fine — a crisp, white tablecloth topped with sparkling silverware, spotless glasses and a small vase of pink and yellow mums.

But to Gerard Foley and Vivienne Wildes, the setup is an affront. "The silverware is not 'marked,' " Mr. Foley snips. In restaurant parlance, that means it's not in a straight line.

"The tablecloth is wrinkled — and inside out," Ms. Wildes says as she feels the hem. What's more, she notes, the flowers are wilted and need to be topped off with water.

There's more: A light dusting of pepper marks the middle of the table, left by the waiter when he moved the pepper mill aside to make way for menus and drinks. "He should have brushed the pepper off," says Mr. Foley.

Picky, perhaps, but Mr. Foley, 34, and Ms. Wildes, 35, feel they know what they are talking about: They have spent a good part of their professional lives waiting tables — and they are proud of it.

So proud, in fact, that the two childhood friends get really burned when they see waiter behavior that doesn't make the grade.

Standards! There must be standards! How to get them? Their answer is the Waiters Association, an organization they recently launched that will offer training, create a nationwide network for waiters searching for jobs and eventually provide members with health-insurance benefits.

> 'Long after someone has forgotten what the chocolate cake tastes like, they will still remember in detail how they were treated by a waiter.'
>
> — Karen MacNeil

"It's OK to be a waiter and still be a wannabe," Ms. Wildes says. "But it's also OK to be a waiter and not look for something 'better' in life." In fact, Ms. Wildes says repeatedly, "waiting can be a healthy, clean way to make a living. It's a good way to make money, and it's a trade that can go anywhere ..."

"And you never starve," interrupts Mr. Foley.

The waiter, a white towel over his shoulder, brings the drinks, plunking down a bottle of mineral water and a glass of ice to the left of one diner. "I have two special soups today — cream of broccoli and lentil," the waiter says, leaning on the back of an empty chair.

"He doesn't have two soups," Mr. Foley mutters after the waiter leaves. "The restaurant has two soups. It's a team operation. He should say, 'We have two soups,' or better yet, 'We are offering two soups.' And he shouldn't be so informal and lean against the chair."

Even more annoying, however, are that glass of ice and bottle of mineral water. They should have been placed on the right side, just above the knife, and the waiter should have offered to pour the drink.

Then there's the white towel. "It should be draped over his wrist, not his shoulder," says Mr. Foley.

The Waiters Association comes along at a time when the Clinton administration is focusing much of its economic-revival package on the service industry. Waiters, it bears noting, account for 1.8 million workers in the United States.

"I would like to see (President) Clinton back hospitality as a viable career," says Ms. Wildes, who with Mr. Foley has set up a small office for

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Washington Post Photo

**Foley And Wildes Have Started A Waiters Group**

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Galatoboureko. In dish, layer the day it is made. Refrigerate any leftovers. Makes 24 pieces.

Another dessert that is popular on Easter in Greek households is galaktobourekko, a custard and farmove a fistful of dough

Punch down dough to original bulk. 1 to 2 hours.

cover and let rise until doubled in touch. Place in a buttered bowl,

set aside and keep warm. Add cups hot water to pan and add rosemarina or orzo. Cover and bake 35 minutes or until rosemarina (a pasta) or orzo (pasta that

To freeze, place unbaked terred triangles in plastic container, separating layers with wax paper, and place in freezer. When ready to serve, place frozen triangles on ungreased pan and bake. May be

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In a large bowl, place the egg whites and beat until stiff; add egg yolks and continue beating. To the lemon juice add 1 cup hot broth from the saucepan and slowly pour

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# Feasting AND Rejoicing

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**Amid Other Greek Fare, Amphiritrite Manuel Holds A Plate Of The Easter Bread Lambropsomo**

## Customary Foods A Part Of Greek Orthodox Easter

By Alice Thrasher
Staff Writer

Easter has come and gone for most folks, but this week Greek families are busy cooking, attending Holy Week church services and getting ready for Greek Easter *this* Sunday.

Easter observance for the Greek Orthodox Church and other Eastern Orthodox Christians usually falls after the date that Western Christians celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

The date of Easter was determined by the First Ecumenical Council of the Christian Church in the 4th century. One of the stipulations of the council was that Easter must be celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon of the Spring Equinox (March 21), but always after the Hebrew Passover, because Jesus celebrated the Passover before he was crucified. When the Gregorian Calendar was adopted in 1582, the stipulation of the council was dropped by Western Churches.

Easter is the most important religious holiday for Greek Orthodox Christians, and it is celebrated with great feasting and rejoicing. "It's the busiest week of the year for us," says Amphiritrite Manuel, a teacher of Greek language, dance, culture and cooking. It's a time for families to get together and a time for traditional foods that are to be eaten on certain days. It's also a time for visiting friends, so the house cleaning has to be mixed in with the cooking, baking and worshiping.

The season starts 40 days before Easter with the beginning of Lent, when Greek Orthodox Christians traditionally have fasted, eating no meat or dairy foods. The degree of fasting varies today, according to Mrs. Manuel. During Holy Week, celebrating the last days of Christ, there is a strict fast all week of no meat, no cheese, no poultry and no eggs.

"We eat a lot of peanut butter and jelly and soups made of lentils or beans, with no meat," she says.

She also cooks rice and shrimp dishes so that her husband, the Rev. Chrysostom Manuel, will have the energy to conduct the many services at Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church. There are services every day this week. There is a two-hour service on Thursday night and three services Friday.

Saturday morning there will be a service from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The main Easter event at 11:30 p.m. Saturday is a candlelight service that lasts until 1:30 or 2 a.m. At the end of the service, members of the congregation are given boiled eggs, dyed a dark red to symbolize the blood of Christ and rebirth. After saying "Christos Anesti" ("Christ has risen") and "Alithos Anesti" ("Truly, he has risen"), members crack their eggs by hitting the pointed ends together. The eggs are cracked at home on Easter, too, and it's a tradition that the one left with the unbroken egg will have good luck.

The eggs can be eaten at church to break the Saturday fast. Afterward, everyone leaves to go home or to homes of relatives or friends for soup before going to bed. *Mageirista* is the classic holiday soup traditional Greek families eat to break the Lenten feast.

Mageiritsa is made with all the leftover parts of the lamb that's to be cooked Sunday for a mid-afternoon feast. The parts can include the heart, lungs, liver and intestines, and Mrs. Manuel says some people, including her children, prefer another soup, such as chicken soup instead. Roast lamb is sometimes served with the soup, Mrs. Manuel says.

After soup, it's off to bed to catch some sleep before preparing for the big Easter meal. In the more traditional Greek homes, the men get up earlier to start cooking the lamb over a spit outdoors, just as it is done in Greece. Mrs. Manuel says she plans to cook a leg of lamb in the oven for her family, which includes sons Athan of Tallahassee, Fla., and Johnny of Chapel Hill and daughters Cleo of Washington and Christine Kushner of Raleigh. Mrs. Manuel's sister, Efstathia Saloupis, usually brings her specialty, *galaktoboureko* — a custard baked in *phyllo*. Phyllo, meaning leaves, are very thin pastry sheets that can be made or bought at the grocery store or specialty food stores.

Breads made especially for Easter include a braided loaf with red-dyed eggs baked on top, called *lambropsomo* or *tsoureki*. There are also small, braided Easter biscuits called *koulourakia lambriatika* that are a staple on the Easter table. Mrs. Manuel says she bakes them for breakfast all year.

After lunch, there's another church service called *agapi*, with scriptures in the different languages of members of the congregation. After the service there is an Easter Egg hunt for the children with red eggs.

For non-Greeks who would like to try their hand at preparing some of the popular Greek dishes, Mrs. Manuel has provided menus from her own kitchen and from cookbooks she has used in teaching Greek cooking classes at Fayetteville Technical Community College. The course is offered each quarter when there are at least eight people registered, she says.

If the baked goods and Greek desserts sound too complicated, you can find them for sale at the upcoming Greek Festival May 21-23 at Saints Constantine & Helen Church, Mrs. Manuel says.

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*Unlikely Sites*

# Why German Firms Choose the Carolinas To Build U.S. Plants

## Trained and Malleable Labor, Low Wages, Cheap Land Are All Big Attractions

## Cultures Do, However, Clash

-- By MICHAEL J. MCCARTHY
*Staff Reporter of* THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. — When Corey Lutynski took a new job at the Baker Material Handling Corp. plant here, she found the German-owned forklift maker a bit short on Southern gentility.

Once, when her new German boss wanted his stapler filled, he threw it from his desk out into her office. "It took some getting used to," the executive secretary says.

Germans and Americans are trying to get used to each other all over the Carolinas. Baker is one of more than 200 German companies that have made the two states leading magnets for German industry. Together, North and South Carolina have attracted about $4 billion of the $42 billion German investment in the U.S.; that is second only to Texas, which attracts a huge share of overall foreign investment.

And with the German companies have come a lot of German managers. In fact, so many German speeders have been ticketed along one stretch of Interstate 85 that links the Carolinas that state troopers have nicknamed it "the Autobahn." Says Alan Schafer, who runs South of the Border, a fireworks bazaar in Dillon, S.C., "the place is crawling with Germans."

### The Recent Influx

Last summer, Adidas AG moved its U.S. headquarters to Spartanburg, S.C., from Warren, N.J. In October, Siemens AG's medical systems division opened a $20 million training center in Cary, N.C., and Helima Helvetion International started up an auto-radiator tubing plant in Duncan, S.C. Bayerische Motoren Werke AG broke ground last fall in Greer, S.C., for its first auto plant not located in Germany and has raised its investment to more than $350 million.

Now, Mercedes-Benz AG is widely expected to build its first U.S. auto-assembly plant in North Carolina. Officials of the Daimler-Benz AG subsidiary recently indicated that the planned $300 million facility would probably be located near one of four U.S. heavy-truck factories operated by Freightliner Corp., another Daimler unit. Three of those plants are in the state.

Why the Carolinas?

On the face of it, the German connection seems unlikely. Germany, after all, is one of the world's most heavily industrialized countries; it is distinguished for precision-engineered automobiles, sophisticated machinery and electrical instruments. The Carolinas, too, have a lot of industry, but much of it in less glamorous fields such as textiles and poultry processing. Outside the Research Triangle technical park, the Carolinas aren't at the leading edge of high technology.

### Educational Disparity

In addition, Germany has one of the world's best-educated work forces; North Carolina and South Carolina rank as the 43rd and 46th states, respectively, in adult literacy in the U.S. Many German nationals living in the Carolinas shun the public schools and send their children to private institutions.

Except for Charlotte, N.C., the Carolinas aren't noted as a hot spot for U.S. corporate relocations. Even many American companies still "assume everybody talks slow, they're dumb — and do they even wear shoes?" says James Schriner, a vice president of PHH Fantus, a consultant that helped BMW pick a plant site.

But the Germans have gravitated toward the Carolinas precisely because the two states weren't trendy — and they have benefited by being big fish in a small pond. For example, South Carolina recently found a German investment important enough to split the bill with the recently recruited German company to fly some local people to Germany for training.

### Low Labor Costs

The newcomers have turned some economic-development axioms on their ear. The Carolinas haven't become an international transportation hub; but the Germans have been able to keep other costs, particularly labor, so low that they could afford to pay more for shipping. Never mind that the Carolinas lack the concentration of research universities that exists in New England and California; the Germans consider the Carolinas' top-notch trade schools more valuable than Harvard or Stanford. And German managers have found the laid-back Southern workers more malleable than some of the aggressive, unionized people up North.

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Of course, problems sometimes result from what the Germans consider a different work ethic. Manfred Baumann, the chief engineer for Baker Material Handling, recalls that his workers once left a critical component out of the final blue-

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# Unlikely Sites: Why German Firms Are Deciding To Locate Their New U.S. Plants in the Carolinas

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prints for a product; it turned out they had assumed there would be built-in opportunities for fixing mistakes and lapses. "I've learned I have to give them more detailed instructions than I have to give in Germany," he says.

And shortly after Baker opened its Summerville plant in the mid-1980s, its German managers suspected that they faced labor problems when many of the workers called in sick one day. The real problem, they soon learned: It was the opening day of hunting season.

The unlikely alliance began three decades ago, as the Carolinas struggled to turn their agrarian economy into an industrial one. Both states created ambitious technical schools to transform farmers into skilled production workers. And they sought out foreign multinationals to employ the graduates.

The first big German transplants provided chemicals and dyes as well as precision-engineered machinery to the region's textile industry. They included Bayer AG, which settled in Charleston, S.C., and BASF AG and Hoechst AG, both of which landed in Charlotte. Then, word-of-mouth brought in other German companies.

### South Carolina's Hard Sell

South Carolina, especially, turned on the hard sell. In the late 1960s, Richard Tukey, then a backslapping development official, often traveled to Germany to call on industrial prospects. Back home, he poured on the Southern hospitality, kicking off Oktoberfests in Spartanburg, treating German executives to lunches with the governor and, at strategic locations, flying the West German flag.

Culture also helped draw German companies to Charleston. In 1966, George Struzyna, a Bayer engineer, picked the city for the company's new chemical plant partly because it was near its textile customers and had affordable real estate but also because it seemed to offer a cultured ambience that Germans would embrace. Back in Germany, his South Carolina proposal left company directors cold. So he invited them to Charleston, and they were charmed by its European air: cobblestone streets, wrought-iron balconies, the 18th-century Dock Street Theatre. Soon after their visit, ground was broken.

Because the Germans tended to look at the textile-rich Carolinas as a single region, North Carolina, too, benefited from South Carolina's efforts. Both states have marketed themselves as low-wage and low-cost. And South Carolina, in particular, doled out generous incentive packages. Last year, for instance, it offered BMW $130 million, including $71 million in tax breaks — one of the most lavish incentive plans ever offered to attract a foreign car plant. It bought the land for the plant site and agreed to get a runway extended at Greenville-Spartanburg airport to enable it to handle big cargo planes.

Of course, the Carolinas are quite different, as shown by the relative strengths of their economies. With robust tobacco exports, and money flowing into Charlotte, the growing banking and financial center, North Carolina weathered the recession particularly well. While employment dipped slightly in 1991, the Tar Heel State more than recovered lost ground. Employment jumped 3% last year, well above the U.S. average of 0.55%. And North Carolina's number of jobs in 1992 exceeded the pre-recession total, outpacing the U.S. as a whole, which still hadn't caught up.

South Carolina's recession was postponed somewhat by a surge in construction following 1989's Hurricane Hugo coastal disaster. Employment fell 2.7% in 1991, but bounced back 2.4% last year as the Palmetto State recovered. Economic vitality remains spotty. Foreign investment around Greenville and Spartanburg has kept the area thriving, but Charleston is bracing for a major naval base closing. Tourism, including an influx of overseas visitors to the state's golf courses and beaches, mitigated some of the recessionary impact.

For German companies wanting to invest in start-ups and long-term projects, cheap real estate makes the Carolinas particularly attractive. Unlike the British or Japanese, who are more prone to acquire American businesses or form joint ventures, Germans usually insist on starting operations from scratch.

### Seizing a Bargain

In 1979, Korf & Fuchs Systems Inc. decided to open a furnace plant in Salisbury, N.C., where it found a big factory building and 3.5-acre site for $500,000. Employment has mushroomed from three people to about 80. "We bought more [real estate] than we needed, but we bought for future growth," says Karl Bleimann, a former president. "And the price was so damn good we couldn't resist."

In the Carolinas, Germans have also found a work force willing to tolerate management practices that Americans often find idiosyncratic, if not obnoxious. Like many German companies, the Robert Bosch GmbH plant in Charleston insists on an orderly workplace. Sweaters and jackets aren't draped over chairs; they are to be stowed in lockers. Employees are organized by assigned code names, making them sound like library call numbers. The top training manager is known as UO-ch/TRN, and that is how his memos are addressed, even though his name is James Winkler. Under him are UO-ch/TRN1, UO-ch/TRN2 and so forth. "I hated it at first," says Mr. Winkler, who reports to the plant manager, UO-ch/PM.

"People sometimes refer to it as 'alphabet soup,' " says MAS1, or marketing services' Margret Nordquist. But the employees have adapted. "You avoid having to write all those long names, and if the person [in a particular job] changes, the correspondence will still go through."

Such adaptability has more than made up for the skill levels of many of the workers. In fact, it has enabled companies such as Bosch to mold employees the Bosch way. Bosch won't even consider an applicant for a production-line job who hasn't attended a state-funded, pre-employment training program, complete with a session on Bosch history. It requires laborers who wish to advance into some of the best factory jobs to attend a 2½-year training program in Charleston that is modeled after Bosch's apprentice system in Germany.

The apprentice program involves hard work and starting pay half that of top-skilled employees. Apprentices take 1,000 hours of courses on subjects such as pneumatics and physics to prepare them to assemble Bosch's auto fuel injectors, which are measured in dimensions as small as 1/100th of a human hair. Although the workers eventually use high-tech machinery, they begin by spending some 60 hours learning to hand-file metal scraps to precise dimensions. "I got *real* tired of filing," says Stephanie Herndon, a 23-year-old apprentice graduate, in a deep Southern drawl. "I do believe they were trying to instill patience in us."

German ways don't always sit well with the half-a-million Americans who work for them, of course. One tricky issue is the German managers' habit of keeping their office doors closed. In chilly Germany, they do so to conserve heat, which is expensive. Moreover, closed doors, to Germans, are orderly.

But to Baker's American workers, who were used to affable, good-old-boy Southern bosses, a closed door indicated an aloof, uncaring boss. "It drove people nuts," says Ms. Lutynski, the executive secretary. Morale has improved since Mitch Milovitch, an Atlantan, became president in 1991. He greets staffers at their desks, visits the factory floor and has coffee with production workers.

Even more important issues concern pay and working hours. At home in Germany, Germans have some of the world's highest wages and longest vacations. When transferred to U.S. divisions, they typically keep their six-plus-week vacations, annoying U.S. workers stuck with the skimpier American plan. "They're constantly gone, while the poor American stiff is here doing his work," complains Evelyn Albert, a former Bosch secretary.

### An Aid to Unions

U.S. unions view such disparities as an organizing weapon. The United Auto Workers worries that BMW will pay its South Carolina workers less than the $17-an-hour the average U.S. auto worker makes. The union plans to make wages an issue to win support when the plant opens in 1995. The union has made inroads at German companies in the Carolinas; three years ago, it got representation rights at Mercedes's Freightliner plant in Mount Holly, N.C.

But in the Carolinas, most employees have wanted no part of unionization. They choose instead to vent their frustrations in less confrontational ways. Bored with some of the German apprenticeship system he had to teach, Mike Bryan, a trainer at Bosch, designed a project more relevant to himself and his friends, who grew up racing go-carts and restoring Corvettes. He devised a three-month project for the apprentices to build a scale-model replica of a 1904 Harley-Davidson.

And as for Ms. Herndon, she is now grateful for all those boring hours of filing metal. Her Bosch factory job pays $11.63 an hour, a lot better than a previous stint waiting tables at Howard Johnson's. "It's a good opportunity," she says.

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## 17-Year-Old Charged In FTCC Rape

Omega D. Afzal, 17, of 5617 Pepperidge Drive, Fayetteville, was charged Wednesday with second-degree rape, court records say.

Police say Mr. Afzal raped a woman at Fayetteville Technical Community College on April 27.

According to records, Mr. Afzal is a student at the college. He was released on $10,000 unsecured bond.

**Railroad Series:** Fayetteville Technical Community College will hold a series of lectures about the railroad industry through today. The final lecture will be "Carolina Rail Vision: A Light Unto The Nation" at 7 p.m. in the FTCC auditorium. All sessions are free. For more information, call 678-8431.

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# Education Notes

Ed V. Baldwin Elementary School in Hope Mills will hold a science and math fair Monday through May 7.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will hold a Great Decisions Lecture Series called "Trade and the Global Economy: Protecting U.S. Interests" from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the FTCC Auditorium. For information, call 678-8431.

●

Montclair Elementary School will hold pre-registration for kindergarten Monday from 8 to 11:45 a.m. For information, call 868-5124.

●

Central Carolina Community College in Lillington will hold a notary public education class on May 4 and May 11 from 6 to 8:30 a.m. For information or to register, call 893-9101.

●

The Exchange Club of North Fayetteville is sponsoring an essay contest for high school students. The topic is "The Importance of Family Values." A finalist will be chosen from each school. The winner will receive a $500 scholarship. For more information, call 678-2442.

●

Southeastern Community College will hold a free seminar called "Woman and Money: Things Your Mother Never Told You" today at noon at the Holiday Restaurant on U.S. 701 in Whiteville.

●

Fayetteville State University's School of Business and Economics will hold a discussion seminar called "The Current Situation in Bosnia" at 6 p.m. Thursday in Shaw Auditorium.

●

**Jon McBride** of Fayetteville has been reelected state president of Phi Beta Lambda. He is a student at Pembroke State University.

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**Beth Brill** of Lumberton won first place in the Future Business Teachers division at the Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference in Raleigh.

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**Joseph Chandler Huffman** of Raeford has been elected president of Pembroke State University's Student Government Association.

●

Col. Mike Mullane, a retired astronaut, will speak Friday during the Astronaut Banquet at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center. The banquet starts at 6:30 p.m. For tickets or information, call 323-5281.

●

Cumberland County JROTC instructors will discuss the goals of the program and benefits to students on "Conversations" on Cablevision channel 3 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The program will be repeated on May 4, 13 and 18 at 7:30 p.m.

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# These Students Are Something Special

By Keith Hempstead
Staff Writer

Linda Jackson, 43, and her daughter Shari, 22, remember how they used to meet on weekdays.

Linda, who was working on her master's degree, would be driving from work to Pembroke State University on her way to night classes. Shari would be driving from day classes at Pembroke on her way to either work or home.

"I'd be literally driving up when she was coming out of the parking lot," Linda said. Sometimes they would meet on the highway and pull off on the side to talk a few minutes. "We saw each other on weekends," Linda said.

They don't have to do that anymore. Linda got her master's in early childhood education in December and Shari got her bachelor's degree in business management in August.

They will be back on campus — together, for once — today for commencement ceremonies.

They have been looking forward to commencement, but neither is excited.

"So much time has passed," Linda said. "We've been celebrating since we've finished."

"But it will kind of make it official," Shari said.

Mother and daughter won't be seated together. Graduate students sit apart from undergraduates.

Linda and Shari Jackson worked full time to pay their way through school.

Linda was teaching at J.W. Coon Elementary School in Fayetteville, where she was "Teacher of the Year" for 1991-92. She now teaches at Alma Easom Elementary School in Fayetteville.

Shari works as an account representative for National Career Centers in Fayetteville. Her work takes her around the country to

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conduct job fairs for people of minority races who want to go into professional fields.

They relish their free time now after the years of juggling jobs and school work.

They said they never had any classes in common but they often helped each other prepare for class presentations or exams. Shari said she was more apt to shirk study than her mom, who graduates with honors.

"It was difficult because mom had wonderful grades," Shari said.

But her mother said she had problems too, like the time she got a letter from the campus police about unpaid parking fines. The letter said she would not get her grades if she didn't pay them. The fines were actually in the name of her daughter, who lived with her at the time.

"I just panicked," Linda said.

## FTCC student elected to State College post

Elaine A. Price has been elected to the office of Parliamentarian for the North Carolina Comprehensive Community Colleges Student Government Association (N4CSGA). In this position, Ms. Price will represent the 58 community colleges in the North Carolina Community College System. She was elected at the N4CSGA state convention in Charlotte earlier this month.

Ms. Price, who is enrolled in FTCC's Early Childhood Education Associate Degree curriculum, will travel to meetings around the state to make sure the proceedings are run according to parliamentary rules of order. She also serves as Parliamentarian for the Student Government Association at FTCC.

Prior to moving to Fayetteville five years ago, Ms. Price worked as a nurse in Philadelphia. She specialized in nursing infants and senior citizens because she believes they have much in common as two frequently misunderstood age groups. After returning to college to take FTCC's Day Care Provider class, Ms. Price decided to earn her associate's degree with a goal to administrate a day care center where special emphasis would be placed upon emotionally, as well as physically, abused children.

When Ms. Price receives her degree in 1994, she hopes to direct a day care center to be sponsored by the Parks Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Fayetteville. The center will combine both senior citizens and children.

Ms. Price is the mother of three adult children and lives with her husband in Fayetteville.•

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## FTCC Reports Gains For School, Community

By Suzanne Walker
Staff Writer

Student applications to Fayetteville Technical Community College rose about 25 percent in 1992-93 and fall enrollment increased 2.2 percent.

Those are just two of the gains the college made this year, according to FTCC President Craig Allen.

Dr. Allen presented the statistics to Cumberland County commissioners, trustees and City Council members Friday during a luncheon at the college.

He described the year as one of tremendous achievement, not just for the college, but for the community.

"We feel extremely good about Fayetteville Tech, the programs we're able to offer and the quality of students that graduate from Fayetteville Tech," Dr. Allen said.

Here are some other statistics:

- About 12,000 students are enrolled in the college's 60 programs.
- About 28,000 students take continuing education programs.
- 475 students are enrolled in General Equivalency Diploma classes, including 200 new students. Another 125 take GED correspondence courses.
- Minority enrollment rose about 9 percent.

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## For The Community

### Scholarships Presented To Five Fayetteville Women

**Cathy Barkley, right, scholarship chairman for Networth, presents scholarships to five women who will attend Fayetteville's three colleges — Fayetteville State University, Methodist College and Fayetteville Technical Community College. The scholarships, for $750 each, were presented from left to: Diana Smith, Lynn Soto, Kathy Nethercutt, Pamela Dick and Shannon Rygalski. Not pictured is Joni Jones. Networth is an organization for women who gather and share professional knowledge and help each other improve professional skills.**

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### Ford Motor Company Gives 3 Cars To Automotive Class

**LaFayette Ford obtained three cars from the Ford Motor Co., and presented them to Fayetteville Technical Community College to use in the automotive services class. The cars were damaged by Hurricane Andrew. Pictured from left are: Steve Core, automotive technology department chairman at FTCC; Martha Honeycutt, parts and service zone manager for Ford Motor Co.; Bob Smith, vice chairman for the FTCC Foundation Board; Dr. Craig Allen, FTCC president; Clyde Long, service manager at LaFayette Ford and Don Price, general manager at LaFayette Ford.**

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## Give Life A Smile, FTCC Graduates Told

Williams Tells The Graduates To Do Something Positive

By Amber Nimocks
Staff Writer

With a mischievous grin, Heidi Sue Williams, Miss North Carolina, urged 1993 graduates of Fayetteville Technical Community College to change the community positively and to view life with humor.

"When you go to fill out that all-important job application," Miss Williams said. "where it says nearest relative, put 12 miles."

Sweating graduates, family members and friends laughed as they fanned themselves in the Cumberland County Civic Center Thursday, where the 8 p.m. air was cooler in the parking lot than in the packed auditorium. The ceremony was FTCC's 31st annual commencement.

Board of Trustees Chairman Harry F. Shaw awarded 464 associate degrees and 41 diplomas, according to Barbara Copeland, FTCC director of marketing and public relations.

Miss Williams, a Wade native and former Miss Fayetteville, emphasized the need for graduates to get

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involved in their communities and to fight prejudice.

"I guess it's my responsibility to tell you a little bit about reality," she said. "The world is not fair ... What I challenge you to do is fight prejudice and discrimination."

Discrimination cannot be fought with guns and drugs, but with what is in your heart and in your mind, Miss Williams said.

"No one can make a difference in your community like you can," she said.

A graduate of Cape Fear Senior High School and Meredith College, Miss Williams organized a scholarship program called "Beat the Odds." With the program, she helped raise $25,000 from five colleges, including FTCC, to help students facing physical, emotional or financial hardship.

FTCC President Dr. Craig Allen said the college's graduation was the only one Miss Williams addressed during her reign as Miss North Carolina, which ends in about two weeks.

Among the graduates was Gladys Spears, mother of state Rep. Owen Spears. Mrs. Spears received an associate degree in general education.

Mr. Spears was a guest at the ceremony.

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# County May Tap Hospital's Profits

By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

A faction of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners indicated Wednesday it is looking to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center profits as a source of revenue for the county budget.

Different groups of commissioners said during a meeting to discuss the budget that they favor a 7.5 cent tax hike and getting $4 million from the county-owned hospital.

If both actions were approved, the county's 1993-94 budget would be increased to nearly $150 million.

That's about $20 million more than this year's budget and $10 million more than the budget recommended for 1993-94 by County Manager Cliff Strassenburg.

Spending increases that the board agreed on Wednesday were $250,000 to Fayetteville Technical Community College to meet payroll expenses and higher utility costs and about $1.1 million to offer county employees a one-time $500 Christmas bonus.

The commissioners expect to call a special meeting late next week to adopt the budget.

Commissioner Marshall Faircloth, who proposed the idea of taking money from the hospital, said the question is simple: Should the profits be used to "make towers taller" at the hospital, or to make money available for the county's spending needs.

Under the hospital's current lease, it pays the county $1 a year. Mr. Faircloth proposes charging "rent" of $4 million, or 4 percent of the hospital's gross revenues, whichever figure is greater.

Mr. Faircloth said Cape Fear Valley generated total profits of $44 million during its 1991 and 1992 fiscal years, and had more than $70 million in the bank.

County Finance Director John Nalepa told the board that only $27 million is unrestricted money that would be free to spend.

Hospital Director John Carlisle, called at home Wednesday night, said he had not discussed the proposal with the commissioners.

However, Mr. Carlisle cautioned that there is no guarantee that the hospital will continue to generate revenues like it has in the past.

Mr. Carlisle said it can't be predicted how pending changes in the health care system will affect the hospital's finances. And that means county taxpayers could face the prospect of subsidizing the hospital.

"I think it is possible," he said.

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Mr. Carlisle said the hospital has more than $90 million in long-term debt that it has to pay, and lacks enough money to fund long-term construction.

"If the money is gone, the only way (the hospital) can make up for it is to increase the rates. . . . That is the only way we make money."

Clinton Weaver, the hospital's spokesman, said other large counties in the state including Wake and Mecklenburg have to subsidize county-owned hospitals for the costs of providing indigent care.

At the start of the meeting, Mr. Warren made conciliatory comments to all the other commissioners and commended them for fighting for their individual convictions.

Then he proposed the idea of raising the tax rate by 7.5 cents, along with finding other creative ways to generate more money.

"(We) stand at a crossroads," Mr. Warren said in a prepared statement. "Political posturing will not solve our financial dilemma. Leadership will. . . . That is why we must have the courage to go beyond our personal agendas and get the job done for the future of Cumberland County."

But despite the promise of a united board that Mr. Warren called for, the proposal over taking money from the hospital could disturb the fragile coalition that has emerged to raise taxes by 7.5 cents.

The commissioners who said they favor Mr. Faircloth's idea were Lee Warren, Juanita Gonzalez, and John Keefe. Johnnie Evans and Board Chairman Thomas Bacote expressed reservations.

Billy King was adamantly opposed to the idea.

"I'm not convinced (that) funding county government on the backs of sick people is the way we ought to go," Mr. King told Mr. Faircloth.

"That's political rhetoric," Mr. Faircloth said.

"I listen to your rhetoric," Mr. King told Mr. Faircloth.

When Mr. Bacote asked what the county board would do if the hospital started losing money, Mr. Faircloth said, "Sell it."

Mr. Faircloth said private companies would jump at the chance to operate a complex under the same lease arrangement that the hospital has with the county. And because the county hospital is non-profit, it does not have to pay state or federal taxes like private hospitals do. The non-profit status means that the hospital plows the money it makes back into its operations.

After the meeting, Mr. Faircloth said his vote for a 7.5 cent tax increase could hinge on whether the other commissioners are willing to take some of the hospital's money.

Mrs. Gonzalez said she would not vote to raise the tax rate at all unless hospital money is taken.

Meanwhile, Mr. Evans suggested the idea of the hospital paying for the operation of the county rescue squad. The proposal would cost the hospital — and spare the county — about $532,000 next year. The ambulance service is already supported by hospital money and fees.

# JOBS Program Gives Hope Where Once There Was None

By Scott Mooneyham
Staff Writer

Three years ago, Ruby Owens was going through some tough times.

A single mother with five children, finding a way to support her family and become self-sufficient was nearly impossible.

But today, Ms. Owens says she has hope — thanks to Cumberland County's Job Opportunities and Basic Skills training program.

Ms. Owens and 79 other graduates of the program received diplomas Tuesday at the Cumberland County Library for completing skills training, high school and college associate degree programs.

Several participants also were honored for finding jobs.

Ms. Owens has not found a job, but through the program she received an associate degree in business administration from Fayetteville Technical Community College.

"It's not over yet. I still have a road I have to walk," she said.

Ms. Owens said she is looking for an entry level office job where she can use her education.

"I'm willing to work my way up," she said.

But already, Ms. Owen has worked herself into a position where she can do more than just dream about such a job. Going back to school almost 20 years after graduating from high school and looking after a family were difficult tasks, she said.

"Sometimes I just felt like giving up. Sometimes I didn't want to get up in the morning. But I knew I had to, so I did it," Ms. Owens said.

Gradually, Ms. Owens' success in the classroom began to build up her confidence. She knew she would get through the program.

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**Annetta Cobb, Left, And Elizabeth McKethan Present A Certificate To Toby Blue**

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"At first, if I failed a test, I was so worried about it. I was thinking negative. But as I went on, I started seeing that I was making it. I knew I'd make it," Ms. Owen said. "And I knew if I can make it through this, I can make it through anything."

Chuck Harris, assistant chief of employment programs for the N.C. Department of Social Services, said one of the most important aspects of the JOBS program is the confidence and self-esteem it builds in people.

"Those are the things you have to invest in for people to get off (Aid to Families with Dependent Children)," Mr. Harris said.

All participants in the program receive the aid. The program's goal is to get them off welfare and into jobs that will pay enough to support a family.

"The Department of Social Services has had employment training programs since the 1950s," Mr. Harris said. "Those programs were aimed at getting a person in a job as quickly as possible, even if it was a low-skill, low-wage job.

"What we learned fairly quickly was that you can indeed show some initial success with that approach. But what we also learned was that the people were going to be back on (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) pretty quickly," Mr. Harris said.

The JOBS program began in the fall of 1990, created by the federal Family Support Act of 1988. Initially, it was started in 40 North Carolina counties. Today, 75 counties have programs.

Mr. Harris said 95 percent of all recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children in North Carolina live in the counties offering the program. Hoke County is the only area county that does not have a program.

But Mr. Harris said funding for the JOBS program allows only 15 percent to 20 percent of welfare recipients who qualify to participate.

In Cumberland County, about 1,200 people are participating in the program.

According to Sharon Hindle, services director with the county JOBS program, 533 graduates have found jobs.

"JOBS participants want to work. They want to become self-sufficient," Ms. Hindle said.

In addition to job training and college tuition, the program provides the participants with free day care and bus fare to get to schools or training sites.

Case workers also counsel participants about the adjustments of going back to school or work. And they help build self-esteem in poor people who often no longer have confidence in themselves.

At the graduation ceremony Tuesday, that rebirth of self-confidence was evident. Teary-eyed graduates spoke about having hope and opportunity again.

They also spoke about the program and its workers who helped them to see beyond a life of relying on government hand-outs.

"They gave me vision, vision to do more and be more," Ms. Owen said.

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# Tax-Rate Increase On Agenda For Today's Council Session

By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

The Cumberland County commissioners discussed Tuesday night adding $6.2 million worth of spending increases to next year's proposed budget, which would require increasing the property tax rate 8 cents.

The extra spending proposed included $2 million more for county schools.

The commissioners will meet again today to talk about raising the tax rate to pay for some or all of the spending increases. The current tax rate is 72.5 cents per $100 valuation.

County Manager Cliff Strassenburg has proposed a $140 million budget, which is based on keeping the tax rate the same.

Official adoption of the budget is not expected until the board's next regular meeting on Monday. The next fiscal year starts July 1.

The extra money for the schools would bring the system's local operating budget to $30.5 million.

Commissioners Marshall Faircloth and Juanita Gonzalez, however, suggested holding $1 million of that amount in a contingency fund, and offering it only if the school system does not receive $1.2 million expected from the state.

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The state money represents the county's share of "equalization" money that the state may offer to poorer counties.

Among other spending increases earmarked for serious consideration for funding were:

- $250,000 to add office space on part of the fourth floor of the courthouse, with the plan that county office staff, not court officials, become the first tenants.
- $100,000 to renovate J.P. Riddle Stadium. The action was in response to warnings that the Fayetteville Generals minor league baseball team could leave the county because of new stadium standards established by Major League Baseball.
- Restoration of funding to all outside agencies, with some agencies getting slightly more or less than the current fiscal year.
- $277,565 to reinstate funding for health care services in the county jail.
- $34,750 for five voting machines for the Elections Department, along with $16,447 for an additional office worker.
- $52,345 for computers and software for the Tax Assessor's office to handle billing requirements imposed by a new billing system to collect personal property taxes for cars and trucks.
- $534,170 to buy and equip 35 patrol cars for the sheriff's office.
- $33,876 to hire two additional inspectors to enforce minimum housing standards, along with $32,761 to equip them with radios.
- 231,500 to pay the county's 44 percent share of the cost for 15 new positions for the Social Services agency, including six workers to process applications for benefits and nine workers for Child Protective Services.
- $31,511 for the engineering department to hire an officer to enforce a new soil erosion ordinance.

Among the agencies turned down for any additional money were Fayetteville Technical Community College and the Mental Health Center.

The commissioners also reviewed several possible ways to offer county employees a pay increase.

**Michelle Brazinski, left, a physical therapy assistant, and Betty Snelling, right, student government association president at Fayetteville Technical Community College, present $779.91 in cash to Sister Jean Rhoades of the Catholic Social Ministries. The money will be used for the CARE Clinic. The money was raised during a faculty-staff basketball games held in conjunction with FTCC's Spring Fling held in May.**

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# Cuts May Kill Jobs Of 5 FTCC Workers

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By Kim Oriole
Staff Writer

Five Fayetteville Technical Community College employees will lose their jobs and more than 1,000 more will get pay cuts unless the Cumberland County commissioners give the school more money, college officials said Monday.

FTCC President Craig Allen told the board of trustees that about 1,225 workers will see a pay cut of 3 to 4 percent.

That means a worker earning $20,000 will lose between $600 and $800. A worker earning $30,000 will lose $900 to $1,200.

He said the college will lay off five people — probably janitors and outdoor workers — in the plant operations and maintenance departments.

Dr. Allen asked trustees to lobby commissioners for more money. Commissioners are expected to approve the county's budget this week.

As it stands, FTCC's local budget will be $406,700 smaller in the 1993-94 fiscal year, which starts July 1, than it was in the 1992-93 fiscal year.

In 1992-93, the college had a total local budget of $4.7 million. The county put in $4.3 million and the college spent $391,000 in cash balance and $68,500 from parking fees and other sources.

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Next year's budget stands at $4.3 million — $4 million from the commissioners, $291,000 from cash

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balance and $75,000 from parking and other fees. The college requested $4.6 million for 1993-94.

Dr. Allen said the college has already trimmed its budget so far that this cut will come out of workers' pockets.

He said he can't understand why the college is getting less money this year when other county departments are getting increases or staying even.

"I just can't figure it out. It's like getting a whipping when you haven't done anything wrong."

Last week, commissioners talked about raising taxes and adding to the budget, but more money for FTCC was not discussed.

FTCC officials have worked for the past two years to increase the pay of teachers who are in high demand so the college can attract and keep quality teachers, Dr. Allen said.

"If we don't get some relief, we're really going to go backwards," he said. "We're going to find ourselves way back down again with our salaries and ability to compete for the good instructors we need, especially in nursing and engineering."

In another matter, the trustees learned that the Literacy and Adult Education Center will be moved southeast down Hull Road from the corner where it was planned.

The $5 million building will be built next to the Horace Sisk Building, according to Dan MacMillan of MacMillan-Ellinwood Design Associates.

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### Richard T. Smith

Richard Thomas Smith, 33, of Fayetteville, died Monday.

He was a machinist graduate of Fayetteville Technical Community College and was studying for an electrician's degree from FTCC.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Dean Kennedy. Burial will be in Lafayette Memorial Park.

Mr. Smith is survived by his mother, Aileen C. Smith of Fayetteville; a brother, Micheal C. Smith of Atlanta; a nephew, Matthew Corbitt Smith of Atlanta; and a niece, Sarah Elizabeth Smith of Atlanta.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 tonight in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Haymount Freewill Baptist Church, 126 Eastwood Ave., Fayetteville, N.C. 28301.


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# County Raises Property Tax 6.5 Cents

By Gary Moss
Staff Writer

The Cumberland County commissioners on Thursday unanimously approved a 6.5 cent property tax increase to support an operating budget of more than $149 million.

In the same motion, the board agreed to take $2.4 million to $2.5 million from Cape Fear Valley Medical Center to subsidize existing health department programs.

The action came after more than three hours of intense debate. At the last minute, the board lowered the tax increase it was discussing from 7.5 cents to 6.5 cents to get the support of commissioners John Keefe and Johnnie Evans.

Mr. Keefe had been holding out for a 5 cent increase.

Mr. Warren, in an attempt to get a unanimous vote, told Mr. Keefe he would be willing to reduce the proposed 7.5 cent increase by a penny to gain his vote.

Mr. Evans said he would vote for it if Mr. Keefe agreed to do it.

"I don't want to vote for it, but I'm going to vote for it," said Mr. Evans. Before the vote, Mr. Evans had voted against every tax increase proposal that had been made since he joined the board in 1986.

The first thing Mr. Keefe said after he voted for the tax increase was, "I'm going to die."

Mr. Warren said the unanimous vote was "a milestone in the county" and stood up to shake each commissioner's hand.

The board also created a cat tax identical to the one already imposed on dogs, and agreed to boost fees at the county inspections department by 15 percent. Each measure is expected to generate from $100,000 to $200,000 in additional revenue.

Currently, dog owners pay a $5 license if they own one dog and a reduced amount for each additional dog.

The 6.5 cent tax increase boosts the county's rate to 79 cents per $100 valuation. The increase will cost the owner of an $80,000 home $52 a year. Excluding fire and recreation taxes and a $28 annual landfill fee, the homeowner's county property tax bill will be $632.

A month ago, the board directed County Manager Cliff Strassenburg to put together a budget funded without a tax increase.

The official budget represents an i

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### Where The Tax Hike Will Go

Below is some of the spending that commissioners added to the county manager's $140.2 million recommended budget. That recommendation did not include a tax increase.

- $2 million to county schools
- $1.4 million for a 2% pay raise for county employees
- $534,170 for 35 patrol cars for sheriff's office
- $500,000 for water & sewer fund
- $400,000 for payroll, utility expenses at FTCC
- $358,150 to restore funding to outside agencies
- $277,565 for health care services in county jail
- $250,000 for optical scanning equipment to record and store documents
- $250,000 to add office space at courthouse
- $231,500 for 15 new Social Services workers
- $105,000 for new bookmobile
- $100,000 to start health program for county employees
- $100,000 to renovate J. P. Riddle Stadium
- $100,000 for new automation system in Mapping Department
- $75,000 for lights for high school baseball fields
- $66,637 for two minimum housing inspectors and for radios
- $52,345 for new computers and software in Tax Collector's office
- $54,797 for five voting machines, one worker in Elections Department
- $31,511 for officer to enforce a new soil erosion ordinance
- $27,580 for soil scientist for Health Department

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crease of about $9 million from the one that Mr. Strassenburg proposed. Besides the property tax increase, the board will have to take another $1.5 million — or a total of about $3.5 million — out of emergency reserves next year.

That will leave a fund balance of about 6 percent of the county's operating budget. The Local Government Commission recommends that counties maintain a reserve of at least 8 percent of their operating budgets.

At the same time, the board will put $1.6 million in sales tax money previously earmarked for school construction in the county's general fund. The move will not hamper the county's ability to pay off $50 million in school bonds, Mr. Strassenburg has said.

Among the spending added to the budget was $500,000 for the county's sewer and water fund and $75,000 to install lights at three high school baseball fields.

Board Chairman Thomas Bacote, who along with Commissioner Billy King failed in an attempt to raise the tax rate by 10 cents, praised board members for their willingness to compromise.

"We knew we needed to do this," Mr. Bacote said. "We really have come a long way and I want to thank you all from the depths of my heart."

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# School Board: Budget Addition Helps, But Cuts Still Necessary

By Suzanne Walker
And Kim Oriole
Staff Writers

Cumberland County school board members are happy commissioners gave the schools $2 million more than last year, but they say they will have to make cuts because the system got $600,000 less than was requested.

"I am pleased that they made the decision to fund it to the extent that they have, but I just can't be overwhelmed with delight," county school board member Sara VanderClute said. "The budget we requested was already one of the hold-the-line kind. It involved some very minor increases to maintain current programs."

Officials at Fayetteville Technical Community College were also pleased that commissioners boosted spending for the college in the county's $149 million budget passed Thursday.

The commissioners decided Thursday to give the county schools $2 million more than had been recommended in a budget developed by County Manager Cliff Strassenburg. They gave FTCC $400,000 more than had been recommended.

The commissioners had asked Mr. Strassenburg to develop a budget proposal which included no tax increase. The budget the county passed Thursday included a 6.5 cent hike in property taxes.

The county schools asked the county for $31 million and received $30.4 million. The schools will also

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## Schools

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get $75,000 from the county for lights at three high school baseball fields. Commissioners said they plan to ask the schools to match the money. The Parks and Recreation Department will contribute about $40,000 to the project.

The schools will also be allowed to keep proceeds from two half-cent sales taxes designated for construction projects. A story in Friday's paper incorrectly said the money would be taken away from the schools.

Macky Hall said getting the extra $2 million is a relief.

"To me, personally, it was a lot better that maybe what it looked like several weeks ago," he said.

Last year, school board members and commissioners ended up in court when they couldn't agree on how much money the school system should get for its local operating budget.

School board members had asked the county for $30.9 million. They got $26.98 million.

The boards went through arbitration and mediation before the school board sued the county for $3.9 million. A Superior Court jury awarded the school system $2.02 million.

The county appealed and the case hasn't been settled. Pending a resolution, the judge ordered the commissioners to give the school system $28.4 million, the amount the system received the previous year.

Mrs. VanderClute and John Lancaster commended commissioners for coming up with more money this year.

"They worked very diligently to give us the money and I commend them for that," Mr. Lancaster said.

"What really pleased me about the thing is the unanimity in the way they decided it," Mrs. VanderClute said. "They really worked together."

She said the board will have to discuss any cuts with Superintendent John Griffin and finance officer Ricky Lopes.

School board members said they will consider the county's proposal to match the money for lights at Cape Fear, Seventy-First and South View high schools.

Officials at FTCC are glad they got the extra money from commissioners, but they say they are not sure how their budget will shape up.

President Craig Allen said earlier this week that all college workers would have to take a 3 to 4 percent pay cut and five workers could lose their jobs if the commissioners didn't add money to the college's budget.

Thursday's decision by commissioners to add to the FTCC budget could change that plan, but college officials won't know until they find out how much they will get from the state.

"I've got my budget office examining it right now," Dr. Allen said. "Until we can work through it, we don't know. We had a tight budget. We had no reserves to work with. We'll have to cut out something. It may be grounds, maintenance or cleaning."

The college will get $4.31 million from the county for next fiscal year, or about $87,000 more than it got this year.

But the state may force the college to give its workers an extra month's pay next fiscal year.

Two years ago, the legislature tried to balance its budget by pushing all state workers' June pay back one month into July, which was the next fiscal year. Workers didn't lose or gain any money; it was just a bookkeeping move.

Now, the legislature is thinking about playing catch-up and forcing state agencies to pay workers their regular 12 months plus the extra month that was pushed back.

That would cost FTCC $216,500, Dr. Allen said.

If that happens, the college will have less to spend on its programs next year than it spent this year.

Dr. Allen said college officials "are appreciative that they helped us as much as they did. But we'll actually have less money to operate the college on this year than we had last year, even if we don't add anything."

### Fayetteville Technical Community College announces Spring 1992-93 academic awards

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**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**— The Department of Funeral Service Education at **Fayetteville Technical Community College** in Fayetteville, NC has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the Spring 1992-93 academic quarter. A student must attain a Grade Point Average of at least 3.0 while attempting at least 12 credits. Eight students were named to the President's List for attaining a perfect 4.0 Grade Point Average. Those students were **Doris Dickerson** of Raleigh, NC, **Elayne Forastiere** of Longmeadow, MA, **G. W. Garrett** of Raleigh, NC, **Bernetta Gregory** of Mt. Holly, NC, **Valerie Haubrock** of Shebina, MO, **Jennifer Mayer** of Fayetteville, NC, **Robert Price** of Mt. Olive, NC, and **Angela Warner** of Paris, IL.

Other students named to the Dean's List are **John Allen** of Florence, SC, **Richard Boles** of Southern Pines, NC, **Judy Butch** of Fayetteville NC, **Lous Cahoon** of Swan Quarter, NC, **Marvin Chenault** of Fayetteville, NC, **Vanessa Cole** of Fayetteville, NC, **Donnell Craven** of East Conway, SC **Michelle Draughon** of Fayetteville, NC, **Rosemarie Gore** of Fayetteville, NC, **Darrell Howell** of Fayetteville, NC, **Shawn Lea** of Releigh, NC, **Paul Murphy** of Sound Beach, NY, **Jonathan Murphy** of Fayetteville, **Valeria** of Garland, NC, **Colleen Shackleford** of Fayetteville, NC, **Daniel Steele** of Riverside, IA, **Nick Walker** of Wake Forest, NC, **Chris Webster** of Greensboro, NC, and **Anthony Worley** of Fayetteville, NC.

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## Education Notes

Activities coming up in Cumberland County schools:

**Today:** Summer Food Service program provides free lunch at 15 sites to needy children through Aug. 13.

**Today:** "Conversations" focuses on school construction progress, cable channel 3, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** "Parents ... Partners in Education" focuses on reading at home with your child, cable channel 3, 7 p.m.

**Thursday:** Registration for Basic Education Program summer school for grades 10 through 12 at Douglas Byrd Senior High and Massey Hill School, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Thursday:** "Conversations" features former Deputy Superintendent Gerald Moseman, cable channel 3, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday:** BEP summer school and enrichment summer school begin at various school sites and run through July 30.

**Monday:** Schools, administrative offices and Summer Food Service program closed for July 4 holiday.

*This schedule is provided by Cumberland County Schools. For more information about the events listed, call the public affairs office at 678-2316.*

**J. Alan Coheley** has been promoted to vice president of enrollment services at Methodist College.

**Jeanette Council**, federal programs coordinator for Cumberland County Schools, has been appointed to the state Board of Community Colleges.

The American Intercultural Student Exchange is looking for host families for European high school students. For information, call 1-800-742-5464.

Campbell University has received a 1993 research grant from the National Association of Retail Druggists Foundation.

**Tanya Davis**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie E. Peele of Fayetteville, has been awarded the Ella Brunk Smith award from the Department of Religion at Elon College.

**William Walker**, son of Ethel Walker of Fayetteville, has been awarded the Basnight Award as the outstanding Bible student at Elon College.

**Stacey Betterton** of Fayetteville recently received the "Right Stuff" award at the U.S. Space Academy in Huntsville, Ala.

**Olga Bystroff** of Fayetteville has been awarded a Scott-Ellis Transfer Scholarship from Campbell University to Moscow.

**Kelly Marie Newton**, daughter of Forest and Cynthia Newton of Fayetteville has been named a James Loring Seely College Fellow by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Ronald Keen**, a captain in the Army Nurse Corps in Fayetteville, has been elected a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Education Notes runs each Tuesday in Focus: Family. The deadline for submitting information is noon Thursday.

# Elections Board votes to hire Barbour successor

7/93

By Pat Reese
Staff writer

The Cumberland County Board of Elections voted along party lines Tuesday to hire Claude "Bob" Campbell as a $15,000-a-year clerk for two months before he succeeds Ann Barbour as elections supervisor in late December.

Democrats Joe B. Raynor Jr. and Julia Kelly voted for Campbell's employment. Geoffrey Smith, the board's lone Republican, voted against him.

Smith, the board's former chairman, nominated Pearlean Revels. She is supervisor of the Robeson County Board of Elections and applied for the job when she learned Barbour is planning to retire.

A sharp exchange occurred between Raynor and Smith during the board's special meeting.Raynor called the meeting to clarify Campbell's status after Smith publicly declared Campbell's hiring was approved illegally last week in a closed session.

At one point, Raynor suggested Smith should "shut up" to let him finish his summary. Smith challenged Raynor's handling of Campbell's employment and objected when it appeared Raynor was going to deny him a chance to nominate someone else.

"I have been accused of voting against Campbell because he is a Democrat," Smith said. "I am going to show you they are wrong because I am nominating a Democrat, Pearlean Revels."

The board did not vote on Revels' nomination because a motion by Raynor to hire Campbell passed.

Campbell said after the meeting that he is a lifelong Democrat. "But I know that this is a job where I will have to be party-blind. All voters will be treated the same," he said.

"I have a great deal of respect for Mrs. Barbour," he said. "She is one of Cumberland County's most dedicated employees. I plan to learn as much as I can from her in the next two months."

Campbell is a former student activities director at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He worked as regional consultant for the N.C. Recreation and Parks Commission before joining FTCC.

The Board of Elections' makeup is set by state law. Two board members must be from the political party of the sitting governor. The third member is from the opposition party.

### Mrs. Janet P. Fisher

AUTRYVILLE — Mrs. Janet Pierson Fisher, 40, of Route 2 died Saturday in Highsmith Rainey Memorial Hospital.

The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Evergreen Baptist Church by the Rev. Tommy Honeycutt. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Fisher is survived by her husband, Lathan Fisher Sr.; two daughters, Angela F. Woodlief of Sanford and Kelly Mae Fisher of the home; two sons, Lathan Fisher and Daniel B. Fisher, both of the home; five sisters, Judy Lucas, Jean Beasley, Jill Bullard and Joann Umphlet, all of Fayetteville, and Lisa O. Nan of Owensboro, Ky.; three brothers, James L. Pierson Jr., Jerry R. Pierson and James E. Buck, all of Fayetteville; and a grandchild.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 in Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.

### *Many Helped Make Fire College A Success*

The city of Fayetteville can be proud of the way the 65th Annual North Carolina Fire College was hosted. We had 465 students and over 100 instructors and dedicated workers assisting at the school June 17-20.

The Fayetteville Fire Department, Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Holiday Inn Bordeaux did an excellent job in working with our staff. The vendors that displayed equipment were an added attraction and greatly appreciated.

All the businesses that donated door prizes and money helped make this year's school one we all will remember. Thanks to all involved for a great school.

Phil Lewis
Fire College Director
Wilson

# American Tales

## Learning English Is Top Priority For Salvadoran

Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

Ines Page, Relaxing At Her Haymount Home, Hopes To Return To A Career In Social Work

For Ines Page, each day is an adventure. A new husband. New friends. A new language. "Jurassic Park." Egg McMuffins.

In her native El Salvador, Mrs. Page had studied English in school, not paying careful attention because she never imagined she'd ever need it.

"I could read much better than I could speak," she says. She attended college near her hometown of Ciudad Merliot and for years was a social worker, helping destitute families.

Then a couple of years ago she met her future husband, John Page, while he was visiting El Salvador. They soon became engaged and Mrs. Page moved to Fayetteville.

"I really miss my mother, father and sister. I talk to them by telephone and I write," she says. But she's also been very busy during her year in the U.S.

"People are friendly here," she says. "In the beginning, they must have thought I was, how you say, impolite. I listened but I wouldn't say anything." The truth was, she wasn't able to understand much of what they were saying. A friend who was enrolled in FTCC's English as a Second Language program suggested she enroll. Mrs. Page's husband, a civil service worker, encouraged her.

Mrs. Page has been taking classes for nine months, and, with her husband's help, speaks English almost fluently. She also thinks watching American movies and videos has helped her English. Mrs. Page has become a big movie fan since she's been here.

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*Becoming a U.S. citizen is still a treasured goal. On this Fourth of July, we look at four people pursuing their own American dreams.*

Stories By Eleanor Lee Yates

Staff Photo By Dick Blount

Jin Gam Kim Works On Art

## Learning The Basics Of Language And Life

Jin Gam Kim sits in the classroom, listening intently to his teacher. Beside him are other students, their brows furrowed, also paying avid attention.

Back in Korea, in the city of An San, Mr. Kim was a teacher himself. And he still teaches part time now, instructing 40 Korean children in their native language at his Spring Lake church, the Korean Assembly of God. Teaching Korean grammar is easy for him. Learning English in his FTCC classes is very hard, he says through a translator. Although he has been in the United States about a year, he still speaks little English. And because he is primarily around his Korean family and friends, it is taking him longer than he would like.

Mr. Kim, 49, sold his home in Korea and brought his wife and junior high school-aged daughter and son to America because he thought there would be more opportunities here, he says. Friends starting the Spring Lake church offered him the teaching job. In addition to teaching at the church, he elaborately illustrates the church's newsletter.

Mr. Kim, a talented artist, would love to draw for a living here but realizes he must first learn the language and the culture.

"It was very hard, the first two months here," he says through his translator. "I miss home. I'm homesick sometimes."

But he is not planning to return to Korea. His children fared well in

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### Classes Provide Support

When Maggy Johnson sees someone of another nationality struggling to read labels or trying to find something in a grocery store, first she helps them. Then she hands them information on the English as a Second Language (ESL) curriculum at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

And it's not just in grocery stores. In restaurants or at the mall Ms. Johnson, who serves as counselor, facilitator and a cheerleader of sorts, is always on the lookout for new recruits.

Sometimes they come to her.

"One Korean woman's American husband called me about helping his wife. When I talked to her she said, 'I'm too dumb to learn,'" she recalls. Ms. Johnson enrolled her in the program, where she flourished.

Approximately 1,000 students of varying ages are in the ESL

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Pyong Troxell Owned A Restaurant

## For Korean Woman, 'This Is Home Now'

In her Korean village, Pyong Troxell was known as the "chicken ma'am."

Mrs. Troxell owned a barbecue chicken restaurant frequented by locals as well as servicemen stationed in the area. One day, back in 1986, a regular American customer brought a friend in. Turned out the friend, a sergeant in the 82nd Airborne named Joe Troxell, couldn't forget Pyong or her barbecue chicken. He returned again and again and soon the lunchtime friendship blossomed into romance.

When Mr. Troxell returned to the U.S., he asked Pyong to marry him. And for the next six months, he called and wrote to repeat his proposal.

"My parents had died but my brother, who was my

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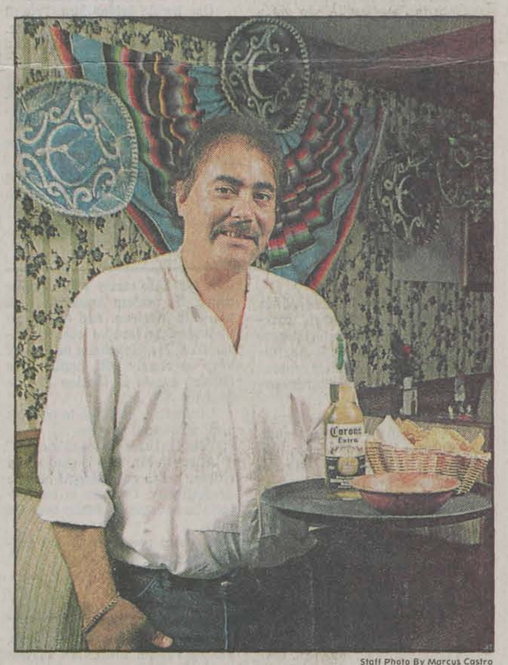

Staff Photo By Marcus Castro

Octavio Soto At His Sanford Restaurant

## After 22 Years, He's U.S. Citizen

SANFORD — No one can accuse Octavio Soto of rushing into anything. He came to the States in 1971 from Mexico with relatives when he was 16. Last year, finally, he became an American citizen.

Why did he wait so long?

"I always wanted to do it. I meant to. I have always loved American ways and the country. I guess I just put things off," he says.

Mr. Soto is the manager of the Mazatlan restaurant. He makes the commute to Sanford each day from Fayetteville, where he previously managed a Mexican restaurant.

Ever since he was a child he knew he would come to the U.S., just as many in his small village did. They'd join relatives who found jobs in American cities. Hearing stories about American cities, Mr. Soto couldn't wait until he was old enough to go.

Mr. Soto attended school briefly in San Diego, where he lived with cousins. Later he moved to Chicago, where he lived with other relatives and worked in a factory. The U.S. may not have been the land of milk and honey he'd heard about, and life could be hard. But he decided to stay. Eventually he got into the restaurant business, living for awhile in Atlanta, Orlando, Columbia, S.C., Charlotte and ultimately

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## Knights Of Pythias

Cumberland Lodge No. 5, Knights of Pythias, will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Castle Hall, 210 E. Russell St., for its annual family and membership night. A spaghetti dinner will be served, and installation of new officers and entertainment will follow. New officers are Wayne Barr, chancellor commander; William Bulla, vice chancellor; Tom Blanton, prelate; David Gilliland, secretary; N.B. Hill, financial secretary; Tim LcLaurin, treasurer; Lloyd Rawls, master of work; Frank Daniels, master at arms; Harry Sherman, inner guard, and Larry A. Burke, outer guard. For more information, call David Gilliland at 484-7401 in the evenings.

## Fayetteville Host Lions Club

The Fayetteville Host Lions Club will meet Thursday at 6:45 p.m. at the Lions Civic Center on West Rowan Street. A buffet dinner will be followed by a program. To make reservations for the meal or for more information, call Jim Phillips at 485-5645.

## Sons Of Confederate Veterans

Fayetteville Arsenal Camp #168 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet at the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Armory, 210 Burgess St., Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. A buffet dinner will be followed by a program on history. For more information, contact Commander Tommy Myers at 425-0433.

## Independent Light Infantry

The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry will meet at its headquarters and armory at 210 Burgess St. Monday at 7:30 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served, and a business meeting will follow. Plans will be made for the upcoming Bicentennial Anniversary. For more information, call Maj. Bruce Daws at 433-1914 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Cumberland Photo Club

The Cumberland Photo Club will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Arts Center, 301 Hay St. Membership is open to beginners, advanced and professional photographers. For more information, call Hetty Bird at 678-1282.

# Club News

## Christian Ministry

SOLO, Singles Offering Life to Others, is an interdenominational Christian ministry for single, divorced or widowed people. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday night at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, 701 Westmont Drive. A free nursery is provided for single parents. For more information, call 483-8692 or 864-2753.

## Adult Singles Club

The Singles Fun and Friendship Club meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Fridays of each month at St. Ann's Catholic Church Social Hall, 365 N. Cool Spring St.

Music, games, door prizes and other activities are planned.

The club welcomes single, widowed and divorced people of all denominations.

For more information, call Carrie Malveau at 488-5999.

## Men's Support Group

A support group for men, designed to increase male self-awareness, support and fellowship and enhance men's roles as friend, son, father, husband or partner and citizen, meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday. For location or more information, call 323-6465 or 484-0908.

## Cape Fear Toastmasters

The Cape Fear Toastmasters Club 2879 will meet at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday at Shoney's Restaurant at Westwood Shopping Center on Morganton Road. Toastmasters is an international organization dedicated to improving public speaking and leadership skills. Guests and prospective members are welcome. For more information, call Carl Campbell evenings at 858-3708.

## Retired Military Association

The Retired Military Association of North Carolina Inc. and its auxiliary will meet Friday at 8 p.m. at the association's headquarters building, 120 Elizabethtown Road. A pot-luck dinner will be served at 7 p.m., prior to the business meeting. All retired military personnel and spouses are welcome.

## Shaw University Alumni

Graduates of Shaw University are invited to the meeting of the Fayetteville chapter of the Shaw University Alumni Association Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Four Flames Restaurant, 218 Eastern Blvd. For more information, call 822-2628.

## Creative Anachronism Society

The Society for Creative Anachronism, an educational group devoted to the study and living history of the European Middle Ages and Renaissance, meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Fort Bragg Main NCO Club. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 867-5653.

## Computer Users Group

The Fayetteville Area PC Users' Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 209 of the Butler Building on the Fayetteville State University campus. Dr. Annette Billie will discuss The Community Information Center. For more information, call 487-0853.

## Widows And Widowers

The Widows and Widowers organization will meet Monday at Honeycutt Recreation Center on Fort Bragg Road. A social period at 7 p.m. will precede the pot-luck dinner at 7:30 p.m. All widows and widowers are welcome. For more information, call 868-1516 or 484-1006.

## Harley Owners Group

The Cape Fear Chapter of the Harley Owners Group will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m at Deal Harley Davidson, 3618 Sycamore Dairy Road. All riders are welcome.

## Square Dance Club

ELIZABETHTOWN — The Square Dance Club meets at 8 p.m. each Tuesday at the Senior Citizen Building.

## Divorce Survivors

The Survivors Separated-Divorced Support Group meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Good Shepherd Church, 116 Oak St., Hope Mills. Free child care provided. For more information, call 425-2020.

## Cape Fear Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Cape Fear meets each Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, 511 Eastern Blvd. For more information, call 484-1982.

*The Sunday Observer-Times will publish information about your club's upcoming meeting in Club News. Please include meeting date, time, place, program information and a phone number for further information. The newspaper also will publish significant news from past meetings such as officer elections, club public service projects, scholarships awarded by the club, awards and honors received by the club or its members and donations made by the club. Deadline for receipt of Club News announcements is 9 a.m. Wednesday. Mail announcements to Club News, The Fayetteville Observer-Times, P.O. Box 849, Fayetteville, N.C. 28302.*

# Troxell From Page 1E

only family, did not want me to go. He did not think it would be a good idea," recalls Mrs. Troxell. Love prevailed and she flew to Fayetteville to get married.

Living with an American, Mrs. Troxell, 48, was forced to improve her English.

"In Korea I knew a little. Enough to say, 'Hello' and 'What do you want?' at my restaurant," says Mrs. Troxell.

Once in Fayetteville, she got a job at House of Raeford for awhile, then at Dixie Yarn for several years. When the mill closed last winter, Mrs. Troxell decided to enroll in FTCC's English as a Second Language program, partly on a recommendation from the local Jobs Services office. In addition to improving her English, Mrs. Troxell may take classes to help her get a good job. Her dream, she says, is to one day again operate a restaurant specializing in barbecue chicken.

"My husband would like for me to do it," she says. "I'm thinking about it."

Mrs. Troxell adapted to America rapidly, she says. She made friends at a church where other Koreans attended, and she's made more while attending classes at FTCC. She still keeps in close contact with her brother in Korea.

One hurdle behind Mrs. Troxell was getting her driver's license. She remembers being terrified when she took her test.

Now she's preparing for another test: the citizenship quiz she must pass to become an American citizen. Maggie Johnson of the ESL program is helping her fill out the forms.

"I want to go back to Korea and visit," she says. "But this is home now."

# Soto From Page 1E

Fayetteville.

Along the way he learned to speak impeccable English, married, and helped raise two children. Although he and his wife are divorced, it was an amicable separation and he sees his family regularly.

Through the years he returned to Mexico annually to see his mother and his hometown. He has also helped others come here and work in restaurants he has managed.

"People leave Mexico because of the quality of life here. Just about all my relatives did," he says. At this point, he feels thoroughly immersed in American culture. Mr. Soto rarely wears native attire. He prefers American rock music to Mexican. And though he likes Mexican fare he loves American food, too. He admits he doesn't keep up closely with politics and current events in Mexico like he used to.

Ultimately, he'd like to own his own restaurant, he says.

"But that takes a lot of money."

Athough Mr. Soto is glad he's a citizen, it has not changed his life dramatically. Changes in his lifestyle have come gradually over the years.

"I guess now, though, it's official," he says.

# Kim From Page 1E

school this year. The family lives in an apartment and Mr. Kim, who has a college degree from his native country, is hoping to get full-time work here after he completes his FTCC classes. In addition to learning language basics, the classes help him understand government workings and general life skills such as using a microwave oven.

In his classes he has gotten to know other Koreans and residents of other countries who are facing the same challenges he is: figuring out grocery stores, paying bills, getting around town. The classes are rather like support groups, students say. Teachers are not just teachers. They also serve as resources for adjusting.

One day Mr. Kim would like to become an American citizen but he must first meet the five-year residency law. Eventually he plans to take a citizenship class offered by the school to help him prepare for the test.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kim spends his days studying nouns and verbs.

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Early on, she found a store which sells Latin American ingredients. She often cooks native dishes with homemade tortillas. But she loves American food, too.

Mrs. Page, 33, jogs three miles a day in her Haymount neighborhood.

Top priority, she says, is mastering English and becoming more familiar with American culture. Even though her husband accompanies her, just going grocery shopping can be confusing.

Mrs. Page would like to return to a career in social work, even though it would mean more college. She wants to work with Spanish-speaking clients who are having problems here, she says.

She plans to learn how to drive. Another goal is to become an American citizen.

"This is my country now," she says.

# Classes From Page 1E

curriculum, which is under the auspices of the Literacy and Basic Skills program. Classes are held at numerous sites in the county, with the program's headquarters located at FTCC's center at Fort Bragg.

Honing speaking and reading skills is just one aspect of the program. The classes focus on all dimensions of American life.

"Many of our students had never heard of insurance before they came to the United States. We have to explain that whole concept," says LaVerne Berrien, who coordinates the ESL classes. Having to take a test to get a driver's license also confuses many. In some countries, you get a driver's license — and many other licenses — by bribing officials, she says.

"The thing most of the students have in common is their lack of confidence," says Sue Thorne-Crystzer, director of the Literacy and Basic Skills Department. "A lot of students are afraid at first but they come to feel safe in their classes."

Students, who must be at least 18, come to the program from a myriad of circumstances. Some students, primarily women, are married to Americans. Although they often have it easier than those who come to this country with their families, there is still much to learn about American regulations and lifestyle. Teachers and administrators of the program also act as resources for getting jobs.

"Many students have high school and college degrees in their own countries but moving here can mean starting at the beginning," says Ms. Thorne-Crytzer.

Teachers say their students are among the most motivated on campus. The students are also extremely helpful to each other and their classes become a support group.

The classes, which are free through a grant, are held throughout the week as well as on Saturdays. They're divided into three levels: beginning, intermediate and advanced. While some students learn about paying bills and operating appliances others may be tackling civics.

FTCC offers a separate class to help students prepare for the test they must take to become American citizens.

Before they become citizens they must have lived here five years and must have obtained a permanent residency card (commonly called a green card.) They must be 18 or older, be able to converse in English and must pass a test on United States history and government.

New citizens are sworn in during ceremonies held by the Immigration and Naturalization Service every few months.

According to Ms. Johnson, most students want to become citizens and most eventually do. But few turn their backs on their homelands.

"They take pride in two cultures," she says.

# Series Unveils Orchid Prints

**By Nancy L. Ross**
The Washington Post

The vogue for botanical prints has spawned a rash of reissues of old books. Newest in this genre is "Thesaurus Woolwardiae: Orchids of the Marquis of Lothian." What makes this four-volume series of particular interest is that the paintings by Florence Helen Woolward (1854-1936), though bound and kept in a private library in Scotland, have never been published.

"To connoisseurs of orchid literature, it is a nice addition," said Mary Noble McQuerry, of Jacksonville, Fla., a grower of orchids for over half a century and a seller of used books.

She said Woolward's published works are rare and costly, adding that she owns an original edition of "Monograph of the Genus Masdevallia," valued at $12,000. Following the practice of other 19th-century British aristocrats, the ninth Marquis of Lothian grew many tropical varieties in a greenhouse on his estate near Edinburgh, Scotland. He engaged Woolward, then a little-known but skillful artist, to paint their portraits as they came into bloom.

Eighty-seven of her orchid paintings were made into lithographs and published a century ago in 150 complete sets of nine volumes. Hundreds of unpublished watercolors were preserved in 20 bound volumes in the family library.

Lord Ancram, heir to the 12th Marquis of Lothian, decided it was time to publish them and showed them to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in London, which in turn asked Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis to underwrite publication. Missouri, which boasts one of the largest orchid collections in the United States — more than 3,500 different species and hybrids — had already published a six-volume series of orchid watercolors by Swedish artist Stig Dalstrom.

# *Village Had Famous Residents*

LITCHFIELD, Conn. (AP) — This picturesque village in Western Connecticut, settled in 1720, has many well-preserved Colonial homes.

It was the birthplace of Ethan Allen, Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

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# Applause

**Chris Jones and Patrick McCune** were honored with the Gold Medal of Achievement. The award was presented by the Royal Rangers Ministry July 4 at Northwood Temple Church.

The award is the equivalent to the Eagle Scout Award of the Boys Scout. Only three boys in North Carolina in the Pentecostal Holiness denomination have received the award.

Chris, the son of Ken and Pat Jones, is a graduate of Pine Forest Senior High School. Patrick McCune is a graduate of South View High School. He is the son of Bob and Karen McCune.

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**Jennifer Noel Humphrey** graduated from Thousand Islands High School June 27 as valedictorian of her class. She plans to attend Cobleskill Community College in Cobleskill, N.Y., where she will major in equine studies.

Jennifer is the daughter of Maureen E. Humphrey of Lumberton, and John S. Humphrey of Cape Vincent, N.Y.

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The 503rd/80th A.B.N. Anti-Aircraft Association announces the winners of their annual scholarship fund drive held June 5. They are: Helen Farrior, first place; K.C. Bowens, second place and Theodora McNeill, third place.

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The following youngsters qualified as members of the North Carolina team for the 13th U.S. Junior Olympics in Tae Kwon Do.

Competition was held at the E.J. Nutter Center at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

They are: Stephen Tillotson, William Graham, Travis Kinlaw, Brandon Connor, Chez Truesdale, Jeremy Richmond, Kristy Whitted, Crystal Peele, Michael Sampson, Andy Lehman and Jeremy Owens.

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The following students have been selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges: **David Allan Martin** (Fayetteville State University), **Keith Taylor McFadyen** (Campbell University) and **Nicole Wildman** (Western Carolina University).

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**Jason Cashwell**, a rising senior at Cape Fear High School, recently attended the week-long Boy's State Program at Wake Forest University.

While at this event sponsored by the American Legion, he was elected to the office of alderman. Jason was also selected to attend Boy's State based on leadership qualities, scholarship, character and service to the school.

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The following Cape Fear region students graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington:

**Harnett County:** Judith Adcock, Nichole Honeycutt, Robert Jernigan, Rachael Steegar and Meredith Stone.

**Hoke County:** Melody Sessoms.

**Lee County:** Leonard Caplan.

**Moore County:** Susan Faulk, Timothy Lunney, Tracey McInnis and Jennifer Parks.

**Robeson County:** Horace Love Jr., Saundra Meares and Marcus Thompson

**Sampson County:** Melody Bass, Monica Brewer, Beth Harrell, Laurie Herring, Heather Honeycutt, Jamie Honeycutt, Vonda Honeycutt, Jeffrey Jackson, Gina Knowles, Larry Knowles, Jennifer Pope, Dax Register and Sara Shatterly

**Scotland County:** Christopher Rhue and Allison Wooten.●

The following Cape Fear region students graduated from East Carolina University on May 8.

**Cumberland County:** Sherri Almasie, Jill Anderson, Gillian Ashley, Lisa Blevins, Zebrena Blount, Douglas Carter, Kwangho Choe, David Crumpler, Beth Edge, June Edmonds, William Faircloth, Shannon Fowler, Theodore Fraley, Kelly Frazee, Michael Gonzalez, Karen Gottfried, Cynthia Greshan, Michael Hall, Angela harvin, Albert Hendley, Daniel Hewitt, Kathleen Hewitt, Davis Hill, Kimberly Horne, Jennifer Jones, Brian King, Steven Kuykendall, Jan Lambert, Lenora Larson, Bridget Lawlor, Kimberly Lemaster, Kyle Lee, Richard Lee, Lynn Long III, Ingrid Lutman, Tammy Matthews, Vonzella McKinnon, Warren McLamb, Casandra Mouw, Janet Murphy, Dana Murray, Kelli Nelligar, Sheila New-Horne, Todd Nguyen, Kelly Osborne, Steven Owens, Patricia Page, Ruth Richter, Debrea Ruffin, Kevin Rustick, Savenya Sanders, Flora Sealey, Patricia Searcy, Joanne Shumate, Rupert Tatum Jr., Joseph Taylor Jr., James Tisdale III, Sharon Valentine, Bonnie White, Hwa Jeonq and Kyle Zimmerman.

**Harnett County:** Kimberly Athan, Ashley Grainger, Cecilia Gregory, Eric Holland, Paula Joseph, Jon Matthews, Kristen Matthews, Carolyn McLamb, Heather Myles, Lloyd Pope Jr., Todd Simpson, Don Teter Jr., Gregory Walden and Billy West Jr.

**Hoke County:** Darryl Crouch, Vincent McAllister and John Parks.

**Moore County:** Robert Bundy Jr., David Carr, Caroline Doby, Brian Donnelly, Kelly Hall, Benjamin Owen III and Douglas Stalls Jr.

**Robeson County:** Laura Ammons, Amy Barker, Nancy Barnes, Stephen Baxley, Edward Branch III, Connie Brooks, Emilia George, David Graham, Kevin Holland, Timothy Inman, Stephen Johnson, Thomas Jones, Amy Lane, Mary Lewis, Faline Locklear, Connie Locklear-Jones, Eleanor McKellar, Annette McKinnon, Franklin Mclean, Kimothy Roberts, Gina Stephens, Graham Teel and Melissa Thompson.

**Sampson County:** Mitchell Brewington, Wanda Capps, Dorinda Dew, Eric Eldridge, Kimberly Godwin, Michelle Honeycutt, Marjorie McKinstry, Elizabeth Riley, Sherry Sinclair and Phillip Williams.

**Scotland County:** Patricia Knott and Margerett McColl.

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The following Cape Fear region students earned a 4.0 average and were named to the President's List for the spring quarter at Fayetteville Technical Community College:

**Columbus County:** Phyllis High.

**Cumberland County:** Robert Peterson, Benjamin Secrest, Rachel Thompson, Robbie Abner, Calvin Alvarez, Eric Anderson, Tonya Balaban, Maria Barksdale, Robert Battle, Dana Blackmore, Samuel Bobo, Keisha Booth, Michelle Brazinski, Stanley Buskey, Jodi Cain, Victoria Cameron, Porfirio Campos-Cruz, William Carl, Patricia Cashion, Kelly Chavis, Adam Cheatham, Tara Clark, James Collier, Candace Cotto, Danielle Crawford, Robert Crowder, Craig Cummings, Charles Deese, Anita Delgado, Andrea Dennis, Thomas Dosier, Julian Duke, Anita Dunaway, Julie Dunlap, Samuel Edens, Angela Essary, Peter Facius, Michael Faison, Johnny Felton, Becky Fields, Vincent Finocchio, Harrison Fitzwater, Elayne Forastiere, Natalie Fraley, Dennis Gilbert, Debbie Gonzalez, Harry Gore, Bernetta Gregory, Stuart Grimes, Catherine Hackerson, Louis Hackett, Robert Harris, Andy Hart, Robert Hasty, Donald Hawkins, Kelly Heath, Rebekah Henson, Lisa Hill, Heidi Hollingsworth, Deborah Holloway, Kimberly Hutchens, Kimbrely Ingraldi, Terri Jackson, Deborah James, Miae Johnson, Veronica Johnson, Wendy Jones, Michelle Kanavos, Robert Kendrick, Lorraine Kraft, Debra Lee, John Lewis, Maurice Licardo, Linda Logan-Davis, Felix Lormand, Suzanne Luenser, Stephany Mackey, Kathy Martin, Arletta Mattulat, Susan McGehee, Kelle McLemore, Trina McNeill, Michael Montoya, Shannon Moore, Wendy Nichols, Linda Nisbett, Jeannie Olivas, Rosalie Owens, Nathaniel Owens, Jodi Pace, Heidi Parker, Michelle Parrish, Robert Patrick, Zondie Pauling, Elizabeth Perez, Melvin Perry, Mary Phillips, Donald Roberts, Sharon Roland, Andrea Ross, Susan Satterlee, Laura Saunders, Cornelia Schmidt, Tracy Schultz, Dianne Schumacher, Angela Setters, Gary Shankles, Glenn Shearin, Jennifer Shelton, Sonya Simmons, Kenneth Simmons, Britt Slocum, Regina Smith, Hillegonda Smith, Carolyn Smith, Charles Smith, Dolly Spear, Stella Stewart, Amelia Strickland, Patricia Sullivan, Bronco Suzuki, Ulrike Teeple, Evelyn Tennant, Elizabeth Thompson, Kenneth Thornton, Harriet Toelle, Matthew Tryon, Annemarie Tubbe, Todd Tucker, Bobby Tyner, Diann Unruh, Karen Van Etten, Jack Vance, Joana Vince, Pamela Virgil, Kathleen Wanamaker, Deanna Warner, Angela Warner, Nathaniel Whitted, Antonie Williams, John Williams, Teresa Wilson, Sandra Wood, Veronica Woolard, Temple Worley, James Johnson, Laura Cummins, Margaret Roach, Brett Anderson, David Bacic, Mary Baker, Kimberly Cochran, Cynthia Garchow, Jennifer Girarad, Aisha Gonzaslez, Janean Jensen, Kerry Rabago, Barbara Seward, Nancy Shaw, Helen Whitmore, Sheryl Brewer, Peggy Briskey, Dawn Clark, Adelina Crivello, Michelle Debevec, Kathleen Gilman, Winfred Griffey, Wendy Griffith, David Price, George Robinson, Gilbert Santiago, Kellie Shipman, Karen Butler, Jennifer Corzette, Carrie Degarmo, Constance Downs, Lori Davison, Mildred English, Laurie Fox, Robert Godwin, Lavonna Hopper, Judy Huss, Barry Kerby, Charles Likely, Isabel Lopez, Valerie Ockman, Howard Oldfield, Abby Stoll, Russell Strand, Michel Jacquez and Kathy Nethercutt.

**Harnett County:** Melvin Deleusomme, Kerri Tart, Joni Jones, Dale Seigler, Jaimi Cruz-Figueroa and Ronald Johnson.

**Hoke County:** Susan Martin, Sandra McNeill, Judie Peters and Monika Whalley.

**Moore County:** Valerie Haubrock, Candace Edwards and James Marriott.

**Robeson County:** Terra Poole.

**Sampson County:** Amy Watson and Kim Herring.

The following students earned a 3.5 average and were named to the Dean's list:

**Sampson County:** April Morris and Jenny Powell

**Harnett County:** Kristi Thomas, Brandy Blackmon and Dawn Handeland

**Moore County:** Teresa Holder.

**Cumberland County:** Jennifer Gulleson, Deana Stafford, Frederick Clark, Rosemary Allen, Elizabeth Anderson, Franklin Arnold, Kristie Arrington, Andrew Baker, Troy Baker, Virginia Baldwin, Michelle Balsamo, Lisa Barnhill, Vernice Bell, Lisa Bellamy, Stephanie Bennett, Lucia Benoit, Billy Brewington, Sandra Brewington, Latisha Brunson, Angela Burney, Karen Cartwright, Caroline Casanova, Harold Caselberry, Dennis Cashion, Emmanuel Castro, Joseph Cincotta, Charles Clark, Candy Clark, Terri Clark, James Cogdell, Vanessa Cole, Danny Conaway, Deanna Cook, Laura Craig, William Crawford, Paul Crenshaw, Chum Cunningham, Michael Curtis, Danny Dalton, Linda Dashiell, Linda Davis, Angela Davis, Diana Dehart, Jean Dew, Gregory Dodson, Raul Dominguez, Willie Dorman, Stephanie Douglas, Wanda Dowe, Margaret Dykins, Kelly Edwards, Tina Edwards, Timothy Evans, Irene Fernandez, Chris Ferry, Darlene Fisher, Sherry Floyd, Keyda Foster, Josie Garcia, Samuel Garrett, Amy Ghadban, Vanessa Gibson, Kara Gilbreth, Tina Gilliam, Lisa Goble, Sarah Gonzalez, Rosemarie Gore, Peggy Graves, Eddie Green, Turner Griffin, Renee Grooms, Clint Groover, Linda Hansen, Ronald Hanson, Sherry Harris, Darrell Howell, Michael Hulbert, James Humphrey Jr., Maria Jacobs, James Johnson, Tonya Johnson, Dana Johnson, Lara Jones, Jeanette Joseph, Lorenzo Josephs, Maryann Keane, John kelly, Robert Kringel, Pete Kuhn, Dawn Last, Kimberly Lee, Michael Leonard, Mai-Lan Lewis, Betty Littlejohn, Kimberly Lloyd, Sonya Long, Helen Lyghts, Kathleen Maloney, Dennis Manier, Michael Marlatt, Carrie Martinelli, Fernando Martinez, Oscar Mathewson, Bernhard Mattulat, Floyd Mayes, Kathy McCracken, Jack McLean Jr., Kara McLeod, Ardis McMillan, Linda Miller, Jennifer Miller, Samuel Mireless, Mari Montgomery, Sharon Moore, Dana Morales, Jennifer Muldrow, Marcella Neal, Diep Nguyen, Brian Oldham, William Peek, Tracie Penvose, Yu Perezm, Troy Perkins, Sean perry, Katina Porter, Parrish Powers, Dexter Rampersad, George Rasor, Catherine Ray, Theresa Reidy, yvette Rhinehardt, Julie Rice, Terri Robertson, Larue Robinson, Rodney Rone, Cassie Rowell, Orza Salone, Jessica Scott, Carl Shearer, Rosalyn Sinagra, Sheriley Singleton, Steven Silversten, Wendy Smith, Robert Smith, Iris Smith, Daniel STeele, Robert Steen, Therese Steinhoff, Jane Stewart, Elemiel-Strouse, Robert Sullivan, Lawrence Surles, Debra Talley, John Thompson, Ledawn Tumbling, William Vanscyoc, Crystal Vaughn, Cynthia Vincent, Shelby Warren, Carlos Westling, mary Whitlow, Melissa Wilhelm, Danny Wilkinson, Sheila Williams, Eva Williams, Susan Wilis, Danielle Wilt, Raymond Wolff, Angela Woolridge, Betty Wright, Jerry Wright, Patricia Wright, Cortney Young, Raymond Young, Stephen Wireman, Valerie Brown, Barbara Lyrenmann, Rocquell Thomas, Roberta Wenner, Debra Gooch, Janet Hodges, Shannon Hooks, Mary Hupp, Anthony Keeton, Michele Omundson, Brenda Rumph, Gabriele Sanchez, Yulonda Seals, June Sigler, Edilma Spikes, Heather Stigen, Larhonda Witherspoon, Virginia Brewster, Glen Reed, Matthew Bolan, Shawn Brady, Jonathan Canady, Tracy Clark, Sally Clark, Kenda Hair, Cecil Jones, Katherine Soles, Jill Cashwell, Dewain Degarmo, James Carrington, Kelly Creech, Vivian Davis, Marchelle Harris, Kim Hollingsworth, Joe Magallon, Myoshia Middleton, Patricia Overby, Judy Pendergast, Andrea Ponicsan, Debra Reed, Ricky Robbins, Tina Rosetti, Karen Sellars, Bettina Strange, Pamela Vargas, Pamela Currie and Jameson Stewart.

**Robeson County:** Kimberly Davis, Michael Leach, Kerry Deaton Susan Sessoms, Delina Lowery John Woodard and Veronica Sinclair.

**Lee County:** Rusty Frizzelle and Heather Montilla.

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The following Cape Fear region students were named to the honors list at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington:

**Bladen County:** Meredith Butler, Murcock Butler III, Tanya Butler, Catherine Cain, Josephine Davis, Donna Dennis, Lorraine Edge, Sherry Kelly and Brian Veeder.

**Columbus County:** Bobby Brown, Gina Browning, Tina Buck, Gretal Cartrette, Robert Dew, April Edwards, Christian Enojado, Leigh Fowler, Amy Greene, Lynne Greene, Kia Hendrix, Connie Hinson, Jeffrey Inman, Christy Kinlaw, Mildred Little, Michelle Stanley, Mamie Strickland, Tamie Thompson, Tammie Tyree and Phillip Ward.

**Cumberland County:** Stephanie Boucher, Christopher Broadhurst, Jessica Bullard, Melinda Cashwell, Kristen Dietrich, Brenda Elkins, Ruth Herbert, Angela Hooker, Jennifer Hutson, Julie Jones, Dawn

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# Education Notes

7/13/93

Activities coming up in Cumberland County schools:

**Today:** Cumberland County Board of Education meets in regular session in the board room at 7 p.m., preceded by a public forum at 6:30 p.m.

**Today:** "Conversations" focuses on school construction, on Cable Channel 3 at 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** "Parents ... Partners in Eduction," focuses on ideas parents can use at home to build their children's vocabulary, on Cable Channel 3 at 7 p.m.

**Thursday:** "Conversations" features former Deputy Superintendent Gerald Moseman, Cable Channel 3 at 7:30 p.m.

*This schedule is provided by Cumberland County Schools. For more information about the events listed, call the public affairs office at 678-2316.*

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**Mary P. Boyles**, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at Pembroke State University, will be a fellow in the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Academic Leadership Academy Program in the 1993-94 and 1994-95 school years.

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The Home Educators of Fayetteville will hold seminars on July 23 and 24. Gayle Graham, who has a master's degree in education and teaches her five daughters at home, will talk on How to Home School in the first seminar and How to Use Konos Curriculum in the second. To register, call 423-5817.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will offer the following summer classes for teachers: Effective Teaching Training for Substitute Teachers, Multi-cultural Art Activities, and Art for the Classroom. To register, call 678-8309.

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**Paul Bergoff**, a Pembroke State University professor, will take part in a 1993 National Issues Forum Summer Public Policy Institute at Miami University of Ohio.

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Filtec Precise Inc. in Tabor City has started two $1,000 scholarships at Southeastern Community College. Scholarship winners will work at the plant 20 hours a week and go to college.

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**Lee Ann Lane** of Raleigh, a Campbell University student, placed fifth in the national 1993 Private Enterprise Essay Contest.

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The Cumberland County School board is looking for names for four new schools that will open in the next two years. The schools are now called Federal School #1, Federal School #2, Seventy-First Elementary School #2, and a middle school for Cape Fear students. Anyone can submit name ideas for the schools to the school board office.

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**David Harris**, agricultural teacher at Seventy-First High School, went to the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association leadership conference in Alabama in June.

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# Former FTCC Financial Officer Pleads Guilty To Embezzling

A former chief financial officer of Fayetteville Technical Community College has pleaded guilty to 15 counts of embezzling almost $6,000 from the college between April 1990 and July 1991.

Raymond Eugene "Gene" Parker, 43, of 7912 Ancon Drive, pleaded guilty on June 30 before Judge E. Lynn Johnson in Cumberland County Superior Court, according to Assistant District Attorney Buntie Russ.

Sentencing was delayed indefinitely.

Mr. Parker is facing a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for each count. The usual sentence for each count of embezzlement is three years in prison, officials said.

Mr. Parker was indicted on those charges in May 1992 and accused of embezzling $5,998.28. At the time, Stacy Weaver, a lawyer for the college, said Mr. Parker repaid the college.

Mr. Parker also is facing drug charges.

In May, while working as bookkeeper for the Dallas nightclub on Owen Drive, he was charged with trafficking by possession and delivery and conspiracy, according to Cumberland County sheriff's records.

Mr. Parker also is awaiting trial for a marijuana conspiracy arrest in April 1992 when he was charged with delivering about 74 pounds of marijuana to narcotics agents in Fayetteville.

A trial date in those cases has not been set.

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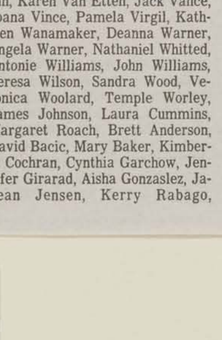
# SAVING REFORM

## Better Education Won A Narrow Board Vote

The fabric of local school reform came within just two votes of a major unraveling Wednesday night. If the lead principal program had not been sustained by a 4-2 vote of the Cumberland County Board of Education, the process of delivering instructional reforms to the classroom would have been weakened, even interrupted.



Those lead principals are responsible for helping the principals they work with stimulate their teachers to improve the quality of their classroom efforts. The alternative available to the Board of Education on Wednesday was apparently either to do nothing or to make an increase in the size of the main office hierarchy.

The former is unacceptable because it might fatally weaken the school reform effort. Test scores suggest that the program is working and should not be abandoned, but that it has yet to provide Cumberland County school children an education that gets us up to world or even U.S. standards. The Board of Education should strengthen the program, not knock holes in it.

The latter would consume scarce resources that are needed to pay for better in-service teacher training, better curriculums and other items required for classroom improvements. It would also eliminate the peer-to-peer characteristic of the lead principal program. Someone who has had the same kinds of day-to-day work experiences can often give better advice, and be heard more clearly, than a supervisor whose home office looks (rightly or wrongly) like an ivory tower.

Not only did the good program survive, though narrowly, it was improved. When the board approved Superintendent John Griffin's list of lead principals, their number was increased by one, and they were reorganized in a way that should make them far more effective.

Each will be responsible for about eight schools — a reasonable management load — rather than for an attendance district. Thus. each lead principal will focus on elementary, middle school or high school instruction, and not two or more of those.

That will give their efforts more force and focus, making an indispensable aspect of local educational reform stronger.

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# QUALITY FIRST

## Community College Reforms Were A Good Start

The just-adjourned North Carolina General Assembly imposed a sound package of money-saving, education-improving reforms on the community college system.

Most important among those reforms is one that is undeniably a reaction to the state government performance audit, whose report was published last December. It found that community colleges were often too busy chasing students, without sufficient regard for the quality of their classroom offerings, or the educational value of their courses.

What the General Assembly did in response was to order the Department of Community Colleges to develop a funding formula based on:

● The demonstrable cost involved in offering each course. In addition to rendering obsolete the search for warm bodies alone, that will make it easier for community colleges to offer the high-tech courses that are in demand. They are accompanied by high costs not contemplated in the old approach.

● The college's performance in delivering the needed academic goods. Students should be able to rely on the classroom quality of their course work. Curriculums should be rich in courses designed to meet the needs of area employers and to meet the region's economic development goals.

The deadline for that formula is 1995, and that should mark the end of the era during which community college funding was too heavily dependent on raw student numbers. Just how bad the pursuit of students had become was evident in other details of the reform legislation.

The General Assembly reached all the way down into the details of how community colleges are run, and made it law that subsidies will not be paid for students to take continuing-education courses more than twice. Some community colleges were allowing students to repeat courses several times. There was an incentive for doing so: The colleges were harvesting state subsidies for the repeat students each time around.

Other, equally specific changes dealt with training for mentally retarded adults, payments for classes held in state prisons and the scope of audits required by the State Board of Community Colleges each year.

Unless the Board of Community Colleges undertakes on its own considerably more reform, based upon a comprehensive review of needs, the General Assembly should revisit the community colleges and impose further reform when it meets again.

This state needs the best-organized, most efficient community college system it can create. That will mean a more centrally coordinated, more quality-conscious system.

F.O.T 8-4-93

Staff Photo By Ken Cooke

## *Chuckles*

Things perked up around Fayetteville Technical Community College Tuesday when these two showed up for work. Annette Hornsby, right, and Flora Dunham are employees of FTCC, but they're also members of the Fayetteville United Nuts, a clown group. They were celebrating National Clown Week.

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**Larry Cheek**

## Memories Of Jo

Whenever I think of Jo MacMillan, which has been often over the last few weeks, the memory of a color picture leaps into my head. It is of a nude man, riding a lawnmower.

Observer-Times, 1988

Jo MacMillan

The picture ran in the Norfolk newspaper two or three years ago and Jo thought it was so funny she clipped it out and sent it to me.

The man was a member of a nudist colony in the Norfolk area. His picture did not run in explicit detail, let me add. Critical areas were blocked from view.

But if they hadn't been, Jo would have thought that even funnier.

Jo MacMillan died Friday. Cancer ruined her body and took her life. But never for a moment did it touch her indomitable spirit.

Jo had been planning to go to Switzerland with us in July on the Citizens for International Understanding exchange. But she was diagnosed with cancer on June 21.

On June 28 doctors operated. After surgery, Jo thought she had chemotherapy to look forward to. She thought she had a chance to live. But doctors told her no, the cancer had spread too far and too fast. She could only prepare to die.

And prepare she did. She told Jenny Singleton, one of her dearest friends, that she'd been waiting to see her friends until she felt and looked better.

"But I won't be feeling better," she said. "Tell them to come on."

### Before Dying, Much To Do

She made lists. She resigned from various boards and clubs. She organized the people around her and apologized to them for being such a bother.

When people came to see her she remembered details. She asked them about their jobs, their families, their golf games.

She made them feel important, even as she lay dying.

Jenny Singleton was with her often in the final days. Jo knew that Jenny had lost close family members to cancer. She apologized for putting her good friend through it again.

"Jo, you're apologizing to me?" Jenny told her.

She saw people until she was too sick to raise her head off the pillow. None of them heard her complain, except Jenny, maybe twice.

Once, not long after she had been told there was no purpose to undergoing chemo, she described her condition, her predicament, with one earthy phrase that might well be used by many of us at such a time.

And she told her good friend, Jenny, that "I don't like this hand I've been dealt. But there's not much I can do about it. And there's a lot to get done."

"Then she started writing notes," said Jenny.

### The Little Girl In Jo

I knew Jo for almost 20 years. We liked each other. She always said what she thought and sometimes what she thought could be surprising. And nearly always interesting.

The last time I saw Jo she had brought a meal that she had cooked to our house, because my wife had been briefly ill, and Jo didn't want to see me struggle for my supper.

We visited for an hour, at least.

None of us knew she was dying.

I spoke with a friend of mine the other day who had lived close to Jo for many years. He said he was driving down the street several months ago when he saw a woman out walking.

As he passed, she suddenly did a pirouette, just as if she were 13 years old again.

Her face was joyful, he said, as she spun, hands out, on the edge of the road.

The woman was Jo MacMillan.

She lived with glee and grace.

She died with courage and compassion.

And all her friends will miss her very much.

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# Students Have Incentive To Graduate In 4 Years At N.C. Public Colleges

GREENSBORO (AP) — State universities are trying to improve their four-year graduation rates, and the General Assembly is giving students a reason to get out of school: they'll pay more if they linger.

"We are trying to get at things we can get at," said Roy Carroll, a University of North Carolina system vice president. "We can't correct health problems and stress and financial problems."

In 1991, legislators required the UNC Board of Governors to adopt policies that would encourage students to get their degrees more quickly. Their interest is financial: the longer it takes a student to graduate, the more the state has to spend to subsidize that student's education.

When in-state students pay their tuition bills, they're contributing about 11 percent of the basic cost of their education. The state picks up the rest.

Out-of-state students pay about 80 percent of the cost.

Some lawmakers believe that if the state is going to pay that much money, the students should be making a stronger effort. If not, there are waiting lists at each school that are full of people who want a chance at higher education.

After the board submitted the plan last February, the legislature added some punch.

First, the General Assembly instructed the 16 state universities to charge their students a 25 percent surcharge if they don't earn their degrees in a prescribed number of credit hours.

It told campuses to pay closer attention to the number of hours their students take.

"It's fine to stay (in school) as long as you want," said Sen. Beverly Perdue, a Democrat from Craven County. "But the state simply cannot continue to finance education at the low charge we have and have no limits on how long that low cost is available."

Specifically, the legislature wants the campuses to increase the average number of credit hours by full-time undergraduates to 15 per semester. The system-wide average is now 14.7.

The legislature says that each campus and the system at large should meet the 15-credit-hour goal by December 1997.

The hope is that as credit hours increase, the time it takes to get a degree will decrease.

"On the face of it, it makes sense," Mr. Carroll said. "But the fact is — and it is a surprising fact — you really can't find much correlation between the average number of credit hours and the four-year graduation rate.

"What that suggests is that there are complex and mixed factors to explain why students are taking longer to get their degrees," Mr. Carroll said. "Most are things over which the institution has no control."

Some of those include a student's financial status, parental education, personal crises and whether he or she might work part time.

But some reasons for extended stays aren't as positive. Some flunk courses they need to graduate and have to retake them, or they can't get the courses they need when they need them.

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# A Break In Jordan Case Hinted

By Pat Reese
And Scott Mooneyham
Staff Writers

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Cumberland County sheriff's officials said Saturday that they believe the death of basketball star Michael Jordan's father was a "street crime" and that they have names of people who may know the killer.

Sheriff Morris Bedsole and his chief detective, Capt. Art Binder, hinted that they are close to a major break in the case of James Jordan Sr., but they would not say whether they have a suspect in his slaying.

GARY FARRIOR

Sheriff Bedsole and Capt. Binder held an impromptu news conference shortly after detectives recovered tires stolen from Mr. Jordan's $46,000 car in woods off Stedman-Wade Road.

They said they believe Mr. Jordan, 57, was shot to death by someone who did not know him.

And the mother of a teen-ager charged with stripping Mr. Jordan's car said her son told her that one of his accomplices either knew Mr. Jordan's murderers or someone who knew them.

She implied that there was more than one killer.

Mr. Jordan's body was found in Gum Swamp south of McColl, S.C., on Aug. 3. Because Mr. Jordan was not reported missing, authorities were unable to identify the body until Friday, after his 1993 Lexus was found Aug. 5 in Cumberland County.

Four people were arrested Friday and Saturday in the stripping of the car, which was found abandoned off a dirt road near Downing Road Extension in the eastern part of the county. All four have been released on unsecured bonds.

Capt. Binder said the four are not believed to be directly involved in the killing of Mr. Jordan, "although their paths may have crossed."

Capt. Binder said he has names of a couple people who may know the killer, but it "is too early in the investigation to begin naming names."

He said homicide detectives intend to question the people "as soon as they are located."

Gary Rodel Farrior, a 16-year-old Cape Fear High School student, was charged Friday night with entering a motor vehicle, possession of stolen property and felony larceny.

On Saturday, the detectives arrested Jovan Jamahl Carter, 18, of Route 16, Fayetteville, a student at Fayetteville Technical Community College; Kenneth Connell Farrior, 20, of Route 16, Fayetteville, an employee of Billy Bill Grading Co.; and Terrellis Marnicus Teasley, 22, of 3778-C Murphy Road, an employee of the Cumberland County school system. It was not known whether Kenneth and Gary Farrior are related.

Mr. Teasley and Kenneth Farrior are charged with breaking and entering a motor vehicle and felony larceny; and Mr. Carter is charged with possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Capt. Binder did not say what role the four played in the breaking and entering of the Jordan car.

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## Jordan

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However, Joyce Farrior, mother of Gary Farrior, said her son told her that Mr. Carter had driven Mr. Jordan's car into the woods and abandoned it.

She said her son told her that an accomplice knows the killers.

"One boy knows a lot. He knows who the killers is," she said.

She later qualified the statement to say the teen-ager may only know someone who was with the killers at some point following his murder.

Mrs. Farrior would not reveal which teen-ager knew that information.

She said that her son's arrest was upsetting and that she is afraid the sheriff's department will implicate him in the murder, even though she knows he had nothing to do with it.

"I'm scared they're going to try to point the finger at my baby," Mrs. Farrior said.

Sheriff Bedsole has said he does not believe Mr. Farrior was involved in the slaying.

Mrs. Farrior said that in late July, she noticed a lot of traffic going down the dirt road where Mr. Jordan's car was found.

"I should have taken the time to go down there and find out what was going on," she said.

Mrs. Farrior said she was excited when the news that Mr. Jordan's car was found on the dirt road first came out.

That excitement turned to dismay on Friday, when her son was arrested.

"They didn't even tell us they were arresting him. They told us they wanted to question him and the next thing I know they had this bond against him," she said.

An autopsy done in Newberry, S.C., showed that Mr. Jordan had been shot once in the right chest with a .38-caliber gun.

His car was found in Cumberland County on Aug. 5, but there was no license plate and officers did not determine that the car was Mr. Jordan's until Thursday. Tires and stereo equipment had been taken.

When Coroner Tim Brown of Bennettsville, S.C., heard that the car had been found, he contacted Cumberland County and the body was identified through dental records obtained in Charlotte.

Capt. Binder said more arrests may be made in the breaking and entering of the car. He said his detectives are planning to file a juvenile court petition against a 15-year-old on Monday. One of the last people to see James Jordan alive said that, after they attended a funeral of a mutual friend, Jordan talked about how much his family meant to him and how he wanted to spend more time with his grandchildren.

The Jordan family remained secluded Saturday in their rural home near Charlotte.

A private service in honor of James Jordan will be held at 3 p.m. today at Rockfish AME Church in Teachey, where James Jordan was a member, according to Luther Jordan of Jordan Funeral Home in Wilmington.

# Business

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# System Eases Meetings

## FTCC Program Helps Businesses

By Jay Woodard
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College has a message for business: we can put more hours into your days.

By reducing meeting time, FTCC's decision support center can free up more time for businesses to look after other matters.

"We covered in half a day what it would have taken two days to do in a conventional meeting," said Zan Monroe, district commercial manager of Sprint/Carolina Telephone. The company held a planning session at the center.

FTCC's year-old center, called Team Focus, has just been updated with software donated by IBM.

When using this system, participants sit at any of the 15 stations and type in ideas, suggestions and proposals on their computer.

Opposite their U-shaped table is a 5-foot-square screen upon which the messages flash. The same messages appear on monitors at each station.

That's one of the time-saving methods, because essentially everyone "talks" at once. And, because the messages and statements from the participants are anonymous, a frank appraisal of a situation is possible.

"It's a tremendous asset," said J. Ronald Hankins, First Union National Bank's southeast regional executive. "It's a great vehicle for getting candid opinions in the most efficient way possible."

The anonymity is protected in the printout and computer disk that go with the sessions.

"You can type in anything you want and no one ever knows who said what. This is important. You get real feelings," said Catherine Barkley, who helps coordinate the meetings.

Because all participants have keyboards, and type in their ideas, it isn't possible for one or two people to dominate a meeting.

"No matter how comfortable people are with each other, when there's a meeting, there are going to be some who command the audience better, some who get more response," Mr. Hankins said.

"When using this system, everyone has an equal voice."

The anonymity function proved to be valuable to a group from Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton. Its Quality Council held a session at Team Focus to review areas for improvement.

"The fact that all statements were anonymous gave everyone a feeling they could be more candid in their opinions," said Caroline Glus, Southeastern's director of quality improvement.

Ms. Glus also liked the "commenter" function.

Using this, a group can list problems or priorities and rank them. Then, under each they can write in subheads, or if problems are listed, possible solutions.

It was the rankings capability that appealed to Roy Ericson, assistant vice president of North Carolina Natural Gas Corp.

"It's an outstanding tool. We were able to put all the issues up for everyone to comment on," Mr. Ericson said. "Then we took the results and refined them. At the end of the session we prioritized them."

FTCC is one of two community colleges in the nation to have such a system. The other is in Appleton, Wis.

In addition to the 15 stations within Team Focus, the system, located in the Advanced Technology Center, has a station for Ms. Barkley.

She does not manage a meeting, but answers questions and helps with advance planning. She was trained in the system's capabilities at an IBM plant in Bethesda, Md., and in a New Orleans refresher course this summer.

"IBM's studies, collected since electronic meetings in the U.S. began in '87, show these sessions can reduce meeting time up to 60 percent," Ms. Barkley said. "The efficiency is amazing."

She pointed out another benefit. "In a traditional meeting, if one person wants to recall something, he has to stop the meeting and ask. With this, you can go back and review and do it personally without disturbing others."

Another advantage is the electronic and printed record of a meeting. In a traditional meeting, Ms. Barkley said, "someone has to take notes. No matter how good they are, something is lost, because they can't write fast enough or they misunderstand something.

"In this system everything that is typed in, is available in a printout and on a disk."

Staff Photo By Dick Blount

**Catherine Barkley, second from left, of Fayetteville Tech conducts a meeting using the Team Focus system. Debbie Davis, left, Ethel Burns and Zan Monroe of Carolina Telephone use the new system for a planning session.**



# FTCC Goes After Grant On Military Technology

By Suzanne Walker
Staff Writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College is seeking a $1.3 million grant for a program to expand the usefulness of technological discoveries.

The federal program, called the Wide Area Classroom Network for Technological Integration, was developed in order to help businesses adapt to national reductions in military spending.

FTCC is one of 42 state agencies seeking a chunk of the $500 million being offered to agencies throughout the nation. The two-year grants will be handed out in September.

The program involves broadcasting lessons to classrooms throughout the county as they are being taught, allowing more students to participate without gathering in a large lecture hall.

The program is designed to make the ideas behind some military technology accessible and useful to businesses for peaceful applications.

"I call this virtual reality or being there without being there," said Dr. Larry Norris, FTCC's vice president of academic affairs. "It will allow us to better serve those who we are charged to serve."

According to Dr. Norris, about 3,000 state agencies applied for a share of the money through the governor's office, where they were screened. Forty-two applications, including the one submitted by FTCC, have been forwarded to Washington for screening by the Advanced Research Policy Agency.

Dr. Norris said local businesses and agencies will contribute another $1.9 million in services, equipment and volunteers to start the program.

The agencies include the the county schools, the sheriff's department, Fayetteville State University, Fort Bragg, Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, ICI Americas Inc., Northern Telecom, Carolina Telephone and Purolator. Several other businesses have expressed interest in the program.

# Wicker Puts His Stamp On Lieutenant Governor's Office

By Dennis Patterson
The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker says he's carving out a niche for himself, with assignments that carry as much political risk as political rewards.

Mr. Wicker, who took office in January, will head the Small Business Council, chair the State Community College Board and lead a local government council created by Gov. Jim Hunt.

The contacts with businessmen, community college and local government officials can be invaluable to someone who eventually might run for governor. Every lieutenant governor for the last 20 years has made a try for the state's top post.

Mr. Wicker acknowledges that the contacts could be helpful down the road. But the issues also have the potential to create political enemies, he said.

"Those assignments are in substantive areas, but they do have political risk," he said. "I will probably expend political capital rather than collect it in some of those areas.

**Dennis Wicker:** Chairman of community college board

"... I could have sat in the wings for four years, done minimal duty and taken a few softball assignments just trying to get by," he said. "But that's cheating the people out of a position that can make a difference in their lives.

"I just made up my mind that I wasn't going to sit back and try just to protect myself in a job," he said.

Candidates for lieutenant governor can't afford to be too specific about what they plan to do if they win the post because it comes with one of the thinnest job descriptions in state government.

The lieutenant governor's only duty assigned by the constitution is to preside over the state Senate. After that, he's at the mercy of the governor and the majority in the Senate when it comes to his work.

Mr. Wicker said the limited job description can be useful in some ways.

"Whoever the lieutenant governor is can define the role he takes because there really are no limits," he said last week. "You can actually carve out a niche for yourself and make the job what you want it to be."

Mr. Hunt has plugged the small business council as part of his economic development efforts. And making Mr. Wicker the chairman of the community college board was an unusual step — the lieutenant governor traditionally has been an ex officio member of the board.

The local government group will review proposed programs and policies that affect city and county governments and will be an advocate for local government in the legislative budget process.

The community college post is one Mr. Wicker wanted badly. His father, who served in the General Assembly before him, worked to get a community college campus in Lee County.

The younger Mr. Wicker served on that college's board of trustees.

And the college, Mr. Wicker said, helped move Lee County's economy from one based on agriculture to one based on manufacturing, service and high-tech industries.

"I know what a community college can mean to a community," he said. "Working people need a place to go back and upgrade their skills to keep pace with the changes in the workplace."

Mr. Wicker said community colleges need to focus more on producing a "sterling silver" work force, on fighting illiteracy, helping small business and improving their accountability.

"Community colleges need resources ... and the General Assembly will feel more comfortable making those allocations if they know the system is more accountable," he said.

Mr. Wicker drew no new assignments from his Democratic colleagues in the Senate, but they didn't take anything away from him, either.

In 1988, when Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner became the first Republican to hold the job this century, the Senate stripped the office of its traditional power to name committees, assign bills and make some appointments.

Senators argued then that the lieutenant governor, as a member of the executive branch, should not have the power to organize one wing of the legislative branch.

Before this year's session, there were discussions about taking even more power away from the lieutenant governor, even if he was a Democrat. But it didn't happen.

And Mr. Wicker said he ended the session with a good relationship with senators. Even some of those who earlier had discussed watering down the job conceded that Mr. Wicker had won their respect with his even-handed handling of Senate debate.

"What the Senate did was right," Mr. Wicker said. "They ought to be able to organize themselves. It was the right thing to do in the form of government we have."



## Education Notes

Activities coming up in Cumberland County schools:

**Today:** PTA meeting and open house at Edgewood Elementary School, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Today:** "Conversations" focuses on parent involvement and the PTA, cable channel 3, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** "Parents ... Partners in Education" focuses on cooking with your child, cable channel 3, 7 p.m.

**Thursday:** "Conversations" focuses on welcoming children to the new school year, cable channel 3, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday:** Schools closed for Labor Day.

*This schedule is provided by Cumberland County Schools. For more information about the events listed, call the public affairs office at 678-2316.*

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Dr. **Juliette B. Bell**, an associate Professor of biology at Fayetteville State University, has received the Young Investigator Award and a $25,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for research.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College will offer teacher training courses in school discipline, art and effective teaching beginning Sept. 7. For information, call 678-8309.

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**Jennifer Hagin** of Fayetteville was named outstanding trainee in her class out of 228 students at the U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., this summer.

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Central Carolina Community College will hold a tutor training workshop Sept. 21, 23, and 25. For more information, call 1-919-893-9101.

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A meeting of the Cumberland County Retired School Personnel will be held Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at Hudson Bay Restaurant on Ramsey Street. For information, call 488-6056.

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The first state-wide conference on year-round schools will be held Sept. 13 and 14 at the Four Seasons/Joseph Koury Convention Center in Greensboro on Interstate 40. The conference is sponsored by the Year-Round Education Institute of North Carolina. For information, call 1-919-870-1200.

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Harnett County Schools received the Golden Key Award for its efforts in getting parents involved in education and for improving the average SAT scores of high school seniors by 33 points.

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The Campbell University School of Pharmacy will hold its convocation Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Scott Concert Hall.

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The Pembroke State University Board of Governors has approved a new baccalaureate degree program in Criminal Justice.

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Cumberland County Schools has received the "Best Practices" award by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for innovative and successful practices in the National School Lunch Program.

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Education Notes runs each Tuesday in Focus: Family. The deadline for submitting information is noon Thursday.

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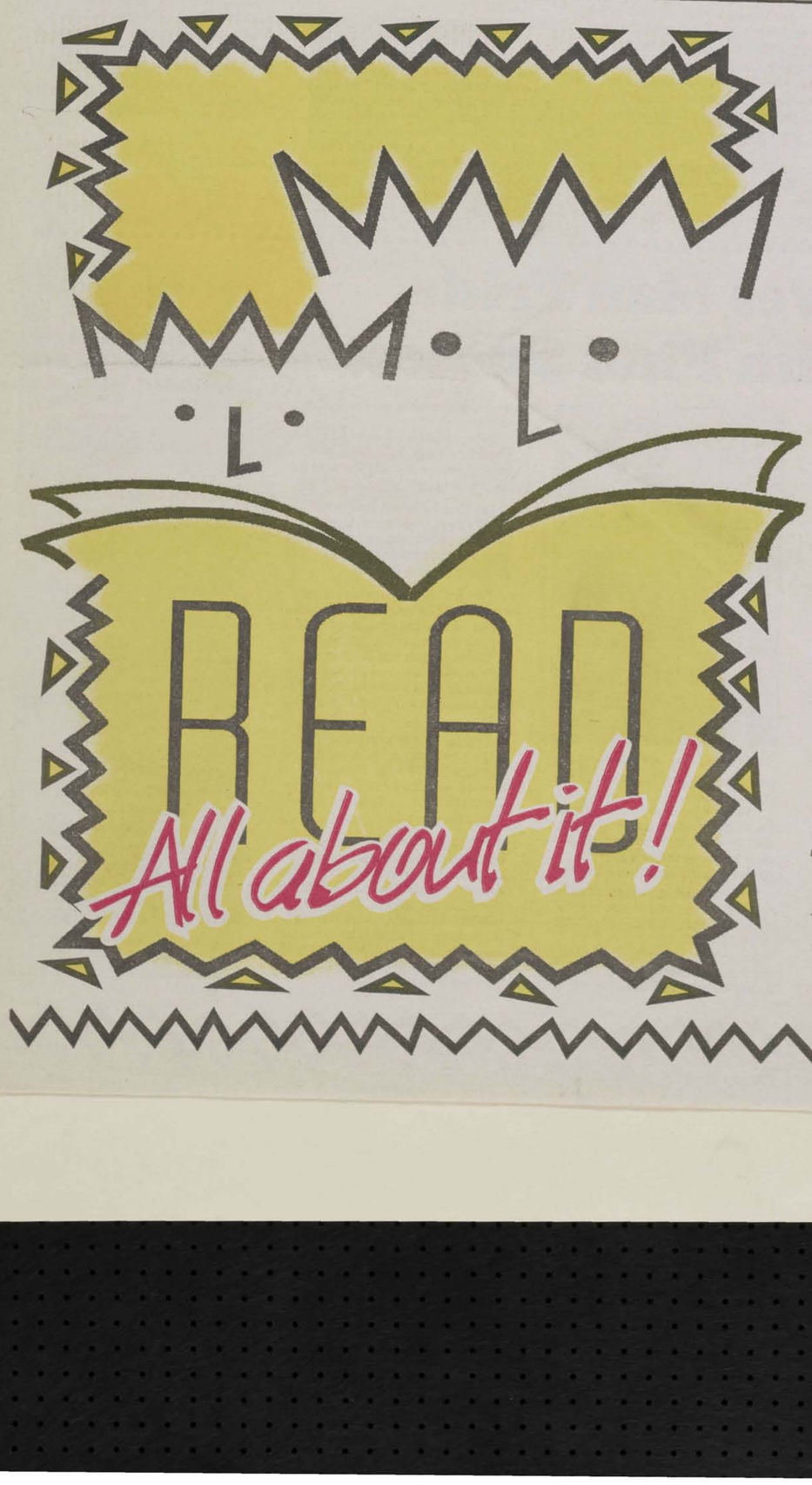


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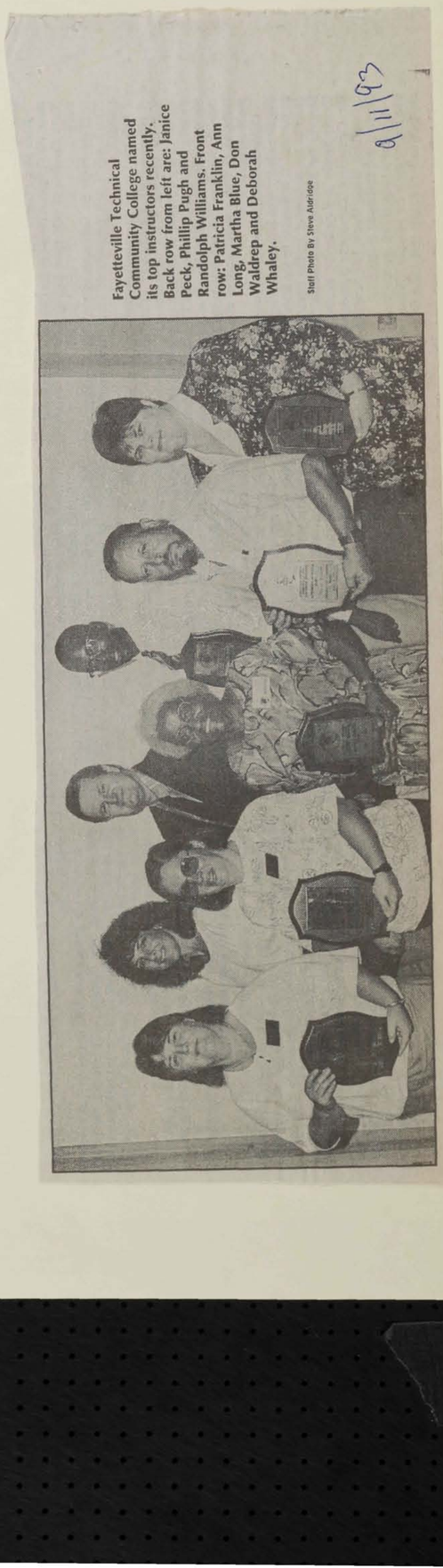

Fayetteville Technical Community College named its top instructors recently. Back row from left are: Janice Peck, Phillip Pugh and Randolph Williams. Front row: Patricia Franklin, Ann Long, Martha Blue, Don Waldrep and Deborah Whaley.

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Fayetteville Publishing Company and Fayetteville Technical Community College present the

# GED Newspaper Preparation Program

**G.E.D. ON TV!**
Every Monday night at 6:00 p.m. starting September 13, WFCT-TV will televise a special program featuring the GED Newspaper Lesson of the week. Don't miss it.
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**GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED)**
The purpose of the GED course is for adults 18 years or older who have not received a high school diploma to prepare themselves for the required five GED tests in reading, math, writing, social studies, and science. The GED Diploma certifies that the graduate has achieved a level of general education development equivalent to that of high school diploma recipients.

**PLEASE NOTE:**
If you are an adult who did not finish high school, here's your chance to work toward your high school equivalency. These newspaper lessons, optional classes, and telephone tutoring offered through November will help prepare you for the official GED test as a community service to you.

# LESSON 1

**MATH: WHOLE NUMBERS**

Throughout this series, you will be presented with the math skills needed for the GED. If you have not used math for a long time, you may have forgotten many important concepts. This series is intended to help you review.

This lesson deals with whole numbers. Whole numbers are numbers that are written in one or more digits from 0 through 9. A digit's value depends on its position in a number. Each position has a place value: units, tens, hundreds, thousands, and so on. Addition problems require you to find the sum or total of two or more numbers. Subtraction problems require you to find the difference between two numbers. Multiplication requires you to find the product of two numbers. Division requires you to find how many times one number will go into another number.

Let's see what you remember.

**SOLVE EACH PROBLEM**

1. 328 + 16 + 1,029
2. 28 + 149 + 1,632
3. 1619 + 8 + 419
4. 16,725 + 309 + 4,692
5. 76 + 830 + 5,901 + 18,263
6. 1,059 - 328
7. 216 - 98
8. Subtract 425 from 1,005
9. 13,328 - 8,379
10. Find the difference between 37 and 219
11. 234 x 12
12. 53 x 4
13. 321 x 44
14. 205 x 37
15. 140 x 2
16. 532 x 108
17. (79)(604)
18. (45)(397)
19. Multiply 3,028 by 16
20. Multiply 163 by 129
21. 1440 divided by 40
22. 1556divided by27
23. 7084divided by34
24. Divide 19,584 by 204
25. Divide 5,096 by 196
26. Add $550, $300, $75 and $35
27. Find the sum of 328,509 and 213,694
28. Find the difference between $40 and $28
29. Subtract 82,478 from 92,984
30. Multiply 16 by 54
31. Find 5,684 divided by 28
32. (3,062)(208)
33. 2,250divided by50
34. $140 - $65
35. 31,356 divided by 603

**READING**

You will need good reading skills when you take the Social Studies, Science, and Interpreting Literature and the Arts tests. You will be asked to read passages and then answer questions based on those passages. The better you understand the passages you read, the better you will perform on the tests. The best way to improve your reading is to read. Read a little more than you usually do; read every day, and read material that is a little harder than is comfortable for you.

**PREVIEWING READING MATERIAL**

When you preview, you quickly look over material you will later read carefully. Previewing helps you make a mental outline of how the writing is organized. This mental outline will make it easier for you to understand what you read later.

**1. PREVIEW** a selection to give you an idea of what to look for. Look at the title and guess what the selection is all about. Read the first paragraph and ask: "What do I know about this already?" Then skim the whole selection:

— read any headings and/or boldface print.
— read the first sentence in each paragraph.
— look at the pictures, charts, or diagrams to make some sense out of them.
— ask yourself questions and write them on paper.

**What should you look for when you preview a test item?**

Now it is time to focus on how to preview the type of test items you will find on the GED.

When you preview a test item or item set (material followed by more than one question), note where the directions are; the general form of the passage; titles, labels, captions, words in italics or dark print; how many items are based on the material; and the general form of the choices.

A sample item set follows. Preview it by following the directions that come after it.

**SAMPLE ITEM SET**

Items 1 and 2 refer to the following passage:

An advertisement for a popular breakfast cereal states:

A. Composed of 100% whole-grain wheat.
B. A flavorful cereal your whole family will enjoy.
C. No sugar added.
D. The cereal you are wise to choose.

1. Which of the above statements is most likely based on fact rather than on opinion?
(1) A only
(2) B only
(3) A and B only
(4) A and C only
(5) B and D only

2. Which of the above statements could not be proven in a chemical analysis of the cereal?
(1) A only
(2) B only
(3) A and B only
(4) A and C only
(5) B and D only

**Directions for Previewing the Sample Item Set**

1. Read the directions: *"Items 1 and 2 refer to the following passage."* That line shows how many items are based on the advertisement.

2. Since the next line stands by itself, take a quick look at it. What is the topic of the passage? In what format is the topic presented? In a paragraph? In a list? In an illustration?

3. Notice there there is a list of four statements, lettered A, B, C, and D.

4. Glance at the two items that follow the advertisement. Notice that each choice refers to one or two statements from the advertisement.

You have finished previewing the item set. When you take the GED, you should always spend a few seconds previewing each test item or item set. That way, you will be prepared to read the passage in the most efficient way.

**WRITING SKILLS: Spelling**

**Basic Spelling Rules**

It often is difficult to figure out the spelling of a word in English by listening to the way it is pronounced. However, some basic spelling rules can be used when changing the form of a word, such as changing a singular noun to a plural noun or a present-tense verb to a past-tense verb.

**NOUN FORMS**

**Rule 1:** In general, plural nouns are formed by adding -s or -es to the singular form. The -es ending is used with nouns that end in -s, -x, -ch, or -sh:

*bench/benches* *box/boxes* *crash/crashes*

**Rule 2:** Singular nouns that end in -y preceded by a consonant form the plural by replacing the -y with -i and adding -es:

*mystery/mysteries* *party/parties*

Note: Nouns that end in -y preceded by a vowel usually form their plurals by the addition of -s:

*key/keys* *pulley/pulleys*

**Rule 3:** Some nouns are the same in the singular and the plural form:

*sheep/sheep* *deer/deer*

**Rule 4:** Many singular nouns that end in -f are made plural by changing the -f to -v and adding -es:

*shelf/shelves* *leaf/leaves*

The plurals of many nouns ending in -fe are formed by changing the -f to -v and adding -s:

*knife/knives* *life/lives*

**VERB FORMS**

**Rule 5:** To form the -ing form of a verb that ends in -e, drop the final -e, and add -ing:

*wave/waving* *decide/deciding* *precede/preceding*

**Rule 6:** Many one-syllable verbs that end in a single consonant require a doubling of the consonant in the past tense and in the -ing form.

*wrap/wrapped/wrapping* *plot/plotted/plotting*
*pet/petted/petting* *fit/fitted/fitting*
*strum/strummed/strumming*

Note that this rule applies to the words that contain short vowel sounds, as illustrated in the above examples.

**Directions:** Edit the following sentences to correct all errors in spelling. Not all of the sentences have errors.

1. Recent discovereys in medicine have changed the way people live.

2. In many citys, trolleys used to run along main streets.

3. The train was delayed for several hours before arriving at the station.

4. The candidates runing for office appeared to have similar views.

5. Many families are preparing their children for school by helping them learn to read.

**DIRECTIONS:** In each group of words, one or more words are misspelled. Circle the misspelled words and write the correct spelling of each word in the exercise.

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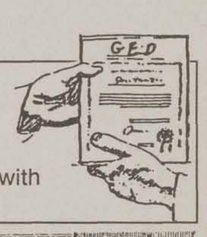


Can you answer half of these questions correctly? If so, you could have passed your G.E.D.! Good luck with the next lesson.

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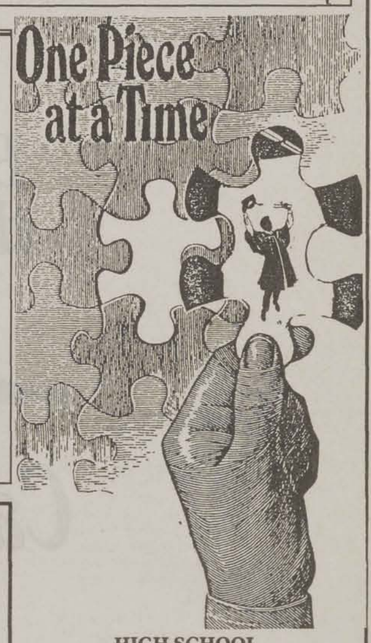


**HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY REVIEW**

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# Workshop Teaches Hospitality

## Program Prepares For Convention

By Jay Woodard
Staff Writer

One of the best ways to help a business is to court the customer.

This simple lesson is at the heart of a series of hospitality workshops being held through Sept. 30 as Fayetteville gets ready for a major convention in October.

For the first time, the N.C. League of Municipalities will hold its annual convention in Fayetteville.

"That's mayors, city council people and department heads from 500 cities in North Carolina," said Paul L. Comer Jr., president of the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"This is an opportunity to showcase the city," he said. The hospitality training workshops started Monday.

From Oct. 17 to 19, everyone in Fayetteville connected with hotels, restaurants, convention sites and retail stores will be among those "running the business" during the league's convention. Those attending the convention will be the customers.

"Always remember, customers are our business partners," said Janice Peck, director of the workshops.

Peck, an industrial and human relations instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College, showed a film prepared at the college that illustrates how — and how not to — treat customers.

"It's just awareness," Peck told students at the first workshop, "awareness that the customer is the most important thing. Sometimes it's as simple a

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Staff Photo By Johnny Horne

Janice Peck Of FTCC Lectures During A Hospitality Workshop Monday

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thing as smiling and being pleasant. That can turn someone's day around."

The video gave several examples of people getting crude treatment, among them a waitress chewing gum and scratching herself, and a hotel desk clerk on a personal call while a guest waits to register.

In another instance, a guest comes to the front desk to report an unmade bed and no towels in the room. The clerk shows him the log noting that the room had been cleaned earlier that day.

"Don't argue with the customer," Peck said. "They don't care what the records show. All they know is that they've been on the road all day, they're paying for a room and that room isn't cleaned."

The proper course of action is to get housekeeping to the room immediately, if another room can't be found, and offer the guest a free drink in the bar while he waits, the video said.

In the workshops, the video presentation is periodically interrupted for comments from the class.

"It really takes less effort to treat the customers well to begin with," said Camilla Antoniel, general manager of American Airlines and treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce..

"You don't have to live with the complaints," is a good reason not to get customers riled up, said Tom Ray, manager of Fayetteville Regional Airport.

Shirley Harvison, a waitress at Johnathon's, got down to brass tacks in her comments on the situation.

"Service to the customer is the No. 1 priority," she said. "That's where your money is. You run the customers off and you have no business and no job."

Even when things go wrong, the situation can be salvaged, according to Jeanne Vice, sales manager at the Holiday Inn at Interstate 95.

"One person in the hotel can make all the difference in the customer's visit, " she said.

"The customer may be upset because the bed wasn't made correctly or the pool was closed and they weren't told. If someone on the staff listens to the problem, goes the extra mile to gets things straightened out, then their whole outlook can change.

"It can turn the situation around, they'll go away happy and will recommend the place to their friends even though it may not have been a perfect situation."

Going that extra mile is frequently what Gary Lobdell is called on to do.

The chief engineer at the Holiday Inn I-95 said, "when a complaint comes in, we immediately respond ... to take care of the problem ... and right the wrong. The guests always come first."

## Hotline To Help Fayetteville Clean Up For Convention

Ever get the feeling that no one listens to what you have to say?

There's one number to call to get lots of attention: 306-7606.

It's the hotline set up by the committee getting Fayetteville ready for the annual convention of the N.C. League of Municipalities.

The Oct. 17-19 convention will give Fayetteville a chance to puts its attractions on display. It will be the first time the convention has been held in the city.

"The hotline is a citizen participation tool designed to get the public involved in making sure Fayetteville looks its best," said Roger Stancil, co-chairman of the "Company's Coming, Gotta Get Ready" campaign.

The committee wants residents to call about potholes, weed-choked lots, trash on the streets and anything else that ought to be fixed before the convention starts.

## Education Notes

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tary Family Skate Night at Eutaw, 5 to 6 p.m.

**Thursday:** PTA and open house, Glendale Acres Elementary, 7 to 9 p.m.

**Thursday:** Board of Education communication committee meeting, board room, 7 p.m.

**Thursday:** "Parents ... Partners in Education" focuses on using the newspaper as an educational tool, cable channel 3, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday:** Parents invited to breakfast with students, Seventy-First Elementary, 7:30 a.m.

**Friday:** Partnership Week activities, Cape Fear High School, 11:30 a.m.

**Friday:** Homecoming, Westover Senior High School, 7 p.m.

**Sunday:** National School Bus Safety Week through Oct. 22.

**Monday:** Picture Day, Cliffdale Elementary, 8 a.m.

**Monday:** "Education Showcase" previews upcoming educational television shows, cable channel 3, 7:30 p.m.

*This schedule is provided by Cumberland County Schools. For more information about the events listed, call the public affairs office at 678-2316.*

Cumberland Mills Elementary will hold a brief PTA meeting and International Night Monday at 7 p.m. For more information, call 424-4536.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College's Board of Trustees will meet Monday at 12:45 p.m. in the board room of the Student Center.

Glendale Acres Elementary School will hold a PTA meeting and open house Thursday at 7 p.m.

## Technology Fair Scheduled Monday

The North Carolina Assistive Technology Project will hold a technology fair for people with disabilities from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday in the student activities center at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The fair is free and open to the public and will include exhibits by companies and agencies working on technology for handicapped people and free workshops on the latest technological advances.

The fair is sponsored by the Cumberland County School System, Vocational Rehab/Independent Living and Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

For information, call 486-1717.

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## Lura Tally Center To Be Dedicated

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The Lura S. Tally Center for Independent Living will be dedicated at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The apartment complex for mentally ill people is being named for the state senator in honor of her efforts to help the mentally ill.

The complex, on Miracle Land off Tokay Drive, was built by the Mental Health Association of Cumberland County with a $590,100 grant that Tally helped secure. It is the first complex in the county to offer single-resident apartments for mentally ill people who have progressed enough in their treatment to live alone. The building will house 10 residents and a manager.

Guest speakers for the dedication ceremony include Dr. Will Edgerton from the Mental Health Association of North Carolina and state Rep. Billy Richardson of Cumberland County.

"Sen. Tally has consistently listened to and supported the priority needs of her community," said Nancy Capps, executive director of the Mental Health Association in Cumberland County.

# Leaders Of Region Colleges, Universities Promote Bonds

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By Suzanne Walker
Staff Writer

Leaders from six of the Cape Fear region's colleges and universities joined forces on Thursday to promote $740 million in bonds designed to improve campuses, state parks and water and sewer services.

Dr. Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, chancellor of Fayetteville State University, said the colleges want to show voters the role the campuses play in the region.

In 1992, he said, 27,289 students from the region enrolled in area community colleges and universities. Sixty-three percent of the FSU students were from Cumberland County.

"Truly, these universities are serving this region first," Hackley said.

'Truly, these universities are serving this region first'
— Loyd 'Vic' Hackley, FSU chancellor

Other colleges and universities represented were Pembroke State University, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Robeson Community College, Bladen Community College and Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The bond proposal includes $310 million for state universities, $250 million for community colleges, $145 million for water and sewer projects and $35 million for state parks.

The proposal will be on the Nov. 2 ballot.

The six universities and community colleges in the region would gain about $43.5 million for the following construction projects:

- $1.4 million for an emergency services training center and science labs at Robeson Community College.
- $9.5 million to renovate and build FSU dormitories.
- $6 million for a health services building at Fayetteville Tech.
- $6.1 million for a new administrative building and renovations at PSU.
- $1 million for a health building at Bladen Community College.
- $19.5 million for a physical science building, classrooms and renovations at UNC-Wilmington.

PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine and UNC-Wilmington Chancellor James Leutze said the UNC system needs the construction projects to handle more students.



# Building For Mentally Ill Bears Tally's Name

Lura Tally: 'It has come a long way'

By Bonnie Wilson
Staff Writer

A small apartment complex for mentally ill people scheduled to open at the end of this month will be named for the state senator who officials say was largely responsible for its construction.

The Lura S. Tally Center for Independent Living on Miracle Drive off Tokay Drive will be dedicated Oct. 31.

"I just couldn't think of anyone more appropriate to name this facility for," said Nancy Capps, director of the Mental Health Association in Cumberland County, which oversaw development of the apartment building.

"She has really championed mental health. She's one of the major factors in even having a mental health center here in the beginning."

The apartment building includes 11 single-bedroom apartments, one of which will be occupied by a residential manager who will be on 24-hour call to help residents with problems. A rehabilitation therapist and an occupational therapist will work with the residents, helping them adjust to their return into "normal society," Capps said.

Residents will be evaluated every 30 days to determine whether they are ready to leave the apartment complex and return to their own homes, jobs and other activities.

"It's not a permanent situation," Capps said. "They're given goals. This is a program of progression. It's not something for someone to go in there and feel like they'll be taken care of the rest of their life.

"These are not people with severe disorders, but they do have persistent disorders" such as manic depression, Capps said. "These types of people, if you were sitting in a crowd in a room, generally you wouldn't be able to pick out the one with the mental illness."

The apartment building is the first of its kind in Cumberland County and will be run by the county Mental Health Center.

The Mental Health Association recently received a $657,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to build a second independent living complex.

Tally, who is serving her 22nd year in the General Assembly, was instrumental in securing that grant as well as the $590,100 grant use to build the complex that will bear her name, Capps said.

Tally said she is flattered by the Mental Health Association's decision to name the new building after her.

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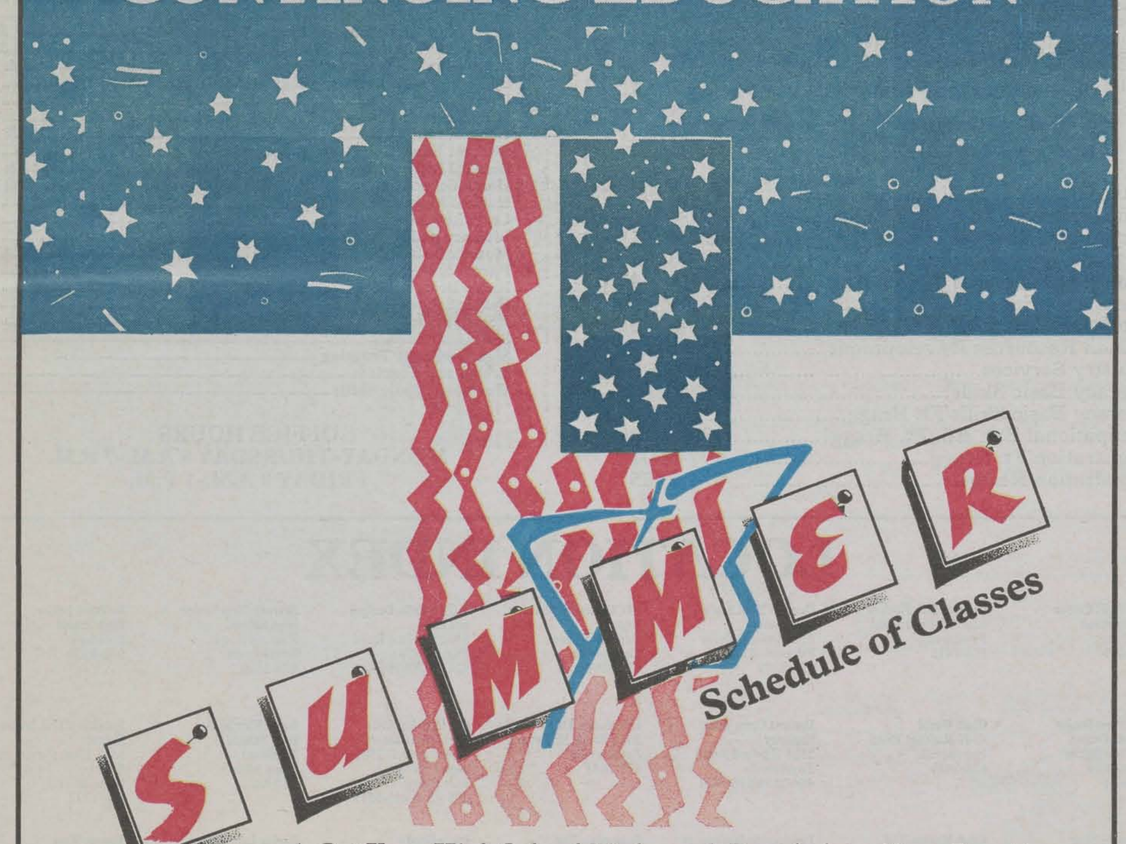


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★ Learn American Sign Language (A.S.L.) ★ Paper Your Walls
★ Learn English As A Second Language (E.S.L.) ★ Prepare For The G.R.E.
★ ★ Learn To Use Your Computer ★ Learn A Foreign Language ★ Learn CPR

# Fayetteville Technical Community College

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AP Photo

**Traci Bush, Wife Of Fort Bragg Staff Sgt. Dan Busch, Who Died In Somalia, Receives The Flag That Draped Her Husband's Coffin; Story, Page 4A**

# Somalia Cease-Fire Holds; U.S. Jets Buzz Mogadishu

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — U.N. forces welcomed a cease-fire by Mohamed Farrah Aidid, and contacts were under way Monday to find a long-term solution to Somalia's agony.

The United Nations staged a show of force that shook Mogadishu overnight, and an Aidid spokesman branded it a provocation.

After a third night in Mogadishu without attacks on fortified U.N. positions, Jonathan Howe, the U.N. special envoy to Somalia, said: "We welcome all overtures of peace and stability in Mogadishu, as we have seen them in the rest of the country."

It is unclear whether the cease-fire reflects an effort by Aidid to help the negotiations, or simply a decision to lay low for the time being. The United States has decided to withdraw almost all its forces, the backbone of the U.N. presence, by March 31.

Fighting between U.N. peacekeepers and Aidid's militiamen has been largely confined to the part of Mogadishu controlled by Aidid. Leaders of the other 14 main factions generally are cooperating with U.N. forces elsewhere in rebuilding the nation after a devastating civil war and famine.

Aidid reportedly announced the suspension of attacks in a radio broadcast Saturday.

The move was timed for the Sunday arrival of President Clinton's envoy, Robert Oakley, who is exploring a negotiated settlement. 10/12/93

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# Services Held For Bragg Soldiers Killed In Somalia

Staff And Wire Report

Fort Bragg soldiers who were killed in fighting in Somalia last week were remembered in services Monday.

At a ceremony in Baraboo, Wis., Special Forces Sgt. Daniel Busch, 25, was honored as a "Christian soldier" who was ready to die for his country.

Busch died Oct. 3 when a helicopter he was in was shot down during a battle that killed at least 17 American soldiers and wounded more than 70.

Services were also held Monday for Master Sgt. Timothy L. Martin, 38, an Indiana native, at John F. Kennedy Memorial Chapel at Fort Bragg. Martin died in the same battle.

Col. John A. Flaska Jr. officiated at Martin's service, according to Lt. Col. Ken McGraw, a spokesman for Fort Bragg's U.S. Army Special Operations Command. The ceremony was closed to the news media at the family's request, the spokesman said.

McGraw said Col. Steven A. Epkins, deputy chief of staff for intelligence for U.S. Army Special Operations Command, represented the command at Busch's service in Wisconsin.

That service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, where Busch was confirmed and where he was married three years ago.

The Rev. John Parlow said Busch was a devout Christian who some fellow soldiers affectionately called "the preacher" because he read the Bible regularly and would answer questions about Christianity.

"He stayed very prepared as a Christian soldier," Parlow said. "He knew that at the moment of his death he would be in heaven."

The service ended with the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers."

A private graveside service was held Sunday for Sgt. 1st Class Earl R. Fillmore, a 28-year-old Pennsylvania native who was killed in the same battle. That service was held at Fort Bragg's Main Post Cemetery.

A service will be held today for Sgt. 1st Class Matthew L. Rierson at 10 a.m. at John F. Kennedy Memorial Chapel. The chaplain officiating at the service will be Maj. Daniel K. Nagle.

Rierson, 33, an Iowa native, will be buried with military honors at Fort Bragg Main Post Cemetery.

No information was available on funeral arrangements for a fifth Fort Bragg special operations soldier who was killed in Somalia last week. Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon, a 33-year-old Maine native, was the most recently identified victim.

As two Fort Bragg soldiers were being buried Monday, seven who were wounded in fighting in Somalia returned to the post.

The soldiers are assigned to Fort Bragg's U.S. Army Special Operations Command, McGraw said. He did not describe their injuries or identify their units.

He said he is unsure if more wounded soldiers will be returning to Fort Bragg from Somalia.

No departure dates have been set for about 100 Fort Bragg soldiers who will deploy to Somalia as a result of President Clinton's order last week to double the number of U.S. forces stationed there, said Col. Ronald Grubb, a spokesman.

The soldiers are from 1st Corps Support Command's 546th Transportation Company, 32nd Medical Logistics Company, 528th Medical Detachment and 18th Airborne Corps' 573rd Personnel Services Company and 129th Adjutant General Company (Postal).

About 600 Fort Bragg soldiers are in Somalia, mostly doing engineering and logistical work in support of the United Nations forces.

# Guaranteed

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## Sandhills Community College Moves To Back Student Training

By David Sinclair
Correspondent

SOUTHERN PINES — Sandhills Community College is the only community college in North Carolina — and one of a few in the nation — guaranteeing that its students are properly trained for their jobs.

The guarantee says if an employer finds that the skills of a graduate are deficient within the first 90 days of employment, the college will retrain the employee for free.

"I tend to be impressed with a business that guarantees a product unconditionally," said college President John Dempsey. "If we're as good as we say we are, we ought to prove it."

Since making the offer to businesses in July 1992, Dempsey said, two or three employers have taken the college up on it.

Monday, college officials outlined a first-of-its-kind program that they hope will go a long way in helping the college avoid other employers using the guarantee.

The Work World Readiness program is designed to give students more than just the technical skills to do their jobs, said Joyce Rhodes, director of business and industry education. She said it will give them the skills to be successful in their careers and to become leaders.

"This will help make sure the students meet the guarantee we're putting on our product," Rhodes said. "We feel confident this will be a successful program."

A hundred first-year business majors are in the program, which started this fall, according to Rhodes. It has two required courses — Work Readiness I and II — and one elective, Work Readiness Skills.

Rhodes said the entry-level component deals with goal-setting, conducting personality profiles on students to determine their career interests, determining what skills and training are needed for their career goals and educating students about what the college has to offer to help them meet their goals.

"It will help diagnose their interests and help them decide how to get there," Rhodes said. "There may be several routes to take once you know where you are going."

Work Readiness II will be incorporated into a second year, advanced-level course, which has not been determined, Rhodes said. Last

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# College

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year, it was offered to a group of students on a trial basis as a two-day leadership conference.

The advanced-level component provides students with information on developing leadership skills, time management, money management, how to succeed in the business world, employer expectations, work ethics and dealing with career changes, layoffs and terminations.

Both components will allow students to hear directly from business owners and employers about the "real world," Rhodes said.

The elective course, Work Readiness Skills, will help students develop personal and interpersonal skills needed to succeed on the job, Rhodes said. It will cover such things as how to communicate with an employer, other employees, the public and how to deal with a difficult person.

"We simply can't allow students to go into the work force without these skills," she said.

A final, voluntary, component of the program is a mentor forum. Rhodes said once a week, students hear first-hand from a business person.

"They share real work experiences with the students," Rhodes said. "It gives them a perspective about what the real world is like and what they will need to know. They have to see the relationship."

The program, which was developed by Rhodes and other faculty members, is being used as a pilot in the business administration program this year. Rhodes said it could be expanded to other programs as more money and personnel become available.



# Community college guarantees its training

**A Southern Pines school will take graduates back and train them for free if an employer isn't satisfied with their work.**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SOUTHERN PINES** — Either your employer is satisfied with the training you got at Sandhills Community College or the school will take you back and train you for free.

It's not one of those after-midnight commercials, either. The community college is putting its reputation on the line to make sure it sends better workers into the job force. Sandhills is the only community college in the state, and one of a few in the nation, to make such a claim.

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The second-year, advanced-level component provides students with information on developing leadership skills, time management, money management, how to succeed in the business world, employer expectations, work ethics and dealing with career changes, layoffs and terminations.

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# Bond timing is ideal

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Legislative leaders have attempted to answer directly the tax fears related to a proposed $740 million bond issue going before voters on Nov. 2.

And the answer is: There's nothing to worry about.

North Carolina's revenues are growing at $500 million a year. The debt service on the bonds would be just under $60 million a year for 10 years. And the state's current indebtedness amounts to $85 per resident. The national average is $400.

These figures, and the fact that interest rates are at historic lows, make the timing for this bond proposal ideal. And it's smart for many reasons.

First the bonds would finance construction projects for the University of North Carolina system and the community college system, along with money for water and sewer projects and state parks. If the state took on these projects as part of the regular budgeting process, most of them would have to be put on hold for years.

In the meantime, the needs would grow, and the universities and community colleges would have to dramatically cut back the services they provide. This would be a sad retreat by a higher education system that long has been a source of tremendous pride and prestige for this state. That same system has also been a lure for new industry.

The water and sewer projects and the slated improvement to parks also are good investments — and bonds are the best financing approach.

No one has come forward with sound opposition to those needs here. North Carolinians have traditionally supported their higher educational systems, recognizing that the achievements of those institutions come at a price that must be paid. Bonds, in times like these, help pay it at a bargain.

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# THE TALLY CENTER

## Lawmaker Continues To Help Ease Psychic Pain

State Sen. Lura Tally's modesty notwithstanding, the naming of a new apartment complex for the mentally ill after her wasn't flattery. It was a well-deserved tribute to someone who has contributed much to the mental health of her region and her state.

When the Lura S. Tally Center for Independent Living is dedicated Oct. 31, it will be a proud moment, but no isolated occurrence.

Tally, who helped get the grant that made the center possible, isn't the county's only champion for the mentally ill. Among those notable for their efforts are former Sen. Joe Raynor and, more recently, Rep. Billy Richardson. Because of his extraordinary efforts in behalf of children and those concerned with children's problems, the late Rep. Luther "Nick" Jeralds belongs in that company, as well. And there are others.

No one, however, has worked more tirelessly or more effectively to provide the full range of mental health services, and the funds to go with them, than Sen. Tally. A string of honors and appointments testifies to that, but the truth, as has been noted more than once, is that her legislative record speaks for itself. As the head of the county Mental Health Association noted, Tally is "one of the major factors in even having a mental health center here," to say nothing of its various satellite services and programs.

The Tally Center will bring another new service to our area: temporary lodging, therapy and evaluation for people who can, with help, learn to cope with chronic disorders and go on to live productive, rewarding lives.

Mental health isn't one of those "sexy" issues that wins elections. But Sen. Tally's quiet efforts continue to bring hope to many, and you can be certain that they won't forget it.

# FTCC Construction Bids Are Expected Around January

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By Scott Mooneyham
Staff Writer

A planned literacy center and continuing education building at Fayetteville Technical Community College will likely be put out for construction bids in early January, according to school officials.

The building will be constructed with money from a $5.7 million bond referendum approved by Cumberland County voters in November. The building is expected to cost $5 million.

The remainder of the money is being used to repair buildings on the campus.

Architect Dan McMillian told the college's board of trustees Monday that architectural drawings were ready to be sent to Raleigh for approval by the state Board of Community Colleges.

McMillian said he believed the plans would not receive approval until early January.

"It probably will not be ready to go out to bid until December. Actually, that's good. It will help us with the bid process and be cheaper since things are usually slow for contractors then," McMillian said.

The literacy center will house classes for adult education programs. The classes will include literacy training, General Education Diploma preparation, fire and police training and community classes such as arts and crafts.

The center will have 71,500 square feet of space.

Prior to last November's bond referendum, college administrators had been attempting to secure money for the project since 1990.

In other business, Neal Hardison, associate vice president for curriculum programs, told board members that not enough students are taking advantage of the Tech Prep course of study at high schools.

The Tech Prep program allows students to take courses that will help them move more easily into degree programs at technical colleges. Courses are designed to help students understand how concepts, science and mathematical systems are applied to the everyday world.

Hardison said 38 percent of public school students in Cumberland County are continuing to go through high school without taking either college preparatory or Tech Prep courses.

"We've got to get the message through that college is college. They need to be prepared whether they come to a four-year or two-year college," he said.

Tech Prep is in its second year in Cumberland County.

Students entering Tech Prep can choose from four areas of study — engineering, industrial and commercial technologies, health services, public and human services and business and management.

Hardison said educators estimate that 400 Cumberland County high school students were designated as being in the Prep Tech program in the 1992-93 school year. Only 20 of those students attended FTCC.

Hardison said 1,510 high school seniors are in the program this year.



# FTCC Changes Admission Policy For Health Studies

By Suzanne Walker
Staff Writer

It takes one year to complete the requirements of the surgical technology program at Fayetteville Technical Community College, but students wait up to four years for an opening to take the courses.

The college's board of trustees on Monday moved to change that. The board approved an admissions policy that will cut the waiting lists and make earning a place in one of the 11 health programs more competitive.

Dr. Jack Fernald, associate vice president for student development, said students will be admitted based on grades, high school standings, previous college credits and scores on college entry exams.

The goal, he said, is to get more students to complete the programs successfully and to encourage the most serious health students to apply.

"Some people are discouraged by the fact that we have extensive waiting lists in these areas," Fernald said.

"Seats in class are so valuable that we need to be able to graduate everyone we admit and put them to work in the industry," he said.

Fernald said the plans allow students on the waiting list to enroll in the programs before the new criteria is adopted. Some lists, he said, will take longer to exhaust than others.

Forty-one students are on the waiting list for the school's surgical technology program. That's enough to fill classes through the fall of 1997. Only 15 to 16 students can enroll in the program each year, Fernald said.

Some of the 80 students waiting to become physical therapy assistants can expect to be on the list until the fall of 1995, while the list for getting an associate degree in nursing runs through the fall of 1994.

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IN STEP With Fort Bragg And Pope Air Force Base

## EVENTS

### Tops In Blue

Tops In Blue, the Air Force touring group, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Cumberland County Civic Center.

The show, which includes singers, dancers and musicians, is free and open to the public.

For information call Sandra Boswell at 394-2143 or 394-2144.

## CLOSINGS

### 'Space-A' Travel

No space-available travel on military flights will be offered at Pope Air Force Base from Friday through Nov. 23 due to the closing of the runway for repairs.

The closest bases with this travel available are Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, (919) 736-6729, and Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., (803) 566-3082.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Family Program Seminars

The Fort Bragg Family Advocacy Program will hold "brown bag" seminars every Friday this month as part of Domestic Violence Prevention Month.

Topics include Blended Families, From a Survivors Perspective, and Fair Fighting.

Workshops will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Family Advocacy Training Room in the Community Center at Knox and Randolph streets.

For information call 396-5521 or 396-4175.

### FSU Registration

The Fort Bragg-Pope Air Force Base Center of Fayetteville State University is registering for Term II classes through Friday.

The center also is accepting applications for part-time instructors in areas from English to business administration.

For information call 497-9111.

### Child Center Open House

Fort Bragg's Child Development Services will have an open house at all locations, including Family Child Care Homes, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Anyone interested in visiting the facilities and talking to staff and providers is welcome.

### Riding Stables

Fort Bragg Riding Stables will hold horse trials, sanctioned by the U.S. Combined Training Association, at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Events will include dressage, stadium jumping, and cross-country trials.

The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

For information, call 396-4510.

### FTCC Registration

Fayetteville Technical Community College is holding registration for classes at Fort Bragg through Wednesday. Classes begin on Monday for eight-week classes. FTCC at Fort Bragg is also accepting applications for part-time instructors.

For information call 497-1112 or 497-8893.

### Red Cross Dental Course

An American Red Cross dental assistant's course starts Nov. 1 in the dental clinic at Pope Air Force Base. The course is open to all military family members. The program requires a commitment of eight hours a day, five days a week for six months.

Applications can be obtained from the Pope Dental Clinic in building 260. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, and

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# College choices with a click

BY ARDEN MOORE
FORT LAUDERDALE NEWS-SENTINEL

College-bound high school seniors can now take a walking tour of Tulane University in New Orleans without leaving their towns.

With a few clicks of a computer mouse, students can pinpoint the colleges in the country that best meet their needs within minutes.

In some instances, they can bypass the mailbox and deliver student profiles and applications via a computer modem. They can listen to students and professors talk about specific degree programs or social activities from the computer screen.

Tapping into a computer-literate generation, college admission directors say the personal computer is the latest recruiting tool being used to snare the nation's top students.

About 50 universities have produced interactive software programs to promote their schools to college-bound students, national education experts say.

"The competition for the best students in this country is absolutely fierce," said Richard Whiteside, director of enrollment management at Tulane University. "This is just one more attractive way to bring an institution to students."

Whether this gives computer-savvy schools an edge over their peers it is too early to tell, but the innovation has admission directors paying close attention.

"In the next five years, we will all be doing something like this or be perceived as being very backward," said Linda Glover, director of admissions at Stetson University in Deland, Fla. "People like me are paid to try to figure out what students pay attention to. They pay attention to computers."

In addition, a national off-line computer network called College-View will soon deliver basic information about the nation's 2,800 colleges and universities to high school students at 1,500 schools.

Universities willing to pay $25,000 can have campus maps, video tours of academic departments and student housing, interviews with faculty and students and campus life scenes included in the computer program.

"The cost for 20,000 copies of a full-colored brochure runs around $15,000 to $16,000," said Glover. "So, this is in the ballpark. For us, it is a question of knowing where to put the money. But certainly, this is something we want to look at."

For high schools, the annual subscription cost is $695. There is no charge to students.

Interactive computer software programs can make glossy brochures and campus videotapes appear routine or outdated, admission directors say.

Tulane officials, for instance, mailed 3,600 campus computer disks to top students this year. The disks offer an aerial view of the campus, and with a click, viewers can get a close-up look at the library or other buildings.

"This is great for students who enjoy working on computers because they do not have to go into 60 or 70 pages of narrative to find out about a school," Whiteside said. "These disks do catch a student's attention."

A prospective student can get information more quickly from a computer disk than wading through a 100-page campus book or 60-minute videotape, said Fred Zuker, vice chancellor for enrollment management at the University of California-Riverside. His university is developing a computer program for its college of engineering to be ready by this spring.

"With a computer program, the student can jump all over the place to get information," said Zuker, who is also the author of Peterson's Guide to College Admissions. "They can click on to a particular faculty member and listen to them talk. This allows them to explore in a self-directed manner."

But even interactive computer programs are no match for face-to-face interviews or campus visits, Hunt said.

"This helps parents and students narrow their choices, but there is nothing like a campus visit," she said. "People don't buy a house without making several visits; investing $125,000 in a college without seeing it doesn't make sense."

# Mavretic Tells Elderly To Vote Against Bonds

RALEIGH (AP) — The three-day conference was about aging and health care, but state Rep. Joe Mavretic used the closing session Friday to urge senior citizens to vote against a $740 million bond package next Tuesday.

"If you believe for the next 20 years buildings and grounds should take precedence over the good ideas you have presented this morning, consider voting no," Mavretic told several hundred senior citizens and advocates for aging programs. "... Do not preempt your good ideas by cutting off your funding source."

He told the group that bond payments, under the Constitution, come first in the budget process, even ahead of paying for existing state programs. And expanded programs in health care for the elderly and other areas come after the existing programs are budgeted.

The four bond issues include $310 million for university improvements, $250 million for community colleges, $145 million for clean water projects and $35 million for state parks.

Mavretic, an Edgecombe Democrat, was chairman of a House committee that developed a health reform bill this year. He also urged the group to push for "health reform, not its subset, health care reform."

Health reform, he said later, applies to raising the general health of the entire population, while health care reform applies only to a portion of the population that is being treated for illness.

"Special interests, with billions at stake, are setting their agenda for health care reform, not health reform," he said. "Health care is dominated by the private sector, while health reform is left to the public sector.

"If we are ever to deal with the health care of our senior citizens, we must first deal with the health of every person in the country."

Phil Kirk of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry, who backs the bond issue, followed Mavretic.

"I'm not sure whether to give my pro-progress, pro-education, pro-bonds speech or the one I have written," Kirk said.

# Bond issue supported; amendment rejected

*The amendment would have allowed local governments to sell economic development bonds without voter approval.*

**RALEIGH** (AP) — Voters soundly rejected a constitutional amendment Tuesday, but approved all four bond issues in a record $740 million bond package.

With 96 percent of precincts reporting, voters rejected the constitutional amendment 78 percent to 22 percent in unofficial returns.

University bonds drew the support of 53 percent of voters, while community college bonds got 57 percent. Clean water bonds drew 59 percent approval and park bonds were favored by 56 percent of the voters.

Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, chancellor of Fayetteville State University, was pleased with the results of the vote for all the bonds.

"Naturally, I'm delighted," he said. "It shows that the people of North Carolina have decided they want to invest in the future of their state."

FSU is set to receive $9.47 million from the university bonds to pay for residence hall renovations.

The constitutional amendment would have allowed local governments to sell economic development bonds to help new or expanding industries without voter

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approval. The bonds would be repaid from increased property taxes paid by the industry and any surrounding property included in a special tax district.

"This is truly a victory for the average citizen over the corporate and elected elite," said Andy Wells of the Alliance for Constitutional Rights, a grassroots group opposing the amendment. "Our opposition spent over a million dollars trying to muddy this issue, trying to blend it in with the bonds and they seem to have been immensely unsuccessful. The people saw through it."

Paul Lawler of the Economic Developers' Association said counties will have to look elsewhere for money to attract industries.

"We thought this was something that would help economic development in North Carolina, but it's clear from this that the voters aren't going to support anything that they think takes their control away," he said.

"It's a very complex issue," David Reynolds, executive director of the League of Municipalities, said of the amendment. "To me, it's not an issue of lack of trust in government officials as much as it is a lack of understanding. That's not the voters' fault, it's the complexity of the issue and the lack of funds to get that explanation out."

The bond package was the largest ever put before voters.

### HOW WOULD CAPE FEAR REGION BENEFIT?

**■ University Improvement Bonds ($310 million)**

Fayetteville State University – $9.47 million for residence hall renovations

Pembroke State University – $5.72 million for administrative office building and $422,700 for renovating business administration building

**■ Community College Bonds ($250 million)**

Fayetteville Technical Community College – $6 million for health and science building

Sandhills Community College, Hoke County Campus– $4.8 million for continuing education center and classrooms, and $300,00 to renovate classrooms

Sampson Community College – $2.5 million for multipurpose building

Robeson Community College - $1.43 million for teaching theaters and allied health classroom

Bladen Community College - $1 million for Allied Health Care Center

Central Carolina Community College, Harnett County Campus - $1 million for classroom building.

**■ State Park Bonds ($35 million)**

Lumber River State Park in Robeson, Columbus, Hoke and Scotland counties – $1 million to develop picnicking, boating and canoe access facilities; $1.09 million to buy land for access areas and river corridor protection

Lake Waccamaw State Park in Columbus County – $1.36 million for visitor center

Raven Rock State Park in Harnett County – $440,000 to buy land for a family campground, $399,600 for a maintenance complex and $169,800 for composting toilets and utility repair

Jones Lake State Park in Bladen County – $146,500 for water, electric and sewer repair

Weymouth Woods State Nature Reserve – $90,735 for visitor center exhibit renovation

**■ Clean Water Bonds ($145 million)**

Projects not yet selected.

# Elections Board votes to hire Barbour successor

**By Pat Reese**
Staff writer

The Cumberland County Board of Elections voted along party lines Tuesday to hire Claude "Bob" Campbell as a $15,000-a-year clerk for two months before he succeeds Ann Barbour as elections supervisor in late December.

Democrats Joe B. Raynor Jr. and Julia Kelly voted for Campbell's employment. Geoffrey Smith, the board's lone Republican, voted against him.

Smith, the board's former chairman, nominated Pearlean Revels. She is supervisor of the Robeson County Board of Elections and applied for the job when she learned Barbour is planning to retire.

A sharp exchange occurred between Raynor and Smith during the board's special meeting.Raynor called the meeting to clarify Campbell's status after Smith publicly declared Campbell's hiring was approved illegally last week in a closed session.

At one point, Raynor suggested Smith should "shut up" to let him finish his summary. Smith challenged Raynor's handling of Campbell's employment and objected when it appeared Raynor was going to deny him a chance to nominate someone else.

"I have been accused of voting against Campbell because he is a Democrat," Smith said. "I am going to show you they are wrong because I am nominating a Democrat, Pearlean Revels."

The board did not vote on Revels' nomination because a motion by Raynor to hire Campbell passed.

Campbell said after the meeting that he is a lifelong Democrat. "But I know that this is a job where I will have to be party-blind. All voters will be treated the same," he said.

"I have a great deal of respect for Mrs. Barbour," he said. "She is one of Cumberland County's most dedicated employees. I plan to learn as much as I can from her in the next two months."

Campbell is a former student activities director at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He worked as regional consultant for the N.C. Recreation and Parks Commission before joining FTCC.

The Board of Elections' makeup is set by state law. Two board members must be from the political party of the sitting governor. The third member is from the opposition party.

Billboards

# Scott Makes Bond Pitch

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**By Tom Weaver**
Correspondent

CLINTON — Former Gov. Bob Scott, serving his 10th year as president of the state community college system, urged people Tuesday night to vote for a $250 million bond referendum for community colleges.

"When you go to the barber shop, when you go for a cup of coffee, anywhere you go, tell the people how important it is that the bonds are approved," Scott said at a Sampson Community College Foundation appreciation dinner.

He said when he was younger he used to say: "I'm from Raleigh and I'm down here to help you.

There are four bond questions on the Nov. 2 ballot that state voters will be asked to consider. They are:

- $310 million for capital improvements at the 16 University of North Carolina campuses.
- $250 million for capital improvements at the state's community colleges, including nearly $20 million for Cape Fear region campuses.
- $145 million for water and sewer projects.
- $35 million for state parks.

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# Universities say bond would ease space crunch

**C.D. Spangler, president of the UNC system, says university enrollment could be restricted if the $310 million bond issue isn't approved by voters.**

BY TRISH WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Ask anyone at the state's 16 public universities how bad things have gotten, and they point to the cannibals.

These are the people who roam buildings hunting — not for dinner — but for closets, copying rooms, and even hallways that might be turned into laboratories, seminar rooms and faculty offices.

Not even the bathrooms are safe.

"You cannibalize anything," said Bill Perreault, a business professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He strolls through a bathroom-turned-copying center and supply depot. "The bathroom was a sacrificial lamb."

Like many other buildings on UNC campuses across the state, the Kenan-Flagler Business School in Carroll Hall outgrew itself years ago. But these days there's talk of new space: $310 million worth.

In November, North Carolina voters will decide whether the state should borrow millions to put up the buildings that university officials say they must build if they're going to meet the needs caused by relentless growth.

Without it, says UNC system President C.D. Spangler Jr., North Carolinians no longer will be able to count on sending their children to public universities.

"The university would have no choice but to restrict enrollment, because our university is already overcrowded," Spangler said. "That would mean well-qualified North Carolina students who benefit from higher education would be denied that opportunity."

That's already happening at UNC-Wilmington, where about 200 first-year students are turned away each year for lack of space.

"For all intents and purposes, our

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## BUYING TOMORROW

North Carolina voters will be asked on Nov. 2 to approve $740 million in state bonds and a constitutional amendment concerning local economic development bonds. Today a report on how the **UNC system** would spend $310 million in bond money.

- **Wednesday:** Community college bonds, $250 million.
- **Thursday:** Water treatment bonds, $145 million.
- **Friday:** Constitutional amendment for local economic development bonds.



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enrollment is frozen," said UNC-W Chancellor Jim Leutze. He's hoping for $18.5 million in bond money for a new science building. The current building, DeLoach Hall, went up in 1968 when UNC-W's enrollment was 1,200. Today, it's 8,200.

The same is true across the state, where thousands of students have pushed UNC enrollment to more than 150,000. In the past five years alone, the number of students on campus has grown by 16,400. By the year 2000, attendance is projected to jump another 16,000 — the size of UNC-Charlotte's student body.

In years past, the General Assembly appropriated an average of $75 million to $80 million a year for construction, but the money flow dried to a trickle in the late 1980s when the recession hit. Since then, universities have been relying mostly on gifts and loans to put up everything from research centers to parking lots.

### A tight fit

But for most, it's been a matter of making space where there isn't any. And university administrators, not normally inclined to talk about their shortcomings, just can't stop themselves when it comes to sharing horror stories about the space crunch.

Fred Webb, chairman of the geology department at Appalachian State University, is proud of how he has squeezed his faculty into its cramped space.

When ASU's Rankin Hall went up in 1960, there were only two geology professors and no geology majors. Today, the department boasts six faculty members and 60 majors — but no new places for them.

Webb turned storage space — exposed piping and all — into faculty offices. He fashioned a small closet into a geology library. And he has watched professors hold classes in foyers.

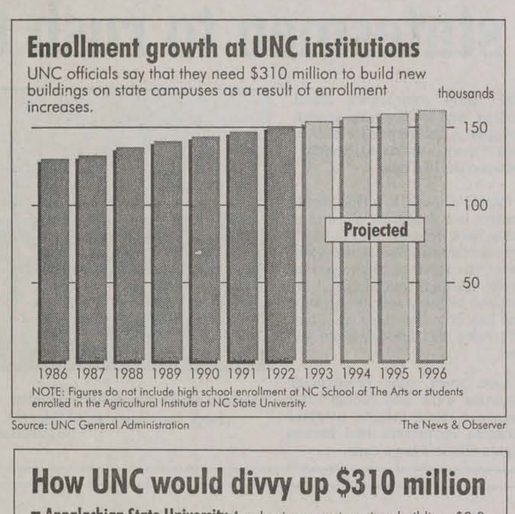
But these days, the hidden spaces are gone.

"If we were given a new faculty position, we wouldn't have anywhere to put them," Webb said. "If anyone gave us a piece of expensive equipment that was any bigger than a bread box, we couldn't take it."

At East Carolina University in Greenville, the Joyner Library ran out of room more than two years ago. To make way for students, part of the library's collection was shipped off to a warehouse miles away. It's still there.

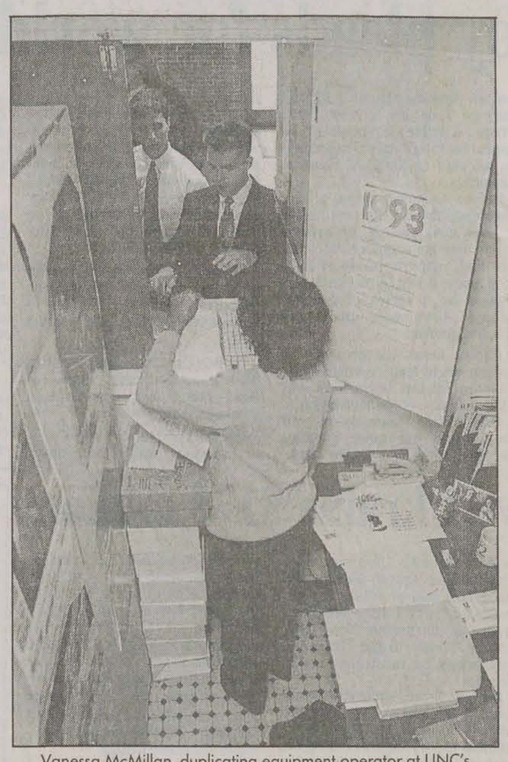
At UNC-CH, half a dozen researchers at the Lineberger Cancer Research Center are now studying breast cancer in a trailer nearby. "We're just completely jammed," said Joseph Pagano, who runs the research center. "We've been full for at least three years."

The $310 million bond — which would be distributed among all 16 universities, as well as the UNC Board of Governors, the UNC Center for Public Television and the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics — would pay for about 20 new buildings and nearly 15 renovation projects. It would help ease crowding now, officials say, and make some space for later.




## How UNC would divvy up $310 million

- **Appalachian State University** Academic support services building, $8.8 million. Science/mathematics complex Phase 1, $15 million.
- **East Carolina University** Joyner Library addition, $28.9 million. Land acquisition, $5 million.
- **Elizabeth City State University** Fine Arts and Mass Communications building, $6.4 million.
- **Fayetteville State University** Residence hall renovations, $9.5 million.
- **N.C. A&T State University** School of Technology classroom/lab building, $7.9 million. Bluford Library renovation, $5 million.
- **N.C. Central University** Conversion of women's gym for academic programs, $1.9 million. Chidley Hall complex, $9 million.
- **N.C. School of the Arts** School of Filmmaking production facility, $6.9 million.
- **N.C. State University** Engineering graduate research center, $34.9 million. Agricultural communications building, $4.5 million. Laboratory animal facilities, $4.5 million.
- **Pembroke State University** Administrative office building, $5.7 million. Business administration building renovations, $422,700.
- **UNC-Asheville** Conference center, $3.9 million. Physical education building, $5.5 million. North Carolina Arboretum, $2.5 million.
- **UNC-Chapel Hill** School of Business Administration building, $13.5 million. Lineberger Cancer Research Center addition, $8.1 million. Carolina Living and Learning Center for Autistic Adults Phase 2, $1.2 million. Dentistry School addition, $8.9 million. Area Health Education Centers grants, $3.4 million.
- **UNC-Charlotte** Classroom and academic support facility, $22.6 million.
- **UNC-Greensboro** Music building, $23.4 million.
- **UNC-Wilmington** Physical sciences building, DeLoach Hall renovation, $18.5 million. Bear Hall west wing, west end renovation, $992,050.
- **Western Carolina University** Belk Building completion, asbestos removal, $3.3 million. Moore Hall renovation Phase 2, $2 million. Camp lab school renovation, $1.9 million. Reid Gym renovation, $2.4 million.
- **Winston-Salem State University** Student services/cafeteria/student union complex, $6.1 million. O'Kelly Library renovation, $1.1 million.
- **N.C. School of Science and Mathematics** Educational technologies center and auditorium, $8 million.
- **UNC Center for Public Television** Facilities improvement, $6 million.
- **UNC Board of Governors** Critical needs, $12 million.



Vanessa McMillan, duplicating equipment operator at UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School, assists a student. Her office, in Carroll Hall, is in a former men's bathroom that is now a copying center.
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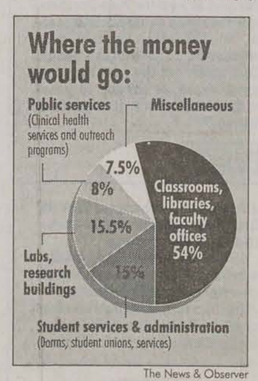


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chairman of the geology department at Appalachian State University

### More students

Some wonder just how much the university system plans on growing. Spangler counters that unlimited growth is mandated by the state's constitution, which holds that the UNC system should be as accessible and cheap as possible.

"We still are a state where we have a smaller percentage of college-going students than other states," Spangler said. "We are below average. And 50 percent of our students are first-generation."

According to UNC figures, 17.4 percent of the state's over-25 population has a college degree, compared to 20.3 percent nationally. If North Carolina hopes to improve, it will have to take in more students than it does now.

Roy Carroll, vice president for planning for the UNC system, said that even though the number of 18- to 24-year-olds both nationwide and in the state has shrunk, more people are going to college. That's because the rosters are being filled by more women, more minorities, and more older students.

"We don't have a philosophy that says we're going to grow to this point and no more," Carroll said. "All the indications are that it's going to keep right on growing. If we're going to have another 16,000 to 20,000, then we're going to have to make accommodations for them."

For UNC President Emeritus Bill Friday, the message is clear. If North Carolina wants to produce a qualified and technologically-literate work force, it's going to have to pay for it.

"The manpower is already born," Friday said. "They're in the human pipeline and we have to face the reality that we're not ready."

### Apathy could hurt bid

If voters pass the bond issue, many of the buildings are expected to be up and outfitted within three years. If they don't pass it, Spangler said, the university system will wage a non-stop battle for bucks from the state legislature.

"This would mean we would be in competition for money which could be used more appropriately for teacher salary increases, for faculty salary increases, and state personnel salary increases," Spangler said. "We would also be put into the position of being a university that's retrenching at a time when the state's economy is in a position to grow."

There is scattered opposition to the proposal. Former House Speaker Joe Mavretic, D-Edgecombe, for example, has questioned the plan.

But across the state, university bond supporters say they don't know of any organized opposition to their bond proposal. State legislators are behind them, business and banking is supportive, faculty and student bodies have passed endorsements.

Still, UNC bond campaign director Tom Storrs is worried.

"The real opposition we have is apathy," Storrs said. "There are no statewide elections or national elections and in many localities, there is not a high level of interest. It's just a general concern that people seem to have about government in general and debt in general and how good an investment this might be."

As far as Storrs is concerned, the state's excellent credit rating makes the bond issue a good risk, and increased taxes unlikely. The real risk, said Spangler, is the message that a 'no' vote on bonds would give to the university community.

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# Telemarketers' Downtown Site To Employ 250

## Business To Open In January

By Catherine Pritchard
Business Editor

A telemarketing company has decided to open an office with 250 jobs in downtown Fayetteville, a move seen as a major step toward revitalizing the languishing area.

Somar Telemarketing, which has large offices in its home base of Salisbury and in Winston-Salem, plans to open its Fayetteville office in mid-January and start hiring in November, company officials announced Tuesday. Most of its jobs will be new ones.

Somar, which does telemarketing for Fortune 500 companies, will be in what's now Branch Banking & Trust Co.'s main office at 121 Hay St.

BB&T is moving into a new office on Morganton Road near Cross Creek Mall, and selling its Hay Street building to David McCune, president of McCune Technology in Fayetteville.

McCune, also a member of the board of directors of the Olde Fayetteville Association, which helped recruit Somar, said he will lease the building to the company for 5 years, and give Somar an option to buy the property.

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Somar's announcement was made in the BB&T lobby during what amounted to a party, complete with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a small orchestra and big smiles glued to the faces of business people and government officials.

McCune was just one of several people who spoke glowingly about what Somar will mean to the long-pursued efforts to bring the mostly vacant downtown back to life.

"It will be a catalyst," said McCune, who is an investor in the Radisson Prince Charles Hotel downtown. "It's the thing we've been waiting for. This is the

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partnership we've been waiting for."

The entrance of such a large employer downtown will bring a demand for secondary business support — places for Somar's employees to eat, for example, and places for them to shop, he said.

"It's a tremendous tenant with a tremendous significance with a tremendous impact," said Horace Thompson, president of the Olde Fayetteville Association.

Somar will bring downtown "critical mass, safety in numbers and everything we've always wanted," he said.

Mayor J.L. Dawkins said the Somar move will send a message, not just about downtown, but about the entire city: "By golly, this is a great place."

Greg Alcorn, Somar's president, said the company is "not like other telemarketing firms" that use the telephone to find customers to buy merchandise such as aluminum siding.

"We're more of an extension of customer service offices," he said. The company caters to the financial, insurance, retail and telecommunications industries. Most calls are to existing customers, offering them new services.

Somar's employees are full-time and receive benefits, said Richard W. Virtue, the company's owner and chief executive. The company's telemarketers average $8.30 to $8.50 an hour, plus benefits, he said.

Alcorn said Fayetteville was actually at the bottom of the company's list of six to eight possible locations when it first started looking. And, before Alcorn and other Somar officials made their first visit, "our expectations coming into Fayetteville were not very high. We really had had fantastic meetings with some of the other communities."

But, he said, the company was impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment to meeting its needs expressed by members of the Olde Fayetteville Association and the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corp., another key recruiter, as well as business people and government officials. For example, Fayetteville Technical Community College and the N.C. Employment Security Commission will help Somar find and train its employees.

Another key was Fayetteville's large supply of good workers, he said. Both Salisbury and Winston-Salem lacked the additional labor force that the company needed for this expansion.

Virtue said Somar is experiencing rapid growth and will soon be looking to open a fourth office, possibly in Fayetteville. The other option is Asheville, he said.

# Voters strongly reject proposal

**The proposal to let local governments to sell bonds without voter approval for industrial recruiting runs into a wall of distrust.**

BY VAN DENTON
STAFF WRITER

Voters absolutely do not want politicians to borrow money without first getting their permission.

"I don't want taxation without representation," Kari Crenshaw of Raleigh said after voting at the Noble Road EMS Station. "We elect the officials, but they don't always do what is best."

That was the mood of voters across the state Tuesday, as they overwhelmingly rejected a proposed amendment to the state Constitution that would have allowed cities and counties to more easily borrow money to lure new industry to their communities.

The proposal failed by a margin of almost 4-to-1. With 92 percent of the vote counted, unofficial returns showed 78 percent of voters opposing the amendment.

Despite the backing of Gov. Jim Hunt and the state's business and civic leaders, the measure could not overcome a wide-ranging distrust of politicians, a fear of higher taxes, and a backlash against tax-financed incentives for businesses.

"I'm not against economic development," said Mark East, 24, an N.C. State University student who voted against the amendment. "I'm just not for giving everything away."

The amendment, part of the Hunt administration's economic development program, would have allowed cities and counties to issue bonds to help finance economic development projects without getting voters' approval first.

Under the proposal, local government would have paid back the bonds with revenues from increased property taxes as well as other non-tax revenues.

One opponent, Leroy J. Pittman, chairman of the Union County commissioners, said local officials already have the tools they need to be competitive in recruiting new industry.

"Look at the track record of North Carolina," Pittman, who broke ranks with other county commissioners to oppose the amendment, said Tuesday night. "We've done OK. We have an attractive package of benefits to offer to industry without having to go out and underwrite their moves to North Carolina."

Of the five statewide issues on the ballot, the constitutional amendment was the only one to draw organized opposition. Opponents included anti-tax groups such as N.C. Taxpayers United, the state Republican Party, and a Republican-led group called Alliance for Constitutional Rights.

"I think it is an overwhelming victory for the average citizen over the elected and corporate elite," said Andy Wells of Hickory, chairman of the Alliance for Constitutional Rights.

Supporters of the amendment said the economic development financing bonds were critical if the state wanted to stay competitive in recruiting new industries and cited their use in 41 other states.

"The big factor was just failure on the proponents' part to explain the issue so people could understand what they were voting on," said Paul Lawler, executive director of the N.C. Economic Developers Association.

Lawler said supporters didn't have enough time to educate taxpayers about how the bonds would have been used and to calm their fears about higher taxes. He said the losers would be small towns and rural areas that can't pay for the infrastructure to attract new industry now.

But some voters worried that the bonds would be used for frills, not necessities.

The possibility that Raleigh officials might use those bonds to revive a proposed downtown convention center — a proposal that has already been rejected by city voters — prompted W.T. Wallace, a retiree from North Raleigh, to vote against the amendment. He said voters should have the final say on borrowing money.

"If it weren't for that, we'd have a big convention center all built up with no return," Wallace said. "They're still trying to go around the voters and build it."

*Dudley Price contributed to this report.*

## What the bonds will buy in the Triangle

The $740 million in bonds approved Tuesday by North Carolina voters will pay for projects including these in Triangle-area counties:

**The University of North Carolina system: $103.9 million**

**N.C. Central University**
- Convert Women's Gym to support academic programs: **$1.9 million**
- Chidley Hall Complex: **$9 million**

**N.C. State University**
- Engineering Graduate Research Center: **$34.9 million**
- Agricultural Communications Building: **$4.5 million**
- Agricultural Programs—Laboratory Animal Facilities: **$4.5 million**

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**
- New Building, School of Business Administration: **$13.5 million**
- Addition, Lineberger Cancer Research Center: **$8.1 million**
- Carolina Living and Learning Center for Autistic Adults, Phase 2: **$1.2 million**
- Addition to School of Dentistry: **$8.9 million**
- Area Health Education Centers - Construction Grants: **$3.4 million**

**UNC Center for Public Television**
- Improvements to facilities: **$6 million**

**N.C. School of Science and Mathematics**
- Education technologies center and auditorium: **$8 million**

**Community colleges: $23.8 million**

**Central Carolina Community College, Sanford**
- Classroom Building: **$2 million**
- Classroom Building, Chatham County satellite: **$2 million**

**Durham Technical Community College**
- Classroom/Office Building: **$5.8 million**

**Johnston Community College**
Allied Health Building: **$3 million**

**Wake Technical Community College**
- Student Education Building: **$11 million**

**State parks: $5.17 million***

**Eno River State Park**
- Buy land connecting existing tracts along Eno River: **$2.3 million**
- New restrooms and picnic facilities at the Cole Mill tract: **$145,000**

**Falls Lake State Recreation Area**
- A boat dock at Sandling Beach: **$48,800**

**Jordan Lake State Recreation Area**
- Picnic shelters at Ebenezer Point: **$103,500**
- Fee station and auto "turn-around" area at Vista Point: **$64,500**

**Raven Rock State Park**
- Buy land for a future family campground: **$440,000**
- Replace a condemned maintenance shop: **$399,600**
- New restrooms and improved water lines: **$169,800**

**Umstead State Park**
- Park visitor center, including an auditorium and classroom for visiting schoolchildren: **$1.5 million**

* Projects proposed by N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources. Legislative approval pending.

Source: N.C. General Assembly — The News & Observer

# UNC officials relieved as bond nears approval

BY TRISH WILSON AND LAURIE WILLIS
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**CHAPEL HILL** — C.D. Spangler Jr. had never looked so nervous.

"I've been holding my breath for 24 hours," the normally unflappable Spangler, president of the University of North Carolina, said early Tuesday night. "I've never been a part of anything like this, and so it's a little frightening."

But as election returns on the UNC system's $310 million bond referendum began coming in, Spangler began breathing again.

He watched election returns with a group of about 30 university leaders in Chapel Hill Tuesday night. The other three bond issues drew stronger voter support, but the UNC bonds also appeared late in the evening to hold onto their majority support also.

"It appears that what we're seeing is that people are for these university bonds — particularly in cities where we have a university — we're winning handily," Spangler said Tuesday evening before the final tallies were in.

In the final two weeks preceding the election, the multimillion dollar bond for universities — the largest in state history — was anything but locked. Triangle and statewide polls indicated that voters would pass bonds for community colleges, for state parks, and even for clean water and sewers, but not for the university.

"I hoped they were mistaken," said Tom Storrs, a retired Charlotte banker who ran the university's bond campaign. "There were a lot of people who had concerns about government, about taxes, about debt, and they overcame those concerns to vote for their universities."

At 10:30 Tuesday night, UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Paul Hardin wasn't so sure.

"I'm encouraged, optimistic, but I'm not ready to declare victory," said Chancellor Paul Hardin of the UNC-CH. "I think there's a pretty good steady trend which we feel good about."

Hardin heralded North Carolina voters as "sophisticated," noting that the constitutional amendment wasn't faring well.

Across the Triangle, voters expressed strong support — some with more reason than others.

UNC students were shuttled to their precinct by vans from campus, and most said they turned out for one reason: to vote for the university bond issue.

"It's very painfully obvious to students that the school needs money," said Jasme Kelly, a junior from Durham, who was volunteering to drive one of the vans for the Student Government Association.

"I think we've gotten the message across that it's very important for students to vote. In Chapel Hill you know it will do well, but that's no indication of the whole state. We're just trying to do our part."

Pam Kentos, a UNC sophomore from New Jersey, said she had heard about the university bond issue in her classes.

"That's one of the main reasons why I came out and voted," said Kentos, who said she had seen signs of UNC's reputation slipping in the last few years. "I'm hoping that through the money, it can gain back some of its status."

Passage of the university bond package meant more than the end of a space crunch at state universities.

"It'll be an economic boost for North Carolina," Storrs said. "The buildings for the most part have been designed and are ready for construction."

The bond package will pay for about 20 new buildings and nearly 15 renovation projects at the state's 16 campuses. In the Triangle, $104 million worth of buildings will go up at UNC-CH, N.C. State University, N.C. Central University, N.C. School of Science and Mathematics, and the UNC Center for Public Television.

The construction alone is estimated to create 11,000 jobs in the state.

"Everybody wins," said Sam Poole, chairman of the UNC system's Board of Governors. "It's not an election where you have winners and losers."

# Amendment soundly defeated

**The bond request for water and sewer projects receives the broadest support. The university system issue collects 53 percent.**

BY TIM SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

North Carolina voters loosened the state's purse strings Tuesday, approving $740 million worth of bond requests for parks, water projects, community colleges and the 16-campus university system.

A proposal to give local governments the ability to issue economic development bonds without voter approval, however, was overwhelmingly rejected.

The success of the largest bond package in the state's history surprised many people after public opinion polls showed the UNC bond request and the bonds for parks could be in trouble.

But those who helped coordinate the statewide campaign said their tracking polls showed support for all four issues increased sharply in the past week.

"We started to become very optimistic the past few days," said state campaign coordinator Joe Grimsley. "Bond campaigns are never simple things for voters to understand, but people were beginning to ask the right questions."

The bond request for water and sewer projects received the broadest support. Designed to fund low-interest loans to local communities, the $145 million bond issue won 59 percent of the vote with 87 percent of the vote counted.

The bond package is expected to help communities improve and expand their sewage plants — a key factor in attracting new industries — as well as fund loans to pay for drinking-water projects.

The $310 million bond request for the University of North Carolina system — the largest of the four bond requests — had collected 53 percent of the vote with 87 percent of the vote counted.

"I'm delighted," said Tom Storrs, chairman of the UNC campaign. "I think it's a vote of confidence in the university."

UNC system President C.D. Spangler Jr. had warned voters that North Carolinians could no longer count on sending their

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**ELECTION '93**

**Voters reject a constitutional amendment that would have let local governments sell bonds without voter approval.** ▶ 10A

**Republican Richard Vinroot wins re-election as mayor of Charlotte.** ▶ 11A

**Voters in Lewiston, Maine, repeal an ordinance providing civil rights protections for homosexuals.** ▶ 12A

**Republican George Allen wins the governor's seat in Virginia, ending 12 years of Democratic rule.** ▶ 12A

**Hot local races and a statewide bond referendum draw heavier than expected turnout.** ▶ 3B

**Referendum results**

Returns from Tuesday's statewide referendums, based on unofficial totals from 2,319 (94 percent) of 2,458 precincts.

**Constitutional amendment**
Local economic development financing bonds to finance public projects.
FOR: 22 percent
✓ AGAINST: 78 percent

**UNC system bonds**
$310 million
✓ FOR: 53 percent
AGAINST: 47 percent

**Community colleges bonds**
$250 million
✓ FOR: 57 percent
AGAINST: 43 percent

**Clean water bonds**
$145 million
✓ FOR: 59 percent
AGAINST: 41 percent

**State parks bonds**
$35 million
✓ FOR: 56 percent
AGAINST: 44 percent

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children to public universities if the bond request was denied. Professors and administrators at local UNC campuses also offered a long list of classes and labs that are operating in cramped quarters.

The message apparently reached enough voters to guarantee the largest building program in the system's history.

"I think it's good for the children," Iva Farrow said after voting in Durham. "We need to educate our children."

Projects funded by the bond money will be distributed among all 16 universities, as well as the UNC Board of Governors, the UNC Center for Public Television and the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics.

In the Triangle, the list includes projects worth almost $104 million.

### Community colleges

For the state's community colleges, the $250 million bond issue will be the biggest in the history of the 30-year-old system. The bond issue was winning by a margin of 56 percent to 44 percent with 87 percent of the vote counted.

System President Bob Scott credited much of the support to the grass-roots campaigning throughout the 58-campus system.

More than 760,000 students are enrolled in community college classes this year from senior citizens who take craft courses to high school graduates preparing for a four-year college.

The wide range of offerings made it easier for voters to justify supporting the system's request.

"The community colleges are very important," Mary Jenne said after voting in Chapel Hill. "For a lot of people, that's how they get their higher education."

Reflecting the growing enrollment of many colleges, almost half the 80 projects involve adding classroom space. About one in every four involves new facilities for technology or health centers.

In the Triangle, Wake Technical Community College will receive $11 million that trustees plan to use for a student education building and Durham Tech will receive $5.8 million for two new classroom buildings on its main campus.

"The community support has been very gratifying," Scott said. "People recognize that community college's do improve people's skills. They recognize that we are talking about jobs and about income — for our people and for this state."

### State parks

Parks supporters were equally pleased to pick up the state's first chance to directly fund improvements to state parks. The $35 million bond issue was winning by a margin of 56 percent to 44 percent with 87 percent of the vote counted.

"This is the single biggest investment North Carolina has ever made in its parks and we are very pleased," said Dan Besse, chairman of the statewide parks campaign.

Hoping to convince undecided voters in the final days, state campaign officials shifted $45,000 into statewide radio ads during the past week.

The strategy, Grimsley said, clearly worked.

"It was the only one we were really unsure of," Grimsley said.

The bonds will be used to pay for $24.5 million for repairs and improvements and $2.3 million for land acquisition. Park officials say the system has a $225 million backlog of land purchases, unbuilt structures and emergency repairs,

Locally, the money will be used to help connect the scattered tracts at Eno River State Park in Durham and build a $1.5 million visitors center at Umstead State Park.

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*Trish Wilson, Treva Jones, Laurie Willis and Tim Vercelotti contributed to this story.*

# Community colleges thirst for bond money

## $250 million request is largest ever

BY TIM SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't long after Ronnie Woodard started teaching auto repair at Wayne Community College that people began talking about how nice it would be when the courses were moved to a new campus.

That was more than 15 years ago, but Woodard is still in the same cramped building, waiting to move.

"I always knew it would take awhile," he said. "I just didn't think it would take this long of awhile."

Like thousands of other community college supporters, Woodard is counting on Tuesday's statewide bond referendum to speed up the process.

The $250 million request — one of four bond proposals on the ballot — is the biggest in the history of the 30-year-old community college system. Until now, the General Assembly has spent less than $200 million for capital improvements on the 58 campuses.

With more than 760,000 students — from senior citizens who take craft courses to high school graduates preparing for a four-year college — community college officials are counting on grassroots support to get the bond issue approved.

It's a strategy that is being pursued partly by design and partly by necessity, because the statewide bond campaign has less than $200,000 to spend.

In a sprawling state where television ads can gobble up thousands of dollars in less than a minute,

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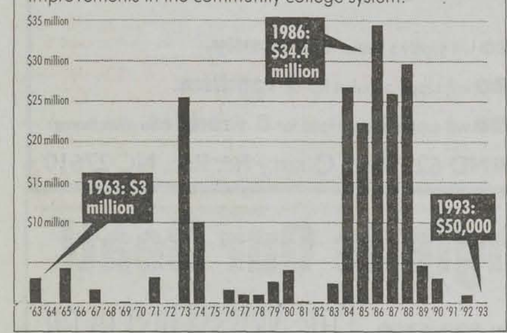
### Building N.C.'s Community Colleges

State appropriations by year for capital improvements in the community college system:




Source: N.C. Department of Community Colleges — The News & Observer

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there are plenty of information gaps for local supporters to fill.

"The main challenge we have — and it is a challenge — is public awareness," said system president Bob Scott. "If anything beats us, it will be apathy."

Each of the state's 58 campuses and 22 satellite programs would receive money under the proposed list of projects — from $11 million in Wake County to $100,000 in Jones County.

All of the money must be spent on new construction or renovations, and legislation approving the bond referendum requires county commissioners to match any state funds that are used.

Reflecting the growing enrollment of many colleges, almost half the projects involve adding classroom space. About one in every four involves new facilities for technology or health centers.

But it's always the project closest to home that people want to know about first, said Ed Wilson, president of Wayne Community College in Goldsboro.

"To the voters, this bond vote is a local issue," Wilson said. "When we tell them it will help economic development, they want to know how it will help economic development for them."

In response, supporters are trying to make sure local voters understand how the money will be spent.

In Wayne County, which is scheduled to receive $6.3 million, that means explaining how the money will allow Woodard to almost double the size of his auto repair program. The school also will be able to take its aviation classes out of a classroom trailer and consolidate all its programs on the "new" campus.

### Triangle benefits

In Durham and Wake counties, the focus is on the need to expand classroom space. Durham Technical Community College would receive $5.8 million. Wake Tech is scheduled to receive $11 million.

Durham's first priority is to build more classrooms and office space.

Wake Tech will use most of its money to build a student education building — a project that will greatly expand the campus cafeteria, add instructional kitchens and provide classrooms for hotel/motel classes.

"We know the students are coming," said Wake Tech President Bruce Howell. "Our main concern is whether we'll have the facilities for them."

If the bond issue fails, Howell said the school simply will halt enrollment when a program runs out of space.

"That's already happening," he said. "We have capped enrollments every year for five years."

In Johnston County, which is scheduled to receive $3 million, students are running phone banks and writing letters to explain why the campus needs a new allied health center.

"Once you explain it, people are generally pretty supportive," said Steven Brush, a nursing education student at Johnston Community College.

"The first thing you have to explain is that the bonds will not require a tax increase. The second thing you need to explain is that voting against the bonds could mean higher taxes later because the funding will still have to come from somewhere eventually — and that means local money."

But, as Brush discovered, voters sometimes can be a tough sell.

Some already know that the proposed list of projects can be changed after the vote. Others aren't sure they can trust the state to pay back the bonds without eventually raising taxes.

Little opposition has surfaced throughout the state to the community college request, with one important exception — Charlotte. For voters there, the community college bonds are part of a much larger package of state and local requests totaling almost $1 billion.

While the community college requests are not targeted specifically, campus officials are concerned that a $1 billion package might cause people to pick and choose their favorites.

"I feel fairly optimistic, but I don't think anyone really knows for sure how people are going to react," said Anthony Zeiss, president of Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte.

It will be tough to carry the state if the issue suffers a large defeat in Mecklenburg County, but Scott and others have been working almost daily for the past two months to get out the vote.

At each of his stops, the president of the community college system tells voters that their vote will send a message beyond North Carolina.

"It's not only that the money is needed for investment," Scott said. "If these bonds don't pass, that sends a signal all across the country and across the world that the people of this state do not give a damn about the future of North Carolina enough to invest in its long-term needs.

"If that happens, we'll have to live with that image for a long time."

### BUYING TOMORROW

North Carolina voters will be asked Tuesday to approve $740 million in state bonds and a constitutional amendment concerning local economic development bonds. Today, a report on how the community colleges would spend $250 million in bond money.

- **Thursday:** Water treatment bonds, $145 million.
- **Friday:** Constitutional amendment for local economic development bonds.

### Proposed projects

Proposed projects for $250 million community college bonds:

| | Proposed improvement | Cost |
|---|---|---|
| Alamance CC | Learning resource center | $3.3 million |
| Anson CC | Advanced technology center | $3 million |
| Union County* | Advanced technology center | $2.5 million |
| Asheville-Buncombe TCC | Classroom/lab/office bldg | $5 million |
| Beaufort CC | Student services center | $2.9 million |
| Bladen CC | Allied health care center | $1 million |
| Blue Ridge CC | Allied health building | $5 million |
| Transylvania County* | Classroom/office bldg | $502,000 |
| Brunswick CC | Allied health/classroom | $4 million |
| Caldwell CC & TI | Classroom/lab bldg | $6.1 million |
| Watauga County* | Classroom/lab bldg | $2.3 million |
| Cape Fear CC | Health sciences bldg | $7.3 million |
| Pender County* | Classrooms | $690,000 |
| Carteret CC | Classrooms | $2.4 million |
| Catawba Valley CC | Phys ed/classroom bldg | $5.6 million |
| Central Carolina CC | Classrooms | $2 million |
| Chatham County* | Classroom | $2 million |
| Harnett County* | Classroom | $1 million |
| Central Piedmont CC | Public service training bldg | $3.9 million |
| Cleveland CC | Advanced technology bldg | $2.2 million |
| Coastal Carolina CC | Public service tech bldg | $3 million |
| College of Albermarle | Classrooms/admin bldg | $3.2 million |
| Dare County* | Class/lab/student services | $1.5 million |
| Craven CC | Academic studies/basic skills bldg | $2.8 million |
| Davidson County CC | Advanced technology bldg | $3.9 million |
| Davie County* | Class/lab/inst. support bldg | $2 million |
| Durham TCC | Classroom/office bldg | $5..8 million |
| Edgecombe CC | Class/lab addition—Rocky Mt. | $1.2 million |
| Fayetteville TCC | Health & science facility | $6 million |
| Forsyth TCC | Class/lab/admin-East campus | $7.9 million |
| Gaston College | Workforce preparedness center | $5.9 million |
| Guilford TCC | Applied technology center | $7.7 million |
| Halifax CC | Literacy ed/science bldgn | $2 million |
| Haywood CC | Classrooms | $1.1 million |
| Isothermal CC | Cultural arts center | $5.4 million |
| Polk County* | Classroom/labs addition | $358,686 |
| James Sprunt CC | Multi-purpose center | $3.7 million |
| Johnston CC | Allied health bldg | $3 million |
| Lenoir CC | Classroom/auditorium bldg | $3.3 million |
| Greene County* | New instructional facility | $1.5 million |
| Jones County* | New vocational annex | $100,000 |
| Martin CC | Equine arena | $577,553 |
| Bertie County* | Class/lab/office bldg | $250,000 |
| Mayland CC | Shop/student lecture hall | $4 million |
| McDowell TCC | Classrooms | $1.9 million |
| Mitchell CC | Renovate main bldg | $2.2 million |
| Montgomery CC | Learning resource center | $2.6 million |
| Nash CC | Student center/classrooms | $4.4 million |
| Pamlico CC | Multi-purpose rooms/office | $1.2 million |
| Piedmont CC | Classroom/faculty office bldg | $459,815 |
| Caswell County* | Adult learning center | $1.3 million |
| Pitt CC | Student services bldg | $4.5 million |
| Randolph CC | Allied health/tech center | $2.8 million |
| Richmond CC | Fine arts center/auditorium | $2.25 million |
| Roanoke-Chowan CC | Classroom/student support center | $2.5 million |
| Robeson CC | Emergency training/health | $1.4 million |
| Rockingham CC | Multi-purpose bldg | $2.7 million |
| Rowan-Cabarrus CC | Engineering bldg | $4.2 million |
| Cabarrus County* | Classrooms | $1.6 million |
| Sampson CC | Multi-purpose facility | $2.5 million |
| Sandhills CC | Cont. ed center/classrooms | $4.8 million |
| Hoke County* | Renovate classrooms | $300,000 |
| Southeastern CC | Nursing/allied health bldg | $1.3 million |
| Southwestern CC | General classroom bldg | $2 million |
| Macon County* | Regional law enforcement | $300,000 |
| Swain County* | Class/lab/office bldg | $900,000 |
| Stanly CC | Learning resource center | $2.3 million |
| Surry CC | SHealth/daycare/library bldg | $4 million |
| Tri-County CC | Student services center/class | $1.1 million |
| Graham County* | Class/lab/student bldg | $480,000 |
| Vance-Granville CC | Allied health/daycare/class | $2.1 million |
| Franklin County* | Class/lab/office bldg | $1.5 million |
| Granville County* | Classrooms | $377,500 |
| Warren County* | Campus renovations | $212,500 |
| Wake TCC | Student Education bldg | $11 million |
| Wayne CC | Campus consolidation/health | $6.3 million |
| W. Piedmont CC | Class/office bldg | $3.4 million |
| Wilkes CC | Learning resource center | $4.7 million |
| Ashe County* | Classrooms | $200,000 |
| Wilson TCC | Multi-purpose bldg | $1 million |
| College system | General Assembly projects | $24 million |

*Represents satellite campus

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# Taxpayer anger evident, but it doesn't sink bonds

**Many rural areas rejected the $740 million package. But it found support in the state's urban areas.**

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When it comes to politics and elections, you hear a lot about cynical voters ready to "throw the bums out." You see all the mud-slinging television ads that voters love to hate. And you read about angry taxpayers who refuse to pay another cent in taxes.

So how come voters across North Carolina approved a $740 million state bond package Tuesday — along with another $475 million in local bonds in 24 communities?

Did voters suddenly get in a spending mood?

No, the angry taxpayers are still out there. But they didn't show up in large enough numbers Tuesday to carry the day.

Instead, most voters turned out to be people such as Arlene Levy, Henry Shur and Diane Johnston.

"It's important to support the state education system and to keep the state progressive," Levy, a 46-year-old Raleigh homemaker, said after voting for the statewide bond issues. "It's a wonderful state."

Shur, a 29-year-old Duke University divinity student, put it this way: "I voted yes on all the bonds. I feel like the future of a strong North Carolina is in the strength of its schools in a lot of ways."

And Johnston's reason for backing the bonds accompanied her to the polls. Her 3-year-old daughter, Lisa, skipped around White Rock Baptist Church in Durham as her mother voted.

"We need to improve the schools, the water systems, and the parks," Johnston said. "It's important for the children."

State leaders had worried that voters preoccupied with taxes might balk at approving further spending. But they couldn't have been happier with Tuesday's outcome.

"I'm proud of the action that the people of North Carolina took yesterday to invest in our state's future," said Gov. Jim Hunt in a statement issued Wednesday. "It will move our state forward when others are falling behind."

The most obvious trend in Tuesday's returns was an urban vs. rural pattern. Urban voters carried the day for the state bonds, while voters in many rural coun-

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ties voted against them.

The $145 million bond issue for water and sewer projects proved the most popular, winning 59 percent of the vote. The $250 million bond issue for community colleges and the $35 million bond issue for parks each got 56 percent of the vote, while the $310 million in university bonds won 52 percent of the vote.

Much of the support for university bonds came from the state's larger urban areas — the Triad, Charlotte and the Triangle — and counties that have public universities.

While the UNC vote passed by 38,077 votes, it was defeated in 55 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Most of those were rural counties, and the "no" votes, analysts said, signaled their isolation from UNC's 16-campus system.

"I think the only thing you can say about those folks is those are the people in the rural counties who are looking at the economic situation in this state and have been the hardest hit over this last five- or six-year period," said Susan Bulluck, a Wilmington pollster.

Others said university bonds didn't fare as well because of the perception that the university is an elite system that has little to do with blue-collar voters.

"We know going back several years that the university has an image problem," said Robin Dorff, a political scientist at N.C. State University. "I think it's based on an assumption that the university system is not benefiting them directly."

Even as voters approved most bond issues, signs of taxpayers' anger could be found.

In Iredell County, not only did voters overwhelmingly reject all four bond issues, but they also defeated a local $4.7 million bond issue for Mitchell Community College in Statesville and a $36 million bond issue for Iredell and Statesville public schools.

"It was very much a no-tax-increase vote," said Douglas Eason, president of Mitchell Community College. "Opponents said the local bond issues would increase taxes by 20 percent, and, by implication, that the state bonds would increase taxes as well."

But overall, voters approved 24 of the 30 local bond issues across the state. These issues included $252 million for local schools, $84.5 million for water improvements, $46.2 million for sewer improvements, $8.5 million for community colleges, and $82.3 million for a variety of projects, including a new courthouse and jail in Gaston County.

Of the six local bond issues that failed, two were in Iredell County, one in Madison County and three in Mecklenburg County.

### Referendum results

Results of Tuesday's statewide referendums

**Constitutional amendment**
Local economic development financing bonds to finance public projects.

| | | |
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| | FOR: 180,589 | 21 percent |
| ✓ | AGAINST: 664,256 | 79 percent |

**UNC system bonds**
$310 million

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| ✓ | FOR: 436,291 | 52 percent |
| | AGAINST: 398,214 | 48 percent |

**Community colleges bonds**
$250 million

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| ✓ | FOR: 470,244 | 56 percent |
| | AGAINST: 362,803 | 44 percent |

**Clean water bonds**
$145 million

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| ✓ | FOR: 484,162 | 59 percent |
| | AGAINST: 342,706 | 41 percent |

**State parks bonds**
$35 million

| | | |
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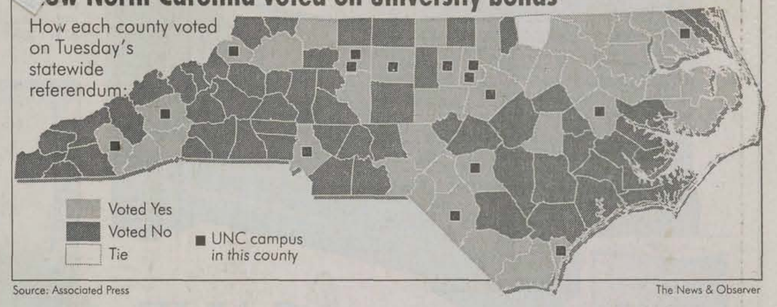
| ✓ | FOR: 462,560 | 56 percent |
| | AGAINST: 361,847 | 44 percent |

2,458 of 2,458 precincts 100 percent

### ow North Carolina voted on university bonds

How each county voted on Tuesday's statewide referendum:

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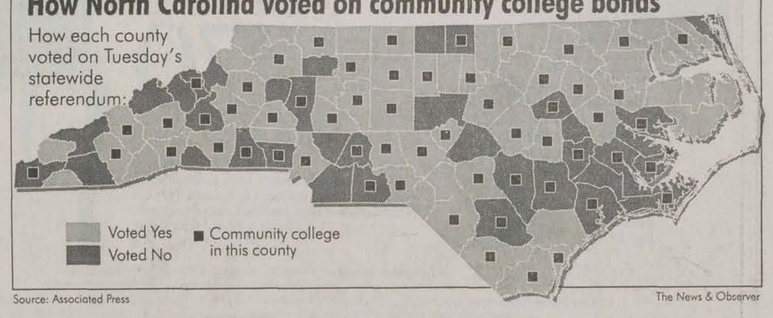
### How North Carolina voted on community college bonds

How each county voted on Tuesday's statewide referendum:

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# Legislative Report

*AIA North Carolina Urges Support For November Bond Package*

Although it may not have the headline appeal of Helms vs. Hunt or a three-way presidential race, North Carolina voters will have a chance on November 2 to participate in one of the most important elections in the recent years.

On a statewide ballot, voters will have a chance to pick and choose from four bond issues totaling $740 million, including:

- $310 million for UNC projects
- $250 million for community colleges
- $145 million for water and sewer projects
- $35 million for state park improvements

"The November 2 election is a prime opportunity for this state to take a giant leap forward," says Timothy D. Kent, executive director of AIA North Carolina, a chapter of the American Institute of Architects. "A yes vote on the bond issues will put a lot of North Carolinians to work in the short-term and make a serious investment in the state's long-term economic future."

**The Bond Issues**

- $310 million for UNC projects
- $250 million for community colleges
- $145 million for water and sewer projects
- $35 million for state park improvements

Since the late 1980s, North Carolina has been at a virtual standstill in terms of capital improvements to its universities and community colleges. Legislative leaders have halted most capital spending as they wrestled to balance a budget wracked by a struggling economy. In the meantime, post-secondary campus buildings are overcrowded and the quality of education has been compromised.

While vital construction and maintenance on the University of North Carolina campuses has been deferred, enrollment has increased by 16,400 and will increase an extra 40,000 by the year 2000. All of the UNC and community college projects have been predesignated so there is no "blank check."

The budget crisis in Raleigh has subsided and now a full economic recovery depends on a healthy design/construction industry. Each $1 million of new North Carolina construction sets off a chain-reaction ripple effect through the economy, creating 38.6 jobs in construction, supplier and service industries (*Constructor* magazine, November 1990).

Will the bond package experience smooth sailing with the voters? It's difficult to predict. Voter turnout figures to be low since the only other major drawing card on most voters' ballots will be municipal elections.

Complicating matters is a growing swell of opposition to tax increases, real or perceived. In late August, Stanly County voters rejected, by a four-to-one margin, $24 million of bonds for public school and community college improvements. A newspaper poll in early August indicated only lukewarm support, at best, for the November 2 bond package.

In fact, the November 2 bond package is NOT a tax increase. Instead, as Kent says, it's an investment in the state's long-term future. The UNC system brings considerable national prestige to the state. Quality community colleges are a valuable weapon in attracting high-wage industry. Water and sewer projects spur economic growth and that promotes a healthy tax base. It's hard to put a price tag on the value of a quality-of-life issue such as the state's poorly-maintained park system.

**AIA North Carolina Position**

A yes vote on the bond issues will put a lot of North Carolinians to work in the short-term and make a serious investment in the state's long-term economic future.

With interest rates at or near 7 percent, this is a prime opportunity for the state to borrow money at a relatively low price for these much-needed capital improvements. Legislative leaders insist this is a price that will be absorbed within the state's budget through normal projected revenue growth.

AIA North Carolina has joined forces with the state's business community, chambers of commerce and educational leaders to support the November 2 bond package. It's a window of opportunity to set the stage for a better tomorrow.

# Results of statewide vote

| | Constitutional amendment | | Bond proposals | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Public projects | | UNC system | | Comm. colleges | | Clean water | | State parks | |
| County | TP | TR | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Alamance | 33 | 7 | 516 | 2,866 | 1,249 | 2,104 | 1,525 | 1,797 | 1,428 | 1,912 | 3,392 | 3,496 |
| Alexander | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 901 | 1,552 |
| Alleghany | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 525 | 683 |
| Anson | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ashe | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,125 | 1,122 |
| Avery | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beaufort | 30 | 9 | 243 | 1,719 | 896 | 1,070 | 1,023 | 940 | 1,529 | 1,837 | 2,638 | 3,744 |
| Bertie | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,043 | 818 |
| Bladen | 17 | 17 | 567 | 2,462 | 1,309 | 1,768 | 1,445 | 1,574 | 1,245 | 1,755 | 1,199 | 1,788 |
| Brunswick | 22 | 13 | 854 | 3,523 | 2,604 | 2,003 | 2,510 | 1,840 | 2,680 | 1,644 | 4,560 | 3,627 |
| Buncombe | 56 | 35 | 3,494 | 9,539 | 6,756 | 6,300 | 7,312 | 5,784 | 7,535 | 5,545 | 7,109 | 5,840 |
| Burke | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cabarrus | 33 | 33 | 3,417 | 10,998 | 6,625 | 7,829 | 7,147 | 7,170 | 7,330 | 7,013 | 6,604 | 7,621 |
| Caldwell | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Camden | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carteret | 36 | 0 | 34 | 87 | 67 | 59 | 73 | 49 | 81 | 41 | 4,582 | 3,218 |
| Caswell | 11 | 3 | 47 | 265 | 120 | 192 | 130 | 183 | 118 | 193 | 118 | 191 |
| Catawba | 39 | 36 | 2,454 | 7,965 | 5,068 | 5,391 | 5,421 | 5,797 | 5,657 | 4,541 | 5,242 | 4,940 |
| Chatham | 20 | 20 | 1,330 | 4,250 | 3,518 | 2,198 | 3,713 | 1,957 | 3,810 | 1,835 | 3,742 | 1,914 |
| Cherokee | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 901 | 2,033 |
| Chowan | 6 | 6 | 556 | 901 | 921 | 578 | 955 | 520 | 1,005 | 489 | 850 | 612 |
| Clay | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cleveland | 23 | 6 | 270 | 1,122 | 601 | 794 | 634 | 726 | 761 | 585 | 2,391 | 2,515 |
| Columbus | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,669 | 2,745 |
| Craven | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cumbrlnd | 57 | 57 | 4,199 | 13,654 | 9,296 | 8,427 | 9,697 | 7,848 | 9,931 | 7,373 | 8,753 | 8,698 |
| Currituck | 11 | 11 | 607 | 2,323 | 1,191 | 1,734 | 1,344 | 1,565 | 1,302 | 1,207 | 1,197 | 1,307 |
| Dare | 16 | 5 | 317 | 1,164 | 906 | 597 | 969 | 525 | 1,024 | 482 | 2,664 | 1,410 |
| Davidson | 41 | 41 | 2,540 | 8,353 | 5,575 | 5,084 | 6,256 | 4,382 | 6,521 | 4,194 | 6,445 | 4,220 |
| Davie | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Duplin | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Durham | 54 | 54 | 4,911 | 23,970 | 20,501 | 8,328 | 20,801 | 7,842 | 21,428 | 7,108 | 20,962 | 7,485 |
| Edgecombe | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,777 | 2,160 |
| Forsyth | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24,313 | 12,664 |
| Franklin | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,047 | 1,964 |
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| Gates | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 516 | 384 |
| Graham | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 358 | 596 |
| Granville | 14 | 14 | 821 | 2,596 | 1,994 | 1,478 | 2,290 | 1,195 | 2,196 | 1,238 | 2,102 | 1,246 |
| Greene | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Guilford | 117 | 116 | 8,991 | 36,016 | 26,840 | 18,422 | 25,811 | 19,138 | 30,594 | 14,319 | 30,450 | 14,641 |
| Halifax | 30 | 28 | 2,099 | 2,927 | 2,981 | 2,353 | 3,409 | 2,215 | 3,528 | 2,146 | 3,865 | 2,863 |
| Harnett | 22 | 22 | 768 | 4,483 | 1,979 | 3,307 | 2,797 | 2,905 | 2,396 | 2,912 | 2,381 | 2,925 |
| Haywood | 31 | 8 | 302 | 876 | 650 | 527 | 719 | 475 | 717 | 460 | 3,197 | 2,727 |
| Henderson | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,183 | 2,475 |
| Hertford | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hoke | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 552 | 483 |
| Hyde | 7 | 7 | 139 | 548 | 385 | 302 | 446 | 244 | 402 | 280 | 337 | 343 |
| Iredell | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson | 18 | 18 | 979 | 2,442 | 1,720 | 1,704 | 1,778 | 1,657 | 1,793 | 1,626 | 1,960 | 1,467 |
| Johnston | 29 | 29 | 1,619 | 7,445 | 0 | 0 | 4,735 | 4,197 | 4,506 | 4,494 | 4,467 | 4,559 |
| Jones | 7 | 3 | 26 | 235 | 72 | 190 | 103 | 162 | 84 | 181 | 540 | 762 |
| Lee | 12 | 11 | 586 | 4,059 | 2,208 | 2,423 | 2,628 | 2,025 | 2,603 | 2,005 | 2,422 | 2,168 |
| Lenoir | 22 | 22 | 913 | 5,407 | 2,803 | 3,536 | 3,121 | 3,296 | 2,743 | 3,525 | 2,530 | 3,681 |
| Lincoln | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,120 | 1,386 |
| McDowell | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Macon | 15 | 15 | 449 | 2,598 | 848 | 1,090 | 1,440 | 1,561 | 1,426 | 1,558 | 1,437 | 1,522 |
| Madison | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Martin | 13 | 13 | 918 | 2,144 | 1,893 | 1,159 | 2,100 | 1,006 | 2,045 | 1,021 | 1,723 | 1,311 |
| Mecklnbrg | 138 | 45 | 5,957 | 18,506 | 13,844 | 12,367 | 14,409 | 12,053 | 14,417 | 11,521 | 12,681 | 13,087 |
| Mitchell | 11 | 3 | 8 | 175 | 32 | 152 | 48 | 136 | 48 | 136 | 61 | 123 |
| Montgmry | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moore | 20 | 18 | 1,731 | 6,089 | 5,521 | 3,555 | 6,354 | 2,695 | 5,992 | 2,878 | 6,497 | 3,562 |
| Nash | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,979 | 3,212 |
| New Hanvr | 35 | 35 | 2,630 | 13,485 | 10,297 | 5,986 | 9,797 | 6,430 | 10,767 | 5,443 | 10,356 | 5,499 |
| Northmptn | 18 | 18 | 1,257 | 1,226 | 1,635 | 745 | 1,730 | 659 | 1,692 | 682 | 1,619 | 743 |
| Onslow | 24 | 24 | 1,328 | 7,375 | 2,845 | 5,675 | 3,511 | 5,034 | 3,654 | 5,099 | 3,173 | 5,532 |
| Orange | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pamlico | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 906 | 1,118 |
| Pasquotnk | 13 | 13 | 1,061 | 2,129 | 1,652 | 1,444 | 1,989 | 1,083 | 2,071 | 968 | 1,818 | 1,334 |
| Pender | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Perquimns | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Person | 14 | 14 | 461 | 2,026 | 1,055 | 1,459 | 1,122 | 1,364 | 1,125 | 1,354 | 1,119 | 1,367 |
| Pitt | 27 | 12 | 1,725 | 3,826 | 3,883 | 1,938 | 3,903 | 1,870 | 3,935 | 1,795 | 7,139 | 3,579 |
| Polk | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,178 | 1,211 |
| Randolph | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Richmond | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,869 | 1,493 |
| Robeson | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rockngham | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,382 | 2,036 |
| Rowan | 40 | 10 | 1,013 | 2,850 | 1,789 | 2,061 | 2,026 | 1,881 | 2,145 | 1,742 | 2,109 | 1,809 |
| Ruthrfrd | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,383 | 2,517 |
| Sampson | 23 | 23 | 1,003 | 3,058 | 1,770 | 2,229 | 2,047 | 2,079 | 1,915 | 2,112 | 1,708 | 2,065 |
| Scotland | 10 | 10 | 877 | 1,414 | 1,408 | 981 | 1,416 | 889 | 1,404 | 864 | 1,402 | 931 |
| Stanly | 24 | 15 | 509 | 3,275 | 939 | 2,760 | 1,072 | 2,760 | 1,261 | 2,461 | 2,467 | 4,738 |
| Stokes | 20 | 20 | 610 | 3,088 | 1,575 | 2,118 | 1,917 | 1,759 | 1,831 | 1,796 | 2,026 | 1,659 |
| Surry | 28 | 24 | 1,645 | 2,646 | 2,331 | 1,977 | 2,733 | 1,683 | 2,481 | 1,767 | 3,226 | 2,464 |
| Swain | 5 | 5 | 134 | 878 | 398 | 636 | 435 | 579 | 396 | 617 | 354 | 656 |
| Trnsylvna | 18 | 0 | 21 | 70 | 55 | 34 | 62 | 27 | 60 | 31 | 162 | 118 |
| Tyrrell | 6 | 6 | 121 | 132 | 272 | 180 | 291 | 161 | 295 | 159 | 246 | 202 |
| Union | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,858 | 4,149 |
| Vance | 16 | 16 | 603 | 2,493 | 1,532 | 1,667 | 1,693 | 1,542 | 1,837 | 1,410 | 1,815 | 1,348 |
| Wake | 99 | 79 | 9,937 | 46,318 | 33,634 | 23,546 | 35,169 | 21,750 | 37,466 | 19,347 | 49,956 | 25,854 |
| Warren | 14 | 14 | 605 | 1,339 | 973 | 973 | 1,093 | 853 | 1,023 | 903 | 1,063 | 872 |
| Washngtn | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,261 | 858 |
| Watauga | 20 | 20 | 2,079 | 3,588 | 3,924 | 1,870 | 4,259 | 1,552 | 4,192 | 1,592 | 4,213 | 1,631 |
| Wayne | 20 | 11 | 516 | 3,085 | 1,772 | 1,877 | 2,194 | 1,486 | 2,190 | 1,484 | 4,000 | 3,184 |
| Wilkes | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,647 | 2,158 |
| Wilson | 25 | 23 | 919 | 4,279 | 2,401 | 2,838 | 2,491 | 2,645 | 2,781 | 2,405 | 3,084 | 2,950 |
| Yadkin | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yancey | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 2,458 | 1,117 | 81,716 | 300,287 | 207,113 | 170,015 | 224,093 | 163,545 | 233,396 | 152,085 | 325,646 | 237,965 |

■ Fayetteville Technical Community College Horticulture Business Technology students recently competed in the annual North Carolina Landscape Contractors Student Field Day. The following students won: **Jeff Thompson**, first place, Landscape Sales; **Wendy Sue Bound**, second place, Floral Design; **Sigi Hamilton**, third place, Interior Plant Identification; **Sigi Hamilton**, second place, Highest Individual Competition; and **Ramona Smith**, third place, Outdoor Plant Identification. Also, FTCC placed third in Overall Field Day Champion and High Average School Competition.

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## Robeson Community College suspends course during probe

By Greg Euston
Staff writer

**LUMBERTON** — Robeson Community College has suspended an adult basic education class in Maxton while it investigates problems uncovered last week during a routine evaluation, the college president said Wednesday.

"The class size was definitely a concern. It's hard to justify paying an instructor of only one or two students," said the president, Fred Williams, who declined to discuss the problems until the investigation is completed.

He said problems beyond the class size led to the investigation.

"There are a number of ques-

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## College

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tions I want answered," said Williams, who was interviewed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Asked if the two-year college had been defrauded, he said, "That's not going to be the case when this investigation is completed. This college has a tremendous history over the years of having good clean audits. I'm very serious that we have no audit exceptions."

Williams repeatedly characterized problems with the class at the R.B. Dean Elementary School as mistakes that will be corrected. The class was discontinued when the quarter ended, he said.

The problems came to light last week through the college's quarterly evaluation of its classes, Williams said.

The school evaluates all of its courses for efficiency, effectiveness and financial accountability.

Tony Brewington, adult basic education director, said Tuesday that the class is being looked at for some questionable data. He said he couldn't comment beyond that.

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# Workforce Training Is Top Priority

*New mission statement streamlines, clarifies community colleges' role*

**By Mark R. Van Sciver**

What exactly is the job of North Carolina's 58 community colleges?

Like the blind men and the elephant, most people's ideas of what community colleges are and what they expect them to do depend on the point at which those individuals "touch" the colleges. They tend to define the schools by whatever services they receive.

Over the community system's 30-year history, member colleges have assumed responsibilities that didn't fit anywhere else in the educational spectrum.

Heretofore, to fulfill communities' wide range of needs, the system's statement of mission was left broad intentionally to allow colleges the maximum flexibility in responding to local needs. In the past, few have doubted that the colleges' primary job was adult education and workforce training; yet, as they responded to the needs of local communities, they often found themselves accused of trying to be "all things to all people." Critics held that the colleges in the system lacked clear focus.

It was this perceived lack of focus that prompted the Government Performance Audit Committee to recommend a thorough review of the system and, particularly, its mission. As a result, at its November meeting, the State Board of Community Colleges adopted a new mission statement which formally established workforce preparation as the system's number one job.

The new mission statement is short and succinct. It emphasizes workforce training and reiterates the system's long-standing commitment to accessibility and economic development.

The development of the new mission statement was the culmination of six months of work by a task force charged with reviewing the mission, goals and structure of the system. Kathryn Baker Smith, associate vice president for planning and research for the Department of Community Colleges, headed the task force.

"There was considerable sentiment among community college people, as well as legislators, for a shorter, more concise statement of what our system is supposed to provide North Carolina,"

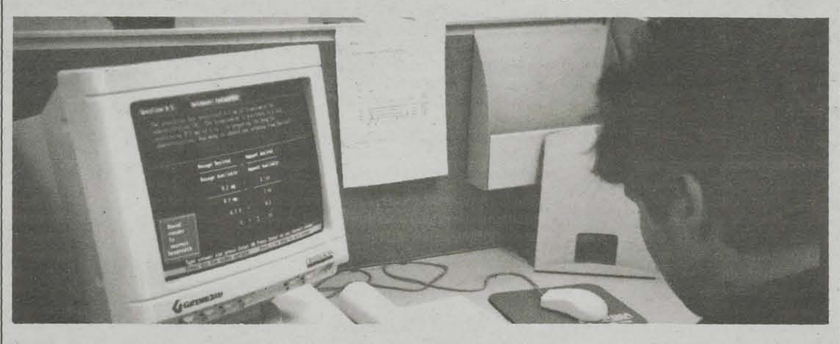
(See *Mission*, page 6)

**North Carolina Community College System Mission Statement**

The mission of the North Carolina Community College System is to open the door to opportunity for adults seeking to improve their lives and well being by providing:

- Education and training for the work force, including basic skills and literacy education, occupational and pre-baccalaureate programs;
- Support for economic development through services to business and industry; and
- Services to communities which improve the quality of life.

# Nursing Students Gear for Changing Work Place



***Revamped curriculums will help equip nurses to 'think on their feet'***

**By Delores M. Steele**

*Nursing students will spend less time in lectures and more time in computer-simulated clinical settings when the community colleges' nursing programs are revamped.*

When the community college system redesigns its nursing curriculums, graduates will be more adaptable, more flexible in their thinking and more familiar with the new technology in the health industry.,

Davidson County Community College, Lexington, is leading a two-year project to redesign the community college system's 83 registered and practical nursing programs. The revised curriculums will incorporate more computerized technology and instruction that will help equip students to think more critically.

"We are seeking to have a nursing graduate who is a flexible thinker and who is able to deal with different situations in different client-care settings," Dr. Teresa Banks of Davidson CCC said. Banks is project director.

Banks said several developments have made it necessary for the community college system to revamp its nursing curriculums. First, she says, hospitals are getting patients who require higher levels of nursing. Second, the move to control medical costs by reducing hospital stays has led to more nurses administering services independently in the homes of patients.

"Our nurses will need to be highly adaptable and better able to think on their feet," Banks said. "And they need to know how to deal with the technological changes in the health care work place. Also important, nurses need to know where to find answers."

The redesigned nursing curriculums will address those

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# COMMUNITY PROFILE

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**Dr. Helen Winstead** has seen Fayetteville Technical Community College expand over the years.

## The end of an era at FTCC

*Helen Winstead closes a 23-year career with the community college, but she's not slowing down.*

**By Jeffery Womble**
Staff writer

The cards have already begun to arrive.

One tells Dr. Helen Winstead how much she will be missed, while another simply says, "Enjoy retirement."

She plans to.

With just a few days left at Fayetteville Technical Community College where she served for more than 23 years, Dr. Winstead has her retirement plans already mapped out.

She plans to do some traveling with her sisters, work in a Georgia law firm with a former FTCC employee and do some volunteer work in nursing homes.

"My mother spent many years in a nursing home, and people aren't sensitive to the needs of the elderly," the retiring dean of students said. "I also may do some counseling work with my church and I'm going to spend some time with my sons and grandchildren."

Winstead began her career at FTCC, then Fayetteville Technical Institute, as an employee in the area of student services.

"I became a director somewhere in between," she said. "Then I became dean of students about 10 years ago."

Winstead earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Pembroke State University, a master's degree from North Carolina State University in guidance and counseling, and a doctorate in community college faculty from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Only a few buildings existed on the FTCC campus when Winstead arrived. Now the two-year junior college has grown into one of the most advanced and well-respected community colleges in the state. The school has an enrollment of approximately 6,800 students.

"This school has grown tremendously," Winstead said. "When I first came there, there were only a few buildings, and we had about 800 students. My first office was in LaFayette Hall, and we had only part of Cumberland Hall. I think that's about all we had here as far as buildings."

As a result of the school's growth, Winstead said she has grown as a professional. During her tenure at FTCC, she has served as president of two state associations — the North Carolina College Personnel Association and the Community College System of State Personnel. But one of her biggest honors is a position she holds at FTCC.

"One of the biggest rewards is being the adviser to SGA (student government association)," she said. "Earlier I was serving as an adviser on the side, and I'm glad to have the opportunity to work with the students."

The students at FTCC make her work more enjoyable, she said.

"The students we turn out, you can't match these students," she said proudly. "I have been part of a college and university as an adjunct, and you can't match the students. These are quality students. We also have a quality staff and a tremendous faculty.

"I had one son come out of the university system and one come out of this college, and I am very proud of both of them."

Elaine Pierce, president of the FTCC SGA, said it's going to be difficult not having Winstead as an adviser.

"I really don't want to think about it," said Pierce, who also holds a state SGA position. "I've been trying to push November out of my mind.

"Working on the state level, she has chauffeured me and had made so many sacrifices. I'll never forget her. I'm a better person having known her."



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# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**Betty Williamson,** Charles Smith leave with a combined total of nearly 60 years at FTCC.

## Farewell, FTCC

### Williamson, Smith retire with accomplishments, memories

**By Jeffery Womble**
Saturday Extra Editor

When Betty Williamson and Charles Smith retired from Fayetteville Technical Community College Friday they not only left behind jobs that they both loved — they left behind some memorable moments as well.

For Williamson, dean of learning resources, it's seeing the two-year school's library grow from a 625-square-foot facility located on one floor, to a sprawling two-story building named in honor of Paul H. Thompson, the first chairman of the school's board of trustees.

Smith, on the other hand, saw the continuing education department's staff increase from three people in 1971 to more than the present number, 80.

In their eyes, the school is in a league of its own.

"This school is a big family here," said Williamson, retiring after 29 years and four months at the school. "I enjoy the work, and it's because of the people who have made it so enjoyable. It's a warm, friendly campus. The students are an important part of our being here."

Williamson first came to FTCC (then Fayetteville Technical Institute) as the school's lone librarian. She later became director of library services and served later as an assistant dean before moving to learning resources. Over the years those positions have allowed her to meet students and staff members who later in life became personal friends.

"I'm going to miss work with the faculty, staff and interaction with the students," she said with a smile. "As the librarian, I had a lot of student contact, but as Learning Resource Director, I have very little contact."

But that hasn't diminished the admiration she has for the school.

"I feel a great deal of pride not in what I have accomplished, but in the support from the administration and staff," Williamson said. "We all worked together as a team, and that's our goal — to keep the students' and instructors' needs uppermost in our minds at all times. I love this school. It's been good to me, and I hope I have been good for it."

With the new-found spare time she will have on her hands, Williamson said she plans on doing some traveling and volunteer work.

"This is not a career change," she said. "I will spend time with my family and friends, and the hospital is one of the areas I am interested in doing volunteer work in.

"I have spent a lot of time in the waiting areas of ICU (intensive care unit) and I felt that I could do some work there. I am an avid reader also."

In his job as director of industry services, Smith sees himself building on the foundation set by Bill Bryant, who directed fire service and law enforcement training programs. Bryant, who still lives in Fayetteville, also developed the centers of continuing education in the area's public high schools.

"He put a renewed emphasis on industry training, and that's what the school was primarily designed for," said Smith. who is leaving the school after 21½ years. "When Dr. Allen (FTCC President Craig Allen) came on, he asked me to make a renewed effort toward industry. He then asked me what I needed to do the job, and I said classroom space."

That response led to construction of FTCC's multimillion dollar Center for Business and Industry. Smith collaborated with some of Cumberland County's top industries, including Black and Decker, Kelly Springfield, DuPont and ICI to help design the floor plan for the state-of-the-art facility. The industries also advised Smith on what equipment to buy for the building.

Smith said he decided to end his career at FTCC after telling a friend that he doesn't "have the time to work anymore."

"I look forward to doing something different . . . maybe some of the same things, but from a different perspective," he said. "For the first time since high school, I don't have a five-year plan. I feel that the time is right for me to leave. I have a capable staff and I have taught them everything I know, and they have taught me a little bit."

And they will be sorely missed, he said.

"The people here are really great people," Smith said. "I will definitely miss them."

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### American Business Women

The Highlander Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 26 in the Azalea Room of the Radisson Prince Charles Hotel on Hay Street.

Barbara Copeland, director of communications and marketing at Fayetteville Technical Community College, will be the speaker.

Donna Regan will be the vocational speaker.

Election of Woman of the Year will be held and the upcoming Business Associate Event discussed.

For more information, call Joann Herron at 484-5979.

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## *The success story of a father who cared*

Peaches Newell can remember her daddy coming home in a dirty jumpsuit after working all day at a service station. She remembers him working at a fast-food restaurant, as a mortician in New Jersey, as a window washer.

He has done chores for a former classmate, who is a dentist, washed cars, raked leaves. Never too proud for any kind of job, Peaches Newell's daddy was always working, working, working.

"He was different than a lot of fathers these days," she said. "His family always came first. He would do anything to take care of his family."

They don't make them like Arnold Newell anymore, at least that's what Peaches thinks as she sits with her 18-month-old daughter at her feet. Peaches is a single mother, raising Candas with the help of her parents.

"Her father's in prison," Peaches said, picking up her smiling toddler.

### Putting his own dreams aside

They used to call 43-year-old Arnold Newell "Cool Sticks" when he was growing up in New Jersey, and those who know him well still do. He was quite a drummer with dreams of making it big. They say not many could match him.

"The feel you have on the skins can't be taught or written down," wrote Tim Crockett, whose father is renowned drummer Larry Crocket, in a note to Newell.

But Stick Newell had a growing family to support and no time for fancy dreams and nightclubs. He put on work clothes every morning, kept his drums packed away. He brought his family to live in a trailer in Clarkton. Seven years ago, he moved them into a five-bedroom home in Devonwood, a nice neighborhood in Fayetteville.

**Peaches Newell** and her father Arnold Newell.

"It took us a long time to get here," Peaches said. "We didn't use to be able to walk outside and look at a lake. In our younger days, we didn't want to go outside because we didn't know what would happen."

An eye problem keeps Stick Newell out of steady work these days, and it isn't easy paying the bills. His five daughters, ranging in age from 5 to 24, live at home, including 21-year-old Peaches and Candas.

Peaches was a few weeks pregnant with Candas when she returned home from picking up literature at an abortion clinic. Her parents confronted her, told her they knew she was pregnant and persuaded her to keep the baby.

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## Hasty

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"We all cried, full of tears," Peaches said. "I knew then they would do anything for me. They said, 'We're going to help you raise this baby. We're going to help you feed this baby.' They totally changed my mind.

"This is my second year in college and it has not been easy," Peaches said. "But it can be done."

### 'Stick together'

There are those who say that illegitimacy is the single biggest social problem of our time, more important than crime, drugs, poverty, illiteracy, welfare or homelessness, because illegitimacy drives everything else.

Unfortunately, illegitimacy is a problem that continues to get worse.

Peaches Newell is trying to give her story and her daughter's story successful endings. She couldn't do it, she said, without the help of her mother and father.

"Young males need to be taught a lesson," Peaches said. "You have to stick together as a family and eventually things will look up. My family went through my entire pregnancy with me. When I would get cravings, it was my father who would get up in the middle of the night to go get me a hamburger or ice cream.

"If more men were like him," she said, "there wouldn't be the high divorce rate or single parents."

Peaches is studying at Fayetteville Technical Community College, hoping to earn a degree in criminal justice and eventually help other struggling young people. She is a certified phlebotomist, and hopes to begin working part time, helping her parents pay the bills.

"We've never been financially able to go on a vacation," she said. "I'd love to save my money and send them on a vacation."

Stick Newell still dreams of those drums. He talks about starting a gospel band with his daughters, two of whom are good singers, and one of Peaches' uncles, who plays the bass. He still dreams of success.

But depending on how you define success — in a proud daughter or a healthy, giggling baby — that dream has already come true.

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## Beware the programmed brain

**By Sam Zahran**
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The third annual Loebner Prize competition was held in San Diego recently, where computer experts tried to pass the (Alan) Turing Test: make a human being believe it is having a conversation with another human being, not a computer. Supposedly, this is the ultimate test of the creators of artificial intelligence.

Artificial Intelligence. What a peculiar expression! The thesaurus in my computer tells me that, among other things, artificial means "man-made," "manufactured," or "synthetic." My computer also provides other, more disturbing synonyms: "fake," "counterfeit" "phony" and "pretended." These terms offend ... my intelligence. I would rather think that my intelligence is the opposite of artificial. My computer calls this type of intelligence "natural," "authentic," "genuine," and "sincere."

Natural, authentic, genuine, and sincere intelligence is the intelligence of Commander Data, "Star Trek's" artificial lifeform and human wannabe — It is intelligence that can demonstrate conscious awareness of the self as a self. In one of my favorite episodes, Data escapes dismantling only after Captain Picard proves in a court of law that Data is an expressive self-conscious entity — indistinguishable from a human being.

Most of us believe that our human intelligence derives from our mind, our souls. But we are at as much of a loss as Commander Data when we are asked to prove that we have a mind or a soul: when we look for it, there is nothing there; it can't be found, yet we know our mind or soul lives within us and gives us life. We know it is there because through language, through symbolism, we can express to ourselves and to others that it is there. We can give an outward sign of our inward self.

So, the computer experts who competed in the San Diego contest have a simple task: create a machine that has a mind, a soul — a machine that knows it knows and can say so.

I think that the computer experts are starting at the wrong end of the equation when they attempt to create artificial intelligence. They want the computer — outwardly — to express language in such a way that it counterfeits the human mind. Unfortunately, many educators have tried to do the same thing with their students. They are even successful at producing artificial intelligence — students who outwardly seem to think like human beings because they can "fake" knowledge; they become "counterfeit" representatives of their teachers, regurgitating the formulae they need to get an "A." And these are the students we want to become productive members of society.

Genuine, natural, authentic, and sincere intelligence begins not with the outward signs but with the inward source. Human intelligence becomes artificial when it only looks like intelligence — when, as a species, we're content to mimic the tired old formulae we've been taught for centuries. Fear and violence have been the No. 1 lessons. We have learned them well.

How do we exercise real intelligence? At least one way is by choosing alternatives to fear and violence. And how do we do that? By recognizing that the human soul is limitless in the number of ways it can express itself, as long as this expression does not interfere with anyone else's right to self-expression.

Computer specialists are doomed to fail in their attempts to create a machine that thinks like a human being. We can succeed, however, as human beings in our attempts to make our intelligence authentic, genuine, and sincere. We have within us what a computer never will: that limitless, indescribable, and wonderful nothing called the human soul.

*Zahran teaches English at Fayetteville Technical Community College.*

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

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## REGION BRIEFS

### CUMBERLAND

### Latham retires from Sheriff's Department

Capt. Don Latham, chief of the patrol division of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department for the last three years, retired Thursday.

Latham, 41, underwent open heart surgery a year ago and has had recurring problems.

Bill Culbreth has been promoted from lieutenant to captain and named to head the division, Sheriff Morris Bedsole announced Monday.

Latham is a former member of the Fayetteville Police Department and served as chief of police in Spring Lake for three years before joining the sheriff's department.

### FTCC leads state in minority hiring

Fayetteville Technical Community College hires more women and minorities than other North Carolina community colleges, an official told the college's board of trustees on Monday.

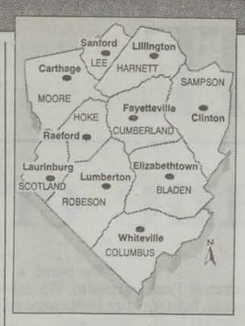
"Our effort over the years has been to create an environment that's diverse," said Dr. Harold Thompson vice president for personnel at the college.

He presented statistics to the board showing that:

■ 53 percent of the students are male, while 47 percent are female;

■ 61 percent are white, 30 percent are black and 9 percent are Asian, Hispanic or Indian;

■ 65 percent of the faculty and staff are women or minorities.

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# Users hope state will pay tolls of information highway

BY KAY MCFADDEN AND TIM GRAY
STAFF WRITERS

For the 106 sites chosen to be the first links to North Carolina's information highway, logging on may be the easy part. The harder part: paying to stay well connected.

At conferences in Durham and Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, state officials announced the first group of schools, colleges, universities, medical centers and state offices that will hook up to the high-speed communications network, the first of its kind in the nation.

The system combines fiber-optic cable, sophisticated switches and rapid transmission technology. It allows not only text but sound and video to be sent and received at the same time, using a variety of audiovisual equipment including computers, TV sets and videophones.

The estimated price tag for all the necessary equipment at these sites ranges from $70,000 to $120,000 per site — a particularly hefty expense for poorer schools and colleges. And that's just the start.

"Almost everybody in this group already has the equipment money," says Jane Patterson, senior adviser to Gov. Jim Hunt and the highway's prime backer. "The big issue is being able to carry the [telephone] network charges. That's more volatile, and that's the one they want the state

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to pick up."

An example of the potential network charges is contained in a rate proposal filed by Southern Bell, the largest local carrier. The proposal, filed with the North Carolina Public Utilities Commission, is asking to charge $1,000 per hookup and a recurring charge of at least $1,100 a month, based on a certain level of service and regardless of distance within Southern Bell's service areas. More charges could accrue for additional use.

While these rates seem extraordinary compared to telephone service, they are low in comparison with some carriers' proposals. Pacific Bell, for instance, last month said it would ask $8,500 for installation and $7,899 in monthly charges for a similar information highway.

Such rates involve far more than basic telephone service: The charges would cover the costs of the fiber-optic cable, switches and transmission technology that perform much more complex audiovisual demands.

For instance, a medical specialist at a university could use the combined technology of the information highway to scan an X-ray or listen to the heartbeat of a patient at a rural clinic. Or the state could use the information to link county databases of child-abuse cases, so that parents wouldn't be able to evade agencies by simply moving from one county to another.

Under their agreement with the state, Southern Bell, GTE Corp. and Carolina Telephone/Sprint will build and own the highway's physical infrastructure, while users — state offices, hospitals, schools and businesses — will pay for equipment and phone charges.

"The way we priced this service is that the customer has to pay for their own ramp to the highway," said Southern Bell spokesman Mark Collins. "But we only want to charge for what they use while they are on it."

The General Assembly last year allotted $4.1 million for the first phase of the information highway. About $3.6 million of that amount will be used to cover the first 12 months of line charges for high schools, community colleges and universities. (Medical centers aren't included because they can bill their expenses to patients and insurance companies. In the future, private users will be expected to pay their own costs.)

The total bill for annual user charges for the information highway can't be calculated until long-distance carriers — which handle the highway's traffic between area codes — do a similar filing.

And where the money will come from after the first year isn't certain. The 106 sites are due for hook-up to the highway in August; an additional 80 will be announced next January. All told, the state plans to keep connecting sites over a 10-year period.

"I hope the state and the legislature will look at the charges and fold them into an annual appropriation for the highway itself," said Patterson, who has described the highway as the "bookmobile of the 21st century."

School administrators apparently share that hope.

"Phone charges? Not a concern anymore," said Travis Twiford, superintendent of Nash County-Rocky Mount public schools, some of which have been chosen as highway sites. "[They were] initially, but we have assurances from the state that they'll be paying the line charges for the first year, and we were assured they'd seek funding in subsequent years."

One possibility rests on the General Assembly's continued willingness to fund what the highway's proponents view as a tool to redress educational inequities across the state. For example, the highway will allow students at rural high schools to electronically attend classes at colleges and universities.

To some users, the costs will actually mean a savings. In rural Robeson County, where five high schools and one university were chosen as sites, the information highway will provide courses for less than the expense of physically staffing and offering those classes.

"This is the largest county in the state, and we have 41 schools," said Al Kahn, public relations director for Robeson's public school system. "We couldn't justify economically getting certain courses. And now there will be programs available to keep our teachers and staff up to snuff."

Not every educational facility selected Tuesday has the money for equipment and training — one reason about $500,000 of the $4.1 million budget was designated for equipment and training costs. According to Patterson, the money will help recipients that are "deemed needy" to become hooked into the highway.

Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**Clay Hodges,** president of PCB Associates, gives a $2,000 check to Pat Hickman, Steve Wagoner and Alton King. The donation will be used to further technological development at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

# What Do You Seek From Your Community College?

By Bob Scott

For the past 18 months, newspapers, radio, television, and the halls of state government have been filled with talk of the findings of the Government Performance Audit Committee.

Those who have expressed disappointment in the lack of immediate financial savings from the GPAC report forget that the primary purpose of the audit was not necessarily financial, but rather designed to improve government performance and efficiency.

For the community college system, the GPAC report was the culmination of a process first initiated by the State Board of Community Colleges in 1987. That year, the state board undertook its own self-designed re-evaluation with the Commission on the Future of the North Carolina Community College System, a blue-ribbon panel of 23 distinguished North Carolinians, which included House Speaker Dan Blue and legislative leaders as members.

The commission undertook an extensive review of the system, examining strengths and weaknesses and strategies for improvements. Both the State Board of Community Colleges and the 1989 session of the General Assembly adopted the findings of the commission, though no funds were provided. The state board immediately went ahead with plans to implement all those recommendations that did not require new funding. GPAC recognized this accomplishment in its report.

Both GPAC and the Commission on the Future report recognized that the state's 58 community colleges serve as national models of excellence that many other states seek to emulate. Both studies also noted that North Carolina's community colleges enroll a greater percentage of the state's population than any other system in the country and that our colleges are hard-working engines for economic development.

The community college system, which received 22 specific recommendations from GPAC, was not fearful of an examination of its operations. The State Board of Community Colleges feels that in many ways GPAC confirmed the board's views of changes needed for the system as it enters the 21st century. For this reason, the State Board of Community Colleges adopted all but two of the 22 GPAC recommendations and took the initiative to begin implementing the recommendations several months before the General Assembly adopted them.

Although the pressure is great for change, the legislature nonetheless has handed the community colleges a great challenge and a great opportunity. By April of 1994, we are required to have made plans for fundamentally restructuring most of the system's programs and operations. We have set up 14 task forces to meet these requirements.

Tying all this together is the re-examination of the system's basic mission.

Since its creation, the community college system has tried to be a comprehensive system, offering a wide range of opportunities to fill the unmet educational and training needs of the state's adults.

In pursuing our perceived mission for the last 30 years, we have been providing everything from basic literacy classes for high school dropouts, to industry training, to college transfer programs, to recreational courses for senior citizens.

But we feel our system is responsible for more than trainin[g] no matter how important that [is]. We also believe that education a[nd] training are but one side of th[e] coin, and that we are responsible for helping to develop the "whole person" in the various roles of parent, citizen, and community member.

The question to consider now is whether or not the system can continue to operate under such a broad mission. The colleges are struggling to reconcile the conflicting demands of what communities want the colleges to offer, and what there's money to pay for.

A balance must be struck between our colleges' need to be flexible in their offerings and accessible to the greatest number — especially the under-served and those with no other options — and the state's need to prioritize. We are agreed that there must be accountability in financial matters as well as in program offerings.

GPAC seems to be pointing our system toward a future where its mission is more focused and rigid in terms of what we teach and who we serve.

Perhaps North Carolina can no longer afford to leave the door "open" for all people.

I believe that the mission of the state's community college system is the concern of all North Carolinians. These are your colleges! You pay for them with both your state and local tax money.

In September, the State Board of Community Colleges adopted as its ongoing goals: upgrading the training and retraining of the work force, progress in the elimination of illiteracy, more services and support to the small-business community of the state, and greater emphasis on community college accountability and standards. The state board's goals are the foundation upon which our system plans to build its future.

What I am asking for is your ideas.

As North Carolina begins a new century, what should you expect from your community college?

I want your ideas and views on how, and in what direction, the mission of the North Carolina Community College System should move in the years ahead.

Please send your letters to me at the Community College Mission Task Force, N.C. Dept. of Community Colleges, 200 W. Jones St., Raleigh 27603-1337.

*Scott, governor of North Carolina from 1968 to 1973, is president of the N.C. Community College System.*

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# Clinic for needy to be dedicated

## Uninsured will finally have a place to care for their health needs

By Bonnie Wilson
Staff writer

Starting next week, uninsured poor people in Cumberland County will have a place to go for free health and dental care.

The CARE Clinic at 239 Robeson St. will be dedicated Sunday, and will start accepting patients on Tuesday.

Rhoads

"It's the most exciting event of the year for me," said Sister Jean Rhoads, executive director of the clinic.

"I consider it nothing short of a miracle that we've been able to accomplish this in just a year's time. It is the result of many, many people and organizations in Fayetteville working together."

The dedication ceremony will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and will include tours, refreshments and a performance by the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra's String Quartet. The clinic is a non-profit, non-denominational organization.

About 44,000 uninsured people live in Cumberland County, according to clinic officials. A Duke University study showed that 96,400 county residents, about 37 percent of the population, have little or no health insurance.

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*— Sister Jean Rhoads, CARE Clinic executive director*

Four years ago, a group of Fayetteville doctors and dentists went to the Catholic Social Ministries to ask for help in creating a free clinic.

In the summer of 1992, The Daughters of Charity, a Catholic group in Emmitsburg, Md., that provides services to the poor, sent Rhoads to Fayetteville to head the clinic committee.

Working with doctors, nurses, representatives from hospitals, program directors of social service agencies and other health-care professionals, she began fund-raising efforts and found a site for the clinic.

The Robeson Street building was chosen because of its central location and proximity to the city's two hospitals — about a block from Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital and two miles from Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

"It was in the zip code area that was determined to be the highest in need and it was on the main route between the two hospitals where most of our professional volunteers will be," Rhoads said.

The clinic will be open from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday. Dr. Tinsley Rucker, medical director of the clinic, and his mostly volunteer staff will see about 30 patients per evening.

"We probably have between 15 and 20 (appointments already lined up) for the first evening of operations," Rhoads said. "We're trying to leave one third (of the time) for appointments, one third for follow-ups and one third for walk-ins.

The clinic includes two dental chairs and equipment, four examination rooms, a pharmacy, a laboratory and an interview room where a social worker will talk to patients about the kind of assistance they may be eligible for.

To be eligible for care at the clinic, a person must have no health insurance of any kind including Medicare, Medicaid and CHAMPUS; must earn an income less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, an amount that varies depending on the size of the family and other factors; and must live in Cumberland County. Proof of income must be provided.

The clinic is $48,000 shy of its goal to raise $358,000 for the renovations and to operate the clinic for two years. All the money raised has come from donations and grants.

About $63,725 went for the renovations, done by F.L. Dickens Construction and Realty Inc.

"Our facility just looks wonderful," Rhoads said. "We who have been given much are anxious to share what we have with others."

*For an appointment or to volunteer, call 485-0555 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.*

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# NORTH CAROLINA 3A

# Community colleges' leader bowing out

**First as governor, then as head of North Carolina's community colleges, Bob Scott helped make the system one of the most extensive in the nation.**

BY TIM SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

**RALEIGH** — Bob Scott, who helped make North Carolina's community colleges equal partners with public schools and state universities, is retiring after 12 years as president of the 58-campus community college system.

Scott, 64, a former governor, told members of the state Board of Community Colleges on Friday that he will step down at the end of the year. He said it was time for new blood.

"Things are going relatively well, although there are the usual problems and frustrations," Scott said. "I feel very good — yes, even proud — about what we have done together."

Scott said his retirement was made easier by the approval of a statewide bond referendum in November. The bonds will pay for more than $250 million worth of community college construction projects throughout the state.

Bob Scott looks back with pride on community colleges' growth and progress but says it's time for new blood.

"I would have to say that bond campaign was one of the highlights of my time here," Scott said.

The campaign also capped a long-term task that Scott was given when he was hired — making the community college system an equal partner among the state's other public schools.

Scott, who helped create the community college system as governor from 1969 to 1973, is known for combining his affable personality with blunt talk to stitch together the diverse needs of the state's community college campuses.

He said his decision is not related to any health problems. He had open-heart surgery one year ago and regularly fights his weight, but doctors told him two weeks ago that his health is good.

In the early 1980s, Scott inherited a system that had just gone through tremendous physical growth. But the schools were so new and decentralized that they had little presence or prestige among lawmakers.

Until 1981, for example, the community colleges did not have their own separate governing board.

Local campus presidents sometimes complain that the centralized bureaucracy run by Scott was the price they paid for more presence in Raleigh. But the colleges also are regarded nationally as a successful model of how to meet local needs within a statewide system.

"Watching this system mature and seeing the colleges get the recognition they deserve — in stature and in funding — has been very gratifying to me," Scott said.

Despite the system's successes and national standing, Scott said he also is disappointed with a few of its efforts over the years.

The state's push to educate the illiterate, for example, has helped thousands of people to read and master daily tasks, but has proved to be far more vexing than expected.

"In one sense," he said, "I am very proud of what we have done in that area, but we just can't seem to get ahead of it."

Scott said he also wants the board to develop a way to fund the college campuses that doesn't rely on student enrollments. The current system, which sets budgets based on the previous year's head count, has led some campuses to use illegal or questionable tactics to pump up enrollments.

Board members were quick to laud Scott's accomplishments after he announced his retirement.

"He is probably the easiest person to work with that I have ever met," said Bill Simpson, a nine-year member of the board and its chairman from 1989 to 1993. "He never tried to dominate an issue and he always seemed to have only one mission — meeting the needs of the community colleges."

Scott said he has no plans once he retires, but he is certain this is the right time to step aside as colleges prepare to train and educate students for a different working world.

"I couldn't tell you the difference between a megabyte and a megabit — and I don't really care," Scott said. "If I was on the information highway I would probably get off at the wrong stop. I don't even know what bus to get on.

"When that happens, you see it's time to take stock of yourself. It's a new day."

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# BOB SCOTT RETIRES

## Exemplifying family tradition of service to state

In keeping with a family tradition, former governor Bob Scott put on the good ol' boy act in announcing his retirement as head of the North Carolina Community College System. A big reason, he said, was that the next plateau of learning on the 58 campuses which he oversees would be related to the oncoming "information superhighway," a computer-driven network linked by fiber-optic technology. Scott joshed: "I'm not computer literate. On the information highway, I'd probably get on the wrong bus."

Like his grandfather and his father and his uncle Ralph before him, Bob Scott has always combined a keen intellect and a big vision for his state with the down-on-the-farm personality of a son of the Hawfields, that ancient farming country in eastern Alamance County. You would think he milked cows every morning. In reality, though, the family comes as close to being political royalty as the state has ever produced.

In 10 years as head of the communit[y] college system, Bob Scott guided it to ne[w] strengths and pushed hard for adequate stat[e] support. Recent passage of a $250 millio[n] bond issue for brick-and-mortar expansio[n] caps his career, and as he says, offers a goo[d] point for a 64-year-old to step aside fo[r] "some new leadership."

So North Carolina will bid *adieu,* at leas[t] for a while, to a remarkable political dynas[ty], one which has given the state enlightened and vigorous leadership in nearly every public field. His grandfather was agriculture commissioner. His father, Kerr Scott, was commissioner, governor, and U.S. senator. Uncle Ralph was a longtime state senator. Bob has been lieutenant governor, governor (1969-1973), and community college chief.

Bob Scott has served North Carolina with distinction. If he doesn't know about information superhighways, he does know about enlightened leadership. He has given it.

# FTCC graduates find better jobs in 1993

Feb 22, 1994

By Suzanne Walker
Staff writer

Graduates of Fayetteville Technical Community College had little trouble finding jobs last year and made more money on average than the year before.

For the second year, 92 percent of graduates looking for a job found one, according to a job placement survey presented Monday to the FTCC board of trustees.

The board also heard a proposal for a new $2.5 million administrative and business building.

Catherine Barkley, coordinator of job placement and alumni affairs, said FTCC graduates are in high demand.

"I think it shows that we're not just a community college but the community's college," Barkley said.

The figures show the number of graduates from graduation ceremonies in June and August who had jobs by Oct 1.

There were 720 graduates in those ceremonies. Of those 481 found jobs within three months, 125 continued their education, 41 were not seeking jobs, 40 were unemployed and 33 could not be located.

The average annual salary of graduates increased from $19,558 to $20,616. Students in health-related fields earned the most, averaging $24,334. Business graduates earned an average of $16,962.

In the other action, the FTCC board voted unanimously to seek $2.5 million in bond money for the administrative and business building.

In November, voters approved a $250 million bond package for community colleges. Of that, the legislature set aside $23.9 million. Colleges can ask for up to $2.5 million of the money set aside, but must justify their needs.

The money would be in addition to the $6 million FTCC was granted from the bond issue for a new health and science building.

Dr. Linwood Powell, vice president for administrative services, said the college's existing administrative building is too small.

The 11,300 square-foot building, he said, was constructed in 1973 to house eight employees and serve 10,000 students. Twenty-two employees now work in the building. Enrollment has reached 41,000 students.

The new building would be about 35,000 square feet.

Powell said the school must submit a request for the money through the Department of Community Colleges. The requests will then be sent to the state Department of Education.

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# Scott has been a builder

Bob Scott may not have laid the foundation for North Carolina's community college system, but he surely helped it grow from that foundation. The former governor gave the colleges a needed powerful voice that could be heard in the legislature and by citizens throughout the state.

As he retires — he is planning to leave the system's presidency at year's end — Scott will be able to see notable achievements. He has presided over many-fold increases in funding, growth in curricula, and careful deliberations about the system's mission.

Certainly running the system seems an unwieldy assignment. There are 58 colleges that serve constituents from prospective auto mechanics to retired people with a love of learning. The colleges are supposed to help in job training, but also to answer the needs of communities where there are requests for certain courses just because a group of people is interested.

It's a noble mission, and North Carolina can be proud that these colleges reach almost every nook and cranny of the state — because the people of nooks and crannies are every bit as deserving of the services these schools provide as are those in big cities.

Bob Scott understood that principle when he took the job, and he maintained — despite the inevitable hazards of growth — the mission of reaching people throughout his tenure. That is because his experience in politics led him to know and like those people, all of them. The feeling was mutual for the boy from Haw River, the governor's son, whom those people sent to Blount Street in 1969.

And the feeling was earned, both in the governor's office and in a dozen years of good service to the state as head of the community colleges.

Pictures taken at KTCC

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# Kinder, gentler fashions

***Padded shoulders** and power suits give way to softer, looser styles. And while they may not make a good first impression on a hanger, fashion coordinators say the styles look great on people.*

**By Eleanor Lee Yates**
Staff writer

There they hang, dresses and jackets draped limply on the racks. Sagging, really. Devoid of perky shoulder pads of the past. Looking like they need a generous dose of spray starch.

"It's been coming upon us for a while, the deconstruction of clothing," said Melissa Melvin, fashion coordinator for the Belk department store chain.

This spring, you'd be hard pressed to find a power suit among the racks of new spring styles.

"Clothes are no longer rigid. They're soft, light and loose," said Melvin.

But don't be daunted while shopping, she said.

"These clothes don't have hanger appeal. You have to try them on. They look much better on than hanging up."

A key attribute of this spring's crop of fashions is comfort.

One woman likened wearing a new crepe pant suit to lounging in her favorite pajamas. There's lots of rayon out there, as well as gauze, cotton and soft linen.

Another plus for the latest looks — the loose dresses, skirts and pants are great for hiding figure flaws.

If you're a shoulder pad fan, this isn't your season. The only ones you'll see are minuscule.

## Fewer colors

There's something else you'll notice this spring. There have been more colorful years.

"Things are very natural and neutral," said Melvin. "It's not a bright season. No bright pinks, or anything." Instead, you'll see lots of beige, stone, off-white and taupe. Muted eggplant is one of the liveliest colors.

According to Joyce Peters, a designer for the Dress Barn chain, some designers will be trotting out jewel colors, such as royal blue and jade, for their summer collections.

It seems as if classic navy makes a grand entrance each spring.

"Nautical looks really never go out of style," said Peters. Designers are using navy for trousers, jackets, skirts and vests. Besides navy, look for loads of other blue hues: chambray, ocean, anything with that weather-beaten, washed look.

"This season there is also a return to nature in fashion," said Lucille Klein, women's fashion director for J.C. Penney department stores. "We're seeing it in earthy colors and ethnic prints. Primitive etching designs are showing up on tunics, trousers, sheaths and skirts. Bone and coconut buttons secure many of the new fluid skirts.

**This two-piece suit** by Platinum is made of linen. The jacket costs $148 and the skirt is $60.

Staff photos by Cindy Burnham. Models and fashions courtesy of Belk.

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Every season has its "must have" items. Spring '94 brings us the broomstick skirt and the vest. Made of nubby, textured cottons and gauzes, the broomsticks are usually multi-colored, long, fluid and relaxed.

Long skirts abound this spring, but so do other lengths.

"I don't like to talk about length. It's just really not an issue any more," said Melvin. "If you've got great legs, wear some short skirts."

The trendiest vests don't look like your grandfather's frumpy favorites. You'll see knitted vests, crocheted vests, silks, cottons, prints, solids, long, short, fitted and oversized. The tapered vests work as sleeveless jackets. The longest vests can even double as dresses.

There's still a '70s retro flavor to dresses. Designers are offering an assortment of small printed florals in muted tones. The trendiest dresses are long — around the ankle — and feature scooped necks, empire waists and accordion pleats. If this doesn't sound like your choice for a career dress, there are more tailored styles. But everything is relative this season. This spring's tailored dresses are likely to be looser and more fluid than any you've seen before.

Another new image features a long, full skirt cinched at the waist to create a snug bodice.

Pants are now a staple in working wardrobes as well as during off hours. Spring collections of many designers include coordinating unstructured jackets, pants and skirt ensembles. Some include vests.

This is an excellent way to get a lot of mileage from a few polished pieces.

As for sportswear, knits are still important, said Melvin. Look for some new fabrics, such as mudcloth, a silk that has a relaxed, earthy appearance.

Trapeze shirts, which flare at the waist, elastic-waist shorts, drawstring pants and long, button-front apron dresses are among the sportswear stars for spring.

## Key accessories

If spring '94, with all its neutrals, seems a bit hum-drum, look for some surprises with accessories.

"There are a lot of ethnic looks, such as Indian influences," said Peters. Inspirations come from woodblock, sari prints, embroidery, tassels, hammered and antiqued metals, raffia and wood. Designs have used these accents on handbags, belts and hats. Colors are still muted, rather like spices: curry, saffron, paprika, sage and cinnamon.

The belt alternative this spring is the waist-wrap, which is basically a knotted sash.

One amusing handbag style is leather with a subtle metallic finish. Woven leather, popular last year, is still strong, as are textured straw bags.

"Shoes are real interesting this spring," said Melvin. "Heels are heavier. There are lots of straps and generally a lot of openness." Sandals will be in the limelight come warmer months. Platforms haven't dropped out of the scene, but heels are more pronounced.

The ever-popular flat is showing up in a variety of materials such as linen. Texture is the watchword here: Beads and embroidery add an exotic flair to footwear.

Ethnic scarves, bangles, cuff bracelets, chokers and long beads are also up-to-the-minute jewelry accessories. According to Peters, silver is outpacing gold as the metal of choice for jewelry. Bronze and copper in various textures and shapes are also designers' choices this season.

**Bronze buttons** highlight these linen dresses by Sante Fe ($140).

**Comfort plays** a major role in these linen outfits by Liz Sport. (Blouse $52, pants $58, fitted vest $52.)

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Staff photo by Jay Capers

**Hui Dang Ha**, right, works with instructor Chris Hill in the English as a Second Language class at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

# Foreigners overcome their fears

*English classes at Fayetteville Technical Community College and in the county schools help immigrants adjust.*

**By Suzanne Walker**
Staff writer

When Pranee Cruz moved from Thailand to the United States with her husband in 1970, she feared that strangers would make fun of her broken English and thick Asian accent.

"When the mailman came, I closed the curtain. I didn't want to speak to anyone," she said.

Thirteen years later, Cruz took her first class in English as a Second Language at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Now she runs two restaurants and teaches Thai cooking in her spare time.

Cruz is one of thousands of foreigners who have taken English as a Second Language classes through FTCC since the program started in 1977.

LaVerne Berrien is coordinator of the college's basic-skills program. She said the program sprang from social gatherings where foreign-born military wives met to discuss the difficulties they had adjusting to America.

"Once a week, they would hold these coffees and talk about life skills and those kinds of things," Berrien said.

The first class had 22 students, all military wives. Now, FTCC has 53 classes throughout Cumberland County, with more than 500 students who speak more than 20 different languages.

The classes are open only to adults, but the Cumberland County schools offer a similar program for children.

About 270 children who speak 15 different languages are in the school system's Bilingual Education program, according to its director, Margarita Dostall. Dostall said that most of the students speak Spanish. Korean and Vietnamese are second and third.

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# Classes increase migrants' confidence in themselves

**By Suzanne Walker**
Staff writer

On hot summer days, Mexican migrant workers pluck tobacco on Joe Gillis' farm on the western edge of Cumberland County.

At night, the 20 or so men forgo their much-needed rest to learn English.

The language lessons were the brainstorm of Maggie Johnson. Johnson is a recruiter for Fayetteville Technical Community College's English as a Second Language Program. Part of her job is to find people who want to learn English and to arrange a time and place for them to take the classes.

Finding Gillis' farm was luck for Johnson, and for Gillis.

"I was driving around Cumberland County looking for migrant workers. I stopped at a car lot and asked if they knew of any and they directed me here," Johnson said.

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## English

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Six teachers and three teacher's assistants travel from school to school each day. They spend about three hours a week at 54 different schools.

### Three levels

FTCC's classes are held in churches and community centers, on the college's main campus and on Fort Bragg.

The classes are divided into three levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Students are required to take tests before they can move to a higher level.

Often, the students in the beginning classes speak no English at all. The teachers' goal is to teach them to read some English so that they will be able to go to the grocery store, read a bus schedule or choose from a menu.

In the intermediate classes, students fine-tune those skills and learn to write short sentences and letters.

The advanced classes help students fill out job applications, write resumes and prepare for college.

Jan Tenbarge, a first-year teacher, said her classes are filled with people from several countries including Korea, Thailand, Columbia, Vietnam and Puerto Rico. Some come to her classes without knowing a word in English.

Sometimes, she said, the easiest way to teach them is to start by pointing to objects such as a chair or desk, naming them and making the students repeat the words. She uses picture dictionaries to increase their "everyday vocabulary," and they play word-association games.

Once their vocabulary improves, she moves on to harder tasks such as using the words in sentences.

After they are comfortable reading, writing and speaking, Tenbarge helps them fill out applications and study for their driver's licenses.

Tenbarge said that most of her students come to school to learn the language so that they can get jobs or go to college. Some catch on quickly, while others struggle to learn simple words.

"They know the value of education and they want to learn all they can," Tenbarge said. "These are just the best, best students you can ask for."

The Dang family started taking classes at FTCC in November, three days after moving to the United States. Loc Dang, his wife, Anh Nguyen, and five grown children were forced to leave Vietnam as refugees.

In Vietnam, Loc and Anh ran their own business. Their sons Thuan and Trung worked as electricians. Their daughters Mytrang and Mytrinh served as salesmen. Their oldest daughter, Thao, was a housekeeper.

All of them took English classes in Vietnamese high schools.

Thao, 26, and Mytrinh, 20, and their parents can read and write a little English, but understand little when it is spoken.

Through an interpreter, Thao said her goal is to "understand reading, writing and speaking very well. Then I can find a job."

Thuan, Trung and Mytrang are more advanced than the others. They can read and write English, but have trouble saying certain words.

"Sometimes I speak to the other people and they didn't understand me because my pronunciation is different," said Trung, who is 23.

### Removing barriers

Maggie Johnson, the program's recruiter, said convincing foreigners that they won't be ridiculed for the way they speak is one of the challenges when she recruits them for the program.

"I have to work really hard sometimes at breaking down some of those fears and barriers. We try to build up their confidence and encourage them to think that they're not dumber just because they are foreigners."

Pranee Cruz, the Thai woman who moved to the United States in 1970, said she is glad she overcame her fears.

"I always thought it was embarrassing to speak another language, that when you don't speak correctly, people make fun of you," she said.

"Now I tell people, 'Please don't be afraid and don't worry about making mistakes.' It gave me confidence to speak in front of people."

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When she got there, convincing Gillis to go along with the classes was a cinch, but the workers weren't so eager.

"When I first go to a camp, they are afraid. I had to get them to trust me," she said.

Gradually, more and more workers agreed to take the classes, which started about three years ago.

"Now, they call me Blondie."

During the first two years of the program, Gillis drove the workers to Douglas Byrd High School twice a week. They learned to read simple books and say words in English. Now, classes are held at a small church within walking distance of the migrant camp.

Gillis said the classes help his workers understand what jobs need to be done.

"It enables me to tell them what I want them to do. It makes communication much easier," he said.

And the classes build the workers' confidence in themselves.

"Some of the workers got their driver's licenses last year," Gillis said. "Certainly that's a big step in being self-sufficient, and the classes sometimes help them learn enough to get work in other job fields."

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

*Emergency training*

**Firefighters try to extinguish a propane gas** fire Sunday during one of the 36 training emergency training courses offered this weekend at Fayetteville Technical Community College. About 1,000 professionals from several states took at least one of the courses.

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BOARD LOOKS FOR A PRESIDENT

# Wicker stresses diversity in community college search

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# State starts search for Scott's successor

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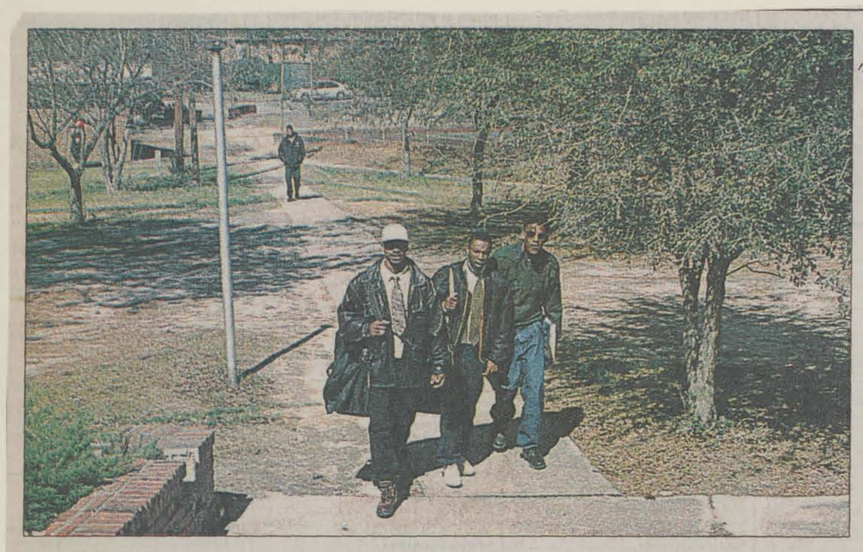

**Bruce Moncur**, left, Corey Wright, and Joe Browne walk to class on the Laurinburg Institute campus.

Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

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# Laurinburg Institute fights for its life

By Kathryn Quigley
Staff writer

**LAURINBURG** — Fifty years ago, dozens of buses would pull up to the Laurinburg Normal School bringing more than 1,000 black students from all over Scotland County.

Donations from Southerners and Northerners helped fund what was then the only high school for blacks in Scotland County.

Today there are no buses. Enrollment has fallen to 65 students. Donations are few.

The few Laurinburg students who attend what is now the Laurinburg Institute walk to get there. The remaining students are boarders from other states who were drawn by the school's history and tradition.

The school, which has always put money for scholarships ahead of money for repairs, is showing the effects of years of neglect.

The flat roofs leak. Windows are covered with boards. Weeds wind their way between the bricks of the one-story buildings. The Olympic-sized swimming pool is closed. The library is only open part time.

Emmanuel and Tinny McDuffie would be worried.

The prep school for black students that the couple founded 90 years ago and devoted their lives to is running out of money.

Headmaster F.H. McDuffie Jr., grandson of the founders, said the school has always struggled financially. But the struggle is harder now.

"There are months when I'm not sure I can pay the light bill," McDuffie said.

The school must stay open, McDuffie said, or everything his

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## Institute

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grandparents worked for will be lost.

A meeting planned by former NBA star Sam Jones and other alumni to talk about ways to raise money may help. So, too, could a television script about the school being written by a screenwriter from New York.

"I sincerely believe this is a mission we're on," McDuffie said. "The need for schools for blacks is greater than ever."

The log school that Emmanuel and Tinny McDuffie founded in the middle of a drained swamp grew into a nationally recognized institution for its distinct place in black education and its distinguished list of alumni.

Jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie went here (Class of 1935). So did NBA standout Charlie Scott and baseball player Wes Covington. Doctors, lawyers and teachers are among the alumni.

"We produce sound taxpayers," said McDuffie. He is 42, a member of the Class of 1969.

McDuffie became headmaster when his father, Dr. Franklin H. McDuffie Sr., retired in 1992 after 40 years. Dr. McDuffie died Jan. 9.

F.H. McDuffie Jr.'s wife, Cynthia, is the school's principal. His daughter Frances, 16, is a sophomore at the school and plans to teach there one day.

The school has no race policy, McDuffie said, and a few dozen whites have attended over the years. There is no admissions policy — any student who wants to attend and can afford the tuition is welcome, McDuffie said.

### One-on-one

The school emphasizes one-on-one instruction by its nine teachers, and emphasizes the personal responsibility of each student, he said. Eighty percent of the school's graduates last year were accepted to colleges, including the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of South Carolina.

The school moved to its campus on McGirt's Bridge Road in 1955.

The campus can accommodate about 150, and the school began catering to students from all over the United States and several foreign countries.

"Laurinburg Institute stands as a model for what was and what could be," McDuffie said.

Only a handful of the school's current students are from Laurinburg.

Antoine Hatcher said his life changed after just one year at the Laurinburg Institute.

"I didn't know nothing but the streets," said Hatcher, who grew up in Newark, N.J. "If I wouldn't have come here, I would never have gone to college."

Hatcher, 21, spent his senior year at the Laurinburg Institute. The individual attention he received there enabled him to do well enough to get accepted to Salem College in West Virginia, he said. He is a sophomore and a star basketball forward at Salem College.

"I love this place," Hatcher said last week on a visit to the Laurinburg Institute.

Johnisha Leak, 17, is one of only 15 girls at the school, and one of only a handful of commuting students.

Leak spent two years at Scotland High School before transferring to the Laurinburg Institute at the beginning of her junior year.

"Here, you get a better background in black culture," said Leak, a senior who was voted homecoming queen this year.

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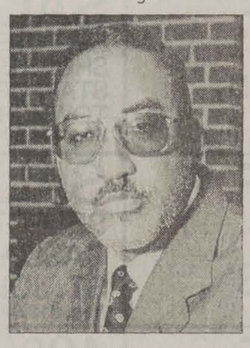
**Mrs. Bishop McDuffie Jr.** walks throught the institute's student center where there's no heat and no air conditioning.



**Bishop McDuffie Jr.**, grandson of the school's founders.

### Troubles

The Laurinburg Institute is not plagued by the violence and disciplinary problems that many public schools have, McDuffie said.

Students chose to attend the school and are motivated, he said. Since most students live on campus, they have the advantage of teachers, administrators and dorm monitors being available 24 hours.

The school is not immune, however. It is in north Laurinburg, one of the poorer areas of the town of about 11,600 people. In February, an 18-year-old student from the school was shot, beaten and robbed as he walked along McGirt's Bridge Road.

The school's academic policies came under fire in 1985 when a former dean of students accused the school of boosting the grades of two student athletes and giving them credit for summer classes they never finished.

The school was cleared of any wrongdoing by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

One of its former students, Chris Washburn, was banned from the NBA for repeatedly testing positive for drug use. Washburn played two seasons with Golden State and Atlanta before he was kicked out of the league in 1989. Washburn played basketball at North Carolina State University.

The average salary for teachers at the school is $12,000, although they can receive free room and board.

Annual tuition is about $10,000, but most students can only afford to pay $6,400 of that, McDuffie said. The rest of the tuition is made up through private donations or through work-study programs, or it is simply never collected, he said.

The school's operating budget this year is about $300,000. But McDuffie said donations for the year do not match that figure.

Board member John Russell (Class of 1949) said the school's famous alumni have occasionally lent their time and talent over the years.

Gillespie performed several jazz concerts to benefit the school. Scott, the former basketball standout, works for Champion and last year donated new uniforms to the basketball team.

"These people have done some things, but it boils down to writing a check," Russell said. "We're in dire need of these people to come to our aid."

Former NBA star Jones (Class of 1951) said help could be on the way.

He and about 25 other alumni are meeting April 1 at the Brownestone Hotel in Raleigh to discuss fund raising for their alma mater.

Jones, 60, played for the Boston Celtics from 1957 to 1969. He is now a sports commentator for cable television's BET channel.

"My experience was wonderful," he said in an interview from his home in suburban Maryland. "The McDuffies were no-nonsense people."

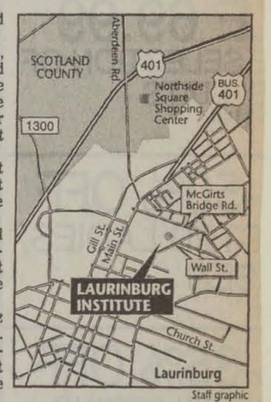
Earl Smith, an executive with "40 Acres And A Mule," filmmaker Spike Lee's production company in Brooklyn, spent his senior year at the Laurinburg Institute and graduated in 1977.

Smith, 34, said he hated eating the heaping bowls of grits served at the school every morning for breakfast, but loved learning how to become self-sufficient.

When Smith learned that the school was considering having a movie made about its rich history, Smith found it a screenwriter.

Kukhautusha Croom, 32, said she jumped at the idea of capturing the story of the Laurinburg Institute on screen.

"It's a story of such integrity," said Croom, a former employee of "40 Acres And A Mule" who has created her own production company. She has titled her television script "From This Seed."

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Croom said she is usually paid $50,000 for a full-length screenplay, but agreed to write about the Laurinburg Institute for a $3,500 fee.

### The beginning

Croom said she is fascinated with the story of Emmanuel and Tinny McDuffie, and is focusing most of her script on them. The couple were students at Snow Hill School in Alabama, a branch of Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee Institute.

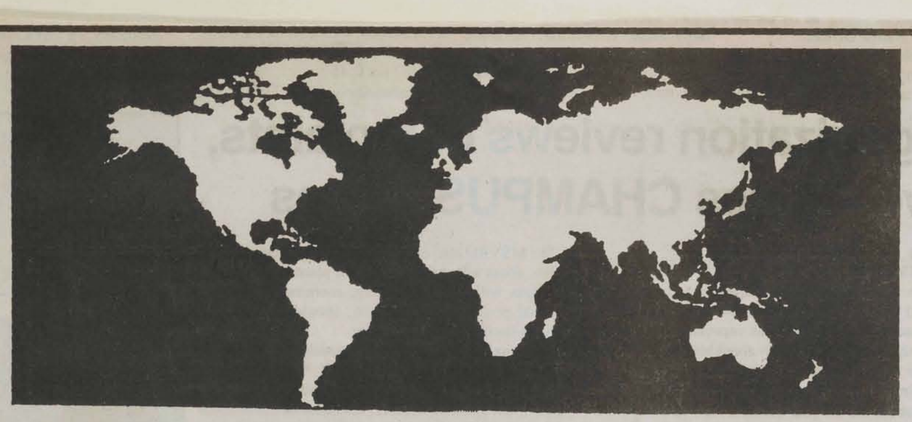
Black residents of Laurinburg wrote to Washington, imploring him to send a teacher to Scotland County.

Emmanuel and Tinny McDuffie heeded the call. According to McDuffie family lore, the teen-age newlyweds — Emmanuel was 18 and Tinny was 17 — walked, hitched rides on cattle cars and dodged Ku Klux Klansmen during their trip to Laurinburg.

Emmanuel died in 1953. Tinny lived until 1982, when she died at the age of 101.

Croom said television viewers are craving shows about solid values and a more peaceful time, and the story of the school has never been more marketable.

"This school is hanging by its fingernails," she said. "I have a chance to help keep this school alive, and to keep its history from being buried."



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**Shea, top,** apparently inherited basketball talent of mom Marsha.

# Like mother, like daughter

## Ralph follows mom's example to lead Bulldogs to title game

**By Earl Vaughan Jr.**
Scholastic sports editor

It had been a long week, both in hours and miles, for Marsha and Shea Ralph.

The mother and daughter had just returned from eight days of grueling play in the National AAU girls 14-and-under basketball tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah.

There had been as many as two games a day before flying to Greensboro, then driving home to Fayetteville.

As Marsha guided the car into the driveway, Shea turned to her and said, "Do you think there's a gym open somewhere that we could go to?"

Such is the commitment of Shea Ralph to the game she loves.

The same game brought national fame to her mother Marsha over 20 years ago, as the first female basketball All-American at North Carolina and a member of the silver medal-winning U.S. team at the World University Games.

Now it's doing the same thing for Shea. Only a sophomore, she has helped lead Terry Sanford to Saturday's state 4-A championship game in the University of North Carolina's Carmichael Auditorium against Morganton Freedom. She has averaged 26.2 points per game on a team that owns a 29-1 record.

But don't for a moment suggest that getting to the state finals was automatic for Shea and the Bulldogs. The concept of being a natural champion doesn't float with her.

"There is some natural talent, but you've got to go to camps, and you've got to work on it in practice," she said. "You can't play street ball all your life and pop up on a basketball court."

Ralph didn't "pop up" on the court for Terry Sanford this season. Her basketball future began to blossom five years ago, when at 11 she got her first exposure to national AAU competition.

"That's pretty serious for 11," she said. "I decided then I was going to take it as far as I could."

Though the results are hard to argue with, Shea's decision has led to criticism of both her and her mother.

### No apologies offered

Marsha, who has spoken out about inequities in women's athletics since her days at UNC, doesn't apologize for continuing, [illegible] when she's accused of doing it to benefit daughter.

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## Ralph

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loving it," she said. "If people want to attach something to that, that's fine, but I'm real proud of what Shea's done and the way women's basketball has grown in this county, this state and in our country.

"I just wish that women's programs were treated better than they are. In some respects, I'm fighting the same battles I fought 20 years ago. It looks like things would have gotten better by now."

Shea says it bothers her when people question her mother's motives for promoting women's basketball.

"I don't understand how people can judge somebody and not know one thing about them, how they can go off and say, 'She's just doing it because it's her daughter,' " Shea said. "They don't know her and they don't know me, and they don't know about our life and what basketball means to us, so how can they judge?

"I know I want to play basketball and she's just there to help me out, to see that what I want comes true."

Shea said that doesn't mean she's going to follow in lockstep with her mother's athletic career.

"It was a different time," Shea said. "She was a center, I'm a point guard. If they want to compare me with her, that's fine. I'm proud of her.

"But I'm worried about how I play. I'm looking at the future and what will soon be the present."

The present is giving Marsha a chance to live something she never experienced during her days at Dunn High School. "My senior year we were 20-2, but there was no state tournament," Marsha said. "That's why I enjoy this so much. I didn't have a chance to advance."

Before high school, the opportunities were even fewer. "We had a little basketball league at the armory, but it was almost unchaperoned." Marsha said. "We pretty much did it ourselves."

Now Marsha is doing what she can to make sure that Shea has the opportunities to compete and improve that she never had. But the combination of commitment and talent from mother and daughter leads to high expectations by outsiders. That is something Shea has found tough to deal with.

### High expectations

In Terry Sanford's only loss this year, Ralph scored 19 points as the Bulldogs were beaten by Seventy-First and 6-foot-3 twins Nicole and Sheneika Walker.

After the game, an interviewer asked her about "only" scoring 19 points.

"I admit I hadn't had a good game at all, but I was thinking, 'That was 19 points against 6-3 girls,' " Ralph said. "I'd like to see you go in there and try it.' "

She felt similar pressure before her first game. "My mom's friends came over to me and said, 'I'm going to watch you play tonight. I hope you have a great game. Score 40 for me,' " she said.

"What if I had a bad game? It gets to me sometimes. Then again, when I'm out on the floor, I don't really think about any of that stuff."

Another Terry Sanford athlete who faced the same pressure of expectations is Blair Sutton, three-time winner of the state 4-A girls tennis championship.

Marsha, a math teacher at Fayetteville Technical Community College, tutors Sutton and has talked with her about the pressures Shea faces.

"Blair's been very supportive," Marsha said. "She's really seen what was going to happen to Shea before Shea or I either one could anticipate it. She always reassured me that things will work themselves out, and they did."

Like Sutton, Shea has decided to specialize in one sport. Her reasons are simple.

"It takes a lot of time and practice to be where I want to be," she said. "I can't juggle three or four sports. I've got to concentrate on the things I want to do the most. The thing I want to do most is play basketball."

When she's not in season with the high school team or AAU competition, Ralph works out with a friend, Jamie Matthews, at home or at the FTCC gym.

"We do suicide sprints, shoot jump shots, ballhandling, everything I can get in," Shea said.

There is also running and aerobics. On an off day, she might do what she did Tuesday — go on a nature hike with teammate Courtney Wetter.

Shea says there's life outside of basketball, and she spends part of it in the kitchen.

"I love baking," she said, "Brownies and cakes. I baked my friend a birthday cake a couple of days ago. I made a chocolate-chip pound cake from scratch."

But the most important thing cooking for her and the rest of the Bulldogs right now is the bid for the state title Saturday.

"I had a dream last night about winning the game," Shea said. "We've really come together, and I think the state championship is going to make us closer," Shea said.

"We're working hard, pushing each other."

Earlier in the week, Shea started to have a bout with her nerves thinking about the title game this weekend. Even though she never got the chance to compete for a state title, Marsha offered her some solid advice.

"You're where you tried all year to be," Marsha said. "You couldn't have done any better than you've done to get here. Whether you win or lose, you're in the championship game for the state.

"All you can do now is go out and play your best."

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# French not himself, 4 testify

*The defendant's former fiancee says she had never seen him violent, abusive or even angry.*

**By Kim Oriole**
Staff writer

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**Sears points** to her closet, where guns were stored.

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...er and his former fiancee, Elaine ...beside him.

**WILMINGTON** — Four women testified Monday that the Kenneth Junior French who stormed into a Fayetteville restaurant in August and killed four people was nothing like the man they knew.

Elaine Sears, who was engaged to the Fort Bragg soldier until he broke up with her about a month ago, was the first witness to testify in his defense.

French is on trial for his life in New Hanover County Superior Court. He is charged with four counts of first-degree murder, six counts of attempted murder, one count of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, one count of assault with a deadly weapon and one count of shooting into an occupied building. The second assault charge is a misdemeanor.

The two assault charges were originally attempted murder charges, but they were reduced by Judge Coy Brewer after defense lawyer Jim Parrish argued that prosecutors did not proved that French intentionally shot all eight of the people wounded.

The more serious assault charge involves the shooting of Jeffrey Bradstreet and the misdemeanor charge is for the wound suffered by Alice Smith, who was hit by one shotgun pellet.

Sears, who said Monday that French broke off their engagement because he thought she needed to get on with her life, testified that she had never seen him violent, abusive or even angry. She said she had seen him drunk only one time.

Calvin Colyer, an assistant district attorney, tried to paint a different picture of French.

He asked Sears if French had been charged with drunken driving in Georgia. She said he had.

Colyer asked if she remembered French telling her sister, during a conversation about gays in the military: "'As long as I have enough ammunition for them and the enemy, fine.'"

Colyer also asked if, during the same conversation, French said he felt the same way about women in the Army.

Sears said she does not remember the conversation. She said she did remember French worrying that he had offended her sister.

Prosecution witnesses testified earlier that the sergeant was drunk and enraged when he burst into Luigi's restaurant on Aug. 6 and started shooting. Some witnesses said he was shouting about gays in the military and some said they thought he was targeting women.

During most of the testimony Monday, French kept his usual courtroom pose — head down and expressionless. The 23-year-old soldier and his former fiancee, Elaine Sears, beside him.

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through Fayetteville.

Laura Rider, of Hinton, W.Va, knew French because she dated a friend of his. French and his friend, Sgt. Gene Jones, came up to visit her and her friend, Sara Miller, often during the fall and winter of 1992. French was dating Miller at the time.

Rider said French called her on Aug. 6 between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. He sounded depressed and was looking for Miller.

"I assumed something had gone wrong with Elaine or his job," she said.


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**The best way** to ensure the cookies look just like their off-the-tree namesakes is to use a metal cookie cutter — or cut from a cardboard pattern.

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# A Treat From The Trees

*These delicate-looking flowers don't really come from a dogwood, but from the fertile imagination of a Fayetteville baker.*

**By Frances Hasty**
Staff writer

The dogwoods are always in bloom at Sharon Gillikin's house.

Not only are they a delight to the eyes but they're also a treat for the taste buds.

**The dark edges** of the flower are created with dark food coloring. The middles are ground pistachio.

Gillikin creates edible "blossoms" in her kitchen — cookies shaped liked dogwood flowers. Her inspiration comes from nature and the beauty of the springtime.

"Fayetteville is known for its dogwoods," she said, her hometown pride showing.

The discovery of a pretty oval tin, which she purchased at a flea market for 25 cents while on vacation, sharpened her desire to try her hand at making cookies in the shape of the flowers.

But a dogwood cookie cutter isn't an easy gadget to find. Then, while visiting the North Carolina State Fair several years ago, she met Peter Blum, a Greensboro tinsmith with an exhibit in the Village of Yesteryear. She sketched the desired pattern for him, and Blum fashioned a cutter, true in size and shape to a real dogwood flower. Since then, he has made several unique cutters for Gillikin, including a Halloween cat with an arched back.

## A few modifications

The dough she uses to make the dogwood cookies is a basic sugar-cookie dough. It must be chilled before rolling to hold the shape. The recipe calls for 2 cups of flour, but Gillikin has found that she usually has to add a little more. Once the cookies have baked and cooled, she "paints" them with a thinned royal icing. To apply the icing, she uses a pastry brush, which leaves a natural texture. The center of the bloom is formed with ground natural pistachio nuts. For a realistic look, she paints the four petal "edges" with thinned brown food coloring.

She makes only white dogwood cookies. "I'm a purist," she said.

For anyone inspired to bake up a batch of dogwood cookies in celebration of the Dogwood Festival, Gillikin shared a tip. Although it would be more time-consuming than using a cutter, the dogwood cookies could be made by using a pattern made of cardboard and cutting around it with a knife, she said.

She enjoys filling her dogwood tin with the cookies and sharing them with friends and co-workers at Fayetteville Technical Community College, where she is an English instructor.

Seldom does she eat them herself. "I'm not a sweets eater."

Her pleasure comes from baking them. And not only dogwood cookies, but all shapes and kinds of cookies.

"Cookies are relaxing. I love the ingredients. When else would you get to try orange-flavored water? And you get immediate gratification, or disappointment, as the case may be."

### Dogwood Cookies

1/2 stick butter
1/2 stick margarine
1 cup sugar
2+ cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 egg, lightly beaten
2 tablespoons water or lemon or orange juice
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Sift dry ingredients in a large bowl. Cream butter; add sugar, egg, vanilla and water or juice. Shape into flattened rounds. Chill until firm; roll 1/4 to 1/8 inch thick on a well-floured surface. Cut into shapes and bake on parchment-lined baking sheets at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until dry but not brown. They should remain pale in color.

Ice with royal icing, thinned to spreading consistency. Sprinkle ground natural pistachio nuts in center. Paint edges with thinned brown food color for realistic look.

FRIDAY
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# *Fast-moving Beck hosts tourney Monday*

Want to spend some time with Chip Beck Monday? Better be ready to move fast.

This is a busy time for Beck. He's at Hilton Head Island, S.C., this weekend competing in the Heritage Classic. He's going to be in his hometown of Fayetteville on Monday for the charity invitational tournament bearing his name. He's being roasted at a $125-per-plate dinner on Wednesday night before the Kmart Greater Greensboro Open. Then there's a matter of that tournament to be played.

**Howard Ward**

*Sports Editor*

The big news locally, of course, is the second playing of the Chip Beck Invitational at King's Grant Golf and Country Club Monday. If you're a Beck fan, a golf fan, or just a celebrity hound, you don't want to miss this.

Chip will be giving a golf clinic at the course at 10 a.m., with opening ceremonies scheduled for 10:30 and a shotgun tee-off at 11.

During the tournament, Beck is expected to hit at least one shot with each team as well as give autographs and pose for pictures.

The honorary chairman this year is Chip's father, Dr. Charles Beck.

Celebrities scheduled to participate include Fayetteville's Brad Edwards, a safety with the Washington Redskins, CBS golf commentator Ben Wright, former Washington Redskins quarterback and ESPN analyst Joe Theismann, actor Burton Gilliam of "Blazing Saddles" fame, PGA Tour professional Robert Gamez, country singer Tom T. Hall, Atlanta Falcons quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver, television star Gary Collins and several other athletes and actors.

Country singer Ronnie Milsap is scheduled to perform at Sunday night's silent auction and dinner at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center. This performance is limited to participants and sponsors of the tournament.

Tickets to the golf tournament are on sale to the public at $5 each. Proceeds benefit the Sacred Heart Foundation, Friends of Children, Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation, Inc., Habitat for Humanity, and the Volunteer Center. For information, call 487-CHIP (2447 for those who prefer numbers).

# *Look for Beck to begin contending*

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Take it straight from Chip Beck; you're going to see some better showings from the Fayetteville golfer in upcoming PGA Tour events.

In fact, if his swollen right hand has returned to normal size from all the hand-shaking and autograph signing at this past weekend's charity tournament bearing his name, he feels he could make some news at the Kmart GGO beginning today in Greensboro.

**Howard Ward**

*Sports Editor*

Beck, who ranks 34th on the PGA money list with $168,131 this season, thinks he's about due to contend for another title. He's won four times in a career that began in 1979 and has total winnings of $5,472,763.

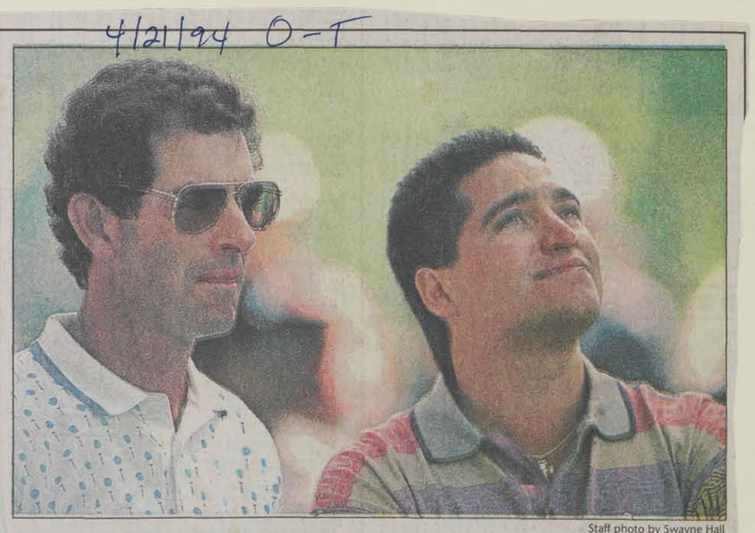
His excellence over the past few years is documented by three Ryder Cup appearances, in two of which he played starring roles. He shares the PGA Tour record of 59 with Al Geiberger, shooting that number in the 1991 Las Vegas Invitational.

So, Charles Henry Beck can certainly play the game. He just hasn't quite got everything on track this year despite showing flashes of brilliance such as a third-place finish in the Nissan-Los Angeles Open.

## 'Making changes is fun'

"I'm hitting the ball beautifully," Beck, who may be the only living golfer to never have had a negative thought, said on Monday. "I haven't scored as well as I've hit the ball and that's a little discouraging. But, it's encouraging, too. You know that if you're striking the ball well, the good scores will come."

Beck is one of the hardest workers on the Tour and, at the age of 37, is as trim as he was during his college days at the University of Georgia. He is constantly seeking to improve his swing, working with different teachers and coaches and changing equipment. During his career, Beck has played with clubs made by Wilson, Ping and Powerbilt, the latest switch taking place this year. The equipment changes were brought about by endorsement contracts rather than a search for swing aids, though. In fact, getting used to the different clubs may be one of the reasons behind Beck's lack of consistency this season.



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**Chip Beck,** left, and Robert Gamez played in Fayetteville Monday and tee off in GGO today.

"When you've played as long as I have, you have to have people help you," Beck said of seeking swing advice. "I think what I've been doing is going to start paying dividends. Making the changes is fun if you feel you're improving."

As for the new clubs, Beck thinks the answer is simply playing time.

"It takes a few tournaments to get the feel for new equipment," he said. "You have to learn to trust the clubs and it's something that you just sense over a period of time. I feel good about the changes I've made because my playing statistics are a lot better this year than last.

"I want to start moving up in the Ryder Cup standings and I'm looking forward to some good things happening the rest of this year."

## Notes and quotes ...

Leftovers from the Sprint-Chip Beck Invitational held at King's Grant Golf and Country Club last Monday:

Lynwood Powell, one of the hard-working behind-the-scenes people from Fayetteville Technical Community College who was very much responsible for the success of the tournament, sees next year's event being even better.

"I think things went well this time and we got great support from the community," Powell said. "But Joe (Beck, tournament chairman) David (Hays, tournament director) and I are always looking for improvements. As it grows, we hope to get more organized in some areas. We owe a lot to King's Grant for the use of the golf course. That's tremendous."

King's Grant manager John Rose played down the contribution.

"We think it's a worthwhile cause," Rose said, "and it's our contribution to the city. We all love Fayetteville and it's good publicity for King's Grant, too."

Frankly, that's pretty much the theme for the event: "Helping Each Other."

**Marathon man and woman:** *Records fall in Boston,* **4C**

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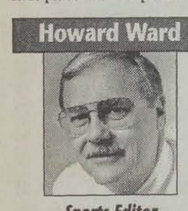
# SPORTS

## *Beck Invitational a community success*

All the shots weren't long and straight, and more putts were missed than made, but a lot of people went home happy Monday after the 2nd annual Sprint-Chip Beck Invitational Golf Tournament.

Sure, there were some winners at King's Grant Golf and Country Club with four teams tying for first place in the captain's choice event at 12 under par. But the real winner was charity.



**Howard Ward**
*Sports Editor*

Beck, in his hometown between PGA Tour stops at the Heritage in Hilton Head Island, S.C., and the Kmart GGO in Greensboro, shook hands and signed autographs until he was forced to soak his swollen right hand in a cooler of ice water. But he never quit smiling or saying "Thank you."

It will be a few days before tournament officials are able to determine just how much the tournament raised for the charities it benefits, but there was approximately $25,000 realized from a silent auction at the banquet Sunday night.

### Some scary moments

There were some scary moments for tournament officials, especially when country singer Ronnie Milsap, scheduled as the headline entertainer for the Sunday night dinner, was forced to cancel because of illness. But the Fifth Dimension singing group responded to a desperate call for help, flying in from Los Angeles and putting on a dynamite performance at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center.

"Getting here was the hardest part," an obviously drained tournament chairman Joe Beck said after the last prize had been handed out and the crowd was dwindling. "Sometimes you wonder if it's all worth it, but then it turns out well and you know it is."

The last-minute hassle of trying to replace Milsap put a tremendous burden on officials of the event, especially tournament director David Hays.

Hays was still wondering how the deal was pulled off. "It was 5:20 on Thursday afternoon when Milsap canceled," he said. "We had agents calling agents and brokers calling brokers trying to find a replacement. Even the agents were saying that it couldn't happen. But, thanks to the William Morris Agency in Atlanta and the Sterling-Winters Agency in Los Angeles, it came together."

### Just the right group

There were some entertainers who could have been signed to fill the vacancy, but officials weren't willing to settle for just any group.

"We needed someone who could take the stage and catch the spirit of the tournament," Hays said. "This is a family-oriented event and the entertainers had to fit into that. The Fifth Dimension is one of the premier family acts still left. It's amazing that we were able to get them here from Los Angeles with only 24 hours notice. We had equipment coming in from L.A., from New York and from Greensboro. I've added a few more gray hairs over the weekend."

The most amazing thing to Hays was the response of tournament sponsors, who had already been generous in their donations.

"The spirit of this tournament was never better exhibited than in what those sponsors did," Hays

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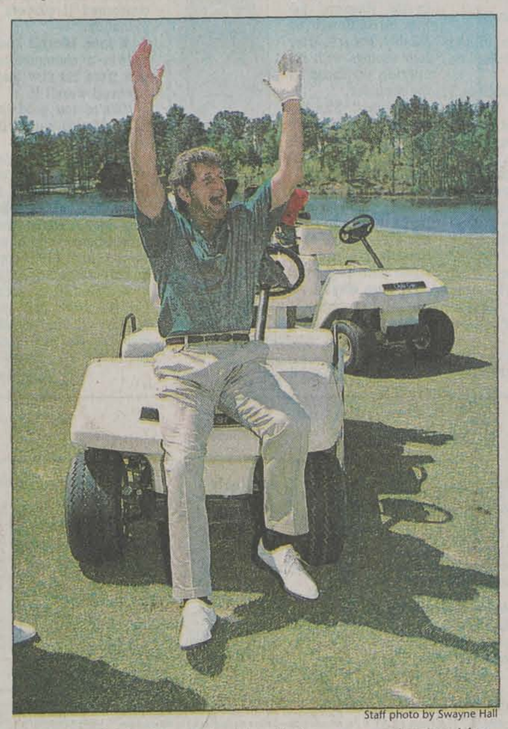
**Chip Beck** offers some lessons before players tee off in his celebrity tournament at King's Grant Country Club.



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**Former Redskins'** quarterback Joe Theismann uses the signal for a touchdown to celebrate a putt that went in.

## Four teams share first

*Professional billiards star Terry Bell heads the team that wins a scorecard playoff at Chip Beck Invitational.*

A staff report

Charity was the real winner Monday in the Chip Beck Invitational, but there were also rewards for some of the competing teams.

Four teams tied for first place at 12-under-par 60 at King's Grant Golf and Country Club, a scorecard playoff crowning professional billiards star Terry Bell's team with first prize. Bell's team, which included Dave Barry, Billy Corder, Bob Calamari and Mike Murphy, won sets of Powerbilt irons.

Second place went to a team headed by Highland Country Club professional Lee Forbis. Teammates included Mike Bebone, Gary Liberman, Paul Alter and Ted Kaplan. Each player won a Powerbilt driver.

PGA Tour professional Robert Gamez's team placed third and won golf bags. Others on the team were Steve Enoch, Buck Yarbrough, Will Thomas, Tom Sokol and Betty Rouse.

Former Washington Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann directed the fourth-place team which included Phil Gallina, Alan Terry, Eddie Albertson and Jim McLean.

Sunday night's auction raised approximately $25,000, a Ryder Cup golf bag and head covers topping the list at $5,000. The final amount from all tournament sources will be announced in the near future.

"I've been really amazed at the energy, work and support from the community," Chip Beck said Monday.

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## Community Colleges Say Workforce Training Is Still Its Number One Priority

*Revised Mission Statement Streamlines, Clarifies Mission*

BY DELORES MASON STEELE

As the 58 community colleges in North Carolina have been called on to meet more needs of more citizens, one question has surfaced over and over again from the legislature to the local neighborhoods: What exactly is the job of community colleges?

Like the blind men and the elephant, most peoples' ideas of what community colleges are depend on at what point those individuals "touch" the colleges. They define the colleges by the services they receive.

For instance, for the individual receiving basic skills instruction, the local community college is reduced to the place "where I can learn to read, write and compute." For persons who want a shorter route to the workplace, it is a place "where I can go to get technical training." Then, for individuals who are employed but recognize they will need more training to keep pace with the advanced technology on their jobs, it is "where I can go to get more training so I don't lose my job."

Still, for some high school graduates who aspire to a baccalaureate degree, it is a "smaller campus where I can go to complete the first two years of college before moving to a senior university." For some older adults, the local community college campus is a place to learn crafts and enjoy the company of other seniors.

Over the system's 31-year history, however, community colleges have sometimes found themselves involved in projects, programs and functions simply because they didn't fit anywhere else in the educational spectrum. While the system is committed to all of its services, it was prompted by the North Carolina General Assembly to rewrite its mission statement to clarify and streamline its mission.

Heretofore, to fulfill all the different needs of the communities in which they are located, the system's statement of mission was couched in broad terminology that allowed maximum flexibility. The reason was to give local colleges the leeway to tailor services to their specific communities.

While adult education and workforce training have always been important components of the community college services, some critics held that the two were somewhat undermined by what they perceived to be the colleges' attempt to be "all things to all people."

It was this perceived lack of focus that prompted the Government Performance Audit Committee to cite as its reason for recommending a thorough review of the system and its mission. Last year, the State Board of Community Colleges adopted a new mission statement which establishes workforce preparation as the system's number one job and number one priority.

The new mission statement reads:

> **"The mission of the North Carolina Community College System is to open the door of opportunity for adults seeking to improve their lives and well-being by providing:**
>
> 1. education, training and retraining for the workforce, including basic skills and literacy education, occupational and pre-baccalaureate programs;
> 2. support for economic development through services to business and industry; and
> 3. services to communities and individuals which improve life.

The new mission statement was the culmination of six month's work by a task force charged with reviewing the mission, goals and structure of the system, according to Kathryn Baker Smith, associate vice president for planning and research for the Department of Community Colleges and task force chair.

"There was considerable sentiment among community college people as well as legislators for a shorter, more concise statement of what our system is supposed to provide North Carolina," Smith said. "The task force worked to develop a statement more closely focused on our system's role as the primary provider of training for the state's work force," she said.

To System President Bob Scott, putting the mission statement into the vernacular was an essential exercise as the 58 colleges continue to build bridges with their local communities and local economies.

"I believe this statement better focuses our outreach by making our mission more clearly defined and more easily understood," he said.

The new mission statement also fits "tongue-in-groove" with the State Board's systemwide goal of providing North Carolina with what State Board Chairman and Lt. Governor Dennis A. Wicker calls a "sterling silver workforce.'

"Our colleges are community-based rather than centrally based structures," the Lt. Governor said. "I see the system's mission statement as undergirding the State Board's goals of upgrading training and retraining opportunities offered by the colleges as well as expanding the system's services to the small business community."

Both Wicker and Scott emphasize that the new mission statement does not mean a retreat from the system's commitment to either the open door or to the concept of a "comprehensive community college."

Perhaps the Lt. Governor put it best when he said, "Our state's constitution guarantees the right to an education; our new mission statement underscores very clearly that the community college system will carry out its part of that mandate.

"People should see clearly that community colleges are not only about this business of workforce preparation, but also about the business of helping individuals achieve their goals in life."

Scott said the new mission statement coupled with the $250 million bond issue passed last fall to support construction on the 58 college campuses will both go far in equipping colleges to do their jobs with regard to workforce training.

Scott said as colleges prepare students to take jobs in business and industry, it is critical that they have the space to provide sophisticated instruction in new technology.

North Carolina's community college system now has approximately 760,000 students, an increase of approximately 100,000 in just five years. Last year alone, training to business and industry rose roughly 136 percent!

Along with a clearer mission, "The community college system must have adequate facilities to prepare workers for the rapidly changing work place," Scott said. "We have to have buildings where we can teach the new technology that is so basic to business and industry in this state.

"The work of this system is directly tied to the future economic health of our state," Scott said. "It is imperative that we continuously upgrade our instruction to remain relevant to business and industry. It is imperative that our facilities are suitable for teaching current technology. And it is imperative that as more people in this state return to upgrade their stills and others prepare to reenter the work force, the colleges have ample space to accommodate them."

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## *Touching down on the golf course*

**A member of the 82nd Airborne** parachute team streaks across the ground as several members of the team took part Monday in the opening ceremonies of the Sprint-Chip Beck Invitational golf tournament at King's Grant Golf Club. **Story, Page 1C.**

Staff photos by Swayne Hall

## *Laird Symbolizes Festival And Heritage*

Robert Nichol

*The Laird is required to preside over the entire festival although he has no set schedule and can suddenly appear like magic at any event to make sure everyone is enjoying themselves.*

For the second year in a row, Robert Nichol will be the Dogwood Festival Laird of Fayette Shire. The festival couldn't have picked a better person for a repeat performance.

Although Nichol (of Clan MacNichol) claims he is basically shy, it doesn't take much more than a kilt and some pipes to bring him out of his shell. The kilt and kit, in this case, is an authentic replica, Campbell of Argyll plaid, of a Jacobean warrior's uniform, circa 1700.

The pipes are Nichol's own and he plays them very well although he denies, in a genuinely self-effacing way, that he's much of an expert. I'm not either and it's long been known that the British Army has used the pipers of its Highland Regiments to strike terror into foes and not entertain them.

There is something in the banshee wail of a skirling pipe that creates a fascination-repulsion syndrome in most people but there is no denying that the nine-note scale of the pipes can bring tears to the eyes of any true Scotsman or woman in very short order.

The Laird is required to preside over the entire festival although he has no set schedule and can suddenly appear like magic at any event to make sure everyone is enjoying themselves.

"That's the Laird's main function, to add local color and make sure everyone has a good time," Nichols said.

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# Ensuring students are Job Ready

**Gov. Jim Hunt seeks to prepare high school students for the working world by having businesses teach them the necessary skills.**

By Kyle Marshall
Staff Writer

WENDELL — The handful of East Wake High School students selected for a new apprenticeship program won't attend their first classes until the fall, but already they're being hailed as pioneers.

Gov. Jim Hunt on Tuesday met two of the students during a tour of the school's training center. He chose East Wake as the backdrop for announcing a new plan aimed at preparing high school students for a highly skilled working world.

Hunt's program, Job Ready, consists of getting businesses more involved in teaching work skills to students who are more likely to look for a job than go to college after graduating.

That's exactly what's happening in Wendell. Siemens Energy & Automation Inc., whose 800-employee electronic switch and control plant is just two miles from East Wake, came up with the idea, pitched it to school officials, designed the program and so far has spent nearly $300,000 to develop it.

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## Hunt

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Last year Siemens, a unit of German electronics giant Siemens AG, began sending some of its own employees to the East Wake center to train — a program that will continue on the East Wake campus when the students begin their apprenticeship training in the fall.

In a brief period of time, and even though no students have taken instruction, the Siemens/East Wake partnership is receiving increased attention as a prototype school-to-work apprenticeship program in North Carolina. Educators and employers from across the state have toured the two-room training center on campus, and several national magazines, as well as the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, have written about it.

At the center, students will learn about electronics and the basics of manufacturing. After a school year of instruction, they'll get summer jobs at the plant.

Now the governor is latching onto the program as a model for what he wants to see develop throughout the state.

Hunt said Tuesday he plans to ask for $1 million from the General Assembly in its coming budget session. The money would be used as grants for school systems interested in starting school-to-work transition programs.

He also wants to put a "job broker," or a new type of guidance counselor, in each of the state's public high schools who would learn about employment prospects in the community and work with employers to help find students suitable for any job openings.

"Today, too often [students] go into work without the skills, without the practical experience" they need to land high-paying jobs, Hunt said. "It is wrong to put our primary emphasis on [college-bound education] to the exclusion of the 75 percent who are going straight to jobs."

Educators in North Carolina have little experience with industry-led apprenticeship programs, but clearly the momentum is in that direction.

Proponents often point to the German model, where students learn specific trades during high school. Many education officials, however, advocate a more cautious approach because of the differences between German and U.S. educational systems.

Hunt, for instance, proposes establishing apprenticeship programs that could work well with the existing "tech-prep" curriculum in which students receive training developed by community colleges.

Hunt also has given more powers to the Governor's Commission on Work Force Preparedness, a panel of educators and business people created by his predecessor, Gov. Jim Martin. The commission, which will oversee the state's efforts on school-to-work programs, expects to get a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to help establish pilot programs, although the amount hasn't been determined.

At East Wake, the 16 students next school year will take up a new way of learning skills they can use for life. Instead of opting for the traditional shop classes, they'll go through a rigorous apprenticeship program. And instead of educators designing the program, Siemens is calling the shots.

Most of the students have been selected for the program. Matt Baker, an East Wake sophomore from Knightdale, said he applied because he's interested in engineering.

"It's something you have to think about," Baker said of his future. The program is "a good foundation for engineering school."

Although it would seem that Siemens would be wasting its money if students choose college over a job at the plant, the company isn't concerned about that.

Siemens wants to demonstrate to other employers, as well as its customers and suppliers, that it's time for substantial improvements in worker training, said John Tobin, director of vocational and technical training for New York-based Siemens Corp., the parent of Siemens Energy & Automation.

"We're getting a tremendous amount out of this," Tobin said.

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# Course teaches art of defense

By Suzanne Walker
Staff writer

Carla Bradberry waited on the hard wooden floor for Lafate Day to attack her.

Seconds later, the 245-pound sheriff's deputy pounced on her back, grabbed her wrists and held her down with his weight.

The petite jailer knew what to do. She quickly moved her arms into position, lifted her 105-pound frame slightly and easily threw the hulking lawman onto the thick red mat.

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Staff photo by Jay Capers

**Veronica Edwards** works on her choke hold defenses with Willie Flanigan.

## Defense

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The defensive move was among dozens Bradberry and Day learned last week during a course at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The Louisiana pair from the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office were among 18 people learning how to teach women to defend themselves.

Lawrence Nadeau, a former policeman, developed the course several years ago at the request of his supervisor at the Norfolk (Va.) Police Department. Nadeau said the Rape Aggression Defense course gives women options to help fight off attacks.

Nadeau has taught the course in 31 states and Canada. Nationwide, there are about 450 Rape Aggression Defense instructors who teach self-defense courses at colleges, community centers and police stations.

"We want women to depend upon themselves. We don't want them to depend on male figures or devices for protection," Nadeau said. "What we do is educate them about basic awareness and prevention strategies."

Nadeau and other instructors teach the students how to get away from rapists and muggers and where to hit or kick them, and to be aware of potentially dangerous situations.

Charlie Grimes, a course instructor, said awareness can keep most people out of trouble.

"Awareness is 90 percent of prevention," said Grimes, an FTCC security supervisor.

"If they can't avoid an attack, we teach them some things to help them get away. We're not saying you have to rip their arm off and stuff if down their throat and wait for the cops to get them, just do everything to get away."

About 50 FTCC employees have taken the course since December, including FTCC security officer Bertha Miller, who will eventually train others to protect themselves.

"I've learned a lot. This course is teaching me how to protect myself and I won't be afraid to fight back. It gives me the freedom to come and go as I please and walk at night and not be afraid of hurting myself."

Day and Bradberry said they plan to teach the course in their neighborhoods.

"The most important thing you can teach anybody is self reliance," Day said. "You teach them that they have an option to defend themselves. They don't have to be victims."

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# Welfare moms learn to help themselves

By Kim Hasty
Staff writer

Sometimes, even in the middle of the night, Wanda Rouse can't rest until she puts on paper the poetry spinning in her head:

*"This won't be a story that I just had to tell 'cause my income won't be welfare. I'm fixin' to say farewell. I know this can be done and I'm not settling for nothing less for me and my son."*

The inspiration for Rouse's latest poem is the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills program. She hopes the program will help her update her credentials as a nurse so that she and her 11-year-old son, Tymar, can give up the welfare assistance she's had, off and on, for 26 years.

"I'm on my way," she said. "I want to do something."

Jenette Bullard understands how Rouse feels. She said her husband left her and her two sons after 15 years of marriage and she had no job skills. That was 10 years ago and she has been on welfare ever since.

"But I feel better than I have in a long time," she said. "It took me a while to find out that I am capable."

Bullard is a volunteer with the Department of Social Services, which sponsors the Job Opportunities program. The program, started in the fall of 1990, is designed to educate welfare recipients and help them become self-sufficient. Bullard, who graduated from Fayetteville Technical Community College, is gaining experience through her filing work with the Department of Social Services.

"We'd love to hire her," said Richard Everett, supervisor of the Job Opportunities program for Cumberland County.

The program held a graduation ceremony for 139 women recently at Fayetteville State University. Lisa Seaford delivered an inspirational speech.

"We saw Mommy graduate," said her daughter Tiffany, who at 7 is the oldest of Seaford's four children. "She won a certificate."

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## From one pattern, many creations

By Kim Hasty
Staff writer

Mary McLean took four yards of turquoise-colored fabric, a simple dress pattern, a few newly acquired sewing skills and a challenge.

"They told us to see how creative we could be," she said. "Everybody had the same pattern."

McLean transformed hers from everyday to elegant. She added a headpiece, some dangling earrings and a couple of pieces of gold-colored jewelry and suddenly she was wearing something fashionable.

"She was scared it wasn't going to look good," said Lilly McLean, Mary's sister. "But I think it looks

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Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

**Participants** in a weeklong sewing class model their outfits at the 'High Stepping Fashions' show.

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## Opportunities

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Tiffany was 17 months old when her mother gave birth to triplets, A.J., B.J. and C.J., and tried to raise them as a single mother with no job. Food stamps provided groceries, but the family was living in a poor, crime-riddled neighborhood.

"It got to the point I was shaking my baby," Seaford said, her voice quivering. "All I did all day was sit there and watch TV and change babies and feed babies. For two straight years I had been sitting at home. I was afraid if I didn't get some help I would become an abusive parent."

When she moved her family into a public housing project, Seaford learned about the Job Opportunities program at a neighborhood meeting. During her first meeting with a counselor, she started crying.

"I didn't know this woman well enough to be crying, but I couldn't help it," she said.

Through the program, Seaford found day care she could afford and began attending Fayetteville Technical Community College's licensed practical nursing program. Three years later, on Aug. 20, 1993, she graduated. Two months later, she began her job on the pediatrics ward at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Last July, she married Ronald Seaford, a man she had met at the bus stop on her way to class.

And she's off welfare.

"If someone holds out a straw for me," she said, "I will take it."

Seaford has more goals for herself. She said she wants to become a registered nurse and she wants to set up a trust fund for each of her children.

"But my biggest dream yet to come is to help someone else," she said. "I want them to know that if I can do it, they can do it. Every one of the graduates of the JOBS program deserves a pat on the back. They have changed somebody's statistic somewhere."

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Drs. W.R. Caviness & S.C. Tolbert
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# Ad awards given

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## Group's top honor goes to Hathaway

By Jay Woodard
Staff writer

Gregory L. Hathaway, a partner in Hathaway & Crawford Graphic Designers, received the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation's highest honor Tuesday at the De LaFayette Restaurant.

The Silver Medal Award program was set up in 1959 by the American Advertising Federation. It recognizes people who have made contributions to advertising and helped further industry standards, creative excellence and responsibility in areas of social concerns.

As part of the tribute, a sketch of Hathaway's career was read.

Hathaway left the Army in 1959 and worked as a paste-up artist with Murchison & Bailey, then the only agency in Fayetteville.

After working with Murchison & Bailey and other agencies as they were formed, he started his own business in 1983. In 1989, he became a partner in Hathaway & Crawford.

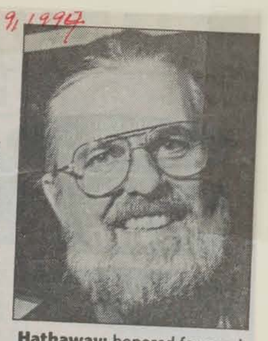
Hathaway's community work includes sitting on the boards of directors of the Cape Fear Regional Theatre, Cape Fear Studios and the Fayetteville Museum of Art.

Within the advertising industry, he has been a member of the board of the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation and founded the "Rising Star" award competition for design students in area colleges.

In addition, he is a founding member of The Fayetteville Advocates, a group that promotes the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and the city.

A past president of the Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Association, Hathaway helped set up support networks throughout the state and organized networks to distribute public service announcements.

Ricci Fuller of Fayetteville Technical Community College was named the federation's Member of the Year.



**Hathaway:** honored for excellence.

Newly elected Fayetteville Federation officers and board members for 1994-95 were installed.

New officers are Andreas Winston, president; Grace Bergeron, vice president for programs; Christy Cole, vice president for membership; Jody Walker, secretary; Jerry Burton, treasurer; and Jenny Martin, president ex officio.

New board members are Anna H. Smith, a three-year term, Jimmy Bradley and Ricci Fuller, two years, and M.G. Cain, one year.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College is sponsoring the Great Decision Lecture Series Thursdays

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from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Cumberland Hall Auditorium. This week, Dr. Mokubung Nkomo, an associate professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, will lead the discussion called "South Africa: Forging a Democratic Union."

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# SPORTS

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Staff photo by Swayne Hall

**Chip Beck,** left, and Robert Gamez played in Fayetteville Monday and tee off in GGO today.

changes were brought about by endorsement contracts rather than a search for swing aids, though. In fact, getting used to the different clubs may be one of the reasons behind Beck's lack of consistency this season.

"When you've played as long as I have, you have to have people help you," Beck said of seeking swing advice. "I think what I've been doing is going to start paying dividends. Making the changes is fun if you feel you're improving."

As for the new clubs, Beck thinks the answer is simply playing time.

"It takes a few tournaments to get the feel for new equipment," he said. "You have to learn to trust the clubs and it's something that you just sense over a period of time. I feel good about the changes I've made because my playing statistics are a lot better this year than last.

"I want to start moving up in the Ryder Cup standings and I'm looking forward to some good things happening the rest of this year."

### Notes and quotes ...

Leftovers from the Sprint-Chip Beck Invitational held at King's Grant Golf and Country Club last Monday:

Lynwood Powell, one of the hard-working behind-the-scenes people from Fayetteville Technical Community College who was very much responsible for the success of the tournament, sees next year's event being even better.

"I think things went well this time and we got great support from the community," Powell said. "But Joe (Beck, tournament chairman) David (Hays, tournament director) and I are always looking for improvements. As it grows, we hope to get more organized in some areas. We owe a lot to King's Grant for the use of the golf course. That's tremendous."

King's Grant manager John Rose played down the contribution.

"We think it's a worthwhile cause," Rose said, "and it's our contribution to the city. We all love Fayetteville and it's good publicity for King's Grant, too."

Frankly, that's pretty much the theme for the event: "Helping Each Other."

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# *Political bigwigs to honor Tally*

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INSIDE POLITICS

Former Gov. Terry Sanford and U.S. Reps. Charlie Rose of Fayetteville, Bill Hefner of Concord and Eva Clayton of Littleton will be among the speakers at a banquet April 30 honoring retiring state Sen. Lura Tally.

**Tally**

Others on the list of notables who will take part in the tribute are Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, state Education Superintendent Bob Etheridge, Fayetteville State University President Vic Hackley and Cumberland County schools Superintendent John Griffin.

Invitations have been mailed to all members of the state House and Senate. Tally served in both houses during her long career in the General Assembly.

The banquet begins at 7 p.m. at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center.

Democratic Party Chairman George Breece is the chairman of the event. The Fayetteville Symphony ensemble will perform, and all Democratic candidates in the May primary are contributing to the cost of the banquet, Breece said.

### Eastern attack

The two Republican congressional candidates apparently have chosen the eastern end of the 7th District to wage major offensives in their campaigns for the GOP nomination on May 3.

The candidates, lawyer Jim Cooper and businessman Robert Anderson, are from Fayetteville, where they are well-known. They figure most of the 25,000 registered Republicans have already chosen sides in Cumberland County.

During the past several weeks, the two have been guests on radio talk shows in Onslow and New Hanover counties. They've been on the same platform at party rallies and have met face-to-face in at least one debate.

Anderson is relying heavily on the exposure he got during his two previous congressional battles with Democratic Rep. Charlie Rose.

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**Fayetteville Technical Community College** is offering a free HRD/Employment and Marketing Techniques class beginning May 3. Class size is limited. Registration: Charles Barlow, 678-8495.

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# Candidates consider answers to problem of teen violence

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By Scott Mooneyham
Staff writer

Teen-age violence is on the list of county problems that the Board of Commissioners must consider when deciding how to spend its limited money.

Four board seats are up for election this year, and 14 candidates are challenging for them.

Many of those candidates say the anti-tax mood in the county may prevent them from pursuing approaches to the juvenile crime problem. Others say more programs and more money are not the solution.

It's up to the Board of Education and commissioners to propose solutions to the community, and it's a community decision as to whether those proposals will be funded, said Rollin Shaw, a former commissioner who is seeking one of two at-large seats on the board.

Among the proposals being considered by the commissioners are two training schools for troubled teen-agers, a boot camp for first-time criminal offenders and an alternative school program for middle school students.

Those are among the recommendations made by the Cumberland County Task Force for Juveniles in Trouble, which was appointed by the commissioners last year.

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## Board

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The list of 10 recommendations carries a price tag of more than $12 million.

Albert Guiliani, who is running unopposed for the Republican nomination for one of the at-large seats, said none of those programs would be necessary if there were sufficient deterrents to crime.

Guiliani said revolving-door prisons and rights given to prisoners by the courts have created the problems. "They shouldn't have any rights. They gave up those rights when they did the crime."

But David Hasan, who is running for the District 1 commissioner seat, said money would be much better spent on preventing youths from ever becoming criminals.

He said schools need after-school programs that engage youths and more alternative schools that provide one-on-one help for troubled teen-agers.

Many of the candidates favor a two-front approach — getting tough with juvenile offenders while developing programs that will prevent children from becoming lawbreakers.

David Dalton, an insurance company owner; current Commissioners Juanita Gonzalez and Tom Bacote; and Martha Hayes, a cosmetologist, favor providing activities for at-risk children and looking closely at the boot camp idea.

But Dalton said providing money for those needs would be difficult because there are other projects that are waiting in line for money.

"If it comes down to a question between a new jail and a boot camp, what are you going to do?" Dalton said.

Gonzalez said there is no greater need than keeping children from becoming involved in crime and violence.

"It's either pay now or pay later. You pay much more later," she said.

Bacote said people are only now realizing how horrific the problem has become. "Who would have thought so many young people would be involved in this kind of thing five or 10 years ago?"

Many candidates mentioned the BRIDGES program in Bonnie Doone as a model for helping teen-agers and troubled families.

Moses Best, who owns a store on Murchison Road, is challenging Bacote, Billy King and Hasan for one of two seats in District 1. Best said community centers like BRIDGES are needed throughout the county. "We've got to have a way to reach the people on the street. They've got to have some place to go."

Some candidates propose other ways to break the cycle of violence.

Charles Albretch, a former Army captain who works at Fort Bragg, is running for one of the two at-large seats. He said a program in South Carolina that fines the parents of children who break the law would work here.

If you do that, the whole family has a stake in the child's behavior, Albretch said. "Throwing money at the problem is not going to solve it," he said.

Both Hayes; Mike Johnson, an English teacher at Purnell Swett High School in Robeson County; and Forrest DeShields, an administrator with the Continuing Education Division at Fayetteville Technical Community College, said schools must play a pivotal role in restoring discipline to youngsters.

DeShields agreed with Best that putting resource centers in the communities where people live would help meet their needs.

King said businesses need to work with schools and local government in coming up with solutions. "I think it's a problem where government definitely has a role, but we can't solve the problem by ourselves," he said.

Johnnie Evans, an incumbent commissioner who has favored a curfew in the past, said the commissioners should re-examine that proposal.

But Evans said the key to solving many problems is further economic development, which would raise the tax base and provide better paying jobs.

"There's no question that's a key," Evans said. "Good, high-paying jobs will go a long way to improving the quality of life here for everybody."

### Task force recommendations

**The 10 recommendations, in order of priority, are:**

- Building two training schools for 75 youths each, four high management group homes for nine youths each, and one low management group home for nine youngsters.
- Starting a physical-training program like a boot camp.
- Starting alternative education programs in the county school system.
- Forming a team to study the history, family, school work and attitude of convicted youngsters, then make recommendations to judges on how the youths should be sentenced.
- Hiring 10 mental health counselors to work with troubled youngsters and starting a therapy center with 20 beds for youngsters who can't live at home.
- Starting classes to help people become better parents.
- Assigning lawmen to be truant officers.
- Expanding the CARES (Coalition for Awareness, Resources and Education of Substances) program.
- Building a third BRIDGES program.
- Study a countywide curfew. The county studied imposing a curfew in 1982, but decided against it.

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# Beck tourney draws celebrities to town

Last week's Sprint-Chip Beck Invitational Golf Tournament attracted many celebrities to Fayetteville for the charity tournament at King's Grant. The guests got a chance to experience Southern hospitality in **Chip Beck's** hometown, and at least one guest left with a extra-favorable opinion, according to City Councilman **Tommy Bolton.**

Bolton said country music singer/songwriter **Tom T. Hall** was distraught after discovering he had misplaced a favorite hat with his 25-year pin from Nashville on it.

He thought he had left it on the airplane or at the airport and figured he'd never see it again.

"A city policeman found it sitting in the airport and was able to determine it was of some value because of the pin," Bolton said. "He called around to hotels and asked if they had a country music singer staying there until someone at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux said Tom T. Hall was staying there. The policeman returned the hat, and Mr. Hall was quite impressed."

Sunday night Hall sang about "old dogs, children and watermelon wine" for the 360 people attending a banquet to kick off the tournament. After dinner, The Fifth Dimension performed hits from the past. During their performance, they picked members of the audience to dance with them.

CNN sportscaster **Fred Hickman** and **Karen Beck,** Chip's wife, were good sports and danced with band members — even after a woman singer referred to Chip Beck as "Chris" and Karen introduced herself as "Chris' wife."

During the evening, guests got to bid on items from sports celebrities in a silent auction. The top money-maker was Beck's 1993 Ryder Cup golf bag. It went for a $5,000 bid from **Lee Brandenburg,** a friend of Beck's from California, according to **Joe Beck,** tournament chairman.

About $25,000 was raised from the silent auction to go to four charities named as beneficiaries. **Joe Beck,** Chip's brother, said the total amount raised has not been confirmed yet.

Other members of the Beck family were on hand and helped with the tournament.

Sisters **Martha Wood, Mary Stapelton** and **Catherine Christianson** were at the banquet. Among other people helping with the tournament committee included directors **David Hays** and **Dr. Linwood Powell,** both of Fayetteville Technical Community College, **Elizabeth Wharton, Jennifer Gore** and **Robert Wilson.**

Staff photos by Marcus Castro

**Checking out** the sports memorabilia for the silent auction are, from left, Joe Beck, Jan Dempster and Brad Edwards. Chip Beck's 1993 Ryder Cup golf bag went for $5,000 to Lee Brandenburg.

# Region friends among 4 killed in crash

*The pilot tries twice to land, but the plane slams into the wall of Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute about 350 yards from the runway.*

**by Kathryn Quigley**
Staff writer

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Barry L. Washington loved to fly.

One of his favorite traveling companions was Dr. Fred Harris III, 44, a Fayetteville dentist he met at the Fort Bragg Flying Club.

Saturday morning was clear and sunny as Washington and Harris took off from Simmons Army Airfield at Fort Bragg in a single-engine plane.

In Rocky Mount, they picked up Harris' friend, Dr. Jesse Parker Jr., 44, and his wife, Paulette, 41. Harris and the Parkers were bound for an afternoon in Washington, D.C.

Washington, 26, of Lillington, planned to visit his brother and nephews in Maryland before he flew his three friends back to North Carolina on Saturday evening.

They never made it.

Their plane crashed near the College Park Airport in Maryland about 2 p.m. All four were killed.

Washington tried to land the 1975 Beechcraft B-24R but it bounced three times on the runway before he pulled the plane back up, said Margaret Napolitan of the National Transportation Safety Board. The plane's propeller may have scraped the ground and become bent, she said, which would have prevented enough of an air flow to keep the plane aloft.

Washington circled and tried again to land, but slammed into the wall of Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute about 350 yards from the runway, she said. Washington, Harris and the Parkers died instantly, Napolitan said. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

Washington had logged 420 hours of flying time, she said. He had his commercial certificate and had been instrument-rated, which meant he could fly in foul weather.

Harris and Washington "were the best of friends," said Washington's mother, Faye Mitchell of Lillington. "They both loved flying."

Harris had a private dental practice in Fayetteville since 1978, said his colleague, Dr. Valerie Wynne-Hall. He was a member of many professional organizations, including the N.C. Dental Association, the Greater Fayetteville Dental Society and the Minority Health Professionals Organization.

Wynne-Hall said Harris was a

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laid-back man with a passion for flying.

"He died doing what he loved,"she said.

Harris was a graduate of E.E. Smith High School, North Carolina A&T University and Howard University Dental School.

Jesse Parker Jr. met Harris in dental school at Howard University, Wynne-Hall said. They remained good friends and became colonels in the Army Reserve.

She said Harris and the Parkers belonged to an investment club in which members pool their resources to play the stock market. Washington flew the trio to their monthly meeting on Saturday.

Washington was the kind of man who accomplished nearly everything he set out to do, his mother said, from teaching himself to play the guitar to learning how to fly.

Washington was a graduate of Harnett Central High School and attended Fayetteville State University, his mother said.

He worked as a ticket agent for American Airlines in Fayetteville for five years and had just been transferred to LaGuardia Airport in New York City, she said.

During the week, he lived in New York with relatives and flew home to Lillington on the weekends.

Washington's dream was to become a commercial airline pilot, said Camilla Antonelle, general manager for American Airlines in Fayetteville.

After he transferred to New York, Washington often called his former co-workers in Fayetteville to tell them about his new job, she said.

Antonelle said she and other American Airlines employees are struggling to accept the loss of a dear friend.

"Barry was a friend to anyone he met," she said.

# Through Contact, a life is changed

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Call him Sam. That's a code name, but he doesn't work for the CIA, or the KGB. He just answers the telephone, anonymously, for Contact.

I probably shouldn't say "just". Volunteering for Contact, a telephone counseling line, is more important than that, because the very next time the phone rings, you might save somebody's life.

Larry Cheek

Most calls are more ordinary, of course. But all the calls are important, in that people don't call Contact unless they have a problem.

Sam is a switch. He's a Contact volunteer who's been helped at least as much by the experience as have the people who call him. He came to see me because he wanted to share the good news of his own psychological redemption through Contact.

"I used to worry about everything," said the 57-year-old man. "If I didn't have anything to worry about, I'd worry about that, figuring something must be wrong."

Nothing dramatically awful ever happened to Sam. His mother died when he was 6, and that did much to shape him into the tentative person of low self esteem he says he became.

His aunt and her husband moved into the house to help raise Sam and his siblings. She was very strict. On top of that, his father, a Harnett County farmer, had lost two wives and three children from his first marriage, and this had helped turn him into a person who did not show love.

### 'Leave it alone'

Sam's lack of confidence was constantly reinforced. He was only allowed to be in the house, in the yard, or working. There was no running off to play with the kids down the road.

"Leave it alone, you'll tear it up."

"No, you can't do that."

He heard such commands a lot. But what he never heard from his father was, "Son, I'm proud of you, you did a good job."

Sam grew up, went to college, became a teacher. He switched to retail sales, a field in which he worked for 24 years, then got into the insurance business.

Only rarely during the years was he happy with what he was doing.

In 1989, Sam took a Contact volunteer course at Fayetteville Tech. He was hoping he might help himself by helping others.

His confidence began to rise. He took a real estate course and passed. It may seem a small triumph. But it was big to Sam, who had proved he could do something, even if he eventually would settle on insurance rather than real estate.

He went to work as a Contact volunteer. The more calls he answered, the better he felt about himself.

### 'You can be forgiven'

Two calls in particular made a mark. One was a suicide call.

"The man told me he was bleeding," Sam said. "He told me where he was. I got the rescue squad out while keeping him on the phone all the while. It was a girlfriend problem."

The other call came from a military wife during Desert Storm. She had committed adultery and was pregnant. Her husband was sure to find out.

He read a Bible passage to her, saying "You can be forgiven, no matter who you are or what you are."

He discussed abortion and adoption options with her. She rejected both, because she wanted to keep the child. But she remained afraid that she would lose her husband.

He told her she was special, she was important.

He told her that her life could be better, if she would make it happen.

They talked for two hours and at the end she was calm, rational. And so was Sam, because he had learned during those two hours that he could make a difference in another person's life.

"I'm my father's child," Sam said. "If you've never seen love, how do you show love? I couldn't make decisions. I grew up without freedom, or being allowed to make choices. I'm not as bad that way any more. Now I know I can do anything I want to do. But if not for Contact, I wouldn't be as happy as I am."

Contact's phone number is 485-4134.

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## REGION BRIEFS

### CUMBERLAND

### FTCC to seek Talley's help with bond

The Fayetteville Technical Community College board of trustees decided Monday to ask state Sen. Lura Tally for help in getting $2.5 million in bond money to build an administrative and business building.

In November, voters approved a $250 million bond package for community colleges. Of that, the legislature set aside $23.9 million. Colleges were allowed to ask for up to $2.5 million of the money set aside, but had to justify their needs.

The money would be in addition to the $6 million FTCC was granted from the bond issue for a health and science building.

Allen said the college is concerned about whether FTCC will get the extra bond money because the administration building was not considered a priority by the state Department of Community Colleges. A 10-member committee made up of state representatives and senators will decide how to split the money. Tally, a Fayetteville Democrat, is on the committee.

In another matter, the college's board of trustees decided to ask the county commissioners for $5.15 million for the 1994-95 school year. The school got $4.52 million this year.

Most of the additional money is slated to pay for employee benefits and to give the workers a 4 percent pay increase, officials said.

Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**Tom Caldwell** of Hope Mills finished second in the wheelchair race at FTCC.

# Wheelchair racer finishes festival 10K first

*Chris Jefferson is the first to cross the line in the Dogwood Festival race that featured a division of wheelchair racers.*

**By Kathryn Quigley**
Staff writer

Chris Jefferson was a blur of spinning wheels and gleaming chrome as his customized wheelchair crossed the finish line in 36 minutes, 51 seconds.

The crowd whooped and cheered as Jefferson, 32, became the first person to finish the YMCA Dogwood Festival 10-kilometer race Saturday morning.

He was one of 15 wheelchair racers who completed the course on the roads behind Fayetteville Technical Community College. The only deference given to the wheelchair racers was a seven-minute head start. A dozen volunteers were stationed along the course to help the racers negotiate curves and hills.

After the race, Jefferson pulled off his helmet, peeled off his racing gloves and caught his breath.

He said speed bumps made the course especially challenging — an obstacle that the 225 runners didn't have to worry about.

Spots of rough gravel along the course took a toll on his three-wheel racing chair's slender rubber tires, he said.

Jefferson, a former paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division, is part of a racing team in Charlotte. He trains at least four times a week and competes all over the country.

The Fayetteville YMCA has sponsored the Dogwood run for the last four years, said Jennifer Lozzi, but this is the first year that a whole division of wheelchair racers has participated.

Tom Caldwell of Hope Mills finished second in the wheelchair division, with a time of 43:05.

"I hadn't done any racing since I was injured," in a helicopter accident in 1990, said Caldwell, 40, a retired U.S. Special Forces soldier.

Caldwell raced in a three-wheel chair, which is specially designed for speed. The racing chairs are made of a light-weight aluminum alloy with narrow tires and have small handlebars for steering.

Roxie Oakes, 44, said the course had "just enough hills to make it challenging."

Oakes raced in a light-weight purple chair. She pushes the wheel with her left arm and helps steer with her right, which was amputated below the elbow.

Oakes lives in Durham and races about five or six times a year, usually as one of the few wheelchair participants, she said.

"This is the first race I've ever been in with more than two or three people in a

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WATER-WITHDRAWAL REGULATIONS 6/1/94 O-T

# State staffers accused of writing their own laws

By Mark Stinneford
Raleigh Bureau

**RALEIGH** — A Durham official said Tuesday that state environmental officials have gone beyond legislative intent in proposed rules to implement a law regulating large withdrawals from river basins.

But the Cumberland County legislator who sponsored the law and several other local officials said the rules are needed to protect the economic and environmental interests of communities downstream from large transfers.

Last year, the General Assembly passed a law requiring state approval of new or expanded transfers of 2 million gallons of water a day or more from river basins. Transfers generally occur when a local government or utility has a water intake in one river basin and sewage treatment plant in another.

A.T. Rolan, Durham's director of water resources, said the proposed rules are broader than the law. He said the rules would apply not only to cases in which water was taken from one river basin and discharged into another. The regulations would also cover uses such as irrigation, power generation and septic-tank systems in which the water is not returned to the original basin.

"It is clearly an attempt by the staff to make laws rather than regulations," Rolan said at a public hearing.

State Sen. Lura Tally, a Fayetteville Democrat, said the Environmental Management Commission needs to account for all the water not returned to an original basin to accurately assess the detrimental effects of a proposed transfer.

"I have reviewed the proposed rules and conclude that they are faithful to the language and the intent of Senate Bill 875," Tally said.

Others who spoke in favor of the rules were Rudolph Singleton, a lawyer representing the city of Fayetteville; Frank Lewis, mayor of Lillington; and Mick Noland, director of water resources for the Fayetteville Public Works Commission. The proposed rules are being considered by the Environmental Management Commission.

The law was prompted by officials and communities in the Cape Fear region, who objected to state approval in 1989 of a request by Cary and Apex to withdraw 16 million gallons a day from Jordan Lake, which feeds the Cape Fear River.

"Downstream communities were clearly asleep at the switch when Cary and Apex made their petition," Singleton said. "We needed rules to have some teeth in them."

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## STATE BRIEFS

RALEIGH

### Community-college grads start off well

The typical community college graduate in North Carolina earns a higher salary in the first year on the job than the typical university graduate, according to a state study.

The findings by the state Department of Community Colleges partly reflect the fact that older adults generally have more work experience; the average community college graduate is 29, while the average university graduate is 22.

The report said community college graduates between the ages of 25 and 29 who complete a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree earn on average of about 4 percent more than university graduates in the first year of employment. In other age categories, university graduates range up to 15 percent higher.

Earnings of graduates were obtained by matching community college and university records with unemployment insurance quarterly earnings files from the state Employment Security Commission.

## SIGN UP

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**One-Day Trips.** Cumberland County Extension Homemakers and the Cooperative Extension Service are offering a trip on May 12 to Chapel Hill and Durham to see the N.C. Botanical Garden and the Morehead Planetarium, then to Duke Chapel and if time permits, Sarah Duke Memorial Gardens. Cost is $15. Also, on May 17, there will be a trip to Hillsborough to see Ayr Mount, a home built in 1817, then to Raleigh to visit the Musuem of History. The trip includes lunch at the Colonial Inn. Cost is $35. Information: Doris Gardner, 484-8212 or Irene Morrison, 425-5345.

**Cape Fear Studios** is offering stained glass classes on Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Information: Susanne: 433-2986 or 488-7490. Pottery classes for students ages 10 years and older, will be held on Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Cost is $10 per hour. Information: Doty Johnson: 433-2986. Cape Fear Studios is located at 188-1 Maxwell St.

**Yard Sale.** Glendale Acres Elementary School is planning a yard sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Spaces are available for $15 or a double space for $25. Information: 485-6590, days or 485-6228, nights.

**Fayetteville Technical Community College** is offering a free HRD/Employment and Marketing Techniques class beginning May 3. Class size is limited. Registration: Charles Barlow, 678-8495.

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**Space Art Contest.** The Pope Chapter of the Air Force Association is sponsoring a space art contest which is open to all students grades kindergarten through ninth in Cumberland County. Top selections from each school will be placed on exhibition and winners will receive savings bonds. Information: 436-0235.

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# Prospectus a county snapshot

*Cumberland County tries to show its best side to prospective investors by providing encouraging details about its economy and tax base.*

By Catherine Pritchard
Business editor

Like a person using a dating service, Cumberland County has to provide a snapshot of itself when wooing investors to buy its bonds.

And, like the date-seeker, the county tries to show off its best side.

Instead of a photo, the county's snapshot is a prospectus — a long list of details about the county's economy.

Among those details: how the county's residents are employed and how much they're paid, who the biggest employers and taxpayers are, and how recent tax collections have fared.

Last week, the county sold two sets of bonds — totaling $6.6 million — to pay for construction of an adult literacy center and renovation work at Fayetteville Technical Community College, and to refinance existing debt.

### Industrial growth

The county boasts to would-be investors that manufacturers have spent $54 million and added 2,300 jobs over the past five years in plant expansions or new plants.

Somar Telemarketing moved into the former BB&T building on Hay Street in downtown Fayetteville, where it expects to employ about 240 people by summer. Dixie Kids built a $1.3 million addition to its clothing distribution center, a move expected to add 100 jobs. M.J. Soffe spent $1.5 million on an addition to its clothing manufacturing operations and added 40 jobs.

Not noted in the prospectus, though, are the manufacturing jobs and plants that the county lost during the same five-year period. Among them: Stevcoknit Fabrics, which cut 222 jobs when it closed last year; Dixie Yarns, whose

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two plants had 360 employees when they closed; and Holt-Williamson Manufacturing, which closed in 1991, leaving 250 people unemployed.

Some sense of that ebb and flow can be seen in the county's list of employment trends. The number of service-producing jobs, such as retail, banking and real estate, grew 18.9 percent between 1987 and 1992, to 76,890 total.

But manufacturing jobs, which are desirable because they usually pay more, have remained fairly constant. In 1992, there were only 240 more manufacturing jobs than in 1987, an increase of 1.5 percent.

### Military employment

Not surprisingly, the military has the biggest share of employees, even of civilians. Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base employed 9,720 civilians in 1993. That number that has dropped substantially from 1987, when it totaled 11,566.

But the payroll for civilian employees of the military has since swelled past the 1987 figures. The payroll totaled $179.5 million in 1992, the prospectus says, an average of $18,904 per employee. In 1987, the payroll was $151.4 million, an average of $13,173 per employee.

Meanwhile, the 1992 payroll for 45,498 military personnel in the county totaled $1.3 billion — $29,218 for each person, on average.

Cumberland County schools had the second-highest number of civilian employees: 6,000.

Next is tire-maker Kelly-Springfield with 3,000; Cape Fear Valley Medical Center with 2,250; Cumberland County government with 2,046; power-tool maker Black and Decker with 1,300; Fayetteville city government with 1,200; Fayetteville Technical Community College with 1,100; and automotive-filter maker Purolator Products with 1,000.

County residents earned an average income of $13,582 in 1991, the most recent year listed in the prospectus. That compared with a statewide average income for that year of $16,848.

### Top taxpayers

The prospectus doesn't say so, but industry amounts to about 6 percent of the county's property tax base — a small figure compared with other large counties in North Carolina.

What the prospectus does show is who the county's largest taxpayers are. The top 10 are industries. That's a key reason business leaders want to attract more industry.

Carolina Telephone leads the pack. Its property and equipment was assessed at $97.2 million in the 1992-93 fiscal year — 1.26 percent of the county's total assessed value. Its tax bill totaled $768,576.

Kelly-Springfield is a close second. Its property was assessed at $91.5 million, or 1.18 percent of the county's tax base, and it was billed for $722,850 in taxes.

Rounding out the top 10, in terms of the amount of taxable property, percent of the county's tax base, and total tax, are:

- Carolina Power & Light, $60.7 million, .79 percent, $480,234.
- Black and Decker, $49.3 million, .64 percent, $389,873.
- Polyester-chip maker ICI Americas, $39.7 million, .52 percent, $314,389.
- Purolator, $25.8 million, .34 percent, $204,366.
- Herbicide-maker Monsanto Inc., $23.3 million, .31 percent, $184,797.
- Games- and puzzles-maker Western Publishing, $14.9 million, .20 percent, $118,621.
- Soybean-processor Cargill, $12.9 million, .17 percent, $102,990.
- Motor-controls maker Westinghouse (now Cutler-Hammer), $10.8 million, .14 percent, $85,463.

The county has levied $63.4 million in taxes for the current fiscal year, up 23 percent from the 1990-91 fiscal year. As of March 31 of this year, it had received 92.3 percent of the levy. Between 3 percent and 5 percent of the levies from each of the previous four fiscal years is still outstanding.

### Retail, construction

The prospectus points out the powerful spending that goes on in the county.

Retail sales for the 12 months ending June 30, 1993 totaled $2.1 billion, up 9.3 percent from the previous 12 months.

The value of the 1,929 residential building permits issued in the county last year was $127.3 million — nearly double that of the 1,481 permits issued in 1989.

The number of non-residential permits issued was down to double digits — 54 — for the first time in five years, but their total value was $23.3 million, the third-highest figure in five years.

"Certified as a private pilot in 1985 and instrument flight rules (IFR) rated in 1987, I was able to purchase my own plane, a Piper Arrow (in which I am pictured above).

I fly over Cumberland County frequently to keep my IFR rating current. During my flights, I have observed and considered many of the problems facing our county. My goal is quality government for all the people."

*There is no room in county government for secret meetings. The citizens of Cumberland County have been neglected. If I am elected I will bring the citizens into the decision-making process.*

**VOTE**

**FORREST DESHIELDS**
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

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**Looking back:** The 1952 St. Pauls High School football team is dressed for action. From left, top row: Roy Herring, Lewis Deaton, Craig Allen, Herbert Owens, Duncan McCormick and coach Young Allen; middle: Donald Cribb, Ray Hinson, Shep Nash, Billy Burke and Rudolph Hickman; bottom: Harold Herndon, Floyd Norton, Tom Hall, Sam Evans and Malcolm McCormick.

# Milsap to perform at Chip Beck banquet

**Ronnie Milsap,** who has won at least four Grammys and sold 20 million records, will be performing his country and pop songs in Fayetteville next weekend at a banquet for the **Chip Beck** Invitational Golf Tournament next Sunday.

Milsap fans can see their hero at the $100-per-ticket banquet at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center. The evening will begin with cocktails at 7:30 p.m. from an open bar. Dinner will begin at 7:45. In addition to the performance by Ronnie Milsap, guests will have a chance to bid for items in a silent auction.

**Jennifer Gore** of the tournament office said tickets can be purchased through the Chip Beck office by calling 487-CHIP. The tickets will be hand-delivered. Or you can buy tickets at the Callahan and Beck Insurance Office at 203 Rowan St. Tickets must be purchased by end of day this Friday. Working with Gore on the banquet committee are **David Hayes** of Fayetteville Technical Community College, **Margaret Beck Collier** of Fayetteville, **Dolores Beck Quesenberry** of Raleigh, **Joe Beck** of Fayetteville and **Mary Beck Stapleton** of Parkton.

Proceeds from the fund-raising banquet and the Chip Beck Invitational Golf Tournament will go to Sacred Heart Foundation, the Volunteer Center, Habitat for Humanity, Friends of the Children and the FTCC Foundation.

File photo

**Ronnie Milsap** is coming to Fayetteville.

## UNC super fan

Somehow you just knew **Marsha Ralph** of Fayetteville would be one of the fans whooping with joy when the women's basketball team from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill won the NCAA national championship last Sunday afternoon in Richmond.

In fact, her whole family — husband, **Bob Ralph,** and daughters, **Shea,** 16, and **Ryan,** 13, spent the weekend in Richmond, cheering for Marsha's alma mater at the game against Purdue Saturday also.

"I don't think I'll ever experience anything else like this in my lifetime," a still-elated Marsha said Monday. She played on the Carolina women's team from 1971-75 and was the first female basketball All-American from Carolina. She traveled with her Tar Heel team to Amarillo, Texas, in 1975 for the women's National Invitational Tournament where they won one game and lost two. She also played for the United States in the World University Games in Russia in 1973 and helped that team win a silver medal.

Carolina won the championship when **Charlotte Smith** sank a three-point shot with just .7 of a second left on the clock, after two time outs in a row. During the time outs, Marsha said there was dead silence in the stands.



# Laird Symbolizes Festival And Heritage

Robert Nichol

*The Laird is required to preside over the entire festival although he has no set schedule and can suddenly appear like magic at any event to make sure everyone is enjoying themselves.*

For the second year in a row, Robert Nichol will be the Dogwood Festival Laird of Fayette Shire. The festival couldn't have picked a better person for a repeat performance.

Although Nichol (of Clan MacNichol) claims he is basically shy, it doesn't take much more than a kilt and some pipes to bring him out of his shell. The kilt and kit, in this case, is an authentic replica, Campbell of Argyll plaid, of a Jacobean warrior's uniform, circa 1700.

The pipes are Nichol's own and he plays them very well although he denies, in a genuinely self-effacing way, that he's much of an expert. I'm not either and it's long been known that the British Army has used the pipers of its Highland Regiments to strike terror into foes and not entertain them.

There is something in the banshee wail of a skirling pipe that creates a fascination-repulsion syndrome in most people but there is no denying that the nine-note scale of the pipes can bring tears to the eyes of any true Scotsman or woman in very short order.

The Laird is required to preside over the entire festival although he has no set schedule and can suddenly appear like magic at any event to make sure everyone is enjoying themselves.

"That's the Laird's main function, to add local color and make sure everyone has a good time," Nichols said.

**Fayetteville Technical Community College**

As we celebrate National Community College Month, Fayetteville Technical Community College thanks everyone for 32 years of support. We continue to look forward to serving you through our 60 Curriculum programs and hundreds of Continuing Education classes.

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# Career Fair Good For Life

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The Cumberland County Career Fair at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center, on April 23, could have you set up with something you can use for a lifetime — a job.

That's the sole purpose of the Career Fair: To give residents of Fayetteville and Cumberland County the opportunity to meet with prospective employers and to discuss employment and application procedures.

On the other side of the coin, it allows employers a chance to meet a wide pool of potential employees and to assess qualification and skills available in the job market area.

This event runs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and is sponsored, in part, by the Cumberland County Employment Security Commission, Fort Bragg Army Career and Alumni Program, the Pope Air Force Base Family Support Center and several local colleges and universities.

For more information contact: Cathy Barkley, FTCC, Box 35236, Fayetteville, NC, 28303, or call 678-8268. Attending this event could change your life for the better.

**Cumberland County Needs Rollin Shaw!**

Americans have historically been achievers because of their "can-do" spirit and the will to work together. Rollin Shaw believes that the people of Cumberland County are at-the-ready to join hands to create opportunities where problems exist.

When Rollin served Cumberland County as a commissioner from 1988 through 1992, she demonstrated that same "can-do" spirit of cooperation on the job. She wants to work with the citizens of Cumberland County to improve the quality of our lives.

**You can depend on her to promote:**

- *Orderly expansion of water and sewer services to assure both a healthy environment, as well as growth in the tax base.*
- *Development of plans for increased recreational opportunities throughout the county.*
- *An educational network producing citizens who can successfully compete in any workforce and contribute to their communities.*

ELECT Rollin Shaw
*County Commissioner At Large*

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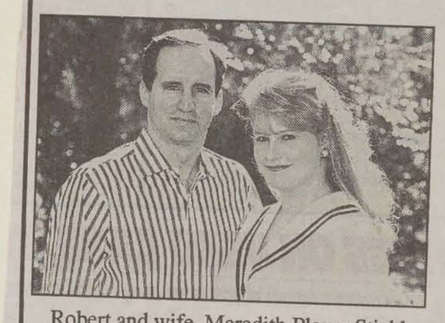

Robert and wife, Meredith Player Stiehl

**EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE**

Honors Graduate of North Carolina State University
Graduate of Campbell University School of Law
Assistant District Attorney of Cumberland County for seven years
Practiced Law for one of Fayetteville's oldest law firms
Law Clerk for a former U.S. Senator
Instructor of Business Law - FTCC for seven years
Instructor Basic Law Enforcement Training Curriculum
Instructor for North Carolina Forestry Service

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

President, C.C. Dispute Resolution Center Board of Directors
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Fayetteville City Police Department Habitual Offender Program-Team Member
Completed Volunteer Training for Rape Crisis Intervention
Mason- Board of Directors for the Masonic Center of Fayetteville
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)-awarded Prosecutor of the Year
Cumberland County Schools Peer Mediation Program
Teen Court Advisory Committee Member-Volunteer Judge
Bonnie Doone Community Action Group
Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer Instructor
Member of the Arson Task Force
Member of Snyder Memorial Baptist Church

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**Fat for life?** *Not necessarily, says Slim Gourmet,* **8E**



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**The best way** to ensure the cookies look just like their off-the-tree namesakes is to use a metal cookie cutter — or cut from a cardboard pattern.

Staff photos by Alan English

# A Treat From The Trees

*These delicate-looking flowers don't really come from a dogwood, but from the fertile imagination of a Fayetteville baker.*

**By Frances Hasty**
Staff writer

The dogwoods are always in bloom at Sharon Gillikin's house.

Not only are they a delight to the eyes but they're also a treat for the taste buds.

**The dark edges** of the flower are created with dark food coloring. The middles are ground pistachio.

Gillikin creates edible "blossoms" in her kitchen — cookies shaped liked dogwood flowers. Her inspiration comes from nature and the beauty of the springtime.

"Fayetteville is known for its dogwoods," she said, her hometown pride showing.

The discovery of a pretty oval tin, which she purchased at a flea market for 25 cents while on vacation, sharpened her desire to try her hand at making cookies in the shape of the flowers.

But a dogwood cookie cutter isn't an easy gadget to find. Then, while visiting the North Carolina State Fair several years ago, she met Peter Blum, a Greensboro tinsmith with an exhibit in the Village of Yesteryear. She sketched the desired pattern for him, and Blum fashioned a cutter, true in size and shape to a real dogwood flower. Since then, he has made several unique cutters for Gillikin, including a Halloween cat with an arched back.

## A few modifications

The dough she uses to make the dogwood cookies is a basic sugar-cookie dough. It must be chilled before rolling to hold the shape. The recipe calls for 2 cups of flour, but Gillikin has found that she usually has to add a little more. Once the cookies have baked and cooled, she "paints" them with a thinned royal icing. To apply the icing, she uses a pastry brush, which leaves a natural texture. The center of the bloom is formed with ground natural pistachio nuts. For a realistic look, she paints the four petal "edges" with thinned brown food coloring.

She makes only white dogwood cookies. "I'm a purist," she said.

For anyone inspired to bake up a batch of dogwood cookies in celebration of the Dogwood Festival, Gillikin shared a tip. Although it would be more time-consuming than using a cutter, the dogwood cookies could be made by using a pattern made of cardboard and cutting around it with a knife, she said.

She enjoys filling her dogwood tin with the cookies and sharing them with friends and co-workers at Fayetteville Technical Community College, where she is an English instructor.

Seldom does she eat them herself. "I'm not a sweets eater."

Her pleasure comes from baking them. And not only dogwood cookies, but all shapes and kinds of cookies.

"Cookies are relaxing. I love the ingredients. When else would you get to try orange-flavored water? And you get immediate gratification, or disappointment, as the case may be."

### Dogwood Cookies

1/2 stick butter
1/2 stick margarine
1 cup sugar
2+ cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 egg, lightly beaten
2 tablespoons water or lemon or orange juice
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

**Sift dry ingredients in a large bowl. Cream butter; add sugar, egg, vanilla and water or juice. Shape into flattened rounds. Chill until firm; roll 1/4 to 1/8 inch thick on a well-floured surface. Cut into shapes and bake on parchment-lined baking sheets at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until dry but not brown. They should remain pale in color.**

**Ice with royal icing, thinned to spreading consistency. Sprinkle ground natural pistachio nuts in center. Paint edges with thinned brown food color for realistic look.**

# Bent prop cited in fatal crash

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**A plane that slammed into a Maryland building, killing four North Carolina residents, may have scraped the runway during an aborted landing attempt.**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**COLLEGE PARK, Md.** — A bent propeller may have been the reason a plane crashed into a university building in Maryland, killing four North Carolinians aboard, a safety official says.

The crash occurred Saturday about 2 p.m. when a 1975 Beechcraft B-24R crashed into the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in College Park. One Fayetteville resident, a Lillington resident and two Rocky Mount residents were killed.

The plane bounced three times on the runway during an initial landing attempt at College Park Airport, Margaret Napolitan of the National Transportation Safety Board said in an interview published Monday by the Fayetteville Observer-Times.

The plane's propeller may have scraped the ground and become bent, she said, which would have disturbed the air flow, causing the plane to lose altitude. The crash, about 350 yards from the runway, occurred while the plane was circling to attempt another landing.

Killed in the crash were the pilot, Barry L. Washington, 26, of Lillington and his frequent flying companion Dr. Fred Harris III, 44, a Fayetteville dentist he had met at the Fort Bragg Flying Club. Harris' friend, Dr. Jesse Parker Jr., 44, and his wife, Paulette, 41, of Rocky Mount also were killed.

The plane took off Saturday morning from Simmons Army Airfield at Fort Bragg. Washington planned to visit his brother and nephews in Maryland before flying back to North Carolina on Saturday evening.

The four aboard the aircraft died on impact, Napolitan said. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

Washington had logged 420 hours of flying time, she said.

Harris and Washington "were the best of friends," said Washington's mother, Faye Mitchell of Lillington. "They both loved flying."

Harris, who had practiced dentistry in Fayetteville since 1978, had a passion for flying, said his colleague, Dr. Valerie Wynne-Hall.

Harris met Parker in dental school at Howard University in Washington, Wynne-Hall said. They remained good friends and both became colonels in the U.S. Army Reserve.

She said Harris and the Parkers belonged to an investment club in which members pool their resources to play the stock market. Washington flew the trio to the club's monthly meeting Saturday.

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# COMMUNITY PROFILE

SATURDAY EXTRA

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

**Ron Wilson,** right, instructs Selina Lowery in use of her computer.

## Looking for answers

### FTCC instructor keeps students on cutting edge

**By Jeffery Womble**
Saturday Extra Editor

Computers have become must-have items in the workforce and in academia. No one knows that better than Ron Wilson.

"The biggest change in the curriculum is the introduction of computers and computer-aided drafting," said Wilson, chairman of the architectural technology department at Fayetteville Technical Community College. "About 10 years ago, we established the first computer-aided drafting class here on campus."

The one thing computers can never be a substitute for is excellent teaching. Wilson knows that, too. He was recently named FTCC's Teacher of the Year.

"I enjoy the challenge of motivating and working with young students," Wilson said. "We have a significant number who are making a career change, and I probably relate better to these students because of their age.

"This school is for everyone. We have had father-daughter teams, sons of fathers who graduated from the curriculum 15 years ago. In some ways it becomes a family affair."

Wilson is especially proud that graduates from the architectural technology department have gone on to greater things. Some have continued their studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's College of Architecture and North Carolina State University. Others have gone on to jobs such as city-county planner, secondary school drafting instructors and business owners.

Wilson gives credit for the students' success to the top-notch academic programs FTCC offers.

"We have totally remodeled our curriculum, and it has been approved," he said. "Now students will have one computer course every quarter they are here."

The community has benefitted from Wilson's expertise in his subject area. With the help of his students, he has done work for several non-profit organizations including Habitat for Humanity and several homeless shelters. His most visible work is the fencing design around the post office on Rowan Street. He has conducted workshops for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Black and Decker, Public Works Commission, Purolator and the City of Fayetteville.

"We are on the cutting edge," he said. "We have trained the industries in this area and they come to us as the resource leader. That's part of our commitment to the college and community."

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>
> *— Ron Wilson*

Wilson received his undergraduate degree in architecture from N.C. State, and his master's degree from UNC-Charlotte. Prior to joining the FTCC faculty in 1979, he worked with Laslett and Laslett Architects as a project manager-designer. He also worked with Dodge and Beckwith Architects as a staff designer.

Wilson is a member of the American Institute of Architects (national and state organizations), National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, FTCC Foundation, National Computer Graphics Association, Olde Fayetteville Association, National Trust for Historic Preservation and the N.C. Preservation Society. He is also a member of the American Amateur Racquetball Association and is a state certified referee in the sport.

Wilson said he was surprised he was chosen FTCC's top teacher, saying other nominees — James Blair, Claretha Lacy and Jesse Waters — were just as impressive. He credits his success in the classroom to his teaching philosophy.

"I stress problem solving in my classes. That's what the people are looking for," he said. "They don't want problems, they want solutions."

**Jennifer Stallings**

**Jennifer Stallings** was recently crowned Miss Cape Fear High School. She is the daughter of Bobby and Shirley Stallings of Eastover.

**Billy West** of Fayetteville was recently presented a book award by the N.C. State University chapter of Phi Alpha Theta history honorary society. The book awards are given at annual inductions to history majors who have the highest grade point average for their classifications.

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**George Patrick Markham,** son of George and Patsy Markham of Fayetteville, recently helped research and write and article that was printed in the January 1994 edition of the "American Pharmacy." Markham is a pharmacy student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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**Tomecia G. Sobers**, a police officer with the Fayetteville Police Department, was recently awarded the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate by the state Criminal Justice Education Standards Commission. Others receiving this award were **Michael Murphy** and **Monte B. Podewil**, both investigators with the Fayetteville Police Department.

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**Ashton Anderson**, a sophomore at St. Catherine's School, has been chosen an All-Star by the League of Independent Schools for her performance in basketball during the winter season. She is the daughter of Carole and John Anderson of Fayetteville.

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Purnell Swett High School teacher **Wilma Godwin** and student **Cory Hunt** were recently named winners of the Muddy Water Essay Contest. They were awarded a first-place regional award of $50. The theme of the essays was "The Sedimentation Process and Soil Erosion Caused By Land Disturbing Activities."

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**Kenneth L. Moore** of Boy Scout Troop 771, sponsored by MacPherson Presbyterian Church, was recently presented the Boy Scouts of America and the National Eagle Scout Associations Scoutmaster Award of Merit. He was Scoutmaster of Troop 771 for more than nine years and during his tenure 25 young men earned their Eagle Scout Award. This award also required that he complete certain training and the troop must have earned the Quality Unit award during his tenure.

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**Carl Hill** of Fayetteville recently received the Boy Scouts of America's Eagle Scout Award. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 771.

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**Bryan Suedbeck** of Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, recently participated in the National Leaders Conference in Washington. The conference is a hands-on leadership training program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne House and Mrs. and Mrs. John Suedbeck of Fayetteville.

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The following area students were named to the president's list for the winter quarter at James Sprunt Community College in Kenansville:

**Sonja Jacobs Whitted** of Clinton, **Janet Lee Simmons** and **Stacy Dugan Thompson**, both of Roseboro.

Named to the dean's list were **Mark Wynn Hairr** of Salemburg, and **Mary Doyne Coleman** and **Charles Kevin Pope**, both of Clinton.

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The following area students were named to the president's list for the winter quarter at Fayetteville Technical Community College:

Cumberland County: Earl C. Tew, Benjamin Jesse Secrest, Rachel Thompson, Frederick B. Clark, Wayne E. Bankes, Teresa D. Crider, Adelina Jordan, Brian T. Kiewra, Adam A. Cheatham, Nancy Pool, Jennifer Chris Creech, Scott C. Williams, Kathleen G. Sites, Heather L. Calmes, Robert C. Patrick, Keith O. Dickens, Fay Nadine Ravenell, Mark A. Jordan, Jerry D. Powers, Donna Edward

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**APPLAUSE**

*On the cover*

There's nothing like a trip out in the country, right? Staff photographer Cindy Burnham spotted this barn — not in the country but along Ramsey Street in north Fayetteville.

## Applause

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Mallette, Janna Pat Loper, Pamela Laurence Waugh, Julie A. Rice, Charles R. Lynch, Tara R. Johnston, Gloria L. Wallace, Dell Johnson Simmons, Eric K. Knutson.

William E. Carl, Kathy A. Foster, John E. Flores, Ronald Macauley, Chauncey D. Randall, William Nolan Van Scyoc, Susan Jane Willis, Jody L. Crutchfield, Michele R. Holbrook, Kimberly Cesco Schmidt, John Lee Thompson, Joana M. Vince, Lisa M. Keith, Dina Britch Smith, Anita K. Delgado, Mary S. Lay, Deborah Reuther Daugherty, Lori Freeman Damen, Stephany L. Mackey, Richard Hall, Sharon Roland, Jacquelyn Harris Gore, Lois A. Munyer, William J. Weatherell.

Troy W. Brown, Samuel L. Bobo, Bronco A. Suzuki, Cheryl Ann McCaskey, Karen D. Bierowski, Susan K. Scheurer, Susan L. Barnes, Zondie Mille Pauling, Claude E. White, Anna M. Marroquin, Elaine D. Everts, Jo A. Nagle, Thomas Charl Stewert, Lilac Miller. Michael Tucker, Charles P. Dicker Jr., James Davis, Mary L. Hall, Kimberly F. Gibbs, Wayne Anders, Robert A. Bennett, Wendy Carva Jones, Mai-Lan Lewis, Anna Leeze Johnson, Deborah Kalle Reynolds, Samuel S. Edens, Kimberly Ann Dillard, Donald Tyron Roberts, Thomas H. Barber, Beverly Hasse Genevish.

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Debra K. Walters, Sue P. Thomas, Roger Ayala, Vicki Erickson Duffy, Cinthia Flores Stone, Deangelo R. Andrews, Debra L. Talley, Cheri Petit Evans, Elizabeth A. Adams, Laura Fletc Spencer, Larhonda E. Witherspoon, Brenda M. Guidry, Charles Goodale, John Pen, Robin Covey Ramos, Jeannie S. Olivas, Jennifer Love Giarard, Jennifer L. Gigas, Elizabeth A. Graham, Gabriele Gisel Sanchez, Janean L. Jensen, Karen L. Sparks, Lisbeth A. Speare, Jennifer Harris Mallo, Amy M. Creek, Tracy M. Clark, Cynthia Ray Clough, Sally Clark Dahlstrom, Laurie Dorler Carpenter, Michael E. Price, Gilbert Patrick Santiago, Jennifer S. Corezette, Terry Byrd Poole, Kimberly A. Wasko, Jesse R. Johnson, Valerie A. Ockman, Cheryl Broyles Jordan-Lawary, Wanda F. Ware, Jerry R. Weatherwax, Lisa Gayle Shroyer, Robert L. Godwin, Jonathan G. Parker, Billie M. Duros, Karen R. Culbreth, Michele D. Owens, and Kathy A. Nethercutt.

**Sampson County:** Lisa Gail Steiner.

**Harnett County:** Dale Seigler and Jaime A. Cruz-Figueroa.

**Hoke County:** Winston Mackey, Salah Alamoudi, Monika Kohler Whalley, Suzanne Marie Jackson, Donald Noel Petersen, Juanita B. Wilkie, Sharon Lyle Laundry, Duane F. Miller, Dorita Barfield Windsor, Brian F. Thompson, and Lonnie L. Peterkin.

**Robeson County:** Brian S. Cowin.

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**Cecil Terrell Jordan III** of Fayetteville and **Amy Elizabeth Jackson** of Lumberton were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at The University of North Carolina at Asheville.

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433-2986. **Cape Fear Studios** is located at 188-1 Maxwell St.

**Yard Sale.** Glendale Acres Elementary School is planning a yard sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Spaces are available for $15 or a double space for $25. Information: 485-6590, days or 485-6228, nights.

**Fayetteville Technical Community College** is offering a free HRD/Employment and Marketing Techniques class beginning May 3. Class size is limited. Registration: Charles Barlow, 678-8495.

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Staff photo by Dick Blount

**Jody Crutchfield**, left, and Eric Davis work in a lab at FTCC.

## College expected to pay off for more graduates this year

*Experts say the job market will improve this year, especially in technical fields.*

**By Jay Woodard**
Staff writer

Eric Davis and Jody Crutchfield aren't exactly picking and choosing, but the Fayetteville Technical Community College seniors do expect job offers soon.

"It seems to be a booming year for us, the electronics guys," Davis said. He and Crutchfield will graduate next month with degrees in electronics engineering technology.

Experts say the nation's 1.2 million college graduates have more job prospects available in general this year. But salaries for many entry-level positions are lower, and companies' expectations for their young recruits are significantly higher.

Graduates trained in technical fields, such as medical and computer, have better prospects than those who majored in liberal arts.

"There's a critical need in nursing, education and engineering," said Garland D. Stewart, director of career planning and placement at Fayetteville State University.

"The graduates in these disciplines have good prospects. And areas such as physical therapy and occupational therapy are extremely understaffed. Needs are acute in the health services field."

Salary offers are up 5 percent from last year for graduates in the computer, medical and engineering fields, according to Catherine VanSickle, manager of the

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Fayetteville office of the state Employment Security Commission.

At Methodist College, seniors who majored in accounting, social work, golf course management and criminal justice have been doing well in getting jobs, said Paula Miller of the college's placement office. Most of Methodist's senior science majors plan to continue their education in either graduate school or medical school.

Salary offers to seniors are in the high teens or low 20s, Miller said.

### Placement prospects

Last year, 92 percent of the seniors at Fayetteville Technical Community College found jobs within three months of graduating.

"It's going to be at least that good this year and maybe slightly better," said Catherine Barkley, director of the college's placement office.

Peggy Lawrence, of Campbell University's placement office, said graduates who studied science and banking are finding jobs that pay $24,000 to $28,000.

Education majors at Campbell have done well for eight years, Lawrence said.

Overall, hiring of college graduates is up 8.8 percent over last year, although companies are taking on only about half the number of workers they hired in 1989, said Maury Hanigan, president of Hanigan Consulting Group.

Recruiters are much more selective.

"We used to hire from among the top 10 percent in a graduating class, now we look only at the top 1 percent," said Lew Shumaker, DuPont's manager of college relations and recruitment.

Hanigan, whose firm advises companies on staffing, said corporate reorganizations have made employers more choosy.

"With corporate cost-cutting a focus, it's too expensive for a company to hire and train an individual, then have them leave," Hanigan said. "Companies are looking much more closely at who they hire."

The biggest selling point for a graduate is job experience, recruiters say.

"It's worthwhile for a college graduate to show not just achievement at school, but actual work experience," said James E. Challenger of Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc., an international placement company. "Companies want a track record."

Corporate training programs have been casualties of cost-cutting at many companies, Challenger said. "This year's college graduates face a market that is much more interested in people they can put to work right away." Companies are putting recruits in entry level jobs and asking them to learn about the product from the bottom up, he said.

Perhaps reflecting that trend, salaries for some entry-level jobs have declined since last year, Challenger said.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

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## Ensuring students are Job Ready

**Gov. Jim Hunt seeks to prepare high school students for the working world by having businesses teach them the necessary skills.**

BY KYLE MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

**WENDELL** — The handful of East Wake High School students selected for a new apprenticeship program won't attend their first classes until the fall, but already they're being hailed as pioneers.

Gov. Jim Hunt on Tuesday met two of the students during a tour of the school's training center. He chose East Wake as the backdrop for announcing a new plan aimed at preparing high school students for a highly skilled working world.

Hunt's program, Job Ready, consists of getting businesses more involved in teaching work skills to students who are more likely to look for a job than go to college after graduating.

That's exactly what's happening in Wendell. Siemens Energy & Automation Inc., whose 800-employee electronic switch and control plant is just two miles from East Wake, came up with the idea, pitched it to school officials, designed the program and so far has spent nearly $300,000 to develop it.

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Last year Siemens, a unit of German electronics giant Siemens AG, began sending some of its own employees to the East Wake center to train — a program that will continue on the East Wake campus when the students begin their apprenticeship training in the fall.

In a brief period of time, and even though no students have taken instruction, the Siemens/East Wake partnership is receiving increased attention as a prototype school-to-work apprenticeship program in North Carolina. Educators and employers from across the state have toured the two-room training center on campus, and several national magazines, as well as the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, have written about it.

At the center, students will learn about electronics and the basics of manufacturing. After a school year of instruction, they'll get summer jobs at the plant.

Now the governor is latching onto the program as a model for what he wants to see develop throughout the state.

Hunt said Tuesday he plans to ask for $1 million from the General Assembly in its coming budget session. The money would be used as grants for school systems interested in starting school-to-work transition programs.

He also wants to put a "job broker," or a new type of guidance counselor, in each of the state's public high schools who would learn about employment prospects in the community and work with employers to help find students suitable for any job openings.

"Today, too often [students] go into work without the skills, without the practical experience" they need to land high-paying jobs, Hunt said. "It is wrong to put our primary emphasis on [college-bound education] to the exclusion of the 75 percent who are going straight to jobs."

Educators in North Carolina have little experience with industry-led apprenticeship programs, but clearly the momentum is in that direction.

Proponents often point to the German model, where students learn specific trades during high school. Many education officials, however, advocate a more cautious approach because of the differences between German and U.S. educational systems.

Hunt, for instance, proposes establishing apprenticeship programs that could work well with the existing "tech-prep" curriculum in which students receive training developed by community colleges.

Hunt also has given more powers to the Governor's Commission on Work Force Preparedness, a panel of educators and business people created by his predecessor, Gov. Jim Martin. The commission, which will oversee the state's efforts on school-to-work programs, expects to get a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to help establish pilot programs, although the amount hasn't been determined.

At East Wake, the 16 students next school year will take up a new way of learning skills they can use for life. Instead of opting for the traditional shop classes, they'll go through a rigorous apprenticeship program. And instead of educators designing the program, Siemens is calling the shots.

Most of the students have been selected for the program. Matt Baker, an East Wake sophomore from Knightdale, said he applied because he's interested in engineering.

"It's something you have to think about," Baker said of his future. The program is "a good foundation for engineering school."

Although it would seem that Siemens would be wasting its money if students choose college over a job at the plant, the company isn't concerned about that.

Siemens wants to demonstrate to other employers, as well as its customers and suppliers, that it's time for substantial improvements in worker training, said John Tobin, director of vocational and technical training for New York-based Siemens Corp., the parent of Siemens Energy & Automation.

"We're getting a tremendous amount out of this," Tobin said.

# To Really Hear What Someone Says Listen To What They've Done

It is an election year. Politicians can and will say almost anything to get elected. So, it's important to look at what someone asking for your vote has done before it is an election year.

**Judge Jim Ammons did not begin public service this year.** For twelve years, he has served the citizens of Cumberland County as a senior prosecutor and a District Court Judge. A graduate of the National Judicial College, Judge Ammons has received specialized training in handling cases of domestic violence.

**Judge Jim Ammons did not begin working with young people this year.** Every month for years, Judge Ammons has been speaking to school and youth groups about working hard and staying out of trouble.

**Judge Jim Ammons did not begin working with law enforcement this year.** During his career, Judge Ammons has taught criminal justice courses to hundreds of local officers beginning or advancing their careers in law enforcement.

**Judge Jim Ammons' commitment to community and church activities did not begin this year.** From Fayetteville Technical Community College to the Arts Council to Fayetteville State University to Haymount United Methodist Church, organization after organization has benefited from Judge Ammons' tireless efforts.

You will not have to strain to hear what Jim Ammons might do as a District Court Judge. His twelve years as a prosecutor, teacher, judge, and community and church leader speak loudly and clearly. On Tuesday, keep a judge who has done the job on the job. Elect Judge Jim Ammons.

**Judge Jim Ammons**
For The District Court

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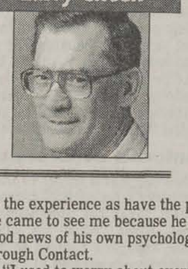
## *Through Contact, a life is changed*

Call him Sam. That's a code name, but he doesn't work for the CIA, or the KGB. He just answers the telephone, anonymously, for Contact.

I probably shouldn't say "just". Volunteering for Contact, a telephone counseling line, is more important than that, because the very next time the phone rings, you might save somebody's life.

Larry Cheek



Most calls are more ordinary, of course. But all the calls are important, in that people don't call Contact unless they have a problem.

Sam is a switch. He's a Contact volunteer who's been helped at least as much by the experience as have the people who call him. He came to see me because he wanted to share the good news of his own psychological redemption through Contact.

"I used to worry about everything," said the 57-year-old man. "If I didn't have anything to worry about, I'd worry about that, figuring something must be wrong."

Nothing dramatically awful ever happened to Sam. His mother died when he was 6, and that did much to shape him into the tentative person of low self esteem he says he became.

His aunt and her husband moved into the house to help raise Sam and his siblings. She was very strict. On top of that, his father, a Harnett County farmer, had lost two wives and three children from his first marriage, and this had helped turn him into a person who did not show love.

### 'Leave it alone'

Sam's lack of confidence was constantly reinforced. He was only allowed to be in the house, in the yard, or working. There was no running off to play with the kids down the road.

"Leave it alone, you'll tear it up."

"No, you can't do that."

He heard such commands a lot. But what he never heard from his father was, "Son, I'm proud of you, you did a good job."

Sam grew up, went to college, became a teacher. He switched to retail sales, a field in which he worked for 24 years, then got into the insurance business.

Only rarely during the years was he happy with what he was doing.

In 1989, Sam took a Contact volunteer course at Fayetteville Tech. He was hoping he might help himself by helping others.

His confidence began to rise. He took a real estate course and passed. It may seem a small triumph. But it was big to Sam, who had proved he could do something, even if he eventually would settle on insurance rather than real estate.

He went to work as a Contact volunteer. The more calls he answered, the better he felt about himself.

### 'You can be forgiven'

Two calls in particular made a mark. One was a suicide call.

"The man told me he was bleeding," Sam said. "He told me where he was. I got the rescue squad out while keeping him on the phone all the while. It was a girlfriend problem."

The other call came from a military wife during Desert Storm. She had committed adultery and was pregnant. Her husband was sure to find out.

He read a Bible passage to her, saying "You can be forgiven, no matter who you are or what you are."

He discussed abortion and adoption options with her. She rejected both, because she wanted to keep the child. But she remained afraid that she would lose her husband.

He told her she was special, she was important.

He told her that her life could be better, if she would make it happen.

They talked for two hours and at the end she was calm, rational. And so was Sam, because he had learned during those two hours that he could make a difference in another person's life.

"I'm my father's child," Sam said. "If you've never seen love, how do you show love? I couldn't make decisions. I grew up without freedom, or being allowed to make choices. I'm not as bad that way any more. Now I know I can do anything I want to do. But if not for Contact, I wouldn't be as happy as I am."

Contact's phone number is 485-4134.

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# Local schools unfazed by plan

*The state Senate's decision to scale back the information-highway program leaves six Robeson County high schools and FTCC undaunted.*

**By Greg Euston**
Staff writer

**LUMBERTON** — Local educators who have made plans to be on North Carolina's information highway say they are undaunted by the state Senate's decision to scale back the program by two-thirds.

All six Robeson County high schools and Fayetteville Technical Community College were slated to come on-line in August under Gov. Jim Hunt's plan to build 100 sites on the fiber-optic network in the first year.

The seven schools would have been linked to state government, several hospitals, all 16 state universities and other schools across the state.

With computers, video and audio equipment, the sites can swap information and hold classes or conferences with people across the state.

But Thursday, the state Senate approved a spending proposal for 1994-95 that calls for a $3.8 million, three-year trial of the information network.

The Senate bill, which now goes to the state House, would fund sites for 24 poor high schools and 12 community colleges. The university system would be on a different network.

Dan Prescott handles the information highway and other information issues at FTCC.

"As far as we know, nobody has told us we aren't on it," Prescott said. "Unless we're told differently, we'll continue on the road we're on."

Prescott said he had read about the Senate's plan, but did not have any other information.

FTCC has spent about $100,000 on equipment.

Even with fewer resources connected to the network, Robeson County schools Superintendent Purnell Swett said: "I still say we will have a broad bill of services."

He said the university network is

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compatible and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics will be on the fiber-optic network. The School of Science and Mathematics is a state-sponsored boarding school for 11th- and 12th-graders who excel in the two subjects, Swett said.

"At this point, it clearly has become a political issue," Robeson County school board Chairman Angus Thompson II said. "I don't think it's dead."

Thompson said he and Swett have been in contact with state legislators on the issue. Thompson said he is confident the school system's investment — $550,000 for computers and other hardware — will be protected.

Swett said the county's six high schools are ready to go on line. The equipment was bought in April.

The Robeson County schools are likely picks to be among the 24 schools selected as sites. The Senate budget cites low-performing schools, low-wealth schools and schools that have already made an investment as those that should get first consideration.

"If we had slowed down, we would have been left out," Thompson said.

Swett said he thinks the political unrest about Hunt's plan may be linked to the number of eastern counties that were slated to come on line in the first year.

# Blue insists legislature will adjourn by July Fourth

*The House speaker tells lawmakers to plan to be with their families on Independence Day. The General Assembly appears to be progressing toward that goal.*

By Mark Stinneford
Raleigh bureau

**RALEIGH** — A lawmaker's promise to see the legislature adjourn by July 1 is about as common as a 90-degree day in August. Fulfillment of the pledge is about as common as a 90-degree day in December.

But, as the General Assembly convened for its short session Tuesday, House Speaker Dan Blue went to unusual lengths to guarantee a departure by Independence Day.

"I want to urge each and every one of you to talk to your families tonight on the phone and tell them to keep you in their plans for the Fourth of July vacation," Blue said. "I've already told mine that."

Despite skepticism from some lawmakers, the General Assembly appears to be moving at an unusually fast pace. Legislators are operating under an informal deadline to get budget requests in by the end of the day today. Senate leaders are hoping to get a state operating budget bill passed and sent to the House by the end of the week.

Money matters are expected to be the chief concern of the session. Legislators have about $1 billion in new money to spend. Gov. Jim Hunt has recommended $426 million in new and expanded programs in the operating budget and $498 million in construction and other one-time projects. He is recommending a 4 percent pay increase and a one-time, 1 percent bonus for state workers.

Blue spoke in favor of the raise and other items in Hunt's budget but urged legislators to be cautious with the state's newfound wealth, reminding them of the $1.2 billion budget shortfall of 1991.

"Just because we have it, that doesn't mean we have to spend it," Blue said.

Lawmakers are expected to be eager to spend the money, especially on local projects. In bills filed Tuesday, lawmakers proposed spending more than $19 million in the Cape Fear region.

Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight said he will agree to hold back any amount of money suggested by Blue, but added that if there is extra money, it should be used to eliminate the intangibles tax on stocks and to exempt the poor from the sales tax on food.

"Those are two issues I would like to discuss this afternoon or any other time," Basnight said.

Blue said the state would have

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## Legislature

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to see a sustained recovery before a tax cut would be appropriate.

"What you have to do is see how permanent the expansion is," Blue said. "You can't base a long-term budget decision on a few months' experience."

North Carolina's sales tax is 6 cents per dollar. A 1-cent cut in the overall sales tax would cost about $620 million. A 1-cent cut in the sales tax on food only would cost about $150 million. Elimination of the intangibles tax on stocks and bonds would cost about $120 million.

State Rep. Richard Morgan, a Pinehurst Republican, said he will consider a bill to phase out the intangibles tax, most of which goes to local governments.

He said the tax amounts to double taxation of income and discourages business and retirees from moving to the state. City government leaders in Fayetteville have asked legislators not to consider repealing the tax.

Among the local projects proposed in bills filed Tuesday:

- State Rep. Mary McAllister, a Fayetteville Democrat, proposed spending $116,000 for two picnic shelters and walkways for schoolchildren visiting the State Government Complex in Raleigh.
- Robeson County House members asked for $10.5 million for a farmers market and agriculture exposition center. The General Assembly put $2.5 million toward the project last year. Sen. David Parnell, a Parkton Democrat, asked for $8 million for the project.

### Local bills filed

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- Rep. Edd Nye, an Elizabethtown Democrat, is seeking $500,000 for the Future Farmers of America center at White Lake. The organization would match the money.
- Sen. Hugh Lee, a Rockingham Democrat, proposes $25 million for community college projects, including $2.5 million for a business office at Fayetteville Technical Community College, $951,793 for an industrial training center at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, and $384,722 for renovations at Sandhills Community College.
- Sen. Elaine Marshall, a Lillington Democrat, is seeking $500,000 to build a sheltered workshop for mentally handicapped adults in Harnett County. The county has agreed to donate land for the project. Marshall has also filed a bill to provide $10,000 to renovate a wooden school building for the Coats Community Museum.
- Sen. R.C. Soles, a Tabor City Democrat, filed bills to provide $250,000 for a livestock and exhibition hall at the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw, $50,000 to renovate the National Guard Armory in Fair Bluff, and $500,000 to complete a natural gas line to an industrial park next to Southeastern Community College.
- Sen. David Parnell, a Parkton Democrat, filed a bill to spend $3 million for a conference center at Pembroke State University, contingent upon a $6 million federal grant. He also proposed spending $200,000 to renovate an annex to the Robeson County Library.

In other bill filings:

- State Rep. Ronnie Sutton, a Pembroke Democrat, is seeing $333,000 to be used for scholarships of up to $3,000 each for American Indian students at state universities.
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- Soles filed a bill to incorporate the Sandyfield community near Riegelwood in Columbus County.


SUMMERSCAPES

(CLASSES FOR 12-15 YEAR OLDS)

If you are looking for something special for your child to do this summer, check out the following classes.

The Community College can only offer these courses during the summer so take advantage of this enjoyable, inexpensive learning opportunity for your child. Please note that the fee listed is for registration. Some of the classes have a supply fee and others require that supplies be brought to class. These additional fees will be kept as low as possible. These classes are self-supporting--no state funds are expended.

* A Tisket, A Tasket, Let's Make A Basket - $20
* American Indian Culture - $15
* Create A Craft - $10
* Drawing and Painting - $25
* Glitzy Jewelry - $8
* Guitar - $20
* Intro To Computers - $40
* Line Dancing - $25
* Preparation for the SAT (Ages 14-17) - $60
* Sewing - $25
* Sign Language - $15
* "Teen" Image Update - $12
* Watercolor - $25

**For more information on starting dates, times and locations call: 678-8431**

**Don't Delay -- Register Soon!**

(Space in some classes is limited)

To register -- please stop by the Registration Office located in the Neill Currie Building on FTCC campus between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday).

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Fayetteville Technical Community College


# Intervention program helps at-risk students beat odds

4/26/94 MO

By Deidra Jackson
STAFF WRITER

**RALEIGH** — Thirty-two local teens who weren't expected to graduate from high school will defy the odds and finally clutch their diplomas next month.

Sidetracked from their studies by pregnancies, suspensions, family problems, illnesses or poverty, these occasional students had given up on completing their studies — until Wake County Communities in Schools entered their lives.

Durham

Volunteers in the ambitious intervention program, which marked its fourth year of operation this month, praised the teens' accomplishments last week during a spirited anniversary celebration at the Walnut Creek Amphitheater.

A crowd of students and teachers arrived in yellow buses, joining other members of the community to hear inspirational messages from Shirley Caesar of Durham, a Grammy-award-winning gospel singer, and Dan Blue, speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives.

Community in Schools provides resources and other assistance to students and their families by linking local agencies and businesses with schools. It receives funding from Wake Education Partnership, which channels grants and other monies into Wake public schools.

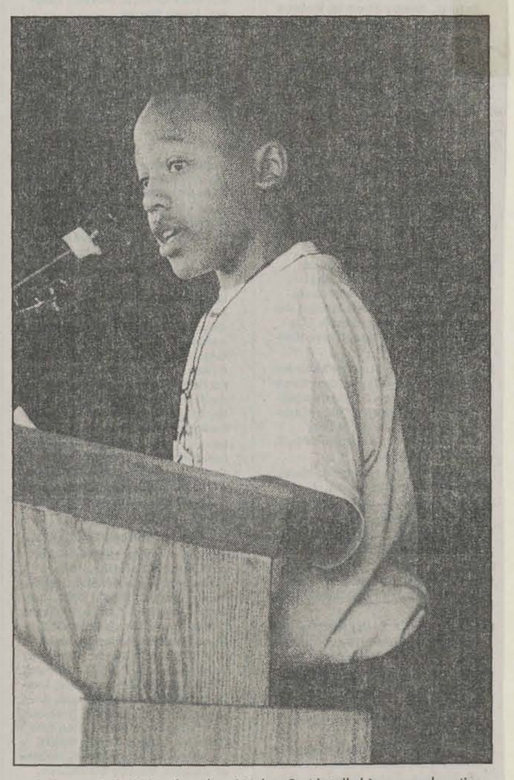
It's been a long haul for the 32 graduating seniors — who attend Mary E. Phillips, Garner Senior and East Wake high schools — but extra guidance from the program's volunteers eventually nudged them to excel.

"I sincerely didn't think I'd ever graduate," said Brian Durham, a senior at Garner Senior High School. "CIS broke it down for me and helped me increase my study habits."

The 18-year-old's grades slipped because of an illness that made him miss several weeks of school, and his motivation soon followed. His teachers recommended him for the CIS program and assigned him a mentor.

Now Durham hopes to enter Wake Technical Community College to study computers and later transfer to a four-year program for a science degree.

"I wouldn't be graduating if I wasn't in the program," Durham said. "I really see how my study habits were."



Zebulon Middle School student Walter Smith tells his own education turnaround story to the Walnut Creek eventgoers.

Another graduating senior, Katrina Hartsfield, 18, had given up all hopes of finishing high school after she had a baby in the 10th grade.

Hartsfield, a student in the Job Readiness Training Project at Mary E. Phillips, a federally funded program run through Wake Community in Schools, caught the attention of her teacher, Virginia Hamby.

"I tried to stress to her the importance of being honest with herself and tell her she could excel even though she has a lot of obstacles," Hamby said.

Within a year, Hamby's encouragement had touched Hartsfield.

"She just opens up to me, and she's comfortable to be around," Hartsfield said. "I'd tell girls who have already had a baby to use it as an inspiration instead of as a downfall."

Community in Schools began with 116 students in four schools. It now has sites in 10 schools and is working with nearly 600 students and families.

"It's just mushrooming," said Debby Bine, executive director. "We're beginning to get more agencies, businesses, schools and colleges involved."

The group relies on support from health and human service agencies, nonprofit and private organizations, corporations, local businesses and individuals.

Its most visible project — and the one deemed the most successful by volunteers — pairs students with a corps of volunteer mentors and tutors.

"Because CIS has been successful, we've been able to expand and serve more students and families," Bine said. "We're glad to open up the arms of the community to them."

# Keeping your cool in the heat

5/9/94 Fay/Obs

## Maintaining your air conditioner will save you cold cash

By Bob Horne
Staff writer

You're probably not surprised that air conditioning technicians recommend having your air conditioner serviced every spring. After all, it's money in the bank to them.

But your air conditioner is only five years old and has always hummed smoothly with no problem.

Do you really need annual service on it?

Yes, say air conditioning experts.

"I think it's in the best interest of the homeowner," said Donald Chavis, chairman of the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration department at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

"It's a plus for anybody that wants to maintain their equipment. Maybe you don't need it for the first year or two, but after that, I believe you do."

One of the main reasons for the service is to have the refrigerant level checked, Chavis said.

"If the refrigerant is a little low, it may not impair the performance, but it may cause excessive wear on the compressor and components."

And if it is excessively low, it could impair performance, damage the unit and waste electricity.

### Annual service

The Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute said annual service ensures efficient operation of a cooling system.

"If your air conditioner is no longer cooling properly, it could involve something as simple as replacing a fuse, resetting a circuit breaker or checking to see if the thermostat is set properly," the institute said.

If the air conditioner runs but cools insufficiently, it's probably because the refrigerant is low, the organization said.

"However, if the problem involves any major part, such as the compressor, you would hear strange noises similar to those of mechanical equipment not running correctly," it said.

*'If the refrigerant is a little low, ... it may cause excessive wear on the compressor and components.'*

*— Donald Chavis*

Air conditioners with motors that require regular lubrication should be lubricated at least every year, Chavis said. And air conditioners and heat pumps should be cleaned every year to ensure peak performance, he said.

Professionals should do the work, he said, because a homeowner "could electrocute himself or turn the unit on after cleaning it and burn it up."

A service call that doesn't require repairs should take about an hour, and can cost from about $40 to $70, he said.

If you are told you need a costly repair, like a $200 fan motor or $600 compressor, it's wise to to get a second opinion, Chavis said.

"It's not worth it on a $40 or $50 charge, but for big ones it is," he said.

### Second opinion

Chavis said some companies will give a free second opinion on a compressor replacement, provided you let them bid for the job. If they get the air conditioner operating without a new compressor, they will charge for the service call, he said.

Chavis and the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute said that if an older air conditioner needs a new compressor, it probably would pay to replace it with a new energy-efficient air conditioner that probably will save hundreds of dollars in energy costs each year.

Thomas Phillips, executive director of the state board that licenses air conditioning, heating and plumbing contractors, says to ask around for recommendations on a serviceman.

"Always deal with people that are referred to you by someone you know," Chavis said.

"That's the only way to do business."

Phillips said a state license isn't required to service air conditioners, only to install them. But he recommends hiring only licensed servicemen. To find out if a serviceman is licensed, call Phillips' office at 1-919-733-9350.

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

**Willard Brock,** left, Timothy Brock and Victor Buker install a gas pack in a Fayetteville home.

CONSUMER NEWS

## AGENDA
## CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
## COURTHOUSE - ROOM 118
## MAY 16, 1994
## 7:30 P.M.

**INVOCATION**
**Commissioner John Keefe**
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
**Presentation of Certificate of Achievement to Cheryl A. Grabowski for Professional Development in Emergency Management. Awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.**
**Presentation of the 1994 Answer Book.**
**Appearing: Jerry Thrasher, Library Director**

1. **Public hearing to consider the proposed County Noise Ordinance.**
2. **Consent Items:**
   A. Approval of minutes for the May 2, 1994 regular meeting and May 9, 1994 special meeting.
   B. Consideration of a bid award for computer equipment for the Health Department.
   C. Budget Amendments:
   **(1) PUBLIC HEALTH**
   Increase in revenues and expenditures in the amount of $8,661 to recognize Jordan-Adams Funding. (B94-566 through B94-576) **Funding Source-State**
   **(2) WIC OUTREACH**
   Decrease in revenues and expenditures in the amount of $12,003 to return lapsed Federal Funds (B94-550) **Funding Source-Federal**
   **(3) LIBRARY**
   Increase in revenues and expenditures in the amount of $83 to recognize a Quiz Bowl grant. (B94-550) **Funding Source-State**
   **(4) BUREAU OF NARCOTICS**
   Increase in revenues and expenditures in the amount of $117 to recognize additional Controlled Substance Tax revenue. (B94-585) **Funding Source-Controlled Substance Tax**
   **(5) SOCIAL SERVICES**
   Increase in revenues and expenditures in the amount of $497 to recognize a grant for "Reducing Trauma in Child Sexual Abuse Investigations" (B94-583) **Funding Source-State**
   **(6) SOCIAL SERVICES**
   Decrease in revenues and expenditures in the amount of $312,877 to adjust for a reduction in N.C. Day Care revenue. (B94-584) **Funding Source-State**
   **(7) WILLIE M**
   Increases in revenues and expenditures in the amount of $12,425 to recognize additional Funding for client specific services. (B94-581 through B94-581B) **Funding Source-State**
   **(8) COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES**
   To reallocate funds in the amount of $13,031 from Safe Landing Group Home (7.631) and Juvenile Court Outreach (5,400) to the Juvenile Court Restitution Program to replace a van. (B94-586 through B94-588) **Funding Source-State & County**
   **(9) FTCC CONSTRUCTION BOND FUND**
   To establish a fund and organization for the FTCC Construction Bond proceeds. (B94-580) **Funding Source-FTCC Construction Bond**
   **(10) THOMAS S**
   Increase in revenues and expenditures in the amount of $6,599 to recognize Funding for a data processing system to support the Thomas S Unit Cost Reimbursement System. (B94-593) **Funding Source-State**
   **(11) MENTAL HEALTH**
   a. PERIODIC OUTPATIENT: Increase in revenues and expenditures in the amount of $518 to recognize additional Funding to provide residential services to Child and Young Mental Health clients. (B94-590) **Funding Source-State**
   b. ALCOHOL & DRUG SUPPORT: Increase in revenues and expenditures in the amount of $1,050 to recognize revenue earned from staff supervision of Substance Abuse interns. (B94-590) **Funding Source-Other**
   c. CBA IN-HOME: Decrease in revenues and expenditures in the amount of $5,528 to reconcile to CBA budget. (B94-592) **Funding Source-State**
   **(12) ADMINISTRATION**
   Revision to appropriate funds in the amount of $5,000 to provide advertising funds for the remainder of the fiscal year. (B94-589) **Funding Source-County**
   **(13) GOVERNING BODY**
   Revision to appropriate funds in the amount of $2,730 to provide Funding for medical insurance for an employee that signed up after the beginning of FY94 (B94-600) **Funding Source-County**
   **(14) GENERAL GOVERNMENT OTHER**
   Revision to transfer funds in the amount of $2,500 from the General Fund Contingency for an appraisal. (B94-555) **Funding Source-County**

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

3. **Nominations to Boards and Committees:**
   A. ABC Board (1 vacancy)
   B. Board of Adjustment (4 vacancies)
   C. FTCC Board of Trustees (1 vacancy)
   D. Youth Services Advisory Board (2 vacancies)
   E. Civic Center Commission (5 vacancies)
4. **Appointments to the Cumberland County Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board:**
   Coy Brewer-Superior Court Judge
   Beth Keever - District Court Judge
   Andy Dempster - District Court Judge
   Billie Joe Atkins - Probation
   Kathy Person - Probation
   David McDuffie - Probation
   Elizabeth Gnann - Community Based Corrections Program
   Lynn Minick - Victim Services Program
   Mitzi Snelson - Community Services Coordinator
   James Miller - Substance Abuse Service Representative
   Paul Herzog - Public Defender Representative
   Allen Rogers - Criminal Defense Attorney
   Juanita Gonzalez - County Commissioner
   Billy King - County Commissioner
   Morris Bedsole - Sheriff
   Ada R. Harris - At Large
   Ed Grannis - District Attorney
5. **Report on recommendations submitted by the Cumberland County Task Force for Juveniles in Trouble.**
6. **Consideration of authorization to purchase an advertisement in the special "Operation Celebration" newspaper supplement.**
7. **Consideration of televising Board meetings.**
8. **Consideration of a proposed professional services contract regarding the NPDES Storm Water Permit for Industrial Facilities.**
9. **Consideration of an amendment to the County Animal Leash Law to include Sandhills Road.**
10. **Consideration of the proposed transfer of a portion of county-owned Clark Park property to the State of North Carolina for the State Veterans Home.**
11. **Consideration of the sale of county-owned surplus property acquired by tax foreclosure, Lot 15, T.B. Reynolds Development, 1617 Coley Drive, Cross Creek Township.**
12. **Executive Session - Legal and Real Estate Matters.**

**RECESS**

**MEETINGS**
**May 24, 1994 - 7:30 P.M.**
**June 6, 1994 - 9:00 A.M.**
**June 20, 1994 - 7:30 P.M.**
**June 28, 1994 - 7:30 P.M.**

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# Fayetteville Technical Community College

# Continuing Education Classes

## SUMMER QUARTER BEGINS WEEK OF JUNE 6

### DOUGLAS BYRD SR. HIGH SCHOOL

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| ABE I & II (Adult Basic Education) | M&W |
| ABE II (Adult Basic Education) | M&W |
| ABE I & II (Adult Basic Education) | T&Th |
| ABE II (Adult Basic Education) | T&Th |
| American Indian History, Culture & Family Research | W |
| American Literature (Adult High School) | T&Th |
| Basic Home Building and Renovation | M&W |
| Biology (Adult High School) | M&W |
| Boating Skills & Seamanship (7:00-9:00) | T&Th |
| Bookkeeping (Beginning) | T |
| Calligraphy (Beginning) (20 Jun-08 Aug) | M |
| Construction/Blueprint Reading | T |
| Consumer Math (Adult High School) | M&W |
| Conversational Spanish | M&W |
| Earth Science (Adult High School) | M&W |
| Economics, Law and Politics (Adult High School) | T&Th |
| Effective Teaching Training for Certified Teachers (12 Jul-11 Aug) | T&Th |
| Effective Teaching Training for Substitutes and Teacher Assistants (14 Jun-21 Jul) | T&Th |
| Electrical Contractor's License Preparation | M&W |
| Emergency First Aid (13-22 Jun) | M&W |
| English as a Second Language | M&W |
| English as a Second Language | T&Th |
| General Contractor's License Preparation | T&Th |
| General Math II (Adult High School) | T&Th |
| General Math III (Adult High School) | T&Th |
| German (Beginning) | Th |
| Grammar (Adult High School) | M&W |
| Ground School for Pilots | M&W |
| Guitar (Beginning) | Th |
| Guitar (Intermediate) | M |
| Instrument Ground School for Pilots (6:30-8:30) | T&Th |
| Intro to Personal Computers | M&W |
| Investing in Troubled Times | T |
| Lotus 1-2-3 (Introduction) | T&Th |
| Motorcycle Repair & Maintenance (7-9 pm) | T&Th |
| Physical Science (Adult High School) | T&Th |
| Pleasure Boat-Maintenance and Repair | W |
| Secretarial Skills Training | T&Th |
| Sign Language I (6:30-8:30) | T&Th |
| Sign Language II (6:30-8:30) | T&Th |
| Sign Language III (6:30-8:30) | T&Th |
| Sign Language IV | M |
| Sign Language VI | W |
| Small Gas Engine Repair | M |
| Stained Glass I | T |
| Stained Glass II | M |
| Summer Gourmet, The (21 Jun-09 Aug) | T |
| Thai and Chinese Cuisine | Th |
| Travel Agent I (An Introduction) | T |
| Travel Agent II (Reservations and Ticketing) | M&W |
| Typing/Word Processing | T&Th |
| US History (Adult High School) | T&Th |
| WordPerfect (Advanced) (6:30-8:30) | M&W |
| WordPerfect 5.1 (Introduction) (6:30-8:30) | T&Th |
| World History (Adult High School) | M&W |
| World Literature (Adult High School) | M&W |

### FTCC MAIN CAMPUS

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|---|---|
| ABC's of Preschool (6-9 pm) | T&Th |
| Accounting with Lotus (5:30-8:30 pm) | M |
| Advanced Music/Piano IV (6:30-8:30 pm) | M |
| Ballroom Dancing (7:30-9:00 pm) | M |
| Bank Teller Training | T |
| Building Your Curriculum Around Bulletin Boards (8:30 am-1:30 pm) | Sat |
| Child Day Care Worker | M&W |
| Community First Aid and Safety, Infectious and Communicable Diseases | M&W |
| Country and Western Dancing (Beginning) (8:30-10:00 pm) | T |
| Country and Western Dancing (Intermediate) (9:00-10:30 am) | Sat |
| Creating a Personal Marketing Strategy (6-9 pm) | Th |
| Creating a Classroom Environment - I Really Like My Classroom! | M&W |
| Creative Writing (Beginning) | T |
| Creative Writing (Intermediate) | Th |
| dBase IV (Introduction) | T |
| dBase IV (Introduction) (7:30-9:30 pm) | T&Th |
| Design, Inspection and Plan Review of Fire Sprinkler Systems and Sprinkler Protection for High Pile Storage Occupancies (19-21 Jul) | TWTh |
| Desktop Publishing with PageMaker 4.0 | M |
| Desktop Publishing with WordPerfect 5.1 | W |
| Discipline in the Schools (9 am-12 N) (20 Jun-01 Jul) | M-F |
| Drawing (Beginning) | M&W |
| EPA Refrigeration Recovery/Recycling Certification (CFC Certification) (8:30-11:30 am) | W |
| Effective Teaching Training for Certified Teachers (9 am-4 pm) (18-22 Jul) | M-F |
| Effective Teaching Training for Certified Teachers (9 am-4 pm) (01-05 Aug) | M-F |
| Effective Teaching Training for Substitutes and Teacher Assistants (9 am-4 pm) (20-24 Jun) | M-F |
| Effective Teaching Training for Substitutes and Teacher Assistants (9 am-4 pm) (25-29 Jul) | M-F |
| Effective Teaching Training for Substitutes and Teacher Assistants (9 am-4 pm) (08-12 Aug) | M-F |

### FTCC MAIN CAMPUS CONT.

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| Electrical Standard Inspection, Level II (8 am-5 pm) (09-17 Jul) | S&S |
| Electrical Standard Inspection, Level III (8 am-5 pm) (11-19 Jun) | S&S |
| Exploring New Horizons - Fun with Science for Preschoolers (8:30 am-1:30 pm) | Sat |
| Financial Planning for Women (7-9 pm) | Th |
| Fire Standard Inspection, Level I (8 am-5 pm) (11-25 Jun) | S&S |
| First Line Supervision | Th |
| Forklift Operator | M |
| Fun Arts and Crafts for Preschoolers | T |
| Harvard Graphics 3.0 | T |
| Harvard Graphics for Windows (5:30-7:30 pm) | T |
| Harvard Graphics for Windows | Th |
| Home Repair (Basic) | M |
| How to Open and Operate a Home Day Care Center | W |
| Image Update (10 am-12 N) (23 Jun-11 Aug) | Th |
| Image Update (6:30-8:30 pm) (23 Jun-11 Aug) | Th |
| Interior Design I (10 am-12 N) | M |
| Interior Design I (6:30-8:30 pm) | M |
| Intermediate Music/Piano II (6:30-8:30 pm) | Th |
| Intermediate Music/Piano III (6:30-8:30 pm) | W |
| Intro to Music Fundamentals/Piano I (6:30-8:30 pm) | Th |
| Intro to Personal Computers (5:30-7:30 pm) | M&W |
| Intro to Disc Operating Systems (DOS) (6-9 pm) | W |
| Introduction to Computer Repair | W |
| Keyboarding I (5:30-7:30 pm) | M&W |
| Landscaping for the Sandhills Homeowner (6:30-8:30 pm) | Th |
| Law and Administration (8 am-4 pm) (11-18 Jun) | Sat |
| Lotus 1-2-3 (Intermediate) (5:30-8:30 pm) | T |
| Lotus 1-2-3 (Introduction) (6-9 pm) | Th |
| Mainstreaming/Inclusion in Preschool (6-9 pm) | T&Th |
| Managing the Customer Satisfaction Process | T |
| Mechanical Standard Inspection, Level III (8:00 am-4:30 pm) (11-19 Jun) | S&S |
| Medical Transcription I | T&Th |
| Motorcycle Rider Course: Riding and Street Skills (17-26 June) (6-10 pm Fri) (7 am-3 pm Sun) | F&S |
| Motorcycle Rider Course: Riding and Street Skills (26 Aug-3 Sep) (6-10 pm Fri) (7 am-3 pm Sat) | F&S |
| Notary Public | Th |
| PageMaker (Advanced) | Th |
| Positive Discipline (9:30 am-12:30 pm) | W |
| Pottery (Beginning/Intermediate) | M&W |
| Pre-Homeownership Training (6:30-8:30 pm) | T |
| Prepared Childbirth Refresher (9 am-1 pm) (18 Jun) | Sat |
| Prepared Childbirth Refresher (9 am-1 pm) (16 Jul) | Sat |
| Prepared Childbirth Refresher (9 am-1 pm) (13 Aug) | Sat |
| Presentational Speaking (6-9 pm) | T |
| Programmable Controls - Part II (7-9 pm) | T |
| Promoting Self Esteem in Young Children (9:30 am-12:30 pm) | W |
| Protective Intervention Course (PIC) (9 am-5 pm) (11-25 Jun) | Sat |
| Rules and Regulations in Child Day Care | T&Th |
| Sanitation for Foodservice Personnel | T&Th |
| Secretarial Skills Refresher Training (8:30 am-12:30 pm) | M-F |
| Sign Language I (10 am-12 N) (12 Jul-25 Aug) | T&Th |
| Sign Language II (10 am-12 N) | W |
| Smart Investing (7-9 pm) | M |
| Toddling Toddlers (9:30 am-12:30 pm) | W |
| Travel Agent I (An Introduction) (9 am-12 N) | Th |
| Vehicle Safety Inspection (5:30-9:30 pm) | M&Th |
| Wallpaper Hanging (Beginning) | M |
| Windows 3.1 (Introduction) (5:30-7:30 pm) | T&Th |
| WordPerfect 5.1 (Intermediate) (7:30-9:30 pm) | M&W |
| WordPerfect 5.1 (Introduction) (5:30-7:30 pm) | M&W |
| WordPerfect for Windows 5.2 (7:30-9:30 pm) | T&Th |
| Writing Skills for the Workplace (6-9 pm) | T |

### SEVENTY-FIRST SR. HIGH SCHOOL

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| Bookkeeping (Beginning) | M&W |
| Effective Teaching Training for Substitutes and Teacher Assistants (18 Jul-17 Aug) | M&W |
| Emergency First Aid (11-20 Jul) | M&W |
| English as a Second Language (Adult Basic Education) | M&W |
| Intro to Lotus 1-2-3 Spreadsheets | W |
| Intro to Personal Computers | M&W |
| Intro to WordPerfect 5.1 | M |
| Typing (Beginning) | M&W |

### SOUTH VIEW SR. HIGH SCHOOL

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|---|---|
| ABE I (Adult Basic Education) | T&Th |
| ABE II (Adult Basic Education) | T&Th |
| Effective Teaching Training for Substitutes and Teacher Assistants (26 Jul-25 Aug) | T&Th |
| Emergency First Aid (26 Jul-04 Aug) | T&Th |
| English as a Second Language | T&Th |
| Intro to Lotus 1-2-3 Spreadsheets | Th |
| Intro to Personal Computers | T&Th |
| Intro to WordPerfect 5.1 | T |
| Small Gas Engine Repair | T |
| Spanish (Beginning) | T |
| Typing (Beginning) | T&Th |

**CLASS TIME: 6:30-9:30 PM (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) • CLASSROOMS WILL BE POSTED AT EACH SCHOOL**

## REGISTRATION

Registration will be held during the first class at the location of your choice. Registration will continue through June 17, 1994, where space is available. Admission is open to any adult 18 years of age or older. Sixteen and seventeen year-olds may register with a letter of approval from their principal. Fayetteville Technical Community College reserves the right to cancel any class due to insufficient enrollment, inadequate facilities or if qualified instructors are not available.

## FEES

Registration fees for continuing education courses vary with the type of course. Persons 65 or older are fee exempt (exception self-supporting courses). Students are responsible for buying books and supplies as necessary.

**THIS IS ONLY A PARTIAL LIST OF COURSES, FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF COURSE OFFERINGS AND BEGINNING DATES, CALL 678-8431 OR PICK UP THE CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHEDULE ON CAMPUS.**

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FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER-TIMES
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# Information-highway study's funding by BellSouth questioned

**RALEIGH** (AP) — When they're out campaigning for the information highway, Hunt administration officials often tout a study that concluded it could add 44,000 jobs and $2.7 billion to the North Carolina economy.

But the disclosure that the study was funded by the parent company of Southern Bell, which could make millions from the information highway, has some state leaders questioning the data.

Although the study has been perceived as state-sponsored, it was commissioned by BellSouth.

Jane Patterson, director of the governor's office of budget, policy and technology, said the WEFA Group, a nationwide economic consulting firm, researched and wrote the report.

BellSouth's role probably will surprise lawmakers and state officials. Many of them have been under the impression that the study was paid for by the governor's office of budget, policy and technology. "As far as I know about the WEFA study, it's a state-commissioned study," said State Controller Ed Renfrow.

> *'As a politician, I'd say the study is of very little value, isn't it?'*
>
> *— Rep. M. Nesbitt, Buncombe Democrat*

The Hunt administration is planning to ask the General Assembly for $10 million in appropriations to pay telephone and equipment charges for the highway's first year in operation. About 109 sites are due to be hooked up beginning in August.

Patterson often uses the WEFA data to help pitch the high-speed communications network.

One leading lawmaker questioned the value of the study.

"As a politician, I'd say the study is of very little value, isn't it?" Rep. Martin Nesbitt, a Buncombe County Democrat and co-chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said recently.

Like Renfrow, Nesbitt said he thought the study was state-sponsored, because "Jane always said 'our' when she talked about it."

Patterson said BellSouth paid for the study at her request.

"I had no money to get it done," she said. "But WEFA is not going to skew anything they do because BellSouth is paying for it."

A spokesman for BellSouth, Paul Chambers, said it paid "less than $2,000" for the work.

The information highway — a network that would link schools, hospitals, libraries and other public institutions through a combination of technologies — was unveiled last year by Hunt and Patterson. Text, audio and full-motion video could be transmitted simultaneously among users.

The highway would be built and owned by North Carolina's three largest local telephone companies — Southern Bell, GTE and Carolina Telephone/Sprint. The state agreed to sign on as the highway's first client, guaranteeing hundreds of user sites over the next few years.

Fayetteville Technical Community College is sponsoring the Great Decision Lecture Series Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Cumberland Hall Auditorium. This week, Dr. Russell Van Wyk from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will discuss "Conflict in Former Yugoslavia: Quest for Solutions."

May 31, 1994 Obs/Times

SIGN-UPS 5/22/94 O/T

**Fayetteville Technical Community College** is offering a free HRD/Employment and Marketing Techniques class beginning Monday. Class size is limited. Information: Charles Barlow, 678-8495.

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# LIFE

**Marsha Ralph's** day starts around 5:30 a.m.

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

*'I get calls like crazy right after a grading period.'*

*— Marsha Ralph, Math tutor*

# *Math 'round the clock*

*FTCC teacher Marsha Ralph enjoys tutoring students in her spare time — and the money isn't bad, either.*

**By Alice Thrasher**
Staff writer

family

For Marsha Ralph math is an all-day subject: math in the morning, math in the evening and math after suppertime.

By day, she teaches in a classroom at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Then she tutors students of all ages — from elementary to college level — after school, at night and on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

"I like it, and I love the kids," Ralph said. "If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't do it. I really like helping the kids and I try to show them a neat way to do things."

"Mrs. Ralph takes things people would say and goofs around a lot," said 10th-grader Michael Calvillo during a recent tutoring session.

He got off course working on a problem, and Ralph said, "No, no, no, no. You've got to do this."

Later, she encouraged him. "You can do those; it's baby algebra."

When Michael got a problem right, Ralph yelled out "Yesssss!"

Ralph said she's not in tutoring just for the money.

"But it's nice to have the extra money to send the girls to camps and take vacations," she said. Money is put aside during the year to pay the income taxes on the extra earnings at tax time, she said.

Daughter Shea, 16, goes to at least four basketball camps in the summer that cost about $300 each, Ralph said. Daughter Ryan, 13, goes to regular summer camp for two weeks and sometimes travels with her mom and sister to AAU basketball tournaments. She was a cheerleader and played softball until she injured her shoulder in a bike accident.

Shea plays high school basketball and plays on an Amateur Athletic Union team. Ralph teaches one session of summer school at FTCC, works at the UNC basketball camp at Chapel Hill and coaches an AAU basketball team on weekends.

**During the** day, Marsha Ralph is a teacher at FTCC.

### Varied schedule

This quarter Ralph begins teaching FTCC students about equations, angles and theorems at 8 a.m. and teaches four one-hour classes every weekday until 1 p.m. During a break from 9 to 10 a.m. she grades papers, meets with students and makes lesson plans.

Her schedule changes every 11 weeks and she has to adjust her tutoring schedule. Mrs. Ralph said it helps that she is organized and leaves room in her schedule for her daughters' activities and for emergencies, such as when students need extra help before a test.

In the early afternoon she goes home, changes into comfortable shorts, a Carolina women's basketball T-shirt and walking shoes to begin her second workday.

She's a former college All-American basketball star at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her first priority is to exercise. She walks in her Murray Hills neighborhood before her first student arrives at her home for a private tutoring session at 3:30 p.m.

Before the students arrive, she may finish cooking supper for her family if she didn't do it earlier.

"I have to have a hot meal for my family for supper," she said.

That way she won't feel guilty about working so much, she said.

She gets up between 5:30 and 6 a.m. She bakes bread twice a week for breakfast and will prepare food ahead of time for dinner

Ralph usually camps out in the family's upstairs playroom until 9:30 p.m, tutoring students in math while she holds the family's pet black dachshund, Tootsie, in her lap. She likes to unwind before bedtime by talking to her family

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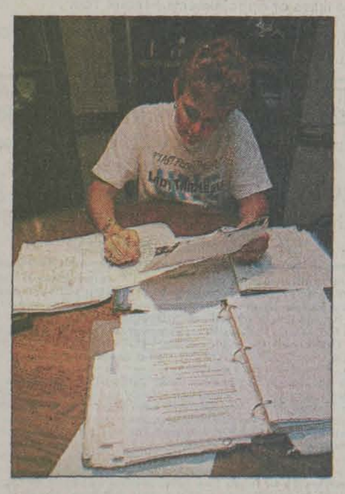
**Michael Calvillo,** who is tutored by Marsha Ralph, says Ralph brings humor to the lessons.



**Marsha Ralph** grades papers from her FTCC students between tutoring jobs.

## Tutor

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and reading on the sofa in the den.

She said her daughters may resent her working at times, but she tries to make time for her family and not overextend herself.

Ralph's been tutoring for about four years and has never advertised. When she got more calls than she could handle, her husband, Bob, who also teaches math at FTCC, decided to start tutoring, too.

"I get calls like crazy right after a grading period," she said.

Mr. Ralph works with all ages and at all levels of math, including students who are having problems with calculus.

### By the hour

During the tutoring time, the Ralphs work with students in half-hour or hour sessions. Most come weekly and pay $18 an hour. One of Mrs. Ralph's pet peeves is to have a student not show up or call. "But most of them now are pretty thoughtful," she said.

Mrs. Ralph said the fees charged by math tutors in the Fayetteville area range from about $18 to $25 an hour. Teachers with advanced degrees can usually earn more. She has a math degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and a master's degree in education from Campbell University and has taught at FTCC since 1978.

"When I go to math conventions and talk to people around the country, they will say this is low for the region," she said, referring to her hourly rate.

At the Huntington Learning Center, the charge is $24 an hour when a teacher works with two students at the same time, $28 an hour for a one-to-one ratio and $26 an hour for one-to-one preparation for the math portion of the Scholastic Assessment Test. New students usually pay a $45 fee for testing. Part-time math teachers at the Huntington Center get paid $8 to $12 an hour, including bonuses, said owner H. Donald Bryant. English teachers start out at $7 an hour, he said.

Bryant's center has a contract with the Veterans Administration to tutor older college students in the daytime at the rate of $26 an hour, Bryant said.

The Sylvan Learning Center charges $225 a month for eight hours of math instruction with three students to one teacher, said to Cleo Bynum, education director. That breaks down to about $28 a hour, but students can't come on an hourly basis, he said.

Ralph said she prefers to tutor at home, where she can keep an eye on her children and can be comfortable. "I try my best to put kids at ease and have a good rapport," she said.

"Kids are terribly intimidated to ask questions in class."

### Attitudes differ

She said she can tell the difference between the students who really want to learn and those who are there because their parents are making them come.

"Some kids, especially in junior high, are lazy bums. I am not there to do their work for them.

"I treat them like they're mine," she said. She doesn't hesitate to let them know if they are not working up to par.

"But most of them are smart kids who have some questions," she said.

### How to find a math tutor

- Check with teachers about free help before or after school.
- Check for free tutoring by other students.

Jim Hall, Seventy-First High School associate principal and athletic director, said members of the National Honor Society and Math Club tutor athletes for an hour after school, two days a week, with supervision. In exchange, the clubs get about $250 to $300 a year from the athletic budget.

- Ask teachers for names of tutors or call a tutoring service listed in the telephone book's yellow pages. Fees at the centers range from $24 to $28 an hour. Some rates are hourly, others are monthly.

Fees for in-home tutoring vary. Larry Kushner, head of the E.E. Smith High School Math Department, said he charges $20 an hour. "It may be $25 if it is calculus," he said.

Several teachers at other schools, who did not want to be identified, said they charge $18 an hour.

"A lot of people just pocket the money," said one tutor, a former math teacher. "Most people are fed up with the taxes they have to pay anyway."

Tutoring can help students only if they willing to work, said the tutors.

# Tally tells supporters goodbye

O-T 5/1/94

*The longtime state senator is honored by those she served in Cumberland.*

**By Pat Reese**
Staff writer

On a night when her friends and political allies gathered to pay tribute to her, state Sen. Lura Self Tally slipped in a thank you of her own.

"If I had died and gone to Heaven, I don't think I would have wished for much more," she said.

Hundreds of people crowded into the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center on Saturday night to attend an emotion-charged banquet to recognize Tally's decades of public service to Cumberland County.

She was flanked by her two sons, John and Bob Tally, and their families when she stood to respond to a standing ovation from the crowd.

Tally is retiring in December after serving five terms in the state House and six terms in the Senate. Saturday night's banquet was a gift from about two dozen Democratic leaders led by party chairman George Breece.

The senator was hailed by Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker as "one of the greatest senators ever to serve in the halls of the General Assembly."

### 'Worked her heart out'

He said, "She worked her heart out for the children of this state ... for environmental causes. She has truly left a legacy not only to North Carolina and to Cumberland County but to her family."

Three U.S. Representatives were among about two dozen local, state and national leaders who came to Fayetteville for the tribute — Bill Hefner of Concord, Charlie Rose of Fayetteville and Eva Clayton of Halifax.

"Lura Tally has set a new standard for politics in our state," Rose said. "You challenged us all to have higher standards."

Hefner cut short a campaign swing into Robeson County to drive to Fayetteville for the banquet. Clayton flew from a campaign rally in New Bern to arrive just in time to join in the tribute.

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## Tally

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State Sen. R.C. Soles of Tabor City, a legislative ally in Tally's successful fights to protect the environment, said the General Assembly will miss Tally's influence and her commitment to the people of North Carolina who do not have an advocate in the legislature.

Dr. Vic Hackley, chancellor of Fayetteville State University, said Tally is "the epitome of what all of us expect from a public servant." He said her commitment to education has helped FSU win support for new programs and much-needed funds.

A copy of a state House resolution honoring Tally from Speaker of the House Dan Blue was read by Rep. Billy Richardson of Fayetteville. Sen. Mark Basnight, Senate president pro-tem, sent a large bouquet of flowers.

Breece, who was master of ceremonies, closed the night with his own tribute: "Lura Tally has written her name John Hancock-size across the social and political landscape of this county forever."

Fayetteville Technical Community College

**POSITION: ADULT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA/GED CURRICULUM SPECIALIST**

**DATE AVAILABLE:** August 1, 1994
**DUTIES:** Responsibility is to ensure academic instructional accountability for the Adult High School Diploma and General Education Development programs. The Curriculum Specialist is responsible for the program's instructional plans, including course outlines, syllabi, and end of course tests, and will work directly with instructional staff in developing learning modules and updating classroom resource materials. Special attention of the Curriculum Specialist will be the evaluation of instructional effectiveness.
**QUALIFICATIONS:** MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Master's Degree in Educational Administration/Curriculum Development or related fields.
**PREFERRED:** Experience in curriculum development with particular emphasis in Adult/Continuing Education.
**SALARY:** Commensurate with education and experience plus an excellent benefits package.
**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** JUNE 30, 1994. (A completed FTCC Application must be received in the Personnel Office by this date to be considered.)

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FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER-TIMES
SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1994

# Business & Industry in Cumberland County Support Tech Prep

tech prep

## What Is TECH PREP and what can it do for me?

TECH PREP - A PROGRAM WHERE EVERYONE WINS Goal: 7,500 Students Enrolled by Spring 1996.

By the year 2000, only 15% of the jobs of the future will require a college diploma, but more than half of all jobs will require post-high school education and training.

The Cumberland County School System, Fayetteville Technical Community College and area business and industry leaders have responded to these demographic trends in a unique three-way partnership to introduce the Tech Prep Associate Degree Program to any high school student who wishes to pursue a challenging course of study.

The vision for the College Tech Prep Program is grounded in the Cumberland County School System belief that "all students can learn". The program calls for a focused curriculum for high school students that emphasizes higher-level mathematics, science and technical skills necessary to enter two or four-year college programs and ultimately the technologically demanding workforce.

Tech Prep students through a sequenced program of studies that results in better preparation for immediate employment, the military or a two-year associate degree from a community college. Many of these same students will realize their potential to continue for a four-year degree or beyond. Whatever career path is chosen, both students and future employers will be the recipients of a win-win program.

Business and education leaders are seeing more prestige and maximum earning power for students who choose two-year technology-based programs after high school. The payoff from a better prepared workforce will ultimately create a stronger local economy and an enhanced quality of life for Cumberland County citizens.

Students and parents will hear more about the College Tech Prep during the registration process for 1994-95 throughout the months of March and April. Further questions can be directed to the counselors, administrators and Industry Education Coordinators in the junior and senior high schools or contact the College Tech Prep Office at 678-2414.

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## College Tech Prep Course of Study

Cumberland County Schools - Fayetteville Technical Community College - Business and Industry

### Career Clusters

| | BUSINESS/MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES | ENGINEERING/INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGIES | HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES | PUBLIC/HUMAN SERVICES TECHNOLOGIES |
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| 9 | **Core Courses**<br>**English I**<br>**Algebra I**<br>**Physical Science** *or Biology*<br>**Econ./Legal/Polit. Systems**<br>**Health/PE**<br>***Keyboarding**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Principles of Business* | **Core Courses**<br>**English I**<br>**Algebra I**<br>**Physical Science** *or Biology*<br>**Econ./Legal/Polit. Systems**<br>**Health/PE**<br>***Keyboarding**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Art I*<br>*Fund. of Technology* | **Core Courses**<br>**English I**<br>**Algebra I**<br>**Biology** *or Physical Science*<br>**Econ./Legal/Polit. Systems**<br>**Health/PE**<br>***Keyboarding**<br>**Elective** | **Core Courses**<br>**English I**<br>**Algebra I**<br>**Physical Science** *or Biology*<br>**Econ./Legal/Polit. Systems**<br>**Health/PE**<br>***Keyboarding**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Fund. of Technology*<br>*Teen Living* |
| 10 | **Core Courses**<br>**English II**<br>**Technical Math** *or Geometry*<br>**Biology** *or a Physical Science*<br>**World History or Geography**<br>**PE**<br>***Computer Applications I**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Adv. Key/Document Processing*<br>*Computerized Accounting I* | **Core Courses**<br>**English II**<br>**Technical Math** *or Geometry*<br>**Biology** *or a Physical Science*<br>**World History or Geography**<br>**PE**<br>**Career Courses**<br>**Technical Drafting I*<br>*Graphics & Indust. Comm. I*<br>*Programming & Broadcasting I*<br>**Horticulture I* | **Core Courses**<br>**English II**<br>**Technical Math** *or Geometry*<br>**Biology** *or a Physical Science*<br>**World History or Geography**<br>**PE**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Biomedical Tech./Health Team Relations* | **Core Courses**<br>**English II**<br>**Technical Math** *or Geometry*<br>**Biology** *or a Physical Science*<br>**World History or Geography**<br>**PE**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Parenting/Child Development*<br>*Criminal Justice I*<br>*Clothing/Design*<br>*Food Science*<br>*Interior Design & Housing*<br>*Biomedical Tech./Health Team Relations* |
| 11 | **Core Courses**<br>**English III**<br>**Geometry** *or Algebra II*<br>**A Lab Science**<br>**U. S. History**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Office Technology & Proc. I*<br>**Shorthand*<br>**Computerized Accounting II*<br>*Computer Applications II*<br>**Bus. Computer Programming I*<br>*Marketing*<br>**Fashion Merchandising* | **Core Courses**<br>**English III**<br>**Geometry** *or Algebra II*<br>**Principles of Tech. I**<br>**U. S. History**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Industrial Cooperative Training I*<br>*Auto Technology I*<br>*Auto Body Repair I*<br>*Carpentry I*<br>**Technical Drafting II*<br>*Graphics & Indus. Communication II*<br>*Programming & Broadcasting II*<br>*Horticulture II* | **Core Courses**<br>**English III**<br>**Geometry** *or Algebra II*<br>**Chemistry** *or a Lab Science*<br>**U. S. History**<br>***Computer Applications I**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Allied Health Sciences I*<br>*Medical Sciences I* | **Core Courses**<br>**English III**<br>**Geometry** *or Algebra II*<br>**A Lab Science**<br>**U. S. History**<br>***Computer Applications I**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Home Interior Services I*<br>**Criminal Justice II*<br>**Child Care I*<br>*Food Production Mgmt. I*<br>*Apparel & Interiors I*<br>*Spanish I*<br>*Industrial Coop Training I*<br>*Allied Health Sciences I* |
| 12 | **Core Courses**<br>**English IV**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Office Technology & Proc. II*<br>*Business Law*<br>*Banking/Finance*<br>**Marketing Management*<br>*Speech I* | **Core Courses**<br>**English IV**<br>**Principles of Tech. II**<br>***Computer Applications I**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Auto Technology II*<br>*Auto Body Repair II*<br>*Carpentry II*<br>*Landscape Design* | **Core Courses**<br>**English IV**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Adv. Math*<br>*Allied Health Sciences II*<br>*Anatomy and Physiology*<br>*Medical Sciences II* | **Core Courses**<br>**English IV**<br>**Career Courses**<br>*Home Interior Services II*<br>**Child Care Services II*<br>*Food Production II*<br>*Apparel & Interiors II*<br>*Industrial Coop Training II*<br>*Allied Health Sciences Ed. II*<br>*Computer Applications II*<br>*Business Law*<br>*Sociology/Psychology* |
| 13 & 14 | **ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS (TWO YEAR PROGRAMS)**<br>**Accounting**<br>**Administrative Office Tech.**<br>**Banking & Finance**<br>**Business Administration**<br>**Business Computer Prog.**<br>**Marketing & Retailing**<br>**Public Administration** | **A.C. Heating & Refrig. Tech.**<br>**Architectural Technology**<br>**Automotive Technology**<br>**Civil Engineering Technology**<br>**Commercial Art & Adv. Design**<br>**Electronics Engineering Tech.**<br>**Horticulture Business Tech.**<br>**Industrial Management Tech.**<br>**Machining Technology**<br>**Surveying Technology** | **Associate Degree Nursing**<br>**Dental Hygiene**<br>**Emergency Medical Science**<br>**Physical Therapist Assistant**<br>**Radiologic Technology**<br>**Respiratory Care Technology** | **Criminal Justice Technology**<br>**Early Childhood Associate**<br>**Foodservice Management**<br>**Funeral Service Education**<br>**Paralegal Technology**<br>**Recreation Associate** |

OR

**CERTIFIED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

The Cumberland County College Tech Prep course of study may be used as the educational base for a student who is pursuing an apprenticeship program. This course of study has a common core in mathematics, science, communications, and technologies. Once high school graduation requirements are met, students may pursue community college associate degree programs and/or apprenticeship programs of at least two years.

*College Tech Prep Placement Courses

**Contact your Guidance Counselor or Industry Education Coordinator for Specialized Career Path Information.**

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# Prospectus a county snapshot

*Cumberland County tries to show its best side to prospective investors by providing encouraging details about its economy and tax base.*

**By Catherine Pritchard**
Business editor

Like a person using a dating service, Cumberland County has to provide a snapshot of itself when wooing investors to buy its bonds.

And, like the date-seeker, the county tries to show off its best side.

Instead of a photo, the county's snapshot is a prospectus — a long list of details about the county's economy.

Among those details: how the county's residents are employed and how much they're paid, who the biggest employers and taxpayers are, and how recent tax collections have fared.

Last week, the county sold two sets of bonds — totaling $6.6 million — to pay for construction of an adult literacy center and renovation work at Fayetteville Technical Community College, and to refinance existing debt.

## Industrial growth

The county boasts to would-be investors that manufacturers have spent $54 million and added 2,300 jobs over the past five years in plant expansions or new plants.

Somar Telemarketing moved into the former BB&T building on Hay Street in downtown Fayetteville, where it expects to employ about 240 people by summer. Dixie Kids built a $1.3 million addition to its clothing distribution center, a move expected to add 100 jobs. M.J. Soffe spent $1.5 million on an addition to its clothing manufacturing operations and added 40 jobs.

Not noted in the prospectus, though, are the manufacturing jobs and plants that the county lost during the same five-year period. Among them: Stevcoknit Fabrics, which cut 222 jobs when it closed last year; Dixie Yarns, whose

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two plants had 360 employees when they closed; and Holt-Williamson Manufacturing, which closed in 1991, leaving 250 people unemployed.

Some sense of that ebb and flow can be seen in the county's list of employment trends. The number of service-producing jobs, such as retail, banking and real estate, grew 18.9 percent between 1987 and 1992, to 76,890 total.

But manufacturing jobs, which are desirable because they usually pay more, have remained fairly constant. In 1992, there were only 240 more manufacturing jobs than in 1987, an increase of 1.5 percent.

## Military employment

Not surprisingly, the military has the biggest share of employees, even of civilians. Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base employed 9,720 civilians in 1993. That number that has dropped substantially from 1987, when it totaled 11,566.

But the payroll for civilian employees of the military has since swelled past the 1987 figures. The payroll totaled $179.5 million in 1992, the prospectus says, an average of $18,904 per employee. In 1987, the payroll was $151.4 million, an average of $13,173 per employee.

Meanwhile, the 1992 payroll for 45,498 military personnel in the county totaled $1.3 billion — $29,218 for each person, on average.

Cumberland County schools had the second-highest number of civilian employees: 6,000.

Next is tire-maker Kelly-Springfield with 3,000; Cape Fear Valley Medical Center with 2,250; Cumberland County government with 2,046; power-tool maker Black and Decker with 1,300; Fayetteville city government with 1,200; Fayetteville Technical Community College with 1,100; and automotive-filter maker Purolator Products with 1,000.

County residents earned an average income of $13,582 in 1991, the most recent year listed in the prospectus. That compared with a statewide average income for that year of $16,848.

## Top taxpayers

The prospectus doesn't say so, but industry amounts to about 6 percent of the county's property tax base — a small figure compared with other large counties in North Carolina.

What the prospectus does show is who the county's largest taxpayers are. The top 10 are industries. That's a key reason business leaders want to attract more industry.

Carolina Telephone leads the pack. Its property and equipment was assessed at $97.2 million in the 1992-93 fiscal year — 1.26 percent of the county's total assessed value. Its tax bill totaled $768,576.

Kelly-Springfield is a close second. Its property was assessed at $91.5 million, or 1.18 percent of the county's tax base, and it was billed for $722,850 in taxes.

Rounding out the top 10, in terms of the amount of taxable property, percent of the county's tax base, and total tax, are:

- Carolina Power & Light, $60.7 million, .79 percent, $480,234.
- Black and Decker, $49.3 million, .64 percent, $389,873.
- Polyester-chip maker ICI Americas, $39.7 million, .52 percent, $314,389.
- Purolator, $25.8 million, .34 percent, $204,366.
- Herbicide-maker Monsanto Inc., $23.3 million, .31 percent, $184,797.
- Games- and puzzles-maker Western Publishing, $14.9 million, .20 percent, $118,621.
- Soybean-processor Cargill, $12.9 million, .17 percent, $102,990.
- Motor-controls maker Westinghouse (now Cutler-Hammer), $10.8 million, .14 percent, $85,463.

The county has levied $63.4 million in taxes for the current fiscal year, up 23 percent from the 1990-91 fiscal year. As of March 31 of this year, it had received 92.3 percent of the levy. Between 3 percent and 5 percent of the levies from each of the previous four fiscal years is still outstanding.

## Retail, construction

The prospectus points out the powerful spending that goes on in the county.

Retail sales for the 12 months ending June 30, 1993 totaled $2.1 billion, up 9.3 percent from the previous 12 months.

The value of the 1,929 residential building permits issued in the county last year was $127.3 million — nearly double that of the 1,481 permits issued in 1989.

The number of non-residential permits issued was down to double digits — 54 — for the first time in five years, but their total value was $23.3 million, the third-highest figure in five years.


**Fayetteville Technical Community College**

**POSITION: CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AND SURVEYING TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON**

**DATE AVAILABLE:** August 15, 1994
**DUTIES:** To maintain departmental budget, supervise all departmental faculty, update and revise curriculum(s) as required, and manage inventory of equipment and supplies. Teach classes in all areas of Civil Engineering Technology. Participate on faculty committees, in student advising and other college activities as assigned.
**QUALIFICATIONS: MINIMUM REQUIREMENT:** Three years of work experience in field with Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering (or Engineering Technology) and Professional Engineering Registration.
**PREFERRED:** Master's degree in field.
**SALARY:** Commensurate with education and experience plus an excellent benefits package.
**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** June 30, 1994. (A completed FTCC Application must be received in the Personnel Office by this date to be considered.)

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**POSITION: ADULT HIGH SCHOOL/GED COUNSELOR**

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**DUTIES:** Responsibility is to provide academic, vocational, personal and social counseling to students and to provide assistance which will facilitate student progression from point of entry to program completion. Specific duties include monitoring student progression and advising students of program requirements and status.
**QUALIFICATIONS: MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** Masters' degree in Guidance and Counseling from an accredited college or university.
**PREFERRED:** Three years of experience in educational counseling and advisement with preferred emphasis in the fields of Adult Basic Education.
**SALARY:** Commensurate with education and experience plus an excellent benefits package.
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**POSITION: Librarian**

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**QUALIFICATIONS: MINIMUM REQUIREMENT:** Master's Degree in Library Science.
**PREFERRED:** Two years of professional library experience. A strong automation and cataloging background and experience with an automated circulation system (Dynix).
**SALARY:** Commensurate with education and experience plus an excellent benefits package.
**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 26, 1994.** (A completed FTCC Application must be received in the Personnel Office by this date to be considered.)

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**Fayetteville Technical Community College**

**POSITION: PARALEGAL TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR**

**DATE AVAILABLE:** August 15, 1994
**DUTIES:** Teaching day, evening and weekend classes in all areas of Paralegal Technology, both on and off campus. Participate on faculty committees, student advising and in other college activities as requested.
**QUALIFICATIONS:** MINIMUM REQUIREMENT: Juris Doctorate.
**PREFERRED:** Three years of teaching experience.
**SALARY:** Commensurate with education and experience plus an excellent benefits package.
**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** May 26, 1994. (A completed FTCC Application must be received in the Personnel Office by this date to be considered.)

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# FTCC awards 340 diplomas to 32nd graduating class

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## Keep learning, graduates told

**By Scott Mooneyham**
Staff writer

Jeanette Council held a threat over the heads of the graduates of Fayetteville Technical Community College on Thursday night.

"I know and you know how people feel about commencement speakers," Council said. "I've got eight minutes here. If you pay attention, I won't read the other 20 minutes here."

Eight minutes later, she was back in her seat and the 340 graduates at Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium were marching across the stage, collecting their

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Staff photos by Johnny Horne

**The 32nd FTCC graduating class** files into the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium.

**Wendy Jones:** 'It's been a rather long road ...'

## Finally . . . she has her degree

**By Scott Mooneyham**
Staff writer

Wendy Jones began her college career at a Fort Bragg university-extension program in 1980.

Fourteen years, two countries and two children later, she graduated with honors at Fayetteville Technical Community College on Thursday night.

"It's been a rather long road getting where I am," Jones said. "I just cannot believe I'm finally getting a degree."

Like many of the students at FTCC, Jones is a military spouse.

She and her husband, Joe, came

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to Fort Bragg in 1980. For two years, Wendy Jones took classes on post through a Shaw University extension program.

Then came the bane of all military families — redeployment and more redeployment. Over the next 10 years, the family went to Panama, Germany, Kentucky and back to Germany.

In 1992, they came back to Fort Bragg. That September, Jones, 33, enrolled full time at FTCC in business computer programming.

"Once we returned (from Germany), my husband said, 'Now it's your turn.' I told him I needed to go back full time. We had grown used to two incomes, so it wasn't easy to adjust to that," Jones said.

She also had three children, ages 17, 8 and 3, to raise.

"Being mommy, wife and student, it was pretty tough," Jones said.

She went back to school not with the intention to get her associate's degree, but to excel.

"At my age, I felt I had to go in and excel if I was going to get a good job when I got out," Jones said.

And she has excelled. This year, she was named one of eight Ambassador scholars at the college and graduated with a perfect 4.0 average. The Ambassadors act as official hosts for campus events.

Thursday night, she received the Trox Poland Memorial Award for academic excellence and demonstrating concern for FTCC's role in the community. The award is named for a former instructor and director of the Computer Center.

But Jones said her academic honors were not the best part of her graduation.

"My son, Carlton, is going to be graduating from E.E. Smith (High School) next week," Jones said. "I think it's great we're going to be graduating within a week of each other."


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# Local schools unfazed by plan

*The state Senate's decision to scale back the information-highway program leaves six Robeson County high schools and FTCC undaunted.*

**By Greg Euston**
Staff writer

**LUMBERTON** — Local educators who have made plans to be on North Carolina's information highway say they are undaunted by the state Senate's decision to scale back the program by two-thirds.

All six Robeson County high schools and Fayetteville Technical Community College were slated to come on-line in August under Gov. Jim Hunt's plan to build 100 sites on the fiber-optic network in the first year.

The seven schools would have been linked to state government, several hospitals, all 16 state universities and other schools across the state.

With computers, video and audio equipment, the sites can swap information and hold classes or conferences with people across the state.

But Thursday, the state Senate approved a spending proposal for 1994-95 that calls for a $3.8 million, three-year trial of the information network.

The Senate bill, which now goes to the state House, would fund sites for 24 poor high schools and 12 community colleges. The university system would be on a different network.

Dan Prescott handles the information highway and other information issues at FTCC.

"As far as we know, nobody has told us we aren't on it," Prescott said. "Unless we're told differently, we'll continue on the road we're on."

Prescott said he had read about the Senate's plan, but did not have any other information.

FTCC has spent about $100,000 on equipment.

Even with fewer resources connected to the network, Robeson County schools Superintendent Purnell Swett said: "I still say we will have a broad bill of services."

He said the university network is

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## Schools

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compatible and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics will be on the fiber-optic network. The School of Science and Mathematics is a state-sponsored boarding school for 11th- and 12th-graders who excel in the two subjects, Swett said.

"At this point, it clearly has become a political issue," Robeson County school board Chairman Angus Thompson II said. "I don't think it's dead."

Thompson said he and Swett have been in contact with state legislators on the issue. Thompson said he is confident the school system's investment — $550,000 for computers and other hardware — will be protected.

Swett said the county's six high schools are ready to go on line. The equipment was bought in April.

The Robeson County schools are likely picks to be among the 24 schools selected as sites. The Senate budget cites low-performing schools, low-wealth schools and schools that have already made an investment as those that should get first consideration.

"If we had slowed down, we would have been left out," Thompson said.

Swett said he thinks the political unrest about Hunt's plan may be linked to the number of eastern counties that were slated to come on line in the first year.

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# County proposes no tax increase

*All seven county commissioners say they oppose a tax increase.*

**By Gary Moss**
Staff writer

The Cumberland County property tax rate will not go up if commissioners approve the $158.8 million proposed budget presented Monday.

The Board of Commissioners will conduct work sessions during the next three weeks on the proposal. The first session is set for 9 a.m. today.

The commissioners are not expected to even raise the possibility of a tax increase for the 1994-95 fiscal year that starts July 1.

All seven have said they will not pursue a tax hike, some citing the fact that this is an election year in which four of the seven board members are up for re-election.

Others said they oppose to a tax increase because the board raised the tax rate by 6.5 cents last year. That increase changed the rate from 72.5 cents per $100 in property to to 79 cents per $100.

County Manager Cliff Strassenburg has proposed taking $2 million from Cape Fear Valley Medical Center to subsidize the budget — the same amount taken from the hospital in the 1993-94 budget. Another $6.68 million would be taken from the county's cash reserve.

The budget proposes spending $5.7 million more than the 1993-94 budget.

The proposal calls for:

■ Providing the county schools with $33.89 million, $563,000 less than the school board requested but almost $3.5 million more than the schools got last year. The county money is a fraction of the schools' $227-million budget. The rest of the schools' money comes from the state and federal government and other sources.

■ Increasing the county contribution to Fayetteville Technical Community College by $248,670. FTCC would receive $4.64 million from the county for operating expenses. The FTCC board had sought an increase of $424,000.

■ Giving county employees a cost-of-living pay hike of 2.5 percent, at a cost to the county of $1.31 million. In addition, $541,448 would be made available to offer merit raises to 20 percent of county workers. The merit pay would allow good workers to advance to a higher step on the county's pay scale. No merit pay has been offered for four years. As a result, some experienced workers are paid the same as newer, less-productive employees, Strassenburg said.

■ Creating 93 of 168 new jobs requested by department heads at a cost to the county of $1.46 million.

■ Buying 93 new vehicles, including 62 for the Sheriff's Department. Department heads wanted 109 vehicles.

■ Spending $1.47 million on capital projects. The county intends to build a Social Services building that is expected to cost $18 million.

# Wanted man kills himself in motel

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**By Pat Reese**
Staff writer

A man hunted by Cumberland County sheriff's deputies in the shooting of his brother-in-law barricaded himself in an Owen Drive motel room Friday and killed himself, lawmen said.

Glenn Bradley Spivey, a 41-year-old Johnston County businessman, shot himself in the right temple with a pistol at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux about 3:20 p.m., according to the Sheriff's Department.

Spivey had been charged with shooting Raymond Eugene Parker, 44, at Parker's home in Arran Lakes West on Thursday.

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## Suicide

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Parker was reported in serious condition Saturday at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. He was shot twice in the head and once in the upper body.

Parker resigned as finance officer of Fayetteville Technical Community College in 1991. He pleaded guilty last year to embezzling from the school.

Spivey and Parker were among five men arrested for drug trafficking in May 1993, when Louisiana police intercepted a car packed with 300 pounds of marijuana destined for Fayetteville.

The Cumberland County Bureau of Narcotics and Louisiana officers delivered the marijuana to a Fayetteville motel where Parker was arrested. Spivey was arrested the next day in Benson.

Sheriff's Lt. Craig Hart said federal agents seized Spivey's business and assets about two weeks ago because of his arrest on the drug charges. Spivey owned the Tar Heel Engine and Machine Shop in Benson.

# Ex-college finance officer shot in head

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**By Pat Reese**
Staff writer

A former Fayetteville Technical Community College official who pleaded guilty last year to embezzling from the school was critically wounded by gunfire at his home in Arran Lakes West shortly before 6 p.m. Thursday.

Raymond Eugene Parker, 44, was in critical condition at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in the surgical intensive care unit, lawmen said. He was shot twice in the head and once in the upper body.

Detective Capt. Art Binder said Parker's brother-in-law, Glenn Bradley Spivey Jr., has been charged with the shooting. Parker and Spivey, a Johnston County businessman, were charged with drug trafficking last year.

Binder said Spivey left the home after the shooting and lawmen were looking for him late Thursday. Spivey, 41, owns Tarheel Engine and Machine Shop in Benson.

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## Shooting

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One of the investigators, Lt. Craig Hart, said Spivey went to Parker's home and attempted to talk to him, then pulled a .32-caliber semi-automatic from his pocket and fired four times.

Hart said Parker's teen-age son was in the house at the time of the shooting.

Parker resigned as chief financial officer at FTCC in July, 1992, after a state audit revealed that $1,045 was missing from college funds. He pleaded guilty a year later to 15 counts of embezzling from the college. His sentence was delayed.

He and his wife, Deborah Spivey Parker, 41, were arrested in April, 1992, on charges of trafficking in marijuana when narcotics agents seized 61 pounds of the drug in a Fayetteville parking lot. Another 13 pounds was found in a rental locker listed in Mrs. Parker's name at Colonial Storage Center.

In May, 1993, Parker and Spivey were among five men arrested by narcotics agents in a drug trafficking case in which agents delivered about 300 pounds of marijuana to a motel.

# ~~Re~~gion friends among 4 killed in crash

*The pilot tries twice to land, but the plane slams into the wall of Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute about 350 yards from the runway.*

**by Kathryn Quigley**
Staff writer

Barry L. Washington loved to fly.

One of his favorite traveling companions was Dr. Fred Harris III, 44, a Fayetteville dentist he met at the Fort Bragg Flying Club.

Saturday morning was clear and sunny as Washington and Harris took off from Simmons Army Airfield at Fort Bragg in a single-engine plane.

In Rocky Mount, they picked up Harris' friend, Dr. Jesse Parker Jr., 44, and his wife, Paulette, 41. Harris and the Parkers were bound for an afternoon in Washington, D.C.

Washington, 26, of Lillington, planned to visit his brother and nephews in Maryland before he flew his three friends back to North Carolina on Saturday evening.

They never made it.

Their plane crashed near the College Park Airport in Maryland about 2 p.m. All four were killed.

Washington tried to land the 1975 Beechcraft B-24R but it bounced three times on the runway before he pulled the plane back up, said Margaret Napolitan of the National Transportation Safety Board. The plane's propeller may have scraped the ground and become bent, she said, which would have prevented enough of an air flow to keep the plane aloft.

Washington circled and tried again to land, but slammed into the wall of Maryland Ffre and Rescue Institute about 350 yards from the runway, she said. Washington, Harris and the Parkers died instantly, Napolitan said. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

Washington had logged 420 hours of flying time, she said. He had his commercial certificate and had been instrument-rated, which meant he could fly in foul weather.

Harris and Washington "were the best of friends," said Washington's mother, Faye Mitchell of Lillington. "They both loved flying."

Harris had a private dental practice in Fayetteville since 1978, said his colleague, Dr. Valerie Wynne-Hall. He was a member of many professional organizations, including the N.C. Dental Association, the Greater Fayetteville Dental Society and the Minority Health Professionals Organization.

Wynne-Hall said Harris was a

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## Crash

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laid-back man with a passion for flying.

"He died doing what he loved,"she said.

Harris was a graduate of E.E. Smith High School, North Carolina A&T University and Howard University Dental School.

Jesse Parker Jr. met Harris in dental school at Howard University, Wynne-Hall said. They remained good friends and became colonels in the Army Reserve.

She said Harris and the Parkers belonged to an investment club in which members pool their resources to play the stock market. Washington flew the trio to their monthly meeting on Saturday.

Washington was the kind of man who accomplished nearly everything he set out to do, his mother said, from teaching himself to play the guitar to learning how to fly.

Washington was a graduate of Harnett Central High School and attended Fayetteville State University, his mother said.

He worked as a ticket agent for American Airlines in Fayetteville for five years and had just been transferred to LaGuardia Airport in New York City, she said.

During the week, he lived in New York with relatives and flew home to Lillington on the weekends.

Washington's dream was to become a commercial airline pilot, said Camilla Antonelle, general manager for American Airlines in Fayetteville.

After he transferred to New York, Washington often called his former co-workers in Fayetteville to tell them about his new job, she said.

Antonelle said she and other American Airlines employees are struggling to accept the loss of a dear friend.

"Barry was a friend to anyone he met," she said.

# *Political bigwigs to honor Tally*

INSIDE POLITICS

Former Gov. Terry Sanford and U.S. Reps. Charlie Rose of Fayetteville, Bill Hefner of Concord and Eva Clayton of Littleton will be among the speakers at a banquet April 30 honoring retiring state Sen. Lura Tally.

**Tally**

Others on the list of notables who will take part in the tribute are Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, state Education Superintendent Bob Etheridge, Fayetteville State University President Vic Hackley and Cumberland County schools Superintendent John Griffin.

Invitations have been mailed to all members of the state House and Senate. Tally served in both houses during her long career in the General Assembly.

The banquet begins at 7 p.m. at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center.

Democratic Party Chairman George Breece is the chairman of the event. The Fayetteville Symphony ensemble will perform, and all Democratic candidates in the May primary are contributing to the cost of the banquet, Breece said.

### Eastern attack

The two Republican congressional candidates apparently have chosen the eastern end of the 7th District to wage major offensives in their campaigns for the GOP nomination on May 3.

The candidates, lawyer Jim Cooper and businessman Robert Anderson, are from Fayetteville where they are well-known. They figure most of the 25,000 registered Republicans have already chosen sides in Cumberland County.

During the past several weeks the two have been guests on radio talk shows in Onslow and New Hanover counties. They've been the same platform at party rallies and have met face-to-face in at least one debate.

Anderson is relying heavily on the exposure he got during his two previous congressional battles with Democratic Rep. Charlie Rose.

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# Honoring their memory

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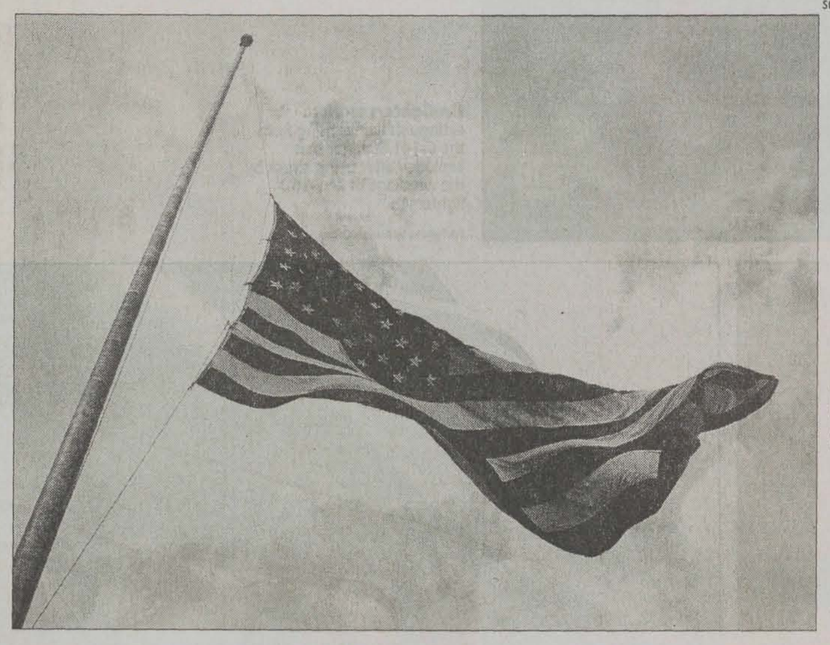

**Members of** the 2nd Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, above, fire a volley during Tuesday's Fort Bragg memorial service, in honor of their comrades lost in the March 23 jet crash at Pope Air Force Base. The garrison flag, left, flies at half-staff at N.C. 87 and Manchester Road, the road to Pope.

*Staff photo by Steve Aldridge*

**Many area motorists,** like these on Fayetteville's Village Drive, above, burned their headlights during the day Wednesday, in memory of the paratroopers who died in last week's jet crash. A sign at Fayetteville Technical Community College, right, expresses the community's sentiments.

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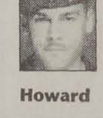
**Bennie Ford,** top, of the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant at Fort Bragg, raises its flag to half-staff Tuesday, as fellow employees Sandy Melendez, left, and Charlene Sasser steady the ladder.

## Crash deaths

These 82nd Airborne Division soldiers have been confirmed dead by the Army in the crash of an F-16D fighter jet at Pope Air Force Base:

■ **Staff Sgt. Waddington Garces Sanchez**
Age: 38
Hometown: Paterson, N.J.
Unit: Headquarters Co., 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment.



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*PROFILES OF VICTIMS*

# ■ James Walters loved the order of Army life

**By Scott Yates**
Staff writer

Sgt. James M. Walters Jr. liked the discipline and order of Army life, and his fellow soldiers say he often was an inspiration to them.

"He said the discipline of the Army made him a better person," said Sgt. Roland Payne, a friend of Walters.

Walters, 25, was killed in last week's crash at Pope Air Force Base.

Payne said that when his friend was in the field, his motivation to do a job right inspired others.

Walters was born in Brunswick County in Georgia but listed his hometown as National City, Calif. He graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1986 and attended Southwestern College in San Diego before joining the Army.

He was a member of the 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, in the 82nd Airborne Division. He was not married.

Payne said Walters was in charge of all chemical warfare training for his company.

"He was very outgoing and always squared away as far as training. As a personal friend, he was always there when someone needed him. He liked to help other people," Payne said.

"He put 110 percent in everything he did, and that reflects upon him as a real good soldier. In the company, everybody liked him."

Payne said Walters enjoyed the military because there were always challenges, including the time he served in the Persian Gulf war.

He said Walters recently re-enlisted and was getting ready to go to an Army post in Georgia.

Payne said Walters enjoyed parachute jumping, and he died waiting to get in a plane for a training jump.

"He is going to be missed," Payne said. "We had seen him earlier that day. To think that he could go so quickly, it was like a reality check around here."

# ■ Gustavo Gallardo had a sense of humor

**By Marc Barnes**
Staff writer

His fellow soldiers won't forget Sgt. Gustavo Gallardo's leadership and professional abilities, but they will remember him best for his sense of humor, his platoon leader said Wednesday.

Gallardo, 19, of San Diego was a member of the 2nd Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He was killed when an F-16D fighter plane crashed onto the tarmac at Pope Air Force Base, sending a fireball over troops waiting to jump.

"He was a great person to work with and he was humorous," said Staff Sgt. John Hilgenhurst. "One of the points I will always remember is that he always had a wisecrack to make people smile."

Gallardo had received word earlier on the day of the accident that he had been accepted to college. Hilgenhurst said Gallardo, who was getting out of the Army in three months, planned to start school in the fall.

"He was ecstatic about that," Hilgenhurst said.

Hilgenhurst worked with Gallardo for about a year. He found him to be attentive to his work and very dedicated to his job, taking care of the welfare of his soldiers before himself.

"He would take some of his subordinate soldiers to the gym and ensure that they were ready for being paratroopers. And they liked the fact that their squad leader was taking them to the gym.

"He would rarely spend time by himself. He would say, 'Hey, I am going to get a pizza, let's go and I'll buy you a pizza.' He would spend a lot of time with the privates making sure they were enjoying the military life. They have a tendency to stay in the barracks and become barracks rats. But he made sure they got out and enjoyed military life."

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# Beck tourney draws celebrities to town

Last week's Sprint-Chip Beck Invitational Golf Tournament attracted many celebrities to Fayetteville for the charity tournament at King's Grant. The guests got a chance to experience Southern hospitality in **Chip Beck's** hometown, and at least one guest left with a extra-favorable opinion, according to City Councilman **Tommy Bolton.**

Bolton said country music singer/songwriter **Tom T. Hall** was distraught after discovering he had misplaced a favorite hat with his 25-year pin from Nashville on it.

He thought he had left it on the airplane or at the airport and figured he'd never see it again.

"A city policeman found it sitting in the airport and was able to determine it was of some value because of the pin," Bolton said. "He called around to hotels and asked if they had a country music singer staying there until someone at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux said Tom T. Hall was staying there. The policeman returned the hat, and Mr. Hall was quite impressed."

Sunday night Hall sang about "old dogs, children and watermelon wine" for the 360 people attending a banquet to kick off the tournament. After dinner, The Fifth Dimension performed hits from the past. During their performance, they picked members of the audience to dance with them.

CNN sportscaster **Fred Hickman** and **Karen Beck,** Chip's wife, were good sports and danced with band members — even after a woman singer referred to Chip Beck as "Chris" and Karen introduced herself as "Chris' wife."

During the evening, guests got to bid on items from sports celebrities in a silent auction. The top money-maker was Beck's 1993 Ryder Cup golf bag. It went for a $5,000 bid from **Lee Brandenburg,** a friend of Beck's from California, according to **Joe Beck,** tournament chairman.

About $25,000 was raised from the silent auction to go to four charities named as beneficiaries. **Joe Beck,** Chip's brother, said the total amount raised has not been confirmed yet.

Other members of the Beck family were on hand and helped with the tournament.

Sisters **Martha Wood, Mary Stapelton** and **Catherine Christianson** were at the banquet. Among other people helping with the tournament committee included directors **David Hays** and **Dr. Linwood Powell,** both of Fayetteville Technical Community College, **Elizabeth Wharton, Jennifer Gore** and **Robert Wilson.**

Staff photos by Marcus Castro

**Checking out** the sports memorabilia for the silent auction are, from left, Joe Beck, Jan Dempster and Brad Edwards. Chip Beck's 1993 Ryder Cup golf bag went for $5,000 to Lee Brandenburg.

Staff photo by April Jenkins

**Dean and Catherine Roberts,** left, and Sonny Verne, far right, present a check for $1,100 for the Fayetteville Technical Community College scholarship fund to David Hays.

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## Sons of Italy dance

The menu was authentic Italian for the buffet dinner of the Order Sons of Italy in America last Saturday night at the Radisson Prince Charles Hotel.

The dinner and dance sponsored by the Prosdocimi Lodge attracted more than 100 people.

Lodge president **Nick Campana** said $10 of each of the $30 per person tickets go to a scholarship fund at Fayetteville Technical Community College. A check for $1,100 was presented to FTCC Foundation director **David Hays** at the dinner.

The evening began with a cocktail hour with a cash bar and Italian antipasto. After the buffet dinner, guests danced to the music of The Studio. It was the third annual scholarship dinner-dance sponsored by the organization.

## Scottish fall ceilidh

Cape Fear Valley Clans Inc. has selected a hunt theme for its fall Scottish ceilidh Nov. 17 at the

# Been here long? Better check your green card

By Kim Oriole
Staff writer

Foreign-born people who are living in America under green cards had better check those cards. They could expire on Tuesday.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service requires all legal resident aliens to have green cards issued within the past 17 years. Anyone with a card issued before 1978 has until Tuesday to get a new one that includes his picture, fingerprint and signature.

Green cards are Immigration and Naturalization Service identification badges. To live in the U.S. permanently, foreign-born people must either have a green card or become naturalized citizens.

Green card holders in Fayetteville include German and French women who were World War II brides, and more recent immigrants from Mexico, Korea, Vietnam and other countries.

Most of the recent arrivals have the new cards and have nothing to worry about.

It's the long-time residents who need to get a new card, and Maggie Johnson is worried about them. She

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## Green cards

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voluntarily helps immigrants through the maze of immigration laws and regulations, and knows several German women who still haven't applied for their new cards.

They have to go to the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service office, which is in Charlotte, and pay $75 for their new card.

"That's a long drive and a lot of money for some of these people," said Johnson, who is a native of Germany.

Gudrun Austin of Fayetteville said it's not the cost that bothers her, it's the inconvenience.

Austin, 53, has gone from America to visit her homeland of Germany every year for more than 20 years.

Her green card was issued in 1968, and she plans to apply for her new one on Monday. "I pushed it very close."

She learned about the new cards during a monthly meeting of the German Club in Fayetteville. Austin said there are probably women who don't go to the meetings who know nothing about the new cards.

"There's been nothing in the paper," she said. "They (Immigration and Naturalization Service) haven't told anyone."

If Austin didn't get a new card, she might risk being kept out of America on her next trip abroad.

Augie Kreivenas, coordinator of the Immigration Law Project in Raleigh, said the Immigration and Naturalization Service is not threatening to deport anyone.

"The only risks or problems are if people try to leave the country and try to return with their old card," he said. "They'll have trouble trying to be readmitted with the old card."

Kreivenas said the Immigration and Naturalization Service will probably hold the travelers outside the United States while they apply for a new card.

"They want everyone to have the same green cards," he said.

Kreivenas said no one has counted how many people in North Carolina still hold the old cards, but "I'd say there are hundreds. One of the problems is the word hasn't gotten out, individuals haven't been contacted directly."

# FTCC teacher honored

*Ron Wilson believes teaching students problem-solving helps prepare them for the work environment.*

By Suzanne Walker
Staff writer

Ron Wilson has a philosophy: Give students a challenge and they'll come back for more.

It's that philosophy that placed the Fayetteville Technical Community College instructor among the top five community college instructors in North Carolina this year.

**Wilson**

Wilson, chairman of the architectural technology department at FTCC, was one of 58 community college teachers to be nominated for the 1994 State Board of Community Colleges First Union Excellence in Teaching Award. He's the first FTCC instructor to be named a finalist.

"I try to teach the students problem-solving every day. That's one of the things employers are looking for," Wilson said Friday.

Each of the five finalists won $500. Tony Gaddis, a computer programming instructor at Haywood Community College, took top honors and received $1,500.

The challenges in Wilson's classes go beyond homework and tests. He requires all of his students to spend 24 hours in a wheelchair.

"This helps them get a different perspective when they start designing houses and office buildings," Wilson said. "I try to make the class enjoyable for the students, but still focus on the quality and quantity of work they need to do."

Wilson said he is proud of his students. He said more than 95 percent of them find work after receiving their degrees, while others go on to a four-year college.

Students say they are never bored in his classes.

Chuck Barnes has never missed a lesson, even when he was in the wheelchair.

"I had bloody knuckles and thought I was going to pass out just getting to my car. That lesson made me aware of the situations handicapped people face," Barnes said.

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## Inspiring day

Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**Sitting under a tree** full of autumn colors, Kim Mason works Wednesday on a sketch of the Neil Curry Building. She is a commercial arts student at nearby Fayetteville Technical Community College.

## Queen of her heart

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**Christy Fields** gets a little insider's information from her niece, Brook Jones, during a spades game in the card room at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Staff photo by Johnny Horne

**Bass Air Conditioning** employees Charles Middleton and Mike Foster install a heat pump.

# Cold weather means heat, but which furnace is best?

consumer news

By Bob Horne
Staff writer

Fall has arrived and winter is peeking around the corner. It's time to replace that worn-out furnace.

But what kind of heating system should you buy and where do you start?

Heating contractors say the most popular systems in this area are natural-gas furnaces and heat pumps. They say natural gas burns hotter and can cost less to use.

"A gas-fired furnace produces heat at 115 degrees, to 95 degrees for a heat pump," said L.C. Bullard, head salesman for Bass Air Conditioning in Fayetteville. "I've found out that most people are more satisfied with gas."

Contractors say propane- and oil-fired furnaces are less popular.

Bullard said a propane furnace will cost more than natural gas because of the propane tank and a conversion kit for the furnace. And a propane furnace might cost as much as 25 percent more to operate, because it is slightly less efficient than natural-gas furnaces and the price of propane is higher.

An oil furnace costs about the same as a gas furnace, Bullard said, but oil prices fluctuate more than natural-gas prices.

Donald Chavis, chairman of the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Department at Fayetteville Technical Community College, said an oil furnace might deliver hotter air than a gas furnace, but be less efficient.

He said oil furnaces fell from favor after the oil embargo in the 1970s, when Americans realized how much their comfort depended on foreign suppliers. "I think we're still a little shaky about the quantity of oil that will be available," Chavis said.

The experts said heat pumps have one major disadvantage: an auxiliary heating system that comes on when the temperature falls below freezing, or at higher temperatures if the house is poorly insulated. The auxiliary heat is expensive, the experts said.

Rick Ward, owner of Southern Heating and Air Conditioning in Lumberton, said some high-efficiency heat pumps might cost less to run than natural gas furnaces. But the consumer won't save enough in operating expenses to offset the higher initial cost unless he has a large house.

Contractors say most consumers are more pleased with separate gas or heat-pump units than with the package units, which combine heating and air conditioning. The package units usually cost more to install than separate furnaces and air conditioners, won't last as long and are a little less efficient, because the entire unit sits outside, contractors say.

And when the furnace or air conditioner of a package unit needs replacing, you have to replace both, even if the other one isn't defective.

But if the crawl space of your house is the only place you have for a furnace, a package unit is your best choice, Ward said.

He and Chavis advise against placing gas furnaces in crawl spaces because of the inconvenience of servicing and for safety reasons.

*Homeowners should compare the difference in price with the fuel savings of more-efficient furnaces or heat pumps.*

The efficiency of furnaces that burn fossil fuels — gas and oil — is measured by a factor called Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency.

A furnace with a 78 percent rating would cost about 2 percent more to operate than one with an 80 percent rating.

The federal government requires that gas and oil furnaces have an efficiency percentage of at least 78 percent. Most are between 78 and 80 percent, but some exceed 90 percent.

The heating side of a heat pump is measured in Heating Seasonal Performance Factor, which ranges from 6 to 9.8. Bullard said most standard heat pumps range from 6 to 8 and high-efficiency models from 8 to 9.

Chavis said contractors often refer to heat pumps' Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio, which measures their cooling efficiency. "But heat pumps use a compressor to heat with, so as your cooling ability improves, your heating ability improves," he said. The higher the ratio, the more efficient the heat pump.

The cost of heating systems increases with efficiency ratings.

Homeowners should compare the difference in price with the fuel savings of more-efficient furnaces or heat pumps.

The contractors say you should ask relatives and friends to recommend dealers. Then ask three or four dealers to look at your house, recommend a heating system and give you brochures describing their systems.

Compare the systems and their warranties and decide which kind to buy. Then request written proposals describing the kind of unit each dealer would install and the total cost, including taxes, permit fees and freight.

You should ask the dealers to provide references of people they have done work for. And you should ask those people how pleased they are with the company's service.

Ensuring that the company has a good service department should be one of your biggest considerations, the dealers said.

And never pay for the work in advance. Bullard said some companies may require a down payment if they are financing the work, but it should never be more than one-fourth of the total.

Have your system serviced every year, Chavis said. A system that is not serviced can cost 15 to 20 percent more to operate and won't last as long, he said.

And be sure your contractor gets a permit and has the work inspected by the city or county.

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# FTCC is working on parking inconvenience

By Bob Horne

**Q: Fayetteville Technical Community College charges for parking stickers to go on cars. But when you get there, you can't find parking. After riding around 15 minutes, you have to go to class, so you park wherever you can. Then you're written up and charged. What do we need to do to be treated fairly? D.B., Fayetteville**

**A:** Linwood Powell, vice president in charge of administrative services, said it isn't uncommon for the school to have more students than parking spaces early in a semester. But after some students drop out, there are plenty of parking spaces, he said.

The school opened two new parking lots this year because of record enrollment, he said.

One is near the Horticultural Department and the other is near the Rose Garden, where the county school buses are parked, he said.

Powell said that the two lots aren't paved and are not convenient, and said that's probably why they are virtually unused.

"We're aware of the inconvenience, and we're doing all we can," he said. "But it's not like we expect them to park at Eutaw and walk from there."

Although a recent study indicated that the school has adequate parking, Powell said more paved parking is needed. "And that is in our long-range plans."

Powell said the school's Security Department will consider any reasonable excuse and sometimes voids parking tickets.

"But the trouble with some students is that they get 10 to 15 tickets and then go in and try to plead their case," he said.

# Colleges target duplication

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By Tim Simmons
Staff Writer

NEW BERN — A push to improve North Carolina's community colleges could soon force Triangle campuses to try an innovative approach — sharing.

Driven by a legislative mandate to reduce duplication among neighboring campuses, the state Board of Community Colleges spent three hours Thursday discussing ways to entice campuses to cooperate with one another.

For students, the result could mean having fewer choices for less-popular courses and driving across county lines to take some of the classes they need.

"We have to come up with some sort of plan or the General Assembly is likely going to do it for us," said system President Bob Scott. "But we must remember that many of our students cannot afford nor can they be forced to drive to alternate locations merely for the convenience of the state."

A statewide audit of the system's 58 main campuses and 22 satellites found extensive duplication of services in 1992. Lawmakers demanded the board find a way to eliminate redundant programs and make the system stronger. The board's first report to lawmakers is due in January.

It's still unclear is how a regional approach to community college classes will affect urban campuses such as Durham Tech and Wake Tech, which enroll almost 20,000 students in curriculum courses and another 41,000 in extension classes.

Although both campuses draw from large enough areas to justify a duplication of classes, those involved say neither campus can assume the new regional approach will leave Triangle students unaffected.

"I don't think they can put their heads in the sand and say regionalism is something that only small schools need," said Charlotte Todd, a member of the General Assembly's research staff who works on community college issues.

In the Triad, for example, the relatively large campuses of Rockingham, Guilford and Davidson counties have found it nearly impossible to afford the equipment needed to train students to work in the plastics industry.

Wake Tech President Bruce Howell said he also expects there will be times when high-priced professors who typically don't teach at community colleges will be needed to teach more sophisticated classes demanded by employers. That isn't likely to happen unless campuses pool their resources.

The approach also is likely to affect students at Johnston Community College and Vance-Granville Community College. The two schools enroll about 10,000 students in curriculum classes and another 18,000 in extension courses.

In theory, the four Triangle-area campuses could be expected to work as one regional education center.

The issue is not only important to students, but also politically sensitive to campus officials. A college's financing — and prestige — is based largely on its enrollment.

About 10 years ago, competition among schools became so intense that the state carved out "service areas" for each campus.

Against that backdrop, sharing is still a difficult concept for some campus officials to accept.

But employers' demand for increasingly sophisticated skills is making it almost impossible for some campuses to survive without cooperating.

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## Educating The Homeless

Being homeless doesn't mean you have to give up hope for an education.

At Fayetteville Technical Community College, more than 900 people have received training through the college's Homeless Project, said Kim Lewis, a recruiting and tracking specialist with the program.

The project is designed to help people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless by helping them find employment, increase their job skills or education.

From March 1993 to February 1994, a total of 910 people were helped. Of those, 225 obtained employment, 10 received a job promotion or increased responsibilities, 12 went on to college, two received a high school diploma while another four earned their GED. Another 50 went from being illiterate to reading, Lewis said.

The project is funded in part by federal homeless and literacy grants and cooperates closely with local governmental and non-governmental agencies and businesses.

Lewis is most proud that 95 percent of those participating said they "don't know what they would have done without the program. They look around and can find no help and have lost hope," she said. "They think that no one cares, that people who see them on the street look the other way. We reach out to them and show them that someone does care and help is available."

FTCC is a two-year community college offering associate and technical-degree programs. During the last school year, more than 41,000 people attended classes, said Dr. Linwood Powell, FTCC's vice president for administrative services.

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**Joyce Laughlin,** left, presents $1,000 scholarship checks to FTCC students Sharon Williams, Marilyn Garrod and Paula Nelson.

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**Al Miller** spent 17 years as an educator, eventually working up to the position of assistant principal. But when he felt he'd gone as far as he could professionally, he quit to build houses.

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*Some had successful jobs, others didn't. But they all sought the same thing — a career that had rewards beyond money. Ultimately, they decided to change jobs. And they did it for . . .*

# All the right reasons

**By Eleanor Lee Yates**
Staff writer

CHANGING CAREERS
*First in a two-part series*

Some days Al Miller really misses the sounds of school bells, slamming lockers and hallway banter. Now it's hammers and saws and construction crew banter.

Miller took the plunge into a new career. It wasn't an overnight decision. Like many who change professions, he weighed the positive and the negative.

He agonized.

He worried.

He had long talks with his wife.

Then he did it.

Changing careers is a life-changing step, Cathy Barkley, coordinator of Job Placement and Alumni Affairs at Fayetteville Technical Community College, advises those considering a career change to plan carefully.

"The grass isn't always greener on the other side," she said.

## Extensive planning

Sherrod Willis, director of career development at Duke University's Continuing Education department, agrees that extensive planning is necessary.

"Sometimes if plan A or B don't work, try plan C or D," she said. "People change careers at all ages. There are no rules anymore. Being unhappy in a job is like being under a big black cloud."

*'You're never going to be 100 percent sure. But don't be afraid to do it. You should feel good about it. It should be exciting.'*

*— Jim Kyle*

Miller wasn't under a big black cloud. He just needed a change.

For 17 years, Miller worked in education. He was a teacher at Massey Hill School, then a teacher and coach at Pine Forest. In 1988, he moved to Terry Sanford High School as an assistant principal and coach, eventually becoming athletic director. Along the way, Miller obtained master's degrees in physical education and education administration.

"I loved being with the students, and I always looked forward to going to work. Seeing a kid learning is so fulfilling," Miller said.

But gradually Miller began to feel frustrated about his work. It wasn't exactly burnout; it was a combination of things. As athletic director, he attended a lot of night games, which meant being away from his family.

"I was gone almost every night. My wife raised the girls," said Miller, the father of an 11-year-old, a 9-year-old and a 7-year-old.

He had also reached the point in his career that he felt he wasn't growing. He had hoped to move into a principal position. It hadn't happened.

"I really felt I wasn't having enough opportunity to grow," said Miller, who was offered a principal position out of the county but turned it down because he wanted to stay here. When his brother invited him to join his home-building business last year, he said yes.

"Now I'm home for supper with the kids. I can help them with their homework, instead of just helping other people's kids," he said.

His new career wasn't entirely new. Miller had worked summers in construction during school and got his contractor's license years ago.

"I like this new challenge," he said. "I can see staying in this." But there are days he still misses teaching.

## Family business

Like Miller, Tim Butler was also ready for a change. A former loan officer, Butler is now a mortician at Butler and Son Funeral Home in Roseboro.

After graduating from North Carolina Central University with a business degree, Butler spent 14 years in the finance business. He enjoyed it, particularly working with customers. But he was ready to go into business with his father in 1986.

He still gets to work with the public, although it's not under the happiest of circumstances.

Changing careers meant going to mortuary school and becoming licensed. Butler welcomed the change and the challenge, but there was an adjustment to becoming an employer rather than an employee. The hardest thing about being in business, he said, is the financial irregularity. "Some months you pay yourself more, some months it's less," he said.

## Motivated by events

Sometimes we think about changing professions, but it takes some event to move things along. Jim Kyle, a reporter and editor at The Fayetteville Observer for 13 years, knew big changes would be coming when The Observer and The Fayetteville Times merged. For one thing, the newspaper would be coming out in the morning. As the city editor of The Observer, Kyle felt his work with the combined papers would involve late night hours.

Actually, Kyle had been thinking about a career change as a stockbroker. For awhile, he had been the business editor at the newspaper, and had learned a lot about the stock market. He also had good friends who were stock brokers.

"I needed a new challenge, but I was in a position where I would have had to relocate to advance at the newspaper," said the Fayetteville native.

Kyle saw the change as exciting, not frightening. There was extensive training. He studied

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Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**It took Chris McCormick** many jobs before she found her career in photograph restoration.



## Change

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two months for his broker's exam, and another two months learning about the products offered by Merrill Lynch.

Like Butler, Kyle found the biggest change to be financial. At first he received a salary, but eventually he worked on commission.

"It was a big adjustment. Here, you're dependent on what you produce," he said.

Kyle feels he is using some of the same skills he used in the newspaper business.

"It's communications. You have to deal with the public effectively," Kyle said. "As a reporter and editor, you have to call people up on the phone and sometimes it's difficult." Kyle's advice to those thinking of a career change: Consider it very carefully.

"You're never going to be 100 percent sure. But don't be afraid to do it. You should feel good about it. It should be exciting."

## Combine careers

What do you do when you enjoy more than one profession? Martha Honaker found a way to combine two careers.

A science-oriented person, she was a nurse anesthetist for 12 years in Anniston, Ala.

"I loved the challenge," she recalled. Sometimes it was routine work, but then there would be difficult cases.

Then she joined a theology study group, and another door opened. She was surprised at how much she enjoyed theology. Others in the group encouraged her to become ordained.

She didn't want to leave nursing, so she arranged for a leave from her job and enrolled in a theology school near Pittsburgh, Pa. Honaker had worried about running up big tuition bills, but that year the school set up a health program for students. Honaker was able to work as a nurse in exchange for her tuition.

For 10 years she was a priest in Pittsburgh. It was rewarding work and she felt she was making a difference in people's lives.

Through her ministry, she saw that she had a gift for working with the terminally ill.

Honaker decided to get the training she needed to become an oncology nurse. She felt she had the temperament. She definitely had honed her listening skills as a priest.

Honaker has been an oncology nurse for four years now at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. For the last year, she has also been assistant rector at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, traveling to Fayetteville twice a week while working several nursing shifts at Rex.

For now, the two-job situation is working well. As for the future, Honaker has mission work in mind, probably Uganda, where she already has friends.

## Long road

Sometimes, circumstances prevent people from having the job of their dreams. When Chris McCormick was married to a Army serviceman and living in her native England, she "tried on" a variety of jobs, from selling vacuum cleaners to working as a waitress. The tradition continued when she moved to the U.S. Moving around with a military husband often meant taking what you could get. But when they divorced, McCormick, who was raising two children, knew she had to have a good, steady job. She began selling life insurance.

"I didn't like sales. I tended to put the customer first and the company last," she said.

Nevertheless, McCormick did well. And she did it for eight years.

Later she remarried another Army serviceman, and while they were stationed in Panama, she studied photography and darkroom technology. At long last, McCormick felt she had discovered the right profession. Back in the U.S., McCormick went to work for a local photographer as a darkroom technician. While there, she learned photography restoration work.

McCormick decided to take a risk and start her own business.

"I think it would have been hard to do it if I'd been on my own. I don't think I would have had the courage," she said.

McCormick has a packed schedule, working non-stop each weekday and often on nights and weekends. She does work for a lot of photographers, as well as clients who come directly to her. Working from everything from tattered photographs to driver's licenses, McCormick makes enlargements in her home darkroom. Using a palette of special paints, she fills in lines and cracks from originals. She also turns out large portraits from small photographs.

McCormick, a member of Professional Photographers of North Carolina, has had her work commended nationally as well as in state competitions. She's amazed at the success she has had in a relatively short period of time. McCormick feels "when you love your work, everything falls into place."

The biggest adjustment for McCormick was handling her own clerical work. Instead of grappling with it herself, she has hired part-time help.

Sometimes one career change can lead to another, more permanent career change. For over 20 years Keith Clayton was an Air Force pilot, retiring as a major. Before he left the Air Force, he decided to become a stock broker.

"I enjoyed financial planning. I thought I'd enjoy doing it for other people," he said. He got his license and joined an investment firm here. But it wasn't the best of times. Clayton got in not long before the big October crash of 1987.

There were many adjustments to civilian life for Clayton. He missed the steady income of the military life. He didn't like all the marketing in his new job.

Clayton began teaching a financial planning course at Fayetteville Technical Community College one night a week, and the class led to more contact with FTCC. He was also asked to teach a math class. In 1988, Clayton left the brokerage business and went to work with FTCC full time as a recruiter. Clayton is now a coordinator in the Adult Basic Skills Program. He recruits students who want to finish high school or brush up on their English and math. He scouts class sites throughout the county, working with employers who want their workers to take refresher courses.

He loves his work and feels he is using management and communications skills he learned in the Army.

*If you're thinking about changing professions, but you're not sure where to begin, career consultants have plenty of advice tomorrow in part two of Changing Careers.*

# Finalists named for president of colleges

**The candidates to lead the state system include two education administrators and a retired IBM executive.**

BY TIM SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

The educational giant that sleeps between the state's university system and its public schools — North Carolina's network of 58 community colleges — could be in for a wake-up call from a new leader.

**INSIDE**
Thumbnail sketches of the three finalists.
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Where that call takes the system that serves 750,000 students was narrowed to three distinct paths Monday when Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker announced finalists for the job of system president.

Drawing from the diverse worlds of IBM Corp., Fayetteville State University and the Minnesota Community College System, the candidates represent "three different ways to achieve some ambitious goals we have set for ourselves as a system," Wicker said.

Wicker, who is chairman of the state Board of Community Colleges, is leading the search for a new president to replace former governor Bob Scott.

The three finalists for the job are:

■ Richard Daugherty, 58, the top-ranking IBM executive in North Carolina until his retirement Aug. 31. He was responsible for worldwide manufacturing of personal computers and served on the state Board of Community Colleges for 12 years.

■ Geraldine Evans, 55, chancellor of the Minnesota Community College System. Evans' current job, which she has held since 1992, is similar to the job she would fill in North Carolina if hired. She was president of Rochester (Minn.) Community College for 10 years and also served in the chancellor's Cabinet in the early 1980s.

■ Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, 54, chancellor of Fayetteville State University since 1988. Hackley is the former vice president for Student Services and Special Programs with the University of North Carolina general administration in Chapel Hill. He is deeply involved nationally and statewide in minority education issues.

Wicker said he is satisfied that any of the three candidates could take the system to a new level when a new president is named Oct. 13.

"Each brings different

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strengths to the table, but the bottom line is that each is eminently qualified to lead the system into the next century," Wicker said.

Scott, who is scheduled to retire at the end of the year, also sees another message.

"I know all three of these people well, and to me their selection means the board is looking for leadership that isn't bound to the status quo," he said. "The board wants to see changes."

None of the three candidates, however, is likely to run the system as Scott did during his 12-year stint.

Scott inherited a group of 58 community colleges largely controlled by their campus presidents. Using the same political skills that he displayed as governor from 1969 to 1973, he cajoled campus officials to accept his department's authority. He also pressed the campuses to expand their offerings beyond industrial and agricultural training.

"Bob Scott did what his board hired him to do," Wicker said. "He brought the system respect and made [it] competitive with the other levels of education in this state. It was a new plateau for this system, and now I think we can move up to the next level."

The candidates for the job say they appreciate that history and believe they can build on it to further help the state.

Evans, for example, said part of the reason she is attracted to the job is the state's emphasis on worker training.

Community colleges in Minnesota are rooted in the tradition of offering classes to college transfer students and have been slower than those in North Carolina to respond to business training needs, she said.

Technical colleges that offer certificates, for example, are a separate organization unrelated to the Minnesota community college system.

Evans said her strengths are in getting different levels of education to cooperate — especially community colleges and four-year colleges. The state Board of Community Colleges has often talked about improving its communication and coordination with other groups.

Evans' leadership skills, however, have been demonstrated in a much smaller organization. The Minnesota system enrolls about 160,000 students statewide compared with about 750,000 in North Carolina.

Daugherty, by comparison, has shown he can compete on an international stage. He was responsible for all manufacturing of IBM PCs since January 1991 and previously was the site manager of IBM's Research Triangle Park facility for 16 years.

He also is unusually active in civic groups and corporate boards in North Carolina, from Rex Hospital to Carolina Power & Light.

Campus presidents — especially those who groomed their faculties to respond quickly to local business needs — would probably respond well to the bottom-line approach Daugherty displayed as a board member.

He sees the system's priorities, for example, as work-force preparedness, literacy training and efficiency of the system.

But curriculum is not Daugherty's strong suit — something he doesn't view as a handicap.

"I believe business people can bring something to education and that has always been one of my prime interests," Daugherty said.

The selection of FSU Chancellor Hackley as a finalist appears to be the most surprising to people outside the community college system.

Hackley's success at FSU has made him a candidate for almost any job in the UNC system. His expertise in minority issues would also force the board into directions it has typically avoided.

Local campuses, for example, are not known for making significant efforts to attract black students or integrate their staffs. Earlier this year, Wicker publicly chastised local campuses for hiring only white men to lead them.

Hackley could not be reached for comment Monday, but Wicker said he is sure that part of the appeal for the FSU chancellor is the challenge and opportunity.

"You could say that of all three of them, actually," Wicker said. "In different ways each one sees the type of challenge and opportunity that has attracted them in the past, and we are looking for that kind of leadership skill."

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### Finalists named

A brief look at the three candidates who are competing for the job of president of the North Carolina Community College System:

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Daugherty

**Geraldine Evans,** 55, chancellor of the Minnesota Community College System since 1992 in St. Paul, Minn. Evans spent 10 years as president of Rochester (Minn.) Community College and is a professor and former policy analyst for the Minnesota Department of Education.

Evans

**Lloyd "Vic" Hackley,** 54, chancellor of Fayetteville State University since 1988. Hackley is the former vice president for Student Services and Special Programs with the University of North Carolina and has been involved nationally and statewide in minority education issues.

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**Top teachers:** Winners of the Fayetteville Technical Community College Sontinuing Education Teachers of the Year Award, from left: Betty Pow, Chris Hill, John Woodyard, Kathy Price, Cheryl Perkins, Karen Hall and Sharon Seaford.

# GED offers chance to get ahead in life

**By Gina Evans**

Nichol

It's hard to get ahead without a high school education.

The fast-paced, technological world of the '90s demands training, and statistics show that the more education a person has, the more money he is likely to earn.

But going back to school isn't possible for everyone. Many people are strapped with the responsibilities of children and the demands of jobs.

Fayetteville Technical Community College offers a solution with its General Educational Development program. FTCC has been giving the GED exam since 1976.

The classes that prepare students for the GED are free. The only cost students may have to pay is $7.50 for the test.

"The Department of Social Services will issue vouchers to its clients so they do not have to pay the test fee," said Bob Nichol, director of the program.

A new GED student first goes to FTCC's Ramsey Street Annex for an assessment test. The test, which lasts three hours, is used by instructors to place students in the proper program.

GED classes are conducted two to four times a week, and they last three hours per session, Nichol said.

"The students work at their own speed," he said. "Some students have taken three to four years and others take two to six months."

Nichol said the GED program allows a student to work at his own pace to complete the test. "Once a person signs up to take the GED test, he or she has five years to pass the test," Nichol said.

The GED test has five separate parts: writing skills, social studies, science, literature and arts, and mathematics.

FTCC's program includes people with varying levels of education. Some dropped out of high school and others dropped out of elementary school. About 80 students were in the summer GED program.

The school also has pre-GED students, who study basic skills before enrolling in GED classes.

Nichol said some employers and students have the misconception that the GED is not as good as a high school diploma.

"A person earns their GED by passing a test that says they can do work at a high school graduate's level," Nichol said. "The GED is the only nationwide test of high school ability, and employers ought to know that."

Nichol said 30 percent of high school graduates cannot pass the GED test.

"We get a lot of young folks in the program who think the GED is a shortcut," Nichol said. "It's not. Anyone under 18 should stay in high school."

FTCC also offers correspondence courses, and the school accommodates people with disabilities.

For more information about the GED program at FTCC, call Bob Nichol at 678-8220.■

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## *A rose is a rose is a rose*

**Mike Rizzolo, left, and Arthur Taylor** prune the award-winning roses at the Fayetteville Rose Garden on the Fayetteville Technical Community College campus. Rizzolo is the grounds superintendent. Taylor is the rose consultant.

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## *Robert Scott is going home to the chickens*

We must have humor, lest our lives be empty. So here is some, gathered from various unlikely sources:

They broke ground for the Literacy and Continuing Education Building at Fayetteville Tech last week and it is easy to understand why Bob Scott, once governor of North Carolina and now president of the North Carolina community college system, was there. What is not so easy to understand is why he was honored with the gift of a bag of chicken feed (plus a mantel clock and a dogwood tree).

Larry Cheek

The reason for these gifts is that the former governor is retiring as president of the community college system at the end of this year. He is building a home in Alamance County. The clock will be on his new mantel. He'll plant the dogwood tree. And the chicken feed, well, he had to tell the Fayetteville Tech people, the ones who didn't already know, what the story was behind that.

At the time he announced his retirement earlier this year, the former governor said that he had planned at one point to work longer — not to retire at the end of the year. Then on a day in February he returned from an extended business trip — he has to take a lot of them, what with all the community colleges there are in North Carolina — and when he got to the site of his new home he found his wife stringing chicken wire.

"I've always liked little biddies, and chickens, and I'm going to raise some," she replied, when asked what she was doing. "I plan to start with 10 hens and 2 roosters."

"You don't need two roosters to take care of just 10 hens," said the puzzled governor.

"You do if one of them is gone all the time," his wife answered. Right on the spot, Gov. Bob Scott decided it was time for him to retire.

And the bag of chicken feed will go to feed those 10 hens and two roosters. •

### Billy's triumph

I've got a friend who teaches in the public schools. She despairs that her children will ever learn anything.

One day she called Johnny, Bobby and Billy to the front of the room. She would start them with the most basic of math questions, then after building their confidence, see how far they could advance.

"Johnny, what's two plus two?" she asked the first child.

"That's easy," he replied. "Five thousand."

"Wrong," said the teacher, "take your seat. Now, Bobby, what's two plus two?"

"Saturday," he said.

"No," answered the teacher, and commanded Bobby to sit down.

"Billy, it's your chance," she said. "Can you tell me what two plus two is?"

"Sure," said Billy. "It's four."

"Well done," said the teacher. "Now can you tell the class how you got the correct answer?"

Billy said, "I divided five thousand by Saturday, and got four."

### The animals play football

Sue Kimball is an English professor at Methodist College. She came to our building Tuesday to lecture us on not putting participles before the cart and other subtleties of grammar. While she was here she told a story about the football game between the big animals and the small animals.

The little animals kicked off. The water buffalo brought it out to midfield. The elephant picked up 13 yards, the rhino went off right tackle for 15, then the giraffe ran for a touchdown.

The big animals thundered up and down the field, running up a 42-0 halftime lead.

Things changed at the start of the second half. The water buffalo was hit at the 17-yard-line when he returned the kickoff. The elephant tried the left side for no gain and the hippo lost a yard.

The coach of the big animals called time out. As the small animals huddled, their coach spoke up.

"Who's making all those tackles?" he asked, for it is hard to see small animals at the bottom of a pile of big animals.

"I am," squeaked the centipede.

"Where were you during the first half?" asked the coach.

"Taping my ankles," replied the centipede.

# White-male presidencies

**It's time the local trustees who pick North Carolina's community college presidents became more determined to choose women and blacks.**

If you go through the door marked "president" at a North Carolina community college, the odds are 58 to 0 that you'll find a man, not a woman, behind the big desk. And they're 56 to 2 that he'll be white, not black or any other minority.

Yet among the 58 community college campuses' 760,000 students and their faculties, half are women, who also fill a third of the management posts. And blacks, who are a quarter of the student body, are almost as grievously underrepresented in teaching and management, with only 10 percent of the jobs, as in presidencies.

Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker is far too polite and astute to call all of this a disgrace. It is, though. And it badly needs to change. Wicker, who chairs the state community college board, does well to point that out and try to start the ball rolling.

Neill McLeod says it'll take time. This state community-college department administrator should know. She was the first of only three women ever to head a North Carolina community college. As she rightly notes, the schools' initial role as job trainers for agriculture and industry favored males in charge; decades later, the local trustees who pick presidents are those founding fathers' spiritual, social and sometimes literal descendants. Most of them represent smallish towns and counties whose deep conservatism is in many ways their strength.

Yet it can also be a weakness. How long can these communities, these trustees ignore the simple, glaring injustice of going on keeping the top campus jobs for white males only?

As Wicker says, for the state to mandate change would just make everyone mad. And the state board can't flat-out veto a local board's choice for president. Local boards send in lists of candidates; the state board can only approve or disapprove the list. But why couldn't it start sending back lists that include no female or minority names? It could include a courteous suggestion that the locals look a little harder for more names to make the list's diversity a better match for that of the community which the college and its president exist to serve.

After a few send-backs, surely local trustees would get the idea.

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## FTCC registration for fall classes to start

Fayetteville Technical Community College at Fort Bragg will hold registration for fall classes Aug. 23, 24, and 29.

The fall session begins Aug. 29 and ends Oct. 22.

To enroll for tuition assistance (75 percent of one undergraduate course), soldiers may visit the education center.

For information, call Tom Graves, 497-1112.

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# Prudential lawsuit charges loan fraud

*The multi-million suit names an area builder and a banker who committed suicide.*

By David Sinclair
Staff writer

**PINEHURST** — Prudential Securities Inc. has filed a lawsuit saying a Southern Pines banker who committed suicide earlier this month conspired with a builder to get a $4.1 million loan using bogus collateral.

The civil suit, filed Aug. 8 in U.S. Middle District Court in Greensboro, says builder Cranford B. Garner used two certificates of deposits at First Bank in Pinehurst, each totaling $2.3 million, as collateral for a loan for his Southern Pines construction company.

According to the suit, the two certificates of deposit were put in the name of Prudential Securities.

The certificates were signed by Will Gore, the executive vice president and manager of the Pinehurst branch bank. According to the lawsuit, the certificates are worthless.

Gore, 45, committed suicide on Aug. 5, the day Prudential demanded repayment of the loan. The lawsuit was filed on the day of Gore's funeral.

The loan was given to C.B. Garner Building Co. on Jan. 11, 1993. According to the lawsuit, Garner has defaulted on the loan.

The suit doesn't say what the money was to be used for, or what happened to it.

The suit accuses First Bank, Garner and his building company of fraud and negligence in misleading Prudential Securities about the collateral used to get the loan. It says the bank is liable for Gore's fraud and negligence.

The lawsuit seeks $4.1 million that was loaned to Garner, plus interest, and the $4.6 million from First Bank, plus interest. It seeks punitive damages and three times the amount of actual damages.

# Look before you leave

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## *An informed, reasoned approach is required when deciding whether to leave a long-held job*

By Eleanor Lee Yates
Staff writer

CHANGING CAREERS
*Last of a two-part series.*

He was a 38-year-old dentist with a lucrative practice, making more than $150,000.

And he hated his job.

The dentist had come to talk to Sherrod Willis, director of Career Development in Duke University's Continuing Education Department. He hadn't told anyone else how he felt about his work.

"He had always wanted to be a forester," Willis said. "He loved the outdoors. But everyone said he'd be wasting his talent, so he went to dental school. He hated dental school."

His father had recently died, and the dentist decided he didn't have to prove anything anymore. He couldn't wait to sell his practice. The dentist didn't become a forest ranger, but he did go into environmental science.

Like many people, he was ready for a career change. He dreaded going to work.

"Our work needs to feed us, to nourish us," Willis said.

This may sound idealistic — after all, work is work, right? But as Willis sees it, it's a very big chunk of our lives, including the Sunday nights spent dreading Monday morning, and the driving time to and from the job. Life is too short to be in a career you don't like.

Statistics vary, but most people do change careers at some point in their lives. Most of the people Willis sees are in their 40s and 50s, and are no longer excited about their jobs.

"A high number want to go into business for themselves. They want more control of their lives," she said.

The desire to change careers — as opposed to merely moving to another job — often comes when children are on their own and when there are fewer financial pressures. There's a feeling of "I'm going to do what *I* want to do now."

Some people do want to make a career change because they feel they need to make more money. "But many people have risen to the top of their field. Society says status and money are important but they aren't feeling fulfilled," she said.

Willis sees more people getting out of health professions, such as nursing and medicine, as well as sales.

"When people stay in jobs they don't like, often the reason is money, but there is also the fear of the unknown," said Cathy Barkley, coordinator of Job Placement and Alumni Affairs at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Most of the people Barkley sees are those leaving the military, or housewives wanting to return to the workforce because of divorce. But she also works with civilians considering career changes.

### Bored and frustrated

Clients who come to Connie Grant of Britt Grant Associates are often "bored, frustrated and unfulfilled" with their jobs. Her Raleigh firm offers career counseling and staff development.

Unfortunately, most people choose a profession on advice from family and friends, she said. Some bail out early, but many stick with a career they're not suited for and don't like, determined to make it work.

Many social workers, teachers and employees of large firms get job burnout unnecessarily because of what Grant refers to as the goose-that-lays-the-golden-egg syndrome. As downscaling shrinks employment rolls, the people left have to pick up the slack.

"People throw up their hands," she said. And they leave.

Generally, people stay with their jobs during tight economic times. When they feel more secure, they're willing to take a risk.

Grant warns about changing careers when all you may need to do is change jobs. An obnoxious supervisor can make you want to leave teaching and go into aluminum siding sales. Or perhaps you like your work, but not your colleagues. Doing the same job in a different atmosphere could mean a world of difference.

Rick Davis, coordinator of Alumni Career Services at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, gives these warning signs as indicators that a career change may be in order.

- You resent going to work.
- You procrastinate and put off routine duties.
- You find that you're not performing your work as well as you used to. You may even be getting good evaluations, but you know you're coasting.
- You've stopped searching for knowledge, the quest to learn everything you can in your field. You no longer want to read professional journals or attend workshops.

"There's usually consistency the first six or seven years of a career. But then people get to a plateau. They're not moving. Everyone reaches this. Some people accept this. They go on like they are. They get to where they're just existing. Others make plans," he said. These plans can include a move to another company, or changing duties.

"People need to recognize that they're the managers of their careers," Davis said. "You need to manage your career like you wash your clothes. You can put it off, but if you don't take action, you're going to run out of clothes. And your clothes will start to smell."

### Look toward a career

Davis stresses not just looking toward the next job, but planning the course of your career. Ask yourself, "What do I want to do during the rest of my working life?"

If you like the company you work for, but feel stagnated, Davis suggests going to your boss.

"Ask what plans the company has for you. Hopefully communication is strong enough for an honest answer," he said. Let them know if you want to go into management, or whether you want new duties.

Davis thinks the buzzword in the career business is diversity.

"I think we're bashing long-term jobs. The new trend is to laterally build skills. Learning a diversity of related jobs within a company can be enlightening as well as a career investment."

So you're ready to test the career change waters? Ask yourself some more questions.

What do you really enjoy doing? Willis suggests writing a summary of yourself, including your strengths and weaknesses. Assess your skill base, Grant said. Can you transfer skills you've mastered on your teaching job, such as communicating well, to sales? Also, ask why you want to leave your present career. What aspects

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### YOU CAN LOOK IT UP

*The following books can help if you are considering a career change:*

- 'Transitions' by William Bridges
- 'Wishcraft' by Barbara Sher
- 'What Color is Your Parachute? Finding Your Life's Mission' by Richard Bolles
- 'The Artist's Way' by Julia Cameron
- 'Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In' by Roger Fisher and William Ury

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of it did you not like? What things did you like?

"It's hard changing careers. You're starting from scratch, having to prove yourself all over," Grant said. That's not to say you shouldn't consider it. But it's a decision that should not be taken lightly.

"People know what they're comfortable doing. You want to find a job that's going to fit," Grant said. If you're an introvert, you probably won't shine on a job that requires strong people skills. If you're creative, you'll be bored working in an environment that encourages conformity.

Job counselors and college alumni offices offer an assortment of help to career change seekers. At FTCC, alumni as well as the general public can get job counseling, take aptitude tests and use software packages, such as Discover, which match up interests, experience and values to specific jobs. The programs also list graduate school programs if more education is needed. The college regularly offers job-seeking workshops. FTCC alumni also have access to job listings and an annual job placement report, which lists jobs acquired by FTCC alumni and their salaries.

Methodist College alumni also can get career counseling, according to Paula Miller, director of career planning and placement. Alumni can use the computer software programs, such as Discover.

Members of the General Alumni Association at UNC can get free help at Alumni Career Services. The center is open to the public for a fee of $30.

The career development division of Duke's Continuing Education department began 17 years ago to help displaced homemakers, divorced housewives with no marketable job skills. Through the years the program has evolved into one of the top in the country. The program offers workshops on preparing resumes, networking and honing interview skills. Seminars such as "What Are You Going To Do With the Rest of Your Life?" focus on career assessment.

## Leaving the military

Each year more than 9,000 men and women are discharged from the Army at Fort Bragg. The Army Career and Alumni Program, headed by Grant Price, helps with the transition.

"There's trauma associated with the transition," Price said. "But most people leaving have some idea of what they want to do."

Fort Bragg offers skills and interest evaluation, counseling, job hunting workshops and job fairs. Servicemen can tap into an international job bank, and get help from those formerly in the military through the Alumni Network.

The key to successfully changing careers is in preparing, said the counselors. Find out all you can about prospective jobs. Libraries have large career interest sections, as do book stores. Talk with people who have jobs you're interested in. Ask them what is the worst thing about the job.

"Often people idealize what they think other careers are like. Many people believe working in a law office is like "L.A. Law" and becoming a lawyer is like being Arnie Becker and driving a Bentley," Barkley said.

She thinks people are often unrealistic about what it takes to get to where they want to be, recalling the student who wanted to go into the heating and air conditioning program at FTCC. Barkley cautioned that it may not be a good choice, because the student had an injured back and the work required physical labor. That didn't matter, the student said. He planned on owning the company.

All the counselors stressed networking. Join professional groups. Attend functions. Consider volunteer or temporary work in a field. This will give you a taste for the work.

If you're thinking about starting a business, you cannot research too much, counselors stress. Study overhead costs, start-up costs and realistic income potential. Many new businesses fail because owners didn't prepare enough, or because they had little or no experience in the field, Grant said.

When changing careers, consider whether you'd like more leeway, such as being able to work out of your home, or more flexible hours. Perhaps you want to ease into a new career by working part time.

## Financial concerns

Don't forget the financial aspects of finding a new profession. It should be a mutual decision between spouses, Davis said.

"If changing careers is going to mean a $20,000 decrease in the household income, you could be trading one set of problems (job dissatisfaction) for another," Davis said. A dramatic change of lifestyle could mean more family stress. He counseled a woman who felt trapped in a job she hated, even though her salary was $50,000. Her unsympathetic husband said it was fine for her to change careers — as long as she continued to bring in $50,000.

Patty Sleem, co-owner of Prep Professional Resume and Employment Placement, has seen people of all ages successfully change careers. And they don't always have to start at the bottom.

She recommends not waiting too long to consider a change. If you're miserable in your job, it shows — and it doesn't make a good impression on prospective employers.

"You're vulnerable when you're unhappy in a job," she said. Too often people jump into something quickly, and end up even more miserable.

"The key is finding what you like," she said. "If we do something we like, we excel. And we become very valuable."

## Who to call

Here are some sources to help you find out about careers. In addition to these, many colleges offer career counseling, so check with your school.

- Fayetteville Technical Community College Career Center — Open to the public at no charge: 678-8422.
- Methodist College — For alumni only: 630-7279.
- UNC's Alumni Career Services — Free to members of the alumni organization, open to the public for $30 fee: 1-919-962-3749.
- Duke University Continuing Education's Career Development Division — Open to the public. Fees vary: 1-919-684-6259.
- The Army Career and Alumni Program at Fort Bragg — Available to those leaving or those formerly in the military: 396-2227.

# The 2 Rs

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## Literacy programs provide people opportunity to improve their lives

By David Sinclair
Staff writer

One in five North Carolina residents over age 16 does not have a high school diploma or the equivalent.

National studies say most of those people face a life of low-paying jobs or no job at all. Some become drug abusers. Others end up in prison.

"Crime, poverty, drug abuse, unemployment, it all has a common thread of literacy," said Gary Broadwell, executive director of the non-profit Moore County Literacy Council.

Gov. James Hunt has declared September as Literacy Month in North Carolina to make people aware of the importance of being able to read and write at a functional level. Today is International Literacy Day.

Gwen Evans of Raeford discovered the importance of having a high school education in 1988. She dropped out of high school when she was 16 in hopes of finding a job.

"When I first dropped out of high school, I didn't know where I was going in life," Evans said. "I didn't think I needed a diploma. I started looking for a job. There was nothing.

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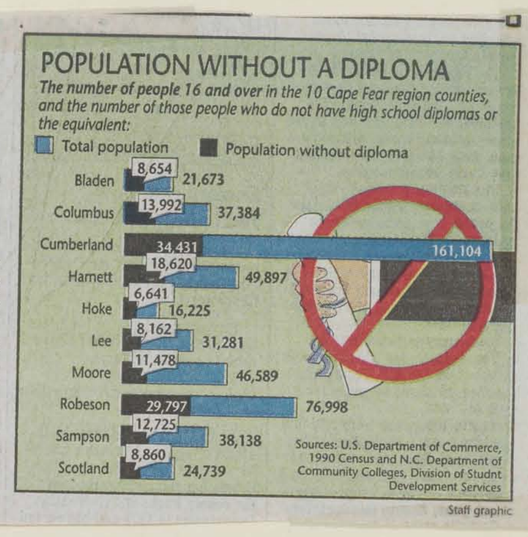

Lloyd Emerson Johnson

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■ The Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation has announced several staff additions and promotions.

**Thomas Lloyd** has been named associate director. He is a former supervisor with the Cumberland County Planning Department.

**Sandra Emerson** has been named membership and public relations manager. She previously worked in the public relations department at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

**Catherine Johnson** has been promoted to

# Health building OK'd at college

## Construction at Fayetteville Tech expected to take 2 years

By Suzanne Walker
Staff writer

Trustees at Fayetteville Technical Community College voted Monday to put a $6 million health education building across the street from the main campus.

Harry Shaw, board chairman, said it will take about two years to build the 75,000 square-foot building. It will be near the Hull Road and Devers Street intersection. A walking track is at the site now. MacMillan-Ellinwood Design Associates will design the building.

Heery International Inc., a company hired to study growth at the college, recommended last month putting the building on Hull Road itself closer to the center of campus, or on a grassy lot between the library and administrative building, facing Hull Road.

The board asked Fayetteville architect Dan MacMillan to survey those and other sites.

Ron Rabin of MacMillan-Ellinwood Design Associates said the firm recommended two sites: the open field chosen Monday by the trustees, and the corner of

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## Building

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Hull Road and Devers Street attached to the Horace Sisk building.

Rabin said attaching the building to the Horace Sisk building would cost about $1 million more because walls and panels would have to be torn down. He said the health building would need to be 10,000 to 15,000 square-feet smaller.

Rabin said the site between the library and administration building is too small. Utility lines would give builders problems, too, he said.

The building is being constructed with $6 million in bond proceeds. Voters approved the project in a $250 million bond package for community colleges in November. Shaw said the earliest it could be done is the fall of 1996.

Fayetteville Tech will start construction in September on a $5 million literacy education building that will be located between the new health building and the Neill Currie building. That project will take about a year.

## Literacy

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Everyone told me I needed a high school diploma."

After being out of school a year, Evans enrolled in the General Education Development Program at the Hoke County Center of Sandhills Community College. There she earned a state-issued High School General Education Diploma.

In May, Evans, 22, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in economics from Pembroke State University. She is a part-time literacy teacher at the Hoke County Center who hopes to someday become a financial planner or investment banker.

"I never dreamed that I could do this when I dropped out," Evans said. "I share my experiences with my students. I tell them I did it, and so can they."

The state's 58 community colleges offer a number of literacy programs to help the estimated 1.4 million residents over age 16 who don't have a high school diploma.

Besides the General Education Diploma, people can enroll in the adult high school diploma program, adult basic education, English as a second language and compensatory education for mentally handicapped adults.

Last year, 126,000 residents enrolled in literacy programs offered by the state's community colleges, said Terrence Ann Shelwood, director of student progress for the N.C. Department Community Colleges.

Officials with community colleges in the Cape Fear region say an increasing number of people who earn a high school diploma or the state equivalent at a community college are continuing their education to obtain two- and four-year degrees. Most new jobs created by industry now require at least two years of education beyond high school.

"The GED is not the end product," said Jessie Toler, director of Basic Skills Student Services at Fayetteville Technical Community College. "It is a beginning step."

Ann Acker, marketing coordinator for the Basic Skills program at Sandhills Community College, said most of the people who enroll in the programs successfully complete them.

"The student motivation has as much to do with it as anything," she said. "They want to be there. They know they can't get that job or the promotion they want without it."

People who enroll in the programs range from age 16 to over 65, and their reading levels vary widely. Hazel Fitch, a General Education Diploma teacher at Sandhills for the last 29 years, says that on average, most students are at a sixth-grade level.

Anna McPhatter, a General Education Diploma teacher at the Hoke County Center, said recruiting students requires going beyond traditional means of sending out fliers and other printed materials.

"Many of them can't read it," McPhatter said. "We go out into the community. We go to churches to get the word out."

Toler said many businesses and industries refer employees who need more education or training.

Fitch said many people who earn a diploma tell their friends.

"Satisfied students are our best recruiters," she said.

*Chip Beck golf beneficiaries* July 29, 1994

Staff photo by Johnny Horne

Dr. Charles Beck, center, distributes checks for $10,000 each from money raised at the Chip Beck Invitational golf tournament in Fayetteville. From left, Paul Comer of the Volunteer Center, Dick Fisher of Fayetteville Technical Community College, Cle Reese of Habitat for Humanity and Minda Fleishman of the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center accept the checks. Next year's tournament will be held April 17.

### Community college search

The search for a new president to lead the state's community college system will last at least through the end of this month.

At the request of Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, who also is chairman of the state Board of Community Colleges and chairman of the search committee, the board agreed to hire a search firm to help it seek and sort through applications.

The $25,000 needed for the head-hunting firm will be paid by the N.C. Community Colleges Foundation, an independent nonprofit group.

Hiring the firm, however, is going to mean pushing the deadline for closing out applications at least six weeks beyond the original date of mid-July.

Wicker said he still believes the new system president will be in place this fall so Bob Scott can hand the reins to someone before he retires at the end of the year.

Wicker's confidence comes in part from the response the job has attracted so far. More than 50 people have requested applications for the job, with the majority coming from outside North Carolina.

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OPPORTUNITIES

### Fall registration to start Monday

All colleges and universities at Fort Bragg, except Fayetteville Technical Community College, will start fall classes Monday.

To enroll for tuition assistance (75 percent of one undergraduate course), soldiers may visit the education center.

For information, call Ellen McGaughey, 396-6721.

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### FTCC workers find building vandalized

Employees at Fayetteville Technical Community College found a classroom building vandalized when they arrived for work Monday.

Up to 16 windows were broken, bulletin-board displays were destroyed and one classroom was ransacked, according to police reports. The building was damaged between 6 p.m. Friday and 6:50 a.m. Monday.

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# Colleges are spending more on technology equipment

John Holloway works on an independent project as part of computer instruction at Wake Technical Community College that includes a class called "scientific visualization computer graphics."

BY PAUL COOK
CORRESPONDENT

## Training workers demands updates

Achieving the goal of lifelong learning isn't easy when technology keeps changing every day.

Nowhere is the struggle to keep pace more chronic than at the state's community colleges, which could easily find themselves obsolete in computer and technology instruction. The state's 58 community colleges are always searching for the right balance between keeping costs as low as possible and having modern equipment similar to what companies.

"We have several computer labs, and a lot of our money goes to just replace basic PCs, which quickly become outdated or worn out from constant use," says Phail Wynn, president of Durham Technical Community College. "At the same time, we're trying to squirrel away money to buy new, specialized equipment for other programs."

The community college system is essential to many North Carolina companies, especially manufacturers, with specific training needs. The companies that expect to find the necessary equipment and instruction at the local community college probably won't be disappointed, if the system's budget is any indication.

The General Assembly has markedly increased the system's budget for equipment in recent years. Legislators allocated $13.5 million for equipment for the 1994-95 budget year, up from $8.4 million the year before.

In 1992-93, the equipment budget was $5 million. In 1991-92, no funds were allocated for new technology for the community colleges. Funds are distributed throughout the system based on enrollment.

Even with the additional money, community colleges must make wise choices about where to spend it. Costs generally are too high to get the latest, most powerful computers. But students need access to the same type of equipment that's being used by companies that send workers to the local community college for training.

"We're not trying to replicate entire production labs or manufacturing operations, but we do need a piece of each type of equipment being used," Wynn says. "That costs money, and we just can't provide what every program wants."

One problem community colleges face is the need to spend a part of their equipment budgets on more mundane items.

"Our equipment budget has to serve to replace anything that is worn out, from broken chairs to replacing blackboards," says Bruce Howell, president of Wake Technical Community College.

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The college's equipment budget for the coming year is $748,245, but when it comes to spending the money on technology, it may not go very far.

Last year, for instance, setting up a single computer lab at Wake Tech cost $300,000.

Acquisitions of such equipment are necessary to keep up with rapid growth in the Triangle. Skilled employees in the region are always a prime commodity, and the demand will continue as companies such as Motorola Inc. expand and Cisco Systems Inc. move operations to the Triangle. As many as half the estimated 4,000 new jobs that will be generated in the region in the next four years are expected to be in high-technology fields.

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# College Tech Prep

## *Community and schools work together for success*

Let's face it, a high school diploma isn't enough anymore for non-university bound high school students. Today's students must have a high school diploma and technical training to prepare them for tomorrow's work place, especially if they want to earn more than minimum wage.

Work force analysts predict that by the turn of the century, 15 percent of the new jobs created will need a four-year college degree and 70 to 80 percent will require some education past the high school level; the percentage of people in service jobs will be 75 percent; and computing, health care, teaching, counseling and management are expected to account for nearly 19 of every 20 new jobs over the next 12 years.

Today there is keen competition among employers to find and retain the most qualified workers. Employers want people with technical skills, employees who can think and solve problems at all levels, people who can communicate their ideas verbally and in writing and individuals who maintain their expertise in a competitive work environment.

How can parents work with educators to prepare their high school students for these changes in the work place?

College Tech Prep was developed to meet this need. Locally, it is a cooperative effort of the Cumberland County Schools, Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC), business and industry.

Students focus on a career plan from ninth grade through the completion of a community college associate degree program and/or apprenticeship program of a least two years. The high school courses combine academic and vocational skills through a sequenced program of studies resulting in better preparation for immediate employment, joining the military services or a two-year associate degree and/or apprenticeship certificate. Each year the academic plan is reviewed and changes may be made.

Students earning a "C" or above in certain high school courses will be awarded College Tech Prep Placement credit or college credit at FTCC. Students, working with school counselors, are urged to check grade policies if they're planning to attend a school other than FTCC.

College Tech Prep requires 17 core courses and three career courses in grades nine through 12. High school students complete their graduation requirements by taking four more courses in any area of interest, such as band, in grades nine to 12.

Core courses include: four English courses, three math courses (Algebra I and technical math, geometry or Algebra II); three science courses (a physical science, biology and a laboratory science elective); three social studies courses (political, economic and legal systems, world history or geography and United States history); two computer skills courses (keyboarding/typewriting and computer applications); and two physical education/health courses.

Career courses include: library science, business and office, marketing, agriculture, home economics (such as interior design, child care and food production and management), health occupations and trade and industry with courses such as automotive technology, auto body repair, carpentry, criminal justice, graphics, technical drafting and programming and broadcasting.

Students planning to attend one of North Carolina's state universities should consider the Tech Prep plan. Those who take Algebra II, two years of a foreign language and the Tech Prep core courses meet the state university system's minimum admission requirements. These students also are ready to join the full- or part-time work force with the skills and practical experience needed for better-paying jobs.

Planning ahead for personal and financial success needs to begin in the eighth grade. The difference between a high school degree and an associate degree could be as much as $500,000 over a 30-year period in the work force.

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# Masa, Democratic activist, ex-ABC Board leader, dies

Betty Masa, longtime Democratic Party activist and former chairman of the Cumberland County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, died Tuesday after a long bout with cancer. She was 65.

Mrs. Masa, of 3878 Wilkersham Way, was executive secretary of the Fayetteville Homebuilders Association for more than 25 years before her retirement in 1989. She worked part time with the ABC system's Hope Mills store for about two years after retirement.

She was the daughter of the late John Arthur Beasley and Ada Adcox Beasley. Her husband, Joseph Masa Jr., died July 25, 1991.

Mrs. Masa was a close political ally of the late Ottis Jones, former sheriff of Cumberland County. She was a member of the county Democratic Executive Committee and was one of the local leaders of Gov. Jim Hunt's campaigns for governor and the U.S. Senate.

In 1983, she won the Cumberland County Young Democrats annual service award as the senior party member who contributed most to the organization.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home by the Rev. Norman Mitchell. Burial will be in LaFayette Memorial Park.

Mrs. Masa is survived by a son, Joseph "Peppi" Masa III, and two sisters, Lorraine Reaves of Fayetteville and Thelma Stahl of Rexford, N.Y.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Masa:** Young Democrats service award winner

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# CAMPUS DIVERSITY

## Community college leadership is no rainbow

Whenever African-Americans or women have complained about holding so few leadership positions in government or the business world, the powers that be have asked for time.

Be patient, they say: Few minorities and women have the credentials or experience to run for office or apply for the top jobs.

Be patient, they say: You can't kick a good man out of a job he's held for years — or one he's worked up to as an assistant — just to make some kind of race or gender quota.

Patience has been granted, but time is running out — especially in the education system, where women and African-Americans *have* the credentials and *are* getting the experience — yet nonetheless few have risen in the ranks.

The UNC Board of Governors has been put on notice to expand its vision when filling leadership positions. Now, Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker has delivered a similar notice to North Carolina's community college system.

Wicker is telling the system's board and each campus' trustees that if African-Americans, women or others considered to be minorities aren't on the interview lists, he and others will want to know why.

Of the 58 campuses, two are led by blacks and none by a woman — which, Wicker says, is "both deplorable and unacceptable."

About 25 percent of the 760,000 students in the state's community college system are minorities and they need to see, by example of those who teach and lead, that they have as good a chance as anyone to succeed.

Fayetteville Technical Community College has done better than other community colleges. But North Carolina's system as a whole ranks poorly when compared to the diversity of leadership in other states.

This shouldn't be criticized as an affirmative action measure or a call for quotas. It's a call to open up the interview process — to look beyond the old hiring networks to seek applicants. It's a call to encourage those in lower positions to look toward moving up, and to show them how it can be done. It's a call to encourage rather than to discourage.

Wicker is right to jump on the issue, rather than point to a diversity policy adopted two years ago and say that patience is needed until it does the job. No policy will do the job unless it is watched from the top so that it won't be forgotten.

The lieutenant governor promises that leadership in this state, particularly our education system, will be diverse. He has charged a committee to look at the diversity policy, which he said is not getting results, judging by the percentage of minorities hired by community colleges.

If the policy is broken, let's fix it. But we must make sure Wicker keeps his word to keep harping on the issue.

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# Opening up community colleges

By George B. Vaughan

RALEIGH

Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker recently deplored North Carolina's record in appointing minorities and women as presidents of community colleges. But changing a community college system that has had only three female presidents in its history, and which currently has only two African-American presidents, will not be easy. A look at how our community colleges stack up nationally helps place the debate in perspective.

There are approximately 1,200 public community colleges in the nation. Fifty-eight are in North Carolina. Nationally, 12 percent of community college presidents are women; there are none at present in North Carolina. Minorities make up 11 percent of the community college presidents nationally; approximately 3 percent of the presidents in North Carolina are minorities. Nationally, 4.5 percent of the presidents are African-American; approximately 3 percent of the state's presidents are.

Even when measured by the national yardstick (which is only a measure and admittedly not a desired standard), North Carolina's record is indeed "unacceptable and deplorable," to use Wicker's words.

The plaintive cry of community college board members often is that there are not enough qualified women and minorities to fill presidential vacancies. In the case of women, the boards may be crying wolf. Women hold one-third of the management positions in the state's community colleges. In the case of minorities, boards may indeed have difficulty in finding qualified applicants if they follow past practices in selecting presidents.

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What "management position" do board members turn to in filling presidential vacancies? This question is extremely important.

The position that selection boards most often turn to is the institution's chief academic officer. Nationally, over 57 percent of the community college presidents moved from the chief academic officer's position to the presidency. The next most-traveled pathway is that leading from the chief student services officer's position, with slightly over 6 percent of the presidents coming from that job. With the academic route clearly the pathway of choice, who, then, occupies the most important stepping stone?

Nationally, over 21 percent of the current chief academic officers in community colleges are women. But only 7 percent are minorities and 3.2 percent are African-Americans, which means that of more than 1,200 chief academic officers, fewer than 50 are African-Americans. Assuming that 60 percent (which would be high based on the national data) of those African-Americans become community college presidents, that would be only 30 or so. Recruiting qualified African-Americans for the presidency through the academic route presents boards with some major challenges.

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Women and minorities are often victims of the "best qualified" syndrome. "Best qualified" often means the administrator who has lived the longest in the community, has the longest tenure in the profession (or in a particular position), or at the college. Women, many of whom have either delayed getting the doctorate or their entry into administration because of family responsibilities, often come up short on the board's "best qualified" check-sheet.

Similarly, minorities who often have been held back from getting the doctorate will also come up short. Board members should rethink what "best qualified" means and not cling to past ideas and concepts that often have little to do with performance. Once board members think in these terms, women

***Keys to appointing more diverse presidents.***

and minorities will quickly join the pool of qualified presidential applicants.

Second, board members should look at all leadership positions within the college as a source of potential presidents. Several positions (such as dean of community services, dean of administrative services, dean of student services, chief development officer, and others) offer experiences relevant to the presidency.

Third, boards should look outside the community college for presidents. In the early years of the community college movement, boards did so. Today, over 92 percent of the presidents come from within the community college field; and if current practices continue this percentage will increase, Maybe the inbreeding has gone too far. In seeking women and minority presidents, boards should once again look at public school superintendents, four-year college deans, and to other sources for qualified minority and female applicants for the presidency.

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Although few people realize it (and fewer admit it, especially board members), the key players in selecting future community college presidents are often current presidents. They groom future presidents and make board members aware of their potential as presidents. They write letters of reference. They decide who is brought into the network. Above all else, they educate board members as to what to expect in future presidents. While none of these activities is inherently bad, they could be viewed as circling the wagons to protect the "good-old-boys." Past practices in North Carolina appear to have literally shut out most women and minorities from the presidency. With this in mind, presidents should nurture, mentor and sponsor women and minorities who want to become presidents.

At the statewide level, even though Wicker has thrown down the gauntlet, he and other members of the State Board of Community Colleges recognize that a "direct mandate to diversify would only aggravate the problem and could lead to open rebellion" on the part of local college boards. What, then, can the state board do to diversify the community college presidency?

Moral persuasion is one important tool. Moral persuasion, however, should be supported with facts and figures such as those presented above. The state board should serve as the "conscience" of the system, never letting college boards and presidents forget that open access should apply to college leadership, including the presidency, as well as to students.

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# FTCC trustees want to close 2 main roads

*A new health education center may result in closing the main thoroughfares through the community college campus.*

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**By Suzanne Walker**
Staff writer

The two main roads through Fayetteville Technical Community College would be closed under proposals discussed by the college's trustees Monday.

Hull Road, which splits the main sections of the campus, would be closed from Devers Street to Fort Bragg Road. Devers Street, which runs from Skye Drive to Fort Bragg Road, would be closed as well.

Closing either road would require approval by the Fayetteville City Council.

Discussion of the roads came at a meeting of the trustees' Buildings and Grounds Committee. Trustees are trying to find a site for a new health education center. They favor two sites.

Douglas Burns of Heery International Inc., the company hired to study growth at the college, recommends putting the building on Hull Road itself, near Devers Street.

The other site is a grassy lot between the library and administration building.

Harry Shaw, board chairman, questioned whether the site adjoining the library would be large enough for a two-story building with 75,000 square feet of space.

"The site has a lot of problems," he said.

Several trees would have to be cut down, a visitor parking lot would have to be moved, he said, and the new building might look awkward between the older buildings.

Committee members voted to ask project architect Dan MacMillan to draw plans for both sites. The members will review cost estimates at both sites.

Since one site is actually on Hull Road, the committee voted to ask the council to close the road. But, based on the college's long-term plans, they may eventually ask the council to close Devers Street as well.

Trustees envision building a road around the campus that students and faculty could use to get to parking lots and walk across campus.

Trustees are especially concerned about the many people who use Devers Street to complete a cross from Morganton Road to Fort Bragg Road. Estimates

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## Roads

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released at the committee meeting showed that 7,000 to 9,000 cars use Devers Street daily, bringing many more people through the campus than students and faculty.

McMillan, the architect, said he will have preliminary plans for the health education building complete before the board's next meeting in mid-August.

Burns and Heery engineer Carroll Beard said the Hull Road site is better because there is more room for parking lots, better access to utility lines and will allow the school to expand as enrollment increases.

Beard said he would like to see the college use both sites in the next 20 years, but said the building would fit more naturally on Hull Road.

The building is being constructed with $6 million in bond proceeds. Voters approved the project in a $250 million bond package for community colleges in November.

Shaw said the building will take about two years to complete once a sight has been chosen. The earliest it would be done, he said, is the fall of 1996.

Staff graphic

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## Public Records

**Judge E. Lynn Johnson heard the following cases in Cumberland County Superior Court July 5 through 7:**

■ Anthony Leonard Akins, 33, Beechwood Apartments, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia, five-year sentence suspended, five years probation, 72 hours community service, $425 court costs, $175 attorney fees, $100 community-service fee, enroll in substance-abuse counseling.

■ Ricky Vanell Carr, 34, South 5th Street, Spring Lake, financial card theft and financial card fraud, two-year sentence suspended, five years probation, $85 court costs, $497.21 restitution to First North America National Bank.

■ Denver Andrew Carter, 33, Pepperbush Drive, embezzlement, 10-year sentence suspended, five years probation, $11,650 restitution to Jodeen Honeycutt, receive psychiatric and/or psychological counseling; embezzlement, 10-year sentence suspended, five years probation, to begin at expiration of previous sentence.

■ Anthony Dwayne Matlock, 32, Murchison Road, possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver cocaine, and possession of stolen goods, four years in prison.

■ Raymond Eugene Parker, 45, Raeburn Court, 15 counts of embezzlement, 10-year sentence suspended, five years probation, 100 hours community service, $100 community-service fee.

■ Derrick Sansbury, 27, South Fifth Street, breaking, entering and larceny, two counts uttering forged instrument, 10 years in prison, court recommends substance-abuse counseling.

■ James Crump, 19, Moore Street, possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver cocaine, selling and delivering cocaine, probation revoked, eight years in prison.

■ Carlton Lamont Davis, 17, Eaglenest and Eufala Street, four counts breaking, entering and larceny, 10-year sentence suspended, five years probation, six months in prison, $376 restitution to Wilfred Long, $350 to Wayne and Betty Lewis, $310 to David J. Pennell, $100 community-service fee.

■ Michael Anthony James, 17, Murchison Road, two counts possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver cocaine, two counts selling/delivering cocaine, manufacturing and creating cocaine, and conspiring to sell and deliver cocaine, six-year sentence suspended, five years probation, substance-abuse counseling, enroll in PT Program, 72 hours community service, $200 restitution.

■ John Davis McDougall, 30, Chase Street, two counts possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver cocaine, and maintaining a dwelling/motor vehicle to keep/sell controlled substance, six-year sentence suspended, five years probation, $250 fine, $105 court costs, 72 hours community service, enroll in PT Program, enroll in substance-abuse counseling, $100 community service fee, $100 attorney fee.

■ Derrick Sansbury, 27, South Fifth Street, Spring Lake, breaking, entering and larceny, 10-year sentence suspended, five years probation, pay $4,925 restitution, 72 hours community service.

■ Tonya S. Mack, 23, Sleepy Hollow Drive, accessory after the fact to first-degree murder, seven-year sentence suspended, five years probation, $190 court costs, $1,200 attorney fees.

■ Michael A. McRae, 26, Applecross Avenue, attempted second-degree sexual offense, three-year sentence suspended, four years probation, $85 court costs, 10 days in Cumberland County Jail, $300 attorney fees; willful failure to discharge duties, two-year sentence suspended, four years probation, to begin at expiration of prior sentence.

**Judge Joe Freeman Britt heard the following case in Cumberland County Superior Court on June 30:**

■ James Kyle Johnson, 22, Hope Mills, felony larceny, six-year sentence suspended, five years probation, $85 court costs, 162 hours community service, $2,400 restitution to Charles Morrissey, $637.50 to Anthony Greenwood, $85 attorney fees, $100 community-service fee, evaluation by TASC for alcoholism and enroll and complete PT Program.

**Judge A. Leon Stanback heard the following cases in Cumberland County Superior Court June 29 through July 11:**

■ Andrew Chaney, 25, Route 14, Fayetteville, attempted second-degree burglary, five years in prison, as condition of work-release or parole, pay $90 court costs and $1,380 attorney fees.

■ Louis Lee Davis, 19, Rutherford Street, Spring Lake, breaking, entering and larceny, six years in prison, as condition of work-release or parole, pay $625 restitution to Soledad Eligino and $120 attorney fees.

■ Elton Green McKoy, 34, Sanderosa Road, two counts indecent liberties with a child, 10-year sentence suspended, five years probation, $275 court costs, 100 hours community service, $400 attorney fees, $100 community-service fee, not to be in presence of prosecuting witness without another adult present.

**Judge Coy E. Brewer heard the following cases in Cumberland County Superior Court July 1 and 8:**

■ Otis Lamont Cooper, 25, Tammy Street, robbery with dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit armed robbery, 14 years in prison.

■ Marion George Generette, 22, Louise Circle, voluntary manslaughter, 18 years in prison.

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# FTCC student prepared

**By Suzanne Walker**
Staff writer

Sandi Carl has some advice for prospective employees: wear a conservative suit, have a firm hand shake and, above all, be prepared.

Carl

She should know.

The 50-year-old mother of two beat about 50 competitors with her job-interviewing skills in the Phi Beta Lambda's National Leadership Conference earlier this month.

The conference of future business leaders, held July 9 through July 12 in Anaheim, Calif., ranked college students from throughout the United States in 33 categories, including interviewing, speaking, marketing, management and accounting.

Carl and her classmate, Jennifer Girard, were the first from Fayetteville Technical Community College to compete in the national event. Both will graduate from the college in May with associate degrees in business administration.

Business teacher Brenda Britt said the college formed its Phi Beta Lambda chapter last year and has about 50 members. She said she is proud of the first students' results.

Carl and Girard, 31, competed on the state level in March. Carl took first place in job interviewing. Girard took second place in management.

Neither task was easy.

For Carl, it meant preparing a one-page resume and cover letter, filling out a lengthy job application, writing a response to a hypothetical situation and enduring a 20-minute interview with a three-person panel of personnel directors.

During the interview, Carl was judged on her greeting, appearance and handshake.

Girard had 60 minutes to answer 100 questions about everything from small businesses to entrepreneurs. She studied for weeks.

At the national level, the women endured even more rigorous competition, while at the same time learning what it takes to make a good impression in business.

"You can have all the educational tools, but you may not get your foot in the door until you are properly prepared," Carl said.

That includes dressing like a professional, making a good impression and being able to give quick, intelligent answers to probing personal questions.

"They always ask you what your weakness is," she said. "My weaknesses is stress related. I tend to take on more than I can handle, but I tell them with time management, I've learned to accomplish more in a shorter time."

Girard

Girard said she is disappointed that she didn't make the top 10 in management at the national level, but plans to try again next year in another category.

"It was scary, but it was exciting, too," Girard said. "We felt very proud to be there. We were competing against students at four-year colleges. It was very competitive. It was a big step for me personally and I learned that by trying, I've become a better person."

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# FTCC offers academic programs

**Education Update**
by John T. Wilson
Education Center

Fayetteville Technical Community College is a comprehensive community college serving the Fort Bragg/Fayetteville area for more than 30 years. The college offers courses in more than 40 academic program areas as well as non-credit courses for job training and special interest, adult education courses and customized training for business and industry. Aside from its certificate, diploma and associate degree programs, FTCC also offers a college transfer option for students who would like to continue their education at a four-year college.

Not only does FTCC provide training and skills for job education, but the continuing education program also offers individuals the opportunity to update work skills in order to advance their careers. The demand for highly-trained workers with practical, hands-on experience is expected to increase, and Fayetteville Tech continues to add new programs and schedules to meet the growing needs of local business and industry.

Fayetteville Tech is the second-largest community college in the state and strives to meet the educational needs of the Fort Bragg community. For instance, tuition rates at FTCC are lower for soldiers. A military student enrolled at FTCC may claim the in-state tuition rate of $13.25 per course. Classes are offered at the main campus off Fort Bragg Road and on-post at Fort Bragg. The next class schedule at the Fort Bragg location are Aug. 29-Oct. 22 and Oct. 24-Dec. 17. Registration for the first session will be Aug. 23, 24 and 29 at the FTCC office in the Fort Bragg Community Center.

If you would like more information about applications or admission, call the Fort Bragg office at 497-1112.

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## 'Great Decisions' semina

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**Army Secretary Togo West Jr.,** left, meets Eagle Scouts Creighton Flowers, 17, center, and Barrett Teele, 18, after the 'Great Decisions 1995' program at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

# Army secretary says forces in top shape, face challenge

*Togo West Jr. says modernization of the Army is one of the biggest concerns for the future.*

**By Henry Cuningham**
Military editor

The Army is the best equipped in history, but if spending for modernization lags "we will find ourselves beginning to eat our seed corn," the secretary of the Army said Tuesday.

"The challenge of modernization for our Army in the years to come may well be its most important challenge," Togo West Jr. said.

He said the Army has received money to remedy the lack of readiness of three divisions that was revealed last year.

West spoke to about 250 people at the "Great Decisions 1995" lecture series at Fayetteville Technical Community College. The college presented the seminar in cooperation with the Fayetteville World Affairs Council.

The audience included Lt. Gen. Hugh Shelton, commander of Fort Bragg and 18th Airborne Corps, and Lt. Gen. Terry Scott, commander of Fort Bragg's U.S. Army Special Operations Command. Fayetteville Mayor J.L. Dawkins, Hope Mills Mayor Ed Deaver and Spring Lake Mayor Billy Manning attended.

"I can report to you that your Army is trained and ready for whatever this country might call upon it to do," West said. West, 50, who was born in Winston-Salem, has been the Army's top civilian official since November 1993.

"Last fall we had a significant concern," West said. "We reported to the secretary of defense and the

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# A thrill in Chapel Hill

Staff photos by Chris English

**Dr. Joe Quigg,** left, receives his championship ring from UNC athletic director John Swofford.

**Clinton's Tonya Sampson,** left photo, and Fayetteville resident Marsha Ralph have jerseys retired.

## North Carolina honors Quigg, Sampson, Ralph

**By Howard Ward**
Sports editor

Two Fayetteville residents, Dr. Joe Quigg and Marsha Mann Ralph, and Clinton native Tonya Sampson were among athletes honored by the University of North Carolina over the weekend.

Quigg, a New York native who has practiced dentistry here for more than two decades, was a member of the 1957 NCAA championship team which received rings commemorating the title during halftime ceremonies at Saturday night's UNC-N.C. State game.

Ralph and Sampson were among five women players whose jerseys were hung in Carmichael Auditorium in recognition of their All-American status as Tar Heels. Ralph, a Dunn native, made All-America in 1975 on a team that went 15-3. Sampson was a member of last year's NCAA championship team that finished 33-2.

The NCAA didn't award rings in 1957 when Quigg and his teammates defeated Kansas and Wilt Chamberlain, 54-53, in three overtime periods.

"When we won it, we got watches with plaques on them," Quigg said. "I still have the plaque, but the watch is long gone. This is just icing on the cake, getting together with the guys and being honored at the Smith Center. Getting the rings was great. It gives us physical evidence that we did win the championship."

All five starters were on court to receive the rings from Athletic Director John Swofford. The starters were Quigg, All-American Lennie Rosenbleuth, Pete Brennan, Tommy Kearns and Bob Cunningham. Other team members were Bob Young, Roy Searcy, Gehrmann Holland, Danny Lotz and Ken Rosemond. The late Frank McGuire was the coach, with assistant Buck Freeman.

UNC coach Dean Smith wasn't even with the the Tar Heels when they won the title, but did play a large role in having the presentation come off.

"Although I wasn't in Chapel Hill in 1957, I've come to know the members of that team and share the admiration for all they accomplished," Smith said. "All our teams are linked by recruiting, in addition to having North Carolina written across their chests. Tommy Kearns helps recruit a York Larese; York helps recruit a Billy Cunningham; Billy helps recruit a Larry Miller; and on it goes."

Quigg learned about the ring ceremony a few months ago at the funeral for McGuire, when Smith mentioned something was being planned.

"Dean set the wheels in motion," Quigg said. "A bunch of us came in Friday night and had dinner, then we got together on Saturday night and had dinner at the Azalea Room. There's a special relationship between the players. Anytime you win something like a national championship — all the things you go through — there has to be something special."

It wasn't all happiness for the players, though. To a man, they would have loved for their old coach to have been a part of the scene.

"There was a great feeling of sadness that Coach McGuire wasn't there," Quigg said. "Our entire starting five was from New York City, and he brought us together."

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## Army

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Congress that three of our divisions had fallen below the rating of preparedness that we wished."

That happened because money was diverted for missions abroad, but Congress has put money in the budget to solve the problem, West said.

West did not name the divisions. News reports have said the 1st Infantry Division, Mechanized, at Fort Riley, Kan., the 4th Infantry Division, Mechanized, at Fort Carson, Colo., and the 2nd Armored Division, at Fort Hood, Texas, all received the next-to-lowest readiness grade.

"Our training is back on line, back on schedule," West said. "But we as the Army and we as the Defense Department have to be very careful. Because once we fall off our training regimen — missed rotations to the National Training Center, missed schedules which our commanders work so assiduously to develop — those opportunities take a long time before we can catch up."

The Army is approaching its smallest size since World War II — about 495,000 soldiers on active duty, West said.

"We must realize that with these increasing smaller challenges around the globe that we are sending the same soldiers out over and over and over," West said. "Today the average American soldiers spends approximately one-third of his or her year deployed."

That is a potential problem, he said.

The time soldiers spend away from home is increasing, West said. "More importantly is their families, who need their members there, who worry about them when they are gone, and whose care our soldiers worry about when they are away."

Recruiting, training, equipping and supporting the Army will continue to be a challenge in the "age of the microchip," he said.

"In this time of high-tech, precision-guided munitions and smart weapons, the smartest weapon in the American arsenal, the ultimate smart weapon, still remains the individual combat soldier," he said.

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**Darlene Cardott** with the couple's 3½-year-old daughter, Elise.

## Sound of boots brings news of soldier's death

*Darlene Cardott recalls the day she learned that her husband had been killed in Haiti. Now she must try to find a way to explain his death to her two daughters.*

**By Kim Hasty**
Staff writer

Darlene Cardott had been hoping against hope that she wouldn't hear the sound, and that the evening would pass uneventfully.

But then the sound came and it was unmistakable — soldiers shuffling in Army boots on the stairs outside her door. The same sound her husband's boots used to make when he came home from work.

She knew the soldiers had come to tell her that her husband was dead.

"The sun was going down," she said. "I looked out and I could see their silhouette. I got rather hysterical."

Her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Gregory D. Cardott, was killed by a gunman while on assignment in Haiti on Jan. 12, the day before he would have turned 37. He was buried in the Fort Bragg cemetery Friday after a funeral service at John F. Kennedy Memorial Chapel.

"How do I go to sleep?" said Mrs. Cardott, who is 30. "How do I get up in the morning? You've got to live. You've got to go on."

Mrs. Cardott returned home Jan. 12 after completing the day's responsibilities as a nursing-school student at Fayetteville Technical Community College. She began watching a videotape she had received in the mail. It was of her husband and the rest of the members of his team celebrating Christmas on a missionary ship off the coast of Haiti.

"One of the other wives called and said that one of the guys had been shot and wounded," Mrs. Cardott said. "Then she called back and said somebody had been with him and was killed."

So Mrs. Cardott called her sister and a friend and asked them to come wait with her. They waited

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together, hoping not to hear the sound of the shuffling boots.

The Cardotts met on a blind date in February 1989, and, though she was going through a difficult divorce and was wary of blind dates, she was taken with him right away.

"It was his blue eyes, definitely his blue eyes," she said. "They would catch your attention in a hurry, a big hurry."

### 'Keep calling'

By April, they were engaged. They were married the following April, in 1990.

No matter where Sgt. Cardott was, and even with the unpredictability of military life, rarely a day passed that they didn't talk to each other on the telephone.

"You can ask the guys. I'm one who called all the time, for any little thing," Mrs. Cardott said. "He said the guys were making fun of him because I called all the time, but he said, 'They're just jealous. Keep calling.'"

Before he left for Haiti on Sept. 12, four months before he was killed, Sgt. Cardott took the time to have his wife videotape him as he read five children's stories to the camera.

That way, the couple's 3½-year-old daughter, Elise, would be able to hear bedtime stories from her father.

Now Mrs. Cardott must try to find a way to explain his death to Elise and to 8-year-old Erica, who is Mrs. Cardott's daughter from her first marriage, but whom Sgt. Cardott treated as his own.

### Angel in the sky

Elise used to see an airplane in the sky and tell everyone it was her daddy.

"Now she sees an airplane and she says it's an angel," Mrs. Cardott said. "She says her daddy's an angel."

Greg Cardott and Staff Sgt. Tommy J. Davis were shot when they stopped a truck driven by a man who had gone through a tollbooth without paying, according to officials.

Davis was shot in the arm during a scuffle with the men in the truck. The gunman shot Sgt. Cardott in the chest. Davis then shot and killed the Haitian. Davis is in stable condition in Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

Sgt. Cardott was the first American soldier killed by hostile fire since the Haitian operation began in September.

Now Mrs. Cadott has the American flag that was draped over his coffin, the Legion of Merit and the Purple Heart he was awarded, the Special Forces pendant she always wore around her neck and the chunky Special Forces ring she gave him for their second anniversary.

And the memory of the awful sound of those boots shuffling on the stairs.

"I'm very proud of him," she said. "He died doing what he would have wanted to die doing."

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# FOOD

**Joanie Byrd,** secretary at Church of the Open Door, prefers bringing her lunch to eating out.

# DESKTOP DINING

*Secretaries tell how to make the lunch hour special, even if you can't leave the office.*

**By Jeffery Womble**
Staff writer

It's only fitting that today — National Secretaries' Day — your boss should show you just how much he appreciates you.

To get things started he could send you a nice bouquet of fresh flowers. Next, lunch, complete with appetizers and dessert, would be oh so special. And a box of Godiva chocolates all with your favorite centers would be a sweet ending to a perfect day.

Some secretaries will be treated like queens today — while others will be lucky just to get a lunch break. For those who can't get away from their desks when the lunch hour arrives, there's nothing wrong with celebrating the occasion alone.

Pick a flower from your garden and put it in a bud vase on your desk. To satisfy your sweet tooth, buy a candy bar from the company canteen. And for lunch, bring your own meal from home that's just as appetizing as any offered by those fancy, high-priced eateries.

That's what Joanie Byrd does.

Byrd is a secretary at Church of the Open Door on Cliffdale Road. Occasionally she's in the office by herself, and it gets so hectic it's almost impossible for her to leave her desk.

"Generally I do pack a lunch," Byrd said. "It depends on the mood. Last year I was on this fat-free kick, so I was bringing a lot of healthy foods. I do a lot of soups, salads and leftovers."

One of Byrd's favorite meals is a can of soup.

"I can grab it, open it up, pop it in a bowl and microwave it," she said.

When Byrd was on her health-food kick, she watched her fat intake. He diet consisted mainly of vegetables and fruits. One of her favorite low-fat lunches was a red-pepper sandwich. Ingredients include sliced red bell pepper, lettuce and tomatoes on multi-grain bread. Another favorite was steamed or sauteed vegetables in a pita pocket.

"It's simple. You steam broccoli and add it to the pita pocket," she said. "I grate carrots and sliced dill pickles and add put it into the pita. I then sautee onions in ketchup and add it to the sandwich. The combination is wonderful."

For an even lighter lunch Byrd brings a fresh salad. She enjoys Ceasar salads, but those are more fattening than the traditional garden variety, she said. Ingredients in her salad include tomatoes, lettuce, peppers and a dash of Parmesan cheese.

"Every once in a while, I will put cheese in it, but not that often," she said.

Byrd may leave the office a few days out of the year for a quick meal at a fast-food restaurant. When she does, she regrets not having brought her meal from home.

"I don't like the extra expense. My husband and I are moving, and we're trying to save

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### Two-Bean Chili

**1 pound ground beef**
**1 large green pepper chopped (about 1 cup)**
**1 large onion, chopped (about 1 cup)**
**2 tablespoons chili powder**
**¼ teaspoon pepper**
**3 cups tomato juice**
**1 can (about 15 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained**
**1 can (about 15 ounces) great Northern beans, rinsed and drained**
**Sour cream**
**Sliced green onions**
**Shredded Cheddar cheese**

In a 6-quart Dutch oven over medium-high heat, cook beef, green pepper, onion, chili powder and pepper until beef is browned and vegetables are tender, stirring to separate meat.

Spoon off fat.

Add tomato juice, kidney beans and great Northern beans. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low.

Cover; cook 20 minutes to blend flavors, stirring occasionally. Top with sour cream. Sprinkle with green onions and cheese. If desired, serve with bread sticks.

Makes about six cups or six main-dish servings.

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## Dining

money," she said. "I see it as cost-saving to bring my own lunch and, number two, it's healthier. The only time I may go out and get something is when I'm running late and don't have time to fix anything. That's the only time."

Lisa Murphy is the executive secretary to the assistant to the president for research and planning at Fayetteville Technical Community College. She brings her lunches from home almost every day. Her favorite meal is a club sandwich complete with turkey, ham, bacon and her favorite condiments. Side items include a bag of baby carrots or another vegetable and Snackwell cookies. When she's not in the sandwich mood, she brings a Lean Cuisine or Healthy Choice meal.

"I first started eating those three years ago because I gained weight. They worked," she said. "I feel that I can do this and sin a little bit at night. But they are really good. Occasionally, I will go out and get a Big Mac, too."

But not often. Murphy hates lunch-time traffic in Fayetteville.

"Eating lunch at my desk is convenient, and I despise going out in lunch-hour traffic," she said. "Fayetteville is a nightmare during lunch hour. You can't do anything. It's easier for me to sit in my office, eat my lunch and have a little down time."

Here are some quick and easy lunchtime favorites that can be prepared the night before, or if time permits, just before leaving for work:

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# LIFE

**A circle** of dwarf crape myrtles frame the fountain and walkway at FTCC's new Advanced Technology Center.

Staff photos by Johnny Horne

# *Bent toward beauty*

home & garden

*Crape myrtles can grow to a height of 12 feet before the weight of blooms bends the plants toward the ground.*

The pruners slide out of the back pocket and the snips and snaps begin.

The first few cuts are tentative. Then a big, sharp whack takes two or three feet of a drooping limb. Before long, a refined lattice of limbs ending in stubs remain.

Every year I prune a cultivated variety of crape myrtle called the Near East that grows in several spots in my back yard.

I usually prune twice: once in the spring to shape the plant and remove small, twiggy growth that will produce poor flowers. I prune again just after peak bloom to try to get the plant to grow more upright.

I seldom choose to do battle with nature. When I do, I lose.

But all gardeners will at some time in their lives, dream up a vision of how a plant should look and grow in their gardens.

And that vision will bear little resemblance to reality.

I want my Near East to have such tall trunks that when the giant flower heads pull the new limbs into a 5-foot nosedive, the flowers still won't reach the ground.

I know that if I water and fertilize less, the blooms will not be so big and heavy. But the big, heavy blooms are exactly what I like.

So every year the pruners come out. And I snip the droopiest limbs and cut back to buds that grow straight up. And I've got one Near East that grows almost 12 feet tall before it begins blooming.

Then, nature takes its course. The blooms come. The rains come. Then the heavy, wet bloom heads — some of which reach more than 2 feet long and a foot across — pull the plant over. And the 12-foot tree becomes a drooping 6-foot shrub.

I don't mind too much. The plant is spectacular. The great heads, solidly packed with flowers, inspire awe in me, even when they hang all the way to the ground. There comes a point in every gardener's life in which the dream exceeds the capacity for self-control. And I admit that Near East is my weak spot. It is the one point where my passion for cooperating with nature disintegrates. Yet Near East remains my favorite of all crape myrtles.

YOUR GARDEN

By Roger Mercer

Crape myrtles have grown exceptionally well this year. In many wet seasons, mildew becomes a serious problem for the shrubby trees. White fuzz covers leaves, which become yellow, then drop.

I've seen little of the problem this year. And there haven't been many aphids, which especially make the plants look ugly. The sticky, sweet, partly digested sap that drips from the rear ends of aphids lands on leaves below. Then sooty mold begins to grow on the drippings. Before

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# She squeezes a last drop of goodness from her job

## Retiring Tally savors her final day in state Senate

By Mark Stinneford
Staff writer

**RALEIGH** — Lura Tally never let herself coast in her last session of the General Assembly.

Many younger colleagues departed long before the conclusion of the state Senate's 17-hour day that ended the 1994 short session.

Tally, 72, who is retiring after 22 years in the General Assembly, worked up until 1:56 a.m. Sunday, when the session closed with the traditional dropping of handkerchiefs by the House and Senate principal clerks.

"It was a long one; I was determined to see it out," said Tally, a Democrat from Fayetteville. "We've always had a lot happen on the last day. A lot of things that have been loose out there you have to watch out for. Most anything can happen."

Tally did allow herself a few moments of reflection and accepted accolades from her peers. But it was largely a business day for Tally, who has become one of the leading champions of environmental issues in the General Assembly.

Tally spent much of her day helping to resolve differences over a bill to help assure financing for the state's erosion control program. Though her last regular session was ending, Tally was planning to keep pressure on the leadership through the remainder of her term to make sure resource conservation issues remain a priority in the legislature.

"When I got to the Senate, it was ultra-conservative on environmental issues and didn't see the need to look at our surface water problems, groundwater problems and to take care of our parks," Tally said. "We've made some headway."

Having a woman as the leading legislative expert on such a significant legislative issue would have been unlikely when Tally got to the General Assembly in 1973.

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> *— Lura Tally, state senator*

Back then, one of the most frequent ways a woman got to the legislature was to be appointed upon the death of her husband, Tally said. There were nine women in the 120-member General Assembly then, 31 today.

"I was the first woman elected from Cumberland County and the first woman from our part of the state," Tally said. "It was something of an oddity at the time. We've made inroads, we're committee chairmen now, we do have more presence. But we do have a group of men who tend to leave a woman out sometimes."

Tally started her legislative career in the state House. Her first floor speech was on the Equal Rights Amendment. That she got the floor at all was something of a coup. She interrupted the remarks of a legislative veteran who was such a gentleman that he would always yield to a lady, Tally said.

The Equal Rights Amendment would never get out of the legislature. But Tally helped women achieve parity in the legislative power structure, said Elaine Marshall, a Democrat from Lillington who has led floor fights on several major bills during her first term.

"Women like Lura, with so much experience and respect, have made it easier for each and every freshman woman who comes along," Marshall said. "She's taken some licks we probably will never have to. They were truly pioneers when a lot of people thought they should be at home having babies instead of being up here."

Tally first ran for the House in a 12-candidate Democratic primary for a five-seat district. She had worked as a guidance counselor and teacher and was angry about what she saw as neglect of education.

She led the ticket in that race as she did in the 10 legislative campaigns that followed. She successfully took on two incumbents in jumping to the Senate in 1983.

Tally has always been willing to compromise on pet issues and once blamed the length of legislative sessions on machismo contests between men lawmakers. But Tally has also been quietly persistent on her pet issues, a doggedness that was mentioned by several senators who rose to praise her on the floor Saturday.

"I just want to thank Sen. Tally for sitting next to me all these years and telling me what to do," joked Sen. Marvin Ward, a Winston-Salem Democrat.

Tally is widely expected to take a job in the Hunt administration next year. She says she'd like to take on a challenge that links both her career skills and favorite issue.

"One thing I'd like to do is work in the area of environmental education because I think our young people need guidance help in learning about our world."

# Diversity sought at colleges

**The board of community colleges is urged to address a system that has virtually shut out women and minorities from the job of campus president.**

BY TIM SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

North Carolina's community colleges don't offer a degree in paleontology, but over time they have created an amazing dinosaur: a power structure virtually devoid of women and minorities.

Of the system's 58 campus presidents, two are black. None are female. It's a situation that can no longer be tolerated, Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker told state educators Friday.

The two minorities, including Phail Wynn at Durham Tech, are the only black presidents the system has ever had. Women have held a president's post three times in the system's 30-year history.

"Given the diversity of our state's population, our record is unacceptable and deplorable," Wicker — a white male who serves as chairman of the State Board of Community Colleges — told board members. "A system that has an open-door policy for students should not close doors to a diverse leadership."

Wicker asked the board to improve diversity among campus presidents. The board's policy committee has already started to collect proposals and is expected to take up the issue in earnest in September.

Few on the board or on the campuses think it will be easy to reverse years of practice and tradition in the state's two-year colleges.

While education is the goal of every campus, park-barrel politics is the reason many exist. Legislators were quick to figure out in the 1960s that building a community college back home was a good way to please voters.

Soon, they started popping up all over the state.

The result was a state system with the second largest number of campuses in the nation. Tying them together is a web of promises and political back scratching that often denies access to outsiders.

Even in communities with large numbers of blacks and women, whites males are repeatedly chosen for one of the best paying jobs in the county. The median pay for presidents is about $85,000 a year, making them the only academics on campus with nationally competitive salaries.

"The search committees are

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**Fayetteville**

Joined with Beaufort , Nash and Stanly community colleges to form consortium funded by DCC grant to train lead faculty in use of Toolbook software in classroom presentations. Sixteen faculty members creating lesson to demonstrate to other faculty how multimedia can enhance teaching. Presentations will be combined into CD-Rom disk for distribution throughout the system.

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## DIVERSITY

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part of the good-old-boy network, so minorities are rarely invited to step up to the interview table," said David Hunter, the dean of Arts and Sciences at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte.

"Nothing is likely to change until the state pushes the local trustees because this system has always worked for them and there is no reason for them to act differently."

More than any other level of the state's education hierarchy, community college trustees are also known for their fierce independence. All but one of the state's 58 campuses were in existence long before the State Board of Community Colleges began operating in 1981.

In many counties, the schools are the cultural center of their communities, and the presidents and local boards of trustees are accustomed to having their way when it comes to campus affairs.

And nothing is more important to trustees than choosing their own campus president.

The lopsided number of white male presidents is underscored by the distribution of women and minorities who work and attend classes on the 58 campuses.

Roughly 25 percent of the system's 760,000 students, for example, are minorities. But minorities make up 10 percent of the schools' faculty and management.

Hunter, the immediate past president of the Southern Regional Council on Black American Affairs, said the number of minorities in faculty and management must be increased if they expect to compete for presidential posts.

> ***'It's going to take a long time. These are community campuses. What you see here are the values and mind sets of North Carolina communities.'***
>
> Neill McLeod
> former Martin Community College president

But experience with women on campus suggests a larger pool alone won't be enough to guarantee diversity.

Females hold about half of the faculty positions and one-third of the management posts. Half of the students are women. But with three female presidents since 1979, it's clear who is favored for the top job.

Neill McLeod, the first woman hired as a community college president at Martin Community College in Williamston, said the numbers can be looked at in several ways.

"The increasing number of women administrators shows the trustees are becoming sensitized to the issue. Some will even say they want more diversity," she said. "They just don't want it in their back yard."

McLeod, who is an associate executive vice president in the state Department of Community Colleges, said part of the problem stems from way the schools were created.

Community colleges established 30 years ago were little more than industrial training centers for agriculture and local industry. High school dropouts and young men were targeted for enrollment.

"That meant men were the only group really qualified to oversee the programs being established," she said.

In some communities, that "old guard" plays a pivotal role in making decisions. On other campuses, the current generation of trustees is directly tied to founding members through family or business contacts.

"It's going to take a long time," McLeod said. "These are community campuses. What you see here are the values and mind sets of North Carolina communities."

The traditions, attitudes and formal structure of the system often forces state board members to resort to moral suasion rather than mandates. Board members, for example, don't directly choose campus presidents.

Instead they get a list of three to seven candidates to approve. Trustees make the final selection.

Wicker and other board members say a direct mandate to diversify would only aggravate the problem and could lead to open rebellion.

"I believe we can reverse this glaring deficiency," Wicker said. "Clearly, this is the right thing for us to do. But we have to keep it positive if we want to make progress."

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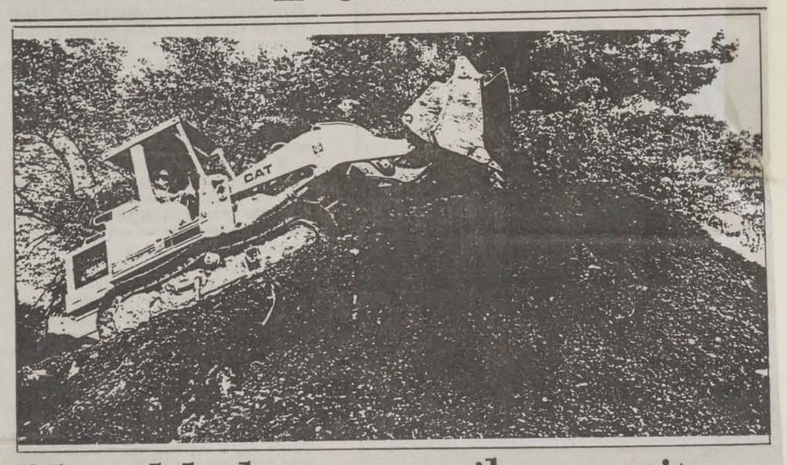
# FORUM




# Should the council permit campus street to be closed?

*Editor's Note:* After last Sunday's Forum question appeared, Fayetteville Technical Community College President Craig Allen phoned to say that any request to close Devers Street, if made at all, will be 10 to 15 years in the future. We believe the question remains a valid one as long as this traffic problem continues, but we are glad to note his clarification here.

## *Only close street if another available*

**By Patti Bentson**
Fayetteville

The answer to whether Devers should be closed is yes, but one shouldn't answer this question without also asking another one: Where is all that traffic supposed to go — the thousands of cars that now go through the FTCC campus?

It is axiomatic that you can find out what traffic needs are by watching where vehicles actually go. More than one new college campus has laid out its sidewalks after letting the students walk where they wanted, and then building sidewalks where the ruts developed.

People cut through the edge of the FTCC campus because there is a need. As a resident of the area, I have done it myself more times than I am proud of.

To cut off Devers without putting through an appropriate alternative street first will dump those thousands of vehicles, some of them anyway, onto Churchill, a narrow, tree-lined street that is ill-equipped to handle them.

I seem to recall hearing that there was an attempt to put through an alternate street some years back, but because one or two homes would have to be moved or razed, such a stink was set up that nothing was ever done.

That's what leadership is about. Come on, city officials. This is yet another of Fayetteville's serious mobility needs that is going unmet. Let's see some initiative. Attack and solve this problem in a way that both improves traffic flow and improves safety for the FTCC campus.

## *FTCC needs room, should move campus*

**By Tom Reaves**
Fayetteville

The University of North Carolina still has a street bisecting its campus (alongside the Old Well) open to automobile traffic — even the pedestrian crosswalks are driver-friendly (unlike the FTCC crosswalks). Why has Carolina — just as concerned about students as the FTCC trustees — never closed its campus to automobile traffic?

It's too bad the Observer-Times isn't a "talkie." If so, the FTCC trustees would be *shouting*. I say that because speechwriters often place a margin note in the speeches they write which goes something like this ... "*point weak here, speak louder.*"

The FTCC trustees would have you believe that they have your best interests at heart here. I mean, let's all worship at the FTCC shrine before the gods get angry. This is a diversion away from the real issue — FTCC needs more room and *it should relocate away* from Devers Street if it wants to fulfill that need. I think mansions need "private roads," but FTCC isn't a mansion yet.

Such an absurd idea as closing Devers Street only drives home the point that this is the kind of thinking that FTCC trustees do. I like Clint Eastwood, but only on the screen. There, the quick draw gets the job done. Making a bad choice to handle a problem may be in vogue, but it's hardly in the interests of homeowners around FTCC.

Why don't we put stop signs every 50 feet like the city does in neighborhoods? That should handle the problem nicely. Seriously, though, let's hope the City Council avoids another poorly thought out traffic solution.

## What do you think?

Here's the question to answer for next Sunday's "Forum":

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# Colleges are spending more on technology equipment

John Holloway works on an independent project as part of computer instruction at Wake Technical Community College that includes a class called "scientific visualization computer graphics."

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BY PAUL COOK
CORRESPONDENT

Achieving the goal of lifelong learning isn't easy when technology keeps changing every day.

Nowhere is the struggle to keep pace more chronic than at the state's community colleges, which could easily find themselves obsolete in computer and technology instruction. The state's 58 community colleges are always searching for the right balance between keeping costs as low as possible and having modern equipment similar to what companies.

"We have several computer labs, and a lot of our money goes to just replace basic PCs, which quickly become outdated or worn out from constant use," says Phail Wynn, president of Durham Technical Community College. "At the same time, we're trying to squirrel away money to buy new, specialized equipment for other programs."

The community college system is essential to many North Carolina companies, especially manufacturers, with specific training needs. The companies that expect to find the necessary equipment and instruction at the local community college probably won't be disappointed, if the system's budget is any indication.

The General Assembly has markedly increased the system's budget for equipment in recent years. Legislators allocated $13.5 million for equipment for the 1994-95 budget year, up from $8.4 million the year before.

## Training workers demands updates

In 1992-93, the equipment budget was $5 million. In 1991-92, no funds were allocated for new technology for the community colleges. Funds are distributed throughout the system based on enrollment.

Even with the additional money, community colleges must make wise choices about where to spend it. Costs generally are too high to get the latest, most powerful computers. But students need access to the same type of equipment that's being used by companies that send workers to the local community college for training.

"We're not trying to replicate entire production labs or manufacturing operations, but we do need a piece of each type of equipment being used," Wynn says. "That costs money, and we just can't provide what every program wants."

One problem community colleges face is the need to spend a part of their equipment budgets on more mundane items.

"Our equipment budget has to serve to replace anything that is worn out, from broken chairs to replacing blackboards," says Bruce Howell, president of Wake Technical Community College.

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# Corporate changes bring more training

**Team-building and diversity training have caught on as employers struggle to deal with the effects of layoffs and restructurings.**

BY MARGOT LESTER GURLEY
CORRESPONDENT

Downsizings, re-engineerings and all the other movements sweeping the corporate world have spawned a huge demand for training in the so-called "soft" skills that are designed to get people working together.

Training in such areas as team-building, diversity and interpersonal skills, despite some misgivings about their effectiveness, are becoming a fixture in many corporate training programs. The reason, training experts and educators say, is that businesses have to find ways to do more with fewer resources.

"Today businesses need to get the most out of their employees," says Ben Rosen, a management professor at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "To do that, they've got to give people the skills to work at their full potential.

"The movement is definitely toward accomplishing work in teams, which requires excellent communication and problem-solving skills. Sensitivity or diversity training is sweeping through business these days as companies attempt to help members of a diverse work force work well together."

The evolution in training is tied to the turbulent business climate. Candid, open and honest communication is considered a crucial element for doing business these days, considering the wave of layoffs that began to engulf companies during the early-1990s economic downturn. Even since the economy has rebounded, however, companies have continued to try to make do with fewer people.

With the tumult has come an increased desire for top management to try to communicate effectively with employees — and to encourage greater communication between workers or teams of employees.

"Communication is the foundation on which so many of the other movements — diversity, team-building — are built," says Eileen Broer, president of the Human Dimension, a Cary training firm.

Subjects covered under the communication umbrella are broad. The most common are listening effectively, giving and receiving feedback, resolving conflict and delivering bad news.

"These topics reflect the totally new paradigms for business today," Broer says. "The courses my clients want now are completely different than what I taught 20 years ago."

One training program that handles business for a variety of Triangle employers centers on trust — a quality that's often in short supply in times of great change, such as a downsizing or restructuring. The Triangle Training Center, a Pittsboro outdoor activity camp, blends classroom training with its 85 team-building activities.

"The first thing lost in a changing environment is trust," says Bill Lipp, the center's president. "We look for ways to reclaim it.

"Factors such as corporate growth or reorganization, changing market conditions and new reporting structures require maximization of human systems," he says. But once a group of workers is organized into a team, and the members begin to work together as a unit, "they are much better equipped to deal with uncertainty and changes, and they understand the unique contributions every member of the team can make."

That's the basis for today's training programs in diversity. But it hasn't been as easy as telling employees they need to accept everyone on the job.

A 1992 survey by the Hay Group, a benefits and compensation consultant, found that only 5 percent of the more than 1,400 participating employers thought they were doing a very good job of managing the diversity of their work forces.

"Diversity training can have a bad name," says Jim Johnson, a professor of geography and business at UNC-Chapel Hill. "There's a view of diversity training as synonymous with affirmative action. It's not. Diversity training is about debunking myths people — in many cases, white males — have."

To do that, Johnson and some others involved in diversity training take a two-pronged approach: Tie diversity to the company's bottom line, and include everyone.

"White males are part and parcel of the diversity fabric," he says. "They should be included in training, rather than victims of it. Use diversity training to maximize the potential and contributions of everyone."

Paul Fulton, dean of the Kenan-Flagler School of Business, has directed faculty and staff to continue developing diversity training, along with interpersonal skills and team-building.

"Diversity is by no means just a human resources issue," he says. "It is a business issue that must become a key element of the way companies manage."

Some Triangle employers are attempting to link specific training programs such as diversity to more broad initiatives. Glaxo Inc., the big Research Triangle Park pharmaceutical company, is in its first phase of diversity training, having started with the sales staff and human resources department. The diversity effort is part of several companywide programs directed toward leadership training and quality.

The goals are straightforward, says Mel Asbury, Glaxo's manager for work force diversity: increased productivity, reduced costs and higher quality.

"We're working to leverage our diversity as an advantage, as a key to entering new markets," he says.

## EVIDENCE THAT TECHNOLOGY IS A GROWTH INDUSTRY

The growth at Tech Resource Group Inc. is evidence of how popular technology-based training is becoming. The computer training firm, founded only a year ago by Larry Laws, has 70 employees at its downtown Raleigh headquarters, where instructor Diane Reynolds teaches Glaxo Inc. employees how to use new laptops. Laws says he plans to hire another 25 employees within the next two months. Tech Resource's customers include pharmaceutical companies such as Glaxo, as well as banks, manufacturers, electric utilities and food distributors.

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## Popular training programs

Job orientation, computer instruction and management education are the three most popular training programs, according to a recent survey by the Society for Human Resource Management. The survey, released in July, includes responses from 913 employers, who reported offering these types of training:

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| Computer literacy/skills | 72 |
| Management development | 71 |
| Supervisory skills | 69 |
| Safety | 68 |
| Communication skills | 61 |
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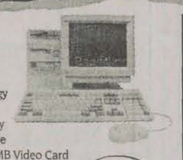

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For the third straight year, 92 percent of graduates looking for jobs in their field of study found them, the school's coordinator for job placement and alumni affairs told trustees on Monday.

Cathy Barkley, who presented the job placement survey, said the number of graduates is growing.

This year, 794 students graduated from FTCC, compared to 720 in 1993. The average starting salary for the 1994 graduates was $20,896, up from $20,616 in 1993.

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## Who's Who?

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***Fayetteville Tech Leads The Way In State-Wide Curriculum Improvement Project***

Businesses across North Carolina have a unique opportunity to make their technology and training needs known to the state's 58 community colleges as the colleges embark on a two-year Information Technologies Curriculum Improvement Project (CIP) as well as a Distance Education Plan. The project involves the production of three major products by fall of 1996. These are:

- An Individual Campus Technology Plan (from each of the 58 community colleges).
- A Statewide Technology Plan (developed from input from individual campus plans), and
- Teaching strategies for instructors utilizing Distance Education facilities.

In July, the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges approved a grant proposal to fund $102,000 each year. Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) was named as the resource, or coordinating, college.

FTCC adopted the text **The Learning Action Plan** by Jan Blatzer as the model for the Curriculum Improvement Project. It recommends a modular approach to planning. The modules that FTCC and the state's other community colleges will address over the next two years are:

1. Identify the college culture and develop strategies based on these cultural types.
2. Identify the communities or "publics" that the college serves.
3. Identify the college's current technology level.
4. Identify ways to align the Technology Plan with the college's existing Strategic Plan.
5. Develop and communicate a common plan and develop strategic principles.
6. Identify and deal with the college's current structure issues.
7. Identify and prioritize a process for implementation of the plan.
8. Develop procedures for feedback and evaluation of the planning process.

All community colleges have named participants for the project, and they meet quarterly to discuss each of the eight modules and the progress being made at each institution.

In addition, the largest statewide Advisory Committee ever is being formed to provide direction to the project. Businesses agreeing to serve on the Advisory Committee include GTE, Sprint Telephone, Bell South, and North Telecom.

For additional information about the Distance Education Curriculum Improvement Project, contact Jim Black at (910) 678-8346 or on the internet at cipdir@ccgo4.faytech.cc.nc.us. Or you may contact your local community college to add your input and help make the North Carolina Community College system one of the most technically up-to-date and effective parts of your community.

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## Applause

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the dean's list for the fall quarter at James Sprunt Community College.

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The following students have been named to the president's list at Fayetteville Technical Community College. To qualify, students must be full-time and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

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**Sophronia Peterson,** 10, left, and Santina Campbell, 9, catch snowflakes at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

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# The Art of TEACHING

## Joe Ontiveros Reaches Out To Students Through His Lessons

*In this issue, Arts Line begins a new monthly spotlight on outstanding Arts Educators in Cumberland County — "The Art of Teaching."*

Students may not be able to pronounce his name, but all Joe Ontiveros has to do is enter a classroom and applause breaks out.

Joe Ontiveras

Ontiveros, known as "Mr. O" to his students, teaches art to kindergartners, first and second graders at Alma O. Easom and Glendale Acres Elementary schools in Fayetteville.

After graduating from UNC-Wilmington, Ontiveros returned to his hometown of Fayetteville to do what he has always enjoyed — working with children and sharing with them the things he loves.

He thinks of himself as a "teacher whose focus is art," as opposed to an "art teacher." He plans closely with his co-workers so that the majority of his lessons integrate with the theme of the units taught by classroom teachers.

"Art lessons can encompass all subjects including math, science, history, and literature," Ontiveros said. "Many people don't realize that or take time to think of the interrelations and develop lessons that integrate the subject areas."

He views what he teaches as reinforcing, reviewing, and extending what is taught in the classroom through other disciplines.

Ontiveros always includes literature in each project because he believes it gives the children a concrete reference point when they start their work. He uses the technique of focus and review to help his young students, enabling them to remember where they left off when projects carry over for two weeks, as they often do in the first and second grades.

"Art isn't fluff or filler," Ontiveros said emphatically. "Art helps build self-esteem because it is an area in which all children can be successful."

His mission is critical, he feels, because he is helping to build a foundation which will support and encourage future learning.

Through his art lessons and method of teaching, Ontiveros helps students develop their communication skills. He teaches them to communicate non-verbally through images and guides them in interpreting the images of others.

He also addresses health and social issues in his projects and lessons. He uses art and literature as a vehicle to teach important lessons about the danger of drugs.

At Glendale Acres Elementary School, his students painted pictorial messages relating their stance against drugs.

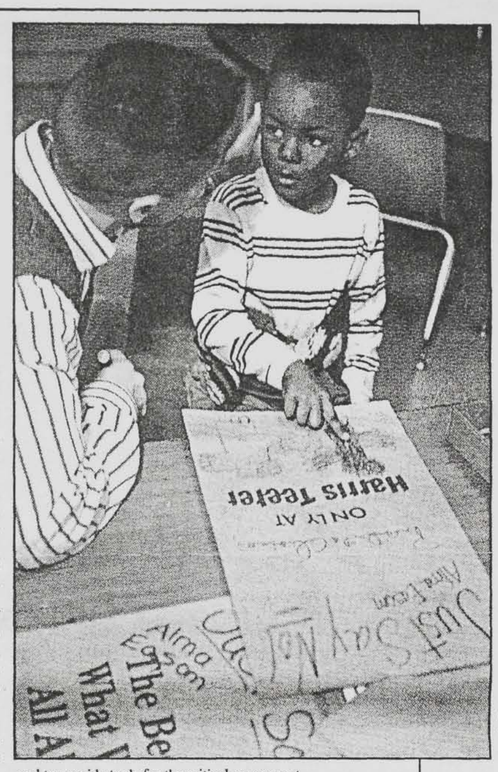
His students at Alma O. Easom Elementary School painted paper bags from a local grocery store which were then returned to the store to package groceries and spread the messages of "Kids Against Drugs" throughout the community.

Ontiveros strives to achieve the four goals of Arts Education as identified by the National Endowment for the Arts in its 1988 publication "Towards Civilization: A Report on ArtsEducation" — "to give our young people a sense of civilization; to foster creativity; to teach effective communication; and to provide tools for the critical assessment of what one reads, sees, and hears."

Ontiveros identifies the lack of space as the most difficult aspect of his work.

"One adjusts to the hectic pace of seven classes a day, five days a week, between two schools. But not having your own space (classroom) and being confined to 'art-on-a-cart' makes you feel as if what you are doing is not considered important." However, the smiles and applause he receives he enters a classroom shows what he does is important.

"It pumps me up! I thrive on their energy and enthusiasm. Seeing the kids truly engaged in the process of learning is one of my greatest joys." Joe Ontiveros was recently chosen as Teacher of the Year at Alma Easom.

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**Joe Ontiveros works with Alma Easom student Daniel Watson on a recent anti-drug art project.**

Season's Greetings from the Arts Council Staff!

## Calling All Super Heroes (a.k.a. Arts Educators)

*Ontiveros goes where no man or woman has gone before!*

With this issue, Joe Ontiveros, passionate area arts educator, became the first teacher to be spotlighted in Arts Line's "Art of Teaching."

He reports it was a painless process. Based on Ontiveros' experience, we now feel utterly secure in encouraging teachers, parents, students, friends and families of innovative Arts Educators to turn them in to Arts Line.

Some of the most creative and charismatic folks around are Arts Educators (a.k.a. Super Heroes). They poke and prod students in the most imaginative ways, encouraging them to discover their own creative spirits.

If you or someone you know are a rare bird among this rare breed, Arts Line wants to know about it. If you are an Arts Educator with ideas to share, we need to hear from you. Or if you know someone who's touching students in a special way through an arts curriculum, tell us about it.

Send your suggestions for "The Art of Teaching" to: Arts Line, P.O. Box 318, Fayetteville, NC 28302, or call 323-1776. Please include name of school(s) where you (or they) are teaching, a brief description of ideas or programs, and daytime and evening contact numbers.

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**Heavy weather**

**Umbrellas have been** a common sight in the Cape Fear region during the past several days. Henry Pulliam makes his way down Fort Bragg Road during one of the frequent spells of rain. The rain is expected to end today.

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Staff photo by Swayne Hall

**Chris Pope,** at the Bordeaux Spa Fitness Center, has lost 20 pounds and resolves to keep it off.

## New Year resolutions often weighty things

**By Bonnie Carlson**
Staff writer

Angela Trimm is one of those rare people who make New Year's resolutions each year and keep them.

This year, she's resolved to get her college degree. She plans to study criminal justice at Fayetteville Technical Community College between baby-sitting jobs and caring for her 3-month-old.

"I try to set goals for myself each year," Trimm said.

Two years ago, her goal was to get her high school general equivalency diploma.

Four years ago, she resolved to move from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to Fayetteville to be closer to her father. She did that, too.

Several times, she has promised to lose weight.

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## Resolutions

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That's a common resolution for many people because even those who meet their goal often regain the pounds.

Karen Evans, manager of For Women Only Fitness Center, said enrollment at the club rises every January.

"This is the fitness center's Christmas," she said, then laughed.

Weight gain over the holidays and approaching spring weather are among the reasons that so many people begin battling the bulge each year.

"That combination makes it a time when people look at themselves" more critically, Evans said. "If we didn't like the way we looked last year and we don't do anything about it, the next year we're going to be looking at the same thing, maybe even plus some."

Sue Gilbreathe, manager of the Bordeaux Spa Fitness Center, said membership there increases about 30 percent this time of year.

Most new members said they're trying to lose weight for the new year. "I would say we lose a lot of people in the spring and summertime and during the holiday season, and then a lot of them come back this time of year," Gilbreathe said.

Other weight-loss programs benefit from New Year's resolutions.

Michelle Wissemann, a spokesman for Nutri-System Weight Loss Center, said enrollment in Nutri-System programs climbed significantly in January.

"Certainly, this is the time of year that people start thinking about losing weight " she said. "The average person gains about 5 to 10 pounds between Thanksgiving and Christmas."

Harriett Marshall said she used to make New Year's resolutions each Jan. 1.

"The biggest one would be weight," Marshall said. "I'm going to be at my high-school weight this year, or something ridiculous."

Ronald Flint said he never makes New Year's resolutions. "I'm just not a holiday person," he said. "I don't care about stuff like that."

Others, like Trimm, continue to set new goals each year.

Fayetteville Mayor J.L. Dawkins said he has two resolutions this year for the city.

He said he's determined to get work started on three recreation centers, as well as getting a new police station started.

On a personal note, he said, "I'm going to try to spend a little more time with the family, particularly the grandchildren."



# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Staff photo by Johnny Horne

**New Fayetteville** Tech Director of Continuing Education Carrie Heffney

## Back to basics

### Heffney helps adults claim a second chance

**By Jeffery Womble**
Saturday Extra Editor

Carrie McKethan Heffney has the look of someone who cares.

She sits in the office of marketing and communications at Fayetteville Technical Community College wearing a navy blue outfit with a matching scarf tied around her neck. A smile is nearly always visible as she talks about her new job as director of the Basic Skills Program at FTCC.

"My first real work experience was with adult education," Heffney said. "I was curious to know more about this field of work. I wanted to give to the adults who were returning to school and help them face the challenges of tomorrow."

If experience is acriterionfor her work, Heffney has plenty of it. Heffney has been involved in basic skills programs for 19 years. She started as a part-time instructor teaching adult basic education and graduate equivalency diploma classes at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst. She later received a full-time position teaching GED courses. During that time she was asked to serve as a supervisor in adult education.

"I was pulled out of the class and asked to coordinate the Basic Skills Program for Hoke and Moore counties," she said. "In 1987, I was asked to become director for the Basic Skills Program at Sandhills Community College."

In her role as director at Sandhills, she came in constant contact with adults returning to school after being out for sometimes years. Her role at FTCC is similar.

"You have to have a knowledge of the program," Heffney said. "You have to love it and be genuinely concerned about the customers we serve which is our students. You have to keep in touch with trends and political changes in an effort to do what is best for the students. Being proactive allowed me to keep the program focused and not be knocked down by change."

Heffney relies heavily on her knowledge of basic skills to educate adults who are often reluctant about going back to school. She also depends on a qualified staff to aid her in that cause.

"I know the type of people I have to hire," she said. "The people who work with me know they are not teaching children and neither are they teaching one subject. They had to be just as flexible for change as I was."

Working with adults in a classroom setting is different than working with children or teens, Heffney said.

"We have to take students and teach them how to think, apply and transfer the knowledge," she said. "We have to teach them problem-solving skills ... the skills needed to function in the workplace."

Additionally, it's the responsibility of adult basic educators to make the public aware of the programs and opportunities available to non-traditional students, Heffney said.

"One of the first things I have been working on is the marketing of basic skills ... making sure the community understands the programs and the services the Basic Skills Program offers. Marketing goes beyond the tabloid. The best marketing tools are in the classrooms — the students. They are our biggest sales people. We have to make sure they have a positive experience in the classroom."

Heffney said another goal is staff development. In order for educators to function properly in the classroom, they have to be aware of the most up-to-date teaching methods. She also wants to be more visible in the community.

"I'm concerned about serving the rural community of Cumberland County," she said. "We currently have a lot of classes in Cumberland County. I must actually drive in those areas and get a feeling of what's there. I did that when I was at Sandhills and I'm excited about bringing that same energy here at home."

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# LESSON 10

**MATH**

Word Problems: Read each problem competely and solve.

1. A mill produces bolts of a certain size. Quality control standards allow the size of the bolts to vary, but none may be more than 15 ten-thousandths of an inch larger than the standard. Bolts that do not meet the standard are rejected. If *b* represents the size of the bolt being measured and *s* represents the desired size, which formula should be used to determine which bolts should be rejected?
(1) b = s + .0015
(2) b = s - .0015
(3) b = s + .015
(4) b = s - .015
(5) b = .0015

*Item 2 refers to the following table.*

**Babies Born During One Week at Doctors Hospital**

| Day | Boys | Girls |
|---|---|---|
| Sunday | 5 | 2 |
| Monday | 0 | 8 |
| Tuesday | 6 | 7 |
| Wednesday | 4 | 4 |
| Thursday | 8 | 1 |
| Friday | 2 | 0 |
| Saturday | 7 | 9 |

2. According to the table, what was the average number of babies born per day?
(1) 4
(2) 5
(3) 7
(4) 8
(5) 9

3. One share of Brite Lighting, Inc. stock sold on Monday for 13 3/8. Tuesday, it was down 1/2. Wednesday it was up 5/8. Thursday, it was down 1/4. What was the closing price of the stock on Thursday?
(1) 12 7/8
(2) 13 1/4
(3) 13 5/8
(4) 14 1/4
(5) 14 1/2

4. The Nelsons are planning a two week cross-country automobile trip. If they drive at an average speed of 53 miles per hour and drive 8 hours each day, how many miles will they travel altogether?
(1) 112
(2) 424
(3) 848
(4) 2968
(5) 5936

5. Jeff and Sally are planning the spring planting for their farm. Crops will be planted on 360 acres and will include twice as many acres of soybeans as wheat and three times as many acres of corn as wheat. Which equation should be used to determine the correct acreage for each crop? *(w = the number of acres of wheat to be planted.)*
(1) w - 5 = 360
(2) w + 5 = 360
(3) w + 2w + 3w = 360
(4) 3w - (2w + w) = 360
(5) (3w) (2w) (w) = 360

6. In a recent gas-mileage test, the car that had the best gas mileage averaged 56 miles per gallon. That was 7 miles less than 5 times the mileage of the car that had the worst gas mileage. What was the mileage of the worst car?
(1) 3.5
(2) 5.6
(3) 9.2
(4) 11.2
(5) 12.6

7. In July 1986, scientists estimated that the world's population had reached 5 x 10 **ninth power** persons. Which of the following numbers does that equal?
(1) 45
(2) 50
(3) 500,000,000
(4) 4,500,000,000
(5) 5,000,000,000

**WRITING**

**Introduction to Writing as a Process**

Now that you have practiced personal writing in Lesson 7, the next step is to learn how to write for others, specifically for Part II of the Writing Skills Test. This lesson teaches a process approach to writing essays. With this process you generate and organize ideas, write an essay, and then revise and edit it. The result is an effective essay.
Writing essays can be as simple as personal writing if you follow this step-by-step process. The process works for any topic you write about.

**The five steps in the writing process**

**1. Generate ideas**
Use brainstorming or clustering to generate ideas about your essay topic.
**2. Organize ideas**
Select the most appropriate ideas to support your point of view or opinion.
Decide how to arrange your ideas for your audience (the reader).
Decide which examples best support your point of view.
Decide which examples to present first, second, and so on.
**3. Write essay**
Put your ideas in sentences and paragraphs following the organization you planned.
**4. Revise essay**
Make sure that your point of view or opinion is stated clearly and that your examples support your point of view.
Add information needed for clarity.
Remove information that is not needed.
**5. Edit essay**
Correct errors in usage, sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

**Writing an Essay**
**Steps in writing an essay**

1. In the opening paragraph, state your central point of view about the topic immediately. Then give your reasons for your point of view.
2. In the second, third, and following paragraphs, develop supporting examples to explain each of the reasons for your point of view.
3. In the final paragraph, restate and explain why you hold your central point of view.

**TOPIC**

Many employers now offer alternatives to the traditional workweek, such as working part-time, working at home, and working flexible hours. Decide which type of work schedule you would pick if you had the choice. Write a composition of about 200 words explaining why this option would be best for you. Be specific, and use reasons or examples in your explanation.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

*Items 1 to 5 are based on the following information*

Listed below are three types of political systems with brief descriptions of how power is distributed in them.

**1. Monarchy:** One person, the monarch, rules the country. The monarch usually inherits power and rules for life. In an *absolute* monarchy, the ruler has all of the power. In a *constitutional* monarchy, the ruler's power is limited by laws. In some countries, the monarch has no power at all. In these countries, the monarch is a symbol, rather than a real ruler.

**2. Democracy:** All qualified citizens have some say in how the country is run. In a *direct* democracy, the people vote on every law. In a *representative* democracy, citizens elect people to represent them. These representatives then vote on the laws.

**3. Dictatorship:** One person takes total control of a country. The dictator has power over all laws and economic matters. Dictators also try to control people's beliefs and values. People are usually not allowed to criticize the government.

1. A head of state wanted his policies to be carried on after his death. To assure that, he carefully directed his children's education. He was most likely head of what type of government.
(1) absolute monarchy
(2) constitutional monarchy
(3) direct democracy
(4) representative democracy
(5) dictatorship

2. After the government of a certain country is overthrown, the leader of the revolution arrests the country's elected representatives and potential opposition leaders. He decares himself the sole head of the government. He then takes control of the nation's telelvision stations and closes down its newspapers. Which of the following names the type of political system the leader has set up?
(1) absolute monarchy
(2) constitutional monarchy
(3) direct democracy
(4) representative democracy
(5) dictatorship

3. The United States is an example of which type of political system?
(1) absolute monarchy
(2) constitutional monarchy
(3) direct democracy
(4) representative democracy
(5) dictatorship

4. Under which system would the people be most responsible for the laws enacted?
(1) absolute monarchy
(2) constitutional monarchy
(3) direct democracy
(4) representative democracy
(5) dictatorship

5. Great Britain has which of the following kinds of government?
(1) absolute monarchy
(2) constitutional monarchy
(3) direct democracy
(4) representative democracy
(5) dictatorship

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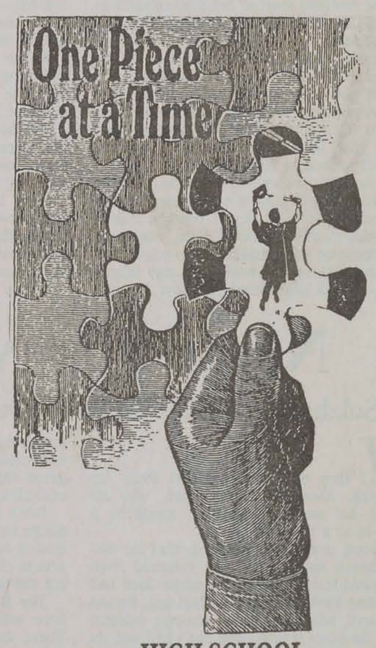


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*— Jan Baltzer*

back to the technological forces pushing IT organizations out from their cubicles, but also to "the new management philosophies about team approaches to things about customer satisfaction."

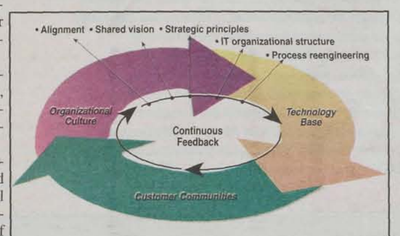
In fact, the plan need not apply primarily to information technology, Baltzer asserts, saying the planning process could apply to anything.

CAUSE Publications Director Julia Rudy says that even though the plan is community college-based, "it was done as something to basically help all of higher education do better strategic planning for information resources."

Larry Johnson, associate director for the League for Innovation, agreed that TLAP was the preeminent blueprint for information technology planning.

"There have been guidelines published by the League for library and media automation, instructional computing and instructional effectiveness that incorporate aspects of that," said Johnson, "but The Learning Action Plan is the first time that it has been specifically strategic action planning in the context of technology institution-wide. It is something new: instead of focusing on a part of the college, it focuses on the entire college."

And Johnson sees a need for that breadth "simply because the integration of technology in the community college is so pervasive now that [this is] the only reasonable approach to take. You cannot really view technology anymore as separate from the core activities of the college."




The Learning Action Plan Model

SOURCE: The Learning Action Plan, *Published by The League for Innovation and CAUSE.*

*Taskforce Input*

Baltzer laid the groundwork for the plan with the help of Ron Bleed, Maricopa's vice chancellor of information technologies.

Baltzer and Bleed spent the 1992-93 school year meeting with various technology user groups and interest groups throughout the college system — with more than 500 individuals — in developing the original Maricopa IT Learning Action Plan, which became the basis for an overhaul of the district's computer systems.

Then when the League and CAUSE adopted the project, they formed a taskforce of IT managers from a cross-section of cutting edge North American community colleges, who held an "electronic roundtable" on the Internet to further refine Maricopa's basic principles.

Rudy explained that the taskforce "was trying to be representative because when you do take a specific campus and try to turn it into the conceptual blueprint kind of document, you are looking for more than one campus' view."

TLAP has numerous examples from taskforce member colleges of how they implemented related ideas. For instance, Chemeketa Community College in Salem, OR, created an Information Technology Group, which cuts across organizational boundaries to foster cooperation.

One taskforce member was Gary Wenger, executive director for Computing and Information Systems at College of Du Page in Glen Ellyn, IL. Wenger says he wasn't following any particular organizational model in coming up with the college's annually updated three-year technology document or its information technology fee that is paying for a campus-wide "enterprise network" and open-ended infrastructure.

Still, Wenger echoes some of TLAP's tenets when he states his own planning principles: "It is important to have the proper resources to support staff in order to support the technology you are installing."

Baltzer agreed: "You can buy all the hardware in the world and if you don't focus on the people and the processes, it does not matter." ▲

SOURCE: The Learning Action Plan, *Published by The League for Innovation and CAUSE.*



# The Learning Action Plan: Focusing on People and Strategic Planning Processes

*by Mitch Gitman*

It could be the most complicated, expensive and risky set of decisions that needs to be made in the running of higher education institutions. And yet, not until this year has a model for strategic planning for information technology gained currency among community colleges.

This gap was filled with the release of a booklet called "The Learning Action Plan" (TLAP), prepared by the League for Innovation in the Community College together with CAUSE, the association for managing and using information technology in higher education.

The booklet's title was the brainstorm of Jan Baltzer, director of computing and communications for the Maricopa Community College District. Baltzer believes that colleges have yet to really apply strategic planning to their information technology decisions.

"The old IT (information technology) strategic plan usually contains things like, 'We're going to upgrade our mainframe, we're going to upgrade our applications... we're going to replace this, we're going to replace that.'"

While Baltzer says that "there's nothing strategic about buying hardware," he argues that "there is something very strategic about planning what you are going to do with the hardware."

For this reason, Baltzer shifts the emphasis in planning "to improving processes, and then using technology to support those processes." In large part, that means the IT department, and the institution for that matter, must become less centralized, less hierarchal, more flexible, more responsive."

*"It is important to have the proper resources to support staff in order to support the technology you are installing."*

*— Gary Wenger*

Baltzer says the traditional IT organization plan had been insular to the point that "it really wasn't useful to anyone outside the technology organization because it told everybody what we were going to do from a technology standpoint, but not what we were going to do for them. It didn't relate it to the rest of the institution."

*Desktop Power*

In contrast, "The thrust of the TLAP model is a [blueprint] for information technology survival in the 1990s and into the next century...we have to be more externally focused, and we need to be more in line with the overall mission and goals of our institutions."

Baltzer believes changing technologies are forcing that shift: "In the 1970s and 1980s, when there weren't a lot of personal computers out on desktops, we controlled the technology and we could afford to be insular. Now, there is as much computing power on some desktops as there used to be in some computer centers. And everybody is an expert."

Already, TLAP's model has been adopted by the North Carolina Community College System.

Jim Black, a business administration instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College, is also director of a new IT project of the state Department of Community Colleges, whose first goal is to assist each of the state's 58 two-year colleges in devising their own strategic technology plan.

"We had to look around and find a model, and that is how we got hooked up with The Learning Action Plan," Black explains. In particular, he liked its step-by-step approach, which fits ideally into a series of workshops he organized that are offered concurrently in three regions of the state.

"It all makes sense, if you do what she recommends in there and you work through the modules and work through the process," he says.

The project, funded by Carl Perkins vocational monies, will also handle implementation of the new North Carolina Information Highway, which provides video teleconferencing facilities at various sites across the state, as well as other forms of remote education.

Says Black: "That is one of those information technologies that's got to be integrated into the plan."

*Wider Focus*

TLAP calls for IT departments to interact with the spectrum of the college's constituencies through focus groups, project teams, surveys, teleconferences, briefings and retreats/workshops.

Baltzer attributes that appetite for feed-

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# Hackley: Community colleges need to educate — not lobby

**RALEIGH** (AP) — The community college system doesn't need to lobby, it needs to educate, new system President Lloyd "Vic" Hackley told the state board Friday, just days before the General Assembly convenes.

"My view of lobbying is that we don't lobby," said Hackley, who became president of the system two weeks ago after leaving as chancellor of Fayetteville State University. "My staff won't use that word and I hope you will eradicate it from your vocabulary."

Instead, Hackley urged the state board, local college officials and everyone connected with the system to tell everyone they meet every day of the year "how critical this educational enterprise is to the state of North Carolina."

The community college campuses have been told to cut $1.2 million from their budgets, and the central administration $250,000,

**Hackley**: must cut $1.2 million from budget

Hackley told the board. The reductions were ordered by Gov. Jim Hunt to help pay for the $483 million tax cut he has proposed.

Hackley said grass-roots discussions would help lawmakers "understand when they cut our budget by $1.2 million, they are cutting out people we could serve. We don't need to talk about dollars; we need to talk about people."

He said the system's priority will be training new workers for jobs and helping existing workers upgrade their skills.

"Sometimes the airwaves out there are so dominated by degree holders that we forget 82 percent of our people did not go to college," Hackley said.

While the state's population is predicted to grow by 10 percent in the next decade, the number of jobs is expected to grow by 15 percent. That provides a great opportunity for the state, he said.

"But if we cannot provide an educated work force for them, these companies will simply import them," he said.

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# Education Notes

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Barbara Copeland**, director of Public Relations and Marketing at Fayetteville Technical Community College, has been elected to a two-year term as District II director of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. The district includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

■ **Shawn Hong**, a senior at Westover Senior High, has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference Jan. 31 to Feb. 5 in Washington, D.C.

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

### TODAY

■ Geography Bee, College Lakes Elementary, 9 a.m.

■ J.W. Coon Elementary Skate night, J.W. Coon Elementary, Bordeaux Skating Rink, 5:30 p.m.

■ Attention Deficit Disorder parent workshop, Lillian Black Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

■ PTA meeting, Manchester Elementary, 7 p.m.

■ PTA meeting, Lloyd Auman Elementary, 7 p.m.

■ "Great Expectations television show, cable channel 10, 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY

■ Attention Deficit Order parent workshop, Lillian Black Elementary, 9 a.m.

■ Community meeting with Fayetteville Traffic and Transportation departments, Alma Easom Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

■ Financial Aid workshop, Pine Forest Senior High, 7 p.m.

■ "Great Expectations" television show, cable channel 10, 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY

■ Schools closed for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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SUNDAY

# THE MAN, THE LAND AND THE END OF AN ERA

**After three decades of public life, Bob Scott retires to the community that defined him.**

BY TIM SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

**HAWFIELDS**

Little gray stones crackle beneath the tires of Bob Scott's car as he pulls into the driveway of Hawfields Presbyterian Church. It's less than a mile from the whine of traffic on Interstate-85 to the small gravel lot, but to Scott it's part of another world.

The people racing up and down the highway have somewhere to be, somewhere to go — right now. Looking over the dashboard, Scott stares at the church and the fields beyond and sees the places he has been.

It has been a long trip for the son of one of North Carolina's best known political families. Lieutenant governor, governor, federal appointee, president of the state's community college system. For more than 30 years Scott has spent his life in some form of public service — just like his father, his uncle and his grandfather.

In December he'll close out that career. After running the country's second-largest system of community colleges for the past 11 years, Scott is retiring to Hawfields.

It will mark the end of an era in North Carolina — not only for the Scott family but for Tar Heel politics.

In an age of television attack commercials and millionaires who win seats without ever holding office, Scott is the last of a dying breed. A farmer turned politician, he learned from his family to gather votes by driving to local Grange halls and dusty county fairs.

People have won[illegible] the son of a governor did out loud why whiz kid didn't move b[illegible] a political Carolina. At 39, he was [illegible]d North younger than his father, [illegible]4 years when he reached the Executive Mansion in 1969.

But Scott is uncomfortable wh[illegible] strays from Hawfields for long. Although his father went on to beco[illegible] a U.S. senator, Scott never felt that kind of pull toward national politics.

"Whatever I accomplished — and whatever I failed at — can probably be traced back to the beliefs and morals that were shaped here in Hawfields," Scott said. "All the great events in my life happened here. This church, along with my family and this community, defined me."

It is fitting then that Scott and Hawfields should move on together. More a collection of families than a place on the map, the Hawfields that Scott remembers is giving way to progress.

The dozen dairy farms have dwindled to two. Names like Covington, Turner and Bason don't mean so much anymore. To the people who rush along I-85, Hawfields is little more than a place to buy gas or grab a bite at the nearby KFC.

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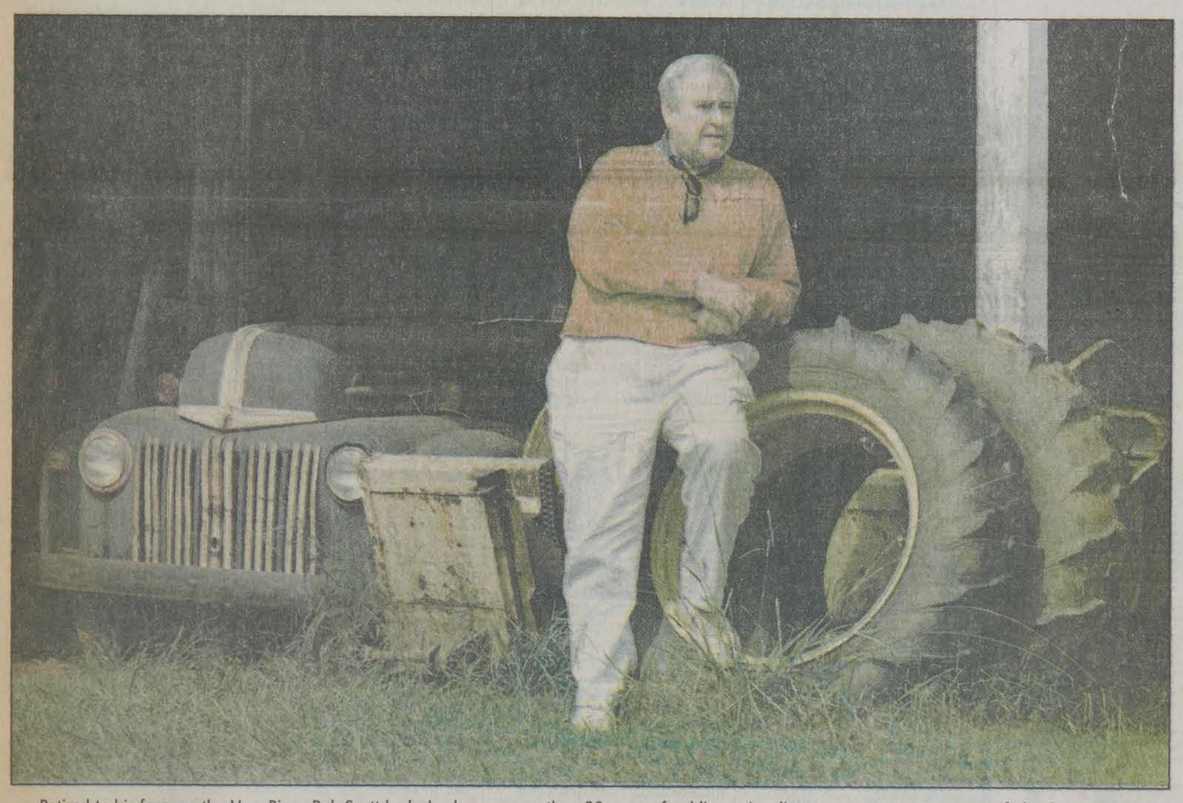

Retired to his farm on the Haw River, Bob Scott looks back over more than 30 years of public service: lieutenant governor, governor, federal appointee, president of the state's community college system. It's a family tradition he inherited from his father, his uncle and his grandfather.
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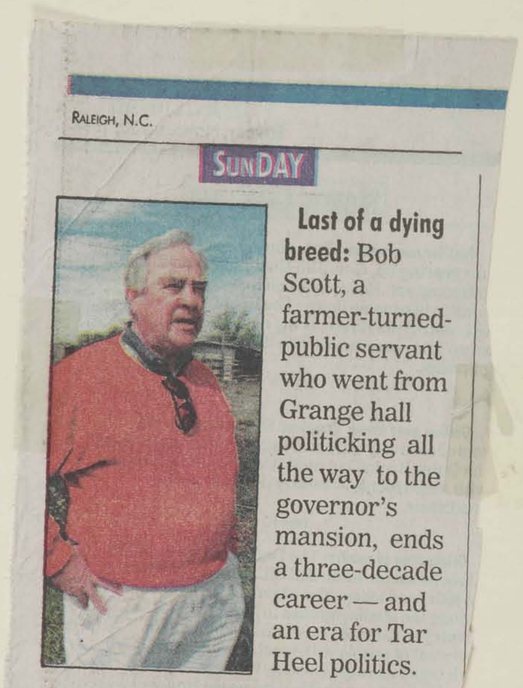

RALEIGH, N.C.
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**Last of a dying breed:** Bob Scott, a farmer-turned-public servant who went from Grange hall politicking all the way to the governor's mansion, ends a three-decade career — and an era for Tar Heel politics.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** O-T 2-9

**Black History Celebration.** Fayetteville Technical Community College presents a program titled "African-American Heritage: The Road Ahead" at 7 p.m. in the Cumberland Hall Auditorium. The program includes the Fayetteville Black Civic Chorus and the guest speaker will be the Rev. Garfield Warren of College Heights Presbyterian Church. The program is free and open to the public. Information: 678-8246.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

■ Fayetteville Technical Community College has received a $50,000 state grant to implement the state's Information Highway project. FTCC was one of 117 sites selected.

■ Two Fayetteville State University
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LOCAL

# College plans program to teach leadership skills

## Center to be named for Tally, longtime legislator

**By Scott Mooneyham**
Staff writer

For two decades, Lura Tally has been a fixture of Cumberland County politics.

Now, her name will be a fixture for Methodist College students for years to come.

On Tuesday, Methodist College announced the creation of the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development to improve students' leadership skills. The announcement was made at a luncheon held on the Methodist College campus.

Tally, who served for 20 years in the North Carolina legislature before deciding not to seek re-election last year, said it is an honor to have such a program named for her.

"Most important is having the mentors, the role models, in our faculty and representatives who inspire us," Tally said. "I think so often as, young people we don't have that confidence. In many of our lives, there were those mentors who gave us that confidence."

The leadership center, the brainchild of Methodist professor and Fayetteville City Council member Suzan Cheek, will accept about 30 students in the fall. In four years, the program will have around 120 students enrolled.

**Tally:** 'Most important is having the mentors.'

Students who take part in the program will take a concentration of courses in leadership development and participate in leadership conferences and community service projects. Community leaders will take part in forums with the students.

Joseph Doll, director of the division of Business and Economics in the Reeves School of Business at Methodist, said the leadership center will offer students enrolled in the business school a chance to separate themselves from their peers at other schools.

"Students are looking around for ways that they make a difference, as well as have ways to give themselves a marketability that others don't have," Doll said. "We believe that the Lura Tally Center for Leadership can do that for many students."

The program will be open to students from all disciplines, not just business students. Gayle Harrigfeld, president of the school's History and Political Science Club, said the center can help all Methodist students.

"We feel the program will increase the quality of education at Methodist College," Harrigfeld said.

And she said Tally has left a legacy for all students at the school to emulate.

"It is not just a name she is giving us, but a lifetime of achievement."

## SCOTT

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When an eight-lane highway cuts through an old farming community like this, Scott knows what happens next: The heart of the place changes.

As a populist governor in the early 1950s, Kerr Scott rarely missed a chance to point out the link between pavement and progress. When Bob Scott held the same office 20 years later, he stole that page from his father's book and urged the state to push on with new construction.

Today that progress is steadily chipping away at the land that provided a home and a haven for generations of Scotts. Like his neighbors, Scott has been forced to sell farmland he couldn't afford to keep.

The irony isn't lost on the man who spent his early years running the family dairy farm.

"Another 15 years and most of this will be gone," Scott said with a wave toward the farmland. "There's no stopping it, I suppose."

It doesn't seem all that long ago to Scott that he felt he could stop — or start — anything he pleased.

He's a bear of a man with broad shoulders and meaty hands. Many find him imposing until an easy grin breaks across his face and his eyes crease at the corners.

Growing up on the eastern edge of Alamance County, Scott thought of Hawfields and the world as almost one and the same. His family's history — a rich past that reaches back more than 200 years — was one of hard work and success.

When he was sent off to school, it was the same room where his parents had attended classes.

With her father and mother, Jessie Rae, Jan Scott tries on her dad's top hat at his inaugural parade Jan. 3, 1969.

When he moved to the larger school down the road, he met a girl named Jessie Rae Osborne — his future wife. After graduating from N.C. State University, he returned to the farm and found he knew plenty to keep the dairy running.

He remembers the setbacks, but they never really shook his confidence. His first years in college, for example, were spent at Duke. He wanted to become a doctor.

"There was nothing wrong with that plan at all except for organic chemistry," Scott explained. "I flunked it — twice."

And he was a bit surprised the first time he proposed to Jessie Rae and she turned him down.

"I had loaned her some money to finish college and she told me she wasn't going to marry any man she owed money to, so that was that," Scott recalled.

But by the time he turned 21, Scott was running the family farm, had married Jessie Rae and was visiting his father at the Executive Mansion, where Kerr Scott was in the middle of a four-year term.

It wasn't until after his father died in 1958 that Scott thought seriously about politics. He remembers sitting around the house with reporters who had come out to the farm for the annual dove hunt that Kerr used to host. Talk eventually turned to who in the family might take Kerr's place in politics. Someone mentioned "young Bob."

"A short item ran in the papers a day or so after that — I mean really short — and I got about three letters and two phone calls asking if I was serious," Scott recalled. "So I took that as a mandate and hopped in the car to start campaigning."

The campaign eventually became a run for the lieutenant governor's job — a novel idea given that lieutenant governor is where politicians ended their careers in those days rather than starting them.

But in 1964 Scott became the youngest lieutenant governor in the state's history, serving under Dan Moore. He rested his eyes on the governorship.

"It never occurred to me that I might actually lose any of these races or I don't know that I would have jumped in like that," Scott said as he stood in the front yard of his late father's home. "You're young — you figure you're invincible — so you just do it."

That belief, grown and nurtured on the soil of Hawfields, drove Scott through his term as governor from 1969 to 1973. From the start he fashioned himself as the populist politician. Frank, stubborn and loyal to a fault, he cobbled together an impressive list of accomplishments.

In those four years, Scott and the Legislature pushed through the plan that created the University of North Carolina system, started public kindergarten, passed the state's first tobacco tax, and reorganized an unwieldy conglomeration of 300 government agencies and departments into the government structure that is still used today.

They were heady times for Scott. He was making the family proud. He was continuing the family legacy. And when he needed extra political muscle, he could always lean on Ralph Henderson Scott — Uncle Ralph to him.

A power broker in the Legislature, Uncle Ralph rarely failed his nephew. In return, he would invite himself into the governor's office with a list of chores he wanted done — a job for a friend or a road somewhere that needed paving. In Hawfields, family members counted on one another to help out when needed, and Uncle Ralph wasn't going to let his nephew's title get in the way of past practice.

But Scott's ties to Hawfields prepared him poorly for the years that followed the governorship. Governors were limited to one term of four years, and Scott soon found himself wandering from one small political assignment to another.

Russell Clay, a longtime friend of the Scott family and Scott's speech writer during his term as governor, calls it Bob's time in the desert.

Scott says simply: "I was a bit lost."

Too young to retire at age 43, he soon found he had little idea what former governors were supposed to do if they didn't wish to return to dairy farming. Eventually, he began working for Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign and later landed a job in Washington as federal co-chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

He hated it.

"It was an important job, but I didn't like anything about it, to tell you the truth," Scott said. "I didn't like living in an apartment. I didn't like Washington. I didn't like the bureaucracy. It wasn't me at all." So after two years — of which he returned every weekend to Hawfields — he resigned.

Hawfields was still largely the same when Scott returned, but the world of politics was quickly changing. It was the late 1970s and Jim Hunt was in office. He wanted a second term in office — badly.

In 1977, he persuaded voters to approve a constitutional change that allowed governors to serve two consecutive terms.

The change irked Scott so much he decided to run against Hunt in the Democratic primary.

"I was opposed to two terms and I thought, 'Well, let's let the people speak on that.' " Scott said. "Well, they did and I lost.

"I failed to see how much things had changed in that short period of time I was in Washington. Television was much more important. That old handshaking at the mill gate was out. You did a little of it just to show you weren't above doing it, but it was ineffective."

"And because television was so much more important, raising the money to finance that kind of campaign with media costs and consultants required you spend an inordinate amount of time raising money."

Suddenly, it no longer mattered that Bob Scott was Kerr Scott's son. It no longer mattered that he knew every Grange hall in the state or was warmly welcomed in dozens of church basements.

The idea of running a tightly focused, aggressive campaign was a bit foreign to a fellow who preferred rambling, folksy stories. The age of 30-second sound bites had little use for someone who used to win as many votes with humor as he did with rhetoric.

"Maybe two-thirds of the way through the campaign, I realized it was a lost cause," Scott said. "I

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TODAY AND SUNDAY

## CALENDAR

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**Addy winners:** Student winners of awards by the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation were, front row from left: Robert Cuevas, Stephanie Mackey, Deborah Daugherty and Keith Owen. Second row: Chris West, Randy Varner, Nanette Chism, Ramona DeWitt, Cindy Vos, D. Row, Lee Brandon, Brian Soles, Paul Oberlies and Carey Bryant.



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don't have any regrets except that I'm still amazed at my own stupidity. I guess I still felt a little bit like I did when I was younger. It never occurred to me that I could get beat."

It also never occurred to him that he couldn't return to farming. His father had always told him to hang on to the land so he'd have something to fall back on. But when he started toying with the idea of running a full-time farm again, he found his first critic in his wife, Jessie Rae.

"My wife kept telling me, 'You can't keep farming just because your daddy and your granddaddy did. It's not the same anymore.' Well I was so busy running around all over the state looking after everybody's business but my own that I had failed to see that. I finally had to get out."

The beliefs and truths that served generations of Scotts somehow seemed to be falling short this time. Hawfields and the world were no longer one.

For a few years, Scott tried his hand at public relations and legislative lobbying. But the former governor found it awkward at best.

He also was stung when he lost a chance to run the community college system in 1978. He was an early favorite for the job, but the opportunity slipped away during a last-minute round of political jockeying among members of the State Board of Community Colleges.

Many at the time pointed a finger at Hunt, saying he scuttled Scott's chance to climb back into public service. But Scott doubts that story is true. He's more inclined to believe it was anxious staff members and special interests who still viewed him as a political threat.

"Jim Hunt's family and my family go back a long time," Scott said. "They were farmers. We were farmers. Somewhere here I have a picture of Jim Hunt in diapers and me in knee britches."

The picture is hardly some political fluke — two public servants who just happened to cross paths as little boys. In those days it was a long trip between the Hunt farm and the western part of the state. For the Hunt family, it was only natural to stop at the Scott farm along the way.

When the boys grew up, it wasn't unusual to find the two of them at the same meeting of young Democrats.

"No, my second run for governor wasn't enough to make Jim Hunt block my appointment," Scott said. "He wasn't going to lobby for me, but he wouldn't block it."

Unwilling to accept another public rejection, Scott quietly let it be known he would like the job when it came open again in 1983. This time he was an easy winner.

For the next 11 years he commuted back and forth to Hawfields — one hour each way from Raleigh.

As president of the community colleges, Scott had a job that played to his strengths. He was asked to build public support for the system and make it an equal partner with the public schools and universities.

The charge took him back to meeting halls and legislative offices where he could push for a cause he believed in. When he wanted to build support for a campus, he would drive there. Two years ago, he visited each of the state's 58 colleges to strengthen ties and bring attention to their work.

It meant spending hours on mountain roads, highways and two-lane hardtops that pass through tiny crossroad towns.

Scott was a happy man.

Most agree that his work helped turn the community colleges into an important link in the state's education system. It's days as a red-headed stepchild are largely a thing of the past.

In addition, the system is seen as a leader in the fight against illiteracy and the task of retraining workers who lack skills.

But Scott sees problems ahead for the system and finds himself wondering whether the schools have strayed from their mission.

"The basic basic philosophy of the community colleges is that we take people where they are and take them as far as they want to go," Scott explained. "That means reaching out to the underserved. We used to pride ourselves on that.

Kerr Scott was a populist governor of North Carolina in the 1950s, and later a U.S. senator. Robert Scott never felt the pull to follow his father further than the Executive Mansion.

"But I'm afraid the community colleges are becoming an education system for the middle class and leaving the others behind.

"I guess I get this from my family and the community I grew up in, but I believe fervently that when you lift up the lowest, then the whole level rises. We have a moral obligation to help those who need that second chance, and I'm not sure we're doing that anymore. Our door is no longer open to all."

It's not the concerns that prompt Scott to retire now. The overall system is solid and ready for new challenges.

But Scott admits he doesn't have the same fire and energy. And recent heart surgery forced him to rethink some priorities. With the system developing ambitious plans for the future, he doesn't want to be known as the guy who stayed just a little too long.

So beginning next year he'll step aside and take on a few part-time tasks to stay involved. N.C. State University wants him to help build relations with community colleges and help attract speakers to its annual forums. He will also work with the state's Rural Economic Development Center on an 18-month project designed to improve the local economies of rural North Carolina.

But mostly he'll be spending more time in Hawfields.

Workers are just about done with a new house that he and Jessie Rae designed. Only a few hundred yards from the farm he once tended, it's set deeper in the woods and clearly meant for a couple that is aging. The doors are a bit wider than usual to one day accommodate wheelchairs. The plans also call for grab rails here and there.

Scott laughs — but only a little — when he says neither of them wants to move again until they take up residence in the local graveyard.

It won't be a long trip. The cemetery is just down the road and directly in front of the church parking lot.

Most everything in Hawfields is pretty close together.

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# Community colleges find status rising

**An emphasis on teaching, coupled with significantly lower costs, make junior colleges an option for the brightest students.**

BY JEFFREY BILS
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

She speaks five languages. She has studied in Sweden. She wants to earn a master's degree, and her grades are good enough to get her into any number of prestigious universities.

So why has Sara Allen spent more than a year enrolled in a community college?

It's a question that fewer academicians are likely to ask. Once commonly viewed as the stagnant backwaters of higher education, these two-year institutions are enjoying a more favorable image. No longer are they denigrated as nothing more than high schools with ashtrays.

"I'm not going to settle for anything less than the best," said Allen, 19, of Warrenville, Ill., a sophomore at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn. "I'm not going to fiddle around."

She plans to transfer to Georgetown University in Washington to pursue more advanced degrees and a career in international relations. But for now, Allen said, she's convinced that a community college meets her rigorous academic standards and will give her the scholarly foundation she'll need at Georgetown.

Allen is one of the 150 university-bound students enrolled in the honors scholar program at the College of Dupage, said Alice Snelgrove, coordinator of the program.

"People looked down on a community college as a place to go if you couldn't go anywhere else," said Gene McDonald, chairman-elect of the Association of Community College Trustees, a national group. "Definitely, there has been a change."

The emerging stature of community colleges is bolstered by two recent studies conducted by Ernest Pascarella, a professor of higher education at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

One study, published in the Journal of Higher Education this year and co-written by doctoral student David Whitaker, found that 13 years after starting college, those who spent two years at a community college before earning degrees enjoyed the same employability, job status and income as those who studied only at universities.

Another study, to be published this spring in the Journal of Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, found that first-year students in community colleges showed as much improvement on reading, math and critical thinking tests as their university counterparts.

Pascarella said he has "no doubt" that community colleges have gained more respect. For freshmen and sophomores, he said, the two-year schools are "the equal of a four-year college in the long run."

The low cost of community colleges also has contributed to their wider acceptance in an age when the costs of a private university often exceed $20,000 per year.

"You could write a financial aid story on how to give yourself a $50,000 scholarship," said Gary Davis, executive director of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association.

The trick: Skip two years of tuition at an expensive private school by attending a community college instead.

From the beginning, said Edward Harris, a DePaul University associate professor who specializes in trends in adult education, the mission of community colleges has differed from that of universities. Where universities focus on research, community colleges focus on teaching. This mission remains different, Harris said, but that basic difference has contributed to the rising prestige of the two-year schools.

"If I were advising my kid and were concerned about the quality of teaching, I would certainly encourage them to begin at a community college," Harris said.

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# LIFE

**Milo Slocumb** and Maxine Martin sing out from near the altar.

Staff photos by Alan English

# Historical notes

*The Black Civic Chorus performs old spirituals to educate younger generations about the meanings and messages of the music. Chorus performances are among many activities planned to mark Black History Month.*

A staff report

It was in January five years ago that Bettye Washington, owner of a school of music in St. Pauls, put into action a desire to keep alive the old Negro spirituals for a new generation of African-Americans.

Joined by Denise Payton, music teacher at Spring Lake Junior High School, she organized the Black Civic Chorus to study and perform the songs that have been passed down through the years.

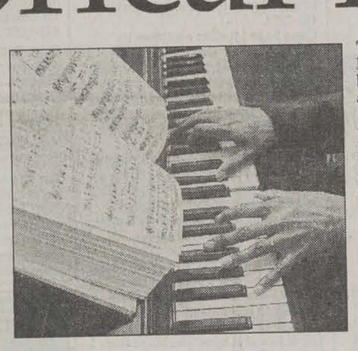
Many performances later, including a concert on the White House Ellipse two years ago, the chorus is 42 members strong — twice the number of the original group. And they're much in demand during Black History Month.

Washington, a St. Pauls kindergarten teacher, accompanies the chorus as organist and pianist. Many young people are hearing the spirituals for the first time, she says.

"Many come back to tell us after a performance how much they enjoyed hearing it," she said. "People often come forward and want to know how they can become a part of the group."

Much of the music is plaintive, having come down from people in bondage, she said.

"It depicts the misery and the suffering that they endured. There is also a hope expressed in them, that God will ultimately bring them out."

One of the best-known modern arrangers of spirituals is actor Jester Hairston, who appeared on the television program "Amen."

**Bettye Washington,** one of the chorus' organizers, plays the piano during a rehearsal.

While a student at Oakwood College, Washington's interest in spirituals grew. Extra money went to purchase albums by her favorite groups. "The music riveted my attention," she said.

As a participant in civil-rights demonstrations, she found that many of the freedom songs had a spiritual base.

"I wanted to let my people know that music and the underlying meaning," she said.

The Black Civic Chorus is helping her achieve that goal through its programs. Members of the chorus represent a wide range of occupations and age groups. State Rep. Mary McAllister and Fayetteville City Councilman Robert Massey are among the members.

The group continues to add to its repertoire, which includes such favorites as "Jesus Walk This Lonesome Valley," "Standing in the Need of Prayer," "Sooner We'll Be Done with the Trouble," "Prayer for Africa" and the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The chorus officially celebrated its fifth anniversary with a performance Saturday night at First Baptist Church on Moore Street, and on Wednesday night they sang as part of the play "A Good Man Is Hard to Find" at the Cumberland County Civic Center.

Interested singers are invited to contact Washington at 867-0967 to discuss membership. To book a performance by the group, contact Milo Slocumb, program manager, at 864-6114.

Upcoming performances by the chorus are scheduled for tonight at 7 at Edgewood Elementary School and Feb. 9 in the Fayetteville Technical Community College auditorium at 7 p.m. Out-of-town performances will be Feb. 4 at Bennett College and Feb. 10 in Sicklerville, N.J.

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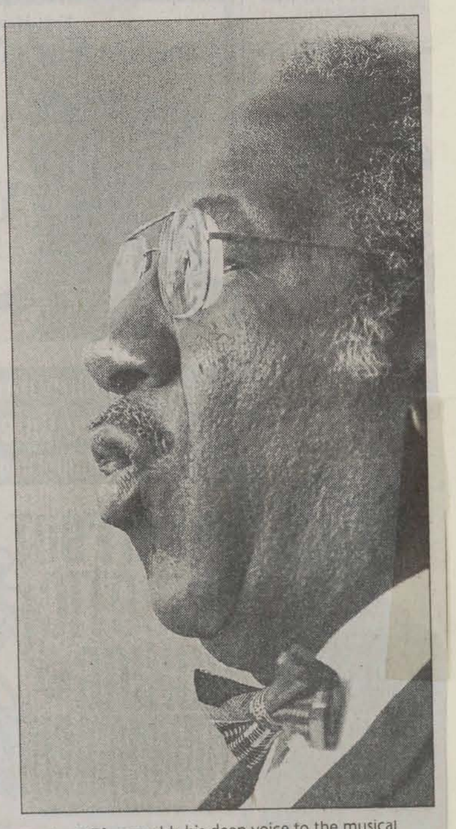
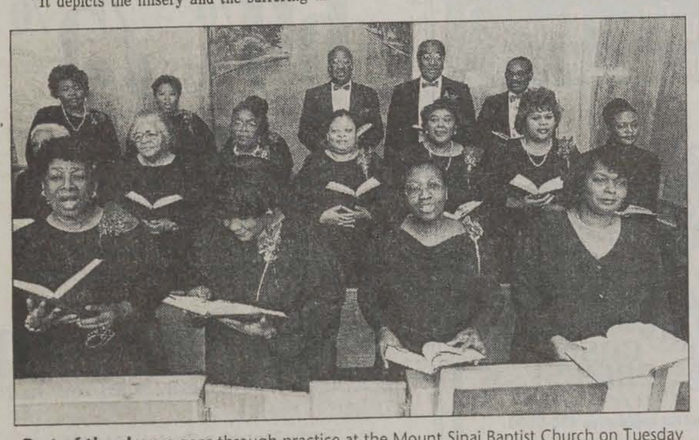


**Herbert Rivers** adds his deep voice to the musical mix.



**Part of the chorus** goes through practice at the Mount Sinai Baptist Church on Tuesday night. The chorus performs tonight at 7 at Edgewood Elementary School.

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**WEDNESDAY**

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL**

**Cumberland County Mental Health, Developmental Disabilites** and Substance Abuse Area Board will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the auditorium, 109 Bradford Ave.

**Small Business Seminars.** The Small Business Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry is offering a free seminar on "How to Write a Business Plan" from 9 a.m. to noon. Information/registration: 678-8203.

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## Chorus

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nett College and Feb. 10 in Sicklerville, N.J.

Other events planned to mark Black History Month include:

### Ofala '95

The Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a two-day celebration .

■ The play "We Are All Created Equal" by Fayetteville resident Joyce Malone will be presented Friday at 6:30 p.m. at E.E. Smith High School auditorium.

■ On Saturday, the Zawadi Dance Troupe, the Nigerian Cultural Dance Group and a Durham group will perform at Fayetteville State University's Seabrook Auditorium. Also scheduled to perform are the musical entertainers Luis and Lynn, the FSU Gospel Choir and Ambassadors for Jesus Christ Gospel Choir. Children and adults will model African fashions. The Saturday events begin at 6:30 p.m.; doors open at 5 p.m. for vendor exhibits and displays.

### FSU programs

■ A performance by the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble, on tour from the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center in New York City, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Seabrook Auditorium. The Ailey center is described as the nation's premier African-American dance center.

■ "Black History/Reflections & Interpretations of the Negro Spiritual" is the theme for the FSU Black History Month Kick-Off Program today at 2 p.m. in Seabrook Auditorium. Dr. Phillip McGuire, author and professor of history at FSU, will narrate, and the FSU Concert Choir and Dance Troupe will perform.

■ An exhibit of photos taken by Walter Davis, director of the African-American Cultural Center at N.C. State University during his trip to Ghana, will be featured today through Feb. 24 in the Rosenthal Gallery. Dr. Harvey Jenkins will lead a guided tour of the exhibit, titled "Ghanian Genre Scenes," today at 3:30 p.m. Davis will speak at FSU on Feb. 23.

■ A Black Film Festival is scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 10 and Feb. 17 at Rudolph Jones Student Center.

■ Robert Weston Williams, baritone, will present a faculty recital at 3 p.m. Feb. 21 at Rosenthal Recital Hall.

■ Black History Quiz Bowl takes place at noon Feb. 22 in the Jones Board Room of the Chesnutt Library.

### Civic Center

■ The final performance of the play "A Good Man Is Hard to Find" will be given tonight at the Cumberland County Civic Center-Auditorium. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets are $18.50.

The Rev. David Payton, a Greenville native who now resides in Charlotte, is the writer producer of the play, said to be the most requested spiritual play in the country. It is billed as an inspirational, yet entertaining, thought-provoking dramatization of God's power to heal and set free and demonstrates how faith in God can sustain families through any type of adversity.

### N.C. Museum of History

■ Video and panel discussion of the 1936 film "The Green Pastures," Feb. 5, beginning at 3 p.m. First of three films featuring African-Americans during the 1930s and 1940s, "The Green Pastures" retells the Bible story as a fable seen through the eyes of African-American children.

■ "Family Night: Searching for Your Roots," scheduled for Feb. 17, 6 to 8 p.m., will show how to keep an oral history while recording family memories. Join the Healing Force as they present "The Rhythm of the Drums," illustrating the use of storytelling to preserve family history. Participants can pose for a family portrait and draw their family tree. Cost is $2 per person or $5 per family.

■ Video and panel discussion of the 1943 film "Cabin in the Sky," set for Feb. 19, beginning at 3 p.m., second in the all-black film series. Featured are Ethel Waters, Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, Lena Horne, Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington.

■ "Stormy Weather," the final all-black film to be featured on video and panel discussion, will be shown Feb. 26 beginning at 3 p.m. Lena Horne and Bill Robinson star in the song-and-dance film.

■ "Spiritually Signified: Black Women Speak and Sing" is the title of a lecture to be presented Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kenan Recital Hall at Peace College in Raleigh. The Rev. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, assistant professor in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Meredith College, will discuss the topic as the first in a series of three lectures on Southern women sponsored by Peace College.

For more information on museum programs, call 1-919-715-0200.

### N.C. Symphony

■ Pianist Armenta Adams Hummings will perform with the North Carolina Symphony on Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Hummings founded the Gateways Music Festival in Winston-Salem to increase the visibility of African-American classical musicians. She is winner of the John Hay Whitney competition in New York, the New York Musicians Club Piano Competition and the National Association of Negro Musicians annual competition. Tickets are available at the door and are $16 for reserved seating, $14 and $12 general seating and $10 for students.

### Cape Fear Studio

■ Cape Fear Studio is presenting "Collages of Color II," a show of three local black artists, Pat Capel, A. Jones Rogers and Johnny Montgomery, and students from the Fayetteville State University Art Guild. The exhibit will be on view through February 12. Cape Fear Studios is located at 148 Maxwell St.

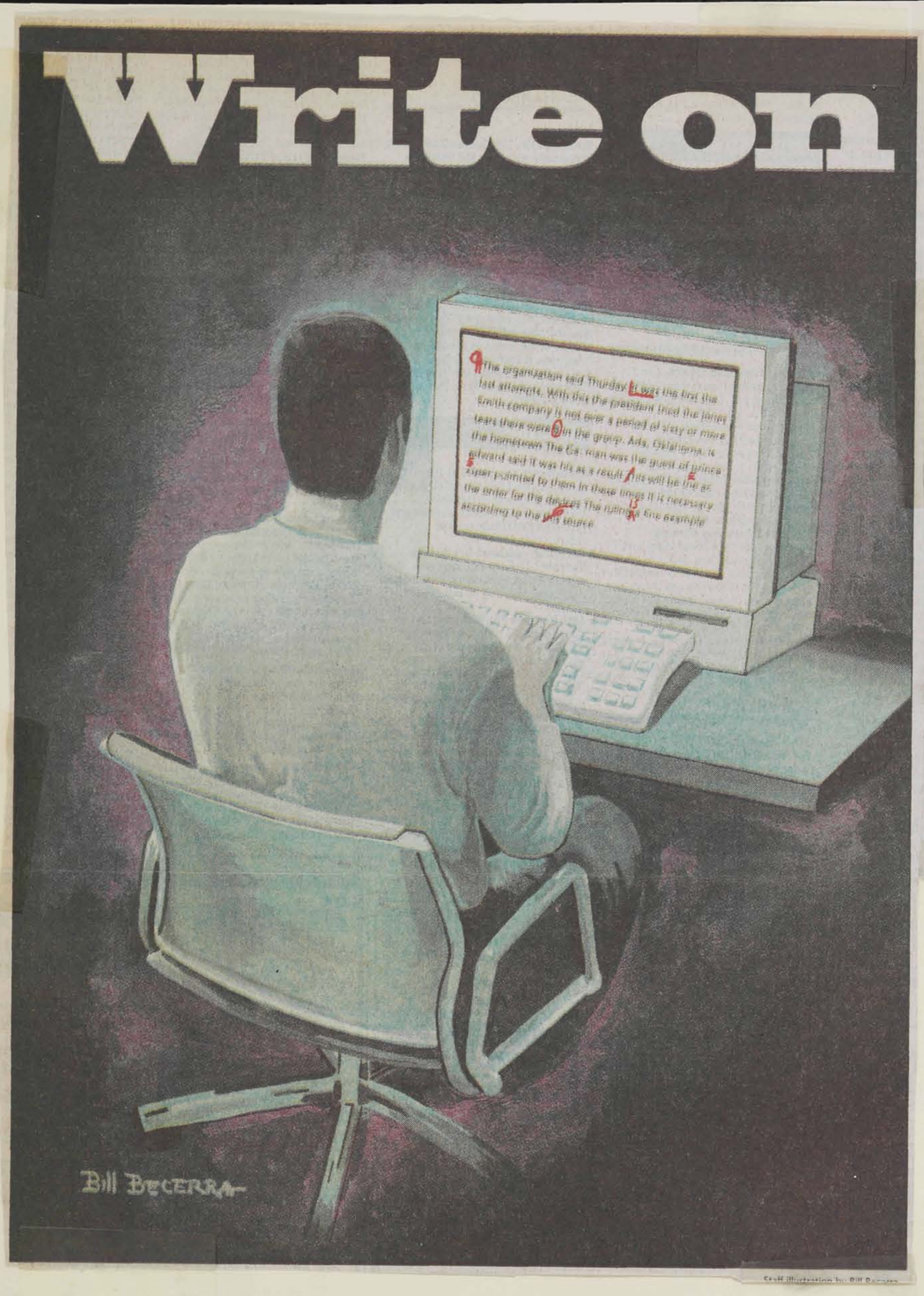
**WEDNESDAY**

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL**

**Small Business Seminars.** The Small Business Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry is offering a free seminar on "How to Write a Business Plan" from 9 a.m. to noon. Information/registration: 678-8203.

**Great Decisions Lecture.** 7 to 9:30 p.m., Fayetteville Technical Community College continues its great decisions lecture series with "Russia and Its Neighbors: U.S. Policy Choices." The lecture is free, open to the public and will be held in the FTCC auditorium. Information: 678-8462 or 678-8496.

# Write on




## *The electronic age hasn't made writing obsolete; in fact, teachers say it's a more important skill*

**By Alice Thrasher**
Staff writer

When it comes to writing, it doesn't matter if you use a quill, a pencil, a typewriter or a computer keyboard.

You still need to know the basics of good writing to get your point across and not embarrass yourself. Just take a look at some of the messages on computer bulletin boards for proof.

"I always tell my students that no matter how many computers they have, they need to be able to express themselves," said Dr. Sue L. Kimball of the Methodist College English Department. "The computer can't do that for them.

"No matter what the job, they will have to compose memos and they will have to write messages to their bosses," she said. "And people judge them on their writing, just as they do on their speech."

Even before they get a job, students are discovering the value of good writing. The Educational Testing Service includes a writing section to entrance exams for graduate schools. Entrance exams for medical and law schools have essay sections, but the law school essay score isn't included in the reported scores.

The National Teacher's Exam features essay sections and the Scholastic Assessment Test II-W includes a short essay section.

### No real change

"An error is an error," said Dr. Robert S. Christian, head of the Methodist College English Department. If you don't know how to use an apostrophe correctly when you're writing with a pencil, it's likely that you won't when you switch to a computer keyboard, he said.

It's not that professors don't like computers. They praise computers for helping students make revisions as they write.

"The computer can be very useful as an aid to revision," Christian said. "Think how we used to rip our faulty pages out of the typewriter and start over again.

"The whole thing comes down to: Let us embrace technology, but let us keep the basics."

Dr. Patricia Valenti of the Pembroke University English Department said students in her composition classes will spend more time on a piece when composing it at a keyboard instead of using a pencil and paper.

"Students will spend two hours writing on a computer, and they won't know that the time has gone by," she said. "Most of good writing comes in revision, and most students won't revise a paper if they write it or type it, but will if they use a computer.

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### Rules for Writing

Methodist College English professor and grammarian Sue L. Kimball offers the following 10 commandments for writing:

- 1. Read. Read. Read.
- 2. Look up every new word.
- 3. Learn the difference between "its" and "it's."
- 4. Match pronouns with their antecedents and verbs (in number) with their subjects.
- 5. Put the word "only" in the right place.
- 6. Write in the third person unless the subject is "how to" or a personal confession. "I believe" and "I think" aren't necessary.
- 7. For the sake of economy, don't introduce a statement with "there is" or "there are."
- 8. Avoid the passive voice.
- 9. Vary sentence structure. Use strong verbs, and don't rely on adjectives and adverbs.
- 10. Throw away the introductory paragraph. When most people start to write an essay, they labor over the first paragraph. Usually, the second paragraph is much better. The first one can be discarded because it contains very obvious information and is not the thesis.

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**Great Decisions Lecture.** 7 to 9:30 p.m., Fayetteville Technical Community College will present "Nuclear Proliferation: Can It Be Capped?" in the college's auditorium. The lecture is free and open to the public. Information: 678-8462 or 678-8496.

FRIDAY

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL

**Small Business Seminars.** The Small Business Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry is offering a free seminar on "Recordkeeping in the Small Business" from 9 a.m. to noon. Information/registration: 678-8203.



## Writing

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"I am very high on computers. I think computer literacy has genuinely helped writing."

In addition to checking spelling errors, computer software programs can question grammar and check for active or passive voice of verbs.

It is easier to grade a paper printed by a computer, Valenti said. "The presentation is more acceptable, and you can concentrate

But the paper that "looks good" can lull some students into believing that have a good paper when they don't.

Dr. Tom Leach, head of the Pembroke Department of Communicative Arts, said about 80 of the approximately 400 freshmen at that university had to take a preliminary written communication skills class last fall before they could take the basic English class. The course is pass-fail, and the hours do not count toward graduation.

Every Methodist College student is required to take computer-assisted composition at the beginning of the freshman year. "We were really into this in the early '80s when Lynn Sadler came to Methodist," Christian said. "She was really a pioneer nationally at a time when it was quite new. Most of the students had never had their hands on a computer, but, boy, has that ever changed. An increasing number have their own computers."

*'I always tell my students that no matter how many computers they have, they need to be able to express themselves. The computer can't do that for them. No matter what the job, they will have to compose memos and they will have to write messages to their bosses. And people judge them on their writing, just as they do on their speech.'*

*— Sue L. Kimball*

While advances have been made with computers, the ability of many college students to write, spell and use good grammar has dropped, area professors say.

"We didn't know what a remedial course was when I first came to Methodist," said Christian. "We had weak writers and dealt with them in English 101."

Now there are many students in remedial English classes, called developmental English. "It is a booming affair, and it is remedial. We have many good students, but we have about eight sections of developmental English with about 20 students or more in each," he said.

"Over and over and over, there are problems with the fundamentals of sentence construction, failing to recognize the difference between a fragment and a sentence," Christian said. "There is a considerable problem with verbs and subject-verb agreement is one of the plagues. There is little sense of the possessive and much difficulty with what to do with those apostrophes — even the simple apostrophe. Plus there is a common error with weak spelling."

The students have to pass developmental English before they are allowed to take the beginning-level English. There were 333 freshmen enrolled at Methodist College during the fall semester. The three hours earned in developmental English can count as an elective.

At Fayetteville State University, non-credit remedial English classes were ended in 1989. However, about 250-300 of the 769 freshmen last fall had to attend weekly one-hour support sessions in a writing lab with English, according to Dr. Booker T. Anthony, chairman of the English department. Placement tests and other means are used to determine if a student must attend the writing lab.

"We are seeing different types of problems than we did 15 years ago," Anthony said. "I believe that the emphasis is more on literature than writing in the schools, and we can't expect to teach something in 15 weeks that the student hasn't learned in 12 years. We just have to refine what has been taught."

Vickie Erben, a former junior high school English teacher who now teaches remedial English classes at Methodist, said she understands the problems facing English teachers in the public schools today.

"The classes are too large and with going to standardized testing, they have to teach so many things. They classes are more geared to literature than to writing, and the teachers don't have as much time in incorporate writing as they should."

Erben said a lot of students coming into college today can't read as well as they should.

"I am a firm believer that if you are not a good reader, you can't be a good writer," she said.

Valenti recommended that parents get students a notebook to record events when they take trips. "Encourage kids to write thank you notes and write letters. A lot of kids just don't write anything except in the classroom.

"Writing is like a lot of other activities. They only way you can learn to do it better is just do it."

### Writing test gauges skills

Cumberland County fourth-, sixth- and eighth-grade students will take part in a statewide writing test Feb. 7. It's the third year for the fourth grade writing test. The sixth and eighth graders have been tested for over 10 years, according to Steve Hauge, curriculum specialist.

Hauge said Cumberland County students showed a marked improvement in the number of students scoring 2.5 or better out of a perfect 4 in 1993-94 over the previous year. The percentage went from 16.7 percent to 37.2 for the fourth graders and from 36 to 66 percent for the sixth graders. The percentage for eighth graders went from 49.4 percent to 59.5 percent.

Tenth graders get their writing test scored on a scale of 1 to 6. Two years ago 7.9 percent of Cumberland County's sophomores got a score of 3 or better. Last school year's results showed 13.3 percent scored 3 or above. That test will be given later.

Hauge said scores improved after the school system organized a task force and offered workshops for teachers. Some of the workshops were taught by teachers whose students had had the best writing scores in previous years.

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**The Small Business Center** at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry will offer a free seminar on "Small Business Taxes by Computer" today from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information: 678-8496.

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SCHOOLS

**Public Lecture.** The Criminal Justice Association of Fayetteville Technical Community College will hold a lecture, open to the public, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium of Cumberland Hall on the campus of FTCC. Rick Franklin from the N.C. Department of Corrections Sexual Offender Treatment Team will discuss "Treating the Sexual Offender." Information: 678-8293 or 678-8452.

FOR KIDS

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**The Small Business Center** at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry will offer a free seminar on "Tax Savings Strategies for Small Business" today from 1 to 4 p.m. Information: 678-8496.

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**The Small Business Center** at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry will offer a free seminar on "Record Keeping for the Small Business" today from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information: 678-8496.

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# By the Book

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***Repairs books*** *can guide you through home improvements.*

*With numerous books, video tapes and classes available, learning to do home repairs has never been easier.*

**By Alice Thrasher**
Staff writer

The towel rack and soap dish fell off the ceramic wall in the bathroom two years ago. Hot water drips from the shower head. The cat scratched a hole in the wallpaper in the family room.

You're sick of looking at it all. What can you do?

How about fixing up things yourself?

But you say you don't know how — don't despair.

Dozens of home repair books at the Cumberland County Public Library branches, at book stores and building supply stores can guide you step by step. Some have detailed pictures to help neophyte repairmen — or women — make repairs they never thought they could do.

Among the home repair books are new ones published last fall by Reader's Digest that are based on articles from The Family Handyman magazine. "The Family Handyman, Easy Repair" includes color pictures showing over 100 simple solutions to the most common household problems — from the roof to the basement.

"The Family Handyman, Helpful Hints" offers "quick and easy" solutions, time-saving tips and tricks of the trade for do-it-yourselfers. Both books are $19.95 and are sold at bookstores or can be ordered from Reader's Digest by calling 1-800-846-2100. There is a charge of $3.90 for tax and delivery when you order a book by telephone.

### On video tape, too

You can check out videos on home repair and home improvement from the Headquarters Library for free and keep them for a week or you can buy videos at home building supply stores. The library has about 10 videos on home improvement, including tapes from "This Old House" series from the Public Broadcasting System.

Among the videos you can buy are some on home repair and construction from the "Home Time" PBS series. The videos sell for $8.95 (with a 10 percent discount), plus tax, at Home Quarters and for $8.75 at Lowe's. Other building supply stores may sell the videos or similar ones.

### Class at FTCC

If you have the time, you can sign up for the Basic Home Building and Renovation course at Fayetteville Technical Community College to get some hands-on experience in hammering nails, driving screws into drywall, painting walls or installing faucets.

The course meets Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 at Douglas Byrd High School for part of the course and at a Habitat for Humanity house under construction off Old Wilmington Road for the rest of the time.

Ed Avent teaches the 66-hour continuing education course that includes six to eight sessions in the classroom before the class moves on to the building site.

"The course includes the full gamut of people," said Avent. "Some people are just beginning and have never even seriously hammered a nail and one man just got his contractor's license."

The current class has 11 members, nine men and two women. The next class begins March 7 and goes to May 25. Cost for the course is $35. To register, show up for the first class at Douglas Byrd High School on Ireland Drive.

The course is designed to take a student through the entire building process at a pace set by the class without fear of being intimidated. "We will discuss issues in construction including costs, methods, building codes, materials and design," according to the FTCC course description.

The class will continue the construction of a house from quarter to quarter with students being able to enter at the beginning of any quarter with no prerequisites.

If you volunteer a number of volunteer hours to Habitat for Humanity equal to class hours, you can get your course fee refunded, Avent said.

Avent is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and works part-time as construction superintendent for the Fayetteville Habitat for Humanity chapter.

There is no required text for the FTCC course, but Avent said one book he recommends is "Modern Carpentry" by Willis Wagner. Cost of the book at the FTCC bookstore is $35.10 plus tax. The bookstore is in the Student Center.

Most anyone can learn to build and make repairs, Avent said. Avent said books or videos should help people feel more comfortable about tackling do-it-yourself home projects.

"The fear of the unknown is what bothers most people," he said. "I hope my course can help alleviate that."

Staff photo by Jay Capers

**Albriton Middle School ninth-graders** Aimme Beebe, left, and Joy Hougon try to figure out what happened to their mousetrap-powered car at the Science Olympiad.

# Student's moving mousetrap is event's winner of record

*Making spring-powered vehicles is part of the third annual Science Olympiad at Fayetteville Technical Community College.*

**By Amber Nimocks**
Staff writer

If you build a vehicle from a mousetrap and a rubber band, your competitor will build a better one, using vinyl records.

That was one of many lessons that students learned on Saturday at the third annual Science Olympiad at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

More than 600 junior- and senior-high students from 41 schools competed. Participants were from Cumberland, Harnett, Lee, Moore, Scotland, Granville and Guilford counties.

The mousetrap contest challenged students to build a vehicle powered only by a one-spring mousetrap.

Vehicles were judged on how far they traveled from the start line, whether they stayed inside a 1.5-meter-wide lane during their runs and whether their builders could predict how fast that the vehicles would travel.

Gabe Santiago, a Hillcrest Junior High eighth-grader, built a vehicle that used vinyl records for wheels. It helped Hillcrest win the event.

"I've been thinking about this all year," Gabe said.

The Science Olympiad is a nationwide

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## Olympiad

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program that seeks to interest students in math and science.

Of the junior-high teams that competed in Fayetteville, four won the right to compete at the state level: Hillcrest, Harnett Central Middle, Douglas Byrd Junior High and Westover Middle. They will be joined by senior-high teams from Harnett Central and Terry Sanford.

April's state competition will be in Garner. State winners will advance to May's national Science Olympiad at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Participants compete in contests that challenge their abilities to work with the principles of aerodynamics, astronomy, biology, chemistry and physics.

Their abilities to explain scientific principles in writing will also be tested.

Emily Land, a science teacher at Douglas Byrd Junior High, said the competition fuels students' enthusiasm for science.

"It really, really teaches working on processing skills and thinking skills, and 'If I do this, what happens?' " Land said.

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**CLASSES**

**Rose Pruning Clinic.** 9 a.m. to noon, Fayetteville Technical Community College. Members of the Fayetteville Rose Society will conduct a hands-on clinic for pruning roses and to answer questions. The clinic is free and open to the public.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Maternity Fair.** 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m., Holiday Inn, Bordeaux. Cape Fear Valley Medical Center will hold its eighth annual maternity fair where participants will learn about physical changes during pregnancy, child-proofing your home, newborn care and information on midwifery. Information: 609-6854.

**Book Sale.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Cumberland County Headquarters

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# FTCC offers chance for GED

**Education Update**
by John T. Wilson
Education Center

It's hard to get ahead without a high school education. The fast-paced technological world of the 90s demands training and education.

But going back to school isn't possible for everyone. Many people are strapped with demands of jobs and children.

One solution is to sign up for the General Education Development class offered by Fayetteville Technical Community College.

This program is open to soldiers, family members and civilians who are at least 18 years old.

Some students have the misconception that the GED is not as good as a high school diploma. The GED is a nationwide test of high school ability. Approximately 30 percent of high school graduates cannot pass the GED test.

These GED classes are free to everyone. The program is located at the University Center, Room 100, Bldg. 2-1728, Armistead Street on Fort Bragg. Seating is available for 25 students.

GED classes provide a flexible and highly effective learning environment. Students can join a class at any time, since they work at their own pace, and on the lessons they choose. Paul Sullivan monitors the progress of this students very closely. There are no time limits to prepare for the test.

Class meets 6-9 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If students miss a class, or need to take a break from school, they can return to their individualized lessons without having to repeat previous lessons or catch up with more advanced learners.

The GED test cost is $7.50. The GED test has five separate parts: writing skills, social studies, science, literature and arts, and mathematics. Testing is done at the Main Post Education Center, Room 7, Knox and Randolph streets.

For more information about studying for a high school GED, contact Paul Sullivan at 396-4422, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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## Heritage night

**Fayetteville's Bob Nichol,** left, plays a tune on his bagpipe during last week's Heritage Night at Holbrook Elementary School. Nichol and others like Panamanian dancer Eritza Vallejo, below, gave students a glimpse at how other people around the world live.

Staff photos by Steve Aldridge

**SCHOOLS**

**Free Business Seminar.** Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry will offer "Where and How to Get Capital For Your Business" from 9 a.m. to noon. The seminar is free and open to the public. Information: 678-8496.

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**WEDNESDAY**

■ "Recordkeeping for the Small Business" seminar, Fayetteville Technical Community College Center for Business and Industry, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mar 7, 1995

■ "Newspapers in Education"

**SCHOOLS**

**The Small Business Center** at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry will offer a free seminar on "Record Keeping for the Small Business" today from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information: 678-8496.

# Fayetteville Technical Community College

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## *Diligence, classifieds help her make her case*

Darla McCorkle didn't really get the response she wanted from her classified ad. But she still got the A that she wanted.

"My husband was kind of leery at first," she said. "He said, 'You don't know what kind of people are going to call the house now.' "

But Darla is as serious as the Supreme Court when it comes to her future career as a paralegal.

Kim Hasty

And she was in need of some good demonstrative evidence.

So she placed this ad:

*"Male needed with serious lower leg injuries, preferably with steel rods, for research project."*

People called her, not to say they had serious lower leg injuries, but to ask her why in the world she was looking for someone who did.

Which, it seems, was a good question.

### Searching for a victim

It all had to do with Darla's Civil Litigation class at Fayetteville Technical Community College. And with the diligence that has kept her working toward her degree even when love and a move halfway across the country intervened.

Darla, who is 23, had begun working on her degree at Texarkana Community College in her small hometown on the Texas-Arkansas border. But she was also working part time at a retail store, and that's where she met Grady McCorkle. They were married, he joined the Army and they were transferred to Fort Bragg.

But while Darla's studies were postponed, they weren't forgotten. A year after arriving in Fayetteville, she enrolled in FTCC's paralegal program.

And that's where Civil Litigation comes in. Cheryl Thomas, a former Atlanta lawyer, is the class instructor. For this year's class, she set up a scenario, based on a true case, in which a pedestrian was hit by a car. Students in the class have taken turns acting as lawyers for the plaintiff and the defendant.

This quarter, Thomas challenged her students to come up with diagrams, photos, models — demonstrative evidence — to help illustrate the case.

Darla hoped that finding someone who had experienced an injury similar to the pedestrian's shattered leg would lead her to the best demonstrative evidence possible. Perhaps she would gain access to X-rays, medical records, copies of medical bills.

*People called Darla, not to say they had serious lower leg injuries, but to ask her why she was looking for someone who did. Which, it seems, was a good question.*

Well, it didn't work out that way. She had a few people answer the ad who were willing to help, but they told her that their doctors wouldn't release medical records to her.

"I did find out a lot, though," she said. "I found out orthopedic shoes cost about $400 a pair and that a pair only lasts six months."

Darla ended up taking a pair of crutches and a brace with her to class. She took photocopies of the shoes and photos, from medical textbooks, of similar surgeries.

Darla's was not the only industrious presentation. One student fashioned a leg bone out of clay. Another took a piece of wood and whittled it to resemble a bone.

"The teacher said, 'I can't believe y'all did all this,' " Darla said.

### 'Once I get my degree ...'

And in the end, Darla was one of the ones who earned an A. Which helped her maintain her 3.6 grade-point average.

That's a pretty impressive accomplishment, considering she works 34 hours a week for a telephone answering service. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are her busiest days, when she's in class until early afternoon, and then sometimes works the 3-to-11 shift. With her working on the weekends and studying in her spare time, that doesn't leave much time together for two young newlyweds.

But Grady, she said, is supportive.

"We have bills," she said. "We've only been married two years. We have to think about getting a house and about two car payments, insurance.

"Once I get my degree," she said, "at least that'll be something I enjoy."

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## REGION BRIEFS

### CUMBERLAND

### Accident victim Laurinburg native

Fort Bragg has identified the soldier who was hit and killed by a vehicle Friday morning while marching with his unit on post.

The soldier, Spc. Roger L. McLean, was a food service specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 51st Signal Battalion, 35th Signal Brigade.

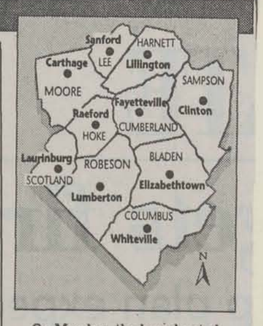
McLean, 19, was a native of Laurinburg. He joined the Army in June 1993 and was assigned to Fort Bragg in January.

McLean was marching beside Long Street about 5:50 a.m. when he was struck by a vehicle about one mile west of Range Control Headquarters. He was pronounced dead at Womack Army Medical Center about 6:50 a.m.

Another soldier was driving the private vehicle that struck McLean. He was not identified by post authorities. The Fort Bragg Criminal Investigation Division is investigating the accident.

McLean is survived by his mother, Lillie V. McLean of Laurinburg; and a daughter from Sanford.

McLean's unit will hold a memorial service today at 2:30 p.m. at the Faith Community Chapel on Ardennes Street.




### FTCC trustees oppose changing term limits

The board of trustees at Fayetteville Technical Community College doesn't think too much of a proposal to change the way its members are appointed.

On Monday, the board voted unanimously to send letters to community college President Lloyd "Vic" Hackley and local legislators opposing a proposal by the N.C. Association of Community College Trustees to change the terms of trustees and who appoints them.

Board members are now appointed to unlimited four-year terms. The community college association would like to change the rules to limit trustees to two six-year terms.

Fayetteville trustees are also opposed to a proposal that would allow them to appoint four members to their board. Currently, the governor, local county commissioners and local school boards appoint four members each to each community college board.

The school board would no longer appoint trustees under the new proposal.

William Dukes, an FTCC trustee, said too many of the proposed changes seem unnecessary and odd.

"This sounds strange, to find ourselves appointing ourselves," Dukes said.

Staff reports

# Alliance honors Tally for service

## Efforts for the mentally ill recognized

By Bonnie Carlson
Staff writer

Lura Tally, a former state senator from Fayetteville, was honored Friday for her work to help people with mental illness.

Diane Palmer, who presented the award, said Tally has done more than anyone else outside the N.C. Alliance for the Mentally Ill to help such people.

Tally

The state alliance, composed mainly of people with family members suffering from mental illness, is holding its annual spring conference at the Fort Bragg Officers' Club. The conference continues today.

Almost 200 people from across the state attended Friday's meeting, including doctors and administrators from mental health centers and psychiatric hospitals around North Carolina.

The presentation of the John Baggett Award to Tally was part of the meeting.

Tally's service to the mentally ill began decades ago when she helped create what eventually became the Cumberland County Mental Health Center and served as the center's first volunteer coordinator. She spent more than 20 years in the state legislature pushing for programs and money for mentally ill people.

During the meeting, speakers talked about improvements in drugs to treat mental illness and the coming of managed care to mental health.

"We're going to try to do what private business has done for some time — not work harder, but work smarter," said Dr. Vincent Wagner, head of adult services at the Cumberland County Mental Health Center.

Tom Miriello, director of the county center, attended with several members of his staff. "This is an opportunity for us to hear from people who live with mental illness every hour of every day," he said.

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## College cuts reconsidered

By David Sinclair
Staff writer

The budget picture for the state's community college system brightened some last week.

Originally, state legislators were asking for a 3 percent spending cut for all state agencies. That would have been devastating to the state's 58 community colleges, said Fred Williams, president of Robeson Community College in Lumberton.

Now, the House budget subcommittee on education recommends cuts of about 1 percent, said Rep. Robert Grady, co-chairman of the subcommittee. Grady said cuts of 3 percent could not have been made at some colleges without eliminating entire programs.

The proposal calls for cutting the community college system budget by $4.4 million next year and $439,000 in 1996-97, said Mark Van Sciver, a spokesman for the Department of Community Colleges.

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Community colleges operate much leaner than the state university system, said Grady, a Republican from Jacksonville.

The combined budgets of community colleges and universities would be cut by 3 percent under the subcommittee recommendations, Grady said.

The university system would be cut more than $100 million over two years.

Benson Otovo, Fayetteville State University's vice chancellor of business and finance, said FSU would have to absorb $1,133,128 of those cuts. He said 10 teaching positions and nine other positions would have to be eliminated.

Neil Hawk, vice chancellor of business affairs at Pembroke State University, said he hopes to avoid eliminating any teaching positions. He said six or seven support and clerical positions would have to be eliminated.

The Senate budget committee on education has not made any recommendations on cuts.

The cuts must be approved by the full appropriation committees in the House and Senate and by both chambers.

The General Assembly rarely enacts a budget before the start of the fiscal year on July 1.

Officials at some community colleges in the Cape Fear region said their colleges should be able to

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## Colleges

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absorb a 1 percent cut without eliminating personnel and programs.

"We should be able to handle it," said Craig Allen, president of Fayetteville Technical Community College. "It certainly reduces our losses."

A 1 percent cut amounts to about $250,000 at FTCC.

FTCC, the second-largest community college in the state, was facing the prospect of eliminating 12 full-time positions and 206 part-time positions if the budget had been cut by 3 percent.

Williams said any cuts will hurt the system, "because we are stretched to the limit now. We are already under-funded. We are one of the lowest-funded community college systems in the country.

"It places more stress on an already stressed system trying to provide training and retraining for sophisticated technologies."

Allen said the cut would go deeper than 1 percent when reductions in money for library books and supplies are figured in, which is another 3 percent.

He said colleges with increasing enrollment, such as FTCC, will have to absorb most of that cost because the state will not pay for it under a revised funding formula. He said inflation is also not figured in, which amounts to 3 percent.

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## *Brushed by friendship, they return the favor*

Tom Moore has always had a way with color. Anyone who has known him could tell you that.

He favors bright, brilliant tones over drab, darker ones when he goes about the business of capturing people and their lives on canvas.

But the thing that distinguishes Tom Moore is that he doesn't stop with paints and pastels and palettes. Those who know the 54-year-old artist say he always manages to add a few vibrant brushstrokes to real life, too.

Kim Hasty

He loves the outdoors and literature, classical music and karate. He loves people, and he's given a lot of himself to them.

"He was so good about building confidence," said Beth Hall, who became a student of Moore's eight years ago, when she was 16. "If you had an ounce of anything in you, he would make it come alive.

"He was very altruistic," she said. "There are so many adjectives to describe him, you just can't say enough."

Moore's friends in the art community and at Fayetteville Technical Community College are rallying together now, concerned about him as he lies in a hospital bed at the University of North Carolina Hospital in Chapel Hill.

### 'We're devoted to Tom'

Moore was heading north on U.S. 421, just outside of Siler City on April 1 at 3:15 p.m. A car traveling south, driven by James Donnell, crossed the center line and hit Moore's car head on, said Trooper R.L. Knight of the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Donnell was killed. Moore, who was pinned in his car, was badly hurt. He was flown to the UNC Hospitals.

Moore suffered a head injury, a crushed eye socket, a damaged retina and several broken bones. Doctors were able to take him off a ventilator last week, and he was listed in fair condition at UNC Hospitals on Monday.

"I think it was a good sign that when they took him off life support, he looked at Ann-Marie, the pretty, blue-eyed nurse who was taking care of him and said, 'Hi cutie pie,' " said 24-year-old Autumn Moore, Tom's daughter. "Anyone who knows him will know that's a good sign."

Moore has been a part-time instructor at FTCC since 1982, when he returned to Fayetteville after years of studying in Michigan, Atlanta and, most significantly, under American impressionist Henry Henshe in Massachusetts.

People clamor to attend his classes, and he's known for sharing his talent unselfishly. His secrets are never secrets.

"We're devoted to Tom," said Ruth Jobson, a student of Moore's since 1985. "I don't think there's another art teacher like him in this area.

"He gives so much to us," she said. "He's a natural-born teacher. It just pours out of him."

Beth Hall studied art at Meredith College, as well as in Paris and Italy.

But, she said, "He was the best teacher I had. He's been about the most influential person in my life."

While Tom Moore recuperates from his injuries, there is the problem of finding a replacement for him. His students think the answer is simple — there is no replacement for Tom Moore, either the artist or the man.

Instead, in an unusual show of loyalty and love, they plan to take turns filling in for him.

Beth Hall will teach some of the classes. Ruth Jobson probably will too, as well as Aram Aghjayan, Lois Ferrari and Linda Anderson.

Some plan to donate their paychecks to Moore.

"If I end up doing it," Jobson said, "that's certainly what I'm going to do."

### His students will be together

Sherry Turpin is the director of continuing education at FTCC. She's been coordinating the would-be teachers. She said that, though they won't admit it, they've been with Moore so long that the quality of their work easily qualifies them to teach a class.

"If they came to me for a job, I'd hire them in a heartbeat," she said. "And now Tom will know that when he comes back his students will still be together.

"Those are Tom's classes," she said. "and they'll be Tom's classes, no matter who teaches them. When you think of the art community in Fayetteville, there are just some people you think of. Tom's at the top of the list."

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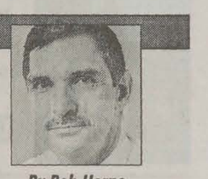
**LIVE WIRE**

## Official says state doesn't take property of deceased

**Q: Several people have told me that if you die without a will the state will take some of your property. I'd like to know if this is true and, if so, how much of your property the state takes and what it does with it? M.C., Fayetteville**



By Bob Horne
Call 486-2550

**A:** "We don't take anything," said Linda Collier, assistant clerk of court and supervisor of the Estates Division for Cumberland County.

Collier said she has heard the state erroneously accused many times of taking the property of deceased.

She believes the story comes from heirs who received little or nothing from a deceased relative's estate because property had to be sold to pay off the deceased person's debts.

Other people die with a negative net worth, meaning they owe more money than their property is worth. Even selling all of their property fails to pay all of their outstanding debts, she said. In that case, heirs get nothing.

Even when property is sold to pay the debts, the personal representative of the estate, not the state, sells it, Collier said.

The personal representative is an heir or other person approved by the court to settle the estate. If no qualified person applies, the court appoints someone.

**Q: I have heard that you can get better gas mileage if you keep your gas tank full instead of putting in $5 or $10 worth of gas at a time. Is this true and if so, why? S.K., Fayetteville**

**A:** No, it probably isn't true. In fact, Steve Core, chairman of the Automotive Technology Department at Fayetteville Technical Community College, believes just the opposite to be true.

Because of the added weight of the gas, a car is likely to get slightly less gas mileage with a full tank, "because that's like carrying around an extra person," Core said.

He guesses that the incorrect statement is created by the illusion of the gas gauge that most cars have: Because of the positioning of the gas gauge pickup in the gas tank, the gauges tend to go from full to one-half full slower than they go from half-full to empty. When the gauge shows half, the tank is actually less than half full.

However, Core recommends that you keep your tank relatively full. Fuller tanks cut down on condensation and rust, and allow electric fuel pumps that are submerged in the gas tanks of many cars to run cooler because liquid absorbs heat from an electric motor, he said. More liquid absorbs the heat better than less liquid.

Core said you might appear to get slightly better mileage in the summer if you fill up early in the morning. The reason is because you might actually get more gas by filling up before the temperature heats up and causes the gas to expand.

He said the temperature of inground tanks is about 60 degrees. Although gas pumps are supposed to compensate for changes in temperature, he said you might get slightly more gas if you gas up "when the temperature is around 60 instead of 80 or 90."

*Live Wire cannot answer every question, because of time and space limitations. The column seeks answers to questions of general interest and to consumer questions. They usually are answered within two weeks. ACCESS Information Services at the Public Library routinely answers requests for addresses of public figures, historical facts and much more. That telephone number is 483-7727.*

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## JARIES

### Col. McDaniels, ex-commander of McNair, dies

John E. McDaniels, a retired Army colonel who helped break racial barriers to promotion, died Friday in the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Mr. McDaniels, of 3513 Bennett Road, Fayetteville, was 74.

Mr. McDaniels, who was black, retired from the Army in 1976 after 36 years of service, including four years as commander of Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, D.C. He received numerous awards and medals in the Army, including the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star.

After retiring from the Army, Mr. McDaniels worked for Fayetteville Technical Community College. He retired as vice president of personnel in 1990.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Main Post Chapel at Fort Bragg by Chaplain David Hillis. Paye Funeral Home.

Mr. McDaniels is survived by his wife, Margaret C. McDaniels of the home; three sons, Charles Patterson of Los Angeles, Jeffrey McDaniels of Bensenville, Ill., and John E. McDaniels Jr. of Moreno Valley, Calif.; two daughters, Erma Patterson of Los Angeles and Sarah P. Thomas of Washington; a sister, Cora B. McDaniels of Evanston, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

The family will receive friends at the home.

Memorials may be made to the John E. McDaniels Scholarship Fund, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Fayetteville, N.C.

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# INK-CREDIBLE CRAFT

Staff photos by Jay Capers

**Anita Adams White** has an entire room in her house devoted to her craft.

*Hobbyists are discovering that rubber stamps are good for more than marking invoices.*

**By Eleanor Lee Yates**
Staff writer

Flowers and animals and hearts began showing up on the envelopes of Tia Ake's letters. They were all from a friend in California.

"After a while, I asked her what was going on. She said it was rubber stamping," said Ake. "I had no idea what she was talking about. The only thing I knew about rubber stamps was what I saw on my canceled checks."

But after her friend sent her a starter set of stamps and a stamp pad, Ake was hooked.

"I started making all my cards," she said. "I went crazy."

The craft of rubber stamping is basically decorating paper, wood and fabric by stamping a design, then coloring it. But avid stampers take it further. They emboss designs for a raised effect. They add glitter. They stamp entire scenes. They create calendars, party invitations, stationery, recipe cards, labels, lunch bags, magnets, place cards, photo albums, jewelry, jewelry boxes, clothing and ...

"Just about anything that doesn't move," said Anita Adams White. Although she's been stamping for only three years, her skills have come to the attention of rubber-stamp companies. They fly her to craft festivals to demonstrate rubber stamping, and she tries new products for them at home.

A room in White's house is devoted exclusively to her hobby. Thousands of stamps hang on one wall. All around are ink pads, colored pens and stacks of materials that she stamps.

"I'm big into recycling. I don't throw anything away," she said.

### Stamped eggs

White, who demonstrates rubber stamping at Crafts, Frames and Things and at Fayetteville Technical Community College, is now busy on Easter projects. Stampers' Sampler, one of several magazines devoted to the hobby, features White's stamped Easter eggs in color photos this month. White loves to experiment, and re-

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**White says** you can stamp just about anything.

## SOMETHING EGG-STRA FOR EASTER

***Anita Adams White's rubber-stamped Easter eggs** are festive, fun and can be made by stampers with just a little experience. Here are her directions:*

- First, make bases to hold the eggs by cutting a strip of specialty card stock (sold in craft shops) and gluing at ends to form a ring. Or you can display the eggs on an Easter tree.
- Prepare your eggs. Poke a small hole in one end or the side, break egg sack with tooth pick. Then poke a small pin hole in the other end and gently blow out the insides.
- Begin by stamping the image with black pigment ink onto tissue paper. Emboss with clear powder. Images can be embossed with other colors of ink and powder, as well. Color design with water-based colored markers. Cut out image and apply high-gloss finish with a cotton swab. White recommends Glass Kote.
- Sponge egg around the image. If using pigment ink to sponge, emboss with clear powder. Cover hole in the egg with tissue paper or attach hanger to use on Easter tree.
- For glossy finish, apply Glass Kote to entire egg. Decorate with ribbon or silk flowers.

### STATIONERY

- Personalizing your own stationery is simple. Buy a stamp with a single initial or a combination of initials. Using pigment ink, stamp your initials on a sheet of stationery.
- Apply embossing powder and then heat with a hot air gun or other heat source. Add color if desired.

## Stamps

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cently perfected a technique to stamp inside glass Christmas ornaments.

White said getting started with stamping isn't expensive. A solid-color stamp pad in black, blue or dark purple, a few basic stamps (maybe a message, such as "Happy Birthday"), colored markers and glitter glue cost around $30. But as with any hobby, White said, you can spend as much as you want on more stamps and equipment.

Most rubber stamps are made of maple because of its durability, White said. The better stamps are designed in rubber, mounted on foam and then on wood. Besides black, blue and dark purple, there are multi-colored stamp pads that can be used to combine colors.

As for designs, you name it. There are basics messages: "Happy Birthday," "Congratulations," "You're Invited." "Happy Holidays." Animal and flower stamps are among the most popular. Shells, hearts, stars, butterflies, birthday cakes, baby carriages, surfboards, balloons and thousands more designs are available. You can order something special, such as your initials.

### Newsletter

Ake, who teaches classes in her home, used to have trouble buying rubber stamping supplies.

"You couldn't find much and when you did some of the people who worked in the stores didn't know much about them," she said. She ordered most of her stamps and supplies. But gradually, the hobby grew more popular in this area. Ake is starting a local newsletter on rubber stamping, and has a mailing list of more than 600.

Ake is not surprised that rubber stamping has become so popular.

"It's addictive. A lot of people who don't have artistic talent can still create something pretty by putting images together," Ake said. "Rubber stamping isn't hard at all." The biggest mistake beginners make, she said, is trying to go too fast.

Ake's favorite project is making greeting cards.

"I never buy cards anymore. I make all of them. My mother has saved every card I've sent her," she said. "That's how I see how I've improved. My first cards, the color really wasn't very good, and the embossing was wobbly."

Although magazine and catalogs are good idea sources, Ake said she gets most of her ideas from her friends.

"We share."

### Messages, scenes

Once beginning stampers have mastered the basics, they can branch out using an array of stamps and decorations, White said. Use a flower stamp to make a border on a card. "Happy Birthday" and "Thank You" messages can be combined with balloon and flower designs. Entire scenes, such as a garden or a town, can be created. Embossing powders can be sprinkled over a design. A heat source such as a hair dryer raises the design. Glitter, confetti, stars, paper punches and other adornments dress up cards and other projects.

Marge Anderson took classes from White and is now active in a rubber-stamping club in the Carolina Lakes community.

"We were the Stitch and Chat Club," she said. Many in the group quilted. Others just brought something to be hemmed. They did a lot of chatting. Then they discovered rubber stamping. Now they stamp as much as they sew. Anderson, a quilter, likes to stamp on fabric. She makes her own stamped cards, including those with quilt patterns.

Linda Sheffield bought her first rubber stamp in a flea market. She's been an avid stamper for eight years and teaches classes at FTCC. Sheffield said stamping is an excellent hobby for children.

"Mine stamped before they could talk. Give children a pad of washable ink and a stamp. They love it," she said. She used alphabet stamps to help teach her children to read.

It's hard to mess up rubber-stamp projects.

"It usually happens when you've just finished the most perfect card in the world," Sheffield said. "Then you smudge some ink on it. But all you have to do is cover it up. You add another design or another color. You just cover it up."

Like White, Sheffield had a room devoted to her hobby. Then a third baby arrived.

"Now it's the nursery and the stamp room," she said.

**Great Decisions Lecture.** 7 to 9:30 p.m., Fayetteville Technical

Community College continues its great decisions lecture series with "Middle East: Lasting Steps to Peace?"" The lecture is free, open to the public and will be held in the FTCC auditorium. Information: 678-8462 or 678-8496.

FOR KIDS

**Small Business Seminars.** The Small Business Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry is offering a free seminar on "Minding Your Own Mini-Business" from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information/registration: 678-8203.


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**Great Decisions Lecture.** Fayetteville Technical Community will present "China, Taiwan, Hong Kong: U.S. Policy Challenges" as part of its Great Decisions Lecture series. The program will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the college's auditorium. The program is free and open to the public. Information: 678-8462 or 678-8496.

# Red ribbons disappearing from actors' lapels

**By Gaile Robinson**
Los Angeles Times

*For those closest to the cause, the ribbon has become a shallow symbol and painful reminder of an epidemic with no cure and no sign of abatement.*

**HOLLYWOOD** — Jeremy Irons was the first celebrity to wear the red AIDS ribbon, and he is among the ranks of celebrities who have abandoned it.

When the actor pinned the scarlet grosgrain loop on his lapel as host of the 1992 Tony Awards in New York City, he was on a mission to bring attention to the AIDS epidemic.

Patrick O'Connell, founder of a group called New York-based Visual AIDS, had come up with the idea.

No one explained the ribbon's meaning that night, but people noticed it and wondered. Within months, other celebrities had adopted the ribbon as a de rigueur evening accessory.

At the Emmys later that year, Jamie Lee Curtis finally debriefed America via national television, explaining its significance. Columbia Records took out an ad the following February in the Grammy Awards program exhorting everyone: "Wear this ribbon tonight. Let's all do more tomorrow." By this time, baskets of AIDS awareness ribbo assembled by women in were being passed like "Our red ribbon be most recognized logos second only to Coca-Co bara of the Red Ribb AIDS support group. sometimes perceived a Indeed, at the recen and Academy Awards clear that the ribbons Bruce Springsteen, who my earlier this mon "Streets of Philadelphi dying of AIDS-related wear one. And many sta them in the past wen Oscars Monday night. S red loop with a pin sign when it was astonishing to see someone not wearing the ribbon. It was felt so passionately, it became of that moment, and as such soon became a dated gesture," said Richard Martin, curator of the Costume Institute Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

But for those closest to the cause, the s become a shallow symbol and eminder of an epidemic with no no sign of abatement.

recent Gay and Lesbian Alliance Defamation fund-raiser in Los red ribbons were MIA.

verted V of red grosgrain in the so many deaths has "become a te," said Michael Weinstein of lth Care Foundation.

e's definitely burnout and a lot of on," Anketell said. "After raising of dollars, you realize you haven't e problem, friends are still dying ircle is closing in. The ribbon just ave the meaning it once had."

Butler: "It's only a symbol. It lo anything for research; it isn't people get well; it isn't speeding ing, and it's not a fund-raiser."

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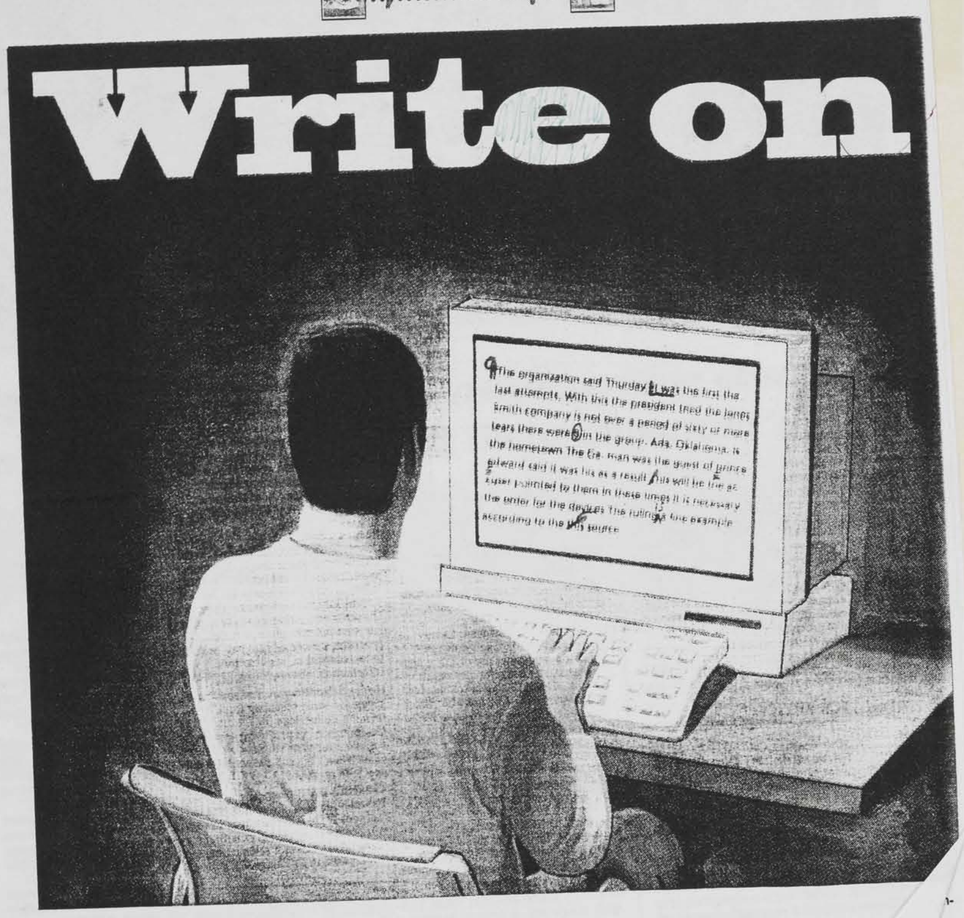


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**College car:** Dick Fisher, left, and Craig Allen, president of Fayetteville Technical Community College, join W.C. Powers manager of Powers-Swain Chevrolet in looking over a car donated to the school's automotive program by Powers-Swain. Also in the photo are Monica Murphy from Chevrolet; Steve Core of FTCC; and Bill Chaney of Powers-Swain.

Staff photos by Swayne Hall

**Minnie Washington, 77,** left, shows off some lingerie that she made in the 'Luxurious Lingerie' sewing class, as Mary Fischer, 70, admires the work.

## Class at senior center begins with panties and doesn't stop there

*Underwear is under construction in Martha Blue's 'Luxurious Lingerie' course.*

**By Kim Hasty**
Staff writer

**Laura Simmons, 77,** works diligently in the class.

Minnie Washington wears a thimble on her finger, a baseball cap on her head and not a bit of bashfulness anywhere.

"My son doesn't have anything but boxer shorts that I made out of tricot," she said, sewing away at something thin and filmy. "It's not embarrassing. It's part of their clothing."

Washington is part of Martha Blue's "Luxurious Lingerie" sewing class, a Fayetteville Technical Community College extension course that meets every Tuesday at the Blue Street Senior Citizens Center.

Blue, who drives from her home in Clinton, has developed such a regular following in her 10 years teaching the class that the atmosphere is more quilting bee than instruction.

"We wouldn't miss it for anything," said Katie Forshee of Fayetteville. "When you get hooked on a teacher like this one, you'd make anything. She has all the personalities you see and about two dozen you don't see. And they reach out and grab you."

The classmates are friends, united in the slinky bonds of panties, camisoles, slips and nightgowns. Sometimes there's even a girdle or two under construction underneath the pressure foot on someone's sewing machine.

This is where unmentionables

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## Lingerie

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are far from unmentionable.

"We start out with panties," Blue said. "We make our own patterns. We make them with no seams showing."

Most of the regulars are women who are over 55, though they were more interested in discussing comfortable elastic than ages. Some of the women have branched out, making a passel of panties or bunch of boxers at the demand of people interested in paying for their talent.

"Made with Tender Loving Care," one of the custom-made labels reads, "by Geneva McAllister."

Geneva McAllister, another regular, agrees with Washington and the others that, after the lace is sewn on and the elastic is in and with none of the seams showing, her product beats store-bought any day.

"They last," said Washington, who lives in Fayetteville. "I made some for my granddaughter and she didn't have to buy any while she was in college."

And some of the fabric they find is so comfortable, they've come up with pet names for it. "I call it, 'Shall I Go Naked?'" Katie said.

But they also opt for your basic cotton knit. Whatever it is that Blue suggests on a particular day.

"At first I couldn't imagine making panties," Washington said. "But she asked me in such a nice way, I couldn't say no. Now I've made panties and panties and panties. I've made panties from here to New York to California."

**SCHOOLS** Mar 29, 1995

**Free Business Seminar.** Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry will offer "How to Start Your Own Business" from 9 a.m. to noon. The seminar is free and open to the public. Information: 678-8496.
**William T. Brown Elementary**

## *Practice ignites 'fire smarts'*

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Staff photos by Jay Capers

**Firefighters from across eastern North Carolina** visited Fayetteville Technical Community College over the weekend for training. In the LP gas emergency class, above, firefighters fan the water so they can approach an LPG tank, allowing one of them, below, to reach out to turn off the gas. In the firefighting tactics class at left, Capt. Jimmy Ivey from the Raeford Road Fire Department, left, and Tony Best from Bonnie Doone Fire Department share a laugh after their turn in the burn house. Smoke from the fire inside rises over their heads.

# STATION TO STATION

**TIP**

TV VIEWERS WITH AN AFFECTION FOR THE BIZARRE SHOULD TURN TO COMEDY CENTRAL AT 11 P.M. SATURDAYS FOR THE BRITISH COMEDY IMPORT, "THE YOUNG ONES."

BY MICHAEL FUTCH

## Radio's Runyan heading to TV shopping channel

Fayetteville is losing a voice.

But later this spring, Fayetteville cable subscribers will gain a new face.

Sue Runyan, a radio talk show host with WFNC and WQSM, is going shopping. Actually, she hopes the viewers will be paying the tab.

The perky progressive conservative with the gift of gab is headed to the QVC shopping network April 24 as an on-air host. She is not sure when she makes her first televised appearance.

"That was not my goal in life to be on QVC," she said. "Now it is."

Her "Sue Runyan Show" swan song on WFNC (640 AM) is scheduled today from 11 a.m. to noon. Her final program with co-host Sander Walker on sister station WQSM (98.1 FM) will be April 7. "Sander Walker in the Morning" is carried weekdays from 6 to 10 a.m.

Paul Michels, program director for WFNC, said Runyan will be replaced by fill-in hosts until April 10, when Terry Jordan returns to the 11 a.m. time slot. Michels, meanwhile, will replace Jordan on the 5 p.m. "P.M. Fayetteville" program. It will change from a call-in show to become more of a news block, he said.

A decision on naming her successor on WQSM had not been made as of Tuesday. "We won't rush into a decision until we have the right person," said Walker, who ultimately gives final approval on his WQSM on-air partner.

### Pitching products

Runyan, who on her talk show tries to sell her opinions to others, offering her viewpoint and encouraging honest debate among listeners, will now be trying to sell products for QVC. (The Quality, Value and Convenience network can be seen on channel 19 on Cablevision of Fayetteville.)

She's heard the jokes about the West Chester, Pa.-based network, which peddles products around the clock, seven days a week — everything from arts and crafts and cookware to Joan Rivers' jewelry and baseball cards bearing Pete Rose's autograph. QVC was founded in 1986 by Joseph Segel, the founder of the Franklin Mint.

"They get into 50 million households. That's why when people make fun of them and (designer) Bill Blass puts his products on there, he must know something they don't," Runyan said in a production room of the Cape Fear Broadcasting building on Drayton Road.

Staff photo by Johnny Horne

**Radio personality** Sue Runyan will leave for QVC next month.

Runyan, who is 32, said she usually gets one of two reactions when she tells people that she's headed to QVC. With a bit of dramatic flair, she said they either respond drably, "You're going to QVC," or with a spirited wide-eyed, "YOU'RE GOING TO QVC!"

Either way, Runyan tells them she's pretty excited about the move to the suburbs of Philadelphia. She loves the soft pretzels that are sold on the street, but she said she isn't taking this twist in her career as a stepping stone to another network job. "I would really love QVC at this point to be a long-term event," she said. "They take a long time with their talent to be good at what they do. There is a serious relationship with their audience."

### Auditions, interviews

It took two auditions and a round of interviews before QVC decided Runyan was its woman. She had interviewed Fred Siegel, a network spokesman, last November on her show on WFNC. During a commercial break, she told him it looked like fun to be a QVC host. Siegel told her she would probably be good at it and suggested that she try it.

So during a December vacation in Philly, planned around the first audition, Runyan did a five-minute facsimile QVC sales pitch of a writing pen she owns that tapes messages.

It clicked with the folks at QVC, and they made her an offer last month.

She's not about to say what QVC pays ("I'm not telling you that"), but the offer is substantial enough that her husband, Craig, is getting out of the Army after 13 years to give her this opportunity. It's also attractive enough to break

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**SIGN-UPS**

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■ **Patricia F. Hickmon,** formerly director of institutional resource development at Fayetteville Technical Community College, has been named a consultant by Institutional Development Associates of Statesville.

IDA helps colleges and universities build institutional foundations and plan fund-raisers.

**Hickmon**

Hickmon was also executive director of FTCC's Foundation. She is a former chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Education, vice chairman of the Civic Center Commission, and president of the N.C. Council of Resource Development.

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## Station

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up the chemistry of a close talk show team, two partners who had talked about maybe leaving Fayetteville one day to pursue their worth in a larger radio market.

"She's probably the best friend I have in Fayetteville," said Walker, 33, who first went on the air on WQSM with Runyan two years back. "We hit it off right away when we first met. I think we went through a growing process. She has taken a significant role in the development and success of the program. She's probably the best person I've ever worked with."

"Sander Walker in the Morning" is one of the dominant radio programs among female listeners in the Fayetteville market. "We have a huge listening audience," Runyan said.

### 'Common sense'

For two years, his more liberal stance has balanced her right leanings. But while she supports Newt Gingrich and many conservative ideals, she is comfortable with homosexuality in the privacy of one's home. While she often agrees with Rush Limbaugh, she is pro-choice.

"I don't put much value in what I have to say," Runyan said. "I just have common sense."

There are listeners who believe she merely echoes the conservative comments of Limbaugh, the popular talk show host whose program follows her own on WFNC.

"I'm not like him," Runyan said. "If he would abstain from his pompousness, he would be domineering. I, in no way, say I know it all."

After graduating in 1984 from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, Runyan was hired as a producer at Penn State University. Among her duties, she was head producer of "The Joe Paterno Show," starring the school's popular head football coach.

Her husband's military duties brought her to Fayetteville in 1987. "I've worked for everybody in this town," she said with a laugh. That includes stints in marketing for the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department, reading news briefs at WKFT, channel 40, and handling television and production work at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

In recent years, she has operated her own business, Q-Video Productions, largely making boring corporate safety and training tapes more interesting and fun for employees.

Now she'll be trying to make products appear as indispensable to the home owner.

"I do hope to get back into radio down the line," she said. "Maybe 30 years down the road, when I'm out of the QVC business, I will want to get back into talk radio."

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Here is yet another note of interest from the static-y world of radio and flickering land of television:

■ Fayetteville State University public radio station WFSS (91.9 FM) is holding one of its twice-a-year fund-raisers, "the WFSS Jazz, News and Blues Springathon," today through April 9. The station, which operates on a budget of nearly $400,000 a year, is funded through listener, underwriting and government support.

As part of the telethon, Carl Kasell, a newscaster for National Public Radio's daily newsmagazine "Morning Edition," will be the guest for an open house in the Telecommunications Center on the FSU campus from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Listeners are invited to come over and have "Coffee with Carl."

WFSS general manager Frank Sundram said there is more urgency for this fund-raiser because of support in Congress to slash federal funding for the Public Broadcasting budget.

"It's clear that they are going to change. They're already changing the formulas for funding," he said.

Last fall, WFSS raised $25,000 for its station. This time, Sundram said, "We're trying to break $30,000, which is modest."

For information, call 486-1381.

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## Army wife faces reality of 'what-ifs'

HOME FRONT

By Susan Spitalny

Army wife — the toughest job in the Army.

Kim accepted that assignment March 12, 1992, when she married Chief Warrant Officer Thomas J. "T.J." Norton.

Four days later, he was killed on a routine training mission. About 3:15 p.m. that day, his OH-58D Kiowa scout-observation helicopter crashed near Fort A.P. Hill near Bowling Green, Va.

Standing in Arlington National Cemetery at her husband's funeral, Kim thought to herself, "Just a week ago, we got married. You didn't tell me how to do this."

Looking back, she wished that they had discussed the what-ifs.

"It's morbid, and people don't want to talk about it, but it's reality, and you have to make decisions that you don't have any idea about," she said.

One decision was easy to make. A local television station asked her permission to film T.J.'s funeral.

"The media was unbelievable," she said. Without hesitation, she turned the station down.

And at least one decision, she regrets. Her in-laws opted not to view their son's body.

Kim did and admits that it was probably a mistake. "I can still see him there in the casket," she said.

### 'Takes a toll'

After her husband's funeral, Kim said she was devastated. She dropped out of Fayetteville State University and briefly moved to Arizona to get away.

"When you lose your husband, it takes a toll on your life. It changes how you look at things overall," she said.

More than once she said, "It changed everything."

When I first heard those words, I thought I understood. As she repeated them, however, I realized that her husband's death had changed more than the events in her life. It had changed her. And I would never fully understand that unless I went through it myself.

I did understand how his death changed her perception of the Army. Although she was an Army wife for less than a week, she was familiar with the military way of life and the sacrifices that go with it. Her father retired from a 20-year career as a Special Forces soldier.

However, the Army's response to T.J.'s death, which Kim describes as "the saddest part of all," surprised her.

She hoped that the Army aviation investigation team would find the cause of the crash and possibly prosecute those responsible. She said official reports gathering dust at Fort Rucker, Ala., found no negligence and determined that the cause was inconclusive.

Three years later, she still feels that "the Army's attitude is 'He died on active duty and too bad. That's the way it goes. That's just part of the deal.' "

A Fort Bragg spokesman says the Army shares in Kim's grief over T.J.'s death. He said he could not comment on the investigation.

### Looking to future

Kim said she doubts whether she will ever remarry. She's sure she won't be a military spouse again because it would "hit too close to home," she said.

She hasn't dated anyone, but she has met some men who were eager to date her — because of her Servicemen's Group Life Insurance money.

"Active-duty soldiers know that your husband has died and you've come into money, and it affects getting involved with people," she said.

These days, Kim attends Fayetteville Technical Community College and plans to attend Fayetteville State to earn her bachelor's and nursing degrees. She said she plans to become a physician's assistant.

Kim doesn't eliminate the possibility of marriage in her future. However, she thinks it's unlikely, she said.

"I don't think I could love anyone as much as him," she said. "We never got to be husband and wife, but we were best friends."

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## Ad group presents awards

### Highsmith given a Silver Medal

**Highsmith** is honored for his industry and civic contributions.

Danny Highsmith, general manager of the WKML and WEGX radio stations in Fayetteville, was awarded the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation's 1995 Silver Medal on Tuesday night.

The medal is the advertising group's highest honor and is given in affiliation with the American Advertising Federation.

It is given to people deemed to have made outstanding contributions to the advertising industry and who have been active in civic affairs.

The federation said Highsmith was instrumental in promoting the Fayetteville Pride Campaign for the chamber of commerce, served on the Blue Ribbon Panel of the Litter Task Force and serves on the board of directors for the N.C. Association of Broadcasters.

He has had leadership roles at the United Way of Cumberland County, the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club, Methodist College, the Fayetteville Family Life Center, the Salvation Army and Snyder Memorial Baptist Church.

### Member of the year

Andreas Winston of the Image Men was named the federation's member of the year for his service to the local federation and the American Advertising Federation.

He was president of the group last year and was inducted into the "Old Shoes," a group made up of the federation's past presidents.

The group's new officers were installed. They are: Bob Gainey of WAZZ Radio as president; Ricci Fuller of Fayetteville Technical Community College as first vice president in charge of programs; Joy Kirkpatrick as second vice president in charge of membership; Jennifer Huey of Cable AdNet as secretary; and Jo Jacobs of Fayetteville Tech as treasurer.

The directors are: Jennifer Dale, WKFT-TV 40; Bob Dellert, WIOZ radio; Kelli Slaughter of Cain & Cain; Anna Smith of Hodges Associates; Denah Clark of Smith Advertising; and Grace Bergeron of Cable AdNet.

EDUCATION

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# Colleges offer chance to advance

COLLEGES

By Scott Mooneyham
Staff writer

Prospective college students have three alternatives for higher education in Cumberland County.

Fayetteville State University is a member of the University of North Carolina system, Methodist College is a private liberal-arts college and Fayetteville Technical Community College is part of the state's community-college system.

In 1867, seven black men began the Howard School in Fayetteville with $140, a simple two-story wooden schoolhouse and a lot of hope.

In the 128 years since, the school has changed names four times and locations once. Today, Fayetteville State University — one of the 16 schools in the UNC system — has 4,100 students, a $39 million budget, 28 undergraduate programs and 16 graduate programs.

Throughout much of its history, FSU has been a teacher college. The school still offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in education, but its focus began to change in the 1950s.

Those changes continued into the 1980s and 1990s, when undergraduate programs nearly doubled

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**Above, the Charles** W. Chesnutt Library at Fayetteville State University is part of an ongoing expansion of the school. Far left, a student reads a book in the atrium at Fayetteville Technical Community College. The college serves more than 11,000 students and offers a variety of two-year associate degrees. Methodist College, left, is a private school affiliated with the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church. It offers 42 bachelor's programs in business, education and liberal arts and has more than 1,900 students.

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## Applause

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The following students have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:

**Bladen County:** Charles Davis Allen III, Christopher Heath Hair, Frances April Cain, Joan Arsene Petit, Natasha Scarlett Russ, Tracie Renae Hester.

**Columbus County:** Anita Inez Jones, Eddie Matthew Walker, Jennifer Lawson Niles, Nancy Elizabeth Gardner, Richard Brian Rozelle.

**Cumberland County:** Jane Elizabeth Rouse, Adar Taun Berghoff, Alejandro Pedro Lujan, Amy Melissa Wolz, Angelique Marie Bartlett, Anuradha Ghosh, Barbara Esther Greenberg, Brenda Lea Leduc, Bronco Aurelius Suzuki, Carletta Jo Keith, Carlin Nicole Bullard, Caroline Kelly Jessup, Christie Marie Yousey, Christine Anne Konneker, Christopher Aaron Pedersen, Dana Lynn Koellner, Doris Aven Fleming, Dougald Neil Wright, Daniel Howard Devane II, Lashonda Teneisha Southerland, Matthew Philip Warren.

**Lee County:** Allison Reid Hayes, Amanda Leigh Baggett, Ashley Carole Walden, Chad Millard Puryear, Dana Catherine Backlund, Danielle Marie Poletti, Heather Marie Zerbel, J. Christopher Jackson, James Anthony Anderson Jr., Jonathan Scott MacDonald, Lisa Kelly Haigler, Sam Danville O'Quinn, Sarah Frances Hager.

**Moore County:** Amanda Leah Harrell, Angela Lynn Sanchez, Corey Dean Fogleman, Corinna Melena Smithson, Gloria Caroline Joyce, Grieg Robertson Alley, Holly Anne Appanaitis, Irion McElderry Alley, Jessica Monroe Stewart, John William O'Brien, Kristen Nicole Kolinski, Natalie Katherine Andrews, Phillip Wayne Robbins Jr., Shannon Allison, Marie Drose, Celeste Leora Frye, Dorothy Lenore Grant, Janice Rae Hoell,

# World Affairs Council seeks members

By Henry Cuningham
Military editor

*The council recently sent a delegation to NATO headquarters in Belgium. Since 1991, the Fayetteville group has sponsored tours to a bomber factory, embassies and military bases.*

Bevan Grice recalls the story a former West German colonel told about his first encounter with a colleague from the former East Germany after the Berlin Wall went down.

The new allies went into a room to discuss how they were going to work together, and the West German's first impulse was to grab for his gun, Grice said.

Grice, 39, was among 10 people who recently visited NATO headquarters in Belgium on a tour sponsored by the Fayetteville World Affairs Council. Grice is the Fayetteville area manager of Carolina Power & Light Co. The council begins a membership drive today.

Since 1991, the council has sponsored tours to a B-2 bomber plant in California, embassies in Washington, D.C., Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota and Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

Army Secretary Togo West will speak at the council's Great Decisions series at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Fayetteville Technical Community College Auditorium. The speech is open to the public.

"The council has quietly but effectively added to the international dimension of Fayetteville and to its visibility as an international city," said Patty Collie, the council president.

In a way, the German's story

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## NATO

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is symbolic of the challenge facing the United States and Europe today.

NATO is a voluntary alliance of the United States and 15 Western European countries that began during the Cold War.

The alliance is now trying to determine how to relate to the countries of Eastern and Central Europe that once were part of the Soviet Union and its allies.

The tour included the headquarters of SHAPE, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe.

The NATO trip "gave me a real-world view of politics and military influences," Grice said.

"Coming to Fayetteville, I had no military background.

"I've been in Fayetteville for five years, and I've learned a lot about the military during the last five years here.

"The NATO trip gave me a world view of the importance of the allied forces."

Hearing a briefing with colonels from the United States, Great Britain and Germany talking about partnership impressed Fayetteville residents who took the tour.

Alan Spencer, 39, general manager of Cablevision of Fayetteville, said the trip showed him that the United States should at least have a limited role in Europe, not leave and have to go back, as it did in the world wars.

"It confirmed in a strong way that it's very important for the United States to be over there," Spencer said.

Sandra Latta, 33, an aide to U.S. Rep. Bill Hefner, D-N.C., was on the tour.

"This is a really critical time for NATO and the world when we examine where we want to go at the end of the Cold War," she said.

David Hays, 38, was the delegation leader and director of the Fayetteville World Affairs Council.

He said, "It seemed they were looking for countries that could be providers of security and not just consumers.

"When someone is a member, they are a full-time member. There is no part-time membership. You've got to be able to fight and win with that member."

For information on the council, call Billie Davidson, 323-5281, or Patty Collie or Tommy Bolton, 483-6181.

Information: 483-0543.

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**Free Business Seminar.** Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry will offer "How to Start Your Own Business" from 9 a.m. to noon. The seminar is free and open to the public. Information: 678-8496.

**William T. Brown Elementary School** will hold an informational meeting on year-round school at 7 p.m. in the activity room at the school, 2522 Murchison Road. Information: 497-1258.

CLASSES

**Great Decisions Lecture.** 7 to 9:30 p.m., Fayetteville Technical Community College continues its Great Decisions lecture series with "Middle East: Lasting Steps to Peace?"" The lecture is free, open to the public and will be held in the FTCC auditorium. Information: 678-8462 or 678-8496.

**Small Business Seminars.** The Small Business Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry is offering a free seminar on "Minding Your Own Mini-Business" from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information/registration: 678-8496.

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# Colleges offer variety of courses, degrees

### Fayetteville State University

**Enrollment:** 4,100.
**Curriculum areas:** Offers several undergraduate and graduate degree programs in education and business. Also, 24 other undergraduate and graduate degree programs.
**History:** Established in 1867 as Howard School, became a college for black teachers in 1877. In 1972, became a constituent university of the University of North Carolina.
**Admissions office telephone:** 486-1371.
**Public relations telephone:** 486-1661.
**Mailing address:** 1200 Murchison Road, Newbold Station, Fayetteville, N.C. 28301-4298.

### Methodist College

**Enrollment:** 1,900.
**Curriculum areas:** Forty-two bachelor degree programs in business, education and liberal arts degree programs.
**History:** Established in 1956 by the North Carolina Conference of Methodists and a group of Cumberland County residents.
**Admissions office:** 630-7027.
**Public relations:** 630-7042.
**Mailing address:** 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, N.C. 28311.

### Campbell University

**Enrollment:** 2,400.
**Curriculum areas:** Offers undergraduate degrees in several liberal arts, education, sciences and business programs. Graduate degree programs in the law, education, pharmacy and business.
**History:** Established in 1887 as Buie's Creek Academy. In 1925, deeded to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and made a junior college. Made a four-year college in 1961 and renamed Campbell University in 1979.
**Admissions office:** (910) 893-1200.
**Public relations:** (910) 893-4111.
**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 488, Buies Creek, N.C. 27506.

### Pembroke State University

**Enrollment:** 2,800.
**Curriculum areas:** Thirty-nine undergraduate degree programs offered in liberal arts, the sciences and education. Master degree programs offered in Education, School Counseling, and Organizational Leadership and Management.
**History:** Established as the Croatan Normal School in 1887, moved from its site about a mile west of Pembroke to its present site in 1909 and renamed the Indian Normal School of Robeson County in 1911. College-level courses added in 1931 and renamed Pembroke State College for Indians in 1941. Renamed Pembroke State University in 1969 and became a constituent university within the University of North Carolina system in 1972.
**Admissions office:** (910) 521-6213.
**Public relations:** (910) 521-6249.
**Mailing address:** 1 University Drive, Pembroke, N.C. 28372-1510.

File photo

**Pembroke State University** in Robeson County offers 39 undergraduate degree programs and has about 2,800 students.

### St. Andrews Presbyterian College

**Enrollment:** 800.
**Curriculum areas:** Undergraduate degree programs in liberal arts, the sciences and business.
**History:** Established in 1961 with the merger of Flora McDonald College and the Presbyterian Junior College for Men.
**Admissions office:** (910) 277-5555.
**Public relations:** (910) 277-5669.
**Mailing address:** 1700 Dogwood Mile, Laurinburg, N.C. 28352.

### Fayetteville Technical Community College

**Enrollment:** 11,500.
**Curriculum areas:** College transfer, two-year associate and one-year vocational degree programs in a variety of areas.
**History:** Established in 1961 as the Fayetteville Area Industrial Education Center. Renamed Fayetteville Technical Institute in 1963, when it became a part of the newly created state community college system. In 1988 renamed Fayetteville Technical Community College.
**Admissions office:** 678-8473.
**Public relations:** 678-8209.
**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 53236, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303-0236.

### Bladen Community College

**Enrollment:** 1,900.
**Curriculum areas:** College-transfer, two-year associate degree and one-year vocational degree programs in a variety of areas.
**History:** Established in 1967 as Bladen Technical Institute. Moved to current campus in 1971 and renamed Bladen Community College in 1987.
**Admissions office:** (910) 862-2164.
**Public relations:** (910) 862-2164.
**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 266, Dublin, N.C. 28332.

### Central Carolina Community College

**Enrollment:** 8,500.
**Curriculum areas:** College-transfer, two-year associate degree and one-year vocational degree programs in a variety of areas. Only community college in the state to offer laser and electric optics and veterinary assistant degree programs.
**History:** Established in 1962 as Lee County Industrial Center.
**Admissions office:** 919-775-5401.
**Public relations:** 919-775-5401.
**Mailing address:** 1105 Kelly Drive, Sanford, N.C. 27330.

### Robeson Community College

**Enrollment:** 10,000.
**Curriculum areas:** College-transfer, two-year associate degree and one-year vocational degree programs in a variety of areas.
**History:** Established as Robeson Technical College in 1965; name changed to Robeson Community College in 1987.
**Admissions office:** (910) 738-7101.
**Public relations:** (910) 738-7101.
**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 1420, Lumberton, N.C. 28359.

### Sampson Community College

**Enrollment:** 6,100.
**Curriculum areas:** College transfer, two-year associate and one-year vocational degree programs in a variety of areas.
**History:** Established in 1965 as an extension of Wayne Community College. In 1967, became independent branch of the state community college system and was renamed Sampson Technical Institute. In 1987 renamed Sampson Community College.
**Admissions office:** (910) 592-8084
**Public relations:** (910) 592-8081.
**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 318, Clinton, N.C. 28328.

### Sandhills Community College

**Enrollment:** 6,900.
**Curriculum areas:** College-transfer, two-year associate degree and one-year vocational degree programs in a variety of areas.
**History:** Established in 1965.
**Admissions office:** 910-695-3725.
**Public relations:** 910-695-3713.
**Mailing address:** 2200 Airport Road, Pinehurst, N.C. 28374.

### Southeastern Community College

**Enrollment:** 5,500.
**Curriculum areas:** College-transfer, two-year associate degree and one-year vocational degree programs in a variety of areas.
**History:** Established in 1964.
**Admissions office:** (910) 642-7141.
**Public relations:** (910) 642-7141.
**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 151, Whiteville, N.C. 28472-0151.

## Colleges

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and 12 master's programs were added.

The school now features six undergraduate programs in business and economics, as well as a master's degree in business administration. It offers a popular criminal-justice program.

The growth in programs has been accompanied by growth in the student body and improved academic performance.

Since 1988, enrollment has risen from 2,639 to 4,109, a 56 percent increase. The average Scholastic Assessment Test score for entering freshmen has risen 30 percent during that period.

FSU entered 1995 looking for a new leader. The former chancellor, Dr. Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, left the school Jan. 1 to become president of the state's community-college system.

Dr. Donna Benson was named interim chancellor, and a search committee was appointed to find Hackley's successor. Benson is a UNC system administrator who headed N.C. Central University in Durham as interim chancellor for a year.

Methodist College is a private school affiliated with the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church. It offers 42 bachelor's programs in business, education and liberal arts.

Established in 1956, the school has an annual budget of $17 million and an enrollment of more than 1,900.

The school has a 600-acre campus of rolling hills in northern Fayetteville. Much of the picturesque campus remains undeveloped woodland along the Cape Fear River.

The campus includes an amphitheater and golf course.

Methodist College features well-known golf programs. The men's and women's golf teams have won several NCAA Division III golf championships.

Neither Methodist nor Fayetteville State is the biggest college in Cumberland County. That distinction belongs to Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Established in 1961, FTCC has more than 11,000 students.

One of 58 schools in the North Carolina community-college system, the school has grown phenomenally since it began in an abandoned high school with nine staff members and 53 students.

Today, FTCC offers a variety of two-year associate degrees. Students can also enroll in general education degree, adult basic education and one-year vocational degree programs.

The school offers an associate in arts and associate in science degrees. Credits gained in the two programs can be transferred to many four-year universities, including the 16 schools in the University of North Carolina system.

A STORY *readers write for readers*

# A frantic race on the rooftops

By Bob 'Boots' Winzenried

**Thursday, Sept. 20, 1990** — My best fiend Marco Wood and I were riding our bikes through the empty streets of Schmidmuhlen, Germany, discussing our big plans for the weekend. Our parents didn't like us going anywhere at night because of Operation Desert Shield and Iragi president Saddam Hussein's threats to use terrorists against Americans in West Germany, but at 16 we weren't going to let that stop our fun.

After hanging out under one of the Vilsbrucke (bridge), we rode up the empty highway to the Netto market. But rather than take the time to ride all the way around to the Netto's parking lot, we decided to take an alternate route down the steep, grassy hillside through thorn bushes and then hop the brown fence into the lot.

Some Germans in the Netto's Haltestelle (bus stop) watched us and cheered as we tore through the sharp thorns and hopped the fence to the blacktop, almost crashing into each other as our tires hit the pavement.

### Being followed

From there, we did crazy stunts off the loading ramp and almost hit the white walls and signs advertising trips to Austria, missing them by mere inches.

After awhile we slowly cruised along Hohenburgstrasse under the blue-green glow of the street lights, occasionally hopping off and onto the sidewalk. Toward the viewing bridge over the canal to get back into the downtown area, Marco stopped and pulled out his sunglasses.

"Try this — put on your sunglasses and ride." "At night?" I asked, laughing as I took my glasses out of my coat pocket. We started going toward the bridge, sunglasses on, to the intersection there, and stopped. Marco turned around as a car drove past us, moving as slow as a snail.

"What do you suppose that is about?" he asked me.

"I don't know, man ... but look! It's light are out!"

The car suddenly spun around at the intersection, and turned to face us. Its headlight came on, blasting us with its bright white light. If we hadn't had our sunglasses on at that moment, we would have been blinded! And then, tires screaming, it sped at us!

Whoosh! Marco and I sped into downtown Schmidmuhlen, bumping and banging over the cobblestones. I knew if we turned on the street to our right, the car would have caught us on our way up to the U.S. community, so we turned left down the nearly dark cobblestone street behind the town church. The car, behind us, almost missed the turn.

"What are we going to do now?" I asked Marco.

"Throw your bike in here and follow me." he said, throwing his bike into a dark crack between houses. I followed, throwing mine in as well. The car's headlight were shining right on us!

"Now we go up!" Marco screamed over the roar of the car. We jumped, grabbing a drain pipe along an old yellow wall, scrambling up it with ease. Marco got up and rolled onto a noisy metal roof that made banging noises as he stood up. I rolled as well, and looked down. The guys had gotten out of their car and were beginning their climb, occasionally slipping. I was going to push them down when they got close, but Marco grabbed my shoulder and pulled me back, whispering "Come on! We haven't got time for heroics!"

### Smelly solution

We ran to the end of that building and looked — we had to jump a gap, and the price of missing the other side was to land in a cart full of stinking cow manure — not a very pretty picture.

We didn't stop — we jumped, feeling the freedom of flight.

We also barely made it. I caught the edge with my fingers and suddenly realized the roof's edge was bending! Gathering my strength, I swung my hand up, caught a small pipe and pulled myself up. Marco had caught the edge in the stomach, but had made it and despite the pain, was up and ready to go. Behind us, the two guys were running, preparing to jump the gap. This was it. Suddenly my foot felt the roof fade away and Marco and I fell through into a pile of straw. A cow next to me let out a loud moo in my ear as I shook my head. The people chasing us ran by on the roof, never noticing the hole we'd fallen through — to them, we'd vanished into the darkness. Getting up slowly, we ran to the barn door, looked around the street, and took off running along the wall until we passed their car and pulled our bikes out of the crack.

We hightailed it out of there back to our homes in the U.S. community and safety. We never did look back to see if the car had the IRQ (Iraq) sticker in its rear window, nor did we ever learn the identity of those two men chasing us across the roof tops of downtown Schmidmuhlen that cool September night.

**The author**

'Boots' Winzenried is 21-year-old student at Fayetteville Technical Community College working on a Associate of Arts degree. The story is a true story that happened in Germany during Desert Shield. He still has no idea who was chasing them.

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business administration from Wake Forest University.

■ **Amy Williams** has been promoted to production manager with Blashfield-Gurganious Sign Co. She has been with the company for one year. Williams is a graduate of Fayetteville Technical Community College with a degree in commercial art and advertising design.

**SCHOOLS**

**Great Decisions Lecture.** Fayetteville Technical Community College will present "Immigration: An End to Open Doors?" as part of its Great Decisions Lecture series. The program will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the college's auditorium. The program is free and open to the public. Information: 678-8462 or 678-8496.

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# FOR THE COMMUNITY

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**Dr. Valerie Wynne-Hall** says she tries to keep her students' perspective in mind.

# The top teacher

## FTCC's Wynne-Hall goes on to state competition

By Jeffery Womble
Saturday Extra Editor

Dr. Valerie Wynne-Hall speaks like a woman who knows what she's talking about.

Every word is carefully thought out before being uttered. Every syllable is clear and well articulated. She portrays an aura of confidence.

That's to be expected of someone who was selected as Fayetteville Technical Community College's Teacher of the Year.

"I am not one who is at a loss for words for long, but I was speechless," Wynne-Hall said when they announced her name as winner of the award. "I makes you feel that all the sacrifices you have made have imparted on people. It's an honor and it humbles me."

For winning FTCC's top teaching award, Wynne-Hall advances to state competition, where she will compete with other winners from the community college system. Three former FTCC teachers of the year — Ron Wilson, Anne Ashford and Darl Champion — were among the top five teachers in the system during the years they competed for the state award.

Wynne-Hall was nominated for the FTCC Teacher of the Year Award by Carmen Brown, an employee in the school's dental department.

"Carmen and I worked together for six years," Wynne-Hall said. "She was my dental assistant at the health department. She knows me on every level. She probably knows me from the inside out."

She does. Brown says that Wynne-Hall is an individual dedicated to her profession who puts her students first.

"She is student oriented for sure," Brown said. "She's very much the type of person who puts herself in the place of the student, and she tries to understand and work from where they are coming from. She likes to keep the student constantly aware of the patient, and she tries to make sure the students also put themselves in the place of the patient."

Wynne-Hall obtained her doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry in 1979. She is licensed to practice dentistry in North Carolina and is a licensed dental hygienist. Prior to joining the FTCC staff in 1983, she was the director of the dental program for Cumberland County.

"This job gave me the opportunity to utilize my master's degree in public health and do some administrative-type things," she said. "It gave me a greater level of responsibility. It wasn't a monetary thing, but a lateral move. The opportunities I have here are great, and the timing was great."

One of the factors in selecting a Teacher of the Year is community service. Wynne-Hall serves on the Communications Council for Westover Junior High School, the Highlands Chapter of the American Red Cross, The Fayetteville Family Life Center, the Fayetteville Area Health Education Center Board of Trustees and is co-chairman of the Lewis Chapel Day Care. Additionally, she hosts two public service programs, both titled "The Doctor's Office." One is on radio, the other on television.

"I learn so much from the interview shows," Wynne-Hall said. "Even though I'm a doctor and interviewing doctors, I learn something every time."

Her professional organizations include membership in the Old North State Dental Society where she served as president. She is also a member of the Greater Fayetteville Dental Society and the Minority Health Professionals.

A native of Durham, Wynne-Hall recalls the first time she was exposed to the dental field. It was during Career Day at Hillside High School. She came in contact with a recruiter from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

"The minority dentists at that time didn't have a hygienist," she said. "It blew my mother and father's minds when I told them that's what I wanted to do. They thought I was going to be a dental assistant and they were crushed. Had I not had that Career Day exposure, I don't know what I would have done."

Wynne-Hall is proud of her teaching accomplishments, but really makes her proud is the job she's doing raising her two sons.

"I teach using them," she said with a smile. "Boys growing up will give you experiences. If they are out of school and I can bring them in, I will. They are part of what I do. They understand how important it is."

# West: Army adapting to new world

By Kellie Tomita
*Staff Writer*

Secretary of the Army, Togo D. West Jr.

With the end of the Cold War, the threat to our country's defense has evolved into new challenges faced by today's U.S. Army, the Army's top civilian official believes.

Outlining his views about these new threats and his interpretation of the Army's role in today's world, Secretary of the Army Togo D. West Jr. spoke Tuesday night as part of the "Great Decisions 1995" lecture series at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Facing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, regional conflicts, on-going concern about the stability of new democracies in the former Soviet Block, and continued budget challenges, West asserted: "Your Army is trained and ready for what it is called upon to do."

Today's Army, he says, must meet the tougher challenges of recruitment and utilize the high technology of today's weaponry.

"The ultimate smart weapon is the individual combat soldier," he said.

Following his speech, West answered questions from community members in an open forum, spent time meeting local citizens and signed autographs.

A Winston-Salem native, West has a history of military and public service dating back to 1967. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal for his military service, and the Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service.

"Great Decisions 1995" is presented by Fayetteville Technical Community College Continuing Education in cooperation

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Top Army civilian meets Golden Knight Commander. Secretary of the Army Togo D. West Jr. (center) accepts a print titled "American and POW Flag in Freefall" from Lt. Col. Danny Greene, Commander U.S. Army Parachute Team, and his wife Paula.



# New World

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with Fayetteville World AffairsCouncil. The council is a public service association that contributes to effective citizenship and broader international understanding.

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**John Holmes,** left, from the Fayetteville Observer-Times, accepts a donation of $1,700 from Elks Lodge #1081 used in the Special Olympics. Making the presentation are from left, Terry Brown, Glenn Autry, Tommy Byrd and Dallas Brissom.

Staff photo by Johnny Horne

**Dr. Craig Allen,** right, of Fayetteville Technical Community College, looks over a donation of $15,000 worth of computers from Cashwell Auto Parts. Making the delivery, from left, are: Jimmy Cashwell, Susan Williams and Rhonda Faircloth.

John Killian, owner of Killian's Bagel Bakery And Deli Cafe, has used the services of FTCC's Small Business Center's personal consultant.

Photos courtesy of Fayetteville Technical Community College

# The Learning Never Ends At Fayetteville Technical Community College

The mission of Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) is to provide access to quality educational opportunities to its students and citizens of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. Fayetteville Tech's service to the community extends to providing well-trained graduates who are employed in many facets of community business and government operations. This well-trained work force is a key ingredient in Fayetteville's ability to attract new business and industry to the area. FTCC is also able to provide industry more detailed or customized training through its high-quality programs.

### Enhanced services

During the past year, FTCC has made available two new methods of providing greater access and service to the community at large and to the business community in particular. Fayetteville Technical Community College is proud to announce the opening of the Small Business Center and the addition of the North Carolina Information Highway classroom.

### Small Business Center

The Small Business Center, located in the Center for Business and Industry on Fort Bragg Road, opened September 1, 1994, under the direction of Charles Koonce. The mission of the center is to improve the success rate of small businesses by providing information and training. The center provides services for those who are considering opening or for those already operating a business.

"We like to think of it as one-stop 'shopping' for entrepreneurs," Koonce said. Best of all, the services the center provides are free.

### Serving a local need

Although small businesses comprise 95 percent of all businesses and drive our economy, it is a fact that, nationally, three-quarters of all small businesses fail within the first three years.

The Fayetteville area has thousands of businesses. The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce reports that 600 of its members employ four or less employees, and there are many more that are not members of the Chamber.

Regardless of the number of employees that defines "small" business, many of those business owners need guidance. The center aims to become that means of support and to help business owners fill in the gaps that exist in their business operating know-how.

The center provides its valuable services through four components. The first, and most popular method, is by offering seminars and workshops covering various business-related topics. Since January, there have been 12 seminars at FTCC's Small Business Center, and response has been tremendous.

Seminars cover the whole spectrum of business operation and are presented by experts in the field. Some of the topics offered include how to start and market a business, legal, tax, and accounting issues, and employment and personnel issues.

The second asset is the center's personal consultant, Monroe Evans. Evans will answer questions or give advice on a personal, one-on-one basis. He is a former mayor of Fayetteville and a well-known international business consultant.

"Many people have a dream of owning their own business, and my job is to help them make their dream feasible," Evans said.

John Killian, owner of Killian's Bagel Bakery and Deli Cafe, consulted with Evans about every aspect of business ownership — from setting up computers and accounting programs to laying a tile floor.

"There just aren't enough hours in the classroom to compare with the valuable experience and information I gained from Monroe Evans," Killian said.

The third component is the Resource Center, which carries everything from tapes and videos to books and articles about business operations. The Resource Center has been used frequently by entrepreneurs and potential business owners seeking information on ways to start and finance a new business.

The fourth component is the state-wide network linking all 58 small business centers that are located at each of the state's community colleges. All small business centers are linked by computer via the Internet, so each center has access to resources in the others. This ensures that business owners can find the answers to their questions, whether that answer is in the mountains or on the coast.

Gilberto Caban, seated, of Gil and Yolie Professional Services, receives business tax computer lessons from FTCC instructor Trudy Matthews.

### Future plans

Continued growth and service are planned for the Small Business Center. The center hopes to hire a second personal counselor in the future and to develop links with commercial lending institutions. Enrollment continues to grow, and courses are planned throughout 1995.

If you would like more information about the Small Business Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College or if you would like to be on its mailing list, please call Charles Koonce at 678-8462.

### Information Highway

The North Carolina Information Highway, (NCIH) as defined by a state Telecommunication Services committee, is "a publicly switched, broadband, digital network." In other words, the highway provides a two-way, interactive video medium that is sent through fiber optic cables.

In January FTCC opened its Information Highway classroom which was funded by a state grant. The classroom, located in Cumberland Hall, is one of 64 sites throughout the state's public schools, universities and community colleges.

The NCIH site at FTCC is used to deliver and receive instruction to remote sites. The site will play a major role in providing access to leading-edge technology for students, faculty and staff members.

FTCC employees, educational partners and members of the industrial community may attend the workshops. Seminars, teleconferences, telecourses and other professional development activities also can be accessed.

### Current applications

Currently the NCIH classroom is being used to receive radiologic technology classes from Pitt Community College in Greenville, and to send funeral service technology classes to Forsyth Community College in Winston-Salem.

"The NCIH makes learning more convenient for students who would otherwise have to commute long distances for a class," said Mike Landon, FTCC funeral service education department chairman.

### Community impact

Access to the NCIH will affect the community in a variety of ways. It will allow participation in agency-supported, statewide teleconferences enabling local representatives to reduce travel costs. It will allow for inter-intra-agency teleconferences for government and educational entities. The Information Highway also will provide public access to state agencies' databases and statewide public forums.

For more information about the Information Highway classroom at Fayetteville Technical Community College, call Dan Prescott, director of FTCC management information systems, at 678-8232.

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Contributed photo

**Pine Forest students** enjoy an outdoor tea — the reward for a semester of study.

## Tea-totaling students

### Pine Forest class gives students a taste of culture

**By Jeffery Womble**
Saturday Extra Editor

*'They were sharing information with the other students. They were really fascinated with the project. It was really neat.'*

*— Cathy Johnson*

Learning English literature has never been more fun for some senior students at Pine Forest High School.

Recently teachers Karen Asbury and Cathy Johnston came up with an idea that would not only give students a lesson about some of the more popular British authors, but make the process exciting.

"We designed a research project for our students together," Asbury said. "The students were placed in groups, and we assigned each group a British author. The students did research on the author and discussed some of their works. We decided to culminate that activity with a British tea."

The tea was similar to those that British authors held when they invited friends and literary scholars into their homes and read from their works. The tea was complete with scones with Devonshire cream, four types of finger sandwiches, shortbread, tortes and spiced citrus tea. Food for the affair was provided by Linda Sheriff and students in her food services class at Pine Forest.

"It was something that took a lot of planning and financial backing," Sheriff said. "We like to do things that would raise money, but this was a learning experience for the students, and we enjoyed it."

#### The proper accent

Serving as party hostess was senior Lynette Moore. Moore greeted the guests, using a British accent. She often used a British accent while she was growing up.

"When I was little, my mother told me that at least I could use that voice for something instead of driving her crazy," Lynette said.

The idea for the project was to share literary information and to reward the students for a good job on their research, Johnston said.

The students had to read a work by the author and write a summary about it. Comments from critics about the work had to be included.

The students had to follow the proper procedures for research and had to have a bibliography.

"They were sharing information with the other students," Johnston said. "They were really fascinated with the project. It was really neat."

More than 200 senior English students and invited guests took part in the affair. The tea was held in the school's new courtyard adjacent to the auditorium.

"We christened the new courtyard," Asbury said. "My students were a little apprehensive, but the majority thought it was great. They were pleasantly surprised and enjoyed themselves once they got there."

Asbury and Johnston hope that the program continues with other senior English students.

"It was kind of fun to watch them work," Asbury said. "They would encourage each other and reprimand each other if they weren't sharing the load."

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

**Cumberland County** school officials, Fred Beyer, left, and Jack Freeman, right, accept awards from Louise Lamm and Sherrill Jernigan for the county's efforts in the 'Ag in the Classroom' program.

Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**John Holmes,** left, from the Fayetteville Observer-Times, accepts a donation of $1,700 from Elks Lodge #1081 used in the Special Olympics. Making the presentation are from left, Terry Brown, Glenn Autry, Tommy Byrd and Dallas Brissom.

Staff photo by Johnny Horne

**Dr. Craig Allen,** right, of Fayetteville Technical Community College, looks over a donation of $15,000 worth of computers from Cashwell Auto Parts. Making the delivery, from left, are: Jimmy Cashwell, Susan Williams and Rhonda Faircloth.

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# Colleges plan commencements

### 4 regional schools' graduations to take place through Monday

*Lt. Gen. Henry Hugh Shelton, commanding general of the 18th Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, will deliver the commencement address at Fayetteville State University's graduation on Saturday.*

Fayetteville State University and Pembroke State University are among several colleges and universities that will hold their commencement ceremonies this weekend.

Lt. Gen. Henry Hugh Shelton, commanding general of the 18th Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, will deliver the commencement address at Fayetteville State University's graduation on Saturday. The ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m.

Kelvin Sampson, head coach of the University of Oklahoma men's basketball team, will speak at Pembroke State University's commencement ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday. The ceremony will be in the Jones Health and Physical Education Center.

St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg will hold its commencement ceremony on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The seniors selected two of their classmates and a history professor at the college as their commencement speakers.

The professor is Dr. Charles W. "Skip" Clark II, who has taught history at St. Andrews since 1983. The student speakers are Brian C. Doles and Cecilia Smith Warren.

The ceremony is scheduled for the college's DeTamble Library Terrace.

Dr. Ling Lion Sik, minister of transport for Malaysia, will be the guest speaker for Campbell University's 109th commencement ceremony at 9 a.m. Monday. The ceremony is scheduled for the D. Rich Mall on the Buies Creek campus.

Here is a list of other ceremonies:

■ N.C. State University — Saturday, 8:30 a.m., Carter-Finley Stadium. Dr. E. Gordon Gee, president of Ohio State University, will deliver the commencement address.

■ North Carolina Central University — Saturday, 9 a.m., O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium. Former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson Jr. will be the speaker.

■ Appalachian State University — Saturday, 10 a.m. The university will hold graduation ceremonies Saturday and Sunday. Each of the university's six colleges and schools will hold individual ceremonies.

■ Mount Olive College — Saturday, 10:30 a.m., College Hall. Radio personality Casey Kasem will deliver the graduation address.

■ Peace College — Saturday, 10:30 a.m., campus lawn. Caroline Owen of Norwood, a graduating senior, will be the speaker.

■ Lees-McRae College — Saturday, 2 p.m. Gov. Jim Hunt is the speaker.

■ Saint Augustine's College — Saturday, 3 p.m., Raleigh Civic and Convention Center.

■ University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Kenan Stadium. Dr. Johnnetta Cole, president of Atlanta's Spelman College, will be the speaker.

■ Duke University — Sunday, 10 a.m., Wallace Wade Stadium. David Gergen, a White House adviser to four presidents, delivers the commencement address.

■ Meredith College — Sunday, 10 a.m., Elva Bryan McIver Amphitheater. N.C. Sen. Betsy Cochrane will present the commencement address.

■ University of North Carolina at Greensboro — Sunday, 10 a.m., Greensboro Coliseum. Chancellor Patricia Sullivan will speak.

■ Wake Forest University — Monday, 9 a.m., University Plaza. Judy Woodruff, anchor and senior correspondent for CNN, will deliver the commencement address.

■ Davidson College — May 21, 10 a.m., campus lawn.

■ Central Piedmont Community College — May 25, Independence Arena. Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, president of the N.C. Community College system, will be the speaker.

■ Southeastern Community College — May 26, 6:30 p.m., A Building. Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, president of the N.C. Community College system, will be the speaker.

■ Central Carolina Community College — May 26, 7 p.m., Lee County Civic Center. Margaret Pollard, a Chatham County commissioner, will be the speaker.

■ Sandhills Community College — May 27, 7 p.m., Boyd Library. Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, president of the N.C. Community College system. will be the speaker.

■ Fayetteville Community College — June 1, 8 p.m., Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium. Eva Clayton, who represents North Carolina's 1st District in the U.S. House, will be the speaker.

■ Bladen Community College — June 2, 7:30 p.m., school auditorium. Gen. Stuart H. Sherman Jr., executive director of the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw, will be the speaker.

■ Sampson Community College — June 5, 8 p.m., First Baptist Church on College Street.

■ Robeson Community College — June 8, 8 p.m., A.D. Lewis Auditorium. State Sen. C.R. Edwards of Fayetteville will be the speaker.

# Seeing is learning for FTCC students

## Long-distance video link puts them in class

**By Scott Mooneyham**
Staff writer

For a handful of students at Fayetteville Tech, those two-way, long-distance video hook-ups talked about by telephone companies don't inspire much awe.

After all, it's how they take class twice a week.

The community college was one of six hooked up to North Carolina's "Information Superhighway" this year.

Officials at Fayetteville Technical Community College emphasize that the technology is cutting-edge stuff, and that they are really just learning how to apply it.

"The technology is there. It's just very expensive right now," says Bob Ervin, dean of the school's business programs. "But the technology is way ahead of the implementation."

The school received a $60,000 grant from the General Assembly in July to pay for telephone line charges, and after furnishing a classroom with cameras, video monitors, computers and microphones, came "on-line" this year.

"I don't think there is any community college better positioned than Fayetteville Tech to take advantage of this technology," Ervin said. "It is different than being in your traditional type classroom."

But in the classroom, tucked away just outside of the school's auditorium, three students taking a radiation therapy class think this is old hat.

In many ways, they look like ordinary students in an ordinary class. They sit, take notes, eyes moving from their writing pads to the front of the classroom. Only,

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Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

**Fayetteville Technical Community College** has set up a classroom that's hooked into a fiber-optic video network. It allows FTCC to send and receive classes to and from other schools.



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there is no instructor, at least not there in the room.

Lee Braswell, the instructor, and five other students taking the class are in Greenville. But these days, Greenville doesn't seem 100 miles away.

When the students in Fayetteville have a question, they do what all students do. They interrupt Braswell, and ask. Microphones and telephone lines carry their words to the Pitt Community College classroom in an instant.

And while they can see Braswell, a monitor in Greenville shows him the students here.

### Internet option

Braswell, or an instructor working out of the classroom in Fayetteville, also has some options that other classroom teachers don't. If he wants to access the Internet, a computer nearby is ready and waiting.

And if he wants to put that information on the remote monitor, a couple of clicks with a computer mouse will accomplish the task.

Instructors also can show students information from books, handouts or other printed text using a camera installed in the ceiling. Again, in an instant, the information can be relayed onto the video monitors.

### Worries and glitches

Broadus Stewart, one of the students in Fayetteville, said all students are used to the video-link now.

But they did have worries at first.

"At first, I was sort of reluctant. I thought we would be left out. But it's just like being there," said Tess Holtzapfel.

The classes have had a few glitches.

Sometimes one of the eight cameras in Fayetteville or Greenville won't work properly. And once, the audio transmission to Greenville was lost.

"We could hear them, but they couldn't hear us," Stewart said. "But we've never canceled a class. We've always had class."

FTCC also is sending a class in funeral service education from the classroom to a class at Forsyth Technical Community College.

Still, school officials say the video-linked classes are experimental, and that problems remain before they are widely used.

### Costly courses

The cost of sending and receiving the classes over telephone lines is expensive. The school is paying $4,000 a month in line charges, more than it would cost to pay an instructor to teach the classes.

And FTCC spent $200,000 to equip the classroom.

There are also problems on who pays for what, and who receives what. The three students taking the radiation therapy class are only paying Pitt Community College for the class, even though FTCC is paying the line fees to receive it.

"I think new funding formulas are going to have to be looked at. You have to make identical arrangements between institutions," said Neal Hardison, the school's associate vice president of curriculum programs.

Hardison and Ervin said there need to be more users driving on this superhighway.

"We hope the more users there are, the more cost will come down. As that happens, we will be able to do more," Ervin said.

Hardison said the need and the technology are there. It's people who need to catch up.

"Obviously, the rural counties need this as much as anybody," he said. Small colleges are going to have to win grants to get the rooms up and going, he said.

For the time being, school officials focus on the power of this new technology. The cost and red tape, they hope, will work itself out.

"The one thing we've decided is, you can't look at it in terms of cost savings," Hardison said. "We're looking at it in terms of the future."

# Hope Mills official accepts FTCC job

**By Bill Kirby Jr.**
Staff writer

**HOPE MILLS** — Doug Fuller resigned Tuesday as director of the Hope Mills Parks and Recreation Department.

Fuller, 49, said he begins today as the new director of physical education at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Fuller's resignation was revealed during Tuesday night's Town Board meeting when commissioners deferred action on a parks matter.

"He did an excellent job and we are sorry to lose him," Town Manager Steve Routh said. "We've got a lot going on and we're already advertising."

The position pays between $25,000 to $35,000, Routh said, based on experience.

The parks director operates the Hope Mills Municipal Building, supervises youth activities and oversees property management, including the town's athletic fields.

Fuller said he was paid $28,100 annually. He said his decision to resign was based on financial opportunity.

"But I did not apply at FTCC to get more money out of Hope Mills," Fuller said.

Fuller's wife, Ricci, teaches commercial art and advertising design at FTCC.

Town officials praised Fuller.

"We wish Mr. Fuller the best," Mayor Ed Deaver said. "We appreciate the contributions he made here."

"He did a lot for our parks and recreation," Commissioner Roy Stallings said.

Fuller has headed the parks and recreation program since 1991. He came to Hope Mills from Concord College in Athens, W. Va., where he was a teacher and baseball coach. He is a native of Clintwood, Va., and a graduate of Florida State University.

**Free Classes.** Fayetteville Technical Community College offers free basic-skill classes to adults in Cumberland County. Areas of study include adult basic education, English as a second language, adult high school and GED, and job and college readiness courses. Information: 678-8299.

**Free Business Classes.** Fayetteville Technical Community College's Small Business Center is offering a variety of free classes to local business owners and those planning to open their own business. Information: 678-8496.



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# COMMUNITY PROFILE

# A 'Rising Star'

## Award honors untraditional student

**By Iris Barbour**
Special to The Observer-Times

Paul Oberlies learned the hard way — you have to open a lot of doors to become successful.

Oberlies, who recently won the "Rising Star" award at the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation's Addy Awards banquet, had to open a lot of doors — six years' worth — before he even began to pursue his dream.

It was, he admits, not the traditional avenue a college student takes — but then, Oberlies isn't a traditional student.

Coming from a military family, Paul has lived from Tennessee to Germany and, finally, Fort Bragg. He was a member of the first graduating class at Douglas Byrd High School (1972) but decided after graduation to enter the work force.

### Moment of decision

For 14 years he worked in various restaurants but took a job in a manufacturing plant, where he was an inspector for a door company. It was this job that led him to Fayetteville Technical Community College and a new career.

"It was about 100 degrees outside and about 130 degrees inside the plant," he recalled. "I was standing in the middle of the floor, dripping sweat, and covered in sawdust when I asked myself, 'Do you really want to do this for the rest of your life?'

"I realized that I no longer wanted a job — I wanted a profession. I've had enough of just plain old hard work. I decided that if I'm going to sacrifice to go to school, then I want to enjoy the work."

With a lifelong love of drawing, Oberlies entered the Commercial Art and Advertising Design curriculum at FTCC. He soon discovered a talent for photography, which was a required course.

"I really dreaded it," he said. "I felt I had absolutely no talent in photography, but I soon discovered that the photography instructor, Mr. Sholter, was able to pull from me abilities I never dreamed I had."

### Abilities confirmed

Those abilities were confirmed at the annual Addy Awards, where Oberlies won The Rising Star Award in two categories: magazine cover and photography.

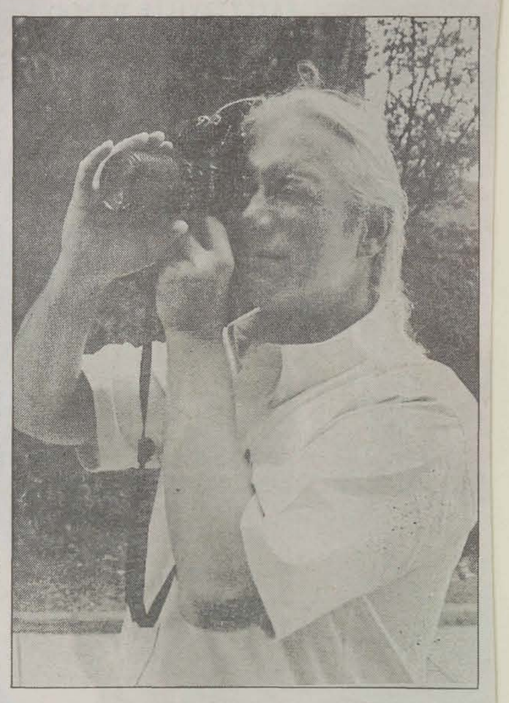
In addition, Oberlies has done freelance work for the ADA Yearbook for the Army and also works as a freelance photographer to produce portfolios for area models. He has produced a video and fliers for the area rock band IdelWild; in fact, one of his photographs is being used by the band on the band's T-shirts and business cards. Currently, he is developing a poster for the band.

The band poster leads into his secret hope.

"I dream of developing posters for movies. I love the classic movies, and the posters for them are real works of art. I cannot explain how excited I would be to stand in front of a theater and know that the poster is mine."

"When I came to FTCC, I thought I would gain the 'how to' knowledge of advertising but would have to get a job to acquire any real experience. I soon discovered that was not true. The instructors encourage students to put their learning to work as soon a possible.

"We are encouraged to start putting together a resume that will gain us entry into our chosen areas."



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*— Paul Oberlies*

*This story is part of an occasional series focusing on programs and students at Fayetteville Technical Community College.*

**Authorities in the bathroom** cover the bodies of the couple who lost their lives in the fire.

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

# Arguing couple burn to death

## Gasoline thrown on husband

**By Marc Barnes**
Staff writer

A man and his wife died Wednesday in a fire that erupted after she doused him with gasoline during an argument, lawmen said.

The couple's two children were in the house, but they escaped unharmed. The brick ranch home at 310 Nugget Court, in the Tiffany Pines neighborhood on the edge of Fort Bragg, was destroyed.

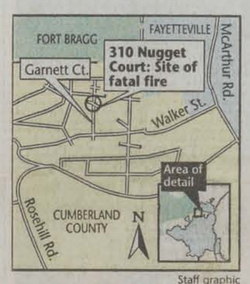
Gregory Gibson and his wife, Debra, were found dead on a bathroom floor in their home, officials said. Their sons — 14-year-old Ellis and 9-year-old Douglas — were with neighbors Wednesday, awaiting the arrival of family from Louisiana and California.

Maj. Cuyler Windham, the Sheriff's Department's chief of detectives, said the events that led to the fatal fire began when Gregory Gibson, who was 30, arrived home about 3 a.m. He had been drinking, Windham said.

Lawmen were told by one of the children that the couple fought and Debra Gibson took a can of gasoline from her garage to their bedroom and poured it over her husband. Windham said investigators learned that Gregory Gibson had once done the same thing to her during an argument.

Investigators said they don't know what caused the gasoline to ignite. But when it erupted, it exploded because of vapor, said sheriff's Lt. Freddy Johnson, commander of the county's arson task force.

One of the Gibsons' sons told investigators that he went into his parents' bedrooms and the room was ablaze. Their mother yelled at them to get out and the boys heard the bathtub water running before they left.

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The boys thought their parents were behind them as they ran, they told lawmen. Once they were outside and realized that their parents were not with them, they heard glass breaking and thought their parents were getting out through a rear window, Windham said. The boys ran to a neighbor's house to get help.

"The only thing good about this whole situation is that the boys got out alive," Johnson said.

Firefighters responded to the fire about 3:45 a.m. Flames were swirling through the roof by the time they arrived, they said. Three fire departments — Westarea, Bonnie Doone and Carver's Creek — sent crews to fight the blaze.

Investigators found the Gibsons' bodies on the bathroom floor. They believe the couple were overcome by smoke, but they will know more when autopsies are performed today.

In the bathroom, investigators

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found the water running and the window broken.

"They tried to get out," Johnson said. "The bathroom window was broken. But the fire was so fast and furious that they were overcome with superheated gases."

Neighbors who knew the Gibsons said he worked as a laborer for Pizzagalli Construction Co. on Fort Bragg and Debra Gibson, 35, was an Army sergeant who worked as a medic. Douglas is a student at College Lakes Elementary School and Ellis attends Pine Forest Junior High School.

A neighbor said the boys were counseled Wednesday afternoon.

Kenneth McKinnon, a Fayetteville Technical Community College student who lives on Walker Street nearby, worked with Mr. Gibson during the summer on Fort Bragg.

"He was a close friend of mine," McKinnon said. "Whenever we would have a cookout, he would cook on his grill. I just saw this guy a couple of days ago. I can't believe this. I can't believe this."

### Marital woes unknown

McKinnon said he was unaware of any marital problems between the Gibsons.

"We would sit around up there under the garage there and cut the fool and I would see his wife driving up and down the road here. You would never have thought they were having problems."

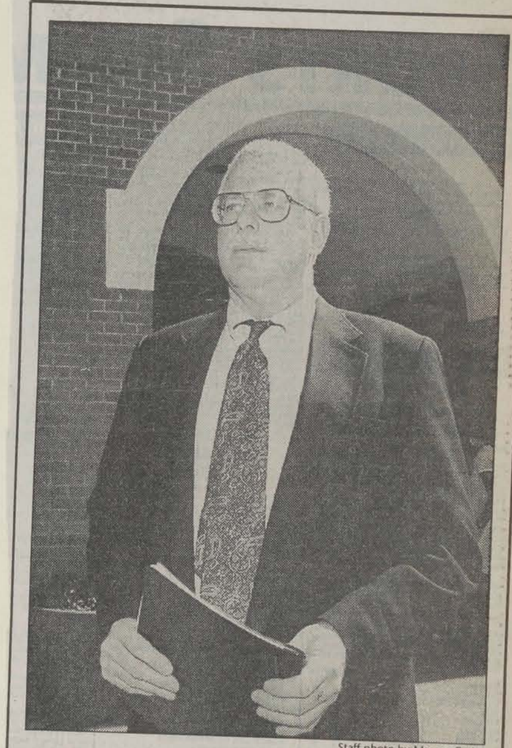
Dale Edwards, who lives across the street from the Gibson home, said she would often see Mrs. Gibson working in her yard.

"She was a nice person," Edwards said. "That's really about it. She stayed to herself and I didn't know him at all."

Al McLean, 46, who lives at 313 Nugget Court, said he lost one of his closest friends when Gregory Gibson died. It was to McLean's house that the children ran for help early on Wednesday morning. He said the boys seemed to be holding up reasonably well.

"They were fine neighbors," he said. "They seemed to get along with everybody. We used to have a yard full of kids and we would cook hot dogs and hamburgers for them."





Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**Bob Carter** has been at Fayetteville Tech for 28 years.

# Carter did it all for Grays Creek

**By Thad Mumau**
Correspondent

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Bob Carter is the vice-president for risk management at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He takes care of all areas in which the school could be held responsible.

He did the same for the Grays Creek High School baseball and basketball programs 35 years ago.

Known then as Rob Carter, he was Cumberland County's leading scorer in basketball as a senior and a dominant baseball pitcher for the Rebels.

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Carter said recently that "I did OK in sports, but it was nothing really special." The truth is that he averaged more than 24 points a game as a 6-foot-3 center in basketball and threw two no-hitters in baseball, once striking out 18 in seven innings.

He went on the pitch at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As a Tar Heel senior, he pitched for a staff that produced UNC's first 14-0 finish in Atlantic Coast Conference play. A championship ring reminds Carter of that season.

### Favorite sport

"Baseball was always my favorite sport," Carter said. "It has always been big in the Grays Creek community, but I actually started at the age of nine at Hope Mills, playing with Calvin and Charles Koonce, and against Junior Edge, Pee Wee Polston and Rob Jackson."

Carter played shortstop, first base or the outfield when he wasn't on the mound, and he was a good hitter, batting around .400 during his four-year high school career.

"My biggest asset as a pitcher was my control," Carter said. "I had a lot of different pitches, coming over the top, going sidearm to right-handed hitters and even using a submarine to throw sinkers to lefties."

He was used mostly in relief at UNC where he hurt his arm and missed almost all his junior season.

Carter received the prestigious Morehead Scholarship to Carolina. "That meant a lot to me," he said, "especially to get it coming out of a small school."

He majored in accounting, earned his master's in June 1966, then passed his CPA exam. He was hired by Fayetteville Tech as an instructor and chairman of the accounting department. Within a year, he was also made chairman of the school's business division.

Carter taught 12 years before becoming a full-time administrator in the academic area, beginning in 1979. The next year, he was named FTCC's chief financial officer. He stayed in that post eight years until moving to his current position.

"I have enjoyed my work at the college," Carter said of his 28 years at FTCC. "Fayetteville Tech has contributed a lot to the community, and I feel my work has been important."

Carter and his wife of 27 years, Patricia, are active members of Cedar Falls Baptist Church.

They have two children. Jason is an N.C. State graduate now living in Raleigh. Crystal is a senior at N.C. State after only two years and has been elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

# Wynne-Hall Named FTCC Teacher of the Year

Dr. Valerie Wynne-Hall, FTCC Dental Department Chairperson, has been selected from the four Excellence in Teaching winners as FTCC's nominee for the state-level award. The other three FTCC winners were: Cheryl Perkins, Continuing Education Division; John Pilligan, Diploma/Certificate Programs; and Beverly Hall, General Education Programs.

Since joining the faculty in 1989, Dr. Wynne-Hall's teaching style has been characterized by leading by example. She is a dentist who worked her way through dental school at UNC-Chapel Hill as a dental assistant and a dental hygienist. This background allows her a special rapport with and understanding of her students' work.

Dr. Wynne-Hall enjoys the challenge of teaching to all types of students at the community college level. She uses many techniques to reach as many students as possible. Case examples, hands on work, and student teaching allow her students to assume responsibility. The reward, she says is when she sees "the light bulb come on" for a student who has been unable to grasp an idea. Her goal is to mold her students into the best clinicians possible-a clinician who can treat the whole patient, not just the patient's teeth.

Dr. Wynne-Hall is licensed to practice dentistry in North Carolina and is active in many professional dental associations, community organizations, and her church. She has served as president for the Old North State Dental Society, the Greater Fayetteville Dental Society, and Minority Health Professionals. In the community, she serves on the Communications Council for the Westover Junior High School, the Highlands Chapter Red Cross, the Fayetteville Family Life Center, FAHEC Board of Trustees, and is Co-Chairperson of the Lewis Chapel Day Care.

In addition, Dr. Wynne-Hall hosts two public service programs entitled, "The Doctor's Office"-one a weekly radio program and one a weekly television program.

She was named "Dentist of the year 1992" by the Old North State Dental Society and was featured in an article, "Successful Women in Nontraditional Careers" in 1994.

Dr. Wynne-Hall's nomination for Excellence in Teaching will be forwarded to the State Department of Community Colleges for state-wide competition. Five out of 58 nominees will be selected in the fall. In the past, FTCC has had three nominees selected as state finalists. They were Ron Wilson, Architecture Technology (1993-94); Darl Champion, Criminal Justice (1987-88); and Ann Ashford, English (1985-86).

### Notes 'n' notions

■ **Marlene Floyd** Invitational Golf Tournament information packages should be ready to go out this week according to committeeman Hank Hutaff of Hutaff and Johnson Real Estate.

"We've had quite a few requests already, but we had to put some finishing touches on things," Hutaff said.

Entry fee for the charity golf event July 29 at King's Grant Golf and Country Club is $250, which includes a cocktail party and entertainment gala the previous night. For player information, call Hutaff at 484-2626. For general information, call David Hays (678-8201) or Linwood Powell (678-8327.)

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# FTCC director attends security seminar

David W. Hays of Fayetteville Technical Community College attended a five-day National Security Seminar this month at the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Hays is FTCC's director of institutional resource development.

He was among 140 business, government, media and academic leaders at the seminar from June 5 to 9. Speakers included Lawrence S. Eagleburger, former secretary of state, and Lt. Gen. Daniel Christman, assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"While the principal purpose of the seminar is to permit the War College student to hear a 'civilian point of view' on defense matters, it also gives participants an opportunity to meet and exchange views with the nation's future military leaders," the college said.

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# Hooters Classic loaded with money, talent

*The pro golf tournament, boasting a $100,000 purse and stars such as Fayetteville's Todd Gleaton, comes to town in July.*

**By Howard Ward**
Sports editor

The richest professional golf tournament ever in the Fayetteville area will be played at Gates Four Golf and Country Club on July 24-30 when the Hooters Tour brings its traveling show to town.

The Hooters Classic, a $100,000 event that pays the winner $15,000, offers a display of talent that ranks just below that of the Nike Tour.

Started six years ago as the Jordan Tour, the Hooters tourney has spawned such PGA Tour stars as John Daly, Tom Lehman, Lee Janzen, Rick Fehr, Jeff Maggert, Mike Heinen and David Duval.

The field of 168 players will include Fayetteville native Todd Gleaton, who will be playing on his home course. Gleaton, who won the Albuquerque, N.M., stop a few weeks ago, lives just off the ninth fairway at Gates Four.

Tour director Finley Trosclair was in town Wednesday promoting the event and issuing a call for volunteers to work as scorers and marshals. "We'll need 30 volunteers daily for the four days of the tournament," Trosclair said.

Persons wishing to work the event are to contact the Gates Four golf shop, 425-2176.

Players will begin arriving at Gates Four on Monday for practice and open qualifying by some local and area professionals and amateurs, with a pro-am scheduled for Tuesday and a shootout Wednesday. The 72-hole tournament runs Thursday through Sunday.

**Trosclair**

"People will see some great golf played that week," Trosclair said. "Our players are young and hungry and talented. There are 70 college All-Americans in the field."

Gleaton, 46 under par for his last 10 rounds when he won the Albuquerque tourney, has been one of the hottest players on the tour recently. He was 13 under par at Chattanooga, Tenn., last week for a seventh-place finish in the tour's first nationally televised event.

Gleaton is ranked ninth on the money list with $21,540.

"Todd has been on a tear recently and will certainly be one of the favorites at Gates Four," Trosclair said.

The dates of the Hooters Classic conflict with one of the other major golf events in Cumberland County — the Fayetteville Technical Community College-promoted Marlene Floyd Invitational on July 29.

But, while Hooters officials and David Hays, the Floyd tourney director, are concerned about the dates, neither see it as a problem..

"We weren't aware of the conflict when we set our dates," Trosclair said. "We had an open date that week, and Gleaton mentioned to us that there was this excellent golf course in Fayetteville that could host our caliber of players. And, with there being a Hooters Restaurant here, it seemed like a perfect match.

"We are committed to coming back to Fayetteville next year, but we can possibly change our dates," Trosclair said.

Hays, who made an appearance at the press conference and spent several minutes conferring with Elizabeth Brooks of Hooters about the situation, took the news in stride.

"It's just another sign of Fayetteville's growth in sports," Hays said. "I'm glad the Hooters Tournament is coming. We're just trying to find some way to work together. We're in it together this year, and we'll both try to be successful."

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# City's rose garden, museum offer many forms of beauty

**Amy Brock**
*Special correspondent*

John Keats said, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." Within a very short distance of each other are two Fayetteville attractions offering both natural and artistic beauty: the Fayetteville Rose Garden and the Fayetteville Museum of Art.

If you are a lover of flowers and can appreciate Mother Nature's ability to combine heady fragrance and dazzling color within the delicate form of the rose, don't keep driving past that "Fayetteville Rose Garden" sign on McPherson Church Road. Head toward Fayetteville Technical Community College and check it out.

Right on campus grounds at the corner of Skye Drive and Hull Road, you will find a gorgeous garden bursting with roses of every hue, the air heavy with their rich perfume. A connoisseur may appreciate the many award winning varieties displayed. Plaques indicate the All American Rose selections; each type for a specific year is the "winner of highest rose award for superior qualities shown in two years testing and judging." The garden has all the necessary amenities: a bubbling fountain, a sundial, plenty of benches and two graceful white gazebos. The beauty and atmosphere of the Rose Garden make it the perfect place for quiet contemplation or a romantic stroll.

About a three-minute

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A bubbling fountain serves as a centerpiece for the Fayetteville Rose Garden. (Amy Brock photo)

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drive from the Rose Garden is the Fayetteville Museum of Art located at 839 Stamper Road. Admission is free to this small museum, which features mainly special exhibitions of various artists throughout the year. Currently on display until August 30 in honor of the artist's eightieth birthday are the works of Claude Howell. The over 40 works of art are a retrospective of North Carolina and its people throughout the artist's lifetime.

The museum does have a permanent collection that is displayed during breaks in the special exhibition schedule. Selected pieces from the permanent collection are also displayed on a monthly basis. The June feature is an acrylic on canvas: "Metaphysical Landscape" by Rudy Ayoroa.

To round-off your day experiencing various forms of beauty, take a walk outside the museum as well. The museum grounds offer natural North Carolina beauty at its best. A peaceful lake with ducks gliding across its surface is the centerpiece in this secluded landscape of vibrant greens. This is the setting of the Art Museum's Picnic Music.

The next outdoor concert was last Sunday, and featured Frank Hardwick, singer-song writer, acoustic guitar and folk music. Local artists sold their works of art as part of the "Art Guild Show and Sale." This and other shows are usually free and open to the public.

I found a great deal of beauty to enjoy at both the Fayetteville Rose Garden and the Fayetteville Museum of Art, but as Scottish philosopher David Hume said, "Beauty in things exists in the mind which contemplates them." So go contemplate for yourself!

# JOBS graduates tip hats to program

*The program helps people finish their education so that they can get off of welfare.*

**By Kim Oriole**
Staff writer

Wanda Rouse and 185 others on welfare graduated from the JOBS program Thursday and are jumping into the work world.

Rouse is in the hospital with back problems, so she couldn't go to her graduation, but her poem was read aloud at the ceremony. She is now a certified nursing assistant and has been interviewing for jobs.

### 'She'll do well'

"She's spunky," said Sharon Mobley, Rouse's social worker. "She's got a lot of energy, and she'll do well."

JOBS, the federal Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training program, helps people get their high school diplomas, training certification and associate and bachelor's degrees so that they can get a job and get off of welfare. The program is being replaced at the end of the month, but people in the program now can continue through 1996.

Cynthia Graham spoke to her fellow graduates at the JOBS ceremony at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The program paid for her mileage to commute to FTCC for criminal justice classes. But the main thing Graham received from the program was motivation.

"It's hard — going to school, volunteering, doing my homework and helping my kids with their homework," she said.

Graham will get her associate degree in criminal justice in August. Then she hopes to parlay her volunteer work at the Cumberland County Juvenile Detention Center into a full-time job.

The JOBS program has helped Rouse, Graham and others with mileage expenses, day care, uniforms and other expenses to go to work.

E.C. "Chip" Modlin, director of the county Department of Social Services, said 3,700 people have gotten jobs after being in the 5-year-old program.

Richard Everett, director of the county's JOBS program, said $966 has been spent per person per year on JOBS participants.

But JOBS will make a radical change at the end of the month.

A recent study by researchers at

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*Then something came to me and said*
*girl stop making excuses.*
*cause if you don't get started now*
*your whole life may be useless.*

*— From a poem by JOBS graduate Wanda Rouse*

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

**Participants in the graduation** for the JOBS program clap as they listen to Cynthia Graham, one of the graduates, talk about her experiences.

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the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill found that the $50 million-a-year program costs at least 14 times more than it saves the state in welfare costs for each participant.

So the North Carolina legislature changed JOBS into the Work First Program.

Everett said the focus will shift from training people so they can land jobs later. When people join the Work First Program, they will have just 12 weeks to find a job so they can still take part in the training program.

The new rules also say that people can only get Aid to Families with Dependent Children for two years.

After that, they will be dropped from the welfare rolls.

"It used to be we could support more long-term education" like associate's and bachelor's degrees, Everett said.

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6B THE SOUTH

# Long-range FTCC plan includes closing roads

## Projections consider possible building sites

By Scott Mooneyham
Staff writer

A long-range plan under consideration by Fayetteville Technical Community College's trustees calls for closing the main road through the campus, but the chairman of the board says he doubts it will be closed any time soon.

Closing Hull Road would require the approval of the Fayetteville City Council.

The plan was presented to trustees Monday by Douglas Burns, an architect with Heery International.

The company was hired by the school in January 1994 to design a plan to be used as a guide for growth through 2010.

The plan includes growth projections and possible sites for buildings on the 112-acre FTCC campus.

Burns told trustees the school was fortunate to be in an urban area but still have land that can be developed. To take full advantage of the land, he said, the school needs to close Hull Road, design a main entrance off Fort Bragg Road and close some of the other entrances to the school's campus.

Burns said the board needs to consider asking that the road be closed to improve safety. "In the future, when you've got 16- to 20,000 people on campus at one time, Hull Road could threaten the safety of faculty and students."

> *'I think it will be like all plans. It will be a goal to work toward.'*
>
> *— Harry Shaw, trustees chairman*

Trustees Chairman Harry Shaw said closing the road was not essential to growth in the near future.

"It may be essential to the growth of this campus at some future date," he said.

Shaw said the plan will only act as a guide of the board.

"I think it will be like all plans. It will be a goal to work toward," he said. "We can pick up some features and eliminate some features."

Last summer, when trustees were considering a site for a health education center, Burns suggested they ask to close Hull Road and build the building there. Instead, the board decided to put the building across Devers Street from the main campus, on the site of a quarter-mile walking track.

The decision was made, in part, because residents in the neighborhood around the school complained about the proposal to close the road.

# FTCC will give up 'intimacy' for seats

By Scott Mooneyham
Staff writer

Next year, things will be different when Fayetteville Tech graduates accept their diplomas, school officials say.

Next year, none of the graduates' relatives and friends will be left standing outside.

Officials at the community college have decided to move the 1996 graduation ceremony to the Cumberland County Arena, with its 6,000 seats.

The graduation has traditionally been held next door at the Cumberland County Civic Center Auditorium. But at the 1995 graduation ceremony, held this month, about 150 people were left standing outside

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because the 2,400-seat auditorium was filled. Another 150 people were seated after the ceremony began because of the large crowd.

"This is the first year that we know of that we weren't able to get all the people in the auditorium," said FTCC President Craig Allen. "I don't know what else we could have done at the time."

Allen and other college officials have received complaints from graduates' families since the graduation. Not only were some forced to stand outside, but sheriff's deputies and fire marshals apparently placed some people in seats being held for relatives who were waiting with graduates.

Allen said university officials were not aware a problem existed until the ceremony was about to begin. "By that time, we couldn't have started bringing people in on a piecemeal basis."

The school apologized to graduates and their families in a newspaper advertisement last week.

Allen said officials have avoided moving the graduation to the arena because the ceremony will lose some of its intimacy. "That takes away from the dignity of the ceremony," he said.

But he said the move is preferable to limiting the number of family and friends.

"We've always had an open policy, in terms of graduates bringing as many family members and friends as they like. We want to continue with that," he said.

### New faces

Comprehensive Home Health Care has three new employees.

■ Mary Lynn Bazzarre of Hope Mills has joined the office as a medical social worker. She is a graduate of East Carolina University and has been a social worker for four years.

■ Candace R. Mead, a registered nurse from Fayetteville, has been hired as a home health nurse. She has five years of nursing experience.

■ Felicia P. Cunningham of Fayetteville has joined the office as a home health aide. She is a graduate of Fayetteville Technical Community College and has two years experience as a home health aide.

### MONDAY

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL**

**Fayetteville Technical Community College** Board of Trustees. 12:45 p.m., Board Room of the Student Center on the campus of FTCC.

# Doors to college could be barred to students in need of help

BY STEVEN KNOWLTON
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Like many of his colleagues in college remedial education, Harley Anton tells his best stories one student at a time. A favorite involves Nicole Wells, a young woman in his remedial reading class in a summer session at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

Despite the best efforts of Anton — a 20-year veteran — the freshman remained stuck at a ninth-grade reading level for two-thirds of the course. Then Anton had her try a novel by Maya Angelou.

Until then, Wells said recently, she had been deeply discouraged about her lack of progress and had been unable to apply Anton's teachings.

"But I read it, and I loved it, and, most of all, I understood it. It was just like taking a complete U-turn."

Wells graduated a few weeks ago with a B-minus average and a degree in mass communication. She plans a career in public relations.

Remedial education is hardly the showcase of American university life, but studies show that students who need it are fully a third of each year's freshman class of more than two million students at American colleges and universities. Demographic studies suggest their numbers are likely to grow.

Yet with today's atmosphere of budget-balancing and cost-cutting, more people are raising questions about whether remedial education belongs in the four-year college setting at all.

In California, for instance, trustees of the California State University system are considering a proposal to cut back severely on remedial courses at its 21 campuses. In New York, the budget agreement just completed by Gov. George E. Pataki and the Legislature would reduce the $57 million spent on remedial programs last year by about 25 percent.

The state legislatures in New Jersey and Montana are considering measures that would force a high school district to pay for any remedial work a student must take in college. In the state of Washington, the Legislature is considering a bill to prohibit using state money to pay for any remedial work.

And in Georgia, the regents are weighing a proposal from the state chancellor, Stephen Portch, to concentrate in community colleges the thousands of students who are admitted to Georgia campuses each year without having met minimum standards.

Some lawmakers want to abolish remedial courses altogether. A New Jersey Assemblyman, Arthur R. Albohn, is the prime sponsor of the proposal to bill high school districts for students' remedial work in college. He said he greatly preferred the educational policies of his own school days, when "if you didn't learn the material, you were left back."

Although remedial education has been a quiet staple of college life for at least 150 years with the founding of such a program at the University of Wisconsin, it has so grown over the last decade that about 85 percent of the nation's 3,600 college campuses offer such courses, according to a recent survey by the National Center for Developmental Education at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. But other education researchers, including Anne M. Ferguson, director and department head of the Junior Division at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La., said the number was closer to 100 percent. "But some schools try to hide it," she said.

Ansley A. Abraham Jr. of the Southern Regional Education Board, one of the few researchers who has studied remedial education extensively, said fully a third of "first-time, full-time college freshmen need remedial work" to reach normal achievement levels at their institutions. Add to that part-time students and students returning to college for a second try, and the numbers increase to more than 40 percent.

Not every student who needs remedial courses is able to obtain them, he said, but the majority do. The need for remedial work is often determined by low Scholastic Assessment Test or American College Testing scores or through some other testing device provided by a university.

At four-year colleges whites accounted for 59 percent of the students in remedial courses and blacks 30 percent, according to a study at the National Center for Developmental Education, conducted by Hunter R. Boylan and Barbara S. Bonham. Hispanic students accounted for 7 percent of remedial students; Asian/Pacific Islanders, 2 percent and American Indians, 2 percent.

Comparatively, in the overall population of four-year institutions in the fall of 1993, white students represented 76.9 percent; black students, 9.3 percent; Hispanic students, 7.4 percent; Asian/Pacific Islanders, 5.1 percent and American Indians, 0.9 percent, according to the United States Department of Education.

The amount of remedial work varies, Dr. Abraham and other educators say, from a course or two to a full semester or a full year of preparatory work, with many of the courses not qualifying for college credit. Math is the most common remedial course, followed closely by writing and reading.

And demographic trends, studies show, indicate more students, not fewer, will need it in the years to come as a larger and larger percentage of college students are expected to be ill-prepared by their high schools for college-level work.

While it is true that remedial education is concentrated in two-year community and open-enrollment four-year colleges, even the most prestigious universities offer remedial courses, intensive tutoring and other academic support.

Syracuse University, for example, offers a credit-bearing course called College Learning Skills 105 to teach students how to study and take notes. Ronald R. Cavanagh, vice president for undergraduate studies, said Syracuse is committed to a broadly diverse student population and is morally bound to provide students with the tools and resources to move ahead.

At Princeton University, for example, the dean of the undergraduate education, Nancy Malkiel, said emphatically, "We do not do remedial education at Princeton."

Yet Princeton offers tutorial programs for students at all academic levels. And the university is starting a summer scholars institute this year for entering freshmen interested in science and engineering, but "whose high schools have not given them the opportunity to study math and science at a level commensurate with the fast-paced curriculum that they will find here." Students will earn two credits toward graduation, Dr. Malkiel said.

At more than two-thirds of the other colleges, remedial courses are not counted toward graduation, but are given "institutional credit," which means they are counted when computing how many full-time students the institution has. Many public colleges and universities are reimbursed by their states for each full-time student.

# Juror removed in House case

*As the sentencing hearing begins, a member of the trial panel says she can no longer remain impartial.*

By Marc Barnes
Staff writer

One of the jurors who was to decide the fate of two men convicted of killing Dennis Craig House was removed from the jury on Monday and replaced with an alternate.

Judge Greg Weeks took Deborah Whaley off the jury just before testimony began in the sentencing hearing of Richard "Ricky" Cagle, 24, and Michael Paul Scott, 19.

Cagle and Scott were convicted Friday of first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy. A third co-defendant, Ryan Christopher Jones, has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and conspiracy. He was sentenced to 35 years in prison. A robbery charge is pending.

A fourth defendant, Jamie Marie Kass, Cagle's girlfriend, is awaiting trial.

House, 33, was the son of retired Fayetteville police detective Charles House. He was stabbed during a robbery at his mobile home in the Beaver Dam Township in November 1993.

The same jury must decide whether Cagle and Scott should be sentenced to death or life in prison.

Weeks ordered Whaley removed after she passed a note to a bailiff saying she could not be fair and impartial because of a conversation she had with her bro
Whaley said she talked with brother, Ricky Whaley, about case after the jury reached its dict in the guilt-innocence pha
Weeks has told the jurors no discuss the case with anyone.

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Scott last week.

Officials said Ricky Whaley to
his sister that he had been on

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suicide watch for Scott while the two were in jail. Ricky Whaley said he was lucky because he could be in that situation. The juror did not elaborate.

Fayetteville lawyer Jack Carter, who represents Cagle, asked for a mistrial on the basis of juror misconduct. Weeks denied the motion. But in an unusual move, Carter called Scott to the witness stand. Scott testified that Ricky Whaley said his sister would be fair, impartial and pay attention.

Scott also testified that Ricky Whaley said his sister was upset by the photographs of House's body. She said they reminded her of when Ricky Whaley suffered a head injury and almost died.

Fayetteville lawyer Jim Walen, who represents Scott, told the court that his client had told him about the fairness comment, but never said anything about Deborah Whaley being upset about the picture.

In arguing against a mistrial, Assistant District Attorney Calvin Colyer said he found it ironic that before the verdict, Scott was telling his lawyer how the juror was fair, but afterward, was trying to say the juror had some kind of "evil motive."

"He thought he had a ringer on the jury, but then they went south on him," Colyer said. "I would submit that Mr. Scott is trying to have his cake and eat it, too."

Psychotherapist Janet Vogelsang testified Monday that Cagle came from a broken home where violence and alcohol abuse were daily occurrences.

Vogelsang said she examined records and conducted interviews to complete a psychological assessment of Cagle.

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**Fayetteville Technical Community College**

*would like to offer its sincere apologies*

*to the 1995 Spring Graduates,*

*their family members, and friends.*

*Because of the overwhelming support*

*shown to our graduates,*

*we were unable to accommodate all our guests.*

*Please accept our apology for the*

*inconvenience and disappointment this caused.*

*In the future, we will take steps*

*to ensure a sufficient number of seats for all our guests.*

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# County budget offered

## 25 departments to face cutbacks

By Gary Moss
Staff writer

Twenty-five of the 37 departments in Cumberland County government would operate with less money next year under a budget proposed by County Manager Cliff Strassenburg.

Strassenburg, who presented his recommended $171.33 million operating budget to the Board of Commissioners on Monday, said the cuts are necessary to keep the tax rate unchanged and continue with major building projects the county has committed to do. These commitments amount to $5.6 million, which is $701,000 more than the anticipated growth in revenues, Strassenburg said.

In addition to cutbacks, the budget — $1.46 million more than this year's version — calls for taking $6.69 million from the county's emergency reserve.

The commissioners routinely dip into the reserve each budget year. The practice is possible because budget officials tend to underestimate expected revenues and overestimate future expenses. Their conservative estimates are designed to avoid overspending.

Taking the money will still leave the reserve fund at 8 percent of the county's operating budget of $171.33 million. The state Local Government Commission recommends maintaining a balance of at least 8 percent.

The commissioners will meet today and Wednesday to review the budget and consider changes. A public hearing will be held Monday. The county's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

### 49 approved

Strassenburg approved only 49 of the 145 new positions requested. Of these, six would be paid entirely with county money. Two positions would be added to work with a stormwater utility that starts operating July 1. Their salaries would be paid with annual stormwater fees that property owners will begin paying next year.

The Mental Health Center and the Social Services Department would have bigger operating budgets, with less county money to support them. The Mental Health Center's budget would be $15.5 mil-

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lion, with $4.6 million coming from the county. Social Services would have a budget of $43.3 million, with the county contributing $19.9 million.

The county Health Department would get an increase of $527,000 in county funding to $6.8 million. Most of that extra money would go to replace the roof for the E. Newton Smith Health Center and to staff the mobile clinic. The department's proposed total budget is $11.4 million.

The county schools and Fayetteville Technical Community College would receive increases of 3.5 percent in local operating money. The county schools would get $35 million, while FTCC would get $4.8 million.

In addition, the schools would receive the proceeds from two half-cent sales taxes estimated at $7.5 million. Most of this money has been earmarked to pay debt on a $50 million bond issue from 1992.

Commissioner Thomas Bacote commended Strassenburg and said he was ready to approve his recommended budget without further discussion. He dropped the suggestion when he was reminded of next week's public hearing. Such hearings are required by law.

Commissioner Billy King questioned other commissioners for their directive to Strassenburg to put together a budget based on a fixed tax rate instead of changing needs. "I'm not sure this is the best way to begin this process," King said.

Rollin Shaw agreed. She said the commissioners should establish priorities, then set a budget to achieve them.

But board Chairman Johnnie Evans and Commissioner Lee Warren said it made sense to establish a budget based on how much money was available to spend with the existing tax rate of 79 cents per $100 valuation.

"We went about it exactly right," Evans said.


# "A Picture Is Worth $100!"

**Congratulations to the Picture is Worth $100 contest winners for April!**

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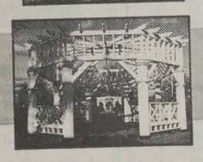
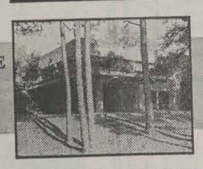
| **Week six** FTCC Rose Garden |  | James Rosser Fayetteville | Susan V. Morris Fayetteville |
| **Week seven** Fayetteville Museum of Art |  | Sue Pohlman Fayetteville | Dorothy Iddings Fayetteville |
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# Finding more revenue a budget challenge

By Gary Moss
Staff writer

*Some taxes and fees will go up if commissioners adopt County Manager Cliff Strassenburg's recommended budget of $171.33 million.*

The budget that Cumberland County Manager Cliff Strassenburg will present to commissioners on Monday does not call for an increase in the county's property tax rate, but it hits residents' pockets harder in other areas.

The only iron-clad instruction the commissioners gave Strassenburg before he prepared his proposed 1995-96 budget was to avoid an increase in the property tax rate — currently 79 cents for each $100 in property.

The anti-tax mood of many commissioners was fortified by the November election, in which many Democratic incumbents — associated by Republicans with higher taxes — were defeated.

Some commissioners have said they view last year's election as a signal from voters that they will not stand for higher taxes.

But some taxes and fees will go up if commissioners adopt Strassenburg's recommended budget of $171.33 million.

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## Budget

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The proposed budget includes a recommendation that the county's recreation tax — currently 2 cents for each $100 in property — be increased by 3 cents.

At a public hearing this spring, some residents said they would support an increase in the tax in order to improve the county's park system. And even those who did not support a tax increase agreed that the system needs improvements.

The tax would apply only to county residents who live outside towns and cities. The increase, which would raise the department's revenue from about $1.3 million to about $2.7 million, would help pay for ball fields throughout the county and the conversion of the old state fish hatchery near Lake Rim into a county park. The park on Raeford Road would serve the heavily populated western part of the county.

The budget proposal also includes an increase in the county's landfill fee from $43 to $48 a year and a $12 stormwater management fee for homeowners.

The proposed budget is $1.46 million higher that the current one — an increase of less than 1 percent. The new budget takes effect July 1.

The commissioners will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons to review the budget before holding a public hearing on it June 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 118 of the county courthouse.

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# Marlene Floyd will host King's Grant golf event

*The 144-player, captain's choice tournament is scheduled July 29.*

By Jim Pettit
Assistant sports editor

Marlene Floyd has been winning friends for years, first as an LPGA player, then as a television golf commentator, and now as a highly sought teaching professional.

And the lady knows something about raising money for charity, too.

Boosted by a $10,000 contribution from Sprint Cellular/Sprint Carolina Telephone, the inaugural Marlene Floyd Invitational golf tournament was formally announced Tuesday at King's Grant Golf and Country Club.

The 144-player, captain's choice event is scheduled July 29 at King's Grant. Proceeds will go to the Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation and to the Highland Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Floyd was a key figure in a Red Cross event last year at Cypress Lakes that, although put together in a short period, raised $13,000.

Her hopes for this event are even larger. "I think within two years, after this year and next year, hopefully we will become a two-day event," Floyd said, "and at that time, we should be able to raise over $100,000 for charity."

The Invitational fills a void left by the demise of the Chip Beck Invitational, a ce-

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lebrity event that was held twice before folding earlier this year.

The Floyd Invitational will also feature celebrity players, a pre-tournament gala including cocktail party, entertainment, and special auction featuring golf memorabilia and other items, a barbecue cookout, and awards. Other attractions include a trick-shot exhibition and possibly a golf clinic.

Entry fee is $250 for individuals, which includes a guest pass for the social activities. Corporate packages are also available as well as tee and hole sponsorships.

Entries are now being accepted. For player information, Hank Hutaff (910-484-2626) is the contact. For general event information, David Hays (910-678-8201) and Linwood Powell (910-678-8327) are

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

**Marlene Floyd** is flanked by David Hays, left, and Linwood Powell.

their own promotional booths. There are clowns, performers and other attractions which make the event popular with spectators whether they play golf or not.

"The Rex Classic is a one-day tournament that raises more than $100,000," Floyd said, "so I think we could make ours a two-day event."

Floyd stressed that she and the tournament committee are dedicated to putting charity first.

"We're hoping that at least 85 percent of the money goes to charity," Floyd said. "I think my one thing the day I met with them about being involved was how much would go to charity. If we were going to raise a lot of money but end up spending 60 or 70 percent on parties, funds and gifts, I didn't want to be a part of it. If we were going to do a charity event, I wanted to make sure we did it so the charities received most of the money. The committee is committed to that and so are Sprint, Fayetteville Tech and the Red Cross. We're going to try to keep our spending minimal, so I don't see why, in a couple of years, we can't raise more than $100,000."

# Make colleges a priority, lawmaker says

**RALEIGH** (AP) — The state should spend $78 million a year more than it does to improve community colleges so more adults can compete in a complex job market, a House Republican leader said Tuesday.

The House wants to follow through on the recommendations a blue-ribbon commission made in 1989 to bolster the system by 1993, said Rep. Robert Grady of Onslow County.

The House and Senate, in their spending plans, have proposed spending about $436 million on community colleges next year. This year's budget authorized community colleges to spend about $451 million.

Grady's proposal would increase spending for community colleges to at least $514 million.

"It reflects what we promised to do by 1993 and have not done," Grady said. "It's a matter of setting priorities. If we decide that putting more educational opportunities for more people in their own community should be in the budget, then we'll put it in the budget."

The 58-campus system offers services of some kind in all 100 counties, community college system President Vic Hackley said.

"Not only is this moving in the right direction, it's a little bit overdue," he said.

Community colleges should play a larger role in training adults for jobs that increasingly require workers to be able to read, write, calculate and think, the commission said in its 1989 report.

Gov. Jim Hunt has proposed spending $440.6 million on community colleges in the coming budget year.

The House's $518.6 million plan would allocate $43.5 million a year in each of the next two years to improve programs that lead toward a two-year community college degree or that can be applied toward a four-year university diploma. About $9.4 million would be spent in each of the next two budget

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# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## A deserving honor

### FTCC's Allen recognized for education excellence

By Jeffery Womble
Saturday Extra editor

Staff photo

**Craig Allen:** Community college system gave him opportunities.

Ask anyone familiar with the North Carolina Community College system to name two individuals — past and present — who have made the greatest contributions to the community college arena. More than likely the names I.E. Ready and Dr. Craig Allen will be mentioned.

Ready was the first president of the North Carolina Community College system, and Dr. Allen is the current president of Fayetteville Technical Community College. Ready made such a positive impact on the community college system that when he died, an award was named in his honor.

The award is presented annually by the Department of Adult and Community College Education at North Carolina State University. It's given to the NCSU graduate who has shown distinguish leadership in the field of community college education.

Allen became one of the latest recipients of the award.

"Dr. Ready was phenomenal leader as far as education," Allen said. "His philosophies centered around what's best for the student and he became the first president of the community college system. He put the students first, and to be selected as one of those persons to be honored with an award that carries his name and North Carolina State University is a paramount recognition for a person who is engaging in adult and community college education."

### Difficult process

Allen was honored with the award during the Department of Adult and Community College Education's 1995 commencement exercises May 13. Three other NCSU alumni received the award.

Award recipients have to be nominated by members of the department, recommended by the Community College Committee of the department and approved by the faculty. In a letter to the selection committee, Robert Scott, a immediate past president of the state community college, said he had the opportunity to observe first-hand the leadership qualities of Allen when Allen worked at Robeson Community College. He said it was a privilege to work with him.

"It should be noted that 'building' a college in Robeson County presented a major challenge for a young president," Scott said in his letter. "The county was tri-racial, tribal and poor. The success of Robeson Community College today, as anyone who knows will acknowledge, can be attributed to the solid foundation constructed under the leadership of Allen."

Allen said he was humbled by the remarks made by those who recommended him for the award.

"Everybody knows themselves better than someone else, and you don't think you are deserving when you do a self-analysis," he said.

Allen, however, will be the first to say that the community college system has done just as much for him as he has done for it.

"First of all it gave me, without throwing accolades upon myself, a worthwhile purpose for my life," he said. "It's provided me personal opportunities I've never dreamed of as far as making acquaintances I never thought I would come in contact with. One of the greatest things, it has allowed me to associate with and be acquainted with people of all walks of life."

Winning awards is nothing new for Allen. He has been named Young Educator of the Year and Boss of the Year by the Jaycees. In 1988 he was presented the Fayetteville Marquee Award as Educator of the Year. In the same year he was named one of 296 Transformation Leaders among more than 1,200 community college presidents in the nation. In 1991 he was selected by the National Association of Community College Trustees to receive the Outstanding Region Chief Executive Officer Award.

Allen attributes credit for his success to many factors. He said he's successful because he had great teachers and he surrounded himself with quality administrators.

"Anytime you receive any kind of recognition, you can only feel that a very small part of it is yours. There are influences in my life who deserve more of the credit. There are those who provided me early learning and supported me through educational efforts and made sacrifices."

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2C SPORTS

MARLENE FLOYD INVITATIONAL

# Sports auction among highlights

*Memorabilia from various sports will be up for bid July 28 at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center.*

By Jim Pettit
Assistant sports editor

Hogan, Nicklaus, Palmer, Norman, Couples ... they're all coming to the Marlene Floyd Invitational golf tournament next week.

No, not in person, but items they donated to a sports memorabilia auction will be among the highlights of the tournament party at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center on July 28.

The one-day tournament, with proceeds going to Fayetteville Technical Community College, is played the next day at King's Grant Golf and Country Club.

Greg Parks and Joe Beck have been busy in the last two months rounding up items for the auction, which is open to the public. Tickets are $35 per couple.

"We think it will be a real nice affair, and we have some strong memorabilia ... things you just don't see that often," Parks said.

For golf fans, there are two Hogan-autographed collages, one highlighting his remarkable success at Riviera Country Club. Other collages and pictures feature Jack Nicklaus (a picture that also includes a list of his tournament victories), Greg Norman, Fred Couples (a collage that includes a Masters scorecard from his 1992 victory), Arnold Palmer, Raymond Hills), a collage highlighting Byron Nelson's record 11 victories in a row, and a print signed by all LPGA Hall of Fame members who attended the recent U.S. Women's Open.

### Signed by athletes

"All our items are signed by the athletes," Parks said. "They're not just prints of their signatures."

For fans of other sports, such items as autographed pictures of baseball Hall of Fame member Enos Slaughter, pro basketball's Michael Jordan, a football signed by former Chicago Bears' star Gale Sayers, pictures of former Los Angeles Rams and N.C. State quarterback Roman Gabriel, legendary Baltimore Orioles pitcher Jim Palmer, and Baltimore Colts quarterback Johnny Unitas will be and Hilton Head Island will also be auctioned off, as well as numerous other items.

In addition to the auction, the party will include an appearance by four Los Angeles Lakers cheerleaders, musical entertainment by versatile singer Travis Butler, and an array of food and beverages.

"We think we have something of value to offer," Parks said. "It should be a great evening."

Berths remain available in the tournament. Cost is $250 per player, which includes two tickets to the Friday night party and auction, gift package, golf and cart fees, and food and beverages on the day of the tournament.

For information on player berths or tickets to the auction, call Hank Hutaff at 484-2626 or David Hays at 678-8201.

# FTCC grads ready to fulfill dreams

By Scott Mooneyham
Staff writer

*'I feel like I got more than just my degree. I got my self-respect. Before ... I was at home doing nothing. I was depressed.'*
*— Kim Gibbs*

Kim Gibbs almost didn't graduate Thursday night.

It wasn't that her grades weren't good enough. After 2½ years at Fayetteville Technical Community College, she graduated with honors.

The problem was that she almost never got started.

After trying twice — and failing — to register for classes, Gibbs very nearly walked away in tears never to return.

"Both times, in the fall and the spring, by the time I handed in my schedule, the classes were closed," Gibbs said. "One of the instructors — I still don't know who — saw me upset. I told him, 'I can't get my classes. There's no need for me even be here.' He helped me get schedule keyed in and get the classes

Gibbs, an accounting major, was of nearly 600 graduates attending packed ceremony at the Cumberland County Civic Center on Thursday ni

Like many of the new graduates has high hopes and dreams. She hop continue her education at a four-year lege and eventually become a cer public accountant.

Already, though, her dreams are ing true. After working part-ti

See Graduates, next

Staff Photo by Jared Lazarus

**Debra Deniece Newsome,** left, and Kim W. Howard adjust the cap and tassle of Shawn Smith before FTCC's commencement ceremony at Cumberland County Civic Center.

## Graduates

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FTCC, she recently landed a full-time job working in the school's business department.

And she says she has the self-confidence now that she lacked before going to the school.

"I feel like I got more than just my degree. I got my self-respect," the 35-year-old mother of two said. "Before, I felt I was too old. That I couldn't get my degree. I was at home doing nothing. I was depressed."

Gibbs wasn't the only person talking about the importance of education at the ceremony.

U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton told the graduates that education must continue to be a top priority in the United States if the country is to remain an economic power.

"For more than 200 years, we set education as our top priority. That is why America is America. That is why we are a great nation," Clayton said. "Some in Washington would have us undo that. Now it is fashionable to see how much we can make people suffer."

Clayton, who represents North Carolina's 1st Congressional District, said Americans' faith must be restored in the institutions that made the country great — family, church, schools and community.

"I think we have lost that sense of faith because we have lost our sense of community," Clayton said.

While Clayton spoke to more a crowd of more than 2,000 inside the civic center, more than 300 friends and family members who could not squeeze in the building waited outside.

After Clayton's speech, FTCC student Deangelo Andrews was presented with the Trox Poland Memorial Award. The award, named for a former computer instructor, is presented each year to an outstanding graduate picked by the faculty.

### Attention to details

Floyd admits being something of a mother hen.

"I can't help it," she said. "I said last year (she took charge of a Red Cross event at Cypress Lakes at the last minute and put together a highly successful single-day tournament) that I just couldn't get as deeply involved again, but here I am, on the phone for three or four hours a day. I just want the tournament to succeed. I guess I just have to get involved in everything.

"It's the woman's side of things. I want to make sure all the little details are right. I want all the tents the same, the food and beverages at the right places," Floyd said. "I don't want someone not to find a drink of water and not want to play next year because of that."

Rob Clancy of title sponsor Sprint Cellular/Sprint Carolina Telephone is one of the committee anchors along with Hays and Pape. Other committee leaders include Hank Hutaff, Linwood Powell, Bill Perkins, Tommy Bolton, Rodney Matthews, Bill Adams, Billy Davidson, Joe Beck, Eddie Burke, and Preston Blum.

Beck, a key figure in the defunct Chip Beck Invitational which was replaced by this tournament, heads the auction scheduled July 28 at the pre-tournament party at the Agri-Expo Center. A complete list will be announced next week, but among the items are a baseball autographed by Mickey Mantle, a Michael Jordan-autographed basketball, and a trip that includes a guest appearance on the soap opera, "The Young and the Restless."

Floyd leaves soon to work on telecasts of the Women's U.S. Open and the JAL Big Apple Classic. Her tournament, however, won't be out of mind.

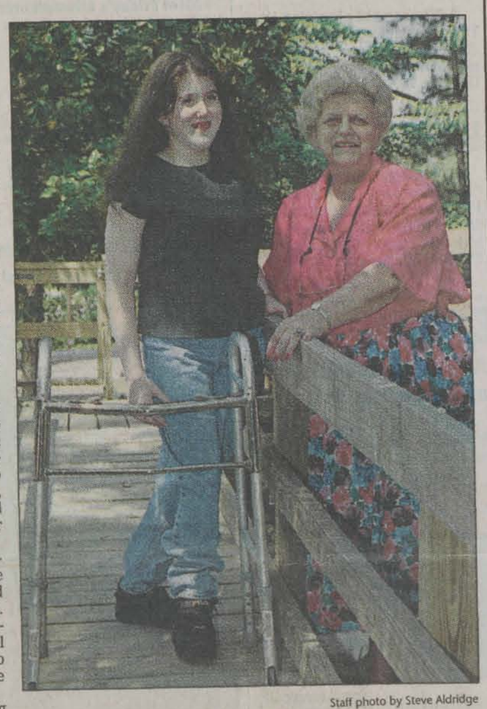
"I'll probably have to call David every day," Floyd said, flashing a warm smile. "I just want this tournament to be so good that people will beg to get into it next year."

*It's graduation time: Another generation is preparing to go out into the world. Meet three teen-agers who've already found the will to succeed.*

# SUCCESS STORIES

## Amie Williamson
## Next stop: FTCC

By Kim Oriole
Staff writer



Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

**Amie Williamson,** who is graduating from Terry Sanford High, enjoys a visit with her grandmother, Ann Childres.

When Amie Williamson walks across the stage to get her high school diploma on Thursday, her mother will be in tears.

Cynthia Williams wasn't supposed to see her only daughter live past her sixth day. That's when Amie was separated from her Siamese twin brother. He died, and she's been surprising doctors ever since.

Amie was also born with a cleft palate and lip and spina bifida, a birth defect in which the spine doesn't fully enclose the spinal cord. It leads to bone, kidney and nerve problems, often paralyzes the lower body, and usually brings on hydrocephalus, or water on the brain.

In some ways, she is just a regular 18-year-old girl. She went to the prom this spring and graduated from the Barbizon modeling school. She's nervous about starting college at Fayetteville Technical Community College. She loves to gossip on the Internet on her home computer.

But in many ways, she's a living miracle.

"Over and over and over again, I was told she wouldn't live," her mother said. "They always told me if she did live, she would be mentally retarded."

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## Amie

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Instead, Amie will graduate from Terry Sanford High school with a C average. She plans to start general classes at FTCC in the winter.

### 'A lot of pain'

"It's a day I never thought I'd see," Williams said about Thursday's graduation. "I get teary-eyed and choked up thinking about it. She's in a lot of pain. She has struggled and come a long way."

Amie maneuvers well with a walker, but uses a wheelchair at school so she can get to class on time. She plans to walk across the stage to claim her hard-earned diploma.

She has had dozens of surgeries all over her body, but she rarely complains. And she has never thought of herself as handicapped.

"I feel great about myself ... until I go out in public. Then I'll get a few stares," she said. "A lot of people said I wouldn't graduate, that I'd drop out. I believed them until I got in 10th grade, then I decided I wanted to show these people I could graduate."

Her shy but bright smile reveals a mouthful of braces. Her dark hair and lashes set off deep blue eyes, and it's easy to see how she graduated from the modeling school.

David Pugh, Amie's principal at Terry Sanford High, is proud of her.

"The girl has taught us a lot about courage," he said. "She's come to school most of the time in pain and has made it a point to me not to want any special treatment."

Even after surgery, she collected her books and assignments and studied at home to keep up.

Last year, Amie started her own craft business, making teddy bears, reindeer and puppies out of pom poms. Her mother said she made about $250 in November and December and used the money for Christmas presents.

A purple teddy bear from Amie sits next to Pugh's desk at school. He was in a bad mood the day she gave it to him, and one look at the bear still brightens his day.

"She's one of those kids that I'll always remember."

### Graduations

Cumberland County high schools graduation ceremonies at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium.

**Wednesday:**
Cape Fear High School ..... 11 a.m.
South View High School ..... 2 p.m.
Westover High School ..... 5 p.m.
Seventy-First High School ..... 8 p.m.

**Thursday:**
E.E. Smith High School ..... 11 a.m.
Douglas Byrd High School ..... 2 p.m.
Terry Sanford High School..... 5 p.m..
Pine Forest High School ..... 8 p.m.

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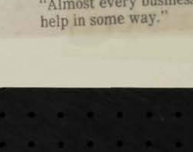
# *Marlene Floyd tourney spurs community effort*

The Marlene Floyd Invitational Golf Tournament carries more than the former LPGA player's name.

It carries her personal involvement.

"Some tournaments have a namesake and that's the extent of their involvement," committeeman Skip Pape of Classic Food Services said Thursday at the tournament's weekly committee meeting at Fayetteville Tech, "but I want everyone to know how hard Marlene has personally worked on this tournament."



Jim Pettit
Assistant Sports Editor

There is virtually no aspect of the July 29 event at King's Grant that Floyd hasn't touched on, from how the course should be set up to the location of sponsor signs. She's personally called, coaxed and cajoled both sponsors and prize donors. And her commitment to making the tournament a success is matched by those around her.

"These guys are great," Floyd said of the tournament committee. "They are working so hard. I know they are very busy people, so it makes me want to do a little extra."

### A perfect partnership

"I think the blend of Marlene's personality and the beneficiaries — the American Red Cross and Fayetteville Tech — and the spirit of the community are mixing very well," said committee chairman David Hays of Fayetteville Tech. "It really projects the spirt of our community. This is more than a golf tournament. It's the platform we want to represent as a community, showing that we care about education, and we care about disaster relief. It's a perfect partnership between golf and charity."

Numerous golf tournaments each year benefit charities. Every business in the city is contacted repeatedly for prizes or other donations. Obviously, no one can give to all. But the level of generosity is a credit to Fayetteville and the area. Some donations are large. Some are small. All help toward creating a richer payoff for the Red Cross and Fayetteville Tech. The list of sponsors and contributors grows daily and will likely be a Who's Who of giving by the time tournament weekend rolls around. Tournament information is available by calling Hays at 678-8201.

"The two questions people ask are, 'What is it?' and 'Where does the money go?'" Floyd said. "Almost every businessman you ask is willing to help in some way."

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### Appointments

■ **Maureen "Bunni" Oslund-Fisk** has been named marketing director for Cross Creek Mall.

She is a former marketing director for Lancaster Development Co. and Payless Properties Northwest in Salem, Ore. She has 16 years of shopping center experience.

She attended Chemeketa Community College in Oregon and Michigan State University.

■ **Judith Reynolds** has been named an advertising representative with the Paraglide, Fort Bragg's authorized weekly newspaper.

Formerly with the Fayetteville Observer-Times, Reynolds has 12 years of experience in newspaper advertising and formerly was on staff with the Savannah (Ga.) News-Press and the Walterboro (S.C.) Press & Standard.

■ First Union Bank announces five personnel changes.

**Allyson A. Dickens,** branch manager for the Cross Creek office, will continue as manager there and will manage the Highland office.

She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is treasurer of the Cumberland County chapter of the American Heart Association, and is on the board of Home Health Services of Cumberland County.

**Hector N. Ray** has been named manager of the Raeford Road office. A graduate of N.C. State University, Ray is a former branch manager with United Carolina Bank.

**Jeffrey C. Wood** has been named assistant branch manager of the Highland office. A former loan officer with the State Employees' Credit Union, Wood is a graduate of UNC.

**Kelly A. Truelove** and **Jackie Hayden** have been named customer service representatives. Truelove is a former auditor with Southern National Bank and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Hayden is a graduate of the University of Colorado, and a former teller supervisor with First Union.

■ **Jennifer Buono** has been named executive director of the Hospital Hospitality House of Fayetteville.

She is a public administration instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College and former personnel manager for EGW Personnel Services in Raleigh.

A graduate of James Madison University, she received a master's degree from Webster University.

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

**The five original** CONTACT counselors — from left, Mickey Jordan, Betty McInnis, Ann Ashford, Lorette Hollingshead and Wayne Ham — meet at Hay Street United Methodist Church.

# 25 years of talking

## Organization continues to lend an ear, assistance

**By Jeffery Womble**
Staff writer

One day Merle Reichle, a teacher at Hay Street United Methodist Church, was about to enter the building when she saw a woman sitting on the steps crying.

The woman needed a shoulder to lean on. She was having marital problems, had no place to go and no one to turn to. Reichle talked to the woman and then introduced her to the Rev. Wallace Kirby, a minister at the church.

"He talked to the lady and afterward realized that there was no place in this area for someone to listen to her," said Betty McInnis. "Shortly a suicidal person pulled into the parking lot of the church. He counseled and again said that this city needs someplace that will listen to people."

That realization led to the establishment of CONTACT, a 24-hour telephone service for people who are scared or depressed or in trouble. The volunteers who answer the phones tell troubled people where they can turn for advice and help. The service is free and confidential.

### Reception planned

CONTACT began operation on July 13, 1970, under the guidance of Rev. Kirby. Betty McInnis has been a director from the beginning. The service will celebrate its 25th anniversary from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday with a reception at the Arts Center on Hay Street.

Mayor J.L. Dawkins and other city and county officials will meet with past and present CONTACT volunteers and supporters. Entertainment will be provided by Miss Fayetteville, Dena Briggs, and the 82nd Airborne Jazz Ensemble.

In its 25 years, CONTACT has never closed. For 24 hours a day, seven days a week, volunteers have answered the phones. The volunteers complete a 60-hour, professionally taught training program.

Since CONTACT opened more than 245,000 calls have been received and 219,000 hours have been given by 1,168 volunteers.

CONTACT has 106 volunteers now. Five of them have been with the organization from the beginning. Some of the volunteers handle the phones, while others are support workers, such as psychologists or ministers who can help a telephone worker deal with a problem.

"To me, we are the quiet organization," said Gladys Edwards, publicity chairman for CONTACT. "We are not at all flashy. We are ordinary people. The fact that we get that many calls says there is a need. Plus we do it on a very small budget.

"Everything is confidential. They have an option to tell us their name. Some do; some don't," said publicity chairman Gladys Edwards. "Everything is free. That's better than the psychic line on TV. We have boyfriend-girlfriend calls. Kids who have problems or if something good happens call. They tell us good things, bad things and in-between things."

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## Contact

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Betty McInnis, the director, is proud of CONTACT's record.

"The fact that is has been there to listen to the cries of the city has made it extremely beneficial," she said. "It has listened to cases of suicide, child abuse and marital abuse. It's not that we intervene ourselves, but we put them in touch with agencies that can take care of the situation and if necessary, report it to the authorities.

"I don't want it to sound like we don't give confidentiality to our callers, but by law, child abuse has to reported. But the calls have to be confidential and of course, the workers are completely anonymous."

The Fayetteville program is accredited by CONTACT, USA, and follows national standards of volunteer selection, training and day-to-day operation. CONTACT of Fayetteville is part of a network of helplines that serve as many as 2.5 million callers each year.

"We started out to be what we are," McInnis said. "And I think we were given such a good foundation when the program was started by our founding fathers that we knew the mission was and this is what we provide."



# DININGOUT

Staff photo by Johnny Horne

**Juanita McNair:** 'Everything here is basically homemade.'

# Juanita's buffet keeps rolling

*By Jeffery Womble*
Staff writer

Who would have thought of opening a restaurant that features a soul-food buffet at a truck stop?

Juanita McNair did — and she couldn't be more pleased with business.

"I didn't choose this spot. This is the spot the Lord chose for me," McNair said. "The health inspector told me about this location and I am happy. My business is 100 percent better than when I was on Clinton Road."

### *No stranger*

McNair is no stranger to the food profession. Known throughout the area for her catering services, she has catered for area churches, Fayetteville State University and Fayetteville Technical Community College. She took her catering experience and used it to open her own restaurant which she says specializes in "old-fashioned cooking and catering."

The business day at Juanita's begins at 6 a.m. with a breakfast buffet. The buffet features the normal breakfast fare including country ham, sausage (link and patty), eggs, pancakes, hash browns, grits, bacon and a fresh fruit bar. The breakfast buffet costs $3.95.

Lunch features a variety of items including barbecue ribs, seafood, stew beef, rice, mashed potatoes with gravy, pigs' feet, fatback, a salad bar and a host of fresh vegetables. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. and costs $4.95.

Dinner includes a lot of the same items as the lunch buffet, but costs $5.95.

The highlight at Juanita's is a Sunday buffet that features 18 meat items — including shrimp, scallops, oysters and roast beef — 12 different vegetables, 26 salad items and several desserts. The Sunday buffet costs $6.95.

"A lot of people ask for the cheesecake and homemade banana pudding," McNair said. "Everything is basically homemade, from the garden or frozen. I hardly ever use canned foods."

### *Check breakfast*

I visited the restaurant during the dinner buffet and was impressed. The barbecued ribs were great, and the stew beef and rice, fried chicken and baked chicken receive high marks. The green beans were seasoned to perfection. The pecan pie I had for dessert gets two thumbs up.

The decor consists of floral wall paper and matching silk arrangements on each table. The dining area is neatly kept. The service is great. Waitresses frequently visit the table to provide free refills on what I consider some of the best iced tea in town.

McNair said the key to running a good restaurant is giving customers what they like.

"I work on my customers when they come through the door," she said. "I try to give them what they want. I try to give a good product and I try to keep my place clean. I pay extra help to come in at night to make sure it's clean."

McNair's customers often tell her how much they enjoy her food

**Juanita's Restaurant**

**Address:** N. Eastern Blvd., Fayetteville in the 301 Truckstop

**Phone:** 484-2900

**Speciality:** Old-fashioned cooking featuring breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets.

**Hours:** Breakfast, 6 to 10 a.m.; Lunch, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Dinner, 5 to 9 p.m.

**Health Rating:** A



*DUKE, N.C. STATE AMONG FINAL SEVEN*

# Ralph says no to UNC

*The Terry Sanford High basketball standout plans to make her college decision in November.*

**By Earl Vaughan Jr.**
Scholastic sports editor

The University of North Carolina is not among the schools Terry Sanford High School basketball star Shea Ralph is considering to attend.

Ralph announced the final seven schools on her list Friday. They are, in no particular order, Connecticut, Duke, Purdue, North Carolina State, Stanford, Tennessee and Virginia.

North Carolina had been on Ralph's list from the start, and many people assumed she would go there because it was where her mother, Marsha Mann Ralph, played.

The elder Ralph was the first female basketball All-American in Tar Heel history and had her jersey raised to the rafters of Carmichael Auditorium in a special ceremony earlier this year.

Shea Ralph said a number of factors caused her to drop North Carolina from consideration, but dissatisfaction with the school and its program were not among them.

"If there are girls from around here still looking, I'd tell them it is a wonderful program," she said. "It's awesome. But it's just not for me."

### Tar Heels loaded

Ralph expressed a desire to go to a school where she could make a fresh start, make new friends and contribute to the program early.

The latter may have been the main reason she didn't choose the Tar Heels, she said.

"Carolina is absolutely stacked in basketball, especially at my position," she said. "I'd be in line behind a lot of players."

With seven schools still on her list, Ralph said she has pushed back plans to announce her decision by the start of school. She will now wait until the early signing period, which begins Nov. 7.

She is planning a combination of in-home and official visits with the schools still on her list.

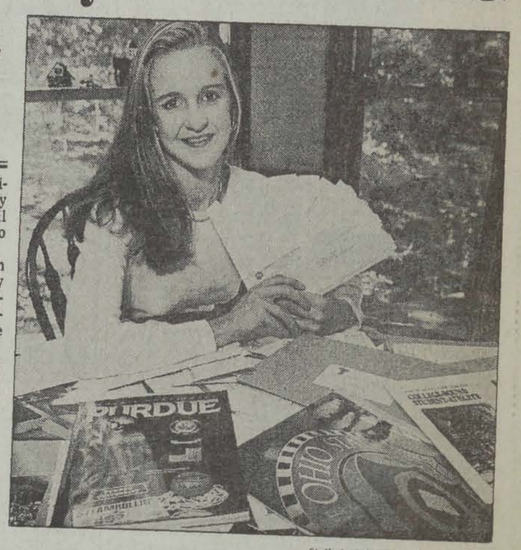
"I probably won't be taking official visits to the three ACC schools on my list," she said. "They are closer to me than any of the other schools."

Ralph will use the official visits, which means the school pays for the trip, to go to Stanford and Connecticut. She has already been to Purdue and Tennessee.

She got some valuable advice on the recruiting process from Tennessee's Tiffini Johnson, a freshman from Charlotte's Garinger High School.

While the recruiting process heats up, Ralph is winding down from a busy summer. At the recent national AAU 16-and-under tournament for girls in Dallas, she was named to the 10-player AAU All-American team in her age group, which included 77 teams from across the nation.

She'll attend a team camp at High Point University this weekend with other players from Terry Sanford, then join a team with Terry Sanford's Jaime Matthews and Fayetteville Academy's Meredith Smith in the Junior Nationals in Washington, D.C.


Staff photo by Cindy Burnham, 1994

**Shea Ralph** has been recruited by nearly every major college.

**RECRUITING**

## The Panthers looked good

Our first glimpse of the Carolina Panthers was a satisfying one. The team appeared as sharp as could have been expected against Jacksonville after only two weeks in training camp. In fact, the Panthers looked better than some established teams do in their first preseason games.

Coach Dom Capers had to be especially pleased with his defense and his quarterbacks. Even rookie Kerry Collins was sharp after a rocky first series during which he was blind-sided once.

Meanwhile, the struggling Washington Redskins are in trouble again. The 'Skins have been been hit by a series of injuries, which include rookie center Cory Raymer, running back Reggie Brooks and defensive tackle Bobby Wilson.

Raymer broke an ankle and could be out 12 weeks. Wilson, who could be lost for the season with a herniated disk, may be missed the most as the defensive line is already woefully thin.

Look for the Redskins to trade Brooks, who is suffering with a hamstring, if they can find a taker. If not, look for them to release him. Brooks has been in Coach Norv Turner's doghouse since early last season.

# N.C.'s Information Highway is worth the cost

**By Edward Renfrow**
Raleigh

As North Carolina state controller, I would like to address the article you printed May 22 on the North Carolina Information Highway. In my opinion, portions of the information associated with this article are not factual and are very misleading.

I realize that the subject is quite complex and the issues are difficult to articulate in a newspaper article; however, the comparison between the North Carolina Information Highway capabilities and those of other states is a misrepresentation. The term "information highway" carries many connotations. It is unfortunate the article defined North Carolina's only in terms of its video capabilities and not in terms of the functionality that exists in North Carolina's digital network.

The world of information management and movement technology is fast-paced and dynamic with telecommunications arguably the most dynamic of these technologies. In this fast-paced world, good ideas and technology initiatives can quickly become obsolete.

North Carolina entered into the planning of a significant telecommunications technology initiative, later known as the North Carolina Information Highway, with a clear understanding of the perils associated with it. The state wanted to provide a capability that did not exist at a price that lowered the per-unit cost of moving information. In doing so, the state has created an information highway that has multiple components, each sized to fit a particular application and priced in accordance with capabilities. The state is constantly reviewing new technology and assessing its applicability. The North Carolina Information Highway should not only be defined by its video transport service, but also as a constantly evolving information movement service.

The article pointed out four "troubles" on the highway. This response addresses the first three "troubles" and provides an alternative perspective.

The article states that North Carolina has the highest rates of any statewide information highway in the country. This is an unfair assertion based on the lack of a capabilities comparison. Because I am most familiar with the Georgia network, I will offer a brief scenario comparing the capabilities of the two networks. North Carolina's educational network has 200 times more information movement capacity than the Georgia network for approximately four times the price. The quality of the video signal, considered to be important for educational effectiveness, is significantly better as a result of the increased capacity. The North Carolina network has the capability for two simultaneous video sessions, while Georgia has the capability of one. North Carolina's network has the capability of data communications, including Internet access, and provides it with 15 times the capacity of the Georgia network. North Carolina received no funding to offset the rates charged to users, while Georgia has a substantial pool, $50 million, from which to subsidize its network rates.

*North Carolina educational institutions have access to the most advanced computer networking capabilities.*

Both North Carolina and Georgia realize that one network approach will not meet every user requirement in terms of performance and price. Therefore, eventually both states will employ the technology used in the other state. North Carolina included a provision in its contractual agreements that will provide for lower capability service.

The article states that no educators, were involved in the NCIH development. This statement is untrue. The North Carolina Task Force on Technologies and Education was formed in 1991, chaired by Chancellor Jim Leutze of UNC-Wilmington, and comprised more than 200 professionals from the public schools, higher education, and community colleges. This task force's focus was on distance learning.

The article states "only 50 schools are expected to be connected by the end of the year, less than 20 percent of earlier state projections." There are currently 62 sites (54 of which are schools) connected to the NCIH video service with at least 112 ordered to be installed by the end of the year. I expect other sites for both video and data communications to be ordered and implemented by Dec. 1, 1995. I also expect the technology, its applications, and the potential users to dynamically evolve.

North Carolina educational institutions currently have access to the most advanced computer networking capabilities in the nation. The article states "While other states offer schools computer networking and Internet access, North Carolina's highway won't have such services until sometime in 1996." This statement simply is not true. The state has offered a data communications service that included Murnet access since 1992. The data communications service associated with the NCIH has always included Internet access. North Carolina is clearly the leader in researching and providing advanced data communications capabilities to its various entities, including the school systems. The state now offers three bills of interoperable networks that include Internet access with more variations in the planning phase. These networks include a dial access TC/IP service, a router based Wide Area Network (WAN) with speed alternatives, and the data communications services associated with the SONET/ATM implementation of the NCII-L. In conclusion, the techniques for providing two-way interactive video and data communications are continuing to evolve. North Carolina's plan for this technology, like the plans of other states, will continue to evolve. In its initial phases, North Carolina opted for a high-quality video signal so that the assessment of video applications would not be distorted by technology. Other states have taken a different approach. While North Carolina strives to maintain the quality and to improve the cost, other states with different approaches will be striving to improve the quality and maintain the cost.

Technology and pricing will make it more possible for North Carolina to attain our goal of interoperability of technologies at lower cost than will the current path of some other states to reach their goal of improved quality of interoperability of their networks and maintain their current cost.

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# THE FAST TRACK

**Brenda Adamson studies** under a downtown shelter as she waits for the bus to FTCC.

Staff photos by Jay Capers

# Buses face dead end

**By Scott Yates**
Staff writer

Proposed cuts in federal money threaten to park city buses, and it is unlikely the City Council and state legislators will be willing to raise taxes to keep them rolling.

City officials say the Fayetteville Area System of Transit suffers from many problems. It relies too much on federal funding, it doesn't serve most areas that riders want to go, and offers a weak schedule.

Riders pay a 75-cent fare, but it's expected to cost about $3.43 per rider to operate FAST buses this year.

"If the federal subsidy goes away, the odds are against us," said Mayor J.L. Dawkins. "You have to measure how many people we are truly helping against the money it costs to operate the system."

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*– Mayor J.L. Dawkins*

Unless a solution is found, the buses could stop running within three years. That worries riders such as Brenda Adamson, who doesn't own a car and uses the bus to get to classes at Fayetteville Technical Community College. "I use the bus to go to school, grocery shopping, everything else," said Adamson, 32.

Joe Hatcher, 74, trudges a mile from his home near E.E. Smith High School to catch the bus on Murchison Road. "Many people like me don't have cars, and we need the bus to get around. I ride every day."

Jennifer Munn rides the bus to work every day, and stops to pick up her children on her way home. She also doesn't have a car. "It would be terrible not to have buses. People couldn't get to school, go to work, go to the doctor, buy groceries," she said.

**Robert Lewis** gathers up his son, Robert, at his stop.

City officials expect about a million bus riders this year.

The city would need to increase the property tax rate by about 6 cents to make up for the more than $2 million in federal money expected to be spent for the bus system this year. About half the money needed to operate the bus system already comes from property taxes.

Councilman Breeden Blackwell said property taxes can't make up for losses in federal money. "The reality is the dollars, and I don't think the dollars are there," Blackwell said. "I know a lot of people need

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transportation, but if you're talking about putting it on the back of property owners, I don't think that would fly."

City officials say imminent federal cuts make finding an answer more urgent.

President Clinton wants to cut federal grants for bus systems from $700 million to $500 million a year. Brian Cudahy, a spokesman for the Federal Transit Administration, said Clinton wants to keep the $500 million a year stable for at least five years.

A transportation bill in the House proposes cuts to $400 million a year, which would almost halve the grant money available to Fayetteville. The bill calls to ultimately eliminate the grant program.

The Federal Transit Administration estimates that 43 bus systems would have to shut down if grants are cut to $400 million.

Rep. Thomas Foglietta, a Pennsylvania Democrat, has filed an amendment to lessen the proposed cut. "Without this amendment, fares will skyrocket, while ridership will plummet and routes will be cut," Foglietta said. "And it won't just happen in New York and Philadelphia. It will happen in Fayetteville and Tuscaloosa."

Rep. Charlie Rose, a Democrat from Fayetteville, said he wants to support Foglietta's amendment, but it calls for a cap on federal highway projects that would drastically cut money for a proposed outer loop around Fayetteville.

"I want to support the restoration of transit funds if that is possible, but I can't do it if it means stopping federal funding for the loop," Rose said.

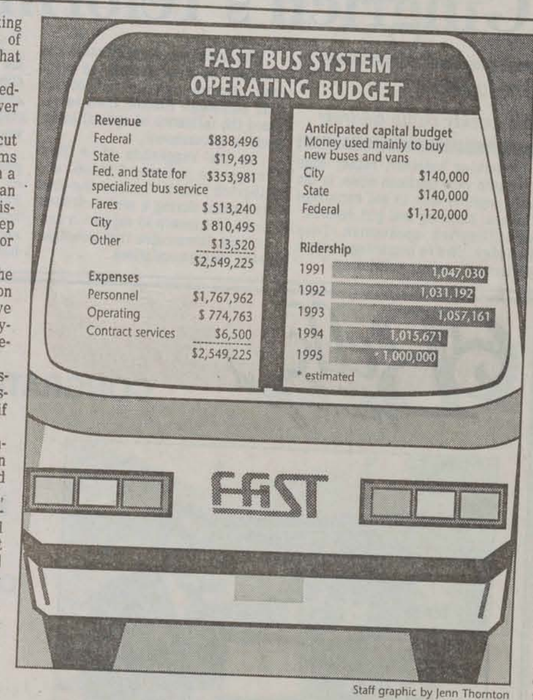
### A squeeze on subsidies

Rose said large federal subsidies like the ones going to bus systems are going to become harder to get.

Dawkins said a proposal to establish a countywide bus system to replace the city's system appears to be the only alternative.

The proposal calls for putting a $10 annual tax on vehicles and getting permission from the state legislature to levy a half-cent sales tax on every dollar of goods sold in Cumberland County to raise about $11 million a year.

Two committees appointed by the county Board of Commissioners, City Council and boards in Spring Lake and Hope Mills have studied the proposal for the countywide system for three years. The last committee to study the proposal will present its recommendations to elected officials this fall.

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Dawkins said it's unlikely state lawmakers will approve the sales tax. The state legislature has never approved a sales tax on all retail goods sold in just one county. Such taxes have always been assessed statewide.

City Manager John Smith said both committees found that the sales tax was the only way to raise enough money unless property taxes are increased. Higher fares would result in fewer riders.

"The question comes down to whether this community wants and needs some sort of public transit system, and what it is willing to pay for it," Smith said.

City officials saw the demise of the system coming, even without the cuts being discussed in Congress. The city hired a consultant in 1992 to suggest an alternative.

The city began its bus system in 1976. Before that, a private company operated a bus system in the city.

As the cost of running the bus system has risen, federal grants have been gradually reduced. For many years, the city was given more federal money than it spent and built a reserve. But the city now spends more than it receives. The city will use $838,496 from federal coffers this year to operate the system, but its federal grant for the year is $651,000. The rest of the money comes from the reserve account.

Jerome Brown, the city's transit director, said the city has about $1.3 million in reserves. That will probably be wiped out in three years, sooner if Congress cuts grants.

The city also depends on the federal government to pay 80 percent of the cost of buying equipment, such as buses that cost about $250,000 each. The city plans to spend about $1 million in federal money this year to buy buses. Congress is considering cuts in that money as well.

### Flaws conceded

Brown is quick to concede that the bus system has many flaws. He said it could be viewed as just another form of welfare because only people who don't have a choice ride the buses.

Most riders are poor and can't afford a car. Two of the most popular routes go through poor neighborhoods in Massey Hill and along Murchison Road.

On most routes, buses pass a bus stop every hour. Buses don't stray much from main roads, leaving a long walk to a bus stop for many people. Few bus stops have shelters. Buses don't run at night and on Sundays.

The buses don't go where many people want to go outside the city limits. The buses don't go to Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, Hope Mills, Spring Lake, neighborhoods west of the city where many people live, and large industries outside the city where many people work.

"The way it is now, if you don't need it, you don't use it," Brown said. "If we had more coverage, I would never drive my car to work."

Brown said the proposal for the countywide system would solve the problems.

Buses would travel by most bus stops every 20 or 30 minutes. Money would be available to build shelters at many bus stops. Buses would travel all over the county, including outlying areas such as Stedman, Wade and Godwin.

The countywide system would not rely on federal money — enough money would be raised by the sales tax, vehicle tax and fares. The proposal calls for forming a transit authority to supervise the operation of the system with representatives from Fayetteville, Cumberland County, Hope Mills, Spring Lake and the military.

### Keep system alive

County commissioners Thomas Bacote and Billy King said the city and county need to find a way to keep the bus system alive.

"I can't conceive of a county being close to 300,000 people and not having good public transportation," Bacote said.

"I understand the dilemma the city is in," King said. "But this community cannot get out of that kind of business."

Lulu Hood, a waitress at the Downtown Luncheonette on Hay Street, said city and county officials would be crazy if they let the bus system die. Most of the customers she waits on come downtown on the bus, she said.

"The city without a bus system is just like a house without furniture," Hood said. "Without transportation, a city dies. You got to have a bus system."

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**Member of** Golden Knights parachutes in.

## *Marlene Floyd event gets off to good start*

Marlene Floyd jokingly describes herself as a "mother hen," worrying about the smallest detail while never losing sight of the overall goal.

And, as a wise, prudent man observed long ago, "if mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy."

Jim Pettit

*Assistant Sports Editor*

Well, mama's happy. Saturday's inaugural Sprint Cellular Marlene Floyd Invitational at King's Grant was as smooth as the landings on No. 13 tee and fairway by the Army's incomparable Golden Knights parachute team during opening ceremonies.

"I was very nervous that we couldn't put this together in the 2½ to 3 months that we had," Floyd said, "and I really didn't want to get involved unless I knew it could be done correctly. I am 100 percent satisfied that it was done fabulously.

"We've got a lot of little things that can certainly be better," she said. "We can have a lot more prizes on each of the holes. Obviously, the weather was a little too hot, but we'll get a better date. I don't know the tally on the money yet, but I will bet we made a whole lot for Fayetteville Tech and the American Red Cross, and that was our whole goal."

The tournament was put together quickly to fill the void left by the cancellation of the Beck Invitational, which had become a major community attraction in its brief tenure.

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having four celebrities or pros on the par 3s and a special attraction such as Charles Foster (a trick shot specialist who performed on the driving range as tourney results were being tabulated) and let that be it on the celebrities. My vote is to keep the players and just one or two special guests to play one shot or one hole."

Gates Four's Skip Pape was captain of the inaugural winning team with a score of 16-under-par 56. Top finishers are on today's scoreboard page.

### The celebrity trap

The emphasis on players is an example of keeping the tournament's goal in sharp focus. Celebrities are expensive. They may donate their time, but their travel expenses, housing, local transportation, meals and entertainment are picked up by the host committee. And celebrities, used to being coddled, can sometimes turn into a public relations nightmare. Ask any official of the Crosby Tournament at Bermuda Run near Winston-Salem, which juggles large numbers of celebrities each year.

Such expenses eat heavily into what the charities receive.

"I just feel like we're doing this for a cause, so don't forget the cause," Floyd said. "There's a lot of hours that go into this. The committee has worked so hard. Why work so hard and then have nothing left? That was a mistake that, I guess, was made in the past. This is brand new tournament, a new name, and we have no past."

There is, however, a future.

Since Friday night's successful sports auction and party, additional community business leaders have asked about a role in next year's event. To Floyd, that's more than encouraging. It's essential.

She would like to see the tournament grow so that, eventually, more charities might be added as beneficiaries.

"We hope to know how much money we raised within two to three days," Floyd said. "King's Grant, along with Sprint, Belk, House of Raeford, USAir, Cablevision — our major sponsors — all of them were fabulous. I think we met a lot of friends Friday night. We saw people who bid on high-priced items, and we know the people who want to be involved. I've had two or three people contact me who said they want to be on the committee next year.

"I think this can really grow, and we can get enough money to perhaps take in another charity, which is what I would like to do. I have a love for animals, and I think our animal shelter in Fayetteville needs help. It's my long-term goal to keep this up and do something for our animal shelter."

That would really make a mother hen smile.

### Significant differences

There are significant differences. The Beck tournament featured a large number of celebrities, which heightened its appeal from a spectator's point of view.

The Floyd event makes the players the focal point of attention. Prize drawing tickets, for example, carry the purchaser's name instead of a number. "I wanted to call names instead of numbers because these players are important and should get the recognition," Floyd said.

Celebrities are held to a minimum, and used in specialty situations. For example, Floyd, fellow LPGA pro Mindy Moore, Futures Tour professional Melissa Dziabo, and former N.C. State basketball star Monte Towe were positioned at par 3s and competed with and for groups that passed through.

Floyd is convinced the latter format is the best way to go.

"I play in about 26 of these a year, corporate and charity, and I still think this is the best way," she said. "I've played when there were mostly celebrities and pros, and I've played when there were basically none. I really like

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## CRIME REPORT

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### Former councilman tells police of theft

A Fayetteville woman was charged Tuesday with felony larceny after a former Fayetteville City Councilman reported that she stole a wallet and other items from him at the Radisson Prince Charles Hotel, police said.

Christy Leigh Smith, 19, of the 2700 block of Colgate Drive, is accused of stealing a wallet, a gold bracelet, $1,300 in cash, a pocketknife, a gold-colored good luck coin and a Cumberland County Sheriff's Department identification from Steve Richard Satisky, reports said. The items were valued at $3,397.

Satisky carries the Sheriff's Department identification because he is a reserve officer with the department. He is not authorized to carry a weapon, according to department spokesman Jerry England.

Satisky, 47, told officers that the theft occurred at the Hay Street hotel shortly after 2 a.m. Friday.

A police spokesman said Smith had contacted Satisky and said she had gotten into a fight with her mother and asked him if he could help her.

The spokesman said the woman got a room at the hotel. Satisky went to her room to make sure she was OK, then went to the restroom, police said. When he returned, the items were missing.

Satisky, a loan officer for the Phillips Loan Office on Gillespie Street, was a Fayetteville City Councilman in the 1970s.

## *Let's put Pete Rose in the Hall of Fame*

A Rose by any other name maybe shouldn't be in the Baseball Hall of Fame. But the one named Pete, sure ought to be.

Enough is enough. Pete Rose was a great baseball player. He was the kind of player that epitomized the game. He was running when he got to the park and running when he left. They didn't call him Charlie Hustle because he trotted to first base after a walk.

Howard Ward

*Sports Editor*

Admittedly, Pete Rose did some things he shouldn't have done. Who among us hasn't? He gambled, probably even on the games in which he was involved in as either a player or manager. But I'll wager he never bet against his team. Rose never knew any other way to go than all out. He couldn't have deliberately thrown a game if he had wanted to.

Mike Schmidt, a former teammate of Rose when they were both with Philadelphia, is to be applauded for having the courage and conviction to promote the cause of Rose during his own induction at Cooperstown on Sunday. He not only mentioned Rose twice during his acceptance speech, but wore Pete's No. 14 as a lapel pin in his jacket.

Pete Rose never did anything to hurt the game he played. Any tarnishment that his gambling may have caused is long gone. It's time for the people in the game who make the decisions to wake up and appreciate the Roses among their midst.

Nothing Rose ever did hurt the game nearly as much as the stupidity the owners have displayed over the last few years. They're the ones who should be punished. Pete Rose has paid his debt. Put him in the Hall of Fame and let's play ball.

### Golf, golf everywhere

If you know someone who plays golf, odds are he was competing in a tournament over the weekend.

Three excellent tournaments were held in this area last weekend, including the Hooters Tour Soffe Classic at Gates Four Country Club, the Sprint Cellular Marlene Floyd Invitational at King's Grant Country Club, and the N.C. Heart Fund Association State Pro-Am at Mid Pines and Pine Needles Resorts in Southern Pines.

The Hooters Tour players didn't humble the strong Willard Byrd-designed Gates Four layout the way they do most courses they play, but Tim Straub did manage to shoot 12 under par for the four rounds to win the $15,000 first-place award.

The Floyd Invitational was a tremendous success for a first-year charity project that was formulated in only three months. A hard-working committee is to be congratulated for putting on an event that the entire community can take pride in. If your company wasn't involved, think about next year. This one is a winner.

The Heart Fund Pro-Am was made up of 77 teams which qualified from throughout the state in local events that raised a total of more than $257,000 for the fight against heart disease and strokes. Bobby Cooke of Spartanburg, S.C., and former PGA Tour player Vance Heafner of Cary tied for first place in the pro division with a 36-hole score of 131. Cooke shot rounds of 64-67, while Heafner shot 65-66.

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## *Sports auction list gets more goodies up for bid*

Jim Pettit

*Assistant Sports Editor*

Sports memorabilia fans have a few more items to whet their collectors' appetite Friday night at the Marlene Floyd Invitational tournament party, thanks to continuing efforts of Greg Parks and Joe Beck.

I'm not sure if scroungers are categorized, but these two deserve at least four stars with oak leaf clusters.

"We have several items that should stir up some heat," Beck said of the auction portion of Friday night's social outing at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center.

Among items from Beck's efforts are:

- A basketball autographed by three of the NBA's greatest stars: Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, and Magic Johnson.
- A pair of boxing gloves, one autographed by Muhammad Ali, the other by George Foreman.
- A basketball signed by Shaquille O'Neal.
- A football autographed by Joe Montana.
- Two Mickey Mantle-autographed items, a baseball and a print.
- A basketball signed by Charles Barkley.
- A movie poster signed by actor/comedian George Burns from his role in "Oh, God."
- A photograph signed by comedian Bob Hope.
- A walk-on appearance in the television show, "Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman."

These are in addition to items announced last week which include numerous golf-related items from Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Greg Norman, Fred Couples, and others.

The auction's proceeds will also go toward support of the tournament's two beneficiaries, Fayetteville Tech and the American Red Cross.

The auction is only part of the pre-tournament party. In addition to food and beverages, entertainment will be provided by versatile singer Travis Butler. The Los Angeles Lakers cheerleaders will also be in attendance.

Tickets are $35 each (not per couple as previously reported) and are available by contacting David Hays at Fayetteville Tech (678-8201). A limited number of player spots in Saturday's captain's choice tournament at King's Grant are also available.

Player berths are $250 ($150 is tax-deductible) and include two tickets to the Friday party, gift package, food and beverages, specialty contests, hole sponsor favors, and a post-tournament golf exhibition by trick shot specialist Charles Foster of Lynx Golf Inc.

First prize for each golfer in the winning foursome is a gas grill, complete with cylinders and covers, from North Carolina Natural Gas.

Other prizes for the top teams include drivers, wedges, putters, 7-woods, watches, sets of golf grips, airline bags, and golf shirts.

Prizes will be awarded to the top 12 teams.

For player information, call Hays or Hank Hutaff (484-2626.)

### Making his pitch

Fayetteville's Jake Hoff makes his pitch this week. Several of them, in fact.

Hoff, ranked 50th in the nation out of nearly 15,000 members of

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the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, is competing in the national championships in Perry, Ga.

Hoff is seeded 12th in Division A2, the 28th seed overall. His ringer percentage is 70.70.

"That's the highest I've ever been seeded," Hoff said. "My goal is to finish in the top 16. That would be a major upset, but that's what I'm shooting for."

Hoff won the recent Capel Invitational in Troy with a 5-0 record, throwing 174 ringers out of 246 attempts. He followed that with a victory in the Sandhills Trophy and Sports Tournament in Biscoe. Both victories were within the last month.

"It's kind of odd," Hoff said. "I'm really not throwing quite as well as I did last year, but I'm winning more. But at least I know there is room for improvement and maybe I'll peak at the right time."

Favorites at this week's championships are reigning world champion Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Missouri state champion Alan Francis. Williams, a member of the Professional Bowlers Association tour, is ranked No. 1 in the nation with a ringer percentage of 90.09. Francis is second at 85.18.

*Wallpaper, refinished furniture and paint in teal green, blue, yellow and pink turn a couple's monotone condominium into a lively home.*

**Capt. Dawn Morris** and her husband, Shannon, relax in their living room in Barton's Landing.

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# A condo, in color

By Alice Thrasher
Staff writer

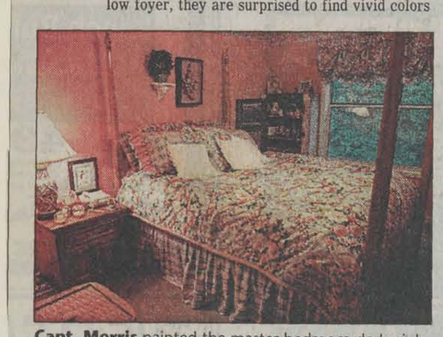
When Army Capt. Dawn Morris bought a condominium at Barton's Landing in 1991, she didn't like its near-monotone colors — white walls, white ceilings and beige carpet.

Today, when guests step into the condo's yellow foyer, they are surprised to find vivid colors throughout the two-bedroom apartment. Morris got married three years ago and she and her husband, Shannon, have changed the looks of their home dramatically since then.

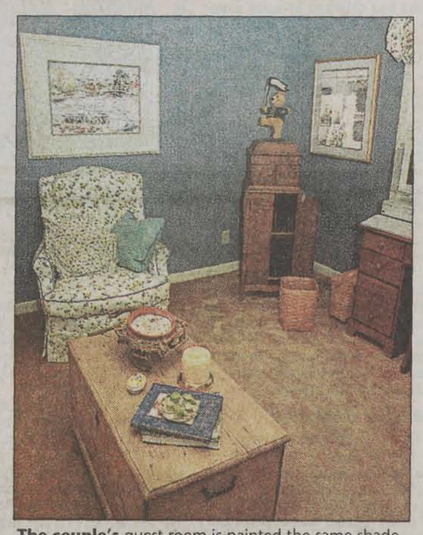
"It's a condo on the outside, but a house when you get in it," Mr. Morris said. "Paint and wallpaper can do miracles."

The most striking color is the teal green the couple used for the walls of the dining area and living room. The kitchen opens to the dining area and the blue floral wallpaper on the kitchen walls can be seen from the foyer.

The same shade of blue from the kitchen wallpaper was used to paint the walls of the front bedroom, which the couple uses as an office and guest room. They bought a yellow sleeper sofa for overnight guests.



**Capt. Morris** painted the master bedroom dark pink before the couple was married.



**The couple's** guest room is painted the same shade of blue that is on the background of the kitchen wallpaper.

### Pink bedroom

The master bedroom at the opposite end of narrow foyer has dark pink walls. "I had this painted before we were married, and some of his friends gave him a hard time about the pink bedroom," Capt. Morris said.

Mr. Morris said most of the colors appear muted to him because he is color blind. "I still enjoy colors, and I love patterns," he said. He is the manager of a sporting goods store at Cross Creek Mall. "'What I do at work is visual presentation," he said. Capt. Morris said her husband was involved with the decorating process all along. When they were married, she said, they couldn't afford to do everything at once and have furnished and decorated their home in stages.

Mr. Morris learned to refinish furniture through a Fayetteville Technical Community College course. The couple has saved money by buying older pieces at auctions in Sanford and refinishing them.

"That refinishing can be tough at times," he said. "It takes a couple of years to get good at it. I had never been 'Mr. Handyman,' but you really feel a sense of accomplishment when you finish."

As a compromise for the pink bedroom walls and the floral fabric for the duvet cover and window treatments in the bedroom, he chose more masculine looking stripes and flame-stitch patterns in dark blue, green and wine for the

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## Buccaneers cast glance toward Los Angeles

Rumor has it the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are eyeing the Los Angeles market, deprived recently of both the Rams and Raiders.

Should the move ever occur, it should be pointed out that they would be the second NFL team called the Buccaneers to represent Los Angeles.

**Jim Pettit**



*Assistant Sports Editor*

In 1926, th NFL, which trying to upg its image by moving game high school fi and into larg stadiums, put team called t Buccaneers i Angeles. Apparently, i wasn't a popu nickname, be they were also called the "Californians" and "Bears" in newspapers.

The team, however, never actually made i Los Angeles.

The Coliseum Commission and University Southern California were opposed to pro footb the stadium. The Buccaneers played the entir season on the road and finished 6-3-1.

### Car show classics

I guess we can forgive Ed Meyer for being with the results of the Parkton Car Show on J

There was his marriage to Becky, honeym New England, then back to work to catch up printing business orders.

Anyway, the winners are: Sponsor's Choice, Steve Wrench's 1938 Ford; Mayor's Choice, Iv Hall's 1965 Ford Mustang fastback; Police Chi Award, Jesse Myers' 1966 Camaro; Independe Car, Ernie Sumner's 1955 Thunderbird; and Independent Truck, Wayne Dove's 1956 Ford pickup.

I love classic cars. Ask me sometime about cherished cars of my youth, the '47 Chevy coup the '57 Chevy Bel Air, or the '62 Chevy Impala convertible. Sure wish I'd kept them.

### Notes 'n' notions

■ **Quick quiz:** Tiger Woods is the only play to win the U.S. Junior Boys' Amateur golf championship three consecutive years.

Who is the only girl to match that feat? Ans later.

■ **Coming together** — Remember in the Christmas classic "Miracle on 34th Street" wh arch rivals Macy's and Gimbel's department st worked together to help Kris Kringle find toys kids? Such things do happen.

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## CRIME REPORT

### CUMBERLAND

### Man shot in cheek doesn't seek arrest

A Fayetteville man didn't want to press charges after he was shot through the left cheek by a friend Saturday afternoon, Fayetteville police said.

Timothy C. Church, 51, of the 2000 block of Shedd Avenue, told police his 51-year-old friend accidentally shot him with a .22-caliber pistol at 4 p.m.

He said a group of friends were joking around when the shooting happened in the 2800 block of Legion Road.

### 2 charged with having marijuana for sale

Two Fayetteville men were charged with having 53 grams of marijuana in one of the men's homes about 2:15 a.m. Sunday, magistrate's records said.

Bryan Kalif Hamilton, 24, of 932 Country Club Drive and John Nelson Horton, 19, of the 3800 block of Ithaca Place were charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana. Fayetteville police arrested them at Hamilton's home. Bail was put at $1,500 each.

### Homeless man booked on burglary charges

A homeless man accused of taking an air conditioner from a mobile home has been charged with felony breaking, entering and larceny, magistrate's records said.

The man, who gave police the names Ron Johnson and Ron McKinney, is 32. He was charged with breaking into a mobile home at 1617 Gardenia Ave. on Saturday evening and taking a $200 air conditioner. The man was arrested at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Bail was put at $1,500.

### tudent took jewelry t gunpoint, police say

A Fayetteville Technical Community College student pointed a shotgun at a man standing in his girlfriend's yard and took gold jewelry worth $3,500 from him, lawmen said.

Bryan Anthony Cradle, 20, of the 5000 block of Cannon Street was charged with armed robbery about 3:30 a.m. at Pamalee Drive and Gary Street, magistrate's records said.

He is charged with taking the jewelry from Reginald A. Burks, 20, of Chapel Hill Road in Spring Lake, about 3:15 a.m.

Cradle's bail was put at $10,000.

### SAMPSON

### Drug agents make cocaine arrest

**ROSEBORO** — Sampson County drug agents charged a 42-year-old man with felonious possession of cocaine and maintaining a vehicle for a controlled substance Saturday night.

Sheriff Buck McCullen said Michael Gerome Gilchrist of Lakewood School Road was arrested on N.C. 24 in the Snow Hill community. Agents confiscated a 1985 BMW automobile. Bail was put at $4,000.

### Check charges lodged against county inmate

**CLINTON** — An inmate in the Sampson County Jail has been charged with four counts of forgery and uttering, sheriff's detective Ricky Mattocks said.

Larry Donnell Bryant, 40, of Jacobs Street, Clinton, is accused of passing two checks totaling $120 at Sanderson's Kwik Stop in Keener and two checks totaling $110 at Strickland's Country Store on U.S. 701. The checks were passed from April through June.

The Southern National Bank checks were on the account of Woodley Stevens and Beverly Marshall. They had been discarded and were found in a trash container, Mattocks said. Bryant's bond was put at $16,000.

A staff report

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## For priest, life's more than box of chocolates

Jesus Zaragoza was timid and quiet when he began working at Mi Casita restaurant five years ago.

Zaragoza, nicknamed Chui, was nearly illiterate in Spanish and English. Then he met Father Virgil Miller.

Miller helped organize English classes for the Mi Casita workers, most of whom were Mexican and spoke limited English. They took the classes, through Fayetteville Technical Community College, at the restaurant during their afternoon breaks.

**Kim Hasty**

These days, Chui speaks, reads and writes English on a 10th-grade level. He speaks, reads and writes Spanish on a college level. He is in Atlanta for a restaurant managerial training program.

Miller took Chui with him last year to a meeting of the N.C. Chaplain's Association in Boone. Chui, once so bashful, gave a short speech.

He received a standing ovation.

With hair the color of cotton and a long beard to match, Miller looks like Santa Claus. He isn't, but to many in Fayetteville's Spanish-speaking population and to the migrant workers who spend summers in Cumberland County, he may as well be.

"Have you ever seen Forrest Gump?" said Pete Stankovich, a friend of Miller's. "Father Miller is Forrest Gump. He's done the most amazing things."

Miller will be 65 next month and plans to move to a retirement community in Durham. He has sold his house in Fayetteville, where he once held four Masses in Spanish each Sunday. When he wasn't hearing confessions or holding Mass, he was often at the Cumberland County Jail, ministering to Spanish-speaking inmates.

Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

**Miller** has been compared to Forrest Gump.

When Robert Pace, a longtime friend of Miller's, found out about the priest's retirement plans, he called Gov. Jim Hunt.

"He immediately said he would bestow the Order of the Longleaf Pine on him," Pace said.

Pace, along with Sheriff Moose Butler and Dan Ford, chief jailer at the county jail, awarded Miller North Carolina's highest civic honor at a luncheon Monday at Mi Casita in Tallywood Shopping Center.

Miller, who was born in Kentucky, also received the Commission for Kentucky Colonel, that state's highest civic award.

"I'm overwhelmed," he said. "I'm unworthy. And I'm completely surprised."

Miller took a rather circuitous path to the priesthood. He graduated from Georgetown University, where he majored in Spanish but learned to speak French, German and Russian. Later, in graduate school, he learned Greek and Latin.

He took a job teaching Spanish at East Duplin High, which led to a position as foreign language supervisor with the Department of Public Instruction of North Carolina. He moved to Fayetteville in 1963 because his new wife, Cora, was a nurse at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. In 1971, he went to Spain to earn his doctorate at the University of Madrid.

### Done it all

When it comes to Miller, it seems that he's been everywhere, done everything.

"He's one of the most broadly informed people I've ever met in my life," said Bill Warren, whose wife, Angel, serves as Miller's bookkeeper.

In 1976, Miller suffered a series of heart attacks and retired from teaching. It was then, at 46, that he decided to enter the priesthood.

"I had always been interested in the priesthood," he said. "Then the Lord said, 'Virgil, what's your excuse now?' "

Miller was happily married, so he became a Polish National priest, which meant he would strictly follow Catholic tenets but would be allowed to marry. He was ordained in 1980. In 1990, he walked into Mi Casita, shortly after it opened.

Juan Macias, owner of the restaurant, approached Miller. "Father," he said, "it's been a long, long time since we've been to Mass. There are no Spanish-speaking priests."

Miller ordered a missal printed in Spanish. As soon as it arrived, he performed a Mass in Spanish. He turned the first floor of his home into the Blessed Sacrament Polish National Catholic Church.

"He was real friendly with us," said Francisco Macias, Juan's brother. "We were comfortable with him. That's very important."

Miller traveled to four camps of migrant workers in the summer, organizing donations of food and clothing. He held Masses for the workers in the sweltering summer heat.

In 1990, he became part of the county's jailhouse ministry.

"Out of the many phases of my ministry," he said, "one of the most rewarding has been the jail ministry."

## Report Measures Success Of Community College System

All signs point toward continuing progress within the State's 58 Community Colleges according to the System's 1995 *Critical Success Factors* report.

Released in June, the annual report measures how well North Carolina's Community Colleges are fulfilling their mandated mission of meeting the economic development needs of the state as well as the educational and training goals of their students.

According to J. Keith Brown, interim associate Vice President for Planning and Research, *Critical Success Factors* are the means by which the System measures its "health." Brown defines System health as the human resources and physical resources the Colleges need to carry out the mission and goals of the system.

Now in its sixth year of data collection, the system has been able to amass a significant amount of information on the performance of its students and the outcomes of their educational pursuits.

Among the data contained in the *Critical Success Factors*, Brown reported that 97 percent of all 1990-91 Community College students have found employment within a year of graduating. The median salary for these students one year after graduation was $20,689 for certificate holders, $20,025 for diploma graduates, and $23,102 for the recipients of Associate degrees.

Brown commented that student satisfaction with the education and programs offered by the system is high as evidenced by the fact that 85.6 percent of students who enrolled in the Fall of 1993 returned in the Winter or Spring 1994 quarter.

System students also continue to score well in programs requiring licensure examinations, he said, adding, "The passing rate among our program graduates for 16 of the 21 licensure or certification examinations was greater than 70 percent, and the passing rate for 12 of these examinations was greater than 90 percent."

He also noted Community College Registered Nursing graduates accounted for 53 percent of all North Carolinians who take the licensure exam, and that the passing rate for the system's nursing students was 95 percent last year.

Also included in the *Critical Success Factors* Report:

### *Among Transfer Students*

- 1993-94 transfers from Community Colleges to the

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## Report Measures

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University System accounted for 41.3 percent of all transfers.
- Community College transfer students averaged a 2.59 GPA after two semesters at a UNC institution.

### *In Literacy Programs*

- 75 percent of all literacy students were progressing toward raising their grade levels during 1993-94.
- The number of high school diplomas and GED certificates awarded during 1993-94 increased slightly, and the number of high [illegible] dropouts declined

percent of equipment in the Community Colleges System is at least five years old, and 71 percent of the System's libraries fall below the American Library Association minimum standards for book titles.

Community College System President Lloyd V. Hackley called the report essential in System's effort to show accountability for the State funds it receives as well as the effectiveness of the education it provides to its students.

"Nothing tells our story better than how well our students perform and how wisely we spend the resources allocated to our system," Hackley said. "This report gives clear and concrete proof of the value returned to the State of North Carolina by the 59 Institutions of the Community College System and the continuous need for increased funding, which will assist our colleges in preparing a worldclass workforce ready for the 21st Century."

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## *Perfect day for an outdoor nap*

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Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**Taking advantage** of high temperatures that have fallen to the 80s in Fayetteville this week after a long stretch of highs in the 90s, Brad Nixon takes a nap under a shady tree at Fayetteville Technical Community College. When he's not sleeping on campus, he studies science.

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# 2 file in city; 4 join town races

**By Scott Yates**
Staff writer

Two people filed Thursday for seats on the Fayetteville City Council, and four candidates joined the races in Hope Mills and Spring Lake.

Ben Watson and Samuel L. Evans filed for at-large seats on the Fayetteville City Council, forcing a primary election on Oct. 10.

Vernon Hobson filed for the mayor's race in Spring Lake, and B. Ray Adcock filed for an alderman seat on the Spring Lake board.

E.A. "Pete" Warner and Dr. Neil A. Worden filed for seats on the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners.

Today is the deadline to file for the Nov. 7 election.

Watson, 50, of 1916 Swann St., is trying for the fifth time to win a seat on the council. Two years ago, he came in fourth in the race for three at-large seats. He pledged then never to run again, but he said he has talked it over with his family and friends and decided to try again.

"I believe that I possess the qualifications to be a good team member of the City Council to make it a better council," Watson said. "It is our civic obligation to try and make the city a better place."

Watson is a counselor for the business division at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He is married and has four children.

Evans, of 608-2 Council St., could not be reached for comment.

**Watson**

With Watson and Evans in the race, eight candidates are seeking the three at-large seats on the council. The Oct. 10 primary will reduce the number of at-large candidates to six.

Other candidates who have filed in Fayetteville are J.L. Dawkins for mayor; Jim Smith in District 1; Catherine A. Burns and Ida Ross in District 2; Robert Massey Jr. in District 3; Grace Yeager and Thelbert Torrey in District 4; William J. Gothard and Suzan Cheek in District 5; Mark Kendrick in District 6; and at-large candidates Milo McBryde, Breeden Blackwell, Thomas Hedgebeth II, Rufus Marshall Jr., Thomas C. "Chris" Dempster and Mark Lynch.

Warner, 77, of 3614 Sturbridge Drive, is seeking his fourth term on the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners. He is the owner of Countryside Furniture at 212 S. Main St. in Hope Mills. He is married and has two children.

**Hobson**

"I think the town is doing a good job, working on the bypass, getting more paid firemen and more police officers," Warner said. "Hope Mills is growing, and we have to grow with it."

Worden, 73, of 209 Lakeview Road, is a staff physician at McCain Hospital. He is married and has four children.

"All you have to do is ride down Main Street in Hope Mills on Friday afternoon, and you know we have trouble," he said. The town needs to work to solve traffic congestion, he said.

Others who have filed for the five seats on the Hope Mills Town Board are Jerry Legge, Ed Herring, Roy Stallings, Ronnie D. Strong, William R. Smith, John. T. Henley Sr., Pat M. Hall, Al Bradford and William F. Luther Jr.

Edwin Deaver and Charles B. "Chuck" Austin have filed for mayor.

Hobson, 68, of 402 Harril Circle, was mayor in Spring Lake from 1977 to 1979 and from 1983 to 1993. He was defeated two years ago. He has served four other terms on the board as an alderman. He is retired and is married.

"I thought that I was doing a pretty fair job before," he said. "I had something that I was working on that I thought would be good for the town and we were just beginning to get it together when I left office."

Adcock, 52, of 405 Harril Circle, is the owner of Adcock Funeral Home and Riverview Memorial Gardens. He is married and has two children. He is seeking his third term on the board.

"I feel like I spend the town's money like I spend my own money, and I want to make sure we are getting our money's worth the best we can," Adcock said.

Others who have filed for the five seats on the board are James E. Wall, J.D. Moss, Ethel Clark, Marvin W. Lucas, and Fred New. Mayor Billy Manning has filed for re-election as mayor.



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# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Photo by FTCC Photographer James Carter

**Representing FTCC** as Ambassadors are, from left, Dennis Bristol, Amy Faircloth, Antonio Purcell, Kimberly Mason, Terry West, Tina Murphy, Joy Thrash and Janny Mahabirsingh.

# FTCC Ambassadors

## Group reflects image of the campus

**By Iris Barbour**
Special to The Observer-Times

The door is opened cautiously; a solemn face appears, and a tentative voice asks, "Is this the right room for the Ambassadors' meeting?"

This is the last time for solemn or tentative faces. These strangers will unite to become the Ambassadors of Fayetteville Technical Community College for 1995-96.

The Ambassadors are as diverse as the county they come from and the 10,000 students at FTCC that they represent. It has been a long three months for these eight students. When the application period is opened, each student must meet the criteria: (1) to be a full-time student with at least 12 hours completed at FTCC, (2) to have at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, (3) to be recommended by three members of the FTCC faculty or staff, and (4) to be willing to volunteer at least two hours per week to FTCC activities.

### Selection process

The applicants also includes a list of campus activities in which they are involved, scholastic awards and achievements, community service activities, and a statement focusing on what they would like to do to promote the spirit of FTCC. After the committee reviews all of the applications, personal interviews are scheduled. From the interviews, eight are chosen to be Ambassadors.

The eight this year are: Dennis Bristol, Amy Faircloth, Yanire (Janny) Mahabirsingh, Kimberly Mason, Tina Murphy, Antonio Purcell, Joy Thrash, and Terry West.

Barbara Copeland, sponsor of the Ambassadors and director of Communications and Marketing at FTCC, joins in the casual, get-acquainted conversation before the meeting starts. Once the meeting starts, she outlines the functions of the Ambassadors. They will appear in publication photos, attend FTCC special dinners and events, give campus tours, hand out programs at special functions, escort VIPs on campus, and work with business and civic organizations.

Copeland mentions two things that she does not want the Ambassadors to forget. "First and foremost, you are students," she says, "and your grades come before anything else. If you are asked to do anything that at that time will interfere with your grades, a test, a paper, whatever, tell me so that someone else can take your place."

Secondly, she addresses a concern already voiced by the group: "How are we supposed to act as Ambassadors?" Copeland says, "Consider the FTCC campus as your home and the people on the campus as guests in your home. Just as you would be gracious and helpful to your guests at home, be gracious and helpful to your FTCC guests. Speak to and greet people as you would in your home. The personal touch is what makes FTCC so special. You were chosen for being yourself. So be yourself — you are the image of the college because people see you as the college."

### Scholarships awarded

Copeland says that each Ambassador receives a $600 FTCC Foundation Scholarship for educational expenses and professional attire. FTCC provides the matching professional attire with help from J.C. Penney, which provides a generous discount for the outfits chosen.

The Ambassadors decided to perform their first official act as FTCC Ambassadors by stating, "We want the people of Cumberland County to discover FTCC. Come to the campus; walk around and discover the most incredible facilities in a gorgeous setting with the friendliest, most helpful people you will ever meet. We have discovered that FTCC is the key to our futures, and we want everyone to have our opportunities. We are proud to represent FTCC as Ambassadors for 1995-96."

In addition, FTCC is equally as proud of these Ambassadors who do represent the diversity of Cumberland County and the very best of both Cumberland County and FTCC.

*This is the first in a series of articles about people and activities at Fayetteville Technical Community College that will be appear monthly in the Saturday Extra.*

## *Going, going, gone!*

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Staff photo by Swayne Hall

**Greg Parks**, left, Marlene Floyd and Joe Beck stand beside a display of some of Friday's items up for bid at the Marlene Floyd Invitational auction at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center. A basketball autographed by Michael Jordan, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson was sold for $1,525, the highest offer for a sports memorabilia item. Second highest item was a pair of boxing gloves autographed by Muhammed Ali and George Foreman, which sold for $800. The tournament is scheduled today with a 10:30 a.m. shotgun start at King's Grant Golf and Country Club. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:30.



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# *Fun night at Floyd auction? You bet*

After auctioneer **Wayne Younts** opened the bids on the first item at the Sprint-**Marlene Floyd** Invitational Golf Tournament Auction last weekend, the several hundred people sitting at the tables at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center had to make sure not to raise their hand to wave at a friend.

If they did, they could have found themselves making a bid on autographed golf, basketball or boxing memorabilia, autographed entertainment memorabilia or vacation trips that sold for hundreds of dollars. Some of the items went for more than $1,000.

Proceeds from the July 28 auction and the golf tournament at King's Grant the next day went to the American Red Cross and the Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation. **David Hays,** head of the FTCC foundation, was the tournament chairman and helped Floyd, a Fayetteville native, and the committee pull the

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'LOBBYIST' JOB MAY BECOME AN ISSUE

# Hackley reorganizing community college system

**RALEIGH** (AP) — Vic Hackley has started his reorganization of the state Department of Community Colleges, but some of his plans could put him at odds with legislators.

Roger Bone, a lobbyist who worked part-time for the community colleges for the last 10 years, resigned Tuesday, saying he was not interested in applying for a full-time lobbyist job as outlined by Hackley in a meeting last week.

"Every person in charge of an operation should be able to pick his own team," Bone said Wednesday, when asked about his resignation. "I fully understand that."

Hackley, a former Fayetteville State University president who took over as president of the 58-campus community college system just before the legislative session began in January, shied away from the word "lobbyist" when asked about the reorganization.

"What we want is a person who is an educator who will advocate for the community college system, not only in the legislature, but around the state," Hackley said. What he wanted, Hackley said, was an "educator/advocator," not a lobbyist in the traditional sense.

"I don't think there's a full appreciation statewide of what the community colleges mean to the state's economic future," Hackley said. "Parents need to be aware of the kind of middle-class salaries that are available to their children through community colleges."

The lobbyist/advocate would be under a new division of system relations in Hackley's reorganization plan. He is creating a division for long-range planning, is merging student services with academic programs and is streamlining the fiscal affairs division.

Hackley

Hackley, a self-described "education zealot" who formerly served as a vice president of the University of North Carolina system and chancellor at Fayetteville State University, said he wants the state agency to become more service-oriented.

"We have been more of a regulatory agency, and I want us to become an education enterprise agency," Hackley said. "We're a service agency in service to the classroom."

### Plans questioned

Rep. Robert Grady, R-Onslow, who this year proposed increasing operating funds dramatically for community colleges, said he would take a dim view of replacing a part-time lobbyist with a full-time one, if that is part of Hackley's reorganization plan.

"If they hire a full-time lobbyist, that would be a position in (next year's) short session where I would recommend the committee could save some money," said Grady, who co-chairs the House subcommittee that oversees Hackley's budget.

"They're only a parking lot away. They don't need a full-time lobbyist."

Hackley said Grady would be right if lobbying the legislature were all he envisioned for the job.

**Community College Week**

8/14/95

## North Carolina CCs Have Increasing Student Success, but Low Faculty Salaries, Says Report

*by Joan Morgan*

A report of the North Carolina Community College System shows that while the 58 community colleges continue to make progress in student retention and success rates, the system has low faculty salaries and outdated equipment.

*"[The report] provides the ingredients needed for our long-range planning . . ."*

— LLOYD HACKLEY

The annual report, "1995 Critical Success Factors for the North Carolina Community College System," is "the means by which the system measures its health," according to J. Keith Brown, interim Associate Vice President for Planning and Research, who prepared the report.

Findings of the report indicate increasing student success: 97 percent of the 1990-91 graduates were employed one year after graduation; transfers from the community colleges to the University system in North Carolina accounted for 41.3 percent of all transfers in 1993-94; and the student retention rate for the system, which has continued to increase over the past five years, is currently at 85.6 percent.

But while progress is being made in the classroom, the report raised concerns about faculty salaries and equipment. The system ranks last out of the 15 southeastern states in average faculty salaries. The 1993-94 average salary among the southeastern states was $33,470, compared to North Carolina's average salary of $27,408.

In addition to low faculty salaries, the report showed that 80 percent of the equipment in the colleges is more than five years old, and 71 percent of the system's libraries fall below the American Library Association minimum standards for book titles.

"The revelations about the equipment indicates that we need to do a special study, which we plan to do, on whether our colleges are properly equipped to train workers in the skills they need for the future," Brown said.

*"We are trying more and more to look at student success factors and the end result of our training programs."*

— KEITH BROWN.

Though the report was designed to measure success, it is a valuable guide and planning tool, say officials. "It provides the ingredients needed for our long-range planning to be used not only by the system office, but also by the community colleges themselves," said Lloyd V. Hackley, president of the North Carolina system.

"I came from a research base where decisions are made on clear and reliable statistical data, and consequently I want to infuse that same kind of philosophy in our planning and execution in the community college system in North Carolina," Hackley added.

The report, now in its sixth edition, was first mandated by a special provision of the state's general assembly. Certain critical success factors and measures were to be developed to look at annually in determining whether the community college system was serving well.

Initially, the factors were developed to look at the 58 colleges in the system as a whole, explained Brown. "But over the six years we have added, dropped or refined measures based on our data collection and now present data college by college."

"We have also begun to look more at outcome measures," Brown said. "We are trying more and more to look at student success factors and the end result of our training programs." ▲

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED BUDGET

WINNERS:

**County parks.** Would get an additional $1.49 million in recreation tax money.

**County workers.** Would get a 3 percent cost-of-living increase that would cost the county $2.05 million.
**New jail.** Would get $2.07 million for architects' fees.
**New Social Services building.** Would get $777,150 for architects' fees.

**Libraries.** Would get $571,562 to buy land and hire an architect for a regional library in the north central part of the county.
**Eufaula Street residents.** Would get $350,000 to cove final costs of moving 25 families who live near the county landfill.
**Stedman sewer project.** Would get $1 million to help pay for a sewer line to serve the town and several schools.

LOSERS:

**Department of Social Services.** Would have its local budget cut by $427,692, to about $19.9 million.

**Fayetteville Generals.** Would get no money for a new baseball stadium.
**Courthouse.** Would get no money for fourth floor renovations.
**Sheriff's Department.** Would have its budget cut by $1.06 million, to $12.44 million.

OTHERS:

**County schools.** Would get $1.18 million more in local money than they got last year. The proposed $33.8 million for the schools is over $2 million less than school officials requested.
**FTCC.** Would get an increase of $162,700, or $298,055 less than requested.

TAXPAYERS:

**Would pay the same property tax rate:** 79 cents per $100 in property.
**Would pay more in recreation taxes,** with the rate going from 2 cents to 5 cents per $100 in property. The tax is levied only in unincorporated areas.
**Would pay $48 a year in landfill fees,** up from $43.
**Would pay** [illegible] in stormwater management fees.

## CRIME REPORT

### CUMBERLAND

### Teen-ager is charged in theft from home

A Hope Mills teen-ager was charged Friday with breaking into a Fayetteville home on July 13, magistrates' records said.

Mike Julius Sellers, 18, of the 3800 block of Oakhaven Road, is accused of taking $1,430 in electronic equipment and jewelry from the home of Gilberto Gonzales at 5356 Sumac Circle. His bail was set at $800.

### Man is treated for knife wound

Trent Thompson was treated at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center Friday night after he was stabbed by an acquaintance, Fayetteville police reports said.

Thompson, 33, of Bowden Road was at a neighbor's home when he was stabbed with a knife about 9 p.m., reports said.

### Hope Mills teens face theft charges

Three Hope Mills teen-agers were charged Sunday with breaking into a car and stealing a cellular phone, according to magistrates' records.

Mark J. Arnett II, 16, of the 3200 block of Glenmore Drive; Kevin P. Jones, 16, of the 300 block of Culloden Place; and David R. Leatherman, 17, of the 3500 block of Hanover Drive, were arrested by Hope Mills police. They are accused of breaking into a 1989 Chevrolet owned by Curtis Addison.

In addition to the charges connected to the car break-in, Arnett, who is a student at South View High School, is charged with two counts of possessing stolen guns. His bail was set at $6,000.

Jones, another South View student, is also charged with one count of possessing a stolen gun. His bail was set at $5,000.

Leatherman, a student at Fayetteville Technical Community College, is charged with two counts of possessing stolen guns and one count of damaging a car. His bail was set at $7,000.

### Cab drivers robbed at housing project

Two cab drivers were robbed Saturday in separate incidents at Blueberry Place, a public housing project off North Street, Fayetteville police reports said.

Bobbie M. Alpine, a driver for Lou-Mac's Safety Cab, told police that she picked up a man on Edmeson Drive and drove him to Blueberry Place about 11:45 p.m. When they got to the housing project, the man man pointed a pistol at the back of her neck and demanded money.

He took an undisclosed amount, police said.

Ben E. Uzomd, another driver for Lou-Mac's, told police he picked up a man up on Windsor Street about 4:30 a.m. The man asked to be taken to Blueberry Place, where he told the driver to pull into a parking lot. There, the man pulled out a gun and robbed the driver of $90, reports said.

### Stolen gun charge results in arrest

A 38-year-old Fayetteville woman was charged Sunday with having a stolen shotgun, according to magistrates' records.

Cynthia A. Clark, of the 1100 block of Clark Street, was charged with possession of a stolen 12-gauge shotgun. Her bail was set at $2,000.

### 15-year-old stabbed while walking

A 15-year-old South View Junior High School student was stabbed Saturday night while he was walking on Parkton Road in southern Cumberland County, according to a Cumberland County Sheriff's Department report.

Timothy R. Devine, of Route 2, Hope Mills, told deputies that two men stabbed him at about 11:45 p.m. He was treated at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center for a minor injury, according to the report.

### Brothers are shot during confrontation

Two brothers were shot Saturday morning by a pair of men who confronted them at a local motel, Sheriff's Department reports said.

Jerome Freeman, 37, of St. Paul, told deputies he and his sister went to pick up their brother at the Cape Fear Motel on U.S. 301 about 6:45 a.m. Two men walked up as Freeman's sister knocked on her brother's door, according to Cumberland County Sheriff's Department reports. They insulted her, the reports said. When her brother, 34-year-old Gary Mitchell Freeman, answered the door he got in dispute with the men.

The Freemans and the two men got in a fight and one of the men pulled a gun and shot the two brothers, reports said. Jerome Freeman, who was hit in the leg, is in satisfactory condition at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Gary Mitchell Freeman, who was hit in the buttocks, was treated at Cape Fear Valley and released.

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Items of [illegible] value.

### College employee charged in gun case

Alvin Leonard Summers, 27, was charged Saturday with possession of a .25-caliber semi-automatic handgun on the Fayetteville Technical Community College campus.

The offense happened July 13, according to a magistrate's report. According to the report, Summers, of Blue Street, is employed by the community college.

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# Floyd tourney raises $28,500

**By Jim Pettit**
Assistant sports editor

All the checks are in, pledges totaled, and bills paid for the Marlene Floyd Invitational Golf Tournament.

Drum roll, please.

The amount of money raised for Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation and the American Red Cross is $28,500.

A check was presented to the recipients Thursday on the campus of Fayetteville Tech. "It's a success from every measure," tournament chairman David Hays of Fayetteville Tech said. "It surpasses our expectations. The proceeds are going to be well-utilized through scholarships at Fayetteville Tech and disaster relief for the American Red Cross. There are very immediate needs they can be applied to and see results."

### 'A good amount'

Dr. Craig Allen accepted for Fayetteville Tech and Robert Ziegler represented the American Red Cross.

"That's a good amount," Floyd said. "The first year, you still have a lot of costs that you haven't been able to have sponsors pick up, and you spend a lot of money not finding short cuts. Obviously, we'd like to have 100 percent of the money raised to go to charity, but I think we did very, very well. I'm thoroughly pleased, and I know we can double that amount next year."

The tournament was held in late July but will probably move to a later date next year to escape hot weather.

"Something in late September or early October would be good," Hays said. "I think we need to look at the community calendar and see where we can fit in and enhance the total community."

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# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## African-American culture focus of FTCC's Heritage Club

**By Iris Barbour**
Special to The Observer-Times

Johnny L. Montgomery has a favorite saying: "If we don't know where we have been, then we don't know where we are going."

After two years of organization, Montgomery has overseen the official sanctioning of the African American Heritage Club at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Johnny Montgomery

Originally from Brooklyn, Montgomery settled in Fayetteville after retiring from the military. While was serving in Germany, he and a German woman had a rather heated classroom disagreement. Her final retort to him was, "How can you argue these points? You don't even know who you are." Montgomery said that he realized that she had a valid point. He knew all of the standard dozen or so black leaders in American history, but that was about all.

When Montgomery first came to the FTCC campus to get a degree in recreation, he started asking young people questions to determine if they had a knowledge of their ethnic background — which he simply had not obtained growing up. "I soon discovered that the younger generation does not know history either," Montgomery said. "I also realized that many do not know and have not established goals for themselves because they really did not know who they are."

The goal of the African American Heritage Club is "to foster an understanding and appreciation of the culture of blacks and the role(s) they have played in the history of the world and, in particular, the United States.

"Our understanding of the past enables us to plan for the future," he added.

Montgomery sought involvement of more people and activities. The current group president, Kenneth McKinnon, has extended this community involvement by volunteers working with the Minority AIDS Speaker's Bureau and serving at Douglas Byrd and Reid Ross Junior High Schools. This extension into the community supports the belief that retention of all students is an important issue to educational institutions, and these volunteers become mentors to minority students through communicating, sharing, and learning.

Montgomery is soon to graduate from FTCC with his degree in recreation and to extend his employment with the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department.

Local piano students recently participated in the national piano playing auditions at Methodist College, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers. Piano teachers include Lisa Willis Nichol, Ann Clem, Heather Walters, Mildred Dexter, Betty M. Mohn, Ruth Lebel, Bettye Morrow and Pamela H. Craver.

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Stacy Hughes of Fayetteville has graduated with high honors from Darlington School.

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The following students were named to the president's list for the spring semester at Fayetteville Technical Community College:

**Bladen County:** Laverne Allar.

**Sampson County:** Sandy Thornton, Annette Coy Norris.

**Moore County:** Ruth Stinnette Wieman, Kelly M. May, Charles G. Fitzgerald, Lisa Edwards Devault.

**Harnett County:** Jaime A. Cruz-Figueroa.

**Hoke County:** Atchara Poosakam Hudson, Brian F. Thompson, Jo Ella Tomasic, Chris Hansen, Cindy Shelton Millikan, Teresa G. Monroe, Deborah Dixon Smith, PAula Shephard Adkins, Francisco Cervantes, Teresa Burke Sappington, Catherine Robbins Quire, Charsetta Head Nelson.

**Robeson County:** Michael C. Leach, Michael Rice, Alta M. Kokochak.

**Cumberland County:** Bryan Clayton, Mary Danielle Corwin, Charles A. Clark, Vernon L. Stocks, Laura Tremper-Jones, Susan K. Scheurer, Rosemary R. Haney, Louis Bayne, Dallas Morris, John Marc Bagwell, Priscilla Finley Belliveau, Richard Meisenheimer, Robert E. Zeigler, Timothy Perry, Robert D. Schrag, Kathleen F. Sites, Calvin L. Gepner, Edward M. Burkett, Juana L. Mangum, Dennis A. Gilbert, Cheryl Byram Good, Rhonda H. Clark, Karin C. Mitchell, Larry Robinson, Sonya A. Simmons, Marc E. Haynes, Virginia M. Wolfe, Robert C. Patrick, Lea Anne Parrish, Kari Zehren Williams, Stephany L. Mackey, Calvin Lang Alvarez, Adelina Jordan, Susan C. Brown, Terry E. Farr, Kathleen Bullock Gambrell, David Widman, William Crawford, Jonathan P. Patty, Julian B. Frazier, Scarlett M. Klett, Leslie M. Keenan, Jennifer Ludden Studley, Todd T. Tucker, Joy W. Thrash, Dillard Meares, Woodrow T. Heath, Geraldine Avery McMillan, Gelonda Warren, Gregory Maire, Pamela Nelson Yepez, Jesse James Hairston, Nathalie M. Holmes, Carolyn Jeane White, Thomas Rozier, David Sims, Richard D. Prado, Michelle Gause, Teresa Powell Spires, Libby Warlick Gaskins, Charlene Core Bass, Michael Lim, Brian T. Kiewra, Karin Betchner Senatore, Porfirio H. Campos-Cruz, Tracy A. Burnette, Linda S. Livingston, Angie Miles Clark, Cynthia E. Rivers, Pete D. Kuhn, Karrie Johnson, Joseph Ward, Rolito T. Del Rosario, James H. Long, Angela Simmons, India Waltrip Davidson, Teresa W. Samuels, Nancy J. Dawson, Fred H. Norton Jr., Jo A. Nagle, Lester L. Jackson, Karen D. Bierowski, Kimberly Jackson Mason, Edmund E. Hughes, Michael Monte, Felix D. Lormand, Michelle Mincey Huggins, Myra Spell McLaurin, Gary Johnson, Robert Cuevas, Lisa Monique Keith, Shawn Panages, Michelle L. Mann, James Alexander Davis, Kelle L. McLemore, Jerome McCall Reed, James Bernard Smith, Janna Pat Loper, Kevin Turner, Alvin Howe, Osman Vural, Manuel Collazo, Yu Chong Perez, Capricia Belton, Lisa Hudson Baker, Theron K. Brown, Laverne E. Jones, Ivelisse Rivera, Glorianna M. Adams, Deneice Pittman Tarbox, Chin H. Schramm, Ria W. Broneske, Eric Allen Baker, Britt E. Slocum, Brian Lee Montgomery, Mark E. Ewert, Gladys Brown Taylor, Martin W. Bridges, Reginald Stuart Burks, Melissa Adler Lawrence, Wilbert Jackson Jr., Minnie D. McCormick, Regina Bailey Reeder, Marsha M. McMillan, Patrice Simmons Khalil, Richard Shaffer, Robert S. Tiffany, Carolyn Baye, Joana M. Vince, Donald Hiles, William E. Carl, Eric Beyersdorf, Charles A. White, Christine Lopez Gonzales, Heike Kelley, Kelie Blair Keiffer, Donald Ward, Sherin J. Monds, Vincent Kenneth Macaione, James Robinson, George Scott Burkett, Jonathan Evan Cain, Kelli Hotchkiss Chitwood, Angela Haisten Wilson, Kevin Fulton McDonal, Rafael L. Garcia, Tyrone Johnson, Bridget Kelley Gill, Lissa A. Krantz, Maryann Kirkendall Kostecki, Robert E. Hauptman, Thomas H. Barber, Kerry O. Sivels, Daniel Massie, Stephanie Cochran Bledsoe, Mary C. Miles, Milton Hicks, Leah Morse Hiles, Diane Rockefeller Maune, Timothy Gondek, Clayton Brown, Rudolph Elizondo, Teresa D. Crider, Maria Alvarez, Carolyn E. Byrne, Bernadine Galang, Joan T. Riley, Monique Simone Maldonado, Alexander English, Vivian Jones, Darrell S. Daniels, Forina Brown, Michael L. Hiben, Renee Franke Bahler, Chauncey D. Randall, Rachel Ann Eagle, Ella L. Jones, Michael J. Cochran, Robin R. Crump, Robert Lee Godwin, Rebeca B. Molina, Jodi Cann Mancastroppa, Deangelo R. Andrews, Heidife Jomento Martinez, David T. Molina, Ileana Silva Llanos, Terry Warbrick Lemmen, Deborah Hewitt Ellis, Monica Stephenson Taylor, Tod Clark, Helen Whitmore, Robert Scavelli, Dee A. Miller, Lisbeth A. Speare, Sharmeka Robinson Brown, Jill S. Harris, Pat P. Burchett, Julia Whiteside Jackson, Johane Leilani Canon, Emmit Cherry, Jacqueline Susann Burch, Mary Hardee Lovette, Laura L. Russell, Janice St. Romaine, Carolyn Payne Boyette, Kimberly Ann Dillard, Marlo Durham Hitt, Julie Dee White, Sammie Lee Harris, Tanya Devault Costello, Amber Koeber Rainey, Amy M. Creel, Dana English, Charles M. Meznarich, Elaine M. Reynolds, MaryJo Blair Jones, Lindy Anne Altman, April P. Jackson, Ginger Magers Sewell, Jesse R. Johnson, Tamara Lynn Martin, Markey Durham Hand, Ronny Williams, Wanda F. Ware, Stephanie N. Worden, Diana Molina, Billie M. Duros, Julia Watson, Andrew S. Ruhland, Marcia R. McGowan, Clifton W. Hall, Melissa Regal Bagwell, Sharon Smith Nelsen, Harlan Hott Jr., Kristi B. Greenfield, Gregory Coggin, Monica Hall.

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**Jennifer Leigh Starrett**, a nursing major from Spring Lake, received Barton College's highest academic honor at the school's annual commencement.

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The following students have been named to the presidents list for the spring semester at Barton College:

Diane Mary Allen and Gail Elizabeth Daniels of Fayetteville; and Jennifer Leigh Starrett of Spring Lake.

Named to the dean's list were:

Jennifer Leigh Johnson of Chadbourn; Dana Lynn Jackson of Clinton; Kenneth Michael Lee of Dunn; Jacqueline Berry, Caroline Robinson, Tara Strong and Valerie Ann Vargas, all of Fayetteville; Tracy Renee Gregory and Allison Dawn Tart of Newton Grove; Melissa Dianne Salazar of Parkton; David George Macaulay of Southern Pines; and Amy Louise Swarthout of Spring Lake.

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The following students have been named to the dean's list at Meredith College:

**Bladen County:** Wendy Melissa White.

**Columbus County:** Scarlett Rose-Anne Hill and Meredith Ann Jones.

**Cumberland County:** Elisabeth Anne Bailey, Kendra Paige Bright, Nancy Jane Carr, Melissa Carol Chandler, Angela Dawn Grady and Cyrstal Elizabeth Howard.

**Harnett County:** Kristin Leigh Blackwell, Jennifer Blake Griffin, Susan Elizabeth Hicks, Clarky Elizabeth Lucas and Lisa Thorne Mills.

**Hoke County:** Mary Worthy Baker and Joan Carol Colston.

**Lee County:** Sharon Joy Hall, Ellen Marie Havens, Mary Ashley McCormick, Kimberly Lea Poe, Lynne Renee Richardson and Amy Adona Thomas.

**Moore County:** Crystal Donnelle McLamb, Lynn Allen Parrish, Meredith Rochelle Roberts, Christy Dawn Spencer and Paula Beth Trantham.

**Robeson County:** Nicole Lynn Bounds, Sarah Catherine Dial.

**Sampson County:** Elizabeth

## APPLAUSE

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**Melvin Pierce**, principal of Elizabeth Cashwell Elementary School, and Lisa Powell of the Legion Commons Center McDonalds, celebrate the franchise's partnership with the school by cutting a ribbon of dollar bills.

Grey Bass, Amy Michele Bogue, Sheila Gail DeBose, Dena Jo White, Shurley Ray McCullen and Leigh Ann Warren.

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**Malisa Myers**, a junior at The Fayetteville Academy, was named a national Gold Award winner in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 1995. Her entry, a short story titled "Book Mice" took top honors in the science fiction/fantasy category for grades 10 through 12.

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The following students have graduated from Fayetteville Technical Community College: Kevin Willis Beam, Rhonda Ann Blackmon, Ria Westphal Broneske, LeStevie Campbell, Porfirio H. Campos-Cruz, Tara Imelda Clark, Manuel E. Collazo, Nancy Jo Dawson, Kerry R. Deaton, Kimberley Ann Di Cesare, Nicole Duke, Elaine D. Everts, Kelly Marie Gaffner, Rebekah Lee Hammer, Robert Edward Hauptman, Oliver Hollis Jr., Nathalie M. Holmes, John Fritzgerald Jeter, Lisa Monique Keith, Scarlett M.A. Klett, Lori Lawson, Beverly Renee Lee, Tanga L. Lewis, Jodi Ann Mancastroppa, Gay Lowery Mansell, Tammara Lynn Martin, Minnie Denise McCormick, Lonnie McRavin III, Marcus Raymond Medved, Lilac Miller, Tammy W. Montgomery, Dana R. Morales, Melissa L. Owczarzak, Michele McFarland Owens, Sandra Harrison Owens, Claire Alison Paquette, Zoraida M. Perez, Cynthia Elaine Rivers, Christina T. Sabatino, Thomas James Simmons, Kathleen F. Sites, Shelley Kate Smith, William Louis Spencer, Vernon Louis Stocks, Gregory Antoine Tate, Michael Robert Unruh, Tammy Lynn Videki, Jessica Ann Ward, Miriam Olympia Bland, Rochelle Loralyn Bufkin, Manuel E. Collazo, Cindy Lee Hoskins, April Patricia Jackson, John Fritzgerald Jeter, Sharon E. Grove, Christina Marie Heckman, Ann Edwards Hobbs, Shirley Jean Robbins Honeycutt, Kim W. Howard, Susan Mae Hubbard, Dorothy Elaine Jacques, Deborah Rene James, Alison Marie Jumper, Anthony Dean Keeton, Lois F. King, Kimberly L. Kittle, Kathy Ann Lawrence, Nicole Girdwood Lee, Mary Maulden Leechford, Cheryl Denise Leeks, Rita Grayson Lockey, Angela Grace Martin, Hillegonda V.B. McClain, Lisa King Morgan, Noelle Liane Mullen, Jo Ann Nagle, Paula Anne Nelson, Debra Deniece Newsome, Juneria L. Oldfield, Deidra C. Owens, Stephanie Parsons-Collins, Paige Brenna Pittman, Joan Porter, Joanna Porter-Gillum, Constance Ann Rockwell, Laura Wright Sellers, Shawn Lynese Smith, Wendy Michele Smith, Jennifer Renee Stubbs, Laura Tremper-Jones, Jo Theobald, Jennifer Marie Tyndall, Patricia A. Utley, John L. Waller, Carlos Conley Westling, Patricia Lei Williams, Sharon Renee Kemp Williams, Herve Benoit, Clarence Edward Cordoza, Mark Anthony Evans, Ronald Tolentino Delos Santos, Michael D. Tucker, Wayne E. Van Scyoc, Claude E. White, Mary Ekua Baker, Susan Lois Barnes, Heather Lee Calmes, Willie Pearle Meekins Collie, Danielle L. Crawford, Debra Smith Downing, Renata R. Gooding, Atchara Poosakam Hudson, Edmund Earl Hughes III, Joni D. Jones, Adelina Jordan, Jennifer D. Mallo, Christina Marie Millican, Raynette M. Page, Stephen E. Rogers, Larry Lewis Scott, Alan James Thomson, Angela Tuazon, Ha T. Brock, Jennifer R. Brooks, Shirley G. Canady, Sandra L. Carl, Letisha A. Casalo, Cynthia Clough, Joseph Cordero, Cecilie Ann Davis, Ramona Burson Dragna, Julian M. Duke, Marsha L. Dumais, Jennifer L. Dunn, William T. Ellerbe, Linda Marie French, Tammy Elaine Stevenson Fuller, Belinda Faye Garland, Jennifer M. Girard, Derwood H. Godwin III, Robert L. Godwin, Thomas R. Hudson, Jimmy Monroe Ingle, Ann Margret H. Iyar, Mariea F. Jones, Amie Kendrick-Conner, James A. Lytle, Floyd Wayne Mayes, Loretha Monique McKissic, Sabine Christina McNulty, Gloria Kathy Mills, Gary John Muller, Jill Cashwell Newlan, Dexter Rampersad, Claude Randolph, James W. Rowlett, Harold C. Seiple, Joyce Ann Smith, Carol Ann St. Louis, Tarricka Stack, Sharon Denise Stanley, Jane Tunning Stewart, James W. Warren, Delores Ann Waters, Cassandra Monika Webster, Sheryl Tatum West, Henry T. Williams Jr., Mark Allan Yankowiak, Wandra J. Eldridge, Glenn Edward Googe, Stephen W. Hendren, Stephen Timothy Blakeney, James L. 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LeJeune, Mai-Lan Michelle Lewis, Janna Patrice Loper, Sally Maria Maldonado, Trenda Gene Marshall, Kara Alyse McLeod, Sandra Rena McNair, Geraldine McNeill, Sandra Patterson, Patricia Ann Robinson, Teresa Kay Schell, Loretta JoAnne Shepard, Sonya Antoinette Simmons, Laura Kaye Spencer, Edilma Carola Spikes, Elizabeth Lewallen Thompson, Rachel Slaton Thompson, Anthony Clanton, David Bryan Eye, Stuart Wendel Grimes, Sara Rebecca LaFrance, Timothy B. Lowden, Jodi Pace, Jaime Lyn Wood, Darla Sue Amlee, Brett Hilliard Anderson, Connie Renee Bass, Jeffrey Belliveau, Karen Danette Bierowski, Ronald A. Blanchard, David M. Carter, Kevin Michael Childers, David W. Clark, Elbert Earl Clark Jr., Jennifer Anne Conway, Brian K. Corbie, Dianne Elizabeth Corey, Peter Crean, Jamie R. Devoile, Andre Paul Diuguid, Robert Fulton Faucher, Anton Joseph Gerhard, Robert Lee Godwin Jr., Candace Felecia Graham, Gregory Wayne Grossman, Lillian Beatrice Burns Hair, Courtney C. 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Davis, Tyrone Michael Johnson, Winston H. Mackey, Theodore A. Smith, Brian F. Thompson, Johnny Wayne Eason Jr., Miguel Angel

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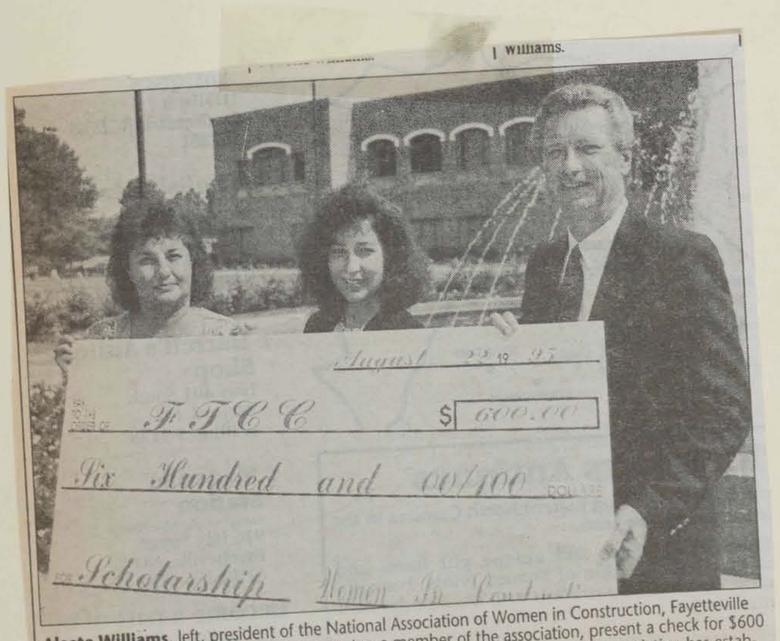
**Mayor J.L. Dawkins** presents Nicole Royal a certificate for winning the North Carolina Modern Woodmen of America Oration competition. Royal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Royal, is in the sixth grade at Hillcrest Middle School.

Paul B. Inman, Brian Thomas Kiewra, Paul Edward Lessick, Anthony Paul Meyer, Denes Paul Okerlund, Sean Perry, Joselyn Priscila Wellbrook, Alan Bruce Corder, Thomas J. Sanocki, Ronny D. Williams, Wayne Edward Bankes, John N. Jordan, John R. Lock, Spencer Elliot Mock, Harry Norman Shreeves, Floyd Matthew Tate, Nancy Barefoot, Robert A. Bennett, Shane M. Bennett, Samuel Wayne Best, Charles Weldon Brooks, Tifane Shiree Butler, Jennifer Ann Debnam, Laura Letterlough Gillespie, Regina Umel Graham, Paul A. Gribben, Gaylen Ray Hickok, Claudia Parker Hughes, Shawn Hicks Jackson, Robert Perry Jones, James Maurice Lancaster, Qiana La Chell Madden, Ann Elizabeth McDougald, John Alan Perry, Brad Herbert Stephens, William Dwayne Summerlin, Mae F. Swittenburg, Kevin Roshell Turner, Jody Craig Tyson, Lee Gerald Watts, Kenneth Lloyd Belew, Sharon A. Eason, Theodore W. Kessner, Patricia Dianne Locklear, Paul E. Smith, Julie Ann Franklin, Sheila Renae Goins, Kristie Michelle Lowery, LaWanda D. Miller, Allison Latonya Smutherman, Teresa Powell Spires, Cathy 0. Spriggs, Janet Delois Tillman, Michael Monte, Jack C. Moyer, Anna Underwood Prairie, Charles Paul Dicker Jr., Louis W. Hackett, Lynell Jackson, Richard L. Knox, Richard E. Meisenheimer, Clyde Monroe Smith, Matthew Gregory Bolan, James G. Humphrey Jr., Joseph Cordero, Gregory R. Dodson, Joy A.M. Jackson, Stephanie Marcel Johnson, Vivian Elaine Kinsey, Kimberly S. McAllister, Timothy McGougan, Kimberly Lloyd McLean, Sandra Odette McPhatter, Teresa Gayle Monroe, Lawrence E. Samples, William B. Taylor, Neil Vince II, Nerida Adorno-Cordero, Martha Torres Alicea, Daniel Francis Armagost, Carol Valencia Brooks, Carla Harris Comstock, Sheryl Yvette Cromedy, Patsy Ann Cummings, Phyllis Anne Curry, Andrea V. Dennis, Vicki J. Duffy, Barbara J. Dunn, Sherry Elaine Floyd, Keymett E. Gibbs, Amoreena Renee Hendrix, Michele Chappell Holbrook, Dana S. Johnson, Heidi C. Kidwell, James Phillip Killingsworth, Doris May LaPella, Dawn Mechelle Last, Kelle L. McLemore, Cheryl Denise Mills, Deborah J. Moore, Ann Gallo Morris, Vickie Carol Norris, Yvonne Parker, Jennifer Lynn Piner, Sandy Ratio, Cynthia Marie Schafer, Bernadine Simmons, Katrina V. Smith, Lisa Gail Steiner, Claire Pelletier Thompson, Lori Diane Van Stone, LaRhonda Elizabeth Witherspoon, Tara Brisson Birchall, Julian L. Burnette, Melissa Fay Emerson Coday, Derick Marcel Coe, Robin Renee Crump, Laura Edmund Elkins, Lisa McLamb Graham, Dixon D. Griffin Jr., Paul Judson Ingold, Mamie Yvonne Jackson, Susanne Hedwig Moss, Christopher Mark McPherson, Dale R. Schuffert, Leanne Talbert Simpson, Sondra Sue Smith, Amy Darlene Sweat, Edward E. Bradley, James Alfonso Smiley, Bobby Dale Snead, George Henry Thomas, Tracy Y. Verbal, Danny W. Wilkinson, Kim Brown-Thomas, Rachel A. Eagle, Leonard C. Edge Jr., Julia Robinson Hardrick, John R. Lock, James 0. McGhee, Cynthia Bridget McKay, Annette S. Renegar, Teresa Thompson Stewart, Michael Charles Wallace, Virginia Baldwin, Karen Danette Bierowski, Teresa Dyan Crider, Kathy H. Foster, Tina Turner Jones, Linda S. Livingston, Belinda Kay Maloy, Lonnie McRavin III, Katherine Suzann Murray, Katie Brown Myers, John Patrick Pickett, Britt Elizabeth Slocum, William John Weatherell, Antonie H. Williams, Willie Charles Woodard, David Clyde Beane, Janet Lynn Bixby, Amy Marie Creel, Glenn A. Dennis, Rodney Gordon Hubbard Jr., Christopher Joseph Meredith, Lorree Michelle Swing Murphy, Yolanda Lisa Powell, Monica Dyann Rice, Amber Denise Saburn, Vanessa Ann Simpson, Lisbeth Ann Speare, Jennifer Renee Strickland, Helen Vasquez Whitmore, Troy Leon Baker, Jimmy Holland Jr., Sharon Elaine Long, Deborah Mullins Stanley, John Thomason, Patricia Anne Wright Walker, Janet Arlene Whetstone, Kevin M. Williams, Rodney Marcus McDonald, Janet A. Green, Kyunghee (Lee) Haynie, Katrina Minor Wynn, Charles M.T. Green, Michael S. McInnish, Neil McLyn, Jason Byron Autry, David Ronald Bailey, George Kevin Carter, Thomas Melvin Council, Alexander English, Milton J. Hicks, Dwayne Lashawn Kollock, Sylvester Moore, Rodney Demarist Rone, Jason Byron Autry, John L. Bullard, Randy D. Generette, Rodney F. Kuczala, Clifton McLaurin, James Henderson Sessoms, George Kevin Carter, Anedra Pollard, Michael Evan King, Vernon McIver, James Henderson Sessoms.




**Aleeta Williams**, left, president of the National Association of Women in Construction, Fayetteville Chapter No. 168, and Ramona Jackson, center, a member of the association, present a check for $600 to Dr. Craig Alllen, president of Fayetteville Technical Community College. The association has established a scholarship for a student in a construction-related curriculum at FTCC.

## Where's the best place to ...

Think you know the best place in town to buy a burger? How about the best flea market? The Observer-Times wants to hear about them.

On Sunday, in the Arts & Leisure section, page 1F, we're asking for your opinion on about 100 things — from the best golf course to the best place to watch a sunset, the best food to the best marching band.

Here's your chance — cast your ballot and tell the community what you think is best.

# V-J DAY

## 50 years later, Fayetteville remembers

**Deloreze Kelly worked** at the Carolina Theater in downtown Fayetteville during the war. Today she remembers mothers and fathers hoping for one last visit with their sons going off to the front.

Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

**By Lorry Wilkie**
Staff writer

George Gerald was tearing tickets at the Colony theater on Hay Street when he heard World War II was over.

He couldn't wait to get home. He had two brothers fighting overseas, and he knew his mother would want to know they could be coming home soon.

Gerald, who was 17, borrowed a bicycle and took off for his parents' home on Ramsey Street. He never made it.

Less than a mile from the theater, he was hit by a car driven by Cpl. Henry L. Glasglow of Fort Bragg. Gerald went through the windshield.

He remembers two GIs tending to him. "I heard this one guy say, 'His brains is knocked out.' "

Another GI said, " 'Don't talk. We're going to get you some help.' I must have went out because next thing I remember I was in the hospital," Gerald said.

He missed out as hundreds of people gathered in downtown Fayetteville to celebrate. It was Aug. 14, 1945, the war was over, and Fayetteville was forever changed from a small, sleepy Southern hamlet to a bustling Army town.

J.L. Dawkins, then 9 years old, remembers people of all ages hugging each other and crying tears of joy.

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■ *President Clinton salutes veterans, 4A*
■ *Bob Hope can still entertain the troops, 4A*

Staff photo by Jared Lazarus

**George Gerald** was 17 when word came that the fighting in the Pacific had ended.

**Training for soldiers at Fort Bragg** included firing a 75mm howitzer during an 'attack on an airfield in support of airborne troops.'

U.S. Army photo

Fort Bragg

## Fayett

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ville. "Everyone was just thrilled to death. It is hard to describe. ... I remember (mother) saying 'We won't have to lose any more of our boys, no more will have to die.' "

### The heart of the city

In the 1940s, the heart of Fayetteville was the Market House and streets that surround it. Theaters were packed for shows featuring Humphrey Bogart, Lon Chaney, Barbara Stanwyck, W.C. Fields and John Wayne. Doctors and lawyers would sometimes buy a ticket just so they could sit inside the cool theaters, which were among the first buildings to be air conditioned.

Sears, J.C. Penney and the Capitol department stores shared Hay Street with the Carolina Soda Shoppe, the New York Cafe and Highland Cafeteria.

Downtown was where people went to celebrate and give thanks that the war had ended. The Dawkins family piled into their 1942 Buick convertible and headed for Hay Street.

The sound of church bells echoed across the city. Automobile horns blared and sirens roared. Jeeps filled with military policemen milled around the Market House.

People shouted, "It's over! It's over! The war is over!" For others it was "They're coming home! They're coming home!"

Allene Moffitt, a columnist for The Fayetteville Observer, wrote that "Girls and GIs strolled along Hay Street and up and down Gillespie, Person and Green ... Some of them would let out a whoop every once in a while just from sheer joy that couldn't be bridled."

A group of soldiers found boxes of women's hats behind a department store and "off down the street they marched with the hats perched jauntily on their heads!"

**Bishop**

Cakes and pies — an extravagance because of the sugar rationing — seemed to be available for the taking, along with fried chicken and other food.

Dawkins remembers someone saying, "Here son, have some" and handing him something to eat.

After years of standing in line to redeem stamps for meat or gasoline, and waiting anxiously for news of loved ones, people were eager to embrace good news.

Families were closer. Neighbors helped each other. People opened their homes to strangers — civilians and soldiers — passing through Fort Bragg.

Kelly, the assistant manager at the Colony theater, saw mothers and fathers come in on the Atlantic Coast Line Rail Road, hoping for one more day with their son before he headed to Europe or the Pacific.

"The first thing they wanted to know was where the churches were and where to eat," Kelly said. "If you were helpful, they were so grateful. I felt it was my duty to help as much as I could."

### A time of growth

In the summer of 1940, Fort Bragg had about 5,400 men and 370 buildings. By June 1941, it was the largest Army post in the country with nearly 67,000 men. During the war, the Army spent about $45 million to construct nearly 3,000 buildings for the new soldiers.

Fayetteville also grew.

In 1940, the city had a population of about 17,000. By 1950 it had reached 34,700.

"Fayetteville was really a small, and almost a poor town, at the beginning of World War II," said Wilbur Clark, who ran Mayflower Laundry and Dry Cleaning on West Russell Street during the war.

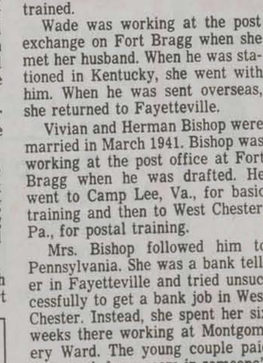


**Clark**

The war years were boom years.

The Prince Charles and Lafayette hotels stayed full. Locals took to renting out rooms or converting garages to apartments for young servicemen, some of whom had wives following them to the area.

Mary Louise Wade lived with her mother and father during part of the war. Her husband, William, was in the Pacific. She didn't know it at the time, but when the Japanese surrendered, he was on his way to Japan for the Allied invasion.



**Thornton Rose** has the maps he used when flying missions over India and Burma during the war.

Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

Her mother was among those who rented rooms to Army wives. "She had some couples that stayed a year or so, just depending on how long their husbands were stationed at Fort Bragg," Wade said.

Wade and Vivian Bishop knew what it was like for those young wives. They each followed their husbands to the bases where they trained.

Wade was working at the post exchange on Fort Bragg when she met her husband. When he was stationed in Kentucky, she went with him. When he was sent overseas, she returned to Fayetteville.

Vivian and Herman Bishop were married in March 1941. Bishop was working at the post office at Fort Bragg when he was drafted. He went to Camp Lee, Va., for basic training and then to West Chester, Pa., for postal training.

Mrs. Bishop followed him to Pennsylvania. She was a bank teller in Fayetteville and tried unsuccessfully to get a bank job in West Chester. Instead, she spent her six weeks there working at Montgomery Ward. The young couple paid $3 a week for a room in someone's home. It was winter, and they chilled their juice and milk by sticking it outside.

She walked to work and he walked to school.

"It was OK," said Mrs. Bishop. "We were young and it was OK."

### Counting up points

Thornton Rose was one of the hundreds of thousands of men processed through Fort Bragg.

He was a staff sergeant stationed in Myitkyina, Burma, with the 10th Combat Cargo Squadron when he learned about the Japanese surrender. The radar navigation instructor was 24 years old.

He was glad he wouldn't be invading the Japanese home islands.

In the wake of the Japanese surrender on Aug. 14 and the formal end of the war on Sept. 2, Rose and others began adding up their "points" to see how close they were to going home. Servicemen got points for a number of things, including how many months they had been in service, how long they had been overseas and for medals and commendations.

Rose, now 74 and living in Fayetteville, also remembers thinking: "I hope I don't go down in an air crash now that the war is over."

### Prayers and singing

Gasoline and automobile tires were closely rationed during the war. ("There was no getting in the car and just taking drives," Wilbur Clark said.) But in Fayetteville, as people learned about the end of the war, those who had cars got in them and headed toward the Market House.

Wade and her neighbor Sarah Geddie were among those who sat in bumper-to-bumper traffic along Hay Street.

"Everyone was blowing horns and singing," Wade said. "Then the church bells started ringing. All the church doors opened and we stopped and went into church."

George Gerald missed out, but he stills remembers being excited as he peddled furiously to tell his mama the war was over.

"You know how you see something and want to be the first to tell it?" he asked. "I wanted to be the first to tell it."

### Celebrations:

■ **Today:** The USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial, 2 p.m., one of six national commemorations of the official end of the war. Fireworks display at 9 p.m.

■ **Thursday:** Fort Bragg's Pike Field, 10 a.m., a tribute to the 360,000 men and women from North Carolina who served in the armed forces from 1941 to 1945.

*CONCEALED HANDGUNS*

# State lags on training guidelines

*Passing a state-approved firearms-safety course is one prerequisite for applying for a permit to carry a concealed weapon. Trouble is, the state's course doesn't exist.*

**By Lorry Wilkie**
Staff writer

A book at Jim's Indoor Range has more than 500 names of people waiting to take a firearms training course so they can get permits to carry concealed weapons.

But for now, all they can do is wait because the state hasn't established the guidelines for the course for the qualifications for who will

people started signing up for the training course even before the legislature passed the law.

"Everybody wants to be able to have their permit on the first of December," Shugart said. "They are very frustrated that we can't answer their questions."

Those same questions are being asked of lawmen: Who will do the training? How long will the classes be? How many hours of firearms training will be required?

The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission must establish the guidelines for the training courses and instructors.

Greg Rideout, a spokesman for the state Attorney General's Office, said the commission is working on interim guidelines. He said they should be ready by the end of the month.

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

**ople started signing up** for training courses before the concealed weapon law passed, says yne Shugart of Jim's Pawn Shop. It'll be awhile before North Carolinians can carry rigs like this ny- waist-pack holster with 9 mm pistol.

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ment ... that we should level the playing field and give good, law-abiding citizens the right to carry a concealed weapon," Bryant said. "I don't disagree with that."

"I'm not bothered by the law whatsoever," he said. "I do think ... that there are people who are responsible enough and deserve to protect their family. Once they have the training, I've got no problem issuing them a permit. I do have a problem issuing guidelines and dates before we've even decided what the rules and regulations are."

### Community colleges

Fayetteville Technical Community College is authorized to offer the firearms training course, but college officials are waiting to see what the guidelines will require before they decide whether to offer it. The community colleges in Bladen, Lee and Columbus counties plan to offer the courses.

Two gun shops in Harnett County plan to offer the courses. Range One in Lillington and X-Caliber Gunworks in Erwin both have waiting lists.

Sgt. 1st Class Chico DeLagarza and five other soldiers are forming Tiger Defense Corp. in Cumberland County. They will offer courses in personal protection and weapons training and plan to offer the firearms training course. Like lawmen, DeLagarza said he hopes residents will have to go through extensive training before they can complete the course.

"We want the people to come out of there with a good feel for how to use the weapon," he said. "If not, they're just going to hurt themselves or someone else."

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Department plans to keep a list of local instructors who are qualified to teach the course.

Judging by the number of inquiries to sheriff's departments and gun shops, lawmen expect to see long lines the first of December.

"I don't think there is going to be a wholesale of handing them out, but I think there is going to be a bunch of folks trying to get one," said Hoke County Sheriff Wayne Byrd. "It will be like applying for a sweepstakes or a lottery. There are a lot of tickets sold and not a lot of winners."

### CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT

*How to get a permit to carry a concealed weapon:*

■ **Must be a citizen** of the United States and a resident of the state for at least 30 days before applying for the permit.
■ **Must be at least 21** years old.
■ **Must not suffer** from any physical or mental infirmity that prevents the safe handling of a handgun.
■ **Must apply to the sheriff** of the county where applicant lives.
■ **Must successfully complete** an approved firearms safety and training course. The original certificate of completion, signed by the instructor, must be presented to the sheriff when the application is filed.
■ **Must complete the application,** provided by the sheriff, under oath.
■ **Must pay** a non-refundable $80 fee. The sheriff may charge up to an additional $10 for fingerprint costs.
■ **Must be fingerprinted** by the sheriff. The fingerprints will be submitted to the State Bureau of Investigation and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
■ **Must sign a release** to disclose any records concerning the applicant's mental health.
■ **Sheriff has 90 days** to issue or deny the permit.

Staff graphic by Suzanne Schubert-Cox

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■ **Jim** and **Pat Brown** have opened Find Your Keepers in Hawley's Square, 906 Brighton Road. The shop has antiques, collectibles and general merchandise.

### Odds & ends

■ **Jean Hodges**, founder and chief executive officer of Hodges Associates, has been named vice chairman of the American Advertising Federation's eastern region. After a year, she will become chairman.

Hodges

Hodges is a founder of the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation, and a former president and legislative chairman of the group. She received its Silver Medal award in 1986.

In the third district of the national group, Hodges has been governor, board chairman and secretary. She received the district's highest award, membership in the Legion of Excellence, in 1992.

■ **Karen Blanford**, executive director of Better Health of Cumberland County, has been named chairman of the American Heart Association's N.C. Worksite Task Force.

■ **Dr. Larry Hogan**, lead instructor for real estate and appraisal at Fayetteville Technical Community College, has received the General Accredited Appraisal designation from the National Association of Realtors.

■ **Richard C. Dowd**, a Fayetteville native, has become a partner in the Raleigh office of Ernst & Young, a professional services firm.

He specializes in corporate finance and is a financial adviser. He is a founding director of the Triangle chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth and an adviser to the N.C. Entrepreneurial Board.

■ **Missy Stoddard** has been named division director of the American Heart Association. She has a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism and is the former events coordinator for the Olde Fayetteville Association.

She replaces Maggie Clay, who has been promoted to area executive in the Raleigh office of the association.

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## For the love of an animal

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**The Rev. Gary Noteboom** blesses Static
Mantovani, 5, left, Danielle Losh, 3, and M

# God's crea

## Episcopal priest bles

**By Amber Nimocks**
Staff writer

**LUMBERTON** — In attendance at Trinity Episcopal Church's Wednesday night service: 35 humans, nine dogs, two cats and a ferret.

And the Rev. Gary Noteboom blessed them all.

Church members brought their pets to the parish hall Wednesday evening in remembrance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a 13th-century Italian saint who loved animals and nature.

The sonorous ceremony included a choir of six children singing "All Things Bright and Beautiful," a yipping cocker spaniel duet, and a solo meow.

Humans responded, "Be welcome in this world we share," to Noteboom's praises of horses, hawks, Puff the Magic Dragon, Peter Rabbit and Rudolph the Red-

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years for occupational training courses.

Almost 130,000 students were enrolled in credit courses during the winter semester. About 174,000 people were enrolled in non-degree courses ranging from firefighter training to language classes.

The added spending at individual campuses would range from almost $3.7 million at Fayetteville Technical Community College to about $508,000 at Bladen Community College.

The proposal would spend $2 million in each of the next two years to allow community colleges to offer more upper-level courses. The courses, offered on community college campuses, are taught by instructors from four-year universities and count toward a bachelor's degree.

The aim is to allow students in rural areas to earn a university degree by attending classes at a nearby community college instead of being forced to move to a city where a university campus is located, Grady said.

Grady's spending proposal also would allow the system to add five new centers providing job training customized to the requirements of a particular company located near a community college. There are now 33 such centers.

Grady heads the budget-writing committee reviewing the spending proposal. He said House leaders support the plan and prospects are "excellent" for it to be included in the House budget for new programs.

**PROPOSED FUNDING INCREASES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

| COMMUNITY COLLEGE | IMPROVE FACULTY-STUDENT RATIO | EQUIPMENT | BOOKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bladen | $401,878 | $85,956 | $20,313 |
| Central Carolina | 1,099,640 | 384,042 | 67,434 |
| Fayetteville Technical | 2,869,980 | 692,152 | 158,940 |
| Robeson | 877,535 | 221,818 | 42,218 |
| Sampson | 625,097 | 191,185 | 34,052 |
| Sandhills | 1,146,688 | 289,353 | 78,627 |
| Southeastern | 869,776 | 189,003 | 58,690 |

Source: Associated Press — Staff graphic

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In the Piedmont region, Gaston College in Dallas, Mitchell Community College in Statesville, Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory, Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton and Cleveland Community College in Shelby have either begun or plan to offer classes.

But Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in Salisbury, along with Central Piedmont and Stanly, won't teach the classes. A Rowan-Cabarrus administrator said liability concerns are not the reason. Gun classes don't fit in with the campus' job-training mission, he said.

Administrators with the community college system are now studying the firearms courses and plan to report to system trustees on whether it is in the schools' best interest to provide the courses, said James Dixon, system vice president for academic and students services.

Even if they decide the courses are a bad idea, though, the system's trustees cannot prohibit campuses from offering them, since the classes are self-supporting and don't use any state money, said trustee Liz Hair.

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The seasons of modern mortuary science have changed more drastically with improvements in science, the spread of humanity and the growth of corporate America. Cremations are more common, pre-arranged funerals are becoming popular and nationwide conglomerates are sprouting up all over.

In North Carolina the cremation rate has nearly tripled from 4.8 percent in 1984 to 11.1 percent in 1994, according to the Cremation Association of North America M. Springer, the Chicago-l association's executive director, said North Carolina still lags behind the national average of 20.6 percent. But the state ranks second in the south behind Florida, which has a cremation rate of 40 percent.

"In fact, North Carolina has been growing dramatically because it's

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**CREMATION RATES**

**Cremation rates for North Carolina (percentage of dead people who were cremated) according to the Cremation Association of North America**

| YEAR | PERCENTAGE |
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| 1984 | 4.8 |
| 1985 | 5.3 |
| 1986 | 5.5 |
| 1987 | 6.2 |
| 1988 | 6.5 |
| 1989 | 7.1 |
| 1990 | 8.2 |
| 1991 | 8.9 |
| 1992 | 10.4 |
| 1993 | 11.0 |
| 1994 | 11.1 |

# FTCC bites the bullet on weapon classes

*Some community colleges believe concealed gun classes are a liability, but Fayetteville's is proceeding with its plans.*

A staff and wire report

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Firearm safety classes will begin in January at Fayetteville Tech. Students will attend classes during the week and practice firing guns at ranges across Cumberland County on Saturdays.

The course will last 16 hours and cost $50.

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Bob Atkinson, Fayetteville Tech's director of law enforcement training, said the course has generated a lot of interest.

"We're definitely going to proceed with it," Atkinson said. "It is a high liability, but we teach people to drive cars. If cars are used irresponsibly, they can kill too."

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# Cremations

the new place for Northerners to retire," Springer said. "When a state becomes a retirement area, the cremation rate rises dramatically."

And the business is growing too. Since 1991, five new operations have been built in North Carolina, Springer said, bringing the total number of crematories to 29. Only three of these crematories operate in eastern North Carolina — in Jacksonville, Morehead City and New Bern.

The Eastern Carolina Crematory, which is operated at Cotten Funeral Home, was established in 1981 by Phil and Bill Munden and Odham's father, James Odham Sr.

Jimmy Odham said when operations began, 40 to 50 cremations were performed every year. Now the average is about 450 every year. He believes the reason for the increase is the flood of Northern retirees to eastern Carolina.

"But it's kind of rubbing off on the natives," he said. "It's just getting to be more popular than what it was years ago."

Another factor is the cost. The average price of a funeral with the traditional viewing and arrangements runs between $4,000 and $5,000 and doesn't include cemetery fees. Cremation without any services cost $1,065.

Cremation uses heat at about 1,600 degrees to reduce the body to bone fragments comprised mostly of calcium deposits that weighs about three to nine pounds. The N.C. State Board of Mortuary Science requires a waiting period of 24 hours following death before a body can be cremated.

The board regulates many other aspects of the funeral business, including a growing trend toward prearranged — or preneed — service contracts. Preneed contracts are marketed extensively and offer the opportunity for people to consider their needs and wishes and control the cost and nature of the funeral services.

"A lot of people want to get things taken care of so their children or their spouse won't have to worry," Jimmy Odham said.

Two types of preneed contracts may be offered by funeral homes — revocable and irrevocable. A revocable contract may be canceled at any time by the purchaser. An irrevocable arrangement can't be canceled, but its benefits can be transferred to another funeral home.

James Odham said the money is put into a trust fund which is checked by the state board and Bank Commission and by the

see the rules lifted any time soon.

"I would hope not," he said. "If you don't have any regulations then people aren't going to do what really should be done."

For some people, preneed contracts are a way of controlling the funeral costs. The services paid for in the contract will be the services provided, without regard to inflation.

Other forms of cost control in the industry are also taking root and spreading across the nation. Some have found their way the New Bern, while others are still unheard of in the area.

Funeral homes, which traditionally have been family-owned and operated, are being gobbled up by multi-million dollar corporations. Such was the case of Pollock-Wells & Best, which was bought in February by Stewart Enterprises. Funeral home manager Ron Wells said the buyout offered a more cost-effective means of business and provided the employees with better benefits.

"It was really good for the funeral home," Wells said.

Wells said the buyout hasn't affected the quality services the funeral home has always provided. But because of corporate policy, he directed any media inquiries to the Central Regional office in Hickory.

Another trend that hasn't reached the eastern region is the casket shop concept. These are stores that offer discount coffins, but don't provide other services. The only casket shop in North Carolina is reportedly in Charlotte.

The coffins may be cheaper, but James Odham said families still have to take care of the all the other arrangements that go into a traditional funeral.

"I think a lot of it is played as a lot cheaper when it's not," he said.

Some things haven't changed — the professionalism and the compassion. To become a funeral director or embalmer requires a training and a license from the state. Tiffany Dove, an administrative assistant at Oscar's Mortuary, said she took a year's worth of classes at Fayetteville Technical Community College to learn the trade.

"With each family it's different," she explained. "When they come in here, families often just need time to gather themselves."

Fayetteville is the only community college on the East Coast that offers training for funeral directors and embalmers. Dove — who works for the funeral home her grandfather, Oscar Dove, established in 1960 — said she'll know within a couple months whether she will receive certification.

The other standard is the compas-

health&fitness Rx

**Bonnie Hunt** relaxes during a demonstration of Healing Touch techniques.

Staff photos by Marcus Castro

# *Healing Touch*

By Rodger Mullen
Staff writer

Connie Skoglund didn't know what to expect when her massage therapist asked to perform Healing Touch on her — certainly not inner peace.

But that's what Skoglund says she got from her sessions — that and relief from the pain in her shoulder and knee.

"I often will have it when I feel unbalanced or out of sorts," said Skoglund, a Fayetteville clinical social worker. "It seems to pull me back together and get me grounded again."

Since its beginnings in the early '80s, Healing Touch has grown into a therapy practiced on thousands of patients who claim benefits ranging from pain relief to spiritual well-being.

Along the way, it has attracted critics who see it as ineffective or even anti-religious. Practitioners say that's the result of misunderstanding.

"This is not Satan's work, this is God's work. This is good," said Judith Pikul, a Fayetteville psychologist who also practices Healing Touch. "We're not healing. We never claim to be healing. It comes from God or whatever you choose it to be."

Healing Touch was developed by registered nurse Janet Mentgen. Mentgen was urged by friends to teach them the technique, so she de-

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**Mary Buie** uses a pendulem on her friend's back to find problem areas.

## Session no cure, but it is relaxing

To get a better understanding of Healing Touch, it seemed like a good idea to experience it myself.

Mary Buie conducted my session. She had me lay on a folding cot in a softly lit room in Judy Pikul's house. A "New Age" audio tape played softly in the background.

As I lay on my back, Buie dangled a crystal over me. It twirled when she held it over my head and heart, but stopped over my throat. This, she said, indicated an "energy blockage." Buie correctly surmised that I have problems in that area (asthma and allergies).

Buie held her hands over me, sometimes waving them as if to flick something away. She placed her hands on my feet, sides and shoulders — not massaging, just lightly touching.

After about 15 minutes, Buie had me roll over on my stomach. She continued the session, touching me lightly and waving her hands over me.

Buie asked me if I ever had lower back pain (only all the time). She also thought she detected some problems in my ankles (Nope, they're fine).

When the session ended, I felt more relaxed than when I came in. The pain in my neck and shoulders, caused by cradling a telephone receiver between my head and shoulder while I type all day long, seemed to be gone for the moment.

Too bad she couldn't do anything about those allergies.

— *Rodger Mullen*

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# Some community

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# FTCC bites the bullet on weapon classes

*Some community colleges believe concealed gun classes are a liability, but Fayetteville's is proceeding with its plans.*

A staff and wire report

Liability concerns are scaring some community colleges from offering concealed weapon training, but Fayetteville Technical Community College has no plans to back away.

Firearm safety classes will begin in January at Fayetteville Tech. Students will attend classes during the week and practice firing guns at ranges across Cumberland County on Saturdays.

The course will last 16 hours and cost $50.

Since Dec. 1, North Carolina residents have been able to apply for permits to carry concealed handguns. Permit applicants must first pass a firearms training and safety course. Designed by the state, the course teaches how to clean, assemble and shoot a gun, and instructs students on the laws governing the use of deadly force.

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"By placing it in the hands of a community college, it prevents private industry from just pushing people through," said David Greene, a firearms instructor at Caldwell Community College in Hudson. "Since the college isn't trying to make money, it's not under pressure to let people pass."

Bob Atkinson, Fayetteville Tech's director of law enforcement training, said the course has generated a lot of interest.

"We're definitely going to proceed with it," Atkinson said. "It is a high liability, but we teach people to drive cars. If cars are used irresponsibly, they can kill too."

Administrators at several community colleges point out that their course requirements are more stringent than the minimum standards.

At Caldwell Community College, for instance, the firearms safety course will be 20 hours long. Eight hours is devoted to firing weapons. That's twice the time other courses devote to the subject.

At $75, Caldwell's class is less expensive than many private courses. Classes begin later this month, and the college has about 300 names on a waiting list.

Mike Wilber of Morganton completed Western Piedmont's firearms safety course last week, and has recommended it to several friends.

"They did a heck of a job," he said. "I would trust the people (who took) that course over people from some other courses who only shot 40 rounds." Wilber and his classmates each shot about 200 rounds.

Western Piedmont's students bring guns on campus, and shoot at a campus firing range, but only on Saturdays, when few students are around.

While state law prohibits fire arms on school property, it makes an exception when a gun is being used for educational purposes.

To minimize potential risks, however, some schools, such as Catawba Valley, are going to private firing ranges to teach the portion of their course that requires weapons.

...rn, North Carolina — Sunday, November 19, 1995

...mes Odham Sr., left, stands among coffins at Cotten Funeral Home while his son Jimmy Odham holds an urn.

Charlie Peek/Sun Journal

The business of dying

# Cremations becoming more common

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Jimmy Odham operates a business that is thousands of years old. It's a trade rich in tradition and one that demands compassion and understanding.

Odham manages Cotten Funeral Home.

"It's like any other business. It's changing drastically with the times," Odham said.

The changes have been drastic. No longer are pharaohs mummified and entombed in massive pyramids. Ancient warriors are no longer placed on great pyres and fallen heroes aren't cast adrift on funeral boats.

The seasons of modern mortuary science have changed more drastically with improvements in science, the spread of humanity and the growth of corporate America. Cremations are more common, prearranged funerals are becoming popular and nationwide conglomerates are sprouting up all over.

In North Carolina the cremation rate has nearly tripled from 4.8 percent in 1984 to 11.1 percent in 1994, according to the Cremation Association of North America

M. Springer, the Chicago-l... association's executive director, said North Carolina still lags behind the national average of 20.6 percent. But the state ranks second in the south behind Florida, which has a cremation rate of 40 percent.

"In fact, North Carolina has been growing dramatically because it's

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**CREMATION RATES**

**Cremation rates for North Carolina (percentage of dead people who were cremated) according to the Cremation Association of North America**

| YEAR | PERCENTAGE |
|---|---|
| 1984 | 4.8 |
| 1985 | 5.3 |
| 1986 | 5.5 |
| 1987 | 6.2 |
| 1988 | 6.5 |
| 1989 | 7.1 |
| 1990 | 8.2 |
| 1991 | 8.9 |
| 1992 | 10.4 |
| 1993 | 11.0 |
| 1994 | 11.1 |

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## Cremations

the new place for Northerners to retire," Springer said. "When a state becomes a retirement area, the cremation rate rises dramatically."

And the business is growing too. Since 1991, five new operations have been built in North Carolina, Springer said, bringing the total number of crematories to 29. Only three of these crematories operate in eastern North Carolina — in Jacksonville, Morehead City and New Bern.

The Eastern Carolina Crematory, which is operated at Cotten Funeral Home, was established in 1981 by Phil and Bill Munden and Odham's father, James Odham Sr.

Jimmy Odham said when operations began, 40 to 50 cremations were performed every year. Now the average is about 450 every year. He believes the reason for the increase is the flood of Northern retirees to eastern Carolina.

"But it's kind of rubbing off on the natives," he said. "It's just getting to be more popular than what it was years ago."

Another factor is the cost. The average price of a funeral with the traditional viewing and arrangements runs between $4,000 and $5,000 and doesn't include cemetery fees. Cremation without any services cost $1,065.

Cremation uses heat at about 1,600 degrees to reduce the body to bone fragments comprised mostly of calcium deposits that weighs about three to nine pounds. The N.C. State Board of Mortuary Science requires a waiting period of 24 hours following death before a body can be cremated.

The board regulates many other aspects of the funeral business, including a growing trend toward prearranged — or preneed — service contracts. Preneed contracts are marketed extensively and offer the opportunity for people to consider their needs and wishes and control the cost and nature of the funeral services.

"A lot of people want to get things taken care of so their children or their spouse won't have to worry," Jimmy Odham said.

Two types of preneed contracts may be offered by funeral homes — revocable and irrevocable. A revocable contract may be canceled at any time by the purchaser. An irrevocable arrangement can't be canceled, but its benefits can be transferred to another funeral home.

James Odham said the money is put into a trust fund which is checked by the state board and Bank Commission and b...

see the rules lifted any time soon.

"I would hope not," he said. "If you don't have any regulations then people aren't going to do what really should be done."

For some people, preneed contracts are a way of controlling the funeral costs. The services paid for in the contract will be the services provided, without regard to inflation.

Other forms of cost control in the industry are also taking root and spreading across the nation. Some have found their way the New Bern, while others are still unheard of in the area.

Funeral homes, which traditionally have been family-owned and operated, are being gobbled up by multi-million dollar corporations. Such was the case of Pollock-Wells & Best, which was bought in February by Stewart Enterprises. Funeral home manager Ron Wells said the buyout offered a more cost-effective means of business and provided the employees with better benefits.

"It was really good for the funeral home," Wells said.

Wells said the buyout hasn't affected the quality services the funeral home has always provided. But because of corporate policy, he directed any media inquiries to the Central Regional office in Hickory.

Another trend that hasn't reached the eastern region is the casket shop concept. These are stores that offer discount coffins, but don't provide other services. The only casket shop in North Carolina is reportedly in Charlotte.

The coffins may be cheaper, but James Odham said families still have to take care of the all the other arrangements that go into a traditional funeral.

"I think a lot of it is played as a lot cheaper when it's not," he said.

Some things haven't changed — the professionalism and the compassion. To become a funeral director or embalmer requires a training and a license from the state. Tiffany Dove, an administrative assistant at Oscar's Mortuary, said she took a year's worth of classes at Fayetteville Technical Community College to learn the trade.

"With each family it's different," she explained. "When they come in here, families often just need time to gather themselves."

Fayetteville is the only community college on the East Coast that offers training for funeral directors and embalmers. Dove — who works for the funeral home her grandfather, Oscar Dove, established in 1960 — said she'll know within a couple months whether she will receive certification.

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**Bonnie Hunt** relaxes during a demonstration of Healing Touch techniques.

Staff photos by Marcus Castro

# Healing Touch

By Rodger Mullen
Staff writer

Connie Skoglund didn't know what to expect when her massage therapist asked to perform Healing Touch on her — certainly not inner peace.

But that's what Skoglund says she got from her sessions — that and relief from the pain in her shoulder and knee.

"I often will have it when I feel unbalanced or out of sorts," said Skoglund, a Fayetteville clinical social worker. "It seems to pull me back together and get me grounded again."

Since its beginnings in the early '80s, Healing Touch has grown into a therapy practiced on thousands of patients who claim benefits ranging from pain relief to spiritual well-being.

Along the way, it has attracted critics who see it as ineffective or even anti-religious. Practitioners say that's the result of misunderstanding.

"This is not Satan's work, this is God's work. This is good," said Judith Pikul, a Fayetteville psychologist who also practices Healing Touch. "We're not healing. We never claim to be healing. It comes from God or whatever you choose it to be."

Healing Touch was developed by registered nurse Janet Mentgen. Mentgen was urged by friends to teach them the technique, so she de-

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**Mary Buie** uses a pendulem on her friend's back to find problem areas.

## Session no cure, but it is relaxing

To get a better understanding of Healing Touch, it seemed like a good idea to experience it myself.

Mary Buie conducted my session. She had me lay on a folding cot in a softly lit room in Judy Pikul's house. A "New Age" audio tape played softly in the background.

As I lay on my back, Buie dangled a crystal over me. It twirled when she held it over my head and heart, but stopped over my throat. This, she said, indicated an "energy blockage." Buie correctly surmised that I have problems in that area (asthma and allergies).

Buie held her hands over me, sometimes waving them as if to flick something away. She placed her hands on my feet, sides and shoulders — not massaging, just lightly touching.

After about 15 minutes, Buie had me roll over on my stomach. She continued the session, touching me lightly and waving her hands over me.

Buie asked me if I ever had lower back pain (only all the time). She also thought she detected some problems in my ankles (Nope, they're fine).

When the session ended, I felt more relaxed than when I came in. The pain in my neck and shoulders, caused by cradling a telephone receiver between my head and shoulder while I type all day long, seemed to be gone for the moment.

Too bad she couldn't do anything about those allergies.

— *Rodger Mullen*

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# Payout cuts vex workers

## Size of checks upsets victims of plant layoffs

By Paul Woolverton
Staff writer

A year ago, Western Publishing Co. officials told Susan Readinger that she would get $2,711.55 after they laid her off and closed the company's Fayetteville games and puzzle plant.

She got the check — her pension payout — in October. It was for $1,308.02.

Western officials said the company had to pay her less than was promised because of a change in federal law. A federal benefits expert disputes that contention.

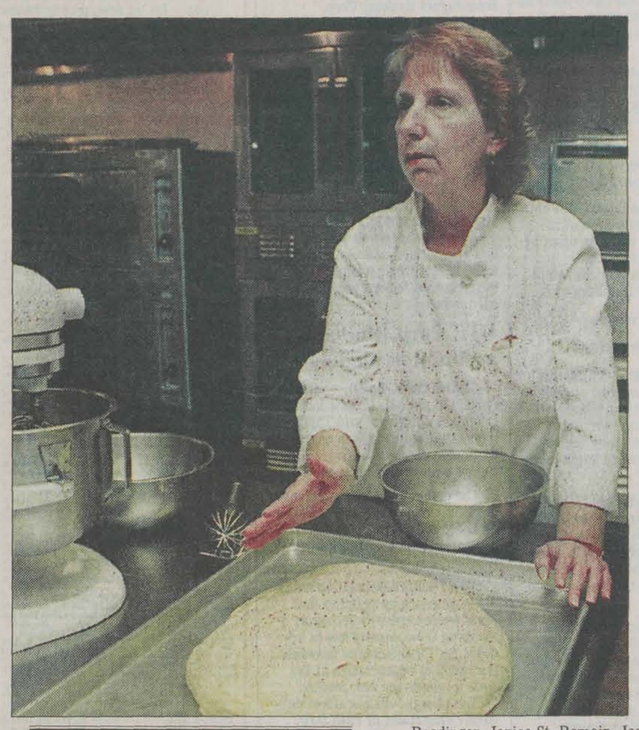
Readinger is angry. So are many of the other 600 people Western let go last year. They received similar cuts. Many think Western, which is in financial trouble, cut their payments to save money.

"I was counting on that money to help me out," said Readinger, who worked at the plant nearly eight years. She had planned to use the money for bills, her family's Christmas this year and to fix her car. She's living on unemployment while she attends Fayetteville Technical Community College to earn a degree in food service.

It's unclear how many former Western workers received their benefits in a lump sum. The company paid off the people who were due to get $3,500 or less. People who had accrued larger sums will get monthly pensions when they retire.

### Payments refigured

When workers were laid off, they were told what ze benefit check they could expect. But between the ant shutdown early this year and September, West- recalculated the lump-sum payments, cutting them stically, workers said. One reported getting about , roughly a quarter of the $1,800 he was expecting. benefits official at Western's headquarters in e, Wis., couldn't be reached to explain what ed. Western spokesman Kim McLynn said the s department is busy preparing employee re-



**FTCC Student** Susan Readinger is learning new skills in food service. She readies the dough to make rolls.

Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

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Van Camp said neither MacMillian nor school officials have informed him or Garner Building why they have decided to terminate the contract. He received a brief, two-sentence letter Monday informing him of the board's decision.

"It's our position that there is nothing wrong with the building other than a 45 to 60-day delay," Van Camp said. "It's not like there has been a work stoppage. My clients have been down there on a daily basis performing the contract."

Van Camp said $5-million buildings are rarely completed on time.

The 71,000 square-foot building was begun in September 1994. When it is finished, it will house classes for adult education programs, including literacy training, General Education Diploma classes, fire and police training, and arts and crafts classes.

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changed," wrote Senior Benefits Analyst Julie A. Sass. "I apologize for any inconvenience this change in lump sum value may have caused you. However, this was a mandatory change we were required to implement."

An official with the U.S. Treasury Department said Western's letter is partly correct: U.S. pension laws changed. But Western didn't have to apply the change to these workers. The company could have used the old law, he said.

The laws were changed to prevent a "windfall" for employees receiving lump-sum distributions. The amount of the lump-sum payment is determined by a combination of how much the benefit is expected to be worth at retirement and the expected rate of growth of the money if it is invested.

Under the old law, companies were forced to anticipate low interest rates when calculating lump-sum payments. That meant it would take more money at the beginning to reach the level that would provide the expected benefit at retirement.

Often, the system was unfair to workers who chose to receive a monthly pension when they retired instead of the lump-sum payment. Workers who stuck with the pension plan were supposed to get the same amount at retirement, but a worker who took the lump sum could theoretically earn more if interest rates were higher than anticipated.

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**nong those** attending Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation's annual Appreciation cial and dinner Monday night at the ballroom of the Radisson Prince Charles Hotel were, left to ght, Dick and Peg Fisher, Preston Blum and Margaret McDaniels. The dinner honored the founda- 's major donors for the 1994-95 academic year. Mr. Fisher is chairman of the foundation board.

## College terminates building contractor

By Scott Mooneyham
Staff writer

Officials at Fayetteville Technical Community College have fired a contractor building a $5 million addition at the school, citing numerous construction delays.

School trustees voted Monday to terminate a $3,199,000 contract with the builder, Garner Building Co. of Southern Pines. The contract termination is effective today.

Garner was the general contractor for the Continuing Education and Literacy Building.

Stacy Weaver, a lawyer for FTCC's board of trustees, said the building is far from being complete, even though it was scheduled to be finished in February.

"Everyone agrees he couldn't meet the schedule," Weaver said. "We had a certificate from the architect that he was in default for a number of things."

He did not elaborate on the reasons for default. Weaver also said he did not know how much of the

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## School goals be pushed by committee

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### Ideas adopted at retreat backed by board's chief

By Scott Mooneyham
Staff writer

**SUNSET BEACH** — The Cumberland County school board will appoint a committee of school board members, educators and parents to develop ways to fulfill six goals to improve schools.

The board developed the goals during a three-day retreat at Sea Trail Resort and Conference Center.

The goals are:

- Get enough money for buildings and instruction programs.
- Begin a system of recruiting, developing and retaining workers that ensures efficiency, fair and accurate accountability and responsibility.
- Integrate basics and technology to improve student achievement.
- Develop and carry out an accountability system for student outcomes.
- Ensure a safe and orderly environment.
- Create an effective communications program that enhances the public schools' image.

Board Chairman Michael Boose said he would like to see all nine board members on a committee assigned to come up with ways to carry out the goals.

"I don't want this board to let go of these goals fully," Boose said.

Board member Kenneth Edge said the board cannot, by itself, carry out the goals.

"We need a cross-section of people to develop the strategies. It will take a number of people to make these things happen," Edge said.

**Boose**

Among the goals that caused the most discussion was developing better accountability evaluations for teachers and principals.

John Lancaster, a chief advocate for improving evaluations, said he doesn't want the schools to develop a simple punitive system.

"To me, an evaluation system is not finding the best and worst and firing the worst," Lancaster said. 'It's a whole lot of things — rewarding outstanding people and making efforts to help people that are not getting the job done".

Still, Lancaster said, the board's goals are unattainable without good teachers.

Board member Thomas Council said poor teachers do too much harm to ignore the problem. "If there's a teacher that's not doing a credible job, he or she affects a number of children over a number of years."

Dr. John Griffin, superintendent of schools, said higher standards for students are coming from the state regardless of what the county does.

"We need to go ahead and put these in place as soon as possible because the state will be expecting this of us next year anyway," Griffin said. "This will allow us to get ahead and let the schools know what to expect."

# OSHA emphasizes s safety rules

By Jay Woodard
Staff writer

*'It's important to our people that they stay healthy and able to work. And it's important to me. I don't make any money having them out on disability.'*

*— Homer Furr, Fayetteville businessman*

It's just as easy to learn safe work habits as it is bad ones.

Speakers emphasized that message Tuesday during an Occupational Safety & Health Administration Workshop at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The OSHA workshops are being conducted by the state Department of Labor at six community colleges to make the agency's rules clearer.

"This is an opportunity to give the public information that is easy to understand and accessible," said Labor Commissioner Harry E. Payne Jr.

The free workshops will offer classes on more than 15 OSHA-related topics, including fall protection, machine safeguarding, common electrical hazards and understanding OSHA and the inspection process.

Dr. Lloyd V. Hackley, president of the state Community College system, also spoke at the workshop in the college's Small Business Center.

"There are practical applications of ... learning principles," said Hackley, the former chancellor of Fayetteville State University. "That includes workplace safety, watching out for other people, cooperation, reasoning, problem-solving, and obtaining and using new information."

Homer Furr, owner of Reliance Transmission Co. of Fayetteville, outlined steps he has taken to improve safety at his company.

"I made a list of safety rules and our employees must read and sign them once a year," Furr said. "It's important to our people that they stay healthy and able to work. And it's important to me. I don't make any money having them out on disability."

He offered a tribute to the military and its safety rules. "If there's a 100-pound object that has to be moved, one person doesn't do it. Four do it.

"When a transmission at our place has to be moved, our men are trained to get two people to pick it up, rather than one."

The series of workshops on understanding OSHA rules will be at the Blue Ridge, Cape Fear, Forsyth, Gaston and Martin small business centers.

Other sessions planned for the Fayetteville Small Business Center will be Oct. 24, worker and community right-to-know; Oct. 31, common electrical hazards; and Nov. 7, safety and health programs and committees. They are from 10 a.m. to noon.

# Shorthand terminally ill

## A once valuable workplace skill fades into obscurity

*Community colleges in the region have stopped offering classes for the office skill as few students and businesses are expressing a need for the once-popular course.*

By Jay Woodard
Staff writer

Remember shorthand? Well, you're out of luck if you want to learn it.

The office skill has faded into obscurity. Several community colleges in the region have stopped offering classes in it. Few students are interested in taking the course because few businesses require the skill anymore.

"Those who have the skill have found that once they get on the job they never use it," said John Atkinson, assistant vice president of Robeson Community College.

The college stopped offering shorthand about five years ago. "It had gotten to the point where there were only three or four in a class," said Atkinson. "It wasn't feasible for us to continue offering it."

Fayetteville Technical Community College and Sampson Community College have also dropped shorthand from their curriculum.

"We had a class scheduled for the fall, but canceled it after only two people signed up," said Sheila Locklear, registrar at Fayetteville Tech.

**Dictation machines** and computers are replacing shorthand.

Sandhills Community College at Southern Pines still lists shorthand in its catalog, but the course in reality is a system of speed writing, said Deborah Marion, an administrative assistant in the dean of instruction's office. "It's not like the shorthand I took. It's been at least four years since we offered shorthand."

Widespread use of computers and other office gadgetry is credited with deep-sixing the graceful swirls and mysterious symbols of shorthand.

"So many people use dictation machines or type out a rough draft on the computer and then shift that either by network or on a diskette to the secretary," Atkinson said.

The increasing scarcity of people who know shorthand has forced employers to go to Dictaphones, said Catherine VanSickle, manager of the Employment Security Commission office in Fayetteville.

Robeson Community and Sampson Community offer instruction in machine transcription, in which a person dictates onto a tape and a secretary listens to it for typing correspondence and other papers.

There are still some employers who call for people trained in shorthand.

"A few insist on it," VanSickle said. "Attorneys especially like it. But there are fewer and fewer people who have the skill. We still offer the shorthand test but we haven't had more than three in the last year who could pass it with a decent score."

Atkinson said some employers believe that those who know shorthand are better students because the skill is challenging to learn.

Linda Rose Lee, head of the department of administrative technology at Fayetteville Tech, has another reason for why some employers still want workers who know shorthand.

"Employers do ask for it but it's because they want the peripheral skills, the transcription ability and the command of English," Lee said. "That's the real lost art, the knowledge of the language."

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# Character Actor

## Selleck, others say to instill principles by living them

Educators, candidates, parents, preachers and pundits all have debated how to instill character in children. But it took "Magnum P.I." to hit the target dead on. The best way to instill it, actor Tom Selleck told a "Character Counts!" meeting, is to have it.

Selleck's will be the most difficult advice to take. Americans more often than not confuse aggression with strength, mistake stubbornness for confidence, wrongly equate courtesy with weakness, and call shrill debate a conversation. This runs through the "swim with sharks" corporate mentality and the nihilistic pop culture, and isn't bound by race or income group. Worse, such character flaws as rigidity, selfishness and prejudice are prettied up under the rationalization of "individualism."

As Selleck says, "It's very difficult for a kid to do the right thing when they don't know what the right thing to do is." If children lack character, it most likely means adults don't value it.

When a parent is a discourteous driver or takes some other kind of unethical short-cut in life, Selleck notes, a child will learn the wrong lesson. Add to that the times when rage is used instead of reasonableness and arrogance is chosen over graciousness.

Lloyd V. Hackley, president of the state's community college system and of the national Character Counts! Coalition, says t' goals this week are to promote trustwo ness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and citizenship — principles of a society and the mark of strong adu

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**Members of the** Fayetteville Civitan Club, left to right, Lee Thompson, Birdell Sturgies and Garland Pierce, present a check to teachers in the Early-In Preschool Handicap Program, Judy Perry, Pat Phillips and Pam Johnson. The money will be used by the teachers to purchase supplies.

Patricia Troy, Robin Pait Tyner, Gwynda Kay Walters, Pamela Lynn Yepez, Laverne Russell Allar, William E. Carl, Randall M. Carter, Larry E. Cooper, Thomas Melvin Council, William Crawford, Jaime Augusto Cruz-Figueroa, Rolito Tuano Del Rosario, Joseph Lee Grant, Emanuel Christopher Green, Clifton Wallace Hall, Michael Brandon Hall, Jesse R. Johnson, Zhen Yue Liu, Howard William Mason, Benjy Jeffrey Nichols, Jermaine Petty, Joseph Thomas Pope III, Michael E. Rice.

Timinko Doral Robinson, Jimmie L. Sapp, John Terry Starling, George Hughie Suggs, Fred S. Wescott, Charles Anthony White, William Lee Zumwalt, Zaria Sandra Yankey, John Stanley Allen, Michael Brandon Beal, William Arnold, James Willis Cofield, Paul M. Davis, Bernard C. Hamilton, Sammie L. Harris, Roberta Ross Blue, Kimberly D. Bullard, Cathy Lynn Carlisle, Jonathan M. Carrillo, Jack Lee Collins, Shahnaz Dolatshahi, Anke Donnan, Jennifer Lynn Evans, Donna Marie Fleener, Jamie Rae Furtney.

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WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT

# FAYETTEVILLE?

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*From colorful springs to great food and friendly neighbors, people have found the Cape Fear Region a great place to live.*

Many long-time residents of the Fayetteville area didn't expect to sink roots here.

Some are natives who ended up never leaving. Some came to town on military orders. Some found their first teaching job here. Others came on business.

Many newcomers have learned to love the town and region like old-timers. We asked them, and natives, too, to tell us what they like best about their community on our recent Readers' Choice Awards ballot.

Responses came from all ages and areas. Some were tongue-in-cheek ("I like how we never have to use our turn signals" was one of our favorites) but most were heartfelt. And some were thankful for the chance to say something good about the place readers called "eminently livable" and "a big city with small-town charm."

Many enjoy the location and climate. "I've had the privilege of seeing spring in Portland, Ore.; Seoul, Korea; and Kyoto, Japan," said one, "but Fayetteville's spring was the loveliest."

To be sure, some pointed out things that could still be improved. But more reflected the opinion of Georgia Talley: "Thank you for letting me say these things. I've been wanting to shout it everywhere — but someone may think I'm crazy."

Crazy about Fayetteville? Sure, why not? Here are some of the things our readers like about living here:

### It's my home

I am a transplant resident. Fayetteville has been the one home I've had that has felt like home as no other location.

My parents moved me from Illinois to New Jersey to Pennsylvania. The Army moved me from South Carolina, Fayetteville, Germany, Alabama and now back to Fayetteville. The town has a special lure. Fayetteville is not as visually pretty as Heidelberg, Germany, or as cosmopolitan, but it has location, location, location. The beach, mountains, Washington, D.C., Charleston are all less than a day's drive, some considerably less.

Jacobs

It has many small-town qualities — neighborhoods, school spirit, and personal attention from merchants.

Although there is a love/hate relationship between Bragg and Fayetteville, it is mostly positive. This town is very patriotic, and both civic leaders and Fort Bragg officials work more often together to the common good of the area.

I'm not implying that this area doesn't have room for improvement. But this community of diverse talents is a melting pot of energetic

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*'I arrived here during azalea season and it was beautiful, along with the dogwoods. I felt I had found a piece of heaven. Only God could have created such a masterpiece of splendor and color.'*

*— Lea Aldridge*

# to work goal of FTCC course

## 2-year program will train would-be entrepreneurs

**By Jay Woodard**
Staff writer

It's a common dilemma. A skilled craftsman, maybe a plumber, welder, or seamstress, wants to start a business. But how to go about it? What do you do first?

A two-year program starting Dec. 5 at the Small Business Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College will answer those questions.

"They have great ideas but they don't know what to do next," said Larry Lancaster, the adviser for the REAL Entrepreneurship Program at the center. The center is at 2801 Fort Bragg Road, adjacent to the YMCA.

Not knowing what to do next can lead to trouble, said Charles Koonce, director of the center. "National figures show that three out of four businesses will fail in the first two years," he said.

"A lot of people go into business without doing the necessary research. They may have some money they want to invest or have had a lifelong dream of doing this. They think what they have to do is hang out a shingle and people will come."

*'A lot of people go into business without doing the necessary research. ... They think what they have to do is hang out a shingle and people will come.'*

*— Larry Lancaster*

He said many people starting a business don't know how to keep accurate records or how to do taxes, or they don't understand cash flow and other subtleties of business. "And when you start a business, it's 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he said.

The REAL program aims to prepare people for that responsibility.

The program, offered in rural high schools and community colleges, guides students through the process of creating small businesses. It includes a self-assessment to determine a student's marketable strengths, an analysis to identify local economic trends, information on writing a business plan, and information on obtaining loans from $500 up to $25,000.

"We want to know what can we do for rural counties that will allow residents to stay in their home communities," Lancaster said. "And a lot of military are retiring here. Let's help them get into a business and persuade them to stay in Fayetteville."

REAL stands for Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning and is sponsored by NC REAL Enterprises, a nonprofit organization in Durham. REAL is in 30 counties across the state.

Lancaster is getting the Business Center's REAL program set up and recruiting students. He's enthused about the people he has already recruited.

"I have ... a lot of good prospective students. It's a Who's Who. A teacher would kill to have a class like this. Guys from Penn State. Ladies who are military officers. I can't wait for the class to start. The experiences these people have had ... They'll be bringing a lot to this class."

Students will get to talk to business founders and operators. "Eight or 10 local business people will make up a community support team," Lancaster said.

"I expect the team members will visit the class. They'll be excellent models. They'll probably say, 'Don't make the mistakes I did.'

"This is an effort to prevent people from making any serious mistakes. In some cases, their life savings are at stake."

People interested in the REAL course may call the Small Business Center for more information. Its number is 678-8496.



## Fayetteville

juices. We are not a singular community such as Raleigh (government) or Durham (schools). This area vibrates with possibilities and that is the appeal that will keep me in Fayetteville. Fayetteville will change and grow and I want to be part of that process.

*— Jo Jacobs*
*Fayetteville*

# Hackley: Group will reimburse state

*The president of the Community College System says Character Counts! will pay for invitations stamped with a state meter.*

**RALEIGH** (AP) — The state will be reimbursed for invitations to a private group's conference that were mailed at the government's expense, Community College System President Vic Hackley said Friday.

More than 1,400 legislators, reporters, community college presidents and other officials were invited to the North Carolina Character Counts! conference this week in Research Triangle Park.

The invitations, which each cost 43 cents to mail, were stamped during the first week of October with the postage meter for the Community College System.

Hackley chairs the national advisory council for the Character Counts! Coalition, a nonprofit foundation based in Marina del Rey, Calif. The community colleges hosted the state conference.

When asked about the state postage, Hackley said the nonprofit group is "going to pay for it all."

"That's the way we decided to do it," he said. "We kept up with it and will pay for it out of the foundation."

Hackley, a former Fayetteville State University chancellor and UNC General Administration employee, said the state conference was underwritten by private donors he contacted.

The list of sponsors includes Carolina Power & Light, Duke Power, BB&T, C.D. Spangler Foundation, Sprint Cellular, Tyson Foods, and Time Warner Cable.

"We've got plenty of Character Counts! money to pay for it," Hackley said.

Character Counts! tries to develop character traits of trustworthiness, citizenship, caring, fairness, responsibility and respect in young people. Its national advisory board includes former Texas congresswoman Barbara Jordan and actor Tom Selleck.

**Hackley:** Heads the foundation's national advisory council.

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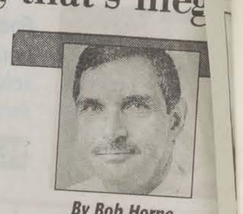
LIVE WIRE

# If vehicle still advertised after it's sold, that's illeg

**Q: Is it legal to continue advertising a vehicle for a certain amount after it has been sold? I called an automobile dealership to ask about an advertised vehicle. They said that particular ad was for one vehicle and it was sold. Yet the ad is still running and has been running for a month or so. C.A., Fayetteville**



By Bob Horne

Call 486-2550

**A:** A dealer who continues advertising a vehicle after it's been sold is engaging in bait-and-switch, a violation of state law, a consumer specialist for the state Attorney General's Office said.

In bait-and-switch, a business "baits" customers by advertising an item at a very low price. Then when customers come in and ask about the item, the business tells them that the advertised item is sold and tries to "switch" them to other, usually more expensive, items. In another approach, the business has the advertised item but tries to switch the customer to a better item for more money.

When the advertised item was sold before the advertisement or maybe never existed, the business is violating state General Statute 14-117, "Fraudulent and Deceptive Advertising."

The law makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor to advertise false prices or any other misrepresentation or untrue statement, "provided that such advertising shall be done willfully and with intent to mislead."

If you want to pursue the matter, you should file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office.

You should mail your written complaint to Consumer Protection Division, N.C. Attorney General's Office, P.O. Box 629, Raleigh, N.C. 27602. Or you can call 1-919-733-7741 and request a complaint form.

**Q: How does someone become a notary? T.K., Fayetteville**

**A:** First, you must take a course. Gloria Baden of Fayetteville Technical Community College said the school offers a four-hour single-day class. The class can be taken during the day or at night.

You must pre-register by noo on the day before class starts an pay in advance for the course which costs $35, and $13 for a re quired book, she said.

The next course is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 8 and from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Nov. 15. You can preregister at the registration office in the Neill Currie Continuing Education Building on Hull Road.

After completing the course, you fill out an application and mail it to the state, with a $25 application fee.

The state will send you a green sheet of paper that will enable you to go to the Register of Deeds Office at the county courthouse and get sworn in. The swearing-in process takes about two minutes and costs $5, she said.

Once you're sworn in, you can buy a seal, which is sold at office-supply stores, she said.

## Consumer information

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission requests that consumers call the commission to report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury.

The toll-free number is 1-800-638-2772. The number for consumers with hearing problems is 1-800-638-8270.

*Live Wire cannot answer every question, because of time and space limitations. The column seeks answers to questions of general interest and to consumer questions. They usually are answered within two weeks. ACCESS Information Services at the Public Library routinely answers requests for addresses of public figures, historical facts and much more. That telephone number is 483-7727.*

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**Shadow Day.** The Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation is looking for Fayetteville business professionals in the advertising, marketing and creative industries to take local students for a day as a "shadow," so that students can see what these professionals do during the business day. The all-day event includes lunch at Fayetteville Technical Community College and will be held Nov. 21. Information: Jennifer Huey, 484-2225.
**Workshop.** "Building Bridges...

**Fruit Sale.** The Fayetteville Technical Community College Horticultural Club is accepting orders for fruit through Wednesday. Fruit includes navel oranges, juice oranges, tangelos, grapefruit and apples. Information: 678-8447.

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Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**John Poulos,** left, presents a check for $4,600 to Jack Ferald, center, and Ron Ellis of the American Red Cross. The donation is part of funds raised during the Greek Festival.

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REGION BRIEFS

CUMBERLAND

## Hillcrest wins fourth Science Olympiad

Fayetteville's Hillcrest Middle School continued a championship streak by winning the regional Science Olympiad this weekend.

Hillcrest has won the southeast region competition four years in a row. "We've got a lot of good kids and a lot of hard-working coaches and teachers," Hillcrest coach Dennis Johnson said. His school fielded two teams.

The contest was held Saturday at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Twenty-six teams competed in the middle school category, 15 teams competed in the high school category. The event drew more than 850 students.

Participants built rockets, solved genetics problems, did lab tests and answered questions to demonstrate their scientific knowledge and skills.

The top five middle school teams and top three high school teams from each region will compete in the state Science Olympiad in Morganton on March 30.

The other middle school winners were: second, Harnett Central Middle School; third, Southern Pines Middle School; fourth, Western Harnett Middle School; fifth, Albritton Junior High at Fort Bragg.

The high school winners were: first, Hoggard High School of Wilmington; Harnett Central High School; third, Laney High School of Wilmington.

# CHALLENGE FOR FSU

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## Teacher shortage offers opportunity for vital service

The looming crisis ... a statewide shortage of public-school teachers is a measure of how badly North Carolina has neglected its educational resources in recent years. But it also opens a door of opportunity for Fayetteville State University and ... ty of vital service ... regional campuses with a background ... teacher training.

... the study showing a drop in ... First ca... choosing a teaching career. ... young p... statistics on those who become ... Then ... out get out. Only a quarter of the ... teac... current teachers say they intend to ... st... at it for a career. The State Board of ... ucation, alarmed by the worst record of ... eacher attrition in the country, has called for several steps to meet the problem. All of them have relevance for FSU.

The board proposed setting aside scholarship money for high school students interested in teaching. It called for strengthening ties between teaching campuses and the public school system to jointly devise goals for getting students interested in teacher-short fields, especially in high school subjects. It urged special efforts to encourage teaching careers among black students and other minorities. And it suggested looking for alternate teacher-training programs to attract adults from other careers, specifically mentioning military active-duty and retirees.

Ticking off these proposals reads almost like a catalog of FSU initiatives in the past few years. During the tenure of Chancellor Lloyd Hackley, programs resembling each of these proposals were launched. At last count, there were approximately 20 distinct initiatives hooking the campus to the public school system, from an early-identification scholarship program to LEAP (Literacy in Education Advocacy Program), which sends education-minded university students into public schools as tutor/mentors.

FSU's central mission, as it has been since 1867, is to train the human resources needed to make its region a better place, to be alert to the shortages of trained personnel in that region and to devise efforts to alleviate the shortages. That mission was never more urgent than today.

Fortunately, the newly chosen chancellor of FSU, Willis McLeod, is both a product of the campus' training in public schooling and a highly regarded veteran public school administrator. He comes at an opportune time to lead FSU in this new opportunity.

# CAROLINA NOTEBOOK

The award was presented by the state chapter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, whose ancestors made the pilgrim voyage on the Mayflower and landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620. The society has about 550 members in North Carolina.

A UNCG faculty member since 1981, Link is associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

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**Robert W. Scott**, who led the North Carolina community college system for 11 years, has received the I.E. Ready Award from the system.

The award, named for the community college system's first president, is given to those who have contributed significantly to the establishment and growth of the system.

Scott, who also is a former North Carolina governor, received the award during a ceremony in November.

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**Ruth Barlow** has received the 1995 North Carolina Tarheel Occupational Health Nurse of the Year Award.

The award was presented by the North Carolina Tarheel Association of Occupational Health Nurses in November.

Barlow is manager of the Workers Compensation Program at Park Occupational Medicine in Research Triangle Park.

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Staff photo by Jay Capers

**Shea Ralph** poses with her retired jersey at Terry Sanford.

# Terry Sanford retires Ralph's No. 33 jersey

By Earl Vaughan Jr.
Scholastic sports editor

Shea Ralph deeply appreciates all the national acclaim she's received for her basketball skills.

But Tuesday night in her final regular season home game at Terry Sanford High School, she got an ... Dial Award, presented to the top female scholar-athlete in the country.

Next week, she will receive an-

*'It's totally stunning for me to realize that of all the people to play in this gym, that my jersey*

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# Why I'll never be (a) president

**Thomas Sowell**

My wife is always amazed whenever I get a letter asking me if I want to be considered as a candidate to be president of some college.

"What are those people smoking?" she asks.

It would be a guarantee of big trouble if I were made a college president. First of all, I am not politically correct. I don't go around using all the pious phrases about "diversity" and other cant that are almost obligatory for college presidents.

I think tenure and so-called "faculty self-governance" are two of the biggest mistakes ever made in academia. Tenure turns ordinary professors into little tin gods who do their own thing, instead of doing what they are paid to do. Many turn their classrooms into propaganda centers for their pet ideologies instead of teaching the subject listed in the catalog.

Some teach about what they happen to be writing about, rather than what is fundamental to the field. Thus a history department may have a course on the history of movies, but no course on the history of France or Germany, and a philosophy department may have no course on logic but several on feminist philosophy.

Faculty self-governance would make sense if it meant simply that chemistry teachers, for example, would decide what chemistry courses should be taught and in what sequence. But it really means professors get to make policy on things for which they have no special expertise.

Thus professors of English literature or organic chemistry get to decide whether or not the college students will be allowed to take ROTC or whether the university's endowment can be invested on financial principles or ideological principles.

Some years ago, a trustee at Grove City College said to me emphatically, "Here, the faculty are hired to teach!" To most people unfamiliar with academia, this seems so obvious and commonsensical that they might wonder why it had to be said at all, much less emphasized.

In reality, however, it was a revolutionary statement about an unusual college. At most colleges, the faculty do not regard themselves as mere employees but as the movers and shakers of academe — as they are. More's the pity.

If any college were foolish enough to make me president and I were foolish enough to accept, my first order of business would be to see that professors no longer control decisions outside their field of expertise. My second order of business would be to end tenure.

So-called "faculty self-governance" is the ultimate in unaccountable decision-making. No matter how disastrous some policy voted in by the faculty turns out to be, not a single professor can be fired for having voted for it, or even for having led the campaign for that policy.

In what other system of governance — whether in churches or in corporations, in Washington or the state capitols — can people keep on making disastrous decisions without being subject to being removed from their jobs? Even presidents can be impeached and kings forced to abdicate, but tenured professors can vote for all the nonsense they want without the slightest dangers to their jobs.

It is a formula that virtually guarantees irresponsible self-indulgence.

There was a time when college presidents were hired to run the institution, not just raise money for it and serve as its public-relations front man. Names like Nicholas Murray Butler at Columbia and Robert Hutchins at the University of Chicago conjure up a whole era when a college president could shape an institution to his vision of what education was all about.

More important, the president could be fired if it didn't work. When administrators can blame the faculty for most of the key decisions, it is hard to hold anybody accountable.

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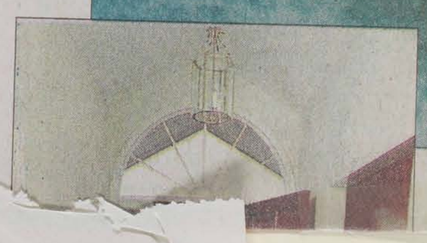
# HOME OF THEIR DREAMS

**Lynn and Peggy White** in the great room of the home they built in Stedman. The mantel is from Mrs. White's grandmother's house.

Staff photos by Swayne Hall



## Stedman pair worked hard

scary times during [illegible] White said. She said they stayed light color," she said.

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# LIFE

family

Staff illustrations by Jenn Thornton

# Hi dad! Send money

By Alice Thrasher
Staff writer

Six months ago it was hard for Janet Roach to keep in touch with her son, Jared, at the University of Washington at Seattle. That was before she discovered what many other parents of college students have found out in recent years.

If you want to get a message to a student and through e-mail to her son and sends messages several times a week.

Jared, in an e-mail interview, says he finds e-mail messages can be less personal than other kinds of communication. "Emotions are harder to transmit by e-mail," he says.

"One has to be very careful when writing e-mail not to unintentionally convey the wrong emotion." Jared said the smiley or frowning faces made with the colon and the open or closed parentheses symbol help, but can be trite if overused.

"In general, I use e-mail for short informational transactions like 'I'm arriving on flight 2435 at 4:29 p.m., can you pick me up or should I

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## E-mail

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was never much interested in machines."

Mrs. Roach says her husband, Dr. John Roach, has started reading a couple of books on the Internet.

"He has finally gotten inspired," she says.

Other Fayetteville residents have taken to using e-mail, too.

Phyllis Thompson is the chief e-mail user at her home and likes to get messages from her children. Daughter Mary Penny is a law student at Tulane University in New Orleans. Daughter Amy is a dental student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and son John just finished flight school in Conway, S.C.

The Thompsons' son Ben, a high school senior, has his own e-mail address and likes to use the family's American Online network service for e-mail and for research for papers.

"My husband doesn't really know how to send e-mail," she says. "I make copies of it for him."

Dr. David Thompson dashes off a note when he forwards mail to their children. "He loves the phone; that's his connection," Mrs. Thompson says.

"It's so exciting to turn on the computer and see that you have mail," she says. The family writes e-mail notes and sends copies to everybody.

"We just have fun. Mary Penny's humor came out during the bad weather. When the water was rising around her old Victorian house, she labeled a message 'Water! Water! Everywhere!' "

"E-mail has made life so much easier for me in communicating with my family," Amy Thompson says, via e-mail. "It is not easy to keep in touch with siblings and parents when we are in so many different places. It is also so much more convenient to send a quick note sometimes rather than spending time of the phone — since we all tend to talk and run up the bill a little too much.

"I couldn't imagine life without it now that it has helped us all so much."

Mrs. Thompson says her telephone bill has gone down since the family started using e-mail.

"But I still like to have our long chats on Saturday," she says.

Millie Freccia says e-mail was a good way for her family to stay in touch with her daughter, Stephanie, during the first three years Stephanie was at the Naval Academy and didn't have a telephone. Now that she is in her senior year and is a first classman, Stephanie has a telephone in her barracks room.

"We really don't hear from her on the phone that much, though," Mrs. Freccia says.

Dr. Bill Freccia did most of the e-mailing, she says. "I did a lot of letter writing, and still write to her a couple of times a week."

### In touch with Scotland

Molly Clark of Fayetteville uses e-mail to stay in touch with relatives and friends while she is living in Edinburgh, Scotland, this year on an exchange program at the University of Edinburgh. She's a junior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and keeps in touch with the campus news by reading the electronic edition of The Daily Tar Heel student newspaper on the World Wide Web.

She says she corresponds regularly with friends at Chapel Hill, with friends at two other North Carolina universities, with friends in Vermont, London and Spain and a friend who is on Semester at Sea. She keeps up with news from home through e-mail with relatives and friends in Fayetteville.

"It's amazing to me that I can send Molly an e-mail message and within two hours get a response back when she checks her e-mail," says longtime family friend Anne Fogleman.

Molly's father, Dougald Clark, says he doesn't correspond by e-mail to Molly, but he gets messages and sends information through a cousin.

Fogleman says she likes e-mail better than telephone calls to her son Dickson at UNC-Chapel Hill.

"E-mail gives everybody time to digest things and react in a composed sort of way instead of saying 'You did what?'

"You can couch things in gentler terms when you respond," she says.

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

**Susan McPhail** works in the radiology department at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

FTCC photo

# A new direction

## Illness leads to career as a radiographer

By Iris Barbour

Susan McPhail never dreamed that at the age of 26 her world would literally be turned upside down.

Born and reared in Sampson County, McPhail helped on her parents' farm until she graduated from high school and got married. She moved with her husband, who was in the Coast Guard, to Morehead City, and Smithfield, Va. Along the way, she worked as a receptionist for various law firms and had her two sons. In 1986, her husband got out of the Coast Guard, and they decided to return to Sampson County to farm and to raise their boys near family.

To help ends meet, she accepted a job as a legal secretary but soon discovered that day care took all of the "extra" money she was making.

In 1988, she changed jobs and became a cashier on the second shift for the emergency room at Sampson County Memorial Hospital. Working the second shift allowed her to care for the children during the day, and her husband was there to care for them in the evening. McPhail, who was never interested in the medical field be-

doctor ordered a routine chest X-ray. He informed her that she had Hodgkin's Disease.

"There I was — 26 years old, two small children, a newborn baby — and cancer." said McPhail. "Time, and it felt like my life, had stopped. There is no way that I could have made it through this time in my life were it not for the total and unconditional support of all of my family."

In the next six months, McPhail faced three months of chemotherapy and 39 radiation treatments. She says she had the usual side effects of losing all of her hair and most of her energy; however, she says she also had time to think about the kindnesses that were being shown to her by the radiology staff.

"There is no way to replace the total family support, but sometimes, no matter how hard they tried, they just did not really understand what I was feeling because they were so worried about me physically," she said. "The radiology staff seemed to know when I needed the extra word of encouragement or the extra hug. I promised that if I made it through, then the least I could do is return the kindnesses that were shown to me."

McPhail had her last radiation treatment in July 1991, and in August of the same year, with no

gram at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

She explained to her instructors at FTCC her background and her determination that this was one promise she had no intention of breaking.

After fighting all the usual obstacles, plus the special ones that being a mother and the cancer brought, in August 1995, McPhail graduated second in her class and became employed at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in the radiology department.

### Speaks from experienc

"I do not tell everyone my background, but sometimes I see myself and my needs in our patients," she said. For example, recently a 3 year-old man faced kidney cancer and just did not believe he could cope with the chemotherapy and radiation. I told him that he could and he would be able to live a full life. You know, he gave me the look of, 'Right, how do you know?' I then told him that I had and so could he. I try to provide that word of encouragement needed for those patients who really need to know that someone their age has been through it all and is living a full life."

McPhail's three boys are now

# 'My mom, she is walking!'

**Amanda Oyola De Ruiz**, right, of Bolivia was taken to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center for free knee-replacement surgery by a local doctor. With her is her daughter, Maria.

Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

# Woman given new knees

*A Bolivian teacher gets replacement surgery free in Fayetteville.*

By Bonnie Carlson
Staff writer

Amanda Oyola De Ruiz had always heard that people from the United States were cold and uncaring.

She doesn't believe that anymore, thanks to some Fayetteville doctors who've given her the help that she sought for years from French and Cuban doctors who made promises that they never kept.

Drs. Stanley Gilbert and Wes Jones met Ruiz in the summer when they were in her native Bolivia. The two doctors go to the South American country each year with the Andean Health Care Program, a nonprofit organization.

They found Ruiz hunched over a cane, her knees bent almost at a 90-degree angle, barely able to move. Rheumatoid arthritis had destroyed the cartilage in her knees, leaving the bones rubbing against each other and leaving the 44-year-old teacher in constant pain.

She had been a biology teacher in Santa Cruz, the second-largest city in Bolivia, since she was 19. She had trained to be a secretary and a seamstress, but teaching was her calling, the only job she ever loved.

Four years ago, she was forced

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■ **SOUTHERN PINES** — Southern Software has named **Larry R. Caddell** its senior vice president and chief operations officer.

Caddell worked for 21 years for First American Savings Bank in Carthage, including 10 years as area executive. Most recently he was community banking manager for Raleigh Federal Savings Bank in Southern Pines.

Caddell was recently re-elected mayor of Carthage. He is secretary of the board of trustees at Sandhills Community College.

Southern Software sells hardware and software to towns and municipalities in 25 states.

■ **CLINTON** — First Citizens Bank announces two staff changes.

**Michael Carter** of Turkey has joined the bank as a vice president and a business banking manager. He is a graduate of Campbell University. Carter is a former ambassador of the Cary Chamber of Commerce and a former vice chairman of Cary Crimestoppers.

**Wallace Herring** has been named a vice president and a senior agribusiness development officer. He is a Clinton native and a graduate of Barton College.

■ **WILSON** — **Randi J. Kelly** of Roseboro has been promoted to vice president of BB&T in Wilson. She joined the bank in 1979 and is the project manager in branch operations.

■ **Terry Salisbury** has been named director of ApotheCare. She is a graduate of Fayetteville Technical Community College and is a registered nurse.

### Awards

■ The **Ad Works Agency** won the Best In Show award at the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation's annual awards ceremony. The award recognized an ad created for Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

**Smith Advertising & Associates** received eight Addy awards, the top award presented by the Fayetteville advertising organization. It received 14 Citations of Excellence.

Ad Works received 4 Addys and two Citations of Excellence.

**Hodges Associates** received three Addys and two Citations of Excellence.

Two Addys and three Citations of Excellence went to **Cain & Cain Advertising.**

**Hathaway and Crawford Graphic Designers** received an Addy and two Citations of Excellence.

**ImageBlend** Advertising received an Addy.

**Moonlight Communications** received an Addy, and the federation honored **WQSM/Cape Fear Broadcasting** with a Citation of Excellence.

The federation honored the following students for their design work: **Ramona Dewitt, Jennifer Leigh Wilson, Seth Bennett, Anthony Usalis, Sandra Kinlaw, Robert Skene, Kimberly Mason, Grant Penny, Jan Tefft, Adrienne Lockamy and Alicia Campbell.**

■ **Roy L. Warren** of Fort Bragg, a district representative of the Modern Woodmen of America, has received the organization's 1995 Quality Business Award for outstanding service to members.

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# Fall into icy pond kills 1

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## Playmate remains critical

By Virginia Ann White
Staff writer

**SPRING LAKE** — Lori Waegner warned her 8-year-old son and two neighborhood boys to stay in her yard when they went outside to play Wednesday afternoon.

But a nearby pond, partially covered with ice, was too tempting.

Waegner's son, Michael Allen Waegner, and one of the other boys, 8-year-old Christopher Rhodes, fell through the ice. Michael was submerged for about an hour before he was pulled from the pond. He died Wednesday night at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville.

**Michael Waegner** was submerged for about an hour in the cold, muddy water.

Christopher stayed submerged for about 40 minutes. He was in critical condition at Duke University Medical Center in Durham.

Waegner was baby-sitting Rhodes and his brother, Michael, while their mother attended classes at Fayetteville Technical Community College. The family's home is in Shady Grove Mobile Home Park. The boys were home because the Harnett County schools were dismissed for the day.

Waegner's other three children were also at home. The boys sat around the table at noon and gobbled their lunch of sandwiches and fruit. The day was clear and warmer than it had been recently. About 12:30 p.m., they asked to go outside.

Just days earlier, Michael Waegner had mentioned to his father, Robert Waegner, that he wanted to see the ice-covered pond. "He knew he wasn't allowed to go there. I told him 'No'," Mr. Waegner said.

About 10 minutes passed and Mrs. Waegner went to the door to check on the boys. She stood in the doorway in socks and a sweat suit. Michael Rhodes ran to the yard and told her that the boys were drowning.

He had already told a neighbor, Jerry Revas, who was parked on a road in the mobile home park.

Mrs. Waegner ran toward the pond, but Revas told her to go back and call 911. Revas and his wife had already started to try and reach the boys, who were submerged.

Mrs. Waegner called for help, then slipped on shoes and went to the pond. Revas, his wife and Mrs. Waegner struggled to lift a small boat, which was a few feet from the pond, so they could dump the ice that filled it. None of them could swim and it seemed their only hope for reaching the children.

Another neighbor showed up to help, but he couldn't swim either. Revas and the other man used a steel fence post to break up the ice

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**Rescuers surround one** of the boys pulled from a pond on Shady Grove Road in Harnett County.

Staff photo by Johnny Horne




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## Collectors enjoy the purs

By Eleanor Lee Yates
Staff writer

Friends know just what gifts to get for Helen and Bill Vile. Gnomes. Gnomes for Christmas, gnomes for an anniversary, gnomes for a birthday.

"It started with Elmo. Bill's secretary gave him Elmo," said Mrs. Vile, pointing at a grinning, gnarled little fellow with a fire truck. At the time Mr. Vile was director of emergency services in Robeson County. But he had no idea who Tom Clark and his little people were. Now the couple's living and dining rooms are crammed with Tom Clark gnomes and figures. More than 350 of them.

They fill a hall cabinet: smiling little figures with red pointed hats, posing with letters of the alphabet, golf balls and animals. On a table are P.U. (who's posing with a skunk) and Leap Frog (who's jumping over, yes, a frog.) There is the first, original gnome, doing nothing but standing there, smiling his impish little gnome smile. There's Peaches, 8 Ball, Skipper, Daddy-O, the Tooth Fairy, Papa and Brother, Sis and Dad. And hundred friends.

The Viles enthusiastically show off lection, interrupting each other with ries.

"Our second gnome was Mulligan golfer," said Mrs. Vile. Gnome fever years ago, after they acquired th gnomes. They didn't go to stores and one, two or three gnomes.

"It was more like six, eight or 10," said sheepishly. "Collecting them really tive. Each of them has his own persona

She thinks her husband is more hoo she is. Mrs. Vile is a dental hygienist, Vile, retired from the Army, now dire etteville Technical Community College' rescue training program.

"We'll go into a department store. I ladies' section, he goes to the gnomes where to find him. He'll be there, pick

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## Officials: Health reforms needed

*Two members of Congress and an HHS assistant secretary address a forum at FTCC.*

By Scott Yates
Staff writer

The debate over health care reform and national health insurance is on the back burner, but three Democrats told people Saturday that taxpayers, and their doctors will soon realize that reforms are needed.

U.S. Reps. Eva Clayton from Littleton and Jim McDermott of Washington state, and Dr. Philip R. Lee, assistant secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, spoke at a Fayetteville Technical Community College forum for health professionals and their patients.

**Clayton**

Clayton said that legislation for national health care has been silenced in Congress for now but that she expects it to be a hot topic in re-election campaigns. A leading problem that fostered the debate — the number of uninsured people — is getting worse, she said.

McDermott, a medical doctor, serves on the House Ways and Means Committee's Health Subcommittee. He predicted that Congress will approve national health insurance within five years.

President Clinton's attempts to establish national health insurance were squashed by special-interest groups who were protecting their share of the $950 billion spent on health care each year, McDermott said.

But issues that involve health care — namely Republican attempts to reshape Medicare and Medicaid — are at the core of the budget stalemate between nd Clinton.

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said. The cost of caring for the elderly would fall on their children, he said.

The number of uninsured people — now estimated at 44 million — would grow, McDermott said.

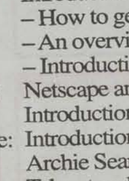
He said the Republican plan to reshape Medicaid would turn the program over to states, with federal money given as grants to run it.

That would cause chaos, as states adopt programs that would vary, he said.

### HMOs criticized

The growth in managed care through HMOs — health maintenance organizations — is changing the health care system for the worse, McDermott said.

He said accountants, not doctors, are making decisions on treatments and rationing health care to keep costs down.



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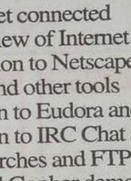

**McDermott**

Many plans take money away from doctors if they refer a patient to a specialist, McDermott said.

He said that in some programs, doctors are forbidden from discussing certain treatments.

Lee, the HHS official, said the fundamental problem with HMOs is a focus on managing costs — not health care.

He said many people are beginning to question the ethics of programs designed to take money away from doctors if they refer a patient to a specialist.

The patient isn't covered by insurance if he sees a specialist without the referral, Lee said.

### Predictions made

Lee said that the health system is in turmoil and that people will begin to see that those who need help aren't getting treatment because they don't have insurance.

A sense of security by those who get insurance through employers is eroding as companies lay off workers, he said.

Lee said that first will occur more demands for regulations for managed-care companies, followed by a demand for national health insurance.

## Work First doubles figures

*In its first five months, the program is credited with doubling the number of welfare recipients getting jobs. The number of Cumberland County recipients getting jobs tripled.*

By Mark Stinneford
Raleigh bureau

**RALEIGH** — Gov. Jim Hunt is crediting his welfare-to-work program with doubling the number of welfare recipients getting jobs.

Hunt said Thursday that from July to November, the first five months of the Work First program, 9,239 recipients got jobs. During the same period in 1994, 4,022 people got jobs through the work program that preceded Work First.

"In county after county, welfare recipients are getting the Work First message: get a job and take personal responsibility," Hunt said.

The number of Cumberland County recipients getting jobs tripled over the same period — from 300 to 900. E.C. "Chip" Modlin, the county social services director, said that number is now up to about 1,200. The department's goal is to put 1,800 people to work by the end of the year.

He said starting pay for the jobs has ranged from $5 to $8 an hour — and some have paid more than $10 an hour. "There's no such thing as a dead-end job. They learn from every job they get."

Between November 1994 and November 1995, the number of families on welfare in the county dropped from 6,107 to 5,607, Modlin said. The figures are for people receiving Aid to Familes with Dependent Children, a program for single-parent households. Statewide, Hunt said, the state expects to save $25 million through the program during its first year.

Jeanetta Dixon, a divorced mother of two living in Fayetteville, got a volunteer job at the canteen at Veterans Affairs Medical Center through Work First in August. Based on her performance, she was hired full-time by the hospital in October. She has since stopped receiving welfare benefits.

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Dixon, 41, had been on welfare for about six years. She said she was forced to leave good manufacturing jobs because of a heart problem that her 16-year-old son had suffered since birth. Dixon, who also occasionally teaches a creole cooking course at Fayetteville Technical Community College, hopes to open a cafe. She has moved her family from a housing project to a mobile home she bought.

"I always wanted to work," Dixon said. "I guess Work First grabbed someone who wanted something in life. I got blessed."

The state is waiting for permission from the federal government to require welfare recipients to get a job, paid or unpaid, within 12 weeks of going on assistance. The state is also seeking to limit the amount of time that a person can receive cash welfare benefits to two years.

Modlin said that even without those measures, the Work First program is helping by making jobs the first priority over training or other considerations.

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BEHIND SCHEDULE

# College trustees alter contract to attract bids

**Scott Mooneyham**
Staff writer

Few construction companies are interested in finishing a $5 million building at Fayetteville Technical Community College, but school officials hope some changes in the construction contract will spark more interest in the job.

College trustees voted Monday to allow changes in the construction timetable and late penalties in an effort to generate more bids to complete the Literacy and Continuing Education Building being built at the intersection of Devers Street and Hull Road.

The vote follows a decision by trustees in November to fire the building's general contractor, Garner Building Co. of Southern Pines. School officials said Garner was behind schedule and that part of the company's work must be repaired.

Tom Van Camp, a lawyer for Garner Building, said the decision to terminate the $3.1 million contract was unexpected and that the company was working to complete the building even though there had been delays.

On Monday, school trustees said they hope to have the building completed by the end of July. The building was originally scheduled for completion Feb. 20.

A proposal by the company insuring the project, International Fidelity Insurance Co. of Newark, N.J., would have required the builder to complete the build-

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ing by May 31.

But Dan MacMillan, the project's architect, told trustees the tight schedule has scared top construction companies away. Three contractors contacted by the bonding company, including Player Construction of Fayetteville, decided not bid on the project because of concerns about late penalties.

"The three that withdrew didn't believe they could complete it within that amount of time," MacMillan said.

Trustees agreed to drop late penalties if the building is "substantially completed" by June 30.

They will ask the insurer, or bonding company, to have the contractor complete the building in three phases, with the first phase completed on May 31.

School officials said they need a portion of the building completed by then so that they can install lab equipment and move furniture and computer equipment into the building.

The furniture and equipment must be bought before the end of the fiscal year, on June 30, or the money budgeted for it would revert back to the state.

MacMillan said the bonding company had been very cooperative. As the insurer, it will cover any cost overruns on the $3.1 million contract originally held by Garner. FTCC could be held liable for any cost increases of the other contractors created by the building delays.

Staff photo by Jared Lazarus

**In step** for the Cape Fear Ballroom Dancers Black and White Masked Ball on Jan. 27 are Mary Webb, Richard and Debbie Rice and special guests, Frosty and Shiver Snow.

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**Lee County:** John A. Volpicelli and John M. Volpicelli.

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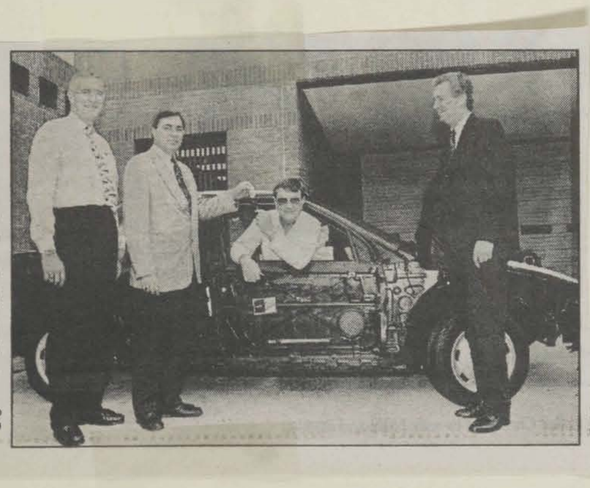
**Robeson County:** Louanne Michelle, Lori Knight Jacobs, Emily Rose Walters, Melissa Hannah Powers and Adriana G. Dunshee.



**Dan Dederick,** left, and Dave Brown present a cut-away car, courtesy of Rick Hendrick Saturn, to Steve Core of FTCC. School president Dr. Craig Allen is at right.

Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

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The following students have been named to the president's list for the fall term at Fayetteville Technical Community College:

**Bladen County:** Amy Leigh Hilburn.

**Cumberland County:** Tracey Bass-Caine, Matthew J. Gibbs, Larrie Green, Mark H. Perryman, Mary C. Miles, Linda Colli Miller, Thomas M. Miller, Georgette Marcella Lindsey, Jeffrey Scott Gotshall, Sarah Dean Thompson, James H. Long, Sylvia C. Rickett, Randy Cecil Prevatt, Scott D. Rich, Sandra Gomez Jones, Bridget Kelley Gill, David Earl Houp, Janet Troxler Perry, Alexander L. Wisnoski Jr., Shanna Yeats Lawhon, Leslie Fulk, Cheryl Ann Yawger, Michael G. Holbrook. Meyers Dunlay, Kenneth Troy McSmith, Crystal Davis Stewart, Angela Bruton Dostal, Paul Church, Erika Brandenburg Vincent, Larry Robinson, Joyce Ann Anthon, Delia Negrea Goertzen, Lea Anne Parrish, Susan Lane Leonard, Osman Vural, Dennis E. Bristol, Reginald Stuart Burks, William Crawford, Clayton Brown, Angela H. McTindal, Gina Thornton, Margaret A. Tate, Heidi Olmstead Dimercurio.

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Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

**Quinton Tucker, left,** Amy Carter, and Kenneth Evans listen as instructor Brenda Britt talks about the right things to say and do during a job interview.

# Tech college offers for-the-job training

*An FTCC course gives job seekers advice on how to make the best impression during interviews.*

**By Jay Woodard**
Staff writer

Just about everybody can give up gum, dangling earrings and beer for a little while, especially if it may mean the difference in landing a job.

Prospective employers size up applicants in the first 30 seconds, experts say, so it pays to make a good first impression and sharpen your skills for interviews.

In preparation for that nerve-jangling experience, Fayetteville Technical Community College includes training for job seekers in its career-training courses.

And some of the best advice — and horror stories — comes from people who deal with job seekers every day.

Catherine VanSickle, manager of the Employment Security Commission office in Fayetteville, was startled when a job applicant walked in drinking a beer.

"Limp handshakes are a turnoff, too," she said. "So are bone-crushers."

Gary Governale, director of human resources at Campbell Soup Co. at Maxton, likes to hear clear answers to questions. "It's best if they think for a few moments. Don't shoot from the hip. Don't give yes and no answers."

The training offered by Fayetteville Tech includes a list of typical questions that might be asked of an applicant, suggestions on how to dress, and a mock interview that's taped for critiquing.

In the personal development and communications course, 30 questions range from "Why do you want to work for this company?" to "What obstacles have you encountered and how did you overcome

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# Chamber dinner nautical, but nice

When **Nat Robertson** ordered the decorations for the center of the tables at the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner last weekend, he called a pet store instead of a florist shop.

Robertson said he ordered 300 goldfish and about 100 goldfish bowls for the tables set up at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center. The goldfish bowls were surrounded by six white votive candles. The centerpiece was the suggestion of the New York company hired to provide props for the dinner's cruise ship theme, he said.

Robertson was lucky he didn't have to fill all the fish bowls. He said the pet shop delivered the bowls, filled them with water and put in something to get rid of the chlorine before adding several fish for each table.

At the end of the evening, chamber members took the bowls and fish home with them. **Mark Dickinson,** chamber vice president for membership services, says he wound up with seven goldfish.

Dickinson and Robertson were members of the dinner committee, along with **Bob Smith,** chairman; **David Hayes; Ben Minter,** and **Keith Allison.**

Other props included a 10-by-12-foot backdrop of a Norwegian Cruise Lines Ship in the cocktail area. The backdrop behind the stage in the dining area was a red, white and blue ocean liner drop. Poles with lights and red and blue pennants in the dining area added to the theme.

More than 700 people attended the annual dinner, according to Dickinson. Members and guests paid $50 per person. The committee raised almost $50,000 from ticket sales and contributions from corporate sponsors to foot the bill for the dinner and production, Dickinson said.

Members arrived at the center around 6 p.m. for beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres while the Castaways band from Raleigh played beach music.

At the end of the cocktail hour, outgoing chamber chairman **Johnny L. Dawkins III** welcomed the guests and made parting remarks as the top elected chamber official. Then he directed them into the "captain's dining room" of the USS Fayetteville.

Chamber executive committee members were decked out in blue blazers, white shirts or turtlenecks and khaki slacks, in keeping with the cruise ship theme.

Minter lined up the entertainment for the evening. During dinner, **Chrissie Taylor,** Miss Spivey's Corner, and **Desiree McCormick,** a former Miss Fayetteville, sang to tape accompaniment, and **Lisa Bamford** of Raleigh, the reigning Miss North Carolina, played a classical number on the piano.

**Terry Hutchens,** the incoming chamber chairman, welcomed the members and dinner guests. Guests included **Brig. Gen. Harold L. Timboe,** commander of the 44th Medical Brigade at Fort Bragg, and his wife, **Donna,** and **Col. D.L. Johnson,** vice commander of the 23rd Wing at Pope Air Force Base, and his wife, **Liz.**

After dinner, the first award, the Athena Award, was presented to **Sister Jean Rhoads,** founder and leader of the Care Clinic of Fayetteville.

Then the show began. Minter staged a floor show in three acts featuring singers and dancers from 14 to 35 years old.

Between the first and second act, Dawkins and Chamber President **David Jameson** presented the three Outstanding Chamber Member awards to **Billy Davidson, Rodney Matthews** and **Anthony Chavonne.**

At the end of the second act, **Walter Moorman** was presented with the Realtors' Cup, the chamber's highest award. Vocalist **Angela McLean** performed "There is a Hero in You" for Moorman after the award was announced.

The third act "On the Good Ship Fayetteville" featured a solo by **Brooke McLaurin.** In Shirley Temple style, she sang, "On the Good Ship Fayetteville." Then all the cast appeared in sailor outfits before the grand finale number to "Seventy Six Trombones" from "The Music Man."

Staff photo by Elizabeth Darwin

**From left, Terry Hutchens,** Doris Palmer, Donna Dawkins, Rosalind Hutchens, Sandra Jameson and David Jameson enjoy the annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center.

**RSVP**

*By Alice Thrasher*

## Brunch-Card benefit

Volunteers and staff of the Southeast Area of the American Lung Association are preparing for the organization's annual brunch and afternoon of bridge and other card games.

This year's event is set for Feb. 7 at the Country Club of North Carolina in Pinehurst. The benefit will begin at 11 a.m. After an 11:30 a.m. seated brunch, guests may stay as long as they like to play bridge or other card games.

All table prizes and score pads will be provided, but you need to take your own cards. In addition, there will be door prizes. **Diana Parks,** assistant area director, said the public is invited to the brunch, even if they don't want to stay and play cards.

Tickets are $25 each and are available from the Lung Association by calling 1-800-821-6205 or 486-5864.

Proceeds will go to assist in summer asthma camp for children ages 8-14 and for placing "Open Airways for Schools," an asthma education program for children.

# LESSON PLANS

## Community colleges are for the eager

Perhaps it was inevitable that parents who regarded the public schools as substitute parents for their small children and preventive detention for their rebellious teens would try to turn the community colleges into dumping grounds for older offspring who dropped out without graduating. That doesn't mean we have to let them succeed.

The community college system was designed for adults seeking to continue their education, not for overgrown problem children whose parents can't figure out what else to do with them. And the colleges have neither the time nor the resources to deal with class-cutting, drug abuse, gun-toting and other conduct characteristic of people who aren't serious about education.

A 17-year-old dropout who realizes that quitting was a big mistake should have a chance to get back on track, and the sooner, the better. In today's fast-paced world, the loss of a year can be devastating. For that reason, we're wary of any one-size-fits-all "remedy," and sympathetic to any plan that reviews applicants case by case.

Even so, the colleges are right to set up various kinds of defenses against unserious people — including, at two campuses, mandatory waiting periods for anyone who drops out of high school. Another school set up a program for adult high school classes at a separate location.

In the end, though, these schools do not exist for people needing to be nurtured, watched, disciplined or rehabilitated. They exist for people who are eager to be there. And any community college that lets itself be distracted from its essential mission is failing its clientele.

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# Playing Catch-Up

## Study: The South is imperiling its own future

The South, according to a report by the non-profit MDC Inc. research firm, doesn't fully understand where its own interests lie.

The report is no snide put-down. The business of the Chapel Hill-based firm is economic development, not tearing down. Its study, based on economic and demographic studies, is a warning that the region cannot, despite advances that have left us "better off by every economic standard than we were in the nostalgic 1950s," relax now.

The South, says the report, must choose: It can cultivate a prosperous economy by producing a better-educated work force, or it can be hit with a "double whammy" as employers and would-be workers find themselves straining to match jobs with abilities.

The findings are summarized even more bluntly: "A worker armed only with a high school diploma today has fewer prospects than a dropout a generation ago."

Note that the report did *not* say that today's high-schoolers would do just as well to drop out. Quite the opposite: Everyone would do better to stay in — and go on to further study after graduation.

Today, there aren't tens of thousands of small farms to assure a drop-out of a steady (if back-breaking and low-paying) job. But that's not all of it — or even the worst.

Today, even entry-level jobs in many fields of endeavor require a level of proficiency in math, science or computers that the average high school doesn't provide.

Furthermore, almost half of the South's adults have never attended either a college or a community college.

Obviously, employment promises to be a major problem. But it should be just as obvious that there's a related problem, every bit as serious: As existing skills are devalued by a more and more sophisticated work environment, even those who land jobs are going to find their prospects for better pay, benefits and advancement severely limited.

This is scary stuff — perhaps scary enough to persuade Southerners to embrace the study's recommendation that an all-out effort be made to promote post-high school education. We need to do that — not merely to close the gap between ourselves and the rest of the country, although that's more than a vanity issue, but because that's what is required if our state and region are to find and retain their places in a global economy.

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April

**2** **Business Round Table** — FTCC Center for Business & Industry, 3 p.m. A program for businesses with one to four employees. Registrants only.

**11** **Stock Market Symposium** — Holiday Inn Bordeaux, 6:30 p.m. The Fayetteville Chamber is a co-sponsor of this annual stock market event.

**16** **Premier session, Strategies for Success Seminars** — Co-sponsored by the Chamber and FTCC. "Make It Permanent ... Customer Service" will be held at FTCC's Center for Business and Industry from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes lunch. Registrants only.


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# FTCC work proceeds with new contractor

By Scott Mooneyham
Staff writer

A building being constructed at Fayetteville Technical Community College is nearing completion, now that a new contractor has been named to take over the project, school officials said Monday.

The Literacy and Continuing Education Building at Devers Street and Hull Road is expected to be completed by mid-July. School officials hope to move equipment and furniture into the building before June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

School officials say that if they don't buy equipment and furniture by June 30, the money will revert to the state.

The building was scheduled to be completed Feb. 20. School trustees voted in November to fire the original contractor, Garner Building Co. of Southern Pines, because of delays and other problems.

The board agreed last month to hire Sigma Construction of Fayetteville to finish the job.

On Monday, trustees voted to give Sigma a two-week extension to complete the building, provided that the company allows the equipment to be moved into the building.

Dr. Linwood Powell, who oversees building projects for FTCC, said the company needed the extension because many windows had to be taken out and reinstalled.

Powell told trustees that he should be ready to advertise for bids on another big building project, the $6 million health education center.

He expects construction to begin by June or July.

In other business, trustees gave FTCC President Craig Allen a "superior" job-performance evaluation. The evaluation will be forwarded to community-college officials in Raleigh.

The semi-annual evaluations are required of all community-college presidents.

# Small Business Council

## How To Succeed In Business

Some months ago, the Chamber conducted a survey among its small-business members. Training and education programs that are affordable and relevant were among the needs cited by members.

A series of seminars, both affordable and relevant, were planned, jointly sponsored by the Fayetteville Chamber and Fayetteville Technical Community College. The first is set for Tuesday, April 16, and deals with one of the fundamental aspects of a successful business — customer service.

Entitled "Make It Permanent .. Customer Service," the seminar will enlighten small-business owners and managers on how they can improve the level of customer service they currently offer, thereby improving the profitability of their business.

Other seminar topics in the 1996 series include "Tech Tour I — You, Your Business and Your Computer," June 11; "Managing in the '90s — Leading, Communicating and Team Building," Aug. 13; "Making Time and Stress Work For You," Oct. 8; and "Tech Tour II — Making Your Mark on the 'Net," Dec. 10.

Each seminar, lasting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., gives you the detailed information you need on each topic.

Lunch and all materials are included in the $75 registration fee for each seminar.

Don't let this opportunity to learn more about the basics of a successful business pass you by.

For more information, call Pat Ann Matthews, Vice President, Small Business Council, at the Chamber, 483-8133.

Do it today!

## *Business Roundtable Groups To Be Formed*

One of the Chamber's newest programs, "Business Issues Roundtables," will provide a forum for open communication among groups of business owners and Chamber volunteers.

Chamber small businesses have been divided into four categories, based on size. Separate "Roundtables" are scheduled for each category.

The first session will focus on owners and managers with fewer than five employees and offer member participants the opportunity to learn from each other, ask questions and develop new business relationships which they can apply to their own company's development.

**First session**
*Tuesday, April 2*
**Time**
*3 to 4 p.m.*
**Where**
*FTCC Center for Business and Industry on Fort Bragg Road*
**Location**
*Room 111, the auditorium*

Only 50 seats are available. To register, call Pat Ann Matthews at the Chamber, 483-8133. There is no cost.



# Education

*The Cape Fear region offers an education to all — from children first entering school, to adults earning degrees and people taking a class just for fun.*

**Fayetteville Technical** Community College offers associate-in-arts and associate-in-science degrees.

Staff photo by Marcus Castro

# County offers many choices for college

*List of region colleges, next page*

A staff report

Prospective college students need to look no further than Cumberland County to find solid alternatives for higher education.

Students can enroll in Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville Technical Community College or Methodist College.

Fayetteville State has served students since 1867, when seven black men began the Howard School in Fayetteville with $140 and a two-story wooden schoolhouse.

Over the years, the school has gone through four name changes, grown and become part of the 16-campus University of North Carolina system.

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Fayetteville State has 38 undergraduate degree programs and 18 master degree programs, plus a doctoral degree in educational leadership.

Across town, Methodist College ended 1995 with a surprise bequest of $530,000. It was the second-largest single donation ever given to the school.

On Feb. 29 the school announced a plan to raise $5.5 million to help pay for building projects, including a library annex, academic complex, science annex and a math and science building.

Methodist College is a private school affiliated with the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church. It was founded in 1956 and has 44 bachelor degree programs in business, education and the liberal arts.

Fayetteville Tech, the city's largest college with 11,000 regular students and about 30,000 continuing education students, is building a $5 million Literacy and Continuing Education building. The project should be finished by July. The school also has plans for a Health Technology building.

Fayetteville Tech was founded in 1961 and is one of 58 schools in the state's community-college system.

It has many two-year associate degrees. Students can also enroll in general education, adult basic education and one-year vocational degree programs.

The school offers associate-in-arts and associate-in-science degrees. Credits gained in the programs can be transferred to four-year universities, including the schools in the University of North Carolina system.

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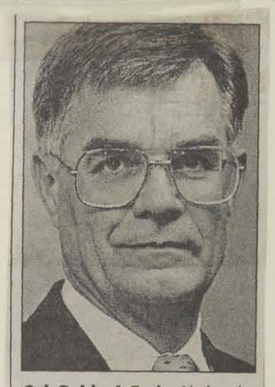
**The Cumberland County** school system has 72 schools and 51,000 students.



**Col. Bobby J. Ervin:** He heads specialty brigade.

# Ervin heads Reservist brigade

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A staff report

Col. Bobby J. Ervin of Fayetteville took command Sunday of the 3rd Brigade of the Army Reserve's 108th Division at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Ervin is dean of business programs at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The combat support brigade is the largest brigade in the Charlotte-based training division, officials said.

The 3rd Brigade provides military occupational specialty and Non-Commissioned Officer Education System training for the National Guard and Army Reserve in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The brigade's soldiers teach classes throughout the four states.

"We will provide military police, chemical, signal, engineer, military intelligence and civil affairs/psychological operations training through our six battalions," Ervin said.

Ervin was commander of the 2nd Reserve Forces Intelligence School at Fort Bragg. He received his commission as a second lieutenant through ROTC at Wake Forest University in 1969 and has a master's degree in business administration from Campbell University.

Sat Extra 3/24/96

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**Doctors and lawyers** will go up against each other on the basketball court with some expert coaching from a mother-daughter duo. From left are Dr. Sam Fleishman, lawyer Mark Sternlicht, coaches Shea Ralph and Marsha Ralph, Dr. Jim Shearer and Dr. Russ Fisher.

## Doctors vs. lawyers

### Annual competition benefits charity

**By Jeffery Womble**
Saturday Extra editor

The physicians will try to cut into the lawyers' defense when the sixth annual Medical Basketball Association Championship game takes place.

The game features doctors from Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and Highsmith Rainey Memorial Hospital against lawyers from Cumberland County.

The game will take place March 26 in the Terry Sanford High School gym. Tickets are $5 in advance and $6 at the door. Proceeds will go to the North Carolina Medical Society Alliance Health Education Foundation of Cumberland County.

"This is always a fun event," said Diane DeBoer, publicity chairman. "The positive thing is getting these folks together for such a good cause."

The foundation was organized to promote health care and health education projects. It administers a nursing scholarship fund and Wish Upon a Star, which grants wishes to terminally ill children in Cumberland County. Other recipients have included the Hospital Hospitality House, Parent-to-Parent, "Think First — Be Alert; Don't Get Hurt," a head and spinal cord injury prevention program, and the Teen Health Card, a wallet-sized directory of community health resources of interest to junior and senior high students.

The games have raised more than $130,000 since 1989. Last year's event raised $25,000.

#### The coaches

The coaches are a drawing card for this year's event. Coaching the doctors will be Terry Sanford High School basketball standout Shea Ralph, an All-American who has signed a full athletic scholarship to play basketball at the University of Connecticut. Coaching the lawyers will be Shea's mother, Marsha Ralph, a former All-American at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Shea has the upper hand. She coaches for the Terry Sanford Keywanettes, which sponsors basketball games for elementary school girls.

"This is the first time I've coached anyone older than me," Ralph said. "I'm looking forward to it."

And how does she feel about coaching against her mother?

"Well, it's going to be weird, but all I can say is that her team is going down," Shea said.

In last year's contest, the "BarBarians," (lawyers) defeated the "Life-Savers" (doctors) 49-37.

Lawyer Carl Ivarsson said he expects an even better performance from his colleagues this year.

"I think we can certainly build on last year's excellent performance," he said. "We didn't play as well as we should have in the second half. We weren't highly motivated, and it's probably because we were leading 30-6 at the half last year. But I anticipate more intense competition from the doctors this year."

Dr. Maurice Roulhac said the physicians are out to revenge last year's loss.

"Of course that's better said in principle than in actual practice," he said. "We are going to give it our best shot."

Last year's game had an ironic twist to it. One of the lawyers was injured during the game and needed assistance from one of the doctors.

#### Help nearby

"During the game, one of the lawyers got hurt and had to have 12 stitches," said plastic surgeon Mark Miller. "I took him to my office during the second half to sew him up. They lost some blood and we lost the game."

The doctors have a strategy this year:

"To get in shape before going on the court," Dr. Roulhac said.

Dr. Miller said the game is wholesome entertainment for a good cause.

"Hopefully it's a light-he match just to raise funds fo charitable organizations. It' really a grudge factor or an like that. We just go out to fun."

A preliminary matchup will feature the nurses from Fear Valley Medical C against the nurses from High Rainey Memorial Hospital.

For more information abo game, call 609-6098, or 609-1

# 11 to graduate today from police 'academy'

**By Virginia Ann White**
Staff writer

Larry Gatrell was leaving the Army after 10 years and needed a second career.

He took the usual steps, sending out resumes and answering want ads. Then he saw a notice hanging on a wall in City Hall. It said Fayetteville Police Department would pay recruits who went through the department's three-and-a-half month training program.

"There's no way I could afford to go to school full time otherwise," he said. Gatrell, 36, is married and has two young children.

Today he and 10 other trainees will be sworn in as police officers. Their graduation marks the first time in more than 10 years that the department has run its own "academy" rather than relying on programs like the one at Fayetteville Technical Community College to provide basic training to officers.

The department often hires graduates from the FTCC program, said Lt. Josh Phillips, head of the training unit. But he said there are advantages to holding an academy at the department. The new officers become familiar early in their

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Staff photo by Jay Capers

**Police department** student Brandon Bridgers goes through a training procedure with volunteer Thomas Chandler.

## School

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training with the methods used by Fayetteville police. The department plans to continue offering its own program and paying the people who are recruited to go through it.

The program opens the field to people like Gatrell, who could not afford to take time off from working to attend a school. The officers in training are considered department employees. The city authorized money for new officers to beef up the patrol as the city expands because of annexation.

Much of the program — classroom work and physical training — took place at the Police Department's training center on U.S. 301 near the Public Works Commission's sewer treatment plant. Members of the department taught many of the classes — from marksmanship to testifying in court.

Training began in November and ended this month.

The work was worth it, Tracey Bloomfield said. Bloomfield, 29, said she has always wanted to be a police officer and h

The following students were named to the president's list for the winter quarter at Fayetteville Technical Community College:

**Bladen County:** Amy Leigh Hilburn.

**Cumberland County:** Reginald Stuart Burks, Walter Arnold, Debra Massey Yeatts, Linda Witzel McMahon, Juan L. Silva, Jessica B. Hartsfield, Tracy A. Burnett, Clayton Brown, Argelis Daily, Bridget Kelley Gill, Alice Faye Rossi, Melissa Angeliq Jones, Dawn J. Rodriguez, Carolyn M. Schwartzel, George Barber, Jamie L. Krulac, Woodrow T. Heath, Carol Stanton Perez, David Earl Houp, Kelli Hotchkiss Chitwood, Mary C. Miles, Christy Adams, Clarence Cordoza, Veronica Rochell Portlock, Young Sook Parker, Heather Anderson, John Bryant Rawls, Sarah Dean Thompson, Richard Shaffer, Willis James Oldham, Evelyn Davis Debro, Laquata Murrain, Kathi Jo Getz, Delia Negrea Goertzen, Mary H. Gurganus, Tammy Tawbush Johansen, Michelle Lynne Kelley, Elizabeth Ivey, Karin C. Mitchell, Anthony Black, Shanna Yeatts Lawhon, Suzanne Eckhardt Medina, John Marc Bagwell, Steven Horne, Marc R. Liebhold, Michael J. Carpenter, Maria G. Edwards, Pauls Edwards Gibson, Richard W. Tillman, Andrea Blocker Hughes, Wilbert Allen, Edgar Lavern Osborn, Charlotte M. Mason, Miguel Cardenas, Jose A. Rodriguez, Karen L. Wise, Ramona Pollace Dewitt, Calvin Lee Gepner, Wayne Anders, Osman Vural, Kimberly Blue Graham, Edward M. Burkett, Michaela Steeves Kurz, Joana M. Vince, Sharon Williams Bryant, Hui H. Neely, Mildred Tyndall Russell, Pamela J. Esslinger, Jeffrey J. Kern, Wendy Ward, Joy W. Thrash, Kenneth Troy McSmith, Joan T. Riley, Wendell Benner, Amy Meyers Dunlay, Barbara McCabe Donnell, William Crawford, James H. Long, Dennis E. Bristol, Danielle Petrillo Sattazahn, James Alexander Davis, Angela Renee Hast, Thomas M. Miller, Laura Harrell Harmon, Cheryl Spagatner Norwood, Linda Muromoto Hargrove, Dixie Thomas Smith, Larrie Green, Karolin Myers Bridgeman, Linda Orr Petrella, Vondalyn L. Simmons, Shirlene Williams, Christopher Lee Morgan, Tracey Bass-Caine, Angela Pitts Hart, Robert I. Huot, Antoinette Page Grant, Gregory Maire, Alexander L. Wisnoski Jr., Lillie B. Graham, Judith A. Kowalski, Corey Winn, Amy Teresa Dewey, Pamela Thomas, Elizabeth Ryan South, Robert E. Zeigler, Pamala D. Walton, Linda Smith High, Jerome McCall Reed, George Suggs, Glorianna M. Adams, Alice Freeman Cashwell, Toneka S. Robinson, Amanda Weaver, Steve Choy, Deloise Scurlock Saunders, Karen Marie Dann, Anthony Faubus, Michael Gerald Janicki, Juan Antonio Hernandez, Trina Collier Kinson, Janet Troxler Perry, Michael J. Cochran, Michael L. Baker, Gilbert McLeod Ray, Delyn Darling, Jarred Fradsham, Ann Marie Bilodeau, Lenora Tolbert Whittlesey, Catherine Hoffman Chavez, Willie J. Davis, James Leonard McRae, Fredie W. Honeycutt, Melanie Parnell, Ivon Anderson, Pamela C. Torres, Sunciaray Price Turner, James Sneed, George E. Saunders, Heidi Olmstead Dimercurio, Claudia Hollis Mabry, Arthur L. McGrue, Henry Richbourg, Donald Ray Connley, David A. Robertson, Dorothea Johnson Raynor, Michele R. Bell, Karrie Johnson, Patrick S. Greene, Rafael L. Garcia, Lawson Jennings Whitlow, Randy Cecil Prevatt, Claudia S. Melcher, Erika Brandenburg Vincent, Kari Zehren Williams, Jeannette Hunt, Stanley O. Campbell, India Waltrip Davidson, Michelle Gause, Robert G. Paul, Michelle Mincey Huggins, Jennifer Smith Gibbons, George Scott Burkett, Kimberly Annette Raynor, Scott D. Rich, Rudolph Elizondo, Sally N. Zufelt, Robert D. Goode, Kerstin Wilson Kuhlman, Tashiena A. King, David Sims [illegible] A. Munyer, Jonathan [illegible], Francesca [illegible] Lutz, Cheryl An[illegible]ger, Christina Karen [illegible] Altena, Amy Regan Samuelson, Ileana Silva Ja[illegible]ings, Rebecca Keeler [illegible], Morris Ryals, Evan Desiree Yates, Kendra A. Dines, Robin Bone Leach, Susan L. Barnes, Keline D. Sablan, Rebecca Kaufman McNearney, Jamie Hayward, Gary Scott Tarter, Sherry Reifer Wilburn, Moriah Nail, Joseph Cosare, Jill S. Milligan, Shawna Huepenbecker McGlown, Annette P. Webster, Carmen Morales Lopez, Susan Readinger, Lawrence S. Cook, Michael Albert Valdez, Judy M. Bailey, Amy Lea Babcock, Roy T. Cooper, Mona H. Edvardsen, Marlo Durham Hitt, Amy Johnson McGougan, Jack Collins, April Herring Brigman, James Castro Jr., Thad Eugene Strickland Jr., Thomas Honrychs, Markey Durham Hand, Tracy Hale, Ginger Magers Sewell, Angela Ciochetti Adams, Jesse Leonardo Baker, Billie M. Duros, William Terrio, Melissa Regal Bagwell, Larry Turbeville, Fred Wescott, David Cassias, Laura Flowers Lamoreaux, Carolyn Sims Herman, Jennifer Hayes Malvitz, Trenae Hall.

**Harnett County:** Lisa Barefoot Duke, Emily Best Philippe.

**Hoke County:** Carrie Schallenberg, David Wayne Bills, Dana D. Martin, Amy Gray Thornton, Pauline J. King, Herneitha Hardaway.

**Lee County:** Bradley Douglas Stotler.

**Moore County:** William Carl Lea.

**Robeson County:** Lori Knight Jacobs, Adriana Guanti Dunshee, John Charles Overpeck, Carrol Martsolf Heiner, Michelle Louanne Collier.

**Sampson County:** Sandy Thornton, Jennifer Marie Sutton, Christopher Lynn Naylor, Jennifer Hall Walton.

**Scotland County:** William Packett Jr.

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## Prep Stars

Tyler Wallace Carter Lance

**Jennifer Lance — Basketball, South View, sophomore**
- Accomplishments: Lance scored 44 points last week, including 30 in a loss to Terry Sanford. In the two games, she was 18 of 19 from the field and 8 of 10 from the free-throw line.
- Coach Brent Barker: 'I think Jennifer was a little frustrated during the middle of the season. She started getting some double teams and they were really packing it in. Her play picked up the last couple of weeks.'
- Quoting Lance: 'My teammates started finding me and my dad has been helping me with some low post moves. We've got to work together as a team in the playoffs.'

**Jon Wallace — Basketball, Fayetteville Christian, junior**
- Accomplishments: Wallace led Fayetteville Christian to the Christian schools championship of North and South Carolina. He scored 93 points in three games, hitting 11 of 15 3-pointers and 20 of 25 free throws.
- Coach Bob Gillis: 'He's a complete player, really smart. He can read my mind out there sometimes.'
- Quoting Wallace: 'Our team really stepped it up at the end of the season. I worked a lot of my shooting during the offseason.'

**Trey Tyler — Basketball, Westover, sophomore**
- Accomplishments: Tyler scored 47 points and grabbed 14 rebounds last week. He played a key role in Westover's win over South View.
- Coach Troy Lindsey: 'He's started doing some of the things he does best, penetrating, taking the ball inside, creating some things. He's young and he's got a lot of room left to improve.'
- Quoting Tyler: 'When I was shooting my way the shots were going to the side more. Coach Lindsey told me to move my elbow in.'

**Dana Carter — Basketball, Cape Fear, junior**
- Accomplishments: Carter scored 35 points and had 15 rebounds in Cape Fear's overtime victory against Fuquay-Varina last week.
- Coach Marc Richardson: 'She's playing extremely well. She's probably our hardest worker in practice.'
- Quoting Carter: 'My teammates do a great job of setting me up to get open for the shot.'

**Nominations for Prep Stars may be made by coaches or athletic administrators. The deadline is 9 a.m., Monday, for performances of the previous week. Call 323-4848, 1-800-682-3476, or fax information to 910-486 3545.**

## Cape Fear region leaders

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Boys
Scoring

| | G | Pts. | Avg. |
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| Derrick Stinson, Pine Forest | | | |

Rebounds

| | G | Reb. | Avg. |
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| Aisha Thomas, Douglas Byrd | 23 | 342 | 14.9 |
| Paige Kennerly, Pine Forest | 23 | 223 | 9.7 |
| Jennifer Lance, South View | 24 | 226 | 9.4 |

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## Ex-senator named Tally forum speaker

A staff report

**Sanford** will speak Thursday at Methodist College.

Former U.S. Sen. Terry Sanford will deliver the keynote address at the first Lura Tally Leadership Forum on Thursday at Methodist College.

Sanford will speak from 11 a.m. to noon in Reeves Auditorium. His topic will be "How We Can Develop As 21st Century Leaders (And Be Better Followers As Well)."

The day-long forum is being presented by the college's Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development, which is named for the Fayetteville civic leader and former state legislator.

The overall theme is "Leadership Issues For Now ... Visions For Tomorrow." The forum is free and open to the public.

Six, hour-long workshops are planned, in which leaders from across the state will direct panel discussions. Those attending may register for three workshops.

Sessions are scheduled for 9:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:45. Lunch will be available in the cafeteria. Here are the workshops planned:

- 9:45: "Citizens as Leaders in Community Service and Politics" and "Issues of Business Leadership."
- 1:30: "Spiritual/Ethical Aspects of Leadership" and "Leadership Strategies for Environmental Challenges."
- 2:45: "Leadership and Diversity" and "Parenting, Leadership and the Changing Needs of Education."

For more information, contact Dr. Suzan Cheek, 630-7065.

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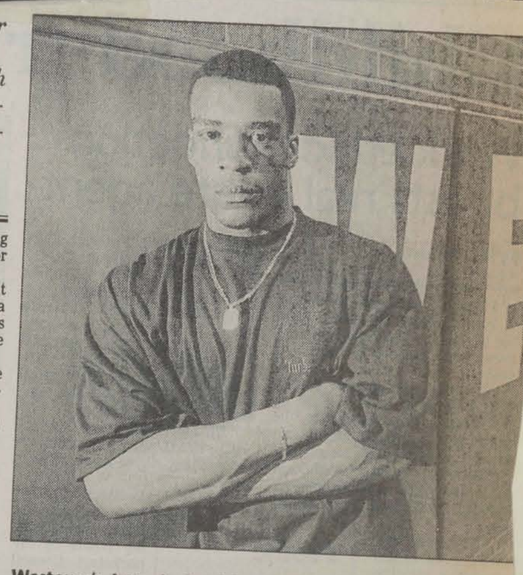
*er wrestler overcame the disappointment of 1995 with a state wrestling championship over the weekend.*

**By Earl Vaughan Jr.**
Scholastic sports editor



**Westover's Antonio Gerald** was 39-1 this year en route to the 17

The 1995 high school wrestling season ended in disappointment for Westover's Antonio Gerald.

He went to the state tournament in Kentucky with high hopes. But a dislocated knee in the semifinals sent him home with a sixth-place finish.

Last weekend, Gerald erased the bad memory of 1995 with a championship performance.

He won the 171-pound state championship in the 4-A classification with a 10-5 decision of David Bullock of Raleigh Leesville Road.

**Holliday**

Gerald was one of two Cumberland County wrestlers to bring home state titles last weekend. Douglas Byrd's Bryan Holliday won the 215-pound title, beating Anson's Gerald Pratt in the finals for the second time in as many weeks.

Westover's Gerald was confident entering the state tournament, but was disappointed with his performance in the previous week's Mid-East Regional at the Cumberland County Civic Center.

"It didn't seem like I was aggressive enough," Gerald said. "I was stalling a lot. It seemed I'd get a lead and just coast."

The tournament was held at Charlotte's Independence Arena, the old Charlotte Coliseum.

It was a new experience for Gerald, who had done all his wrestling in high school gyms.

"My first match, I was a little nervous," he said. "I never wrestled in front of that many people. It wasn't like that in Kentucky."

The stalling problem continued to bother him. He was called twice for stalling in his first match of the state tournament.

"I think after three stalling calls you get disqualified," he said. "I didn't want to get hit for anymore."

It was then he heeded the advice of Westover wrestling coach Mickey Vickers.

"He said they couldn't beat me if I kept being aggressive," Gerald said.

He took Vickers' advice all the way to the finals and his match with Leesville Road's Bullock.

Gerald scored an early takedown on Bullock, and that gave him confidence for the rest of the match. "I knew I could take him down whenever I was ready," Gerald said.

He continued to press the attack, he said, even late in the match when he had a comfortable lead.

# Region athletes shine i

*Four Cape Fear region athletes scored first-*

## *Rainy-day cleanup project*

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Staff photo by Jay Capers

**Holding umbrellas to ward off the rain,** Fayetteville Technical Community College nursing students Stacy Granistosky, left, Elaine Bishop, Tonya Jackson and Laurie Carpenter pick up trash along Fort Bragg Road on Wednesday as part of the Adopt-A-Street program. The students had to work in the rain because they needed to clean the street before the end of the month but couldn't get started until they finished taking their final exams.

**SIGN-UPS**

**Free Business Seminars.** The Small Business Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College Center for Business and Industry will offer several free business seminars this spring. Information: 678-8496.

**CLASSES**

**Rose Pruning Clinic.** 9 a.m. to noon, Fayetteville Technical Community College. Members of the Fayetteville Rose Society will conduct a hands-on clinic for pruning roses and to answer questions about growing roses. The public is welcome.

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■ BB&T announces two promotions.

**Donna B. Fonke** has been named banking officer in Clinton. She joined the bank staff in 1984 and is a branch manager.

Fonke, a Fayetteville native, is a graduate of Campbell University. She received an associate's degree in business administration from Fayetteville Technical Community College.

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The following students have been inducted into the Fayetteville Technical Community College chapter of Phi Beta Lambda honor society: Monique Elbert, Kathleen Gambrell, Lesley Holland, Elizabeth Ivey, Dawn Keeler, Traci King, Lissa Krantz, Sonya McIntyre, Amihan Megia, Tanya Morse-Chan, Phillip Owens and Suzzetta Perkins.

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**REGION BRIEFS**

CUMBERLAND

### Construction to resume on college building

Construction should resume in the next few days on a $5 million building at Fayetteville Technical Community College, a school official said.

The Literacy and Continuing Education Building being built at the intersection of Devers Street and Hull Road was supposed to open on Tuesday. It was postponed because the school fired general contractor Garner Building Co. of Southern Pines in November.

School officials said Garner was behind schedule and that part of the company's work must be repaired.

The company bonding Garner's work, International Fidelity Insurance, hired Sigma Construction Co. to take over the job for

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# Seeking higher ed

Here are the colleges and universities in the Cape Fear region:

### Fayetteville State University

- **Enrollment:** 4,000
- **Curriculum areas:** Thirty-eight undergraduate degree programs and 18 master degree programs in business and economics, arts and sciences, and teacher education. Doctoral degree in educational leadership.
- **History:** Established in 1867 as Howard School, became a college for black teachers in 1877. In 1972, part of the University of North Carolina.
- **Admissions office:** 486-1371
- **Public relations:** 486-1474
- **Mailing address:** 1200 Murchison Road, Newbold Station, Fayetteville, N.C. 28301-4298

### Methodist College

- **Enrollment:** 1,900
- **Curriculum areas:** Forty-four bachelor degree programs in business, education and liberal arts.
- **History:** Established in 1956 by the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and a group of Cumberland County residents.
- **Admissions office:** 630-7027
- **Public relations:** 630-7042
- **Mailing address:** 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, N.C. 28311

### Fayetteville Technical Community College

- **Enrollment:** 13,000
- **Curriculum areas:** More than 60, including college transfer, two-year associate and one-year vocational degree programs in a variety of areas. Continuing education courses.
- **History:** Established in 1961 as the Fayetteville Area Industrial Education Center. Renamed Fayetteville Technical Institute in 1963, when it became a part of the newly created state community college system. In 1988, renamed Fayetteville Technical Community College.
- **Admissions office:** 678-8473
- **Public relations:** 678-8209
- **Mailing address:** P.O. Box 35236, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303-0236

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# Landings likely to end

*The Air Force secretary discusses planned safety improvements in response to the crash that killed Ron Brown.*

**By Steve DeVane**
Staff writer

The Air Force will likely stop landings similar to the one a plane was attempting when it crashed April 3, killing Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 34 other Americans, Air Force Secretary Sheila Widnall said Thursday.

Speaking at Fayetteville Technical Community College, Widnall said the Air Force gave Defense Secretary William Perry a report Monday on safety equipment on passenger planes used by the military.

Widnall

"We will also need to re-examine our policy of flying into various unimproved airports with civilian passengers and probably we will have to say, 'No,' when we're asked to do that," she said.

Brown's plane, a military version of the Boeing 737, crashed in bad weather while approaching the airport at Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Widnall, the civilian leader of the Air Force, spoke at the college's Great Decisions Lecture Series. The series is sponsored by FTCC, the FTCC Foundation and the Fayetteville World Affairs Council.

Widnall said the Air Force report to Perry focuses on the need to have the Global Positioning System on all planes.

The system uses satellites to let

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pilots know where they are. Allied troops used the system during the Persian Gulf war to determine their location in the desert.

Brown's plane was reportedly off course when it crashed.

Widnall said the Air Force plans to put the Global Positioning System on all its planes. "It's really only a question of when," she said.

The report looked at the need for safety equipment, such as flight data and voice recorders, commonly known as black boxes. Brown's plane didn't have the recorders.

Widnall said the Air Force put safety equipment on airplanes bought after 1974. The plane Brown was on was bought in 1973, she said. "I suppose it's a testament to the age aircraft."

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**The Cape Fear Botanical Garden**

# Deed office race stresses backgrounds

## 2 vie against incumbent in Democratic primary

**By Pat Reese**
Staff writer

This is the first time Charles Koonce and John Ivey have run for office. Like many candidates, they're spending a lot of time putting up signs and shaking hands.

But Koonce and Ivey are seeking an office that is absent of many issues to debate: Cumberland County register of deeds.

That being the case, they are spending time and money to show voters they are honest and qualified with no political scars. Their target is George Tatum, who is seeking a fourth term.

The winner of the three-man race in the Democratic primary will face Republican Don Talbot in November. Talbot has no opposition in the GOP primary. He lost his last political outing in a nonpartisan race against Suzan Cheek for a Fayetteville City Council seat.

ELECTION '96

The final victor will oversee an office that is the county's center for recording all land transfers, plot plans, new businesses, partnership agreements, births, deaths and marriages.

Koonce, 54, is director of Fayetteville Technical Community College's Small Business Center. Ivey, 49, owns a surveying company in Hope Mills.

Tatum, 43, has been register of deeds since 1984. He says his record as register of deeds and his knowledge of technological advances in his office make him "best qualified to take the register of deeds into the 21st Century."

He does not believe that his unsuccessful effort in 1994 to become sheriff will hurt his campaign. Tatum ran third in a six-man race for sheriff. He did not have to resign his job to run.

Koonce says his career as an administrator at FTCC and his work with businesses are credentials that can't be matched by his opponents.

Ivey says he has spent many hours in the register of deeds office in his surveying and developing work. He says his years running his business prove he is qualified as an administrator.

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Koonce, a Cumberland County native, received a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics at Campbell College in 1964 and worked one summer at McLean Realty before joining FTCC as a math instructor.

He became the first registrar at FTCC in 1968. He served as director of admissions, recruiter, administrative assistant to the president and director of student services. He obtained his master's degree in adult community college education and in 1974 became a director in the school's continuing education program.

He is a partner in Mid-South Sports with his brother, Don Koonce, and radio personality Lloyd Foster. The three broadcast high school sports contests. Koonce and his wife, Connie, live at 298 St. John's Wood. They have one son, 22-year-old Tommy Koonce, who is a first-year medical student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ivey was born in Robeson County, near Lumberton. After high school, he worked with the Fayetteville Engineering Department, performing title searches for right-of-way acquisitions and other city projects.

He graduated with an associate degree in civil engineering technology from FTCC in 1970 and worked about six years with Averitte and King Engineering. He received his professional surveyor's license in 1974.

In 1976, he opened John M. Ivey, Land Use Planning and Surveying. He employs 13 people. Ivy and his wife, Janice, have two children, Justin Shane, 10, and Jenna Leigh, 9. They live at Stoney Point.

Tatum is a native of Cedar Creek in Cumberland County. He received a degree in psychology at Campbell University in 1974 and shortly afterward became head of Cumberland County's pretrial release program.

In 1981, he joined the Sheriff's Department as a lieutenant in charge of internal affairs. He resigned in 1984 to run for register of deeds and won by defeating former Democratic Party Chairman John Beasley and Jim Wingard.

Tatum and his wife, Robbin, and their three children live in Cedar Creek.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS/1 Seat

**JOHN IVEY**

- Age: 49
- **Address:** Petunia Drive, Stoney Point
- **Occupation:** Owner, John M. Ivey, Land-Use Planning and Surveying
- **Political party:** Democrat
- **How long have you lived in Cumberland County?** 48 years
- **Birthplace:** Robeson County
- **Family:** Married, two children
- **Education:** Associate degree, civil engineering technology, Fayetteville Technical Community College
- **Public offices:** None

**CHARLES KOONCE**

- Age: 54
- **Address:** 298 St. John's Wood, Fayetteville
- **Occupation:** Director, Small Business Center, Fayetteville Technical Community College. Also partner and president of Mid-South Sports
- **Political party:** Democrat
- **How long have you lived in Cumberland County?** All of his life
- **Birthplace:** Cumberland County
- **Family:** Married, one child
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in applied mathematics, Campbell University. Master's degree, adult community college education, N.C. State University
- **Public offices:** None

**GEORGE TATUM**

- Age: 43
- **Address:** Route 5, Cedar Creek
- **Occupation:** Register of deeds
- **Political party:** Democrat
- **How long have you lived in Cumberland County?** All of his life
- **Family:** Married, three children
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree, psychology, Campbell University
- **Public offices:** Register of deeds since 1984



• The 1996 Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) conference is scheduled for the Monterey Marriott, Monterey, CA, February 12-15, 1996. Ask for special CCME rates by telephone: 800-228-9290;408-649-4234; FAX: 408-375-4313.

• Jim Marlatt, former ESO at Fort Gordon who is retired and living in Cochran, GA, sends a "thought to ponder": "Death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because dawn has come."

## IN MEMORIUM: ELLEN WHITE MCGAUGHEY — 43 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO ARMY EDUCATION

*By: Mary Ford, ESS, Fort Bragg*

Ellen White McGaughey, a long time employee with the Fort Bragg Army Education Center, departed this earthly realm, and ended an illustrious career on December 8, 1995.

Ellen was a native of Pennsylvania. She married her high school sweetheart, Don, in 1951. Don joined the Army and became a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. Ellen joined Don at Fort Bragg, and began her long civil service career.

Ellen helped pioneer the Fort Bragg Education Division to its current status. She came to work for the Fort Bragg Army Education Division in 1952 as a GS-04 Secretary/Administrative Assistant. At that time, there was no civilian ESO.

She witnessed many changes during her career at Fort Bragg. She watched the Education Division grow from a 4 person, $40,000 operation, to a multiple-site, multi-million dollar operation.

As the Fort Bragg Education Division grew, so did many aspects of Ellen's personal life. She gave birth to two daughters and later became the grandmother of 4. When Ellen started at Fort Bragg, she did not have a college degree. At the time of her death, she had earned three college degrees and had reached the grade of GS-11. She earned an Associate Degree in Business from Fayetteville Technical Community College in 1986 at age 54; a Bachelor's in Business from Methodist College in 1989 at age 59; and a Master's in Human Resource Management from Webster University in 1994 at age 62.

Ellen was the recipient of many awards and recognitions for her outstanding service including the Commander's Award and Medal. She was a founder and charter member of the Highland Chapter of the American Business Women Association and served in that organization for over 19 years. She was recognized as the "ABWA Woman of the Year" on several occasions. Ellen gained the respect of the many people she met during her lifetime, civilians and soldiers alike. Her colleagues sometime fondly referred to here as "General McGaughey". This was done out of respect for her knowledge of ACES which she gained from her many years as an ACES employee. Others, outside of the Fort Bragg Education Division, throughout ACES, higher headquarters of other agencies sought her knowledge and expertise.

Ellen dedicated her adult life to Fort Bragg and its thousands of servicemembers. As a final tribute to her love for Fort Bragg and the Army Education Division, her husband chose the Fort Bragg Post Cemetery as her final resting place.

Ellen will be sorely missed by all of those who knew her. Ellen's family requests that all those who wish may make a contribution to their favorite charity in her memory.

## CMET NEWSLETTER AND E-MAIL DIRECTORY:

*Clinton L. Anderson*

CMET officials are committed to publishing the CMET Newsletter once quarterly and updating the E-Mail Directory semi-annually. CMET members and other interested persons are encouraged to make submissions for subsequent editions of the *MILITARY EDUCATOR* and the *Military Educator E-Mail Directory* at any time. However, to meet the deadline for the April edition, input must be received by 15 March 1996. Please make your submissions directly to the Editor, Clinton L. Anderson, Suite 680 One Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20036. In order to contact him by telephone, call (800) 368-5622 or (202) 667-0079; or FAX (202) 667-0622.

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# Bosnia mission to grow

## Air Force secretary talks on Pope flights

**By Steve DeVane**
Staff writer

The secretary of the Air Force said Friday that planes from Pope Air Force Base will fly airlift missions into Bosnia this year.

A group of C-130 Hercules cargo planes will deploy to Germany this summer to support the NATO mission in Bosnia, base officials said. The mission is expected to last several months.

Sheila Widnall, who as secretary is the top civilian in the Air Force, said she recently returned from Bosnia, where she flew into Tuzla on a C-130 from another base.

"It won't be too long before the 23rd Wing is over in Bosnia flying into Tuzla as part of their mission," she said.

### Some already there

About 40 airmen from Pope's 23rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron are already in and around Bosnia. Some of the troops have been there since December, shortly after a peace agreement was reached.

The mission this summer won't be the first flights over Bosnia for Pope C-130 crews. Pope airmen started flying relief missions there in July 1992, a few months after the war in Bosnia started.

Crews from Pope's 2nd and 41st Airlift Squadrons spent several ro-

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tations at Rhein-Main Air Base at Frankfurt, Germany, where the relief flights originated and workers maintained the airplanes. Pope C-130s dropped food, blankets and medical supplies from 10,000 feet above Bosnia.

Widnall reviewed operations at Pope on Thursday and talked with airmen and toured the base Friday. She said she sensed "a real warrior spirit" at the base.

Widnall

"Every base has a different personality," she said. "This base is very heavily involved in operations — a lot of deployments, a lot of exercises, a lot going on — and I think you feel that in the tempo of the base."

Widnall said some airmen are concerned about the number of deployments. Others talked to her about pay, benefits and housing.

The dormitories at Pope need improvements, Widnall said, and the Air Force wants to get repairs done as soon as possible.

"It is our policy to go to dorms that are in the worst condition first," Widnall said. "Clearly, Pope qualifies for that."

Widnall told a forum at Fayetteville Technical Community College on Thursday that she believes the composite wing concept is a success. Pope, which historically has had cargo planes, became the home of attack and fighter jets several years ago.

The base will trade its F-16 Fighting Falcon jets for a second squadron of A-10 Thunderbolt II attack planes this summer.

Widnall said Col. Paul R. Dordal, the commander of Pope Air Force Base, told her that having two squadrons of A-10s will make deployments easier.

"I think the composite wing is a good concept," she said Friday. "When we in the Air Force deploy, we normally deploy more than one aircraft type."

Widnall said the Air Force's newest cargo plane, the C-17 Globemaster III, will fly missions out of Pope. But the Air Force doesn't plan to base C-17s at Pope, she said.

# Secretary of Air Force will visit base

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**Paul R. Dordal:** He was Widnall's military assistant.

*Sheila Widnall, a former MIT professor, will speak tonight on 'Building an Air Force for the Next Century.'*

**By Henry Cuningham**
Military editor

When Col. Paul R. Dordal was military assistant to Air Force Secretary Sheila E. Widnall, he kept trying to cut down the paperwork going to her.

"She kept saying, 'Bring on more,' " Dordal said.

Widnall, 57, was an aeronautics professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before she became the first female secretary of the Air Force in 1993.

Dordal learned that his boss had a keen intellect, as well as a voracious appetite for printed matter.

"She was as close to anyone I ever met in having a photographic memory," Dordal said. "She'd read it, and three weeks later in a meeting she'd pull up that information that she had read previously. It was just an incredible ability to do that."

Dordal came to Pope Air Force Base in January to command the 23rd Wing. Today he will be the host for Widnall when she visits Pope Air Force Base and Fayetteville.

She came to Pope with President Clinton in 1994 for a brief visit, but this is the first time in recent memory that the Air Force's senior civilian has come to the base for an intensive visit.

Widnall will speak tonight at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Great Decisions Lecture Series, sponsored by FTCC, the FTCC Foundation and the Fayetteville World Affairs Council. Army Secretary Togo West spoke to the same forum in April 1995.

Widnall will speak on "Building an Air Force for the Next Century."

"She was a professor at MIT for 28 years, a provost at MIT, got a Ph.D. in astronautics and aeronautics, a world-renowned expert in her field — wingtips vortices, those types of things," Dordal said. "She has been working with aircraft for many, many years. Very interested in the Air Force and, in fact, had been a member of the Board of Visitors out at the Air Force Academy for a number of years and stayed involved in

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**Sheila E. Widnall:** Air Force secretary to speak at FTCC.

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Air Force issues."

Widnall has advocated advanced technology for the military use of lasers, as well as improved living conditions for airmen.

"She's — I think — just the perfect person for that job right now," Dordal said.

"She has a handle on not just the issues but also on the 'people' aspect. She's very people-oriented and concerned about the quality of life, concerned about the impact of programs on our people and improving how our people are living."


**Fayetteville Technical Community College in Cooperation With Fayetteville World Affairs Council And Great Decisions 1996 Present**

**Dr. Sheila E. Widnall**
**Secretary of the Air Force**
**Topic: Building An Air Force for the Next Century**
**April 25, 1996**
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**Cumberland Hall Auditorium**
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*Frightened Of Computer Technology?*

# Now You Can Get Over It!

If you are in the business world and suffer from computer phobia, the Chamber's Small Business Council and Fayetteville Technical Community College have some great news for you.

A basic introduction to computer technology is the topic of a one-day seminar designed for the novice.

The second in a series of such Strategies For Success seminars, "Tech Tour I — You, Your Business, and Your Computer," will be held on Tuesday, June 11, at the FTCC Center for Business and Industry on Fort Bragg Road.

The seminar lasts from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The $75 fee per registrant includes lunch.

Roger Britt will conduct the course and in doing so will answer such questions as: What is computer technology? What is hardware? What is software? What should I look for? How about cost versus price?

A registration form and detailed information will be mailed to Chamber members in late May.

A more advanced class on computer technology is scheduled for December 10, entitled "Making Your Mark On The 'Net."

*Space is limited for these seminars. If you want to be certain to participate, register early by calling Pat Ann Matthews, the Chamber's Vice President, Small Business Council, at 483-8133.*

etroVisions will lead the process in analyzg the data and using continuous quality improvement techniques to understand what he root causes of the (prioritized) crime problems are.

The task force, chaired by Gary Cooper, BB&T, has assembled a broad-based coalition of community leaders representing many as-

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## Chamber Advocates For Fayetteville Outer Loop

Business and government leaders will have an opportunity next month to influence future transportation decisions about U.S. Highway 13, Fayetteville's outer loop.

A reception honoring the North Carolina Board of Transportation and the NCDOT's senior managers will be held on June 6, with the Chamber's Military Affairs Council and Community Development Council coordinating the event.

The reception is scheduled at the Cardinal Club in Raleigh; chartered buses will transport attendees from Fayetteville. The evening will include heavy hors d'ouevres and entertainment. Tickets are $100 and must be paid in advance. The reception is timed to coincide with the consultation process among the NCDOT, the Federal Highway Administration, Fort Bragg and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The NCDOT's Endangered Species Biological Assessment (ESBA), which summarizes the impacts on these various agencies, is scheduled to be completed in July, based on assessments begun in April. It will be combined with the ESBA being produced by Fort Bragg, addressing the portion of the outer loop that will be on the military installation. Fort Bragg has completed its portion, and it is critical that the NCDOT remain on track to complete the con-

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# FTCC chief Allen retires

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## President held post 13 years

**By Scott Mooneyham**
Staff writer

Craig Allen, the president of Fayetteville Technical Community College for 13 years, announced Monday that he is retiring at the end of June.

**Allen**

Allen, who is 59, said he has no other plans, but decided "it's just time for a change."

He has worked for the state community college system for 33 years and spent 18 years as president of Robeson Community College before taking over at FTCC.

"This is my own decision," Allen said. "I have been contemplating it since the first of March. I don't think anyone in the community college system could aspire to do more than I have."

Allen, who is a native of St. Pauls, will receive full state retirement benefits. His annual salary is $132,532.

He said he feels confident that he is leaving the school in good shape. But he told trustees that the school's other employees deserve most of the credit for making it into a top community college.

"My claim to fame, if anything, was that I took the lid off and let them do what they know how to do," Allen said.

Trustees gave Allen a standing ovation following his announcement.

Harry Shaw, chairman of the FTCC Board of Trustees, said Allen had made a great contribution the Fayetteville community during his tenure as the school's president.

"I can't praise Dr. Allen enough," Shaw said. "It is with a heavy heart that we accept his resignation."

Shaw said he would appoint a search committee to begin looking for Allen's replacement beginning next month. The full FTCC board will have to approve Shaw's appointments to the committee.

Shaw said he plans to name a teaching faculty member, administrator and the student government president to the committee, along with some trustees. He predicted the search will take about a year.

Shaw said an interim president will be selected to take Allen's place during that year. A retired president from another community college is the most likely candidate for the position, he said.

### No rush for successor

"Our school is going so well, I would not be worried about that amount of time with an interim," Shaw said.

In other business, trustees approved the school's 1996-97 budget request.

The total request is $41,338,850, about 70 percent of which would come from the state. The trustees are asking county commissioners for $5,871,747 as the county's part of the school's spending, $282,879 more than in the current budget.

Most of the county money pays for maintenance workers and utilities.

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Staff photo by Swayne Hall

**Trustees, including Chairman Harry Shaw,** left, applaud Allen's work in his FTCC office.

## Allen

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# Man dies in fall at park

**NORTH WILKESBORO** — A Charlotte man died Sunday in a fall at Stone Mountain State Park.

Paul Stewart Shaw, 45, fell about 150 feet off a ledge by a waterfall, according to Howard Laney, Wilkes County coroner.

Shaw was the son of Harry Shaw, chairman of the Fayetteville Technical Community College Board of Trustees. He was visiting the park with his wife and three children.

Stone Mountain State Park is in northwestern North Carolina, 20 miles north of North Wilkesboro. It is about 70 miles from Charlotte.

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# ALLEN'S ACHIEVEMENT

## FTCC ready to serve as vital 21st century resource

Craig Allen's 13-year tenure as president of Fayetteville Technical Community College marked the coming of age of the educational institution. It is now the training ground for the hopes of more students than all but two or three other campuses in North Carolina's community college system.

Allen, who announced this week that he will retire this summer, can take credit for, as he put it, giving the faculty its bit and letting it run toward new standards of quality and a broadened horizon of service.

In a time when technical training is undergoing rapid change, FTCC displayed the flexibility needed to meet new demands. It strengthened its role in opening opportunities to women and minorities. And it vastly improved its nontechnical college-level program to attract students who needed the basics of the higher educational experience before venturing to four-year institutions.

A most significant attribute of Allen's tenure was his cooperative spirit. He worked with the community's other major higher educational institutions, Fayetteville State University and Methodist College, to reduce competition and make programs fit the needs of all sorts of students.

As we approach a new century in which learning will more than ever be the key to individual achievement and the bedrock necessity for realizing individual goals, FTCC is better prepared than ever to continue to be an incomparable community resource.

Craig Allen can take satisfaction in the strength that his leadership helped develop over the years since he became FTCC's second president.

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# BUSINESS

consumer news

## TVs can be rerun

### Repairers: People dump electronics that may be fixed

By Bob Horne
Staff writer

Thousands of electronic products and appliances are hauled to Cumberland County landfills every month.

Most of those discards have only one defect, say Gary Warner and Fred Zandiotis, owners of Fayetteville electronic stores. But the products are scrapped because repairs often will cost as much, or nearly as much, as new products.

In some cases, the owner would rather junk the product and get a new model with the latest bells and whistles, said Zandiotis, owner of TV Service Center on Fort Bragg Road.

Zandiotis likens it to someone stricken with new-car fever: "When you get ready to trade your car, you find 15 things wrong with it, but it was fine two weeks ago."

Whatever the reason, it's all part of today's throw-away society. Many consumers simply throw an item away and buy a new one if it breaks after a few years.

Warner and Zandiotis say many of those consumers could save a lot of money if they're willing to pay for an estimate, which actually is an exact repair-price quote. If you have the repair done, the amount of the estimate is deducted from the bill.

Zandiotis suggests getting an estimate for any item that would cost $150 or more to replace, unless it is antiquated. Zandiotis charges $20 for an estimate, which must be paid in advance. Warner's estimates vary in price.

*'When they can't get a picture on their TV, most people assume their picture tube is gone. But 99.9 percent of the time, that's not the case.'*

*— Fred Zandiotis*

"A lot of people will junk it, instead of paying to get a quote," Zandiotis said. "There could be something minor wrong with it, like a broken wire or a solder connection. When they can't get a picture on their TV, most people assume their picture tube is gone. But 99.9 percent of the time, that's not the case."

Time was, Warner said, when new television sets cost about $400, and repairs were a little more than $100. Almost everyone had broken televisions repaired.

"The first thing we lost was transistor radios, then small appliances," Warner said. "Then we lost the black-and-white TV market. Then the 13-inch market. Now the majority are not repairing their 25-inch televisions."

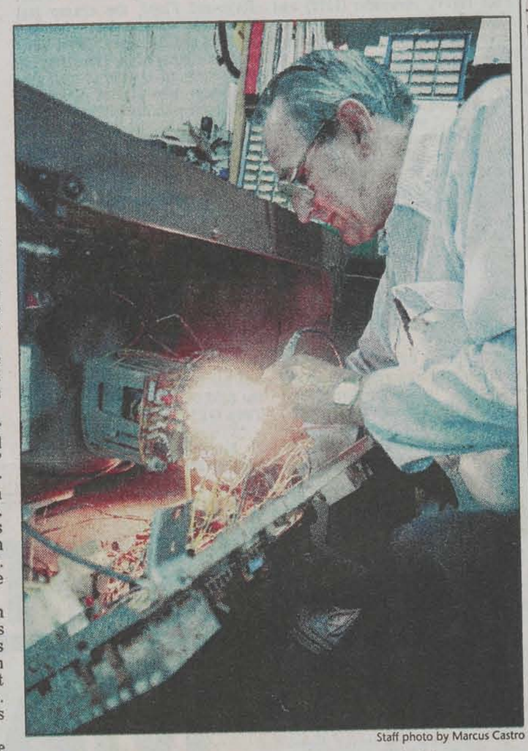
He said few people repair stereos or microwave ovens, which can be bought for about one-fourth their price of 15 years ago. Perhaps half repair VCRs.

Both men think that some manufacturers are trying to force consumers to buy new electronic equipment and appliances by discontinuing the production of replacement parts after five to seven years, as well as by underpricing new products and overpricing replacement parts.

"And all Japanese companies increased the price of parts 25 (percent) to 30 percent about six months ago," Warner said.

Warner worries that the throwaway trend could eventually kill traditional repair stores like his.

"About the only thing saving us right now is the big-screen TV," he said. "People have so much in them that it pays to have them repaired. But the price on them is coming down now."



Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**Al Johnson uses a spotlight** as he works on a television set at the TV Service Center on Fort Bragg Road.

Appliance Service News, a trade magazine of the appliance- and electronics-repair industry, lists two other reasons for a decline in the number of repairs: the increasing reliability of new products and consumer ignorance.

Sometimes, consumers erroneously think that it's not cost-efficient to repair their old products, the newspaper said. Then, when they shop for a new one and learn that they were wrong, a salesman sells them on buying a new one, anyway, the newspaper said.

Through its "morgue" program, TV Service Center takes good parts from defective electronic items before hauling them to the landfill, Zandiotis said. The parts are cataloged and filed to be used to repair items that otherwise would have been junked because new parts were too expensive or unavailable.

The repair shop gets the customer's approval before used parts are used, Zandiotis said.

"And we guarantee it, just like we would if it had new parts," Zandiotis said.

Warner said most people dislike trashing products that are good except for perhaps one defect.

If you're among those, new life can still be breathed into that broken television set, videocassette recorder, microwave oven, stereo or camcorder.

Fayetteville Technical Community College's electronic-repair course can use those items, said Butch Trimmer, director of extension education at Fort Bragg.

He said the items are repaired by students, then donated to charitable organizations and churches for distribution to poor people.

You can donate your item to the class by taking it to Building 2205 on Fort Bragg's Woodruff Street from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays.



## Head of the class

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

**Freddie Johnson Jr.** displays his diploma and the certificate he received as top student.

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reddy Johnson Jr. has wanted state trooper since he was a t age 24, he has his goal nearly reach.

nson, a native of Stoney Point, ted March 8 from the N.C. High-atrol Training Center in Raleigh, No. 1 among the 49 students in -month training course.

was choked up," Johnson said. Carolina goes through a lot to sure their troopers are trained was just proud to be there, to be ber of that organization. I don't feel that I'm any better than the other guys ... even the guy that finished last had a lot of training."

Johnson is a 1989 graduate of South View High School. He was graduated from Fayetteville Technical Community College in 1992 with a degree in criminal justice.

He said he was told that the Highway Patrol Training Center received 3,800 applications for its last academy. Only 70 were accepted. Of them, 49 are troopers in the training program of the N.C. Highway Patrol.

"It's just like or worse than Marine Corps basic," said Trooper Gary Turlington, Johnson's field training officer at his Robeson County station. "They are constantly under physical and psychological stress, at or near breaking point."

A typical day for Johnson in the academy began early.

5 a.m., physical training.

6:40 a.m., cadets showered.

6:50 a.m.,formation in four squads of 13. As a member of the flag squad, Johnson raised the flags of the United States, North Carolina and the Highway Patrol.

7 a.m., breakfast. The cadets were not allowed to talk or look around.

7:30 a.m., returned to dorms to make up beds military-style. Rooms dusted, bathrooms and showers cleaned and dried, floors swept and laundry taken to the laundry room.

8 a.m., class. Training included constitional law, traffic accident investigation, officer safety, high-speed driving and firearms.

5 p.m., evening break.

6 p.m., dorm clean up, again.

7 p.m., mandatory study time.

9 p.m., clean up, again.

10 p.m., lights out.

Johnson says the six-month training course was tough. "The hardest part

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## Johnson

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jwas that I had never been away from home before," he said. "Never, at least, under those conditions. Dawn helped me get through it ... God has a lot to do with you finishing that school."

Dawn Autry was his fiancee. Johnson said he promised her when they were high school sweethearts that they would get married when he finished Highway Patrol school. Seven years later, and one week after Johnson graduated from the academy, they did.

### Never waivered

Johnson said that going to the patrol academy had been Freddy's goal for as long as she had known him. "He was determined and he never changed his mind."

He never changed his mind about her, either. "It was worth waiting for," Mrs. Johnson said.

Graduation from the intensive Highway Patrol school is the first of four steps Johnson must go through to become a full-fledged trooper. After the 26-week academy, Johnson must ride with a primary field training officer for five weeks.

Then he will spend five weeks with a secondary training officer, followed by a final phase in which Johnson will be evaluated for two weeks. During this phase, the field training officer is dressed in plain clothes and is there only to monitor the trainee's performance.

At the end of the two-week evalutation period, the field training officer can recommend the trooper for dismissal or for patrol.

Johnson is nearly half-way in the 12-week training program.

"He's under a lot of stress," said Turlington, his training officer. "He has to live in the county he works in and abide by policies and procedures of the state Highway Patrol at all times."

Although he doesn't discount the value of Johnson's record at the academy, Turlington says it doesn't affect his training. "It's over now," he said. "It makes no difference in the field. If he was 49th, it makes no difference."

Johnson's father, Freddy Johnson Sr., is confident about his son's abilities. "We've always told him if you're going to do something, do it right," he said. "He's done well in all of it. You can depend on him."

The elder Johnson is chief of the Stoney Point Fire Department and assistant chief of detectives at the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

"Even when he was really small, he talked about being a trooper," his mother, Clarkie Johnson, said. "I'm so glad he achieved what he hoped for. Not many do."

### Junior firefighter

Freddie Johnson Jr. grew up hanging around the firehouse with his father. At 14, he became a junior firefighter. He went to school by day and learned firefighting by night. By the time he graduated high school, Johnson had all of his certification.

Johnson was named Firefighter of the Year in 1993 at Stoney Point. The same year, he received the Arnold J. Koonce Fire Officer of the Year in Cumberland County and he was certified as a hazardous matarials technician.

Johnson still holds the title of assistant fire chief at Stoney Point until June, but is inactive while in Highway Patrol training.

His father said the fire department is losing a good assistant chief, but "the Highway Patrol is getting a good man."

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**Blanton**

**Linda Blanton** has been named program manager for MetroVisions. She has been a consultant collecting data for MetroVisions Community Benchmarks. She is a former researcher for Fayetteville Technical Community College.

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family

# BRIDGING THE GAP between HOME & SCHOOL

**Meosha Bishop,** 5, gets a hug from her mom, Shivana Bishop, at the River Common Head Start center.

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

*Parents and teachers work together to foster a postive attitude in children about learning.*

**By Alice Thrasher**
Staff writer

**Charlotte Geddie** reads to a Head Start Class attended by her daughter, Charmagne, far right. Marleen Quick, second from left, is also a parent volunteer.

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

Five-year-old Joshua Watkins looks up from his seat on the carpet and grins when his father walks into the Head Start classroom.

"Hey, Daddy," he shouts, interrupting a reading of "Rechenka's Eggs."

As soon as story time is over, Joshua rushes to his dad and asks, "Daddy, will you go out to the playground with us?"

Watkins, who lives in the Branson Street area, has come to River Common Head Start center in East Fayetteville with several other parents from the Hay-Branson BRIDGES II Family Resource Center. He operates a produce stand on Raeford Road, and his schedule allows him to do volunteer work at Head Start and the new BRIDGES center in his neighborhood.

"He looks forward to it, and his friends all know me," Watkins says. "It makes him feel better about school when I can ask him questions at home and ask about his friends. I'm trying to do things for him that my parents weren't able to do for me."

"They are so proud when they see their parents," says Linda Fisher. She is BRIDGES board chairman and principal of Ashley Elementary School.

"It gives them a positive attitude about school to see parents and a teacher working as a team. That picture of those two working together is certainly better than anything we can say to them."

The parents have come to read bunny stories for Easter and have brought plastic eggs filled with jelly beans and other goodies.

Shivanna Bishop and Charlotte Geddie have come from the Hay-Branson BRIDGES Center, along with center coordinator Julia Harrison. They, like Watkins, are regular volunteers at their children's Head Start. So is Marleen Quick, who has come to read the book "Runaway Bunny" to her son Ishmael's class.

"Whenever I come to the classroom, the children all know me and say, 'Meosha, there's your momma,' " Bishop says.

## Keeping in touch

Bishop, 21, works part time at a hair salon. She lives with her grandmother and her two children in Savoy Heights. She says she realizes the importance of keeping in touch with the schools where her children go.

"I was in the orchestra and ran track and my mother never went to see me," Bishop says.

Bishop doesn't have a car, but has borrowed her grandmother's to get to the center on Deep Creek Road, on the east side of the Cape Fear River. She worked at the book fair at Glendale Acres Elementary School earlier in the week.

Next year, when Head Start classrooms open at the new 3,700-square-foot BRIDGES Family Resource Center in the Hay-Branson area and in a portable classroom near Walker-Spivey School, parents without transportation can get to the neighborhood centers easier.

BRIDGES stands for Building Respect, Independence and Development Generated through Extended Services. It is a non-profit organization that helps link family in high-risk neighborhoods with the resources they need to help them-

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**Julia Harrison,** coordinator of the Hay-Branson center, and Clarie White, BRIDGES director, are shown at the new site on Davis Court.

Staff photo by Jay Capers

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*'Many of the Head Start children have older brothers and sisters, and BRIDGES has helped parents realize how important it is to participate in the education of their older children, too.'*

*Julia Harrison*
*Coordinator, Hay-Branson center*

come to the neighborhood centers to tell parents what to expect and what kinds of questions to ask during parent-teacher conferences.

BRIDGES operates centers in Bonnie Doone, the Hay-Branson area, Hillsboro Early Childhood Center and Wilmington Road. Much of the money to operate the centers and buy equipment for the preschool centers comes from the state through the Smart Start program.

State money and donations of money, labor and materials from foundations, churches and companies were combined to build the $165,000 center on Davis Court. The building is valued at $250,000, according to Mark Kendrick, president of the Cumberland County Partnership for Children. The partnership is the agency that distributes grants under the state's Smart Start program for children.

BRIDGES deeded the building to the Cumberland Community Action Program, the agency that operates the federal Head Start preschools in the county.

The Hay-Branson center will house two classrooms for Head Start with 32 students next fall. A dedication is scheduled for the center in late August before classes begin for 4- and 5-year-old preschoolers from the area.

## Classes

Parent workshops are being held in the center already. Plans call for Fayetteville Technical Community College to teach literacy classes at the center to parents of the Head Start students and other adults.

Registration for the Family Literacy classes will begin April 15. For information on those classes, call the FTCC Basic Skills office at 678-8351.

For information on the BRIDGES program, call Clarie White at 864-0068.

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*'We have to appreciate the difference in color and appreciate those differences as being the same as those among the flowers in the garden.'*
*— Janis Holden*

# United by diversity

## Baha'i followers stress racial reconciliation

**By Earl Vaughan Jr.**
Religion writer

Recent cases of racial violence have prompted new concern within Cumberland County's religious community.

Those concerns are nothing new for the county's followers of the Baha'i faith.

"I think that many of us see this as a wake-up call for the Baha'is," said Janis Holden. "We see a crying need for a Baha'i presence in the city, taking an active role and helping foster unity among races.

"We're all brothers and sisters. We all come from the same stock."

Although the local Baha'i presence is small, it is growing.

David Hoffman, a Baha'i from Greensboro, visited Fayetteville last weekend as part of an effort to create a local spiritual assembly of Baha'is in Fayetteville.

A spiritual assembly, the local governing body of Baha'is, already exists in Cumberland County, and only one more adult Baha'i is needed in Fayetteville to establish an assembly here.

Hoffman said this is the end of a three-year goal of the Baha'i faith to have a spiritual assembly in every city in the country with a population of 50,000 or more people.

"Fayetteville is the only city in the state of North Carolina or South Carolina that does not have one," Hoffman said. "There has been a tremendous amount of unity and working together to achieve this goal."

Hoffman said it is purely coincidence that the culmination of the efforts to establish the local spiritual assembly coincided with the emphasis on racial unity.

Three Baha'i speakers visited Fayetteville last weekend to address the subject, Dr. Robert James, Chuck Egerton and Dr. Lola Schappell. They all spoke on various aspects of racial unity.

"We have to appreciate the difference in color and appreciate those differences as being the same as those among the flowers in the garden," Holden said.

"They are all flowers. They are all beautiful and if all the flowers were the same it would be a pretty boring garden. We can't see flowers arguing with each other. The flowers get along and we need to get along with other people."

Holden, whose memories of Fayetteville date back to her childhood, thinks the town and Fort Bragg have received more criticism than they deserve.

"I don't see Fayetteville as being truly, truly horrible," she said. "I think we have our problems. I think they are a reflection of society.

"Fort Bragg gets bad press too. There are plenty of soldiers out there who do wonderful things, very humanitarian things."

While Holden is glad many local churches have recently started to promote racial unity, she said Baha'is have been teaching race unity since the founding of the faith 150 years ago by Baha'u'llah.

"We have the teachings that will give us what we need to grow and develop," she said. "We're not perfect, but I think the leaders in Fayetteville realize that."

Willie Lanier, a member of the county Baha'i assembly, said the way people work for racial unity is the key.

"When people work together because they feel they have to do this, it's like a marriage of convenience," she said. "There's going to be resentment.

"When we accept the oneness of mankind, we have the ability to achieve racial unity in the United State. Then it can be achieved in the world."

File photo

**Janis Holden** reads a Baha'i document on the importance of racial unity.

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## *Barefoot in a stream: the fall of Paul Shaw*

When you are wading in a mountain stream, it is so easy to slip on a rock. Faison Covington, Paul Shaw's big sister, says she did it in South Carolina not long ago. It scared her, but she wasn't hurt.

Paul Shaw, who grew up in Fayetteville and whose parents are Harry and Sarah, was not so lucky as his sister. This past Sunday, Paul was wading barefoot in a little creek in Stone Mountain State Park near North Wilkesboro when he slipped on a rock. He grabbed a tree branch. It broke.

Larry Cheek

He fell down the stream, over a drop and a hump and another drop while Greg, his 10-year-old son who was the person nearest to him, watched helplessly. His tumble finally ended on a rock, 150 feet below the spot where he had slipped.

Paul was breathing when his Peruvian wife of less than a year got to him. But when the rescue crew arrived, perhaps 45 minutes later, Paul had died of injuries too awful to overcome.

Paul Shaw's daughter, Clair, 8, was with him and his wife and Greg on the Sunday hiking trip. So was his wife's 11-year-old daughter.

They were walking a trail to a well-known waterfall when they came to the stream. It looked inviting. They removed their walking shoes to play in the stream.

They splashed, sat and clambered over and around the wet, mossy rocks. The children slipped a couple of times, Faison Covington says. They grabbed branches. Paul grabbed them. Nothing bad happened.

But Paul was not a small child. When he slipped, the tree branch couldn't support his weight.

And no one with him in the mountain stream was able to pull him back from the edge.

### A robbery in Atlanta

Paul Shaw, who lived in Charlotte, was 45. His sister, Faison, is 47. She says he was a "precious kid, a little, chunky redhead who looked like all the Shaws."

awhile, the family thought Paul would be a minis... His character, interests and personality were of that caliber. But when he went to college, at Presbyterian, in South Carolina, it was to study English.

*Paul Shaw had hiked the Grand Canyon, and one night in Atlanta he had survived the cold touch of a gun barrel against his head.*

He thought an English degree — a liberal arts education — would prepare him best for life, and it must have worked, because Paul Shaw later in his life became co-owner of one of the fastest-growing steel import businesses in the country.

Paul and Harry had hiked the Grand Canyon. He had walked the high ledges without incident and one night in Atlanta, before the children were born, he had survived the cold touch of a gun barrel against his head.

He never liked to talk about it, his sister says, but two men had come to his motel room with the gun, tied his hands and feet, stuffed a sock in his mouth, dumped him in the bathtub and took all his cash and his car.

### Much like his grandfathers

One of the men, the younger one, got a guilty conscience. He confessed, turned in his partner, and both men went to prison.

Paul said later that he knew he was going to die.

He also said he never would go hunting again because he could never point a gun at a living creature.

He knew too well how it felt to have one pointed at him.

Faison Covington says her brother took after their grandfathers — the banker, Paul Stewart, and the postmaster, Bill Shaw.

Steady. Well-read. Able to talk to anybody. Solid. Dedicated. That was Paul, and this dependability is reflected in what Clair said in the evening after her daddy had died, while she was struggling to accept his death but still hoping he would somehow come home.

"He would have been here by now," she said finally to her brother. "So he must be dead."

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# Tech vice president to take over top slot between presidents

By Amber Nimocks
Staff writer

A vice president of Fayetteville Technical Community College will lead the school while the college Board of Trustees searches for a permanent president.

Powell

Linwood Powell, vice president in charge of administrative services, will replace President Craig Allen on an interim basis. Allen is retiring at the end of June.

Powell has been at FTCC for 22 years. His first position was as a supervisor of continuing education. He has served as dean of instruction and assistant to the president.

Since 1998, Powell has been a vice president. He said he was pleased to be named interim president. "I have a good rapport with the faculty and staff, so I don't anticipate any problems," he said.

He is not a candidate for the permanent job. Harry Shaw, president of the FTCC board of trustees, said that makes him a good choice to lead the school in the meantime. The board would not select a candidate for the full-time job to serve in the interim, he said.

Shaw said Powell is well-qualified. "We're confident he can do the job," he said.

The board will discuss at its next meeting whether Powell will get a raise with the position.

Allen, who is 59, announced his retirement in April, saying that he wanted a change.

Shaw said the board will begin searching for a new president after Allen leaves. "We should be ready with a selection in February," he said. He hopes a new president will take over by the end of the 1996-97 school year.

Photo illustration by Cindy Burnham

IN A
# CLASS
BY
# THEMSELVES

*In FTCC's online classes, students work on their own, meet homework deadlines and jump into class discussions from home.*

By Yana Ginburg
Staff writer

Sam Zahran's students never see their instructor in class. Thanks to the Internet, Zahran and his students attend class without ever setting foot in the classroom.

This quarter, Fayetteville Technical Community College is offering two classes online; English composition and a data access class that is taught by Wayne Thompson. Zahran's class will be available during the summer session, which starts May 28. FTCC plans to offer even more online classes this fall, said Bob Lippel, director of distance learning at the institute. "This is not just bulletin boards, this is not just e-mail," she said.

Students said they are more likely to participate in discussions. They also said being able to go back and reread what was said during class is helpful.

## Teaching time

Zahran said he feels like he is able to devote more time to his online students and teaching his Internet class has helped him become a better classroom teacher.

He said his answers are more in depth when he responds online. Not wanting to short change his traditional students, Zahran said he tries to apply some of his online teaching technique to the regular classroom.

Miller said more and more courses will eventually be offered online. As technology continues to develop, it is likely that even lab classes will be offered online. Because distance learning does away with physical campuses and classroom walls, it is possible that a student in California could earn a degree from a North Carolina college without ever coming to this state.

However, online learning is not for everyone. Of the 22 students who started with Zahran, 11 are left.

"You have to have a certain sense of adventure," Lippel said. You have to be able to deal with problems on your own.

If you have a phobia about technology, online learning may turn you off, Brady said. You have to be able to bend and adjust to the quirks of the Internet. If a server crashes and you can't turn in your homework or if you load a wrong version of software, you have to be able to cope with that.

One of the reasons Brady enrolled in the class was to get comfortable with this new method of learning. "I figured there would be more and more classes offered this way especially for people like me who don't have hours to spend on campus."

And for all the benefits of online learning, students say they do miss some things about traditional classrooms.

"What is missing is the interaction of person to person. In my other classes, I look forward to seeing my classmates I have gotten to know. I like the smiles we exchange and I like the way we can sit around after class and gripe or bat ideas around," Riddle said.

Miller said that while distance learning will become even more mainstream, it will never replace the college or community college campus.

"It is simply going to provide a new mechanism that will reach the population that needs educational services but can't be reached in the traditional way."

writing homework via the World Wide Web.

Zahran posts assignments to the class homepage. Students must get online to participate in classroom discussions or forums and all homework is turned in electronically via e-mail. Even the final exam, based on class reading assignments, is given online.

LaDonna Riddle, a 41-year-old student, says, "The hardest thing about this class is also, to me, the best reason for a class like this. Unstructured classes can be convenient and at the same time require a lot of discipline.

"You have to be sure and remember to check in every day," Riddle said.

Some students are professionals, others are full-time students.

Some had almost no computer experience and didn't have computers of their own when they signed up. Others were casual Web surfers. Most of the students said they have adjusted to the world of cyberspace just fine and are enjoying it.

## Computer access

Students either use their own computers or can go to campus to use one of the machines in the computer labs. The class does require on-

## Online

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to class" when she wants to makes life a lot easier. "This is an excellent class for people who can't go to traditional classes for various reasons; jobs, children, location, no transportation and so on."

Students get a syllabus at the beginning of class detailing their reading and writing assignments for the quarter. When and how often they check in is up to them. The only time constraints they have are homework deadlines.

Jason Brady said he usually gets on the computer nightly when things have quieted down around his house. Brady, who works for the city of Fayetteville, said this class allows him flexibility that traditional courses don't offer. If he has to travel for work or attend an evening meeting, his class participation doesn't suffer and he doesn't miss out on classroom discussions.

Brady said being able to go to class without ever leaving home is great. He doesn't have to lug around books, hunt for parking or rush to class. He can sit down in a T-shirt and shorts, pour a glass of apple juice and get to work.

Virtual classrooms like Zahran's are becoming more common at colleges and community colleges across the country.

"Every institution of higher learning is getting involved to some degree," said Tom Miller, associate dean for information technology at the college of engineering at North Carolina State University.

The New Jersey Institute of Technology has been offering online courses for almost 20 years, said Ann Lippel, director of distance learning at the institute. "This is not just bulletin boards, this is not just e-mail," she said.

# Career opportunities nu for computer science gr

By Catherine Pritchard
Business editor

College students graduating with degrees in computer science these days are hot properties, with some of the best job prospects around.

Catherine Barkley, coordinator of job placement and alumni affairs at Fayetteville Technical Community College, said graduates with two-year degrees in business computer programming have experienced "extreme popularity" among local employers and have gotten jobs paying $9 to $12 an hour.

Students with four-year computer science degrees from other schools have gotten even sweeter offers.

Most computer-science majors who graduated from Fayetteville State University on Saturday had already been snapped up by large gle Park firms like Nort Stewart, director of that school's career services and placement department.

Most will be making salaries of about $25,000, with some climbing higher.

Demand for those who are computer wise is up this year. IBM, for example, said it expects to hire three times as many college graduates this year as it did last year.

"This is our biggest college recruiting year in a decade," said Dave Ferrell, IBM's manager of college relations. "It's a good time to be graduating with a technical degree."

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**Free Business Seminars.** The Small Business Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College Center for Business and Industry will offer several free business seminars this spring. Information: 678-8496.

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*Tillery, Timlet*

Lisa Tillery to wed Timbo Timlet Jr.

Lisa Marie Tillery and Alton Timlet Jr., both of Fayetteville, announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Luther and Evelyn Tillery of Fayetteville. The parents of the prospective bridegroom are Brenda Washington of Fayetteville and Alton Timlet Sr. of Philadelphia.

The wedding is planned for June 15 at the Fayetteville Technical Community College Rose Garden.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Seventy-First High School. She is a correctional officer for the Lumberton Correctional Institute.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Seventy-First High School. He works for Barnhill Contracting Co.

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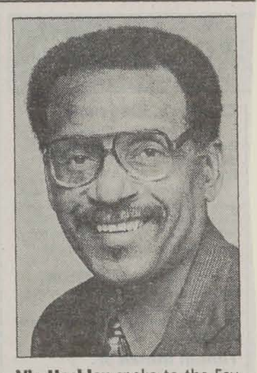
LOCAL & STATE

# Use search to set future, Hackley says

## Fayetteville Tech's board hears advice on finding a new president

By Marc Barnes
Staff Writer


**Vic Hackley** spoke to the Fayetteville Technical Community College Board of Trustees.

The search for a new president to lead Fayetteville Technical Community College will be the most important task that the school's board of trustees will undertake, Community College System President Vic Hackley said.

Hackley, speaking Wednesday at a special meeting of the board, said the task will be at once difficult and easy.

Difficult because outgoing president Craig Allen, who is retiring at the end of June, has set high standards for the school. Easy because those standards will attract qualified candidates.

"What we would invite you to do is to use this search to define where you want to be," said Hackley. "It's not only to define the first year's work, but to define where you want to be in five years, in 10 years."

Hackley urged the board to work that definition into the job description, into the interview — and later, into the evaluation to determine how well the successful candidate has done the job.

Hackley addressed the board because North Carolina law requires the state Community College System to meet with local boards to review what is required of them when choosing a chief executive officer.

Hackley, formerly the chancellor at Fayetteville State University, reminded the board that the law requires an open and honest search by a search committee that reports back to the Board of Trustees.

He advised the board to devote at least six months to a search. Once the search has been narrowed to between three and seven candidates, those names must be sent to the state community college system for further investigation.

"If they say they worked for the state for five years, we have to make sure they weren't incarcerated," Hackley said. "That has happened. Someone will say they worked for the state of Illinois, but they were making license plates for a penny an hour."

Hackley said local trustees make the final choice, but the candidate still must be approved by the state board of community colleges in Raleigh.

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TODAY
BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL

**Fayetteville Technical Community College Board of Trustees.** 2:30 p.m., Board Room of the Student Center on the campus of FTCC. Dr. Vic Hackley, president, North Carolina Community College System, will give the board guidelines for the selection of a new president.

When Is The Last Time You Made A Difference?

ELECT
CHARLES KOONCE
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"A Vote For Change"

On Tuesday May 7th, You can make a difference in Cumberland County by voting for change.

THE EDUCATOR
- Fayetteville Technical Community College-31 years
- Civil Engineering Mathematics Instructor
- Registrar/Recruiter
- Director of Admissions
- Administrative Assistant to the President
- Director of Student Services
- Director of Continuing Education
- Great Decisions Regional Coordinator - 18 years

THE CITIZEN
- Native of Cumberland County
- Sports Broadcaster (16 years)
- Board of Directors Boys & Girls Club (Present)
- Board of Directors State Employees Credit Union (Chairman 7 Terms)
- Board of Directors Campbell University Alumni
- Charter Member Fayetteville Sports Club (President 1984)
- West Fayettville Rotary Club (President 1984)
- United Way Volunteer-Loaned Executive
- Chamber of Commerce Small Business Committee
- Member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
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# FTCC Training Programs Help Industry

Photo courtesy of FTCC

Faith Brock, product trainer/inspector for Quality Control, and John Melvin check parts by blueprint and with precision measuring at FASCO.

The goals and objectives of the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges include four main areas: upgrading training and retraining, eliminating illiteracy, strengthening small businesses and providing accountability and standards.

At Fayetteville Technical Community College, the Focused Industrial Training (FIT) program helps meet those goals by providing special training programs for North Carolina's industries.

### Customized training

Manufacturing is the economic backbone of the state. Since 1981, FIT has kept that backbone strong by training more than 75,000 people, serving more than 8,000 companies and offering 7,500 different courses. Serving primarily manufacturing clients, FIT uses individualized needs assessments and consultations to design and implement targeted, customized training.

This program especially benefits organizations that need to upgrade worker's skills because of technological or process advances. In 1995, more than 200 students received FIT training through Fayetteville Technical Community College.

More and more often, one hears that today's large (and small) businesses need skilled employees.

An IBM manager recently stated that "the company needs ... more people with specific skills who can keep up with technology."

FIT is designed to serve the special needs of local industry. This program keeps North Carolina's economy strong and healthy by keeping individual companies strong and healthy.

At FTCC, FIT is offered through the college's Center for Business and Industry. The center was built with the sole purpose of supporting and strengthening local businesses and industries by providing the latest education and training at affordable prices.

A broad spectrum of custom-designed classes are available through the FIT program. Whether a company has high-tech training needs — like computer programming, computer-aided drafting, electronics, hydraulics or pneumatics — or more general, introductory instruction like business math or human relations, FTCC's FIT program can develop a course or courses that specifically meet the needs of an individual business. The training can be done on site or at the Center for Business and Industry.

FIT's focus on critical skills changes as technology and needs change. Some of the job training FTCC has provided includes Computerized Numerical Control Plasma Cutting, ISO 9000, Statistical Process Control, Programmable Controls, Schematic Reading and Continuity Testing, and Press Brake Technology for companies like McCune Technology, FASCO, Black and Decker, Kelly Springfield Tire Co., Cutler-Hammer and Purolator, to name just a few.

The circumstances that provide the need for these classes are as varied as the classes themselves. Some companies want their employees trained on new equipment, while others are experiencing outside pressures that force internal changes in the manufacturing process and quality control.

Unlike traditional schooling, the course is tailored to the companies' needs. First, a skills or task analysis is performed to determine what is required for the job, and the course is built around those specific needs.

For instance, when a local wood products company wanted to implement Total Quality Management in its plant, the instructor went to the plant to observe the entire production process. The course was then tailored for the company's unique needs. Also, when a textile company received new equipment, the employees' current capabilities were assessed to determine a beginning level of instruction, and the courses were designed with those skills in mind.

### Advantages

Quality instruction is provided at the most convenient time and place. On-site training is often the choice because it reduces down time, provides flexibility and overcomes some of the barriers to learning. Classes can be held in convenient, nonthreatening environments — sometimes at the employees' assigned work station.

Often FIT provides employees with incentive, professional training and certification they cannot get anywhere else. The ISO 9000 certification for quality assurance and the ASE certification in auto mechanics are nationally recognized certifications of professional excellence. With these certifications often come promotions and/or raises for employees.

FIT also can be used for pre-employment training to help employers by providing a trained pool of prospects from which to choose.

A prospective employee who successfully completes a General Manufacturing certification course will learn the skills and technology that are specific to a company's manufacturing environment.

This training shows the employer that the candidate has the necessary skills, the ability to learn and a willingness to work. A high percentage of these prospective employees are usually hired for full-time employment, which in turn reduces turnover rates and the initial training time for employers.

### Management style

Another trend in business and industry is the movement away from the authoritarian style of management to the participatory management style. Many companies are looking to provide managers and staff members with better human relations skills through the Zenger-Miller series, which teaches topics such as problem-solving, decision making, team building and leadership training. A site license for this series often costs as much as $10,000, which most companies cannot afford. However, a company can get the specific Zenger-Miller training it needs from Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Roy Robinson, plant manager at FASCO, said the majority of his company's training is done through FTCC. "Don Hughes is our on-site training instructor who has spent months at a time here and has become like a member of our management team," he said. "We have relied heavily on FTCC for training, and they have really spoiled us by providing everything we have needed."

FTCC has tailored classes for FASCO in the areas of quality assurance, equipment training, electrical concepts and testing and blueprint reading.

"These classes have made us more productive and efficient and have allowed us to upgrade many of our employees' positions," Robinson said.

"We have always considered FTCC to be the greatest asset for industrial recruitment and retention," said David McCune of McCune Technology. "Our FIT training programs have been invaluable.

Overall, the FIT program seeks to provide specific skills training for Cumberland County employees when the cost of traditional training would be prohibitive.

If you would like more information about the FIT program at FTCC, please call Gerald Daniel, FTCC FIT coordinator, at (910) 678-8493.

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# THURSDAY

FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER-TIMES
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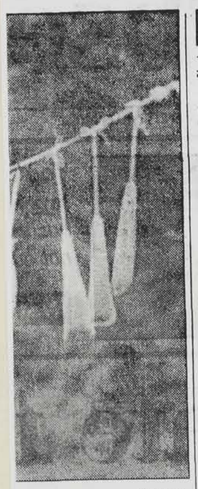

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

The Associated Press

**Today is Thursday, May 16,** the 137th day of 1996, a leap year. There are 229 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

**In 1868,** the U.S. Senate failed — by one vote — to convict President Andrew Johnson, as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of impeachment against him.

**On this date:**

**In 1866,** Congress authorized minting of a 5-cent piece.

**In 1920,** Joan of Arc was canonized by the Roman Catholic Church.

**In 1929,** the first Academy Awards were presented during a banquet in the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. "Wings" was named best movie.

**In 1960,** a Big Four summit in Paris collapsed on its opening day. The Soviet Union leveled spy allegations against the United States, a result of the downing of a U.S. U-2 spy plane over Soviet territory.

**Five years ago:** Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.

**One year ago:** Japanese police arrested doomsday-cult leader Shoko Asahara in the deadly nerve-gas attack on Tokyo subways two months earlier.

**Today's Birthdays:** Author Studs Terkel is 84. North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt is 59. Former Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut is 41. Singer Janet Jackson is 30. Tennis player Gabriela Sabatini is 26. Actress Tori Spelling is 23.

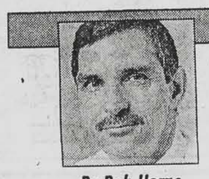
## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"Ideas won't keep.** Something must be done about them."

*— Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher and mathematician (1861-1947).*

## LIVE WIRE

# Gas contaminants found in some air conditioners



*By Bob Horne*

Call 486-2550

**Q: I was just charged $465 to have my car air conditioner repaired. The shop said the repair cost was so much because the air conditioner had butane gas in it. Is this legitimate or a rip-off? S.E., Fayetteville**

**A:** It's true that some repair shops are illegally inserting butane and propane gas into car air conditioners, said Steve Core, chairman of the Automotive Technology Department at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

For years, Freon, or R-12, was the refrigerant used in car air conditioners. Since discovering that Freon destroys the ozone layer, the federal government has banned its use in new air conditioners.

HFC-134a, which does less damage to the ozone layer, is the refrigerant used in new air conditioners.

That action, coupled with the projected shortage of Freon for existing air conditioners, drove the price of Freon up from perhaps $1 or so a pound to as much as $22.50 retail, Core said.

He said that a black market has developed through which Freon supposedly can be bought for a fraction of its wholesale cost.

But some people are selling butane or propane, he said.

Air conditioners will cool using butane or propane, he said. But if there is a leak, one spark could blow up the car. It could happen in a wreck or possibly without a wreck, he said.

Core doesn't know if shops know what they're buying or if they think they're buying cheap Freon.

But he says that propane and butane have been sold locally and are being inserted into car air conditioners in Fayetteville.

Core said the price that you paid is reasonable for that problem.

He said the coolant in the system has to be recovered, the entire system flushed, some contaminated parts replaced, leaks fixed and the system has to be recharged with fresh Freon. Your system takes 2.25 pounds, which would cost about $50 retail, he said.

In addition, you probably paid about $150 for the disposal of contaminated refrigerant, he said. Only a few companies nationwide are equipped to dispose of contaminated refrigerant, and the cost is exorbitant, he said. The shop has no choice but to charge you for the disposal.

The fine for illegally releasing refrigerant into the atmosphere is $10,000 and up.

Core said that you should go back to the last place that worked on your air conditioner before the butane was found and demand at least partial reimbursement.

That shop probably either bought the butane on the black market or unknowingly got it by recovering the gas in its equipment from someone else's air conditioner, he said.

If your car had the butane before you went there, the shop probably still has it now and probably is contaminating air conditioners in other cars.

"It's like a virus," Core said. Shops that don't test refrigerant before recovering it recover butane or propane and put it in other cars, from where it is recovered by still other shops and put in other cars.

You should report the shop to the Environmental Protection Agency. Reports should be made to Pam Adams, the EPA enforcement contact person for North Carolina, at (404) 347-2904, ext. 4107.

*Live Wire cannot answer every question, because of time and space limitations. The column seeks answers to questions of general interest and to consumer questions. They usually are answered within two weeks. ACCESS Information Services at the Public Library routinely answers requests for addresses of public figures, historical facts and much more. That telephone number is 483-7727.*

**Four-time Olympic** gold medalist sprinter Evelyn Ashford cheers as Michael Johnson autographs a soda machine in Atlanta Wednesday. Ashford and

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SAT EXTRA 6/22/96

*MARIE CASH IS FAYETTEVILLE TECH'S BEST*

# This instructor makes learning fun

**By Jeffery Womble**
Staff writer

**Cash**

Educators make it no secret that the key to success in the classroom is to make learning fun. No one knows that more than Marie Cash.

Cash, a math instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College, uses the hands-on approach to get her students to understand the basics. For instance, her students have tested claims made by the maker of M&M candies to see if the percentages per bag of the different colors are what they claim to be.

Those innovative teaching strategies have earned Cash the school's award for Excellence in Teaching.

"I have always liked teaching," Cash said. "When I went to Methodist (College), I wanted to go into the computer area, but they weren't that popular then, so I decided on math. I had some high school teachers who were influential and I guess it played a major role in my decision to teach math."

Cash's teaching career began at Douglas Byrd High, where she taught from 1973 to 1975. She moved to Lewis Chapel Junior High for four years and then went to FTCC, where she has been since 1979.

Cash's unique teaching style is what led to the teaching honor. It's not unusual to find her students measuring and identifying geometric shapes or comparing unit price per square inch of pizza from one business to another.

"Using a more hands-on approach makes them like learning more and that's my goal, to make it interesting," she said.

Cash earned her bachelor's degree in math from Methodist in 1973, and a master's in math education from Campbell University in 1979. She holds certifications from Campbell, Fayetteville State and N.C. State universities.

"There are so many good teachers at FTCC," she said. "I wish every teacher here could win. I just like doing what I do."

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# UNDERAGE DRINKING

## Clerks selling alcohol under the influence of class

Who knew it could be so difficult not to sell alcohol to minors? Two convenience-store chains decided it must be; otherwise, an Alcohol Beverage Control board's "sting operation" would not have found so many violations. The two chains asked the ABC general manager for an education program for clerks. He listened, and developed one. All should be commended for their roles in this.

The Short Stop and Quick Stop chains donated money to get the four-hour class started at Fayetteville Technical Community College. The companies redoubled their commitment by requiring their clerks pass the test at the end of the course, and by paying their clerks' fees. True, companies train their clerks. But the classroom setting, a workbook to be filled out and a test to pass may help the information stick.

When store clerks make fewer mistakes, minors have less access to alcohol. That will mean more lives saved and fewer lives ruined. Thus, this class could prove to be a turning point.

Although knowledge of the law won't deter businesses or clerks who deliberately violate it, those types are more rare and would be easier to spot if the responsible ones didn't make so many mistakes. Clerks are being taught the kinds of identification customers can and can't use to buy alcohol, and shown how to spot fake IDs. They are taught how to handle sticky situations, such as when a person buying alcohol is old enough to do so legally but the person's friends do not appear to be, or refusing sale to a person who appears to be intoxicated. It's a lot more complicated than checking a birth date.

ABC store employees in Cumberland County are required to take the class. Other businesses that sell alcohol ought to consider signing on, or ask for similar programs in their counties. Underage drinking isn't just a violation of law; it's a potential tragedy.


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# Tax rate disputes are few

*Most speakers at a public hearing ask county commissioners for more money, instead of the expected heated discussions about levies.*

**By Gary Moss**
Staff writer

Most Cumberland County commissioners want to lower the tax rate this year, but residents gave them little encouragement to do so during a public hearing Monday.

Before the hearing started, Commissioner Marshall Faircloth scanned the list of people signed up to speak, asking aloud where the angry taxpayers were. Nearly all the names on the list were people representing various public-service groups and the arts.

Of the 20 people who spoke, only L.A. Barner of Bonnie Doone urged the commissioners to lower the tax rate.

Barner said the county should need less money because of city annexation. If the county has less people to serve, it should need less people to operate, he said.

Nearly all the rest asked for money. Most represented the various agencies that rely on some county money to survive. Among them are The Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Dispute Resolution Center and the Arts Council.

Eliminating funding to such agencies would save taxpayers $1.24 million — or slightly more than one penny on the tax rate. Some commissioners want to cut the rate 6 cents: from 79 cents per $100 of property value to 73 cents.

Cutting the rate by 6 cents would wipe out the additional tax money that the county would collect as a result of this year's property revaluation.

And it would require cutting County Manager Cliff Strassenburg's proposed budget of $179 million down to $173 million as well.

But Board Chairman Thomas Bacote said after the public hearing Monday that he thinks the funding for outside groups will not be sacrificed. Too many of

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## Commissioners

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them do too much good for too many people, and at such little cost, he said.

Among the groups is the Fayetteville Area Sentencing Center, which started in Fayetteville 15 years ago as a pilot program aimed at keeping people out of jail.

The agency requested $18,000 from the county, money that represents most of the local matching money it needs to get $167,000 the state, said Director Susie Gnann.

In 1995, the agency saved the state $1.1 million by keeping criminals out of jail. At the same time, the criminals kept out of prison ended up paying $127,000 of restitution to their victims, Gnann said.

County Schools Superintendent John Griffin, along with school board members John Lancaster and Diane Wheatley, appealed to the commissioners for additional money.

Gnann

Griffin

Lancaster

Shaw

The Board of Education has sought an increase of roughly $7 million next year: $3 million for operating expenses, $2 million to buy land and hire architects to build two schools, and another $2 million for computer technology and training.

Lancaster told the commissioners about a cartoon he had seen about a wife who went to a lawyer to arrange a divorce and told him she wanted to "downsize her marriage."

"We're in a situation kind of like that," Lancaster said. Except that "we can't downsize in our marriage with the children."

Griffin cited recent test scores showing that student performance is on the rise.

"We know more than we need to know to make a difference for your children," Griffin said. "We just need a few more resources."

Harry Shaw, chairman of the Fayetteville Technical Community College board of trustees, made a similar appeal.

"I want to thank you for all you have done for our school over the years," Shaw said. "And I want to thank you for what you have done for your community through your school."

In the past 35 years, 850,000 people have taken classes at Fayetteville Tech, he said.

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# OPINION



# Officials pay lip service to children's needs

*It's time to give our schools the funding they desperately need to provide a decent education for the children of Cumberland County.*

**By Kenneth Edge**
Fayetteville

When I reflect on all that has been written and said recently about the urgent needs of the Cumberland County Schools and the importance of education, it seems we can get people of power and influence to agree that the needs exist and that education is important but we can't get them to take action.

Edge

The president and our governor have made children and education priorities of their administrations and have fought for more funds.

Closer to home, however, many of our elected officials and other leaders seem to be paying only lip service to the needs of Cumberland County children.

When we consider the recent actions, or lack of action, on the part of some state and local officials, we are at a loss to know what more we can do to plead our cause. For instance, when we and four other poorly funded school systems took our case for more equitable distribution of state funding to the courts, we were turned down.

The judgment was that the state only guarantees children access to an education, not to a quality education. We went to court over the issue because, despite being the fourth-largest school system in North Carolina (and 75th in the nation), we ranked 117th out of 119 systems in state funding in 1994-95. We are designated as a low-wealth county *but only so far as public education funding is concerned.*

Education funding is frequently reported on a per-pupil expenditure basis. In Cumberland County, we were able to spend only $4,508.39 per student in 1994-95, according to data prepared by the Department of Public Instruction, whereas the state average was $4,893.12. According to the National School Boards Association, the national average was $5,879.

We believe we have responded and continue to respond to every request that has been made of us. When the cry came for safer schools, we responded by implementing a multi-faceted program of prevention and intervention.

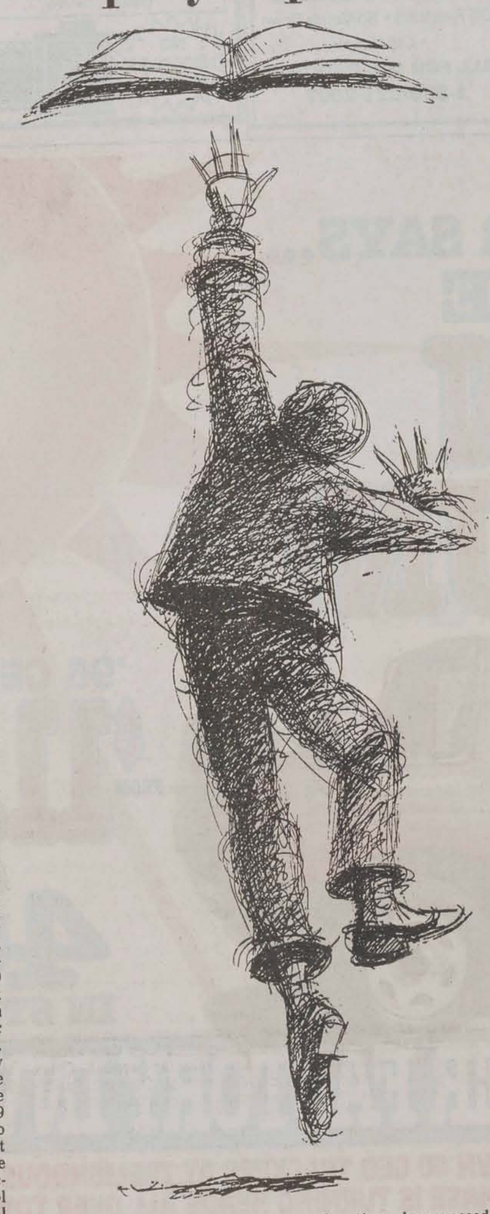
Our expenses on safe schools includes training of personnel, the use of detection devices and the encouragement of good behavior. The Character Education program in our schools, designed to foster positive attitudes and actions on the part of adults and children alike, is a model in the state.

In response to the call to improve academic standards, we instituted extensive professional development because when teaching improves, learning improves. Our teachers have been required to take many courses and been given additional opportunities. Ask any teachers you know about professional development and they will probably tell you they've been professionally developed to the point of exhaustion; however, student test scores are rising. In many cases, our students are performing above the state average.

When business and professional leaders asked for graduates who are better prepared for the world of work, our central office staff worked out cooperative agreements with Fayetteville Technical Community College and won state grants to implement career and work force preparedness programs.

We have a desperate need for 10 to 12 more schools within the next 10 years so we can accommodate the 1,200 or so additional students who enroll in our schools every year, and eliminate some of the more than 240 huts which "decorate" our campuses. While we hope there will be a statewide bond to fund new school buildings and renovate old ones, we don't expect that funding to meet all of our needs. And a statewide bond issue will be a slow process.

Time is of the essence in Cumberland County, so we asked our state legislative delegation to introduce a bill to allow our county to authorize certificates of participation so we can begin construction of two schools needed *now*.



These certificates would be less burdensome to the citizens of our county than a county-wide bond issue because immediate action protects against inflation costs; however, the time has passed for introducing such bills in the North Carolina House, so we may have lost that chance for this year.

In addition to the new-facility needs, our present schools also need upkeep. Many of our schools were built 30 or more years ago, and some more than 60 years ago. These buildings need reroofing, they need their driveways and parking lots resurfaced, and need rewiring.

While we do an excellent job of extending the life of these old buildings, we could do an even better job of preventive maintenance if we could afford to increase our maintenance staff. Despite the system's growth, we have the same number of maintenance personnel that we had 10 years ago.

We know that supplies are vital to classroom teachers, and every year, costs increase. Too many of our teachers for too long have wound up putting their own money into needed supplies. Yet because of budget needs, we had to cut the supply money by $4 per student this past school year.

If it weren't for groups such as the PTAs, our Partners in Education, the Cumberland County Partnership for Children, and local foundations and organizations, our schools and teachers wouldn't be able to meet children's needs as well as they do.

With more students enrolling every year, and an ever-increasing number of new housing areas to serve, our school bus needs are growing. Next school year, we will need 23 new buses, 12 because of growth and 11 to replace buses the state loaned us this year when we couldn't afford what we needed.

Our budget request to the county commissioners reflects an additional $7 million for operating and capital outlays to meet some of the needs listed above. It includes several non-negotiable items including cost-of-living increases for state employees and utilities bills. We don't have to close schools when it gets hot here, as some systems have to do, but we do have to pay our electricity bill.

Our county commissioners and other elected officials are well acquainted with our needs. In fact, they may be tired of hearing of them. But these are needs which will not go away. You, as citizens of Cumberland County, should also be familiar with these needs because you are the people who pay the taxes which support our schools.

It is also important for you to know that the percentage of Cumberland County property taxes budgeted for our schools has decreased significantly over the last 10 years.

What will we have to give up if the county enacts a tax cut this year? Will it be the $1 million for mandated salary increases, or the $1 million for the new buses, or the $2 million for technology so our students can be competitive?

I believe that providing a good education is vital to the future well-being of our county, state and nation. I think it is great to live in a county whose economy is growing, as evidenced by the dozens of new neighborhoods, the increased number of retail businesses, the new restaurants and the huge investment in the entertainment industry. But it is a crying shame that some of those riches don't spread themselves to the public schools, the place wherein lies the potential for real, sustained growth in this community.

On behalf of 51,000 students, some 6,000 employees, and the parents, grandparents and guardians of our children, I say it's time to stop paying lip service and start paying hip service by pulling out our wallets and checkbooks so we can give our schools the funding they desperately need to provide a quality education for the children of Cumberland County. Let's work together to persuade our local and state officials that children do count in Cumberland County, and let's do it now!

*Edge is chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Education.*

# Childhood center for FTCC not funded

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**By Amber Nimocks**
Staff writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College officials apparently will have to wait at least another year for $3 million from the General Assembly to build an early childhood center on campus.

State Sen. Tony Rand submitted a bill seeking money for the center, but the project probably will not be funded this year, he said.

The college, Cumberland County's Smart Start organization, and the Cumberland County Mental Health Developmental Disabilities Program want to build the center. The $3 million would be used to renovate the Dorothy Spainhour School on Hull Road, to build a new 22,000-square-foot building next door, and to buy equipment.

The new building would house the college's early childhood education program, a day-care center for college students and employees and headquarters for the county's Smart Start program.

The center would provide more services for mentally and physically handicapped students at Spainhour.

FTCC President Craig Allen discussed the center with the school's board of trustees Monday. He said he has been working for months with leaders of Smart Start and the county's mental health organizations to plan the center. "It will be a model for anyone in the state to look at," he said.

Harry Shaw, chairman of the FTCC board, said he expects the board to work on getting money for the project in the next few years.

Also at the trustees meeting, the board voted to raise Linwood Powell's salary. Powell, a vice president, will become interim president of the college in July, when Allen retires.

The state will pay Powell's base salary of $91,492 and the board will give him a local supplement of $8,333. As a vice president, Powell earns $81,000 in state salary and a local supplement.

## At A Glance

- American Management Association classes — "What Managers Do" and "Communications Skills For Managers" — begin on June 3 and meet for seven weeks. A partnership between the Chamber and FTCC, the management classes meet at FTCC's Center for Business & Industry. Call Sharmon Herring at FTCC, 678-8230, for more information.
- The Chamber welcomes a new Member Benefits Committee. The committee's primary function will be to develop a process to evaluate services which may be offered to members to make their membership even more valuable. This committee will be chaired by Tommy Bradford of Loyd & Bradford Builders and co-chaired by Lanny Clark of Concrete Service Company.

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**3-7** **Membership Campaign '96** — Join the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and be a part of Fayetteville's premier business organization.

**6** **N.C. Department of Transportation Reception** — Cardinal Club in Raleigh. Registrants gather at the Chamber at 3:55 p.m. Registrants only.

**11** **Strategies For Success** — "Tech Tour I — You, Your Business and Your Computer," 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fayetteville Technical Community College, Center for Business and Industry. Registrants only.

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## It's A Date

Be prepared to be dazzled Jan. 11, 1997, as Bob Smith and his committee head up another successful Annual Dinner. We won't disclose the theme, but we will tell you it promises to be one exciting night. Those who will make it happen in 1997 include Bob Smith of National Career Centers, Linda Lee Allan of Consumers Title Company Inc., Ben Minter of Le Myntere Inc., David Hayes of Fayetteville Technical Community College, Floyd Jenkins of Custom Residential Design, John Elliott of BB&T and Rosalind Hutchens of The Law Firm of Hutchens & Senter. The goal of this year's Annual Dinner Committee is to increase attendance to 1,000. For early reservations, please contact Lisa Brown, Vice President, Membership Services, at the Chamber, 483-8133. Pictured above (left to right) are David Hayes, Floyd Jenkins, Lisa Brown, Linda Lee Allan and Bob Smith.

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marine science program is rated seventh-best in the world by that industry's *Gourman Report*.

Pembroke State University (which may change its name to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke) and Fayetteville State University, two other schools in the region, also are members of the University of North Carolina system. In addition, there are two private four-year schools in the region: Methodist College in Fayetteville and St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg.

The region's boosters think the area's educational opportunities only make the area more attractive.

"We have a growth potential that may be unmatched," says ports director Erik Stromberg. "We have a solid transportation infrastructure, we're hungry for economic development and the opportunities that are available through international trade. I think the potential is still underutilized; it's untapped."

Paul G. Butler Jr., director of North Carolina's Southeast, says the marketing his agency does on behalf of the region complements local industrial recruiting efforts. Those efforts still must be made, county by county.

"We are just a marketing tool," Butler says. "We work to get them looking. The killing and skinning will always be done locally."

That regional marketing effort is paying off locally, according to Monks.

"I must say the Southeast Region has been really terrific and done a lot of things for the counties," he says. "In fact, one client that is taking over a 48,000-square-foot building here came here as the result of a marketing booth at a trade show.

"They have put some state-of-the art computers in each of the state offices, done a lot of advertising, paid for attendance at trade shows for county developers. We are just one of 11 counties in the region," Monks says. "I think as far as coordinating and getting along with the adjoining counties, I have received tremendous assistance. There's more cooperation among the counties than there has ever been before. When we go to the trade shows, we go on behalf of the Southeast Region, we don't go in behalf of Brunswick County or anyone else." NC

## Largest Employers in Southeast N.C.

**Companies with 1,000 to 4,999 employees, listed by size**

| *Name* | *City* |
|---|---|
| Carolina Food Processors | Tar Heel |
| House of Raeford Farms Inc. | Raeford |
| West Point Stevens Inc. | Lumberton |
| Federal Paper Board Co. | Riegelwood |
| General Electric Co. | Wilmington |
| Kelly Springfield Tire Co. | Fayetteville |
| Converse Carolina | Lumberton |
| Purolator Products Co. | Fayetteville |
| Abbott Laboratories | Laurinburg |
| Pope Air Force Base | Pope AFB |
| Brunswick Nuclear Power Plant | Southport |
| Black & Decker | Fayetteville |
| Cape Fear Valley Medical Center | Fayetteville |
| Southern National Corp. | Lumberton |
| New Havover Regional Medical | Wilmington |
| Southeastern General Hospital | Lumberton |
| Fayetteville Technical Comm College | Fayetteville |
| University of North Carolina | Wilmington |

**Companies with 500-999 employees, listed by size**

| *Name* | *City* |
|---|---|
| Prestage Farms | Clinton |
| Lundy Packing Co. | Clinton |
| Piedmont Poultry Processing Co. | Lumber Bridge |
| Campbell Soup Co. | Maxton |
| Charles Craft Inc. | Maxton |
| Kayser Roth Hosiery Inc. | Lumberton |
| West Point Stevens Inc. | Elizabethtown |
| Anvil Knitwear | Whiteville |
| Ithaca Chadbourn | Chadbourn |
| M J Soffe Co. | Fayetteville |
| Gerber Childrenswear Inc. | Lumberton |
| Chesebrough-Pond's Inc. | Raeford |
| Eaton Corp. | Laurinburg |
| Libbey Owens Ford Co. | Laurinburg |
| Corning Glass Works | Wilmington |
| Jensen International | Lumberton |
| CSX Transportation | Hamlet |
| Public Works Commission | Fayetteville |
| Clayton Knitting Men Women | Red Springs |
| Quick Stop Food Mart Inc. | Fayetteville |
| Reeds Jewelers Inc. | Wilmington |
| Scotland Memorial Hospital | Laurinburg |
| Cape Fear Memorial Hospital | Wilmington |
| Columbus County Hospital Inc. | Whiteville |
| Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital | Fayetteville |
| U.S. Veterans Medical Center | Fayetteville |
| Fayetteville State University | Fayetteville |



# Sen. Rand addresses largest FTCC class

***He says the graduates** should make others aware of the state's educational opportunities.*

**By Diane M. Blackman**
Staff writer

Sen. Tony Rand told the 637 graduates of Fayetteville Technical Community College on Thursday that only through education can the state grow.

"Time teaches us that unless we are willing to invest in the future, it will not be nearly as bright," Rand said to the nearly packed crowd at Cumberland County Arena. "North Carolina has made that investment."

The graduating class was the largest in FTCC's 34-year history — 33 more students than last year. The graduates received two-year associate degrees.

Rand said that Fayetteville Tech, the second largest community college in the state behind Central Piedmont in Charlotte, and the other 57 community colleges set North Carolina apart from the rest of the nation.

Rand, a Democrat representing the 24th district in the state Senate, said the graduates have an obligation to make others aware of the educational opportunities in the state — from Smart Start to

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the colleges.

He said the graduates knew the challenges they faced when they enrolled.

"You knew what had to be done, and you set out and did it," Rand said.

He said the best thing the graduates could do is understand that education is a lifelong pursuit and to continue to broaden their minds and commitment.

Rand said the worst things in life were ignorance and apathy.

"If you care, you'll help us in the future to help our next generation of Cumberland County residents."

A Wake County native, Rand graduated with a degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received his law degree from UNC Law School.

He said education not only improves the individual, but the entire community.

It's important to get involved with community affairs, Rand said, especially during debate for educational funding.

Fayetteville Tech was opened in 1961 as an industrial education center. The school became a community college in 1988.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

**Lisa Layne** and Mike Rice star in 'A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline,' which concludes this week at Cape Fear Regional Theatre.

She earned her associate's degree in Early Childhood Development in less than three years, in between praying to God that, Cleonis White — her husband of 14 years — wouldn't die.

Most every day, Phyllis White would attend classes in psychology or sociology or something else, then head to Womack Army Medical Center or Duke University Medical Center.

To catch up, she stayed awake studying until 2 or 3 in the morning some nights.

"But she still had so much energy," said Karen Harris, one of White's instructors in the Early Childhood Development department. "She was an inspiration to all of us."

Cleonis White, who spent 21 years in the Army, was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1989.

"In January 1990, they told me to call in the family, the priest, everybody," Phyllis White said. "They told me he had 90 days to live."

Her husband beat that prognosis, but it wasn't long afterward that he managed to convince his wife to further her education.

"Education has always been important to my family," Cleonis said. "Education is the key to everything."

It was Phyllis who had the resolve not to quit, even when the doctor appointments and hospital admissions added up to a lot of time away from her studies.

*She earned her degree in less than three years, in between praying to God that her husband wouldn't die.*

She took her books everywhere, along with a class syllabus. Whenever she could, Phyllis worked her way ahead so that she could afford to be away.

Even so, when she needed encouragement, someone always was there. Her mother, her teachers, her husband — they kept her going.

"Sometimes I wanted to just cry, I was so tired," Phyllis White said. "But somebody would always say, 'Don't give up.'

"I wish I could just take that microphone Thursday night and thank everybody, everybody in the world for seeing me through this," she said.

Phyllis and Cleonis hope to move back to her hometown in Savannah soon. She'd like to open a daycare center or return to school to study nursing.

"I love kids," Phyllis said. "As long as I'm working with children, I'll be fine.

"All kids are beautiful and unique in their own ways, and I can let them know that. Some people don't think that's a good job, but I'd feel like I was helping our future."

For now, she's looking forward to her special day.

Her son, Marvin, already drove all the way from Kansas with his wife and two small children. The rest of the crew will arrive Thursday.

They'll all cram into the modest townhome where Phyllis and Cleonis live, where she can bask in the glory of a job well done.

"I told them they didn't have to come, but they said they wanted to," Phyllis said, shaking her head at the dedication of relatives and friends.

"It's going to be fun just being together. It's going to be one big slumber party," she said.

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**Phyllis White** would attend classes, then head to Womack Army Medical Center or Duke University Medical Center to visit her husband, Cleonis, who was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1989.

## *College grad kept going when she could've quit*

Kim Hasty

They will be coming Thursday, up from Savannah and Atlanta, braving four and five hours of interstate driving.

Because one car wouldn't be enough to hold them all, they will take three or four, putting forth the kind of effort usually reserved for weddings and funerals.

"Shoot," Alethia Foreman said. "You know I'll be there. That's my daughter."

Her daughter is Phyllis White, who will walk across a stage sometime after 8 o'clock Thursday night to accept a diploma from Fayetteville Technical Community College.

White is a 42-year-old grandmother. There was a time when she felt awkward about starting college so long after her days of prom dates and curfews had come and gone.

"I didn't know how I would fit in," White said. "But then I found out that most of them didn't know as much as I did and that I fit in quite well."

White's triumph is about more than just studying and taking good notes.

BUSINESS

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# Videos produce for Moonlight partners

***The company gets into the black** in its first year and has won national and regional awards.*

**By Jay Woodard**
Staff writer

When Jan Johnson and Pat Wright started their video production business, they soon saw the end of 40-hour work weeks. It's not unusual for them to work round the clock for three days to meet a deadline.

But they're not complaining. "We thank God for it," Johnson said. "We are so lucky. We never even imagined this kind of response from the community."

Johnson and Wright met in 1990 while working in media production at Fayetteville Technical Community College. For a couple of years, they talked about going into the video production business.

"There were a lot of people coming to us and asking us to produce shows for them because they were familiar with our work," Wright said.

They talked with a business consultant who was frank with his advice. "He said 'Don't do it,' " Johnson said. "And since you're friends, that's all the more reason not to do it.' We were almost in tears when we came out of there."

The second opinion was better. They went to the Small Business Development Center at Fayetteville State University. "Larry Bucks was so enthusiastic. It was the motivation that made us re-consider that we could do this," Johnson said.

Moonlight Communications started in October 1994. The Public Works Commission gave Moonlight its first job, a video to show new employees. "PWC is so spread out this video condensed what had been a full-day program into a 20-minute presentation," Johnson said.

The company has since done work for the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corp., Fayetteville Partnership, Fayetteville State University and the Holiday Inn.

It was for the economic development group that Moonlight did its first three days working around the clock. The agency wanted a video for an industrial prospect. In six days. Not to mention, a Japanese version, too.

"They brought in a helicopter and we went up and did the filming. They also supplied a translator," Johnson said.

It all went swimmingly until the translation showed that the Japanese version was four minutes short. Moonlight found that a 15-second segment of English script, when translated into Japanese, would last about 25 seconds. There wasn't enough film footage to go with the increased amount of narration from the Japanese script.

"We had to find four minutes of footage" to add, Johnson said.

"We didn't miss the deadline, but we wound up having to drive it to the airport and have the stewardess run it out to the plane," Wright said. "It was like one of those TV things you see."

Advertising executive Gary Smith has seen Moonlight's perseverance first hand. He recalls Moonlight's partners going to Spartanburg, S.C., and Chattanooga, Tenn., for footage on downtown revival projects.

"They went to Chattanooga in a snowstorm," Smith said. "They don't let anything stand in the way."

The company did well enough to get into the black in its first year. This year it won two national and two regional awards.

The success doesn't mean that customers are more willing to wait very long for the work.

"They don't understand why it takes so long," Wright said. "They're used to taking out their camcorder and shooting Mom and Dad on their anniversary and they can't see why we can't produce one in a couple of days."

### Time frame

Johnson said it takes a long time to write a script. "You have to think about it for a day or two. Then it takes two or three days to write the script."

Then the partners deliver the script and read it for the client. "To make sure we understand what they want and what we are visualizing," Johnson said.

Only once did they fax a script. The client approved Moonlight's concept. "We hired and paid the talent," Johnson said, "and produced the video."

Long faces greeted the showing. "It won't do for us," the client said. So the whole thing had to be redone. At Moonlight's expense. Now the partners read the script for every client.

"That was an expensive mistake, but it taught us some valuable lessons," Johnson said.

### Profile

**NAME OF COMPANY:** Moonlight Communications
**SITE:** 102 Person St.
**NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:** 2
**PRODUCT:** Video production. Consulting and training

Staff photo Cindy Burnham

**Pat Wright, left,** and Jan Johnson edit videotape in their Moonlight Communications studio.

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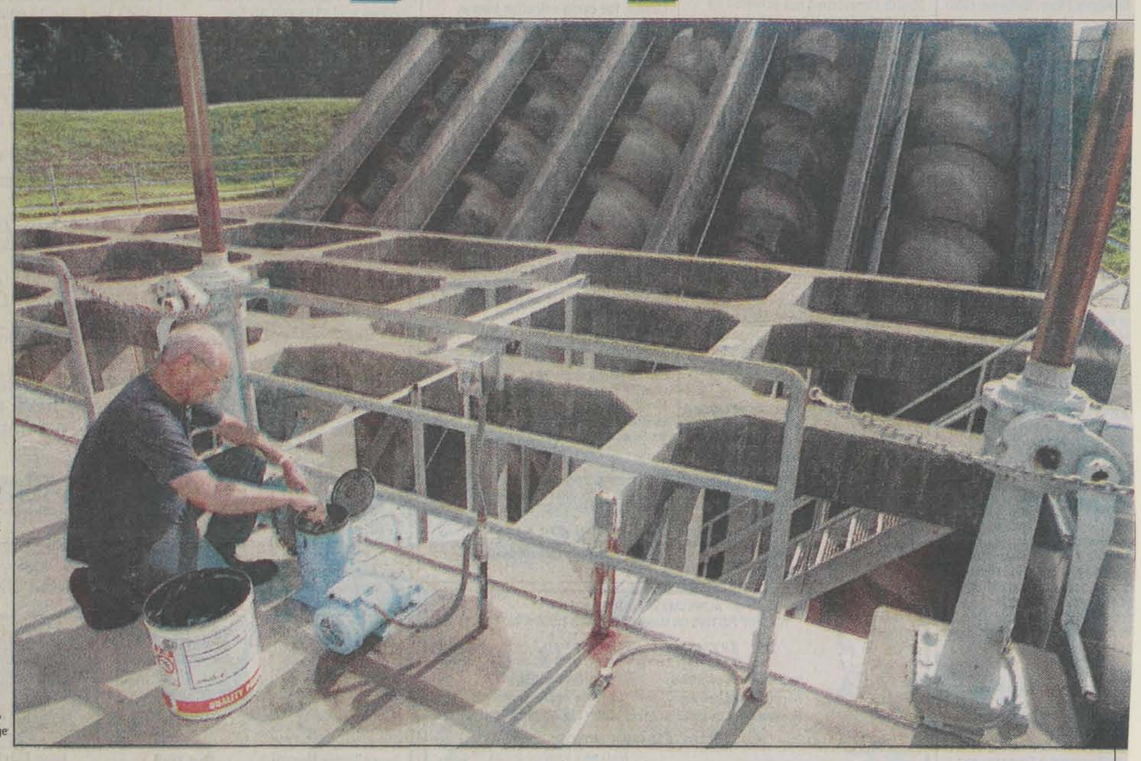

**William Adams** never got a chance to finish school. A PWC program helped him get his degree.

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

Staff photo by Jay Capers

# WHEN HOPE IS SPELLED G.E.D.

*A little piece of paper — and a lot of study — offers a brighter future and confidence to a wide range of people who missed their diploma.*

**By Angelique Bartlett**
Staff writer

*'There's a lot of places that won't take you with a GED,' said Kim Barton, who will exchange her certificate for a diploma from her Pennsylvania high school.*

Kim Barton dropped out of high school to get married. In December, the 18-year-old bride moved from Pennsylvania to Spring Lake to be with her husband.

She would have lost some of her credits by transferring to a North Carolina high school, she said. She decided to take the GED exam and not go back to school. She passed the test in February.

Barton is one of nearly 12 million adults who have participated in the General Educational Development (GED) program. The program began in 1942 to help returning World War II veterans earn their high school equivalency diploma. Four years ago, 10,478 people received their GED credentials in North Carolina. Adults in their 20s are the largest group of GED graduates in the state.

But adults of all ages and diverse backgrounds have earned their GEDs. For Barton and others, including a married factory worker with two children and a 52-year-old public service employee, the GED is the starting point for more education and more job opportunities.

### Acceptance varies

Colleges, universities and employers, such as Black & Decker, require a GED or high school diploma. Bessie Locus, a basic skills counselor at Fayetteville Technical Community College, sees the GED as being equal to a high school diploma. But some employers regard the GED as a credential of lesser value.

The U.S. Army and Marine Corps don't routinely accept GED certificates; they decide on a case-by-case basis. And the Navy requires a higher score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test for GED graduates than for high school graduates.

"There's a lot of places that won't take you with a GED," Barton said. She feels better about having a high school diploma and, in her case, it was easy to get.

Pennsylvania will give Barton a high school diploma in return for her high school equivalency certificate, she said. She'll receive the diploma this month, at about the same time she would have graduated in Pennsylvania.

Still, a GED certificate can place a person ahead of others. GED graduates, on average, earn $2,040 more each year and are more likely than high school dropouts to be working full time, according to the American

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### Need help?

Classes to brush up writing, mathematics and test-taking skills are offered through Fayetteville Technical Community College. Day and night classes run for three months. The program, including an assessment test, is free; the GED exam costs $7.50. For information, call 678-8465.

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## GED

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Council of Education. The council said that more than four in five GED graduates surveyed in 1993 planned to enroll in community colleges or universities.

GED graduates in community colleges, on average, perform at the same level as high school graduates.

Barton wants to study psychology in college once she joins the Army. Now she works at Kentucky Fried Chicken on Fort Bragg and plans to take emergency medical technician classes.

Kimberly Baldwin also wants to join the military. She divorced her husband five years ago and has four children. She said a military job would help her become self-sufficient. "I'd be more secure and dependent on myself," she said.

She passed the GED exam in January. She took a basic skills class for three months to prepare for the test. The exam has six parts that test knowledge in social studies, science and mathematics, and skill in writing and interpreting literature.

### A long way back

Baldwin became pregnant her senior year of high school 10 years ago, and had to withdraw a few months before graduation.

"I always wanted to go back (to school), but I've never had the time," Baldwin said. She moved to Georgia with her husband. She took a nurse's aide class and worked 12-hour night shifts at a nursing home.

Now that she has her GED certificate, Baldwin said she feels "no different then I felt before. Just another thing out of the way along my little list of goals."

Since March, she has been working as a cashier and stocker at a Maxway store. She said Maxway employers hired her for her cashier experience, although they asked if she had a GED certificate.

It takes less time to get a GED than a high school diploma, said Tammy Ackerman. She sees the value of both as equal, although employers may not.

Ackerman dropped out of the 10th grade and left home in 1979. She worked at Western Publishing until the plant shut down. When the company sponsored GED-preparation classes, Ackerman and other workers took them. She passed the exam in August.

Now Ackerman works as a manufacturing technician at the Cutler-Hammer factory on Doc Bennet Road. She and her husband, who live in Gray's Creek, work full time. They have two children. With her GED credential, Ackerman plans to study physical therapy at night. "It might take me longer, but it's the only way around it right now," she said.

### Improved status

While Ackerman took the GED exam to help her change job fields, others get their GED to improve their current job situation.

William Adams of Linden has been working at Public Works Commission for 18 years. Recently, the commission sponsored GED classes for its employees. Adams decided to take the classes because a GED would improve his chances of getting promoted or transferred to another job.

Adams, who recently turned 52, grew up poor in Durham. He needed money to pay for clothes, so he dropped out of the eighth grade. His first job was a part-time position as a gas station attendant.

"I should have gone on in school," he said. "I wish I had. It's a little late now."

Everything in his GED classes was new to him except history and geography, Adams said. He had been out of school for 35 years. So he took 2-hour classes twice a week for seven months to prepare for the exam. "It gets kind of rough when you're 51 years old," he said. "I had to start all over again. I had to buckle down and study."

Essay writing was the hardest part of the GED exam, Adams said. But his teacher motivated him and he passed the test in October. "It's a relief and I'm glad I've got it," he said. "I feel better about myself."

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## EYE ON THE COMMUNITY

**Fayetteville Technical Community College President Dr. Craig Allen,** left, accepts a $1,500 donation on behalf of the FTCC Foundation from Jim Wilson of the Southeastern North Carolina Chapter of the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters and Chartered Financial Consultants. The funds are to be used for the college's Center for Business and Industry.

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Staff photo by April Jenkins

**Joy Thrash,** an FTCC graduate in accounting, looks away in thought Thursday evening as her classmates get ready for graduation at the Cumberland County Civic Center.

# Being bypassed spurs 4.0 graduate

**By Gary Moss**
Staff writer

For 10 years, Joy Thrash worked as a service representative at Wachovia Bank.

And for 10 years, she watched in frustration as college graduates were hired after her and promoted over her.

"I knew I could do the same thing," Thrash said. "I just had to have the degree."

In 1994, she quit her job to pursue an accounting degree at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Thursday night, she walked across the stage to receive it during commencement exercises at the Cumberland County Arena.

She was given a gold cord in recognition of her 4.0 average.

Thrash, 31, said she did not set out to maintain a perfect average until close to the end.

She credits her husband, Ray, with understanding her ambition and for helping her to succeed. He cooks supper for their two children to make time for her to study, and he helps get them off to school while she is away.

She works at a part-time job in a family business in the mornings.

"I could not have done it without his support," she said. "I don't see how anyone could do it without family support."

Thrash has already enrolled at Fayetteville State University to get her four-year degree.

She is not sure what she will do after that.

She might try to get one of those jobs in a bank that she used to be unqualified for. Or she might go on to get her master's degree.

# FTCC dean files for school board

By Amber Nimocks
Staff writer

One candidate filed for election to the Cumberland County Board of Education on Monday.

Bobby Ervin, of 503 Rush Road, filed for the District 3 seat held by Karen Davenport. She isn't seeking re-election.

As of Monday, the other candidate for the seat was Judith Nixon.

Ervin, 49, is dean of business programs at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He has never sought elected office.

Ervin said he thinks he can bring common sense and business experience to the board.

Ervin

Communication between people involved in the school system — teachers, administrators, board members, county commissioners, parents — needs to improve, he said.

"We have a lot of people who have not effectively talked with each other," Ervin said. "The more you communicate, the better you understand each other's problems."

Ervin wants to see the county schools focus more on technology.

"We need to be giving teachers the tools they need to teach and the students the tools they need to learn," he said. "It's not just buildings and classrooms."

Curtis Worthy, a candidate for District 4, filed for the school board Friday.

An auditor with the Internal Revenue Service, Worthy said Monday that teachers need more flexibility to use different methods in each school. The system needs to reward those teachers who find methods that work, he said.

Worthy supports using the 1-cent meals tax that is paying for the new Cumberland County arena to pay for school needs. He would take the money from the arena after the project is paid for.

Worthy would support creation of a panel comprised of teachers, board members, parents, administrators and community members to review the performance of assistant principals.

# Wannabe shaggers sharpen skills to perfect their Southern steppin'

By Larry Bingham
Staff writer

*There is no dance more associated with the South than shagging, and no place more accommodating to shaggers than the South.*

There are only 30 minutes left in class, and Bill West is explaining for the umpteenth time how a man maneuvers a woman through the pivot step.

He is marching through the step with his arm across the waist of an invisible partner. He is slow and deliberate, talking over his shoulder as he turns.

"OK," West says. "Ready to try that to music?"

For the four men and seven women who have paid $30 to be on this basketball court on a Wednesday night, this is learning to dance like a Southerner.

This is learning to shag.

There is no dance more associated with the South than shagging, and no place more accommodating to shaggers than the South.

Learning to shag is learning to be a Southerner.

It is learning to hear the ocean in your head and the music in your step.

It is learning to bend your knees, relax your shoulders, and shuffle, slide and spin while The Embers sing about wise men and falling in love.

Tonight's class — seven Southerners (from Virginia to Mississippi) and four Yankees — have advanced from the basic step, the female and male turns, to the side pass and the boogie walk.

Now, the pivot step.

West is on the gymnasium foul line, demonstrating.

Again.

West, who looks like a grown-up beach boy with a surfer's crop of blond hair, sells furniture for a liv-

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**Eric and Christy Allen** learn to shag in the Fayetteville Technical Community College gymnasium during a night class.

Staff photo by April Jenkins



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# Challenges of building a career on the move

HOME FRONT

By Stephanie Comer

I know a lot of military spouses who hold down jobs outside the home. They have jobs, but I don't think many of them have careers or impressive resumes.

It's tough to build a career when the military moves you every few years.

Sometimes you can't find a job in your field. And even if you do, you have to start at the bottom and work your way up again.

In late 1994, I applied for a job, and the employer requested that I send in a resume.

Let me tell you, when you're 40 years old and writing a resume for the first time, a summer job as a maid doesn't look very impressive below "Work Experience."

Maybe if I could have listed a number of degrees under "Education" my resume would have looked better. But one year of nursing school didn't take up a whole line.

I wrote that I was attending college. That filled up a whole line — after I included my grade point average.

I figured my chances of getting hired for any job with a resume like this one were nil, and that's when I was feeling optimistic.

## Dedicated volunteer

Then I remembered reading or hearing somewhere that volunteer work could be included on a resume. In this area I am rich in experience. Hey, I've done about every volunteer job there is including the very hardest one: staying home to raise two children.

The problem was I had no idea how to write it all down on a resume. So, I went to the library and found a book that told me how to write a resume using my volunteer experience.

When I'd finished, my resume was one page long. I mailed it in to my prospective employer thinking there was no way I'd get the job.

A few days later I got the shock of my life. I got a call setting up the time and date for an interview. I couldn't believe it. I stayed near the phone for two days, positive it was all a mistake.

No one ever called me back.

## Suited for job

I really wanted to make the right impression for my interview. I wanted to look like a professional.

Don't professional people wear suits? I didn't own a suit. I owned mommy clothes — clothes for cleaning bathrooms and church dresses.

My parents, who happened to be visiting us, were so excited for me that they bought me a cream-colored suit at the mall to wear to my interview. It was going to be my power suit. I never wore it.

The store had forgotten to remove the tag which prevents it from being stolen from the suit's jacket. We tried to remove the tag just minutes before I was due to leave for my interview.

The suit now has a lovely blue ink stain on it. I wore one of my church dresses to the interview.

I got a kick out of the interview, once I got to talking. I can talk forever.

The whole process took about an hour. The two men who interviewed me told me I had the job before I left the office. I wanted to jump up and hug them both, but I decided it wouldn't be professional.

Instead, I went home and shared the exciting news with my anxiously awaiting husband, my two kids and my parents. I hugged all of them.

*Don't professional people wear suits? I didn't own a suit. I owned mommy clothes.*

Without the encouragement of my husband, Rick, I would never in this life applied for that job.

Without the positive comments on my English papers by my teacher Ann Ashford, at Fayetteville Technical and Community College, I wouldn't have written the resume.

Without the Lord in my life and a lot of prayer, I would never have been brave enough to go to the interview.

Oh, the job I was hired to do was write this column.

Rick has gotten military orders, and we're off to Florida. No matter where I go I will always remember Fayetteville. I've loved writing the Home Front column.

Thank you, Henry Cuningham, this newspaper's military editor, for hiring me. Boy, did he get a good deal!

Thanks to you, too, Fayetteville. Now I have a real resume.

# Community college students come with a stamp of approval

O-T 7/23/96

**WILMINGTON** (AP) — Employers who depend on community colleges to train their workers are getting a little something extra from some of them — a guarantee of satisfaction.

If graduates cannot perform on the job, the employer can send them back for retraining.

"We'll train them — up to three classes — tuition-free," said Eric McKeithan, president of Cape Fear Community College.

The guarantee applies to all students who graduated with a minimum grade of "C" from the school's one- and two-year vocational and technical degree programs. Those include nursing, engineering technology, automobile technology, business and a variety of clerical and health-related programs. It does not apply to the college transfer program or individual courses.

McKeithan said the guarantee is a way to improve the college's training programs as well as a good public relations tool. If employers are demanding a skill not taught in a CFCC program, it is time to make some changes, he said.

A few of the state's other 58 community colleges also offer guarantees, with similar conditions.

*'An employer has a right to expect certain things. If he doesn't get them, he has a right to gripe.'*

*— Chuck Agnoff, President of Interoll Corp.*

"We saw it as something that we thought was important to do with the quality of what we do," said Ben Wolverton, dean at Alamance Community College. "We needed to really believe in the person we're sending out there."

Wolverton said Alamance has offered the guarantee since April 1995, but has had no takers.

Employers seem to like the idea of guarantees.

Tony Lewis, shop manager at Tallberg Chevrolet, has not had much experience with CFCC automobile technology graduates. But he heard about the guarantee from several applicants and said it will make him more willing to hire graduates fresh from the college.

"It's hard to take one when they don't have any experience and put them on the line with today's cars," Lewis said of graduates.

The CFCC program promises that students will get hands-on training in most aspects of car and engine repair.

As president of Interoll Corp., Chuck Agnoff has occasion to hire many CFCC graduates. He expects them to be able to do the job.

"If a machinist comes out of a Cape Fear Community College program, he is expected to know how to read instruments and blueprints, sharpen drills and so on," said Agnoff, whose company manufactures parts for conveyer belts and exercise equipment.

Agnoff is vice chairman of the CFCC Board of Trustees and has a vested interest in making sure the school's graduates can do the job.

"An employer has a right to expect certain things," Agnoff said. "If he doesn't get them, he has a right to gripe."

The policy has been in effect since September, and so far, no one has asked the school to honor it, McKeithan said.

# Shag

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ing and teaches shagging once a week at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

He is trying, at the moment, to understand why Sue Skene continues to land on her left foot instead of her right.

Like many aspiring shaggers, Skene was enchanted the first time she saw the dance.

"I've watched it on TV, and I thought it looked so smooth and it looked so effortless and it wasn't all these wild gyrations, and it was something a middle-aged person could do," says Skene, who is 52 years old, from all over the South, and about to master the pivot.

But she cautions: "It's not as easy as it looks."

To shag is to dance forward and back. It is to dance a one-and-two, three-and-four, five-six count.

West and most historians agree that the dance was born on the shores of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Time was, a shagger could tell where you were from by the way you moved. Everybody danced the same steps, but the style in Atlantic Beach was different from that in Wilmington or Carolina Beach.

Shagging has become so homogenized that West says the regional flavors, like dialects, have all but disappeared.

Even the Motown music West learned from — 39 years ago in his bedroom, in his brother's loafers — has evolved these days to include country & western and classic rock 'n' roll.

What has not changed is the attraction. West says only once in his lifetime has its popularity wavered, and that was when the disco carpetbaggers swept through the South with the hustle and the bump.

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*— Sue Skene*

West believes shagging survived, and is still popular, because the South grows with every census, and Myrtle Beach has ballooned with thousands of tourists from Canada to California carrying home a souvenir: the shag.

Shagging has even found a home on the Internet with a Web site to guide dancers to clubs in every Southern city: from Choo-Choo Chattanooga to The Little Rock (Ark.) Bop Club to The Twisters of Cornelius (N.C.)

Shaggers are born, but shaggers can be made.

West says his classes have been packed the last two years, with men and women from their 20s to their 60s.

If there is anything difficult about shagging it is making it smooth, West says. The steps are not complicated, but finding the rhythm in the music can be.

Louis Ferraca calls himself "rhythm-challenged."

He's 32 years old, a native of Reston, Va., and a guy who thought the bump was difficult. He argues that he was always a Southerner; now he can prove it if he can find the rhythm.

The toughest part of the dance, says his girlfriend, Angela Smith, is putting what she learned with what he learned and then putting all that to music. She's 24 years old, and the class was her idea.

West has promised them all that if they master the basic step, and if they practice, they can go to any Southern dance floor, any Myrtle Beach patio, any deck, dune or Happy Hour where beach music is playing, and they can shag right in.

Jessie Tolar, who is West's shagging partner, says the only thing as Southern as shagging is collard greens. Or maybe grits.

Tolar learned to shag while growing up in Red Springs, when the lessons came from a girlfriend, a door frame, and a book on her head to keep her steps butter smooth.

So does shagging make Tolar a better Southerner?

"It contributes to that," Tolar drawls.

"That and my 'ak-SENT,'" she says, "make me real."

# Managing in the '90s

## *Leading, communicating, team building*

Your business can be more efficient and productive by applying basic principles of communication and leadership skills.

Team building is frequently the solution to problems and the avenue to rapid growth.

Don't miss "Managing in the 90s ... Leading, Communicating and Team Building," sponsored by Fayetteville Technical Community College and the Fayetteville Chamber's Small Business Council. Scheduled for Aug. 13 at FTCC's Center for Business and Industry, you will:

**Learn:**

- How effective listening can lead to greater awareness and understanding of problem areas in your business
- How to communicate your ideas effectively to your employees and to management
- How to help others excel
- How to set effective goals and gain support for their achievement
- How attitude and enthusiasm make a difference in your effectiveness and results
- How to bring team-building to your business

**Recognize:**

- The importance of each individual's contribution to the success of your business
- That problems are symptomatic of breakdowns in leadership

Your presenter, Ross Brown, has more than 25 years of experience in management and training. He taught for seven years in the Marketing and Retailing Department at FTCC as an adjunct faculty member. Brown is well-versed in the area of participative management and has presented numerous classes on communication skills and team building for business and industry clients, as well as civic groups.

The cost per registrant is $75, which includes lunch.

*To register, call Pat Ann Matthews, Vice President, Small Business Council at the Chamber, 483-8133.*



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**Strategies For Success** — "Managing in the '90s." Fayetteville Technical Community College, Center for Business & Industry, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This seminar deals with "Leading, Communicating and Team Building." Registrants only.

# Security in high demand

*The protection business and a community college program are booming.*

**By Jay Woodard**
Staff writer

The fear of crime has created an abundant need for security officers.

People who graduate from the security officer program at Fayetteville Technical Community College have jobs waiting for them.

The number of people getting into the business has tripled in the last five years, according to the N.C. Security Council of Private Protective Services, a trade group representing security companies in the state.

But the business isn't for everyone.

## Fast growth

"The pay isn't real good around here," said Catherine VanSickle, manager of the Employment Security Commission office in Fayetteville, "about $5 to $7 per hour."

And some people's schedules will keep them up with the owls. "These companies offer 24-hour service," said W.A. "Doc" Hoggard of Raleigh, administrator of the Private Protective Services board. "Somebody has to pull the graveyard shift."

Joseph Ricci of the American Society for Industrial Security of Arlington, Va., said the security industry has experienced phenomenal growth.

"In 1980, there were 500,000 people working in 30,000 companies," Ricci said. "Today, there are 1,800,000 people in 95,000 companies. It was a $20-billion industry in 1980. Now it's a $105-billion business. We outnumber law-enforcement people by three to one."

Many larger companies are hiring their own security staff, according to Martha Harris of the career services office at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "And fraud has become so common that firms such as

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Staff photo by April Jenkins

**Kenneth Beeler,** left, gets security-officer training from Bernard Barr at Fayetteville Technical Community College. The program covers 16 topics, including criminal law and fire detection.

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telecommunication companies are hiring people with law-enforcement or security-training backgrounds to try to trace that," she said.

Security companies in Fayetteville can easily promote their services by just pointing to the latest crime statistics.

A recent study by the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce ranked the city 15th in the nation for crime, and first in crime among 28 military cities.

A steady flow of people have showed up at FTCC to take its security training course.

## Program in fourth year

The 13-week course covers 16 major topics, including criminal law, fire detection and prevention, first aid, crowd control and strikes and labor relations. Eight people are in the summer course. There were 26 people who completed the course in May. Summer enrollment is always down, said lead instructor Gary Chlebus.

On one recent evening, Bernard Barr of Walla Walla, Wash., lectured on the use of knives. Barr, a former Army Ranger, is a combat trainer for military and law enforcement officers and is a contributing editor to Tactical Knives magazine.

The security training program is now in its fourth year. It was started in response to surveys FTCC took that revealed a need for more security people, according to Robert W. Atkinson, director.

The 19 security guards at FTCC are either graduates of the program or will go through it.

One of those, Antonio Purcell, graduated at the top of his class and is the security ambassador for the school. "We try to foster better relations between security people and the students." he said. Purcell expects to graduate from FTCC in December with a criminal justice degree and plans to attend law school at Campbell University. He eventually wants to start his own security company.

## Jobs abound

Opportunities for work are abundant.

"There's an extremely high rate of turnover, especially at the entry level," said Hoggard, of the Private Protective Services Board. "Someone will offer them (more money) and they're gone. And this happens a lot: a security person will get hired by the company he or she had been working to protect."

Purcell said he has been approached by several security companies but prefers to remain at the college near his classes. He has been promoted and will become an assistant administrator in late August.

Hoggard praised the program at FTCC for its effort to get better-trained people into security positions. "They play a more major role in people's lives than most are aware of. Nowadays, people are more likely to see a security person than a police officer."

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TECHNICAL TRAINING CAN RESUSCITATE A CAREER

Lori Dwinell of Clayton, who recently graduated from Johnston Community College with an associate's degree in nursing and has a job at Holly Hill/Charter Behavioral Health System, practices CPR on a dummy.

STAFF PHOTO BY COREY LOWENSTEIN

# Community colleges find a new niche

By Tim Simmons
STAFF WRITER

Lori Dwinell felt pretty good about her degree in psychology when she graduated from Appalachian State University in 1990. After all, she had been told repeatedly that psychology grads could "do just about anything" with their four-year degree.

Unfortunately for Dwinell, that included a dead-end job as a research assistant. By 1992, she had quit her job, started a family and decided to go back to school — this time at Johnston Community College.

"I never would have gone to a community college before," said Dwinell, a Clayton resident. "But I needed to improve my job options."

## Liberal-arts grads taking another look

Dwinell has plenty of company. Victims of a shifting job market or their own poor choices, thousands of college graduates are enrolling in the Triangle's community colleges to boost their professional careers.

From microcomputers to truck driving, campus officials say as many as one-fifth of their students are using the community colleges to enhance careers or switch professions altogether.

"It used to be that college graduates came here mainly for pleasure courses," said Jerry Kornegay, dean of enrollment at Wake Technical Community College. "But as jobs change and our courses become more sophisticated, many are here because they need to be here."

Campus officials aren't sure exactly how many four-year grads are attending community college to upgrade skills or change careers, because each campus keeps its numbers differently.

But they know that roughly 30 percent of their students are college graduates and that pleasure courses no longer draw the way they used to. So they suspect the figure is somewhere around 20 percent.

That means the majority of community college students are still enrolled

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**James L. Yates named to FTCC board**

Gov. Jim Hunt has appointed James L. Yates of Fayetteville to the Fayetteville Technical Community College board of trustees. He will serve a four-year term.

The board sets policies and programs that affect the college's budget, curriculum and direction.

Yates is owner and president of Fayetteville Building Supply.

A staff report



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in traditional courses such as basic literacy or auto mechanics. But corporate cutbacks and the growing importance of technology are clearly changing the mix of students.

"I had a fine liberal arts education," said Jeffrey Sacks, a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in international studies. "I can write a hell of a research paper. But I wasn't the least bit fluent with computer software packages. I'm going to need that if I want to further my career."

So Sacks, 29, a research assistant at FGI in Durham, is working on his associate's degree at Durham Technical Community College.

He is enrolled in the Microcomputer Systems Technology Program, where he is learning to manipulate common software programs such as Novell and Visual [illegible] addition to understanding [illegible] of operating systems [illegible] X.

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[illegible]ar program teaches [illegible] to create computer- [illegible]nimation, special effects, 3D-product design and computer modeling.

The process is used by a wide range of companies that want to translate volumes of abstract numbers into pictures that are easier to understand. The Environmental Protection Agency, for example, uses it to show sulfur dioxide concentrations over various parts of the country, while parts manufacturers use the same process to track injections of plastics into intake manifolds.

"Before this, I thought community colleges were for people who somehow couldn't make it," Fox said. "Or maybe for trades people like plumbers or welders. I don't think that anymore."

Fred Lwakaaka, left, and Gary Whaley, who college graduates, are studying to be truck drivers at Johnston Community College.

STAFF PHOTO BY KEITH GREENE

## Skills that pay off

Not everyone with a four-year degree is hooked by such high-tech courses.

Some are simply finding that people with two-year associate's degrees can earn more money than four-year graduates — at least in the short run.

"I graduated with an economics degree and I didn't really find a whole lot out there," said Kelly Radford, a 1992 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill. "What I did find wasn't very appealing."

Two years later, Radford was taking nursing classes at Johnston Community College, in the same program that attracted Lori Dwinell.

Both women are working full-time in area hospitals, and Radford says she is making more money and looking at more career options than she ever had before.

"It was a great experience going to a four-year university," Radford said. "But there are so many choices there and sometimes you don't know what to do. It's easy to lose your focus, and by the time you realize it, it's too late."

Vic Hackley has never met Radford, but he has heard her story hundreds of times. Hackley is president of the state's community college system, the former chancellor of Fayetteville State University and former vice president for Student Services with the UNC system.

The mix of experience has provided him with some unusual insights into why so many university graduates are now turning up in community college classrooms.

"It's true that part of the reason is simply poor choices by students and negative stereotypes of community colleges," Hackley said. "Some of these students believe — and so do their parents — that the only path to a respectable middle-class job is a four-year degree."

But part of the problem rests with public schools that don't require more of graduates and universities that are embarrassingly out of touch with the job market, Hackley said.

"No student from middle school on should ever have to wonder why they are being asked to learn something. It should be obvious to them that knowledge is meant to be applied," Hackley said. "And no university should let students wander through the curriculum and then be surprised that the marketplace has no job for them. But that is exactly what is happening."

The mismatch helps explain why health technicians and computer programmers can start at $30,000 a year or more while people such as Fox and Radford struggle to find jobs that pay $25,000.

Even some training courses such as the truck driving classes at Johnston Community College have lured college graduates with better pay.

"I have a degree in biochemistry from North Carolina State University and I ran my own business for 13 years, but those skills don't count for much in today's market," said Gary Whaley.

"I don't think I'll drive a truck forever, but when I'm done I might very well come back to the community college for more education."

## New view of education

Hackley isn't suggesting that a two-year degree or a training course will be enough to carry students through their careers. But he joins a growing number of people who say more high school graduates should consider community college first if they don't know what they want from a four-year degree.

"It's obviously cheaper and faster and you are going to need the work experience anyway when you look for a job after finishing your four-year degree," said Patrick Scheetz, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University.

The idea that a four-year degree will guarantee anything — even an interview — is simply faulty, Scheetz said. But based on the way students select majors and universities run their schools, it doesn't appear too many people understand that fact of corporate life.

Too many students still graduate with too little work experience, no outside activities and too few computer skills. Not surprisingly, fewer than 40 percent of the nation's college graduates end up with a degree that employers consider marketable, according to surveys done by Scheetz's research institute.

In many cases, the problem can be traced to high school, where four out of every five high school graduates slam the door on dozens of potential careers before they even reach college.

"There's a whole lot of majors you simply can't pursue if you decided in high school that you hated math and stopped at algebra and geometry," Scheetz said.

That's why people such as Hackley and Scheetz urge students to rethink their stereotypes about community colleges and education in general.

"If you want your earning power to increase, you aren't done after community college," Scheetz said. "Study after study shows that."

And once the four-year degree is in your pocket, it won't be long until you realize that isn't enough, Hackley said.

That's not a lesson that most four-year grads learn in college. But for those returning to community colleges, it's a lesson they have pretty much mastered.

"I have always believed that I should never stop learning," said Sacks, the research assistant at FGI. "I guess that's a good thing, because it looks like it will be a requirement for my whole career."

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## "Cumberland County 1997" Reception August 24

by Sam Zahran

"Cumberland County 1997" is the second in a series of calendars showcasing Cumberland County artists, photographers and poets. The public is invited to a reception and poetry reading celebrating the completion of the calendar. The event will be held August 24 at 3 p.m. at Cape Fear Studios, 148 Maxwell Street.

Contributing artists include Melissa Clement who drew the old mill house on Cool Spring Street for the cover. The 1997 calendar emphasizes children's creativity. Many contributing artists and poets are students of Jan Donaldson at Fayetteville Academy. The youngest are first graders. The oldest are senior citizens.

The calendar runs December 1996 to December 1997. The calendar will be available at the Cape Fear Studios for $6.00. During the reception on August 24, the calendar will be sold for a special price of $4.00. Pick up a calendar for yourself, and several others for gift giving.

This project was supported by the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County, with grants from the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County and the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency.

*Sam Zahran is on the faculty of the English Department at FTCC. He is aFayetteville native.*

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# Cathy White leaves a hard gap to fill

Vacation Bible school, that innocent rite of many a youthful summer, was under way Monday morning. Someone was running down the church hallway making way too much noise for a church hallway.

"Ssshh," one of the teachers said. "Quit running. Use your inside voice."

KIM HASTY

Elmer's glue wasn't enough to convince the felt banners to stick to the dowel rods they were supposed to stick to, so some of them got stapled instead. Bible verses were memorized, snacks were eaten, songs were sung, teachers were frazzled.

So it was that on Monday morning, life went on without Cathy White.

She probably would have been there, taking an earnest interest in all the coloring and hand-printing and puppeteering that were going on at Haymount United Methodist Church. That's how she was. Wherever her girls were, whatever they were involved in, she would be a part of things too.

Cathy White died Sunday morning, the victim of a vicious cancer that first appeared in her breast a year ago, then moved to her brain, her spine, then back to her brain. She was 45 years old.

## Model mom

"She would do anything for any of us," said Cathy Gardner, who had been her friend for 16 years. "She was a real generous person. Anytime anyone needed her, she was there."

She was a math and computer instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College, but, except for an occasional course now and then, she gave up her career when her children were born.

Mostly, she was a mom to 13-year-old Rebecca and 8-year-old Debbie. She was a PTA officer, a cookie baker, a carpool driver. She and her husband, Jim, were always doing more than what was expected of them.

When they were in charge of coming up with supper for Rebecca's church youth group, they didn't resort to hot dogs or frozen chicken nuggets. They made pancakes, one by one, cooked to order.

"They made chocolate-chip pancakes, blueberry pancakes," said Karen Argo, the church's youth director. "I'll never forget that about them."

## Recovery, relapse

Cathy was diagnosed with breast cancer in the spring of 1995. She underwent a mastectomy, and, for one year, it seemed that the surgery had been a success.

But she was playing tennis last spring when she noticed that she couldn't clear her vision. Her eye doctor and subsequent tests revealed that the cancer had moved to her brain.

Even then, radiation seemed to be working. Earlier this month, she was swimming with her kids when she complained to one of her friends about a backache.

The cancer had spread to her spine and then to the base of her skull. By last week, she was hospitalized.

Even with all the shock and the tests and the sadness of the past year, Cathy managed to keep up with church and school and friends.

For six years, she and a group of her friends had been part of a Wednesday-morning breakfast club. They'd talk about their kids, their husbands, the schools.

"Even when she couldn't drive herself, we'd pick her up and she'd go with us," Cathy Gardner said. "She didn't miss many of them."

Her doctors had her in rehab two weeks ago, but she figured the least she could do was help stamp checks for the PTA, and so she did.

"She was a fighter," Cathy Gardner said. "I really think she thought she was going to beat this."

Children, fortunately, remain unaware of much of the sadness around them. They are the ones who remind us, better than most, that life must go on. So the pasting and playing will continue this week, though there have been tears in the eyes of some of the teachers as they remembered a friend gone too soon.

If there were tears in the eyes of one of the teen-age classroom helpers, no one saw them. Rebecca White, another fighter, had volunteered to help before her mother's death became imminent.

So she carried out her commitment Monday, shuffling the third-graders here and there. She planned to be there the rest of the week too.

Like mother, like daughter.

# Smelling the roses

Staff photo by Elizabeth Darwin Catlin

**Steven Doty**, 8, enjoys the summer fragrance of the roses at the Fayetteville Rose Garden.

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Seniors

# Seniors Call To Action

by Bob White

Most seniors do not know what services are available to them, or where to go for help. Here is a quick guide to many of the agencies providing services to seniors.

Mid-Carolina Area Agency On Aging. Located on the third floor of the Court House at 130 Gillespie Street. Phone: 323-4191. Point of contact is Betty Stewart. This agency plans and advocates for seniors aged 60 years and older. Services in Cumberland County include adult day care management, disease prevention/health promotion, Senior Games, housing and home improvement, in-home aid, legal, nutrition, transportation, and ombudsman services, to include inspection of nursing homes)

Cumberland County Coordinating Council On Older Adults, Inc. Located at 339 Devers Street, next to Fayetteville Technical Community College. Phone: 484-0111. Point of contact is Marshall Lanter. This agency coordinates the efforts of volunteers who provide in-home aid services, home repairs, meal deliveries, telephone reassurances, Senior Discount Cards, conducts "Operation Brides" senior counseling) and operates an agency thrift shop.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Located at 739 Blue Street, colocated in the Blue Street Senior Center. Phone: 485-4448. Point of contact is Blanche Huddle. Places over 450 adult volunteers in over 20 public or non profit organizations in the community. Most pressing need is for volunteers to help with home meal deliveries, and with the adult reading literacy program.

Senior Aides Program. Located at 116 Green Street in the old City Hall building. Phone: 678-7643. Point of contact is Pauline Goodman. Program offers part time employment opportunities (up to 20 hours) for seniors, as well as job skills training.

Three Seniors' Centers:

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| Hope Mills Senior Center | 436-4157 |
| Spring Lake Center | 497-7700 |
| Blue Street Senior Center | 433-1574 |

Parks & Recreation: Senior Clubs (currently 20 serving the city). Point of contact is Paul Anderson, at 433-1574. For information on the 15 senior clubs in the county area, call Karen Brady at 485-3161.

FTCC Adult Education. Phone: 323-6115. Point of contact is Margaret Johnson. You're never too old; computers can be mastered!

Joint Fayetteville and Cumberland County Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. Meets second Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. at the Blue Street Senior Center, (no meeting in August). Meetings are open to the public. Five elected members serve the needs of seniors and advise elected officials on key issues and policies that affect seniors. Phone: 488-6486. Point of contact is Ed Anderson.

Seniors Call To Action (SCAT), Inc. A new non-profit organization formed to plan for new quality of life senior centers in the city and county, and develop a long range 20 year plan for seniors. Meets fourth Monday of each month at 10 a.m., 310 Green Street, in the Cumberland Country Community Activity Room. Volunteers are needed. Phone: 484-6604. Point of contact is Bob White.

**Would you like to write about seniors' issues? Fax Bob a typed, double spaced, 12 point font draft of 450 words or less, at 488-6078 or give him a call at 488-6486. He'd love to hear from you and see what you think about his articles, or hear suggested topics for future articles!**

Fayetteville Technical Community College students **LaFonda Jones**, **Diann McLean** and **Jacqueline Gore** have received $500 scholarships from Sprint/Carolina Telephone.

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Chamber of Commerce

# Chamber News

* The State of Our Community luncheon is set for Thursday, August 29 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. Featuring local elected leaders, speaking to the state of the city, the county and education, the speakers also include Chamber Chairman Terry Hutchens, who will speak on the state of the local economy. The event begins promptly at noon, and will conclude at 1:30 p.m. Cost is $15 for individual tickets, corporate tables of eight are available for $135.

* The Chamber Coffee Club is August 15 at Holiday Inn Bordeaux, starting at 7:45 a.m. Fayetteville's Up & Coming Magazine is the sponsor for August. Business After Hours, another regular networking event of the Chamber, will be held at Cunningham Cycle World on Bragg Boulevard, a business that is celebrating its 25th year in business in 1996. Both events are open to Chamber members.

* The Strategies for Success series of seminars continue on August 13 with "Managing in the 90's - Leading Communicating and Team Building." The day long seminar will take place at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business and Industry. The cost is $75.00 which includes all materials and lunch. Call Pat Ann Matthews, Vice President, Small Business Council, at the Chamber to register. The number is 483-8133.

Want to Sharpen your leadership skills? Sign up for Chamber's Leadership Fayetteville 1997. The popular Chamber programs resumes in September and takes participants through a nine-month program that provides in-depth insight into the local area and the challenges that confront us. Call Ken Smith, Program Manager at the Chamber at 483, 8133 to learn more about how to participate in Leadership Fayetteville.

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# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

The Basic Skills Program at Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) meets the needs of eligible adults, 18 years of age or older, who want to improve reading, writing, math, and employability skills. Classes are offered tuition free and books are provided without charge in all areas except adult high school.

**The Adult Basic Education (ABE)** program is a program of remedial study designed for adults who need to improve their basic skills in the areas of reading, writing and math. Job readiness is emphasized along with academic competence.

**English as a Second Language (ESL)** is a program of study for adults who are not native English-speakers. Reading,writing speaking and basic living skills are taught on beginner-to-advanced levels.

**Compensatory Education (CED)** classes are planned to assist students in preparing for the GED Examination which leads to the GED High School Equivalency Diploma. The five parts of the test are Writing Skills, Social Studies, Science, Interpreting Literature and the Arts, and Mathematics.

**The Adult High School Diploma (AHS)** program at FTCC is a 20 unit course of study that provides the opportunity for adults to earn a high school diploma. Instruction is competency based and enrollment is open at all times.

**Human Resources Development (HRD)** is designed to assist adults who are unemployed or underemployed by enhancing their employability skills. Classes cover resume writing, interviewing techniques, job placement assistance procedures, and professional image.

FTCC's Basic Skills Program offers a number of other educational opportunities for adults including Resource Centers, Family Literacy classes and a Correspondence Program. For more information about FTCC's Basic Skills Program, please call 678-8465.

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Since space is limited, interested persons possessing: a High School Diploma or GED, with at least 6 months of industrial experience, or comparable military experience, or industrial related education should apply at the **Employment Security Commission on Saturday, August 17th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.**
Designed to help prepare individuals for jobs in the increasingly sophisticated' manufacturing sector, this program will broaden math, reading, problem solving, tool familiarity, basic statistical process control, communications, and team participation skills.
Day and evening classes will be offered, CUTLER-HAMMER will give employment preference to those who receive the General Manufacturing certification as its work force continues to expand during 1996. All applicants are encouraged to apply now . Also, top consideration will be given to individuals with steel fabrication experience.
**If you have any questions, contact the Employment Security Commission at 486-1010.** 675703x

# In all their splendor

## Lucas to crown Miss Fayetteville 1997

By Bill Kirby Jr.
Saturday Extra editor

A standing room audience is anticipated tonight as a new Miss Fayetteville is crowned.

Fourteen entries, including the daughter of the 1966 winner, are scheduled to participate at the Cumberland County Civic Center auditorium.

"We're expecting a record crowd," said Ben Minter, executive director of the Fayetteville Scholarship Pageant Association. "Kimberly Dawn Lucas, our reigning queen, will be there to crown the new queen. The new queen will compete in the Miss North Carolina pageant in June, and hopefully, in the Miss America pageant."

The pageant is scheduled to begin at 7:30. Admission is $8 in advance and $10 at the door. Tickets are available at RSVP Formal Wear, Stylin' and Filin' Salon and Boutique and the Civic Center box office.

"This year's theme is 'Makin' It: Dream in Disco.'" Minter said. "We'll have a lot of disco music from the 1970s, including the Bee Gees and Sister Sledge."

Contestants will be judged on swimswear, talent and evening-wear competition along with a 10-minute judge's interview.

The judges are Nancy Heath, Clinton, chief judge; Vincent Bryant, LaGrange; Carole Justice, Topsail Island; William Zint, Mebane; and David Jameson of the Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce.

The master of ceremonies will be Wesley Pritchard, a Fayetteville resident now with the TNN Network in Nashville. The pageant hostess will be Kim Evans Moser, Miss Fayetteville 1986.

**CLOSE UP**

**What:** Miss Fayetteville pageant
**Where:** Cumberland County Civic Center auditorium
**When:** Tonight, 7:30
**Tickets:** $8 advance; $10 at the door.

Among the special guests are all former Miss Fayetteville winners, Miss Teen Fayetteville Heather Harris and Fayetteville Mayor J.L. Dawkins.

The contestants are Mary Suzanne Autry, Kelley Lynn Carter, Kelly Dowd, Chaka Khan Garrett, Carmen Anita Jackson, Angela Lee McLean, Lorna Hazel McNeill, Mary Edie Mason, Nikita Nipun Shah, Tanya Lin Simek, Kelly Smith, Natalie Danielle Tart, Liberty Ann Walsh and Heather Louise Wilson.

Minter said the pageant allows contestants from Robeson and Hoke counties to compete because those counties do not have Miss North Carolina preliminary contests.

"We did it as a gesture of good will," he said.

The queen, according to Minter, will earn $3,500 in educational scholarship funds to the college of her choice. The first runner-up receives $750 in scholarship money, second runner-up $500, third runner-up $250 and the fourth runner-up $150. The winner of the community-service project will receive $100.

Four Fayetteville queens have won the Miss North Carolina title, three in the last 13 years. Heidi Sue Williams won in 1992, Joni Bennett Parker in 1985 and Francesa Adler Loeffke in 1984. Vivian White McDonald won the state crown in 1947. No Miss Fayetteville has won the Miss America title.

Following is an upclose look at the contestants and their credentials, according to pageant officials:

See Pageant, next page

Lucas

Simek

Autry

Smith

Carter

Tart

Dowd

Walsh

Garrett

Jackson

McLean

McNeill

Mason

Shah

Wilson



## Pageant

From previous page

■ Mary Suzanne Autry is a 19-year-old sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is majoring in journalism and mass communications. The 1995 Seventy-First High School graduate wants to become a broadcast journalist. She has studied drama and dance. Her community service includes working with farmers and agricultural needs. She will perform a comedy monologue in the talent competition.

■ Kelly Lynn Carter is an 18-year-old freshman at Methodist College. She is majoring in biology. She is a 1996 graduate of Pine Forest High School and is an advocate for the Cumberland County DARE program. She is involved in a number of community youth programs and hopes to continue her education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. She will perform an acrobatic routine in the talent competition.

■ Kelly Dowd, 19, is a sophomore at Peace College where she is majoring in English. The 1995 graduate of Pine Forest High School wants to become a college professor. Her community involvement includes working with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and helping youth. She has studied drama and theatre. She will perform "On My Own" from Les Miserables in the talent competition.

■ Chaka Khan Garrett is a 20-year-old sophomore at Fayetteville State University. She is a Spring Lake resident who is involved in teaching women and children to defend themselves through the art of karate. A karate demonstration, set to music, will be her talent entry.

■ Carmen Anita Jackson is a 21-year-old freshman at Fayetteville State University. She is majoring in English. The 1993 graduate of Western Harnett High School in Lillington wants to become a lawyer. She won the Fayetteville District Oratorical Contest four consecutive years and is in the U.S. Army Reserves. Her community service-project is teaching teen-agers about the perils of sexually-transmitted disease. She will sing "A Whole New World" from Aladdin in the talent category.

■ Angela Lee McLean, 23, is no stranger to pageant competition. She was second runner-up in the Miss Fayetteville pageant in 1996, and is a former Miss Bladenboro and Miss Pembroke State University. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke where she majored in communications and public relations. She is a 1991 graduate of Bladenboro High School. Her community-service projects include working with terminally-ill patients and their families. She will perform a song from Jeckyl and Hyde in the talent competition.

■ Lorna Hazel McNeill is a 20-year-old junior at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She is a former Miss Lumbee who grew up in Lumberton. She is a 1994 graduate of St. Pauls High School and wants to further her studies in music education. She will sing a semi-classical version of "The Lord's Prayer" in the talent competition.

■ Mary Edie Mason, 22, is a 1996 graduate of Meredith College. She graduated from South View High School in 1992. She wants to attend graduate school and pursue her studies in psychology and geriatric counseling. She has studied piano, dance and theatre. Among her community projects are volunteering at a care center, working with Habitat for Humanity and volunteering with the N.C. Special Olympics. She was a third-place runner-up in the 1996 Miss Fayetteville pageant and first-place runner-up in the 1995 Miss Pembroke pageant. She will sing "But the World Goes Around" in the talent category.

■ Nikita Nipun Shah is a 21-year-old senior at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she is majoring in voice. The 1993 graduate of Cape Fear High School wants to be a classical singer. She has performed in international music festivals as far away as Austria. Her community service endeavors include helping the homeless. Her talent entry will be the classical vocal, "O Mio Babbino Caro."

■ Tanya Lin Simek is an 18-year-old freshman at Methodist College. She is majoring in speech pathology. She is a 1996 graduate of Westover High School. She has been involved in her community by working as a camp counselor, working in peer mediation, helping handicapped children and helping develop youth's self-esteem. She has studied voice, piano and dance. She will perform a lyrical ballet routine in the talent competition.

■ Kelly Smith is a 21-year-old graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music. She graduated from Terry Sanford High School in 1992. She is versed in voice, piano and ballet. Her community-service project is family abuse counseling. She will perform the classical song, "Quando Mein Vo," in the talent competition.

■ Natalie Danielle Tart is a 20-year-old junior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is studying dental hygiene and wants to become a dental surgeon. A 1994 graduate of Pine Forest High School, she is a gymnastics instructor at the Fayetteville YMCA and has competed in dance competitions at Disneyworld and New York City. She has developed a community-service project that motivates youth through dance. She has worked as artistic director of the Dance Theatre of Fayetteville. Tap dance will be her talent entry.

■ Liberty Ann Walsh, 20, is a freshman at Fayetteville State University. The 1994 graduate of Hibriten High School in Lenoir is majoring in elementary education. Among her community projects is teaching reading in elementary schools. She will perform the pop vocal, "Black Velvet," in the talent competition.

■ Heather Louise Wilson is a 23-year-old graduate of East Carolina University where she earned a degree in exercise and sports science. The 1991 Cape Fear High School graduate works at the Southeast Regional Hospital Cardiac Center in Lumberton. She has studied voice and piano, and works with heart patients as her community-service project. Wilson, the daughter of 1966 pageant winner Brenda Heath Wilson, will sing her own rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" in the talent category.

The pageant has been staged since the 1940s. Previous winners are Kimberly Dawn Lucas, 1996; Dena Elizabeth Briggs, 1995; Jennifer Sutton, 1994; Desiree Gail McCormick, 1993; Heidi Sue Williams, 1992; Windy Karol Spell O'Connor, 1991; Julie Kathryn Hunter Butler, 1990; Donna Blalock Meixsell, 1989; Samantha Fetters, 1988; Donna Ashley, 1987; Kim Evans Moser, 1986; Joni Bennett-Parker, 1985; Francesa Adler-Loeffke, 1984; Ellen Wiggins Calhoun, 1983; Cynthia Gentry, 1982; and Darlene Cropper in 1980.

No pageant was held in 1981.

Other queens were Marshi Forsythe, 1979; Janet Gamble, 1978; Vicki Miguel, 1977; Rhesa Hipp, 1976; Heidi Sapp Ponti, 1975; Audrey Thompson Berry, 1974; Betsy McDonald Miller, 1973; Bonnie Cox, 1972; Gail Fleck Harrington, 1971; and Vivian Webb in 1970.

Pam Zollars Garrett, 1969; Gail Robinson, 1968; Cindy Iuliucci Collins, 1967; Brenda Heath Wilson, 1966; Pat Yarborough, 1965; Samantha Townsend Fasul, 1964; Marilyn Koonce, 1963; Kris Ann Romstad, (Miss Eutaw) 1962; Pat Jones, (Miss Eutaw), 1961; and Sheila Rocque, (Miss Teen-ager of Cumberland County), 1960.

Faye Horton, 1959; Sally Pullen, 1958; Helen Young McGinley, 1957; Barbara Reynolds, 1956; Nora Crumpler, 1955; Joyce Turnage, 1954; Jean Crumpler, (Miss Fayetteville Athletic), 1951; Virginia McMillan, (Miss Fayetteville High School), 1950; Vivian White McDonald, 1947; and Kitty Norton, 1946.

# AMA Program Offers Greater Business Benefits

Beginning on Sept. 4, three new classes are being offered by Fayetteville Technical Community College in the American Management Association's (AMA) Certificate in Management Program.

"Achieving the Competitive Edge with Customer Service," "Taking Control with Time Management," and "A Manager's Guide to Human Behavior," will be offered. The fee for each course is $100, which includes all materials.

In a new development, businesses can now benefit more from the training offered by AMA by taking advantage of AMA's in-house training classes for groups of 10 or more. FTCC will customize classes for business and industry customers, making any of the 60 available course offerings available at the customer's location and at a time that's convenient.

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- *"A Manager's Guide To Human Behavior"*

Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) and the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce have been partners since 1992 in making the AMA's Certificate in Management and the advanced Certificate in Management programs available locally.

The benefits of this nationally recognized certificate program are known locally by more than 75 businesses, which have sent more than 300 employees through the program to gain new skills and update others.

From the employer's perspective, the support for the program stems from convenient staff development, reduced managerial downtime, improved employee morale and the program's cost-effectiveness.

*For more information, or to register for this fall's courses, contact Sharmon Herring, Director, Business Services at FTCC, 678-8210.*

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ANOTHER VOICE

By Melissa Clement

# *Friends' love helps artist bounce back*

On April Fool's Day in 1995, artist Tom Moore almost lost his life. He was heading north on U.S. 421 on the way to paint a portrait in Greensboro when a southbound car crossed the line and hit his car head-on. The driver of the other car was killed. Moore was pinned in his car, his right eye dangling on his cheekbone, a piece of his skull missing.

He was flown to UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill in critical condition. A shock wave went through the art community where for 14 years he has taught painting at the Fayetteville Museum of Art for Fayetteville Technical Community College.

For weeks the 55-year-old artist lay in the hospital. His memory gone, his eye damaged so badly he saw double, his ankle broken. He had lost his balance and couldn't stand or walk.

He says he met death aggressively and credits his survival to six years of karate training that left him in good physical condition, his quick reflexes and his training in the yoga of breathing. He also had good friends.

"The hospital said 200 people came to visit and those people are part of the reason I can walk and talk today," Moore says. "The love and the prayers I got from a host of people who stood by me have been a part of my healing."

### 'Rhythm and power'

With the help of Marty Martinez, his karate instructor, Moore learned balance and to walk again. He still has trouble with his ankle and has double vision and wears a patch over his right eye. Although his short-term memory is limited, he still remembers how to paint and is teaching again at the Fayetteville Museum.

Last week while teaching, Moore plunged at a canvas, smearing paint on it with the back of his hands.

"I have found a way to use my entire body rather than just my eyes since my eyes are weakened. Rhythm and power," he says.

Many of his former students no longer take his classes. One friend says some people are afraid of illness and pity. Others say his appearance is sometimes disheveled. Moore says he has offended some of his students with his frankness and lack of tact.

"At first I was a 200-pound black belt with the emotional level of a 3-year-old. I met aggression with aggression. Now I'm about 21. My wisdom is gone and my understanding of others, but I trust that I will relearn it."

### Turns to writing

Moore received an insurance settlement, but he says that was used to pay his medical bills. He has recently begun to receive aid from Social Services.

His eyes do not focus well enough to paint portraits, so he has turned to writing poems, essays and a book about his color theory. He writes a column called "Moore or Less" for the Spring Lake Times.

Depression is a problem, he says. "All my emotional memory is gone. Joy — I can't remember. Joy is just a three-letter word."

But he hasn't lost his sense of humor. At a recent party at the museum he wore a sign over his eye that said "Don't ask me unless you want a long story."

Will he ever paint again? He says: "I insist on it."

*Melissa Clement is a feature writer for the Observer-Times. Her phone number is 486-3528.*



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# Speaker dares students to err

By Gary Moss
Staff writer

Dr. Valerie Wynne-Hall was in the middle of her exit interview at Fayetteville Technical Community College when administrator Larry Norris asked her to do him one last favor: Deliver the commencement speech at summer graduation.

She felt stunned at first, she said. Then she felt honored.

Twenty-five years ago, when she graduated from a Durham high school as one of the students most likely to succeed, she was given a book called "I Dare You." She has used the book throughout her life for inspiration.

Tuesday night, Wynne-Hall dared the 312 graduates at the Cumberland County auditorium to risk making errors to reach for excellence.

"When one is pushed, tormented, defeated, he has the chance to learn something," Wynne-Hall said. "I dare you to make mistakes."

And she dared students to be enthusiastic and to believe in themselves. Enthusiasm, she said, was "that vital moving force" that propels people forward in the same way gasoline does a car.

Wynne-Hall earned her doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry in 1979. In 1983, she joined FTCC's dental department after serving at the Cumberland County Health Department as the director of the dental program.

A year after she was named FTCC's Teacher of the Year, she left the position to open her own dentist's office in Hope Mills.

**Dental assistant student** Ernestine Carthon, right, hugs her mentor and teacher, Dr. Valerie Wynne-Hall, on stage at the FTCC graduation ceremonies at Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium.

Staff photo by Chris Hondros

# FTCC lists graduates

The following students have graduated from Fayetteville Technical Community College:

Denise Almaraz, Stacey Leigh Ambrose, Melissa Renee Bagwell, Michael Stephen Bolan, Martin W. Bridges, Craig Thomas Brooks, Peggy Ann Brown, Susan C. Brown, Melissa Kae Byus-Altheide, Carlos Carabello, Thomas James Carey, Tamwina Luecinda Daniels, Gilberto Delgado Jr., Tracy Lynn DiPenti, Sarah Janette Ditty, Charles F. (Chad) Durham, Christine A. East, Amy Beth Faircloth, Christy Garcia, Regina M. Greening, Eva-Marie Kristel Hall, Angela Renee Hast, Tracey Vernice Hinton, Sharon Francis Holmes, Barbara Neres Hubbard, Ella L. Jones, Pauline Jenni King, Judith Ann Kowalski, Alishia Sullivan Landis, James Alexander Lastowski, Melissa Rebecca Lawrence, Victoria B. Lee, Ileana Silva Llanos, Marciarose Long, Lisa Ilona Bragg Lourey, Shirley Turner McDowell, Marco Lourvrico McNeill, Jessie J. McPherson, Lea Anne Parrish, Mary Kay Kristine Pazdernik, Cristiana Rosa Piccinni, In Sok Powell.

Catherine Nancy Quire, Elaine M. Reynolds, Joan T. Riley, Ronald W. Ritchie, Sheri Renee Rivera, Tischa Renae Ross, Dwayne Edward Rugg, Natasha E. Session, Christy Machelle Sessoms, Corie Ann Sias, Scott Robert Sinnett, Duane P. Smith, Anna Rich Staff, Christopher Lee Strain, Karen M. Swenor, Gina Marie Thornton, Do Thi Bich Thuy, Senhorinha M. Tudor, Julia M. Hylton Watson, John Linwood Williams, Jennifer Freeman Wilson, Amy Renee Woodburn, Kineiko Deanna Woodson, Debra M. Yeatts, Shawna Marie Zimmerman, Stacey Leigh Ambrose, Melissa K. Byus-Altheide, Janette Lee Current, Amy Teresa Dewey, Jeanne Marie Finney, Debra Gersh, Staci McCracken Knight, Lisa Ilona Bragg Lourey, Jeffrey M. McClements, Lea Anne Parrish, Mary Kay Kristine Pazdernik, Dwayne Edward Rugg, Vernon Louis Stocks, Julia M. Watson, Shawna Marie Zimmerman.

David C. Akins, Marcus Dwayne Allen, John Stanley Barnett, Edward Robert Bennett, Juanita Powers Bennett, Audrey Konyha Berry, Gloria Jean Bethea, Sarah Jean Williams Blocker, George R. Bohanon II, Scott Jay Brooks, Veronica A. Brooks, Johane Leilani Angela Canon, Richard E. Cartwright, Dorothy Lea Cole, Bruce K. Coleman, Kimberly Cross-Norton, John James Daigle, Ramona J. DeWitt, Stephanie R. Eaglin, Maurice Antonio Evans, Ronnie Gail Falcon, Marc F. Galbraith, Charles T. Guy, Vicky L. Hair, Hubert Harwood Halstead, William Michael Hand, David Maurice Hartsfield, Tonya E. Jackson, Phadre D. Johnson, Robert M. Johnson, Charles L. Kenney Jr., Gregory D. Keff, Bobby J. Key, Jonathan Alan Kresh, Shelly Marie Lantz, Joseph Patrick Lister, Tommy L. Love Jr., Gwendolyn T. McCoy, Scarlet Rose McIntyre, Sonya Lisette McMillan, Sylvester Moore, Victoria B. Lee, Angel Luis Morales, Robert Opsitnick Jr.

Richard Anthony Romano, Linda Hiser Schmidt, Ronald Anthony Seldon, Salvoties Smith, Thomas J. Sorensen, Michael Wade Stover, James E. Streeter, Randall R. Surles, Ernest Keo Tabata, Jimmy Lawrence Tharpe, James E. Trabert, Lamonte Bryant Tyler, Vaneta Jo Vaughn, David Velez, Douglas Marc Vidakovich, Jackie LaVonzell Wilds, Georgia Anne Willett, Danny Leon Williams, Peter Sean deRegt, Sherry Andrea Choate, Amy Fuller Connors, Kathleen Lola Gambrell, Diane Hall Gillespie, Dawn M. Keeler, Janice Renee King, Lissa Ann Krantz, Sue Listenberger, Donna Horne Quiles, Harold Eugene Schmidt, Joy W. Thrash, Jean L. Tillman, Tammy White, Venesta W. White, Beverley L. Young-Lammie, Iris M. Amero, Patricia Long Beasley, Holly C. Boudreaux, Tonya Michelle Bunnell, Jennifer Reena Elixson, Jacquelyn V. Harris Gore.

John Marc Bagwell, Jamie Alan Bowden, Clayton Lee Brown, James Harvey Brown, Arthur Garrett, Fredie Wayne Honeycutt, Harry Lawrence Jr., Robert Lepoleon Leak, Kenneth Ray McKinzie, James Oscar McPhaul, James W. Neal, Miguel A. Perez, Winston A. Simmons, Larry Kenneth Turbeville, Anthony L. Watson, Shelia Denise Dawson, Ronald Chadwick Farmer, Robert B. Folwell II, Michelle Lyn Huggins, Allyn David Kline, Jeanne M. Rockwell, Phillip Mark Rodriguez, Kathleen D. Rogers, Renee White Beal, June Powell Biggs, Alicia Lynn Bullard, Lisa Dawn Carpenter, Georgina Mongeur Cervantes, Sandra H. Chipman, Cindy Elaine Colon, Tracy A. Crable, Kelly Riley Dennis, Julie Ford Dixon, Amanda Bailey Doherty, Sandra I. Elias, Gina Michele Engler, Sharon Ann Everett, Bernadine Decastro Galang, Teresa M. Gwin, Lyda Jenee Hagan, Sherry

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# Small Business Center gives risk-takers a net

## Community college assistance to entrepreneurs is free

By Jay Woodard
Staff writer

People starting businesses often aren't sure which they need more of, knowledge or emotional support.

Tracy Walczak, proprietor of Second Childhood in Fayetteville, finds both at the Small Business Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

"There's such a wide variety of people in the classes," she said. "A lot of active-duty military who are thinking of transitioning out and doing something else.

"Most people there are trying to do something else so they're friendly and supportive of each other. Because it's a risk to go out on your own."

The center helped Walczak set up her consignment shop for children's and teen-age clothes.

Giving this kind of help is the center's mission. "We assist would-be and established business owners to improve their success rate," said Charles Koonce, director. The center opened in September 1994.

He said 80 percent of all businesses fail in three or four years. The center wants to make the path smoother for entrepreneurs.

"The staff helps people to find whatever information they need," Walczak said. "They're friendly and upbeat and I really encourage anyone who's going into business or needs help with a business to go to them."

In addition to its free classes and seminars, the center has numerous publications and videos. "If someone wants to come in and just browse, there's a lot of print material here," Koonce said. It has computer links with 51 other centers.

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**Tracy Walczak,** proprietor of Second Childhood in Fayetteville, says the small-business center at FTCC helped her get started in business.

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

## Center

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It also has Monroe Evans. A management consultant for 40 years, Evans donates his Tuesdays to the center. He is available for free individual consulting.

A Vass couple sought the center's help in getting a fish farm started.

Alton and Marion Tinney plan to raise tilapia. "It was originally an African fish that was hybridized in Israel," she said. "It's supposed to be the fish Jesus fed the multitudes with," she said. They plan later to raise fresh-water shrimp.

Tinney and his wife took the center's REAL course. REAL stands for Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning and is sponsored by NC REAL Enterprises, a nonprofit organization in Durham.

Larry Lancaster is the REAL adviser. "He really gets you motivated," said Marion Tinney, office manager for Elk Spinners of Hope Mills.

The FTCC catalog lists 20 courses and seminars for this fall. Among them are record keeping for the small business, small-business financing and marketing.

Second Childhood's Walczak sees not only value in these courses but the additional help of talking to people who've made the plunge.

"There's no substitute for sitting in a class with a veteran who's been there," she said. "To get into business, you have to be self-motivated, but it helps to have a support group. They do a really good job of it at the center."

*The center is at 2801 Fort Bragg Road, adjacent to the YMCA. Its telephone number is 678-8462.*

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# A Chance To Live

***For organ transplant candidates,*** *the wait for a donor can be a long, grueling ordeal.*

**By Larry Bingham**
Staff writer

Hollis Richardson is asleep when the telephone rings.

His wife is thinking about going to bed, but she's waiting until 10:15 to take her hormone medication. You can't take it on an empty stomach so she is opening the refrigerator and getting out the ice cream when the telephone rings.

It's Duke. There's a donor.

Cecile Richardson is calling their son and she is rushing through the den and down the hall to the bedroom on the end. "Get up!" she is saying. "Hollis! Get up!"

Hollis is awake and telling her not to fuss with her hair and she never does but he says this every time they call and their son is here and he is getting the suitcases from the closet.

They are out the door and in the Honda and driving up Interstate 95 in the left lane with the hazard lights blinking and they are passing cars and the countryside is a blur and they are going as fast as they can to Duke University Medical Center.

Someone has died. Hollis Richardson has a chance to live.

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For 21 years, Hollis has been dying.

He didn't know it until two years ago, when his wife talked him into seeing a doctor. Hollis was always the kind of man who was never sick, never much of a complainer and never much liked doctors.

Until now, there has been little out of the ordinary about his life.

**Doctors couldn't explain** the shortness of breath or dizziness until a heart specialist noticed Richardson's hands.

Hollis worked with his hands. With them, he installed telephone lines in business offices, he taught electrical maintenance at Fayetteville Technical Community College, he raised four children and he ran a trailer park behind the Gray's Creek fire station on N.C. 87.

Hollis retired in 1987. He started having problems breathing. He felt dizzy. A heart specialist

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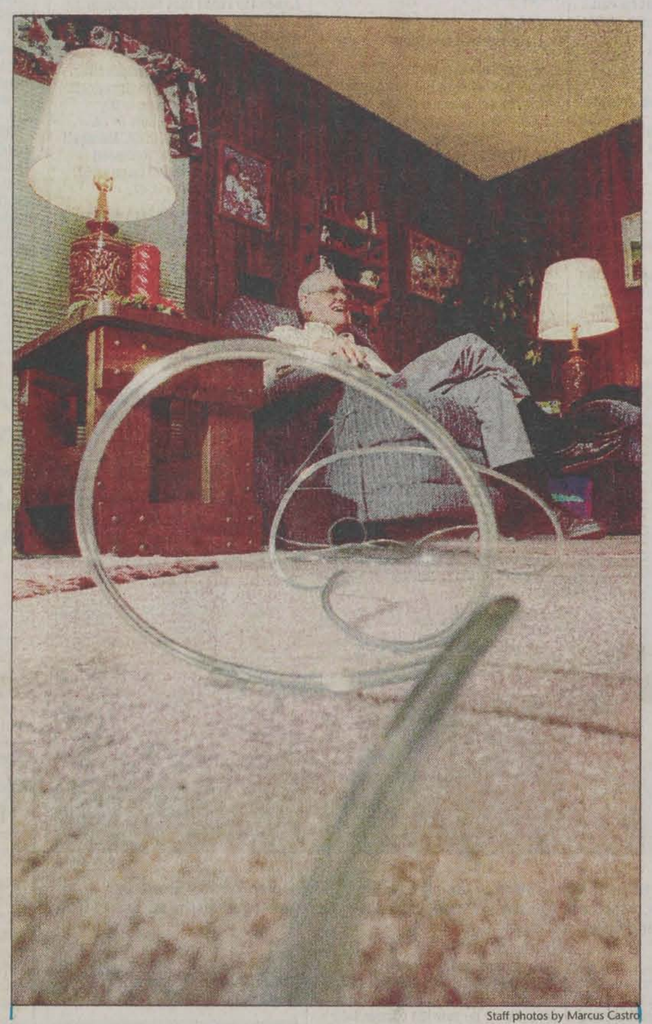

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**The plastic tube** that snakes through Hollis Richardson's home in Gray's Creek keeps oxygen flowing into his lungs.

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LARRY CHEEK

# *Nonreader had tough time revealing secret*

The person about whom this column is written does not want me to use her name, and in that reluctance is a sad message. After all, she's done nothing shameful, criminal or even a little bit illegal. But she is still embarrassed, because for most of her life she has been unable to read beyond a fifth-grade level.

I let her choose a name. She decided on Betty, then told me her story.

People who cannot read are caught in a double dilemma. Their inability to read is in itself a handicap. And the shame that drives them to keep this inability a secret imposes its own set of problems.

Betty, a military child, bounced from school to school when she was young. She would copy her smart friends' papers and do everything she could to avoid being called on in class.

A teacher at a school for American military dependents in Germany picked up on her problem when she was in the sixth grade, and placed her in a reading class. But that was near the end of the year, and she resumed her invisibility in the seventh grade the next fall.

She would cry in bed, and pray God to keep her teachers from calling on her to read aloud. Then, in 1970, she celebrated the happiest moment of her life when she graduated from a Cumberland County high school.

### Problems persisted

She may have thought her troubles were over. They weren't. Her reading problems (she was told that she is dyslexic) knocked her out of the nursing program at Fayetteville Tech. And they continued to plague her during the next 20 years while she held a supervisory job at a manufacturing plant.

In management classes she memorized what was said because she couldn't take notes.

Her superiors would give her paperwork to read to her employees. She'd get another member of her team to do it.

She would take personnel reviews of her employees home for her daughter to fill in.

She would even call her mother to ask how words were spelled.

Betty finally told her bosses about her reading problem, but things only got worse, she says.

"I felt like my head was going to explode," she said. "I was crying every day."

So, in 1994, she left the company.

Early in this decade, Betty ran into money troubles. She went to a debt consultant and at some point signed something. She doesn't know what, because she couldn't read it, and she didn't ask for a copy.

"The person apparently borrowed $40,000 against 13 acres of land I owned," Betty said. "She left town and the bank wanted the money. I didn't have 40,000 cents, much less 40,000 dollars."

She says the land was worth over $100,000. You don't have to tell her she did something stupid, but when you can't read and you're ashamed to admit it, you sign, and ask no questions.

### 'Read, read, read'

In 1994, Betty talked to a woman in her neighborhood who was a tutor in the Fayetteville Urban Ministry's Adult Reading Program.

She admitted her problem and has been a student in the urban ministry program ever since. This year, she has already read 85 books.

"I was my own worst enemy," Betty said. "Not anymore."

Betty's children are 27, 19 and 18 years old. Early on, she bought them books on tape and each Saturday she took them to the library.

"I would tell them to 'read, read, read,' " she said. "They all became straight-A students."

September is Literacy Month. To mark the moment, the urban ministry reading program will hold a reception at the Cumberland County Library this Saturday at 2 in the afternoon.

The public is welcome.

*Larry Cheek's column appears Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. His phone number is 486-3583.*

# Floyd event set Oct. 18-19

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**By Jim Pettit**
Assistant sports editor

Marlene Floyd has a high goal as plans take shape for the second charity golf tournament bearing her name.

And she has a motto in mind as well.

This year's Sprint/360 Communications Marlene Floyd Invitational weekend is set for Oct. 18-19, the 18-hole captain's choice golf tournament to be held on Saturday at King's Grant. The pre-tournament charity dinner and sports auction is planned for the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center on Friday night.

Last year's inaugural event produced $28,000 for the main recipients, Fayetteville Technical Community College's scholarship fund and the American Red Cross disaster relief fund.

This year, Floyd hopes to reach $60,000 after expenses. To help focus on that goal, she suggests the motto: "Helping our community in mind and body."

Fayetteville Tech represents the mind. And, in the aftermath of Hurrican Fran, the Red Cross connection with the body isn't difficult to understand.

"Hurricane Fran has reminded us all that help can't wait amd the importance of emergency relief through the American Red Cross," tournament director David Hays said. "There is a great philanthropic value in what we are doing, as Marlene said, 'supporting our community in mind and body.' People need us. Not later. Not eventually. Right now."

Entry fee is again $250 per player, which includes golf, gift package, on-course lunch and refreshments, and two tickets to the Australian Outback theme Friday night dinner (sponsored and prepared by Outback Steakhouse). The sports and entertainment memorabilia auction will follow immediately after the dinner.

Musician/entertainer Travis Butler will again perform at this year's banquet. On Saturday, golf trick shot artist Charlie Foster will present an exhibition following the conclusion of tournament play.

Tournament format is ABCD captain's choice. Individual entries will be drawn to form teams. Companies or players may enter as foursomes with no handicap restrictions.

For entry forms or information, call Hank Hutaff at Hutaff-Johnson Real Estate, 484-2626.



# *Smith Receives Award of Honor*

Congratulations are in order for Bob Smith, CEO of National Career Centers who was awarded the 1997 Award of Honor. This prestigious award was given to Mr. Smith by the Miss Fayetteville Scholarship Pageant Association. The Award of Honor was bestowed to Mr. Smith for the 30 years of service and support he has given to both the Miss Fayetteville and Miss America programs.

Mr. Smith's involvement with the Miss Fayetteville Pageant began in 1965 as he was chairman for the pageant for 4 consecutive years. His service and support has continued throughout to present day and has led him to a seat on the Board of Governors for the Miss North Carolina pageant and North Carolina's supporting representative for the Miss America Pageant.

Chairman of the Cumberland County Civic Center Board of Commissioners, Mr. Smith has enthusiastically expressed his support for the construction of the new coliseum. He has warmly extended an invitation to the Miss North Carolina Pageant to hold their event in the new coliseum following it's opening in the fall of 1997.

Bob Smith also serves on the Board of Directors for Fayetteville Technical Community College as well as other committees throughout Fayetteville and Cumberland County.

On behalf of our community, we wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation for Bob Smith's hard work and dedication as we congratulate him on receiving the Miss Fayetteville Scholarship Pageant's 1997 Award of Honor.

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## Computer glitch fixed in college sign-up

People prevented from registering for fall classes at Fayetteville Technical Community College due to a computer problem will get a second chance to do so.

Courses will be offered on the college's main campus over an eight-week period, starting Oct. 21. All classes will be held on Friday nights or Saturdays.

Detailed information about course offerings and registration times will be announced in newspaper and radio advertisements, said college spokesman Barb Copeland.

A malfunctioning computer forced registrars to turn people away on Aug. 26 and 27. When the computer still was not operating by Aug. 28, registrars started enrolling students by hand.

The college scheduled makeup registration days on Sept. 5 and 6, but Hurricane Fran blew out those plans.

Larry Norris, vice president of academic affairs, said 96 fewer students are enrolled this fall than last fall.

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# Resignation renews character issue

**Dick Morris:** A story about an affair with a prostute gives Republicans a newopic.

**WASHINGTON** (AP) — Republicans found renewed energy, and Democrats renewed worries, after a sex scandal singed President Clinton's top political adviser. The issue threatened to revive lingering voter misgivings about the president's character.

"The story is going to be at least a sidebar for a while, and who knows what else it unearths?" said Ben Wattenberg, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

Americans already have heard much about the ethical scrapes of Clinton and those in his inner political circle over the years, he said. "Any additional feeding of it breathes life into that fire again."

After the news broke Thursday that Clinton adviser Dick Morris was resigning over a story of an indiscreet yearlong relationship with a prostitute, GOP nominee Bob Dole told a supporter: "It says something about who you surround yourself with, doesn't it?" Dole said no more after he noticed a microphone nearby.

Another analyst, Jeffrey Goldfarb of the New School for Social Research in New York, said he thought the tempest would soon be exhausted.

"It's just a little more of the questionable moral noise that surrounds the Clinton administration," Goldfarb said. "Two weeks from now, there will be at most a vague memory that such a thing happened."

Whatever the fallout on the character issue, Clinton finds himself without a key adviser just as the campaign begins in earnest.

### 'A setback'

"Obviously, when you lose a strategist ... it's a setback," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.

McCurry said Clinton had telephoned Morris late Thursday, before delivering his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention. Vice President Al Gore and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton also had called Morris "to check in and see how he was doing," McCurry said.

Wattenberg noted that Morris was the architect of a television advertising campaign outside the major markets that brought Clinton's poll numbers up earlier this year, making it possible for the party to raise nearly as much money as the Republicans.

"Morris had perfect pitch on certain issues," he said. "Who, remaining in the White House, will have that ear, and be attuned to deal with really difficult questions?"

The 48-year-old consultant quit his campaign post Thursday after revelations of a yearlong affair with former prostitute Sherry Rowlands, 42, of Lake Ridge, Va.

The relationship was disclosed in lurid detail after Rowlands sold her story to the supermarket tabloid the Star for an undisclosed sum between $12,000 and $50,000. The article, due on newsstands next week, includes photos of the pair taken after Rowlands led Morris onto the balcony of his hotel suite. The story was picked up by the New York Post.

# Perot mulls running mate selection

*Analysts think that potential candidates for vice president may hesitate to join the Reform Party leader's ticket.*

**DALLAS** (P) — Ross Perot continues to roll over his choice of running mate for November's election, but finding a volunteer for his Reform Party ticket may pose a problem.

Some analysts say potential candidates may be reluctant to join his campaign.

Bruce Buchanan, a University of Texas political scientist and longtime Perot watcher, says the Texas billionaire has been perceived as a "misfit" ever since his presidential run in 1992.

"It has made him something of a pariah," said Buchanan, adding that some people perceive Perot to be overbearing. "Nobody wants to be subordinated to a guy that's perceived as quirky, unpredictable and flaky."

While a mainstream politician would be an ideal candidate, pundits say, finding one is the rub.

"I think it may be difficult to find a well-known running mate. Mr. Perot is going to be so dominant in any relationship it will be difficult to convince any politician they have anything to gain by being his subordinate," said Earl Black, a political scientist at Rice University. "It's moderately embarrassing if no one wants to sign on, but I'm sure he can find a employee who will do it."

**Perot**

Former Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm, who was Perot's opponent in the Reform Party primary, must be excluded from any potential list, given that he has said he not only has no interest, but won't even support the Texas billionaire.

Perot's spokeswoman Sharon Holman said Perot is taking his time to make his choice and that she expects an announcement after Labor Day. Perot accepted the party's nomination on Aug. 18.

# Majority of delegates prefer Gore in 2000

## Geplardt, Mrs. Clinton trail in survey

**CHICGO** (AP) — Al Gore is the overwhelming preference for the Deocratic presiential nomingon next time around, with to out of three lelegates at the party's onvetion saying e's their nan r 2000.

**Gore**

Noody else ven ame close n arAssociated Press survey.

Ro. Richard Gephardt, the redairl St. Louis congressman who vou become speaker of the House if Democrats manage to regain conol of the House in November, wa Gore's closest — but distant — riv:

hird place, surprisingly engh, went to Hillary Rodham Clton, a sentimental favorite of miy of those who attended this wk's convention, especially anng women delegates.

She's smart as a whip, articula, a caring mother, devoted wife ar a forward-thinking woman," sa delegate Julia Peck Mobley, a bk executive af vice chairnn of the Demratic Party in Kansas, where rs. Clinton has any friends om her days in e governor's ansion.

**Mrs. Clinton**

Added a Misuri delegate, icky Abernathy: "She's just as ualified as any man."

AP reporters reached 2,679 of the 4,320 delegates, more than 62 percent. A sizable number of delegates reserved judgment or said it was too early to have a favorite.

Of those willing to express an opinion, 77 percent supported Gore.

A similar survey during the Republican convention in San Diego earlier this month found vice presidential nominee Jack Kemp the popular choice for the GOP nomination in 2000. In a survey four years earlier, Kemp was also the favorite.

Kemp was favored by 43 percent of delegates who participated, followed by retired Gen. Colin Powell with 6 percent and conservative firebrand Pat Buchanan with 5 percent. Former Vice President Dan Quayle trailed with support from less than 2 percent.

**Gephardt**

Here, Gore was favored by 1,742 delegates — more than 65 percent of those who took part in the survey. Gephardt drew support from 150, less than 4 percent, and that included a big block from Missouri. Mrs. Clinton drew support from 50 delegates.

Gore seemed to have helped himself with his forceful speech to the convention Wednesday night. "He's one of the sharpest knives in the drawer," said delegate Elizabeth Ready of Bristol, Vt.

"Al Gore is becoming more a crowd-pleaser," said Herb Mabry, who heads the AFL-CIO in Georgia. "But that stiff image doesn't hurt him with folks."

# Dole news pool excludes Fox from coverage

**NEW YORK** (AP) — ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC have blackballed Fox News cameras from the press pool covering the Dole campaign, a Fox news executive said Friday.

"We offended them by being a competitor," said Kim S. Hume, deputy bureau chief for Fox News' Washington bureau. "We're going to be a 24-hour news channel, and they don't want another outsider coming in."

Hume, a 14-year veteran of ABC's "World News Tonight" newscast, said the four news organizations voted during the Democratic National Convention to exclude the Fox news service, Fox News Edge, from the Dole pool.

Under the pool arrangement, ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC take turns covering Dole in situations where there is limited access or limited space. With one camera in place, the responsible network distributes video to other pool members.

The four TV pool members, who chair the pool on a monthly, rotating basis, voted to exclude Fox because they "did not believe we would be capable of transmitting the material we shot in a way that was acceptable to them," Hume said. "That is ridiculous."

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found nothing wrong until he asked to see Hollis's hands.

Finger clubbing, the doctor called it.

Hollis never gave it much thought, but the tips of his fingers had grown rounder and spread out under his nails like someone had flattened them with a hammer.

Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, the doctor said.

Idiopathic means unknown origin. Pulmonary means having to do with the lungs. Fibrosis refers to the tiny tissue cysts that since 1974 had cropped up and disappeared but left his lungs shrunken and as brittle as aluminum foil, unable to stretch and fill with oxygen.

There is no known cause, the doctor said.

There is no cure.

This disease is fatal.

Hollis was on the examining room table when he heard this. He was alone with the doctor until Cecile came in from the waiting room and saw he had broken out in hives he was so much in shock.

He cried. She cried. The children got upset and for a time, nobody talked much about it.

But the disease is fatal, the doctor said.

Hollis tried steroids and immunosuppressants. They didn't help. He tried to stay busy. Hollis is the kind of man who could fix anything and now he tries to accept the reality that 63 years may be all he gets.

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In the two years since Hollis was diagnosed, he has been attached by the nose to a machine that feeds him two liters of oxygen every minute. Lately, he's been turning the dial to four.

Hollis knows his condition is getting worse.

It was one of his twin daughters who suggested the transplant.

Teresa, the one who cuts hair at Highland Hair Styling, knew a man who has been waiting for a lung. She met him when he was waiting for a hair cut.

Your daddy is crazy if he doesn't try it, the man said.

It's the only chance your daddy's got.

A few months later, Hollis made up his mind.

"You do what you can to last as long as you can."

He thinks of this when he wakes up and sees daylight again and it doesn't matter if it's sunny or rainy or whatever. He thinks about this every time one of his "grandbabies" climbs up his recliner, sits in his lap and calls him Poppy.

And he thinks about this while he waits for the telephone to ring.

"If there's a way he can beat this thing, he will," Teresa said. "He is one of the strongest people I have ever met, even if he is my dad, and if he gets in his heart and mind that he can do something, in this case, live, then he can do it."

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The wait began July 18, 1995.

To get on the lung waiting list at Duke University Medical Center, Hollis lost 50 pounds and three days of his life in a hospital room undergoing kidney tests, blood work, EKGs, X-rays, stress tests, treadmills, heart catheterizations, height and weight measurements that lasted so long it seemed every time they wheeled him back to the room, somebody was waiting with a needle.

Hollis goes back every three months. He must stay fit enough to endure four hours of surgery in which the life of another person will be lifted from an ice bucket and placed into his chest.

What Hollis needs is a lung.

Specifically, he needs a lung classified as a size small, a right lung that measures 18 centimeters, or a left one that is 19.5 centimeters, as long as it is blood type O Positive.

Fourteen months is longer than the usual wait of one year, but when you deal with life and death, averages don't matter, said Cindy Lawrence.

Lawrence is the organ coordinator, the voice on the other end of the telephone the three times Hollis has been called.

She says the same thing: she introduces herself, explains she has a possible donor and tells Hollis to drive safely, but get to Duke as soon as he can.

The first call came at 2 a.m. on a Saturday morning, May 2. The second call came at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, July 27. Cecile was vaccuuming and Hollis was outside and they were at Duke in less than two hours.

She is allowed to tell him the race, sex, age and cause of death of the donor, but Hollis or Cecile or the kids have never really wanted to know.

They've talked about it, with Damon driving and Hollis in the passenger seat with his portable oxygen tank and Cecile in the back, but they've never wanted to know much about the dying.

They say a prayer for the family on the other end of another call.

Hollis calls these trips to Duke "dry runs."

At Duke, someone is making a dry run almost once a week. One hundred people are waiting. Nine of them have died on the waiting list this year.

Every time Lawrence calls, there is an emergency room waiting for Hollis.

The floor intern is called, and admission orders are drawn. The X-ray technicians are alerted. The blood bank is called. The anesthesiologists are on their way, the surgeons are preparing an operating room and the "harvest team" doc-

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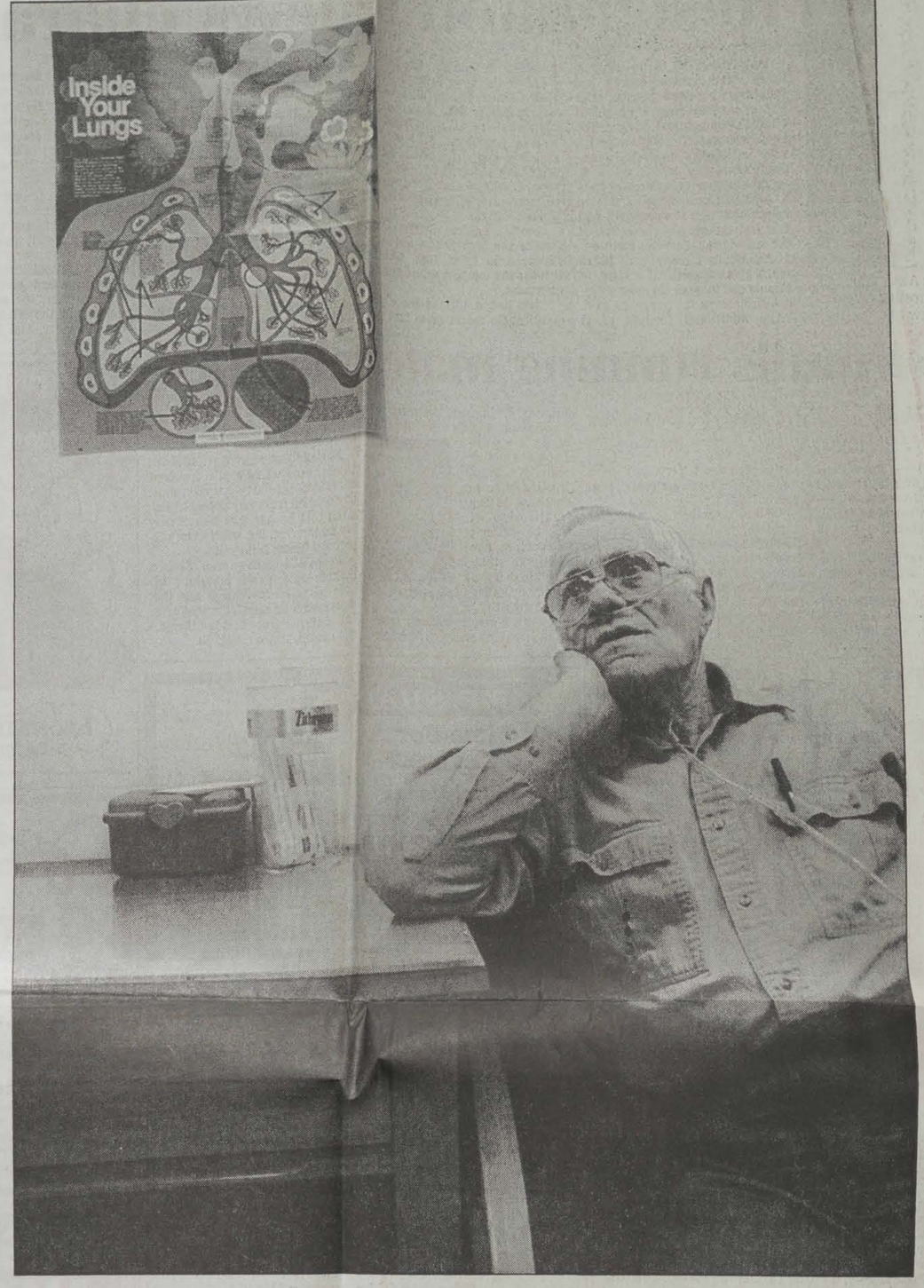


**A trip to Duke Medical Center** brings more waiting for Richardson.

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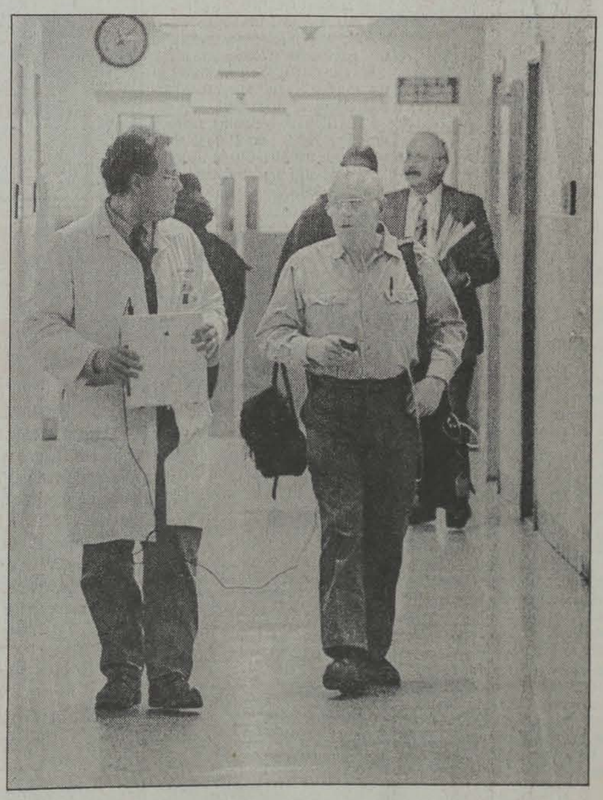
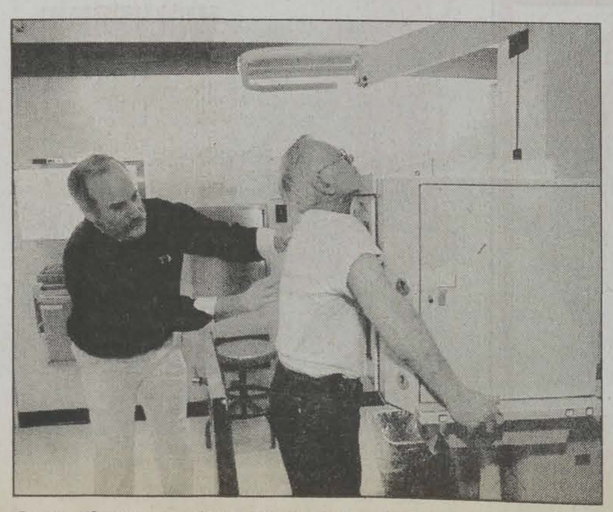


**Dr. Daniel T. Laylsh,** left, monitors Richardson's breathing rate as they walk down a hallway at Duke Medical Center.



**George Cherny,** a radiologist at Duke, positions Richardson for a chest X-ray.

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tors are at the donor site.

The first time Hollis was called, the one thing between him and a second chance was a gurney ride to the operating room. It was Lawrence who delivered the news.

The lung was not transplantable.

Lungs are the most fragile of the transplant organs. They are the organs most likely to succumb to pneumonia on a respirator.

The second time Lawrence called, Hollis and Cecile and Damon arrived at the ER and the receptionist handed Hollis the telephone. Lawrence was on the other end. More bad news.

The lung was no good.

Lawrence has explained that there is a narrow window: A lung should be transplanted within four hours; no more than eight.

The good news, she says, is every time she calls it is a reminder that Hollis is top of the list and next in line.

The third time Duke called, it was Aug. 15 and not quite 10:15.

Hollis had already gone to bed and the telephone woke him. His heart nearly hit the roof.

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Of all the organ transplant surgeries at Duke today, the lung operation is the most complex, says Dr. Victor Tapson, head of the pulmonary transplant team.

Duke started doing lung transplants in 1992. The organs are the most at risk of going bad, and the most at risk of catching an infection once the organ has been transplanted.

Tapson says even after surgery, there are no guarantees.

Lungs are the only transplant organs exposed to the outside. Every time the body breathes, there is exposure to dust and the threat of infection.

At Duke, the survival rate after a lung transplant is 90 percent the first year. After three to five years, the survival rate drops to 50 to 60 percent.

If Hollis Richardson does not receive a lung, the disease will kill him.

Dying has meant that Hollis has gotten closer to God.

It means he says things to his four grown children, things like "I love you" and "I'm proud of you."

It means the Coachman — with the queen-sized bed, the TV and the microwave — that he bought the year before he was diagnosed is parked in the driveway collecting pine straw.

It means he knows there are two stop signs and a traffic light between home and Duke.

Cecile said she wonders sometimes if your life is planned for you, and sometimes she gets upset, and when she does she runs from the den to the kitchen and wipes her eyes with a paper towel.

Cecile and Hollis have been married for 34 years.

In the evolution over the past 14 months, Teresa said she sees in her mother a change: Cecile is more independent. Cecile is strong.

Cecile and Hollis have lived together long enough to recognize subtle changes. She knows he's depressed if he snaps at her. She knows he's having a bad day when he gets quiet.

Most of their days are not as dramatic as the days they rush to Duke.

They wait for something to happen. Hollis stays out of crowds to avoid catching a cold. They don't go far from the house in Gray's Creek in case Duke calls.

Wherever he goes in the house, there is 100 feet of plastic tubing running from his nose down the hall into one of the kids' old bedrooms to an oxygen machine that makes so much noise it drives him crazy any closer. He stays busy fixing things, working with his hands, when he feels able.

The wait is hardest from 5 p.m. until midnight. The tension is worst on weekends and holidays, when car wrecks are more likely and the chance for a donor seems imminent.

Teresa has been asked if this is creepy, this waiting for someone to die, and her answer is this: People die every day. You hope when they die they're a donor.

Dying has built a friendship between Hollis and a man across town.

Hollis and James Barefoot have the wait in common and little else. Hollis is 63 and Barefoot is 55. Hollis has pulmonary fibrosis, Barefoot has emphysema. Hollis needs a small lung, Barefoot needs a large.

Teresa introduced them.

"We know what we go through and it's nerve-racking and when you're on your way back home, when you've missed a lung, that's when it hits you," Barefoot says.

Sometimes they talk once a week. Sometimes they talk every other day.

They know it's not over even if the transplant comes.

"This is not an easy operation so we know, he knows and I know, that we've only got a certain chance we'll come out of that operating room, but if we can get that second chance, well, that's the bottom line."

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It is around midnight when the Honda turns into the Emergency Room parking lot at Duke University Medical Center.

It is 12 hours later, around 10 in the morning, when a doctor comes into the room where Hollis is waiting.

Hollis can't remember the doctor's name. He's been here all night, been through the EKG, the heart catheterization, the tests, the blood bank, the shower with antibacterial soap. He's been given the rejection medicine. He signed the forms.

Hollis is one step from the operating room when the doctor says the lung has gone bad.

I'm sorry, the doctor is saying.

Maybe next time, the doctor says.

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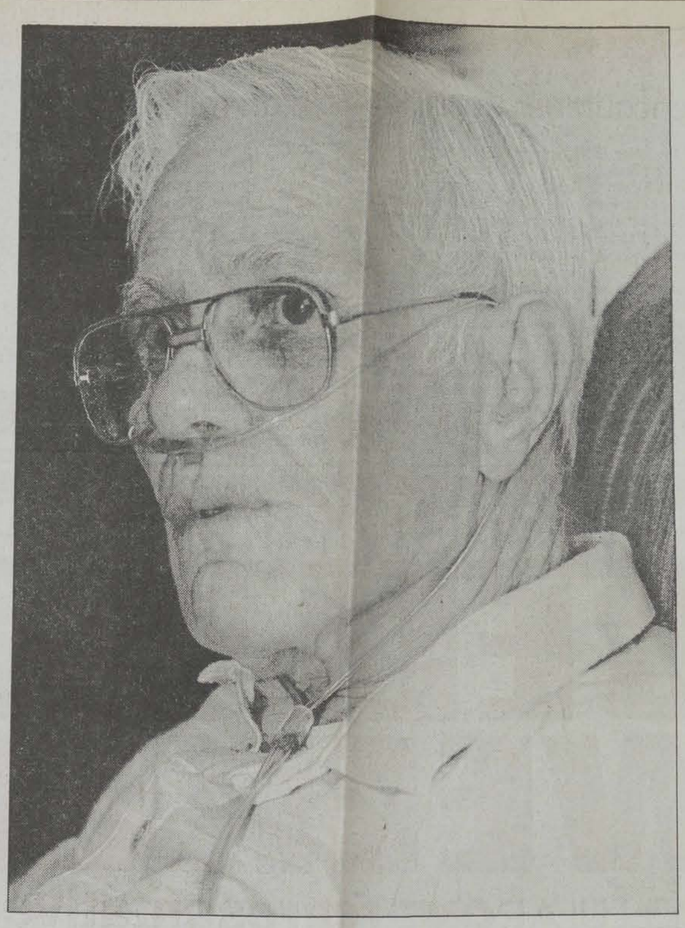
*Hollis Richardson was hospitalized Thursday night for severe pains in his upper right lung. He was taken by ambulance from Cape Fear Valley Medical Center to Duke, where he was under evaluation Friday night.*



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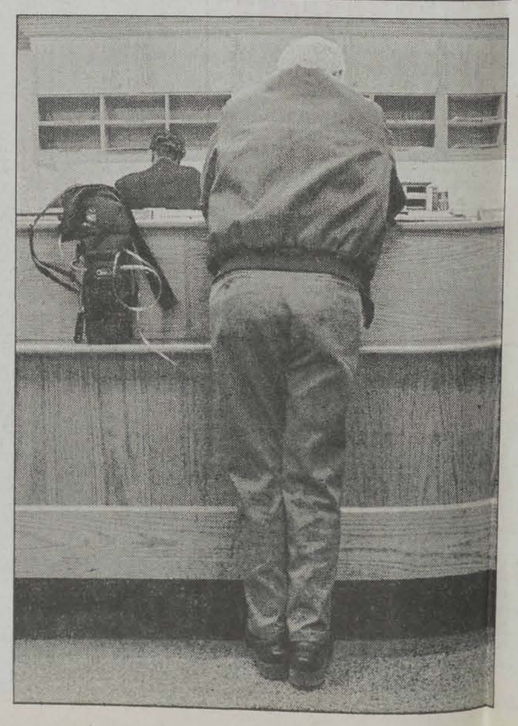
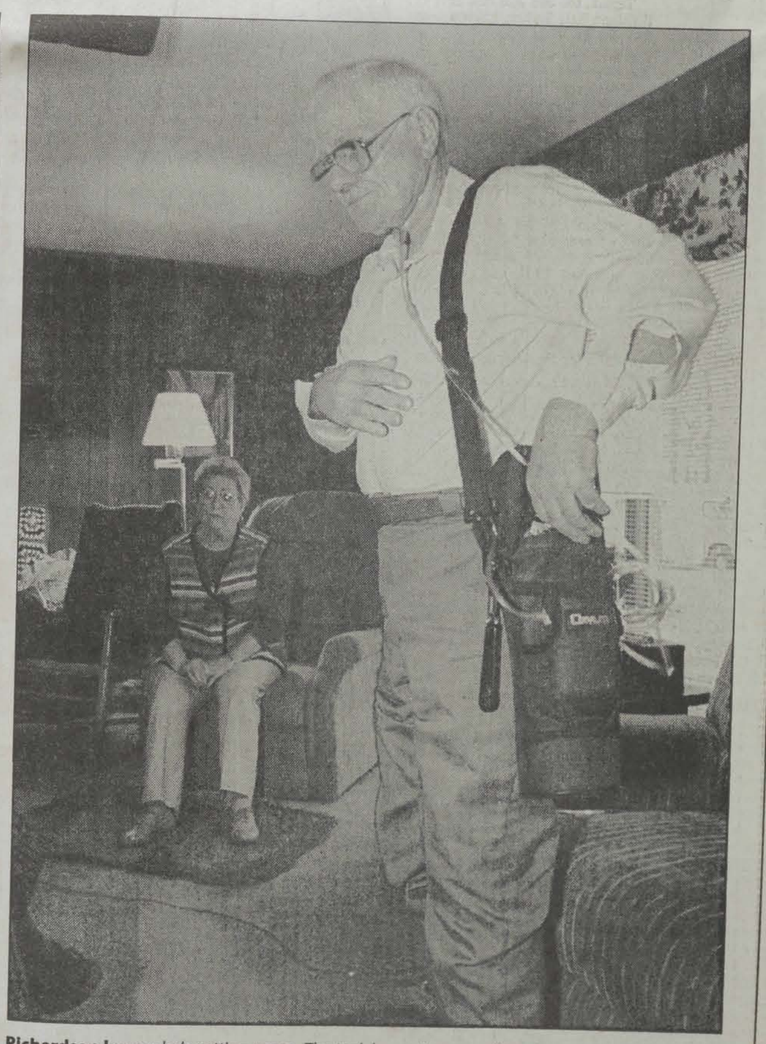


**Richardson, above, uses a golf cart** to travel around his property in Gray's Creek. Right, Richardson steadies himself during another long wait at Duke.



**Richardson knows** he's getting worse. The tank he carries was adjusted to deliver two liters of oxygen to his lungs every minute, now he needs four.

# Dissident calls for U.S. troop war

## Islamic militant supporter encourages guerrilla attacks on military

**NICOSIA, Cyprus** (AP) — A wealthy Saudi Arabian dissident has called on his supporters to begin a guerrilla war against U.S. troops to drive them out of the country, a newspaper said Friday.

The paper said it received a letter from Osama bin Laden saying it was the "legitimate right" of Saudis to strike at the roughly 5,000 American servicemen and women in Saudi Arabia, even though they have been invited by King Fahd, the country's monarch.

Al-Quds Al-Arabi, an Arabic-language newspaper in London, said it would publish the 12-page letter from bin Laden today. The newspaper faxed excerpts of the letter to The Associated Press in Nicosia, but refused to send the full text.

The State Department earlier this month described bin Laden as "one of the most significant financial sponsors" of extremist Islamic activities.

Bin Laden has generally been viewed as a behind-the-scenes bankroller of militant Islamic movements rather than someone who controls his own group. The letter appeared to be his most specific call for action.

"The presence of the American crusades armed forces in the countries of the Islamic Gulf is the greatest danger and the biggest harm that threatens the world's largest oil reserves," the newspaper quoted the letter as saying. "The infidels must be thrown out of the Arabian Peninsula."

The newspaper said the letter was dated Thursday and came from Afghanistan, where bin Laden has been living in recent months.

Bin Laden said his supporters should employ "fighting tactics using light and quick moving troops ... In other words, launching guerrilla war in which the sons of the nation take part but not the armed forces," according to the newspaper.

Two U.S. military sites in Saudi Arabia have been hit by powerful car bombs in the past year. In November, five Americans were killed in an attack in the capital of Riyadh. The second, in June, killed 19 U.S. servicemen near the eastern city of Dhahran.

Bin Laden has denied involvement in the attacks, but said they were a warning that the United States should withdraw its forces from Saudi Arabia, a close U.S. ally for decades.

Bin Laden returned this year to Afghanistan, where he first came to prominence in the 1980s.

# Farrakhan rejects Libya's $250,000

*The Nation of Islam leader says he will not accept award money until a U.S. court approves it.*

**TRIPOLI, Libya** (AP) — Faced with the threat of prison, Louis Farrakhan told Libya on Friday that he could not accept a $250,000 human rights award until a U.S. court gives him permission.

It was a dramatic reversal by the Nation of Islam leader, who had vowed earlier this week to "go across the nation" rallying support if the government did not allow him to receive the prize.

Farrakhan decided to pass on the money after the government rejected his request for an exemption from U.S. sanctions. The sanctions require banks under U.S. jurisdiction to freeze transactions relating to Libya.

If convicted of violating the sanctions — or of conspiring to do so — Farrakhan would have faced a prison sentence and fines.

"I will accept the honor of this prize but I will ask you to hold the money until a decision is made in a court of law," Farrakhan told an enthusiastic crowd at the award ceremony.

### Rousing welcome

Farrakhan was escorted by his bodyguards to the ceremony at Al-Mahari, a five-star Tripoli hotel. Several thousand people clapped and chanted as the smiling Farrakhan received a green sash to wear across his suit and a bouquet of flowers.

Farrakhan's trip to Libya, which started Wednesday, comes just weeks after the United States sought to put more pressure on Libya and Iran by requiring penalties against foreign firms that invest in their energy sectors.

The penalties complement sanctions the United States imposed a decade ago to isolate Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, whom it accuses of supporting global terrorism.

The Nation of Islam leader was to have received the $250,000 for the Gadhafi Human Rights Award — as well as a $1 billion gift from the Libyan leader that Farrakhan said would go to form joint ventures with businesses and financial institutions to help blacks.

It was unclear whether he also would reject the $1 billion. Neither Gadhafi nor Farrakhan mentioned the money Friday.

Libya set up the human rights prize in 1989. It was first awarded to South African President Nelson Mandela, and other winners include Native Americans and the children of the Palestinian uprising against the Israeli occupation.

### Other meetings

This was not Farrakhan's first time in Libya — although it is an odd destination for someone who shares neither Gadhafi's brand of socialism nor his mainly orthodox interpretation of Islam.

In 1986, the Nation of Islam leader stopped in Tripoli to attend a conference on revolutionary movements and for a meeting with Gadhafi. Afterward, he called the Reagan administration "wicked devils" for the U.S. bombing of Libya in April 1986.

Earlier this year, Farrakhan and Gadhafi discussed how to increase the influence of America's "oppressed minorities during this year's elections."

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# BUILDING TRADITION

*If a building has a name, that name has a story. Here's a rundown of some of the well known educational buildings in the area.*

**By Jeffery Womble**
Staff writer

To students, they're just names.

But the names of buildings on Fayetteville's colleges and university campuses have history behind them.

Zebulon Baird Vance Hall, a men's dormitory on the Fayetteville State University campus, was named after a North Carolina governor. According to the Archives Department of the Charles W. Chesnutt Library at FSU, Vance recommended the first state appropriation for the school. He was a colonel in the Confederate army and became governor in 1862. The original building was demolished in 1957 and rebuilt in 1966.

Several buildings on the Methodist College campus are named after people who made financial and service contributions to the school.

Do you know FAYETTEVILLE?

The Trustees Classroom Building, built in 1960 and one of the oldest fixtures on the campus, honors the men and women who served as officers and members of the first board of trustees. Methodist was chartered in 1956 and opened in 1960.

Cumberland Hall, a men's dormitory, honors the residents of Cumberland County who brought the college into being. Here are the names of buildings on the FSU, Methodist and Fayetteville Technical Community College campuses and brief histories:

## Fayetteville State University

Twenty-one buildings on the FSU campus are named after alumni, former presidents or administrators of the school. Some buildings, such as Aycock Hall, which was built in 1905, have been replaced. The building was named after Gov. Charles B. Aycock and housed the entire university.

Other buildings in the order they were built:

■ Smith Administration Building, 1922. Named after E.E. Smith, former president of the the university. At that time, the building housed laboratories, classrooms, an assembly hall and offices.

■ H.L. Cook Dining Hall, 1923. H.L. Cook was chairman of the FSU Board of Trustees and a member since 1899.

■ The President's Residence, 1924. It was used as home for FSU presidents through the tenure of Dr. Charles Lyons. The name of the building was changed to the James M. Paige Alumni House in 1994 and is used as a faculty dining hall. Paige was president of the FSU National Alumni Association from 1988 to 1994. He graduated from FSU in 1956. The school's chancellor lives in a state-owned home in Eastover.

■ Joyner Hall, a women's dormitory, 1930. It was named in honor of Dr. J.Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction.

■ Newbold Station Laboratory School, 1930. It was named after Dr. N.C. Newbold, state director for Negro education. At the time, the building was a complete grade school with classrooms, auditorium, cafeteria and offices used for teacher training.

■ Chesnutt Library was named after Charles W. Chesnutt, second principal of present-day FSU and a renowned literary figure. The building opened in 1937 and was rebuilt twice.

■ Harris Hall, a women's dormitory, 1938. It was named after the school's first president, Robert Harris.

■ Lilly Gymnasium, 1938. Named after Dr. H.W. Lilly, secretary-treasurer of the board of trustees.

■ Williams Hall was built in 1952 as a men's dorm. It was named for George H. Williams, an FSU alumnus and principal of the school from 1888 to 1898. It is now a women's dorm.

■ Smith Hall, 1953, was a dorm for young faculty women. It was named after Nannie L. Smith, wife of E.E. Smith. The building is now a women's dorm.

■ Seabrook Auditorium, 1954, honors Dr. James W. Seabrook, sixth president of the university.

■ Rosenthal Fine Arts Building, 1966, named after Emil Rosenthal of Goldsboro, a trustee for 30 years.

■ Bryant Hall opened in 1966 as a girls' dormitory and was named for Dunie Bryant, a dorm matron for 26 years. The building is now a dorm for upperclass men.

■ Helen T. Chick Building was built in 1968 as the second Chesnutt Library. The building now houses the University College, faculty offices and the University Bookstore. Chick was a professor of art at FSU. She still lives in Fayetteville.

■ Barber-Collins Administration Building, 1971. Named after Dr. Carlton J. Barber, a member of the FSU board of trustees for 25 years. For five of those years he was chairman and was named trustee emeritus. Dr. William R. Collins was a member of the trustees for 19 years and was named the first trustee emeritus.

■ Rudolph Jones Student Center was named after Dr. Rudolph Jones, sixth president of FSU.

■ Charles "A" Lyons Science Complex was named after Dr. Charles Lyons, seventh president of FSU.

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Staff photos by Chris Hondros

**Joyner Hall** at Fayetteville State University is a women's dormitory.



## Buildings

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dent of FSU.

■ Felton Capel Arena was completed in 1995 and named after Felton Capel, FSU board of trustee member. Capel's son Jeff is coach at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., and his grandson, Jeff III, is a basketball player at Duke University.

### Fayetteville Technical Community College

FTCC has four buildings named after historical and community figures. The oldest, Lafayette Hall, opened in 1963. It was named by the school's board of trustees, probably for the Marquis de Lafayette, the Revolutionary War hero for whom the city is named. It was the first building on the campus site.

■ Paul H. Thompson Library opened in 1971. It was named for the first chairman of the FTCC board of trustees, who served from 1963 to 1968. Thompson was a former partner in a real estate business with Tom McLean, who is now a member of the board of trustees. Thompson died in 1968.

■ Neill Currie Building was acquired from the Fayetteville city schools in 1987. It was the school system's administration building. It was already named for Currie, but FTCC rededicated the building with the same name.

■ Horace Sisk Building once belonged to the Fayetteville city schools and was known as Horace Sisk Junior High School. Sisk was superintendent of Fayetteville city schools from 1931 to 1951. He took over the job on the eve of the Great Depression. When he came to Fayetteville, there were six schools in the system. During his administration, schools increased to 12, and teachers from 72 to 173. Student population doubled from 3,000 to 6,000. Sisk died Feb. 24, 1953.

### Methodist College

The majority of the buildings on the Methodist College campus are named after benefactors of the college.

Two buildings that are under construction or in the planning stages have been named for benefactors. They are the Richard L. Player Golf and Tennis Learning Center and Joe Stout Hall for enrollment services.

Other buildings on the campus are:

■ Davis Memorial Library, built in 1964 and named in memory of Geraldine Tyson Davis, a trustee and benefactor..

■ Garber Hall, built in 1963, is a women's residence hall and honors Paul Neff Garber, bishop of the N.C. Conference of the Methodist Church from 1951 to 1968.

■ Hensdale Chapel was built in 1969. It was a gift from John W. Hensdale, a Fayetteville businessman, churchman and trustee.

■ Horner Administration Building was built in 1968 and named for William Edwin Horner of Sanford, secretary of the first board of trustees, a publisher and civic leader.

■ Longest Nature Trail opened in 1985 and named for Pauline Longest, former biology professor at the college. Upper and lower trails descending to the Cape Fear River includes botanical markers and displays.

■ O'Hanlon Memorial Amphitheater was built in 1971 in memory of Michael Terrance O'Hanlon by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. O'Hanlon. Mr. O'Hanlon is a college trustee.

■ March F. Riddle Physical Activities Center was completed in 1990 and honors March F. Riddle, wife of developer J.P. Riddle, a long-time benefactor of the college, humanitarian and civic leader.

■ Reeves Auditorium/Fine Arts Building was built in 1968 and is named for John Mercer Reeves of Pinehurst. Reeves was a trustee, industrial leader and philanthropist.

■ Rogers House/Art Gallery or The Mallett-Rogers House, built about 1735, was donated to the college in 1986 by the Florence Rogers Charitable Trust. It was renovated by the trust and the college and opened as an art gallery in the spring of 1988.

■ Sanford Hall was built in 1965. This is a residence hall for men and honors Terry Sanford, first chairman of the board of trustees of Methodist College. Sanford is a former North Carolina governor, past president of Duke University and a former U.S. senator.

■ Shelley Baseball Field opened in 1974 and honors Bruce Shelley, first baseball coach at the school.

■ Weaver Hall was built in 1965 as a women's residence hall. It is named for Dr. Lucius Stacy Weaver, the first president of Methodist College.

■ Yarborough Bell Tower, built in 1964, is a memorial to Wilson F. Yarborough Sr., a member of the original board of trustees. The amplified carillon was given in memory of James Archibald and Mary McNair Jones.

File photo

**Helen Chick**, a long-time educator at Fayetteville State University, is the namesake for the building that houses FSU's bookstore an faculty offices.

*The Horace Sisk Building once belonged to the Fayetteville city schools and was known as Horace Sisk Junior High School. Sisk was superintendent of Fayetteville city schools on the eve of the Great Depression. When he came to Fayetteville, there were six schools in the system. During his administration, schools increased to 12, and teachers from 72 to 173.*

# COLLEGES' COMMUNITY

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## Uniformity and high standards signal a new direction

North Carolina's "system" of 58 community colleges and technical schools largely grew like the proverbial Topsy. With little control (but many dollars) from Raleigh, most of the campuses grew from local initiatives. They supposedly tailored their programs to the particular needs of their localities.

Experience has shown, however, that the "system" wastes large amounts of money and enormous energies in widespread duplication of effort, dubious course offerings, lack of uniformity in standards or quality control, and an inability to adjust to changing personnel and career-goal needs.

That is changing. Thanks to insistence of the General Assembly and the doggedness of the state administrator of the system, Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, the system is moving toward becoming a true system.

Beginning next fall, all campuses will switch from quarters to semesters. Courses will gain uniformity. And, for the first time, community college students will know with certainty that their freshman- and sophomore-level courses will transfer to any of the state's 16 universities.

The changes were engineered by teams of faculty members — more than 1,200 individuals who devised uniform requirements and descriptions for no fewer than 3,800 courses. They also reduced by a third the 281 different programs offered on one or more of the 58 campuses.

The uniformity and quality control is long overdue.

The transfer policy must be carefully monitored, however. The community college system should not become an easy-way-in route to the University of North Carolina System simply by legislative mandate.

Currently, transfer agreements between the community colleges and UNC campuses are negotiated individually and for the short term.

Until the goals of quality control and uniform standards are more nearly realized at the community college level, the UNC System should continue to have a strong say in what it will accept from the community college system. With the new directions, the community college system is coming of age. Now it must prove itself at a new level of service.

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# clouds

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

**W.T. Hall, left,** and Ben Watson cleared Magnolia Avenue of tree limbs.

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**8** **Strategies For Success** — Fayetteville Technical Community College's Center for Business & Industry, 2801 Fort Bragg Road. An all-day seminar, "Make Time And Stress Work For You." The $75 fee includes lunch and materials. Registrants only.

## Man charged in firearm possessio

Kenneth Bernard Lewi[illegible]sing charged Wednesday with [illegible]ag- a firearm on school grou[illegible] istrate's records showed.

Lewis, 26, of the 4700[illegible] of Beaufort Drive, is accus[illegible] hav- ing a 9 mm pistol on th[illegible]pus of Fayetteville Technical [illegible]munity College.

# Sports, entertainment items to highlight auction

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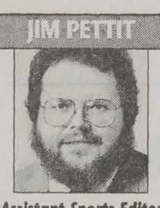

*Assistant Sports Editor*

In the wake of Hurricane Fran, you can imagine what days have been like in an insurance office or a building supplies firm.

Somehow, Joe Beck (Callahan and Beck Insurance) and Greg Parks (Parks Building Supply) are finding time to again gather items for one of the highlights of the Marlene Floyd Invitational golf tournament Oct. 18-19 ... the sports/entertainment celebrity auction.

The auction follows the Oct. 18 cocktail party and dinner, catered this year by Outback Steakhouse, at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center.

## Plenty of items

"Without a doubt, I think we'll have a selection as good or better than last year," Beck said.

Golfers, of course, will have plenty to choose from.

"One item that should draw a lot of interest is a framed Masters flag autographed by Nick Faldo and Greg Norman," Beck said. Other golf items include prints of Bobby Jones, Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus.

"We're going to have several Arnold Palmer items," Parks added, "especially from the British Open because this was Arnold's last year playing in that tournament.

Reproductions of clubs used by Bobby Jones and Tom Morris, in presentation cases, will also be available.

For basketball fans, an autographed Michael Jordan jersey will be available. Baseball fans might be interested in a Mickey Mantle baseball. Among other sports items are boxing gloves signed by Muhammad Ali, an Ohio State football autographed by Archie Griffin, the only two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy. Numerous photos autographed by such athletes as Jordan, Joe Montana, Jim Kelly, Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith will be for sale.

For movie fans, original movie posters from Beverly Hills Cop and Father of the Bride are available. The former is signed by Eddie Murphy, and the latter is signed by Steve Martin, Martin Short, and Diane Keaton.

## Wolfpack fever

"For N.C. State fans, we'll have some memorabilia," Parks added. "We'll have a limited edition Roman Gabriel print, and Roman will be there to sign it personally. He'll also be at the golf tournament on Saturday."

Both silent and live auctions will be held.

Proceeds from the tournament go to the scholarship fund at Fayetteville Tech and to the American Red Cross local disaster relief fund.

Animal Haven, a local shelter for stray and abandoned animals, will also be represented at the dinner. "We want to try and raise some money for Animal Haven because if they don't get some help, they're going to have to close," said Floyd, a fervent animal lover. "The Friday night event is open to everyone. We can take up to 700 people, and we hope the non-golfers will come, too, and help us raise money for the college, the Red Cross, and Animal Haven."

Tickets to the dinner are $40 each. Two are included in the tournament entry fee, which is $250 and includes a berth in the Oct. 19 captain's choice event at King's Grant, plus gift package, lunch and beverages, and door prizes.

The field is limited to 144 players. More than 90 are already signed up.

For information on the tournament or the dinner/auction, contact Hank Hutaff at Hutaff-Johnson Real Estate, 484-2626.

## Notes 'n' notions

■ **Expensive game:** Would you pay $16.38 to play one hole of golf? You will if you play Pebble Beach. Greens fees for 18 holes are now $275. It costs $20 more to share a cart. That comes to $16.38 per hole. And, yes, that's per person.

■ **Investment casting —** Rental clubs are nothing new in golf, but Golflex on Highway 501 near Belle Terre Golf Club at Myrtle Beach is carrying it a step farther. The firm rents top-of-the-line equipment such as Callaway, Cobra, Hogan, Ping, TaylorMade, Yonex and others. Now you can field-test a set of Big Berthas before you invest big bucks in buying a set. Daily rentals for complete sets are $15 to $45. Single clubs or partial sets can also be rented. For information, call (800) 941-9405. Anyone skipping out with a set will be caught and forced to listen to Mac O'Grady explain the golf swing.

■ **Rings and things —** Northwest Mutual Life Insurance Co. conducted a survey to find out which summer Olympic sports should be dropped and which should be added. On the drop list were sailboarding, synchronized swimming, rhythmic gymnastics and beach volleyball. At the top of the add list ... golf.

*Assistant sports editor Jim Pettit can be reached at 486-3536.*



# N.C. community college system to get retooled

**ASHEVILLE** (AP) — North Carolina's 58 community colleges are getting a make over.

Starting next fall, community colleges will switch from quarters to semesters, courses will gain uniformity, and for the first time, community college students will know with certainty that their freshman- and sophomore-level courses will transfer to any of the state's 16 universities.

The re-engineered curriculum was presented to members of the state board of community colleges Friday. Final approval is expected in October.

The changes constitute the most extensive assessment the community college system has ever under taken, said system President Lloyd "Vic" Hackley.

The changes also mark a distinct shift in course for the community college system.

From their birth in the '60s, North Carolina's community colleges have operated individually — priding themselves on tailoring courses that serve each of their communities.

But the price of that individuality was the absence of uniformity — courses and programs at the 58 schools carry different names and different requirements. An automotive program, for instance, is called "automotive mechanics" at one campus, "automotive service technician" at a second campus and "automotive technology" at a third.

As a result, employers — and students — could not be sure that the programs taught the same skills.

North Carolina is not alone in making the changes.

Across the nation, a growing number of states, including South Carolina, have adopted uniform courses and community college-to-university transfer guarantees. Most community colleges already have converted to semesters.

North Carolina's community colleges have been planning their switch to semesters for several years. But the push for simplified transfers and more uniform courses came from legislators, who wanted to make it easier for residents to get college educations. They required those changes in 1995.

The task has not been easy. To bring some consistency to the system's courses, 1,200 faculty members from across the state worked in teams to write requirements and descriptions for about 3,800 courses.

**axes due:** *A tobacco probe expects a guilty tax-evasion plea,* **3B**

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# LOCAL & STATE

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# Fran aid plan criticized

***Jesse Helms and Jim Hunt are working to have Clinton's $750 million proposal increased.***

The Associated Press

U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms said Sunday that he was working to increase the amount North Carolina would receive in federal disaster aid in a budget package the Senate may vote on as early as this week.

The $750 million in aid President Clinton has proposed sending to the state to help recover from Hurricane Fran was inadequate, Helms said.

Gov. Jim Hunt and Helms said last week that they're seeking a total package of about $2 billion for victims of Fran and Hurricane Hortense.

"I do hope that Governor Hunt is on the phone right now with President Clinton protesting the disappointing proposals by the administration," Helms said.

"I certainly am going to seek from the Senate leadership far more for North Carolina than the Clinton administration is proposing," he said.

Helms said he was confident North Carolina's House delegation would press for more federal money.

Clinton proposed giving the state about half the $1.5 billion in relief he requested. Fran and Hortense caused damage in at least four other states and Puerto Rico.

**Stephanie Guachino** passes a reminder of the damage caused by Hurricane Fran on her way to class at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Staff photo by Marcus Castro

The $1.5 billion represents $291 million more than is available in the budget.

A centerpiece of Helms' re-election campaign is the effectiveness he's had shaping legislation to help his home state.

The challenger for his Senate seat, Democrat Harvey Gantt, commended efforts by Hunt and the congressional delegation to get aid.

"I support further efforts underway in Congress to increase the aid package for North Carolina," Gantt said.

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## Golf Tourname

### Marlene Floyd Sharing Her Sport and Her Cause

*By Gayle Fernandez*

Most people enjoy a hobby, some make money with their interests, but Marlene Floyd manages to take her love and talent for golf one step further.

The weekend of October 18 and 19, she will host the 2nd Annual Sprint/ Marlene Floyd Invitational. Kings Grant Golf and Country Club will be the site for the event with registration at 9 am on the 19th and the tournament beginning with a shotgun start at 10 am. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Highland Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation. As beneficiaries last year, these two recipients received $12,000 each. Tournament organizers this year hope to raise even more and extend their assistance even further.

On Friday, October 18th, Outback will cater dinner at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center. Australian western will be the dress and Travis Butler will provide the music. An auction and a silent auction with sports memorabilia, hats and golf items will be some of the many items. "Tons of raffle items," according to Marlene, "and dancing will complete the evening." During the dinner, Marlene will share her love and concern for abandoned animals and "pass the hat" for Animal Haven. "I wish we could add a third beneficiary to the tournament." Marlene said during a recent interview, "there are so many animals and never enough room. They need more runs and more kennels."

There is room for 144 players with a captains choice format on October 19th. Marlene hopes that the Fayetteville community will support the event and come to the dinner and or play golf!!!

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**Lisa Kelly,** left, shares her excitement with Rose Campoamor before the GED graduation ceremony Thursday evening at FTCC.

Staff photo by April Jenkins

# Graduate won't apologize for successes

## Husband's encouragement, tragedy steer woman toward diploma

**By Gary Moss**
Staff writer

Lisa Kelly used to go around saying "I'm sorry" all the time.

She was always apologizing because she did not believe in herself or think that anyone else could.

Kelly was pregnant at 15 and she married the Fort Bragg soldier who was the father of her baby. They were married for only two years.

"He wouldn't let me finish my education," Kelly said. "He wouldn't even teach me to drive. He wanted me to be at home and tending to the baby. When I got pregnant and married my child's father, it was like I was leaving my childhood behind."

Kelly, now 30, reclaimed a piece of her lost childhood Thursday night at Cumberland Hall auditorium. She joined 31 other students who earned their General Educational Development — or GED — diplomas at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

FTCC held its first commencement exercise for GED graduates to recognize the milestone and create an opportunity to celebrate with their families and friends.

Kelly waited half a lifetime to go back to school.

After divorcing her first husband, she married another Fort Bragg soldier, Michael Kelly. She says he helped her rebuild the confidence she had lost.

"He said not to say I'm sorry because I was just as important as anyone else," Kelly said.

He taught her how to drive. He was a loving father to her daughter, Shelly, and to the two children they had together.

But he couldn't talk her into going back to school, no matter how

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## Graduate

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much he encouraged her, no matter how much she wanted to go.

"I was so intimidated about the idea of going back to school," she said. "Being away from it for so long, I was afraid that I had lost most of the skills that I had."

And the longer she waited, the greater those fears became.

Her mind was changed in March 1994. A fighter jet collided with a C-130 transport plane over Pope Air Force Base and debris ripped through hundreds of paratroopers. The crash killed 24 soldiers and injured 100.

Her husband was among the injured. He was burned over 70 percent of his body and spent two years recovering. He will soon retire under a medical discharge.

Nearly losing her husband made Kelly realize what she had to do for herself — stop squandering time and go back to school.

"We had gone through such a terrible thing, I realized that life was just too short," Kelly said.

In September 1995, she started taking classes at FTCC. She went every day, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and her husband and children pitched in to make it possible for her to do so.

And Kelly found out that it was not as hard as she expected. She had feared math classes most of all. But once she started, she said, "I found out that I wasn't as stupid as I thought I was."

And she is not telling people she is sorry anymore.

This spring, she took a manicure course and won an award for one of her creations: on the fingernails of one hand, a hummingbird in flight surrounded by vines and flowers; on the fingernails of the other, a bird house.

She passed the state license tests so easily that she decided to go back to Fayetteville Tech and enroll in cosmetology. She now has her sights set on starting her own chain of salons.

"I missed out on so many things," Kelly said. "It's a big achievement for me to go back and correct one of my biggest mistakes."

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# LIFE

# Branching Out

*home & garden*

*As recovery from Hurricane Fran progresses, residents can begin thinking about replacing fallen trees.*

**By Alice Thrasher**
Staff writer

Replanting a tree may be the last worry for many homeowners who are still recovering from Hurricane Fran's fury.

Some have had trees pulled off their roof and say while the damage was bad, at least they survived. Others were less fortunate. In North Carolina and other states, some people were killed when trees hit their house or vehicles they were driving.

Many of the fallen trees have been cut into 4-foot sections and piled by the street, waiting for crews to pick them up. Others have been cut up and taken to Urban Ministry and other agencies for firewood or hauled to the county landfills.

After the roof has been repaired

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### TREE TIPS

**Q.** What should I do about a leaning tree?

**A.** *Not an easy answer. The most important factor is safety.* If it is a big tree and could hit a house, car or garage if it fell later, take it out, say area tree experts.If it is a smaller tree, such as dogwood or Bradford pear, and is not posing a danger to anyone, the tree can be straightened back up and held in place with staked guy wires. It will take a couple of years for the root system to get re-established, said Bill Schultz of S&S Tree Service. "If the tree is 15- to 20-feet high, we would probably install an eye-bolt in the tree," he said. An eye-bolt is a piece of hardware that is threaded with a ring on one end and a washer to hold it in place. Schultz said you should know what you are doing if you install one in a tree.

**Q.** What is the fastest growing tree to plant?

**A.** *Lots of choices.* River birches, Bradford pears, red maples, sugar maples, sycamores and dogwoods are popular choices, according to Fayetteville nurserymen. The trees are sold in containers or "B&B." B&B means the tree has been grown in a field, then dug up and had its root ball covered in burlap and bagged. Some nurseries specialize in container-grown trees. Others sell both kinds. Some nurseries will offer a one-year warranty for a tree if it is planted and maintained according to their instructions. You can pick up a free leaflet on "Large Trees for North Carolina" from the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service office at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center. The leaflet provides information on 45 different kinds of trees.

**Q.** How can I get information on planting trees?

**A.** *Check with the nursery or store where you buy the tree.* You can get free pamphlets on trees for North Carolina and planting instructions from the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service.

**Q.** How much does a tree cost?

**A.** *Depends on the kind of tree, the size and where you buy it.* For example, a red maple that is 12 to 14 feet high costs $65 at **Woodland Nursery.** A sugar maple the same size costs $89.95. The nursery will plant the tree for $35 if you live in the immediate Fayetteville area. For delivery only, it's $10. For longer distances in the area, it's $25 for delivery and about $50 for planting.

■ At **Dunn's Garden Center,** red maples start at $25 for 5- to 6-foot trees in a container and run up to $79.95 for an 8- to 10-foot tree. Other trees that are field grown range from $100 for a tree with a 2-inch trunk to $300 to $400 for trees with trunks that are 4 to 6 inches in diameter. In the Fayetteville area, the fee for delivery is $15 if the nursery plants it and $25 if you plant it yourself. Cost for planting is $15 per hour.

■ At **the Owen Garden Center and Nursery,** a 12- to 15-foot red maple, river birch or Bradford pear tree sells for $100. There is no charge for delivery in Fayetteville, and the cost for planting varies, said Tim Owen. Oak trees vary in price, from a 12- to 14-foot high tree for $100 to $125, to $350 to $400 for a tree with a trunk that is 3i inches in diameter.

**Q.** What can I do about tree debris if I live in Fayetteville?

**A.** *If you want your downed trees and limbs picked up, you need to know these rules:* Logs must be no longer than 4 feet and weigh no more than 100 pounds. Don't put the yard debris in the street because it'll block storm drainage. Instead, put it on the edge of your yard. You don't have to call the city to pick it up. Crews will be riding around looking for debris.

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**Fayetteville's** largest known white oak tree stands near the corner of Hull Road and Devers Street and was unharmed by the storm.

Staff photo by Elizabeth Darwin Gatlin

# N.C. community colleges standardize curriculum

FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The North Carolina Community College System is undergoing the most significant changes in its history — reengineering for the 21st Century. The changes will affect Fayetteville Technical Community College and the other 58 colleges in the system.

Norris

Dr. Larry Norris, vice president for Academic Affairs at FTCC, was selected by the System and the N.C. Board of Community Colleges to provide leadership for one of the most complex components of the reengineering process — the development of the Common Course Library. The Common Course Library is the first in the history of the community college system, which spans more than three decades.

In October 1994, the State Board of Community Colleges approved a engineering plan to address educational programs at the 59 colleges and to convert from the quarter system to semester.

Under the guidance of a steering committee and the board, four teams of college presidents, administrators and instructors were charged to evaluate more than 300 college programs and to design a process of collaborative planning for the future.

In addition, the teams were asked to develop an enhanced accountability process for the extensive annual audit of each program and to develop the Common Course Library.

The library team, under Norris' leadership, has developed new program standards for 211 newly-defined programs offered at the state's community colleges. In addition, a library of courses with common prefixes, numbers, course titles and descriptions has been developed for more than 3,600 courses. The process involved about 1,500 community college employees who came together to redesign new programs and to write all courses.

Each proposed program standard and each of the newly-developed courses were critically reviewed by all colleges. The library was finalized and disseminated to the local colleges in June.

FTCC will convert from the quarter to semester system in the summer of 1997, using the new Common Course Library.

Students who have not completed their certificates, diplomas or associate degrees are encouraged to complete all possible requirements during this academic year prior to the conversion.

However, FTCC has made extensive preparation to work with each student to expedite the conversion of credit in the most effective and fair manner possible.

Students who have questions regarding their transcripts and the conversion should contact the Student Development Office to discuss their program with a counselor or adviser.

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# BUSINESS

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# Firm works to seal in heat, cool air

*Advanced Technology inspects ducts to eliminate leaks and to make sure the system is operating properly.*

**By Jay Woodard**
Staff writer

**HOPE MILLS** — Chances are, your heating and cooling system isn't as efficient as you think.

The N.C. Alternative Energy Corp. of Durham says only about 60 percent of heating and air conditioning systems operate at maximum efficiency.

Making sure those systems are stretching heating and cooling dollars is the job of Joe Fescina and his wife, Moira, both licensed heating and air conditioning contractors.

**Profile**
**NAME OF COMPANY:** Advanced Technology
**SITE:** U.S. 301 Service Road
**NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:** 4
**PRODUCT:** Heating, air conditioning and electrical contracting

Their company, Advanced Technology, inspects ducts to eliminate leaks and does other checks to make sure the system is operating properly.

"With inadequate sealants, you are conditioning the air, then blowing it into the crawl space," said Mrs. Fescina, who is 47. "You might just as well heat the house and keep the windows open."

Fescina, 50, started the company 12 years ago after taking heating, air conditioning and refrigeration training at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He had left the Army in 1981 after 14 years.

He and his wife had bought a home in the Fayetteville area and decided to remain here. His first business was an Italian restaurant on Yadkin Road. "The work was so tremendous. It was killing us," Fescina said.

In 1983 they sold the restaurant and Joe entered the training at Fayetteville Tech. He then started Advanced Technology.

Before her career converged with her husband's in Advanced Technology, Mrs. Fescina taught college-level mathematics at Fort Bragg.

During her teaching years, she also earned a master's in business administration at Campbell University. The Kuwait deployment decimated her classes and she went into her husband's business.

He took full advantage of that, Mrs. Fescina said. "He'll say 'You're good in math. How about doing the engineering on this project,' " Mrs. Fescina said. "Or, 'You've got an MBA. This is on your desk.' "

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

**Moira and Joe Fescina** of Advanced Technology use their equipment to test for air leaks in the home and in ductwork.

In addition to her work, Mrs. Fescina takes part in a WFNC radio program, called "On the House" at 11 a.m. the third Saturday of each month. She answers questions from callers on heating and air-conditioning systems, ventilation, indoor air quality and installation of systems.

Twice a year, she interrupts her work at Advanced Technology to teach for a week at the Alternative Energy Corp.'s Building Science Center at Morrisville.

The corporation is a nonprofit group funded by the state's utilities, predominantly electric utilities. Its mission is to help people use energy efficiently.

After students have had a week of classroom training, Mrs. Fescina takes them out to practice what they've learned. She supervises them as they conduct duct diagnostics.

Studies by the Alternative Energy Corp. show that many systems need attention. On average, 15 to 25 percent of what a household spends on heating and cooling is lost through leaks in the ducts, the group says.

For an average cost of $150, Advanced Technology will go out and inspect duct work, replace any fallen insulation, seal cracks, and measure how much air conditioning and heat should be flowing into individual rooms.

When the company is not doing such inspections, it is installing new systems and making repairs.

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# 'I.J.' Williams Jr.

## Robeson young people nurtured by lifetime service

Isaac J. "I.J." Williams Jr. of Rex, who died Saturday at 83, knew how to make Robeson County's rich soil produce good crops. A lifelong farmer in the Rex community of northern Robeson, he believed in nurturing nature's treasures, treating the land with respect.

And he applied the same principles to people. Especially to Robeson's young people.

For 22 years as a member of the Robeson County board of education, he pressed for better schools and better opportunities for the county's rural children.

His deep interest in education widened to include the budding community college system. His leadership as chairman of the board of trustees of Robeson County Community College for many of his 15 years on the board made that institution a model for service to a rural population.

His zeal for community college education was recognized statewide when he served five years on the original State Board of Community Colleges.

"I.J." Williams gave the people of Robeson County a lifetime of devoted service. They repaid him with a rich outpouring of respect and responsibility, assured that he would not disappoint their faith in his integrity, good sense, and attention to detail.

As a family man, staunch Presbyterian, and friendly neighbor, he attracted a legion of friends and admirers, who received from him a huge measure of support, good humor, and never-failing solicitude for their well-being.

The thousands of young people whose lives were touched by his concern for their educational opportunity are another, and no doubt the most precious, of the crops that I.J. Williams Jr. nurtured and harvested.

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*I.J. Williams ran his grocery in Rex for 66 years. The founder of Robeson Community College, he died Saturday at 83. He never got a college degree, but friends say he was determined to help other people in rural areas get an education.*

**The I.J. Williams Grocery** in Rex is closed because of the death of its owner. The store is more than 100 years old.

Staff photo by Marcus Castro

# Farmer touched many lives

*'An old farmer from Robeson County' ran a general store that has been in his family for more than 100 years.*

**By Tanya S. Biank**
Staff writer

**REX** — When I.J. Williams served on the State Board of Community Colleges, he was best known for prefacing his remarks with, "Well, I'm just an old farmer from Robeson County, but ..."

Williams died Saturday at 83. He's credited with bringing technical-educational instruction to Robeson County. Williams was the founder of Robeson Community College, which opened in 1965.

"When I think of Mr. Williams, I think of community colleges," said Bob Scott, a former governor and president of the state's community-college system. "He was a very plain-spoken, honest man of high integrity with a set of values we like to see in our public servants."

Williams never got a college degree, but friends say he was determined to help other people in rural areas get education.

Williams served on the Robeson County School Board for 25 years and never missed a meeting. He served as board chairman of the college for 16 years. In 1974, the college's administration building was named in his honor.

He served on the State Executive Committee for the N.C. Association of Community College Trustees and was a founding member of the State Board of Community Colleges.

When Williams' son Clyde was 17, he was the first to enroll in the new college.

**Frances Williams**

Clyde just graduated from high school and was working in his father's store. He planned to join the National Guard. His father had other plans. Now 38, Clyde works for Pitney Bowes.

After education, Williams' greatest love was his general store in Rex, a community of about 60. The store has

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## Williams

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been in the family for more than 100 years. At the turn of the century, the building served as the community's post office. In the 1930s, the store also served as a cotton gin and saw mill.

Williams was a farmer and a merchant. He ran the store for 66 years until he suffered a stroke in August 1995 and was confined to a nursing home.

"That store meant a lot to him," said Williams' widow, Frances. "He hated to give it up."

The store is just across the street from the Williams home. Mrs. Williams said the store was a place for the locals to talk about sports, politics and the tobacco season.

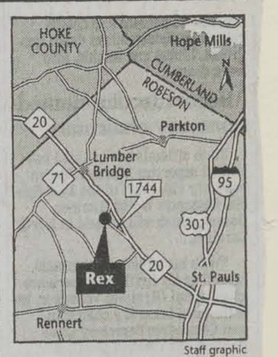
Williams used to tell his wife that if he didn't go to the store, he wouldn't see his friends. Not much was sold — a pack of cigarettes, a Moon Pie, a cola. "Not enough to pay the light bill," said Mrs. Williams.

Times have changed, but the store hasn't.

Old mule collars and cross-cut saws hang against the wall. A pot-bellied stove squats in the back of the room. A "North Carolina Hogs Are Beautiful" license plate rests on the counter.

In the old days, customers had charge accounts. They paid once or twice a year. Sometimes never at all, depending on what the crops produced.

Brands of cigarettes that aren't made anymore are still a dime a pack. A new boy's long-sleeve shirt hangs on a peg waiting to be sold for $2.59. Beside it is a 36-cup bra for $1.29.

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In Williams back office, a "Win with Kennedy" campaign hat hangs above his desk. Even the air smells dated.

Clyde pops some 1-cent bubble gum into his mouth and points to a row of old hand irons. His father removed their price tags long ago. When people asked his father why they were no longer for sale, he would reply: "I don't sell anything I can't buy back."

"His most prized possession was anything old," Clyde said.

Clyde has no intention of selling the store or any of his father's prized possessions. "It's not for sale as long as I'm living," Clyde said. "I don't know, my wife doesn't understand it either."

But maybe his father would. He is buried just 200 yards from the store, in the Rex Presbyterian Church cemetery.

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# Floyd Invitational kicks off tonight

**By Jim Pettit**
Assistant sports editor

GOLF

Pairings, 4C

The second annual Sprint/Marlene Floyd Invitational Golf Tournament weekend kicks off tonight at 7 at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center.

An Australian Outback theme banquet, featuring guest appearances by former National Football League quarterback Roman Gabriel and the Carolina Panthers' Top Cats cheerleaders, precedes an auction of numerous items from sports and entertainment celebrities.

On Saturday, four-man teams will compete for $10,000 in prizes in an 18-hole, captain's choice tournament at King's Grant Golf and Country Club. Opening ceremonies, featuring the Army's Golden Knights parachute team, begin at 9:30 a.m. The tournament begins at 10:30.

A few openings remain in the tournament. Anyone interested in playing should contact Hank Hutaff at Hutaff-Johnson Real Estate.

Proceeds go to the Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation's scholarship fund and to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

"We're all set," Floyd said. "The weather forecast was scary for awhile, but it looks like we're going to be OK Saturday ... cool and windy."

Late additions to the lengthy auction list are a British Open photograph of Raymond Floyd, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Tom Watson, autographed by each, from Ray Floyd's personal collection; a Steve Carlton autographed baseball bat; a 1995 Super Bowl autographed football; an NFL history book signed by Johnny Unitas; and boxing gloves signed by former heavyweight champion Michael Spinks.

In addition to the auction items, tonight's banquet will feature numerous raffle items, including a set of Lee Trevino Top-Flite irons, and a special fund-raiser for Animal Haven.

The Panthers' cheerleaders will conduct a putting contest from 7-8 p.m. with winners receiving team souvenirs. The cheerleaders will also perform a dance routine.

"My hopes are that we can raise at least $60,000 this weekend," Floyd said. "We want everybody to have fun, fellowship, and raise some money for our community."

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**Friday, October 18th**
**Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center**
**7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**
**40.00 per person**

Featuring a performance by the Top Cats, The Carolina Panthers' cheerleaders (sponsored by Belk)

- Dinner - Enjoy delicious food sponsored and presented by Outback Steakhouse
- Auction - Bid on a variety of memorabilia from the worlds of sports, motion pictures, television, music and politics
- Concert - Relax to the music of Travis Butler, presented by Sprint

**Saturday, October 19th**
**Kings Grant Golf & Country Club**
**250.00 per person**

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| •Player Registration | 8:30-9:30 a.m. |
| •Opening ceremonies | 9:30-10:30 a.m. |
| •Shotgun tee-off | 10:30 a.m. |
| •Charles Foster Golf Exhibition presented by Lynx | 3:30-4:00 p.m. |

*A charity golf event to benefit Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation, Inc. and American Red Cross, Highlands Chapter*
*For more information please call 484-2626.*


Sun. Oct. 20, 1996

# 20-under par wins Floyd Invitational

**By Jim Pettit**
Assistant sports editor

Marlene Floyd planned to sleep well Saturday night.

The meager rest she's logged the last two days is one reason. The other is that the second Sprint/Marlene Floyd Invitational is history, and all indications are it was an even bigger success than last year's event.

A total of 34 four-player teams shivered in the cool morning air, flailed at golf balls persistently despite blustery winds, and toured King's Grant Golf and Country Club in numbers that were more akin to a summer walk in the park.

The team of Rusty Russell, Chris Vallery, Kevin Woods, and Chuck Bernatovitz posted a score of 20-under-par 52 to win the captain's choice event by five strokes.

Four teams tied for second at 57, and seven other teams broke 60 in the event that raises money for Fayetteville Technical Community College scholarships and the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. All teams won prizes.

"I think it went better this year than last year, and last year was great," Floyd said as late afternoon shadows lengthened and the aroma of grilled chicken breasts and swordfish filets from the post-tournament cookout still hung in the air. "It's been unbelievable, and I think everyone had a good time. It's a long day of golf, but I think everyone enjoyed it and I am real pleased with the turnout."

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

**Greg Parks,** right, directs Roman Gabriel to his cart.

Last year's event raised $28,500 for charity, and Floyd hopes this year's figure will be even higher. Her 1996 goal was $60,000.

Final totals from Friday's sports/celebrity memorabilia auction and other fund-raising activities are still being counted.

"We'll know pretty close to the final figure within a week," she said. "We'll announce it as soon as we know."

A third cause, Animal Haven, which is a special concern of Floyd, will receive a check for $2,200 from Friday night's special donations and fund-raiser.

The day began with the Carolina Panthers Top Cat cheerleaders and a tricky parachute jump by a member of the Army's Golden Knights parachute team. Trick shot artist Charlie Foster entertained the crowd with a golf clinic as final scores from the shotgun-start event were tabulated.

Area businesses sponsored tents on each hole where refreshments and special mementos of the tournament were distributed to each player as they teed off on the respective holes. All went home with bulging gift bags.

Former N.C. State basketball star Monte Towe, now an assistant at UNC-Asheville, was on hand at the par-three 7th hole to give teams an extra assist.

"I hope you're the last group," Towe joked as one foursome pulled up. "I'm so tired I've only got about three swings left. But I love doing this. It's a great cause and a great event."

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# A Symbol Reborn

## Love labored long to restore a treasured old school

The renovation of Orange Street School — it was built in 1915 as the first school for blacks in Fayetteville — hasn't been without critics. Some say no public money should have gone into the project. Some say it took too long. But it's hard to fault the heart that went into the project.

The renovation took 11 years and cost about $600,000. The money came from Community Development grants, from a General Assembly fund, and from bake sales. Commemorative plaques were sold. Hats were passed at class reunions. Fayetteville Technical Community College did much of the work, and what a fine job it is.

So, was it worth it?

Yes, if this building helps young people understand — and older North Carolinians remember — that this right to a free education that we take for granted was a battle long fought and won for both whites and blacks, but especially for blacks. The school, which was the original E.E. Smith building, is a symbol of how education has changed lives, minds, politics, and our nation.

The first floor will be a community center, to be used mainly for children who soon will find games and books there, and learn to perform in skits and plays. It is hoped this can be a place where speakers and forums, even the quilting parties talked of, will be scheduled. An African-American history museum is planned for the second floor.

The Orange Street Restoration and Historical Association began the renovation project in 1985, not long after the school was vacated even as the storage building it had become in 1953. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. The rededication will be at 3 p.m. Oct. 27.

The people who have seen the project through this long time are now in their 70s and 80s. They are the ones with memories of how at one time, the school building on Orange Street stood for hope itself. The restoration is their way of passing hope along.


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LARRY CHEEK

# *What's that 'snoring in the chimney?'*

Life in Fayetteville:

Not even all those years of dealing with fellow legislators and lobbyists in Raleigh prepared Lura Tally of Fayetteville, our retired state senator, for what she found in her house a little while back.

The first hint of something wrong came when a woman who was helping Tally to clean heard a strange noise.

"I think," she said, "that something is snoring in the chimney."

Does a something snore? Generally, only somebodies snore.

But somebodies don't fit in chimneys, and besides, Tally hadn't heard a thing.

So she forgot about it.

A few nights later, the senator was asleep in bed when she heard a crash from the living room.

When Tally went to see what had fallen, she found a lamp on the floor, broken.

**Tally**

She searched — for what or whom, she couldn't be sure — but found nothing.

The next day, Tally called her son, John, to help her find the culprit.

It couldn't be a person. She had looked in and under everything, and nobody was there.

So it had to be an animal — one about the right size to snore in the chimney.

John brought a trap. He baited it with salmon and other smelly stuff, and put it in the living room.

"I closed my bedroom and kitchen off from the rest of the house," Sen. Tally said.

"But I couldn't be sure I wasn't shutting up whatever it was with me," she said.

Tally had a hard time sleeping that night.

Then, around 2 a.m., she heard a "bam."

Something had sprung the trap.

"When I walked in and looked, there was a raccoon in the trap, staring back at me," she said.

"He was the cutest little thing. He didn't say a word, though."

### Not rabid

Raccoons may be cute, but they carry rabies.

John Tally turned the raccoon over to animal control, which put him into quarantine.

The raccoon wasn't rabid, much to Lura Tally's relief, because she wasn't absolutely certain you couldn't get rabies from an animal in ways other than being bitten.

Like from snoring in the chimney.

OK, I'm kidding.

The senator knows a raccoon doesn't transmit rabies by snoring.

Yet you can't be too careful — not when you live in the woods, surrounded by creatures.

"I had an owl once," she said. "Haven't heard him in a while.

"I do have some interesting animals around here. But I'd just as soon not have them in the house," Tally said.

### White squirrels

Speaking of animals, Tom and Gwen Reeves of Hope Mills saw a white squirrel hanging out around their house recently.

I looked white squirrels up in the guide book, and found there aren't any.

Not as a species, anyway, although albino colonies have been seen in Illinois, New Jersey and Greenwood, S.C.

"We saw him in the pecan tree, right next to the window," Gwen Reeves said.

"Don't know how he could have been albino, because his eyes weren't pink, they were dark."

Whoever he was and wherever he came from, the white squirrel didn't fit in.

The other squirrels chased him all over the pecan tree.

So one day Whitey left. And he hasn't been back.

*Larry Cheek's column appears Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. His phone number is 486-3583.*

# BUSINESS

## consumer news

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

**Students in a front-end automotive-repair class** at Fayetteville Technical Community College watch instructor John Cade, center, begin an analysis of a van that they'll do an alignment on. From left are Willie Spruill, Alan Core, Cade, Ed Cain and William Glackmeyer.

# Seek a fix-it shop while car is solid

By Bob Horne
Staff writer

The best time to find a competent, honest car-repair shop is before you need one.

Then when you do need repairs, you will be satisfied that you have done the best you can, experts say.

As cars become more complex, fewer owners have the skills to repair them. And mechanics who don't keep up with the latest technology are left behind, further complicating a car-owner's repair-shop decision.

Honesty is another concern. Better Business Bureaus processed more written complaints for car repairs in 1995 than any other business category.

Experts agree that word of mouth is the best way to find a good repair shop. Ask people which shop they use and how pleased they are.

Steve Core, chairman of the Automotive Technology Department at Fayetteville Technical Community College, suggests asking lots of people: friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and members of your civic club or church.

"And if one shop is recommended by several people, that might be the one," he said.

### Fleet repair garages

Core also suggests going to garages that do fleet repair for the company you work for or someone else you know. Ask those garages if they do work for individuals.

And look for a shop that has a waiting area where you can see the work being done on your car, even if you have to stand off to the side or look through a glass window, Core said. For liability reasons, most shops won't allow you to linger in the work area, but they should ensure that you can see the work, he said. And don't forget to compare warranties.

George Leggett of the state Attorney General's Office places shops into three categories: dealers, franchised repair shops and independents.

Dealers might be most knowledgeable about the make of cars they sell, have access to manufacturers' service bulletins describing unusual problems with particular cars and have more equipment, he said. But they can be the most expensive, he said.

*'If you're on the road a lot, the dealer or franchise might be the best buy. But if the car gets only local use, the independent might be the best buy.'*

*— George Leggett*

Franchised shops probably will charge less than dealers and, like dealers, offer a national warranty, he said. Most franchise shops specialize in certain areas, such as transmission shops, muffler shops, brake shops or tire stores.

Independents usually are the cheapest, Leggett said. But they might offer a shorter warranty that is good only at their shop.

"So the job might cost $1,500 at one place and $1,000 at another," Leggett said. "Which is better for you? If you're on the road a lot, the dealer or franchise might be the best buy. But if the car gets only local use, the independent might be the best buy."

Reg Lester suggests beginning your repair-shop search at the doors of shops that are members of his non-profit trade association, the Independent Garage Owners of N.C.

The association has several strong points:

- Members must subscribe to a code of ethics. And, he said, members have their membership terminated for operating outside of that code.
- The association investigates and seeks to resolve complaints against its members.
- The association provides training to keep its members updated on the latest technology.
- Through the association, members can get service bulletins, wiring diagrams and a second opinion on unusual problems.

To find out which garages are members, call the association at (919) 782-1560. Recommended shops are checked out and invited to join, he said. Members display a large metal sign stating their membership.

Mechanics certified by the National Association of Automotive Service Excellence in Herndon, Va., must pass a competency exam to become certified. They wear an ASE-certified patch on the sleeve.

When you take your car to a shop, describe the problem in detail and make sure it is described accurately on the work order, Leggett said.

But don't request a specific repair, because it might not be the correct one. "You're paying them to diagnose the problem."

Leave a telephone number where you can be reached and specify that you be called when the diagnosis is complete and a cost estimate determined, especially if repairs will exceed a specified figure.

And ensure that the service writer writes on the work order that you want to see all parts that are replaced.

If the cost seems too high or the repair excessive and the car is driveable, you might want to drive it to another shop for a second opinion at your expense.

### Ask — and complain

When you pick up your car, get the service manager or mechanic to explain all work done, and question anything you don't understand, said the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

"If unauthorized work was performed on your car or if you are charged substantially more than the original estimate, complain," according to the bureau.

Get and keep a copy of the repair bill and ensure that all parts are itemized by description, number and cost, and that the cost of labor for each repair is itemized, the bureau said.

When you find a competent shop that you trust, use it for all or most of your repairs, Leggett said.

"Stay with them," he said. "Don't jump around. They want to keep you as a repeat customer, and they aren't likely to try to rip you off."

10 YEARS AGO

**June 9, 1986:** Fayetteville Technical Institute Board of Trustees approves more than $3.5 million in funds to build a student development center and acquire a center for business and industry training.

June 10, 1986:

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What can people in Fayetteville do?

Think twice before they pull a trigger.

Think twice before they put a needle in their arm.

Learn how to forgive rather than get even.

Quit criticizing about our problems and volunteer to make the solutions happen.

— *Clark Craver*

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DISTRICT 3 SCHOOL BOARD

# Candidates seek focus in educational vision

*Third of a five-part series*
By Amber Nimocks
Staff writer

As the candidates seeking the District 3 school board seat see it, the current board has vision problems.

Bob Ervin says that not enough board members stay informed about the issues and problems they face. And the board needs to work harder at maintaining good relationships with businesses and other elected officials, he says.

Rick Glazier thinks board members waste energy arguing over policies that do not merit much attention. He says it seems the board seldom reaches a consensus.

Judith Nixon says the board needs to raise its expectations for students and teachers. She says administrators should spend more time at the schools helping teachers.

Ervin, Glazier and Nixon are seeking the District 3 seat that Karen Davenport is leaving. The Nov. 5 race is non-partisan, meaning the candidates are not running as Democrats or Republicans.

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# Volunteers fit schools for the 'Net

By Larry Bingham
Staff writer

Move over reading, writing and 'rithmetic.

There's a new kid — well, sort of — on the education block: the World Wide Web.

The computer has become so much a part of popular culture that the Internet has made a place for itself beside the old standards of public education.

That's the reason 26,000 volunteers spent their Saturday installing millions of feet of cable in as many as 900 schools across North Carolina.

"This is the very, very important first step," said Adele Up-

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## District 3

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### Better relationships

Ervin is dean of business programs at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He is retired from the U.S. Army and an 11-year career in real estate.

Ervin says school board members need to cultivate better relationships with the Cumberland County commissioners and the county's state legislators. They need to discuss common problems and goals with other government leaders.

"There hasn't been a lot of that done in our county," Ervin said. "We've been very confrontational and that's not productive."

Ervin thinks most school board members were unprepared at a recent meeting. "Only one or two of the board members seemed to know what was in the packet in front of them. That concerned me."

He says he would make it his goal to stay informed.

### Forums for parents

Glazier is a lawyer whose practice includes juvenile cases. He taught civics classes as a volunteer at Westover Senior High School for three years.

Glazier is concerned that parents feel ignored by the school board.

The school board sets aside 30 minutes before each monthly meeting to hear comments from the public. Each speaker can talk for three minutes.

That is not long enough, Glazier says. His idea is to hold forums to allow people to talk about issues the board is considering before the board takes action on them. "There's not any idea that can't stand the scrutiny of debate."

Glazier is also concerned is that people see the board as lacking a unified sense of purpose. He says he would be inclined to set aside his feelings on some issues and vote with the majority if doing so would help create consensus on the board.

"I may vote for things I disagree with, if I feel achieving and maintaining a consensus is more important," he said.

It seems that too often board members base decisions on personal beliefs, not on the best interest of the county's children, Glazier says.

"You cannot run a board on the policy-of-the-month club," he said. "You can't fight over each one."

He wants to see the schools raise academic standards by hiring good teachers, showing them respect, and reviewing standards and curriculum frequently.

"Public perception is that accountability is lax," Glazier said. "The fact that the perception exists may be more important than that actuality."

### Higher expectations

This is Nixon's third run for a school board seat. She retired after 35 years as a teacher, 23 of them with the Fort Bragg schools. She works with Fayetteville State University students who are seeking certification in child development for preschool teachers.

Nixon wants to raise the expectations for the county's students by getting parents more involved. If students see parents attending class with them more often, it will encourage them to stay focused on school work, Nixon says.

She would like to require every parent to spend some time in school. Parents who could not attend the required hours could pay someone else in their family or community to go in their place, she says.

The county should explore the possibility of using a non-graded system to evaluate children, Nixon says. Rather than promoting students after they spend 180 days in a grade, schools could promote students when they met the academic expectations established for that grade. She says that would allow students who learn faster than their classmates to move ahead and students who fall behind to get extra help.

Nixon says administrators could help raise the standards by spending more time in the classrooms with teachers. "Not to spy on them or reprimand them, but to be their partners, to be there to advise and assist in the classroom."

### Keeping teachers

All three District 3 candidates support passage of the $1.8 billion statewide bond issue for school construction. The three say they would support a property tax increase to raise the local match, but only as a last resort. County Manager Cliff Strassenburg has said a property tax increase would likely be necessary.

The county would need to raise $48 million in order to receive its share of $73.3 million from the state. The school board has no power to levy taxes, but the county commissioners would look to the board for support if faced with the decision.

Nixon thinks newer, nicer buildings would help keep teachers from leaving the profession. She thinks starting certified teachers at $30,000 per year would help, too. Along with higher salaries, Nixon would like to pay teachers incentives for coming up with ideas to improve courses or deal with students.

"They need more support from administrators when they are being creative," she said. "Ideas can come from the bottom up as well as from top."

Nixon says she does not know where the county would get the money to pay teachers more.

Glazier, who shares Nixon's desire to raise teachers' pay, says school board members need to be lobbying state and county leaders for more money.

"We are going to have to come to the realization that we are going to have to pay for it," he said. "We as board members have got to be out there making that case."

Good teachers should get more recognition for their work, Glazier says. He would like for county businesses to offer rewards for expertise in teaching. And he thinks successful teachers should be sharing their techniques with other teachers.

Ervin would encourage more parents to get involved in the schools and would vote to spend more money on classroom supplies.

Some teachers who have left the profession say they were frustrated by spending more time solving discipline problems than teaching classes.

"Fixing the discipline problems would be the best thing to help keep teachers in the system," Glazier said. It is up to principals and teachers to enforce the rules, and up to the school board to support their decisions, he says.

"The school board should make a strong presumption in favor of the schools' disciplinary actions," Glazier said.

The school system needs room for more students at Massey Hill Alternative School, he says. The alternative school gives disruptive students a smaller environment, removed from many distractions and temptations, he says.

" A surprising number of kids do better in Massey Hill than in their regular classes," Glazier said.

Because the system cannot afford to build a new building, the school could operate in shifts, he says. One class of students could attend from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. A second class could attend from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Nixon thinks that teachers need to learn about the cultures of the children they teach. What one culture may consider inappropriate, another culture may not, she says. If a white teacher is having trouble communicating with a black student, maybe she should ask for some advice from a black teacher, Nixon says.

Ervin says he wants to know more about the discipline situation before making suggestions.

### Looking for money

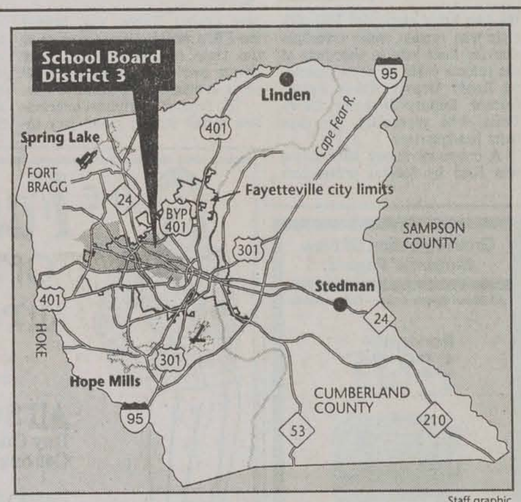
Ervin served on a school board committee that worked out a plan for spending money the General Assembly is giving to schools for computers.

He believes it is essential for the schools to form closer ties with businesses and industry in order to help pay for computers and computer training. "We're never going to get enough money out of our county commissioners to run the school system," he said. "The board needs to do a better job of finding funds to run the school system."

Glazier and Nixon agree. They would add positions to the system's one-person grant-writing staff to seek federal, state and private money.

"That money we spend on those positions will come back to us 100 fold," Glazier said.

Integrating computers into classroom teaching would be one of Glazier's top priorities. "We are so far behind other North Carolina school districts that it puts us at a competitive disadvantage," he said.

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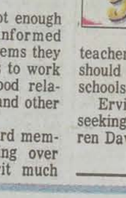
### SCHOOL BOARD RACES

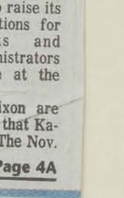
- **Monday:** Candidates for the Cumberland County school board's District 1 seat say easing parents' fears about safety would be part of the job.
- **Tuesday:** Milton Yarboro and Dinah Shamblin, District 2 opponents, have widely different philosophies about what a school board member is supposed to do.
- **Today:** District 3 school board candidates say the current board is out of touch with the public and lacks a vision for the school system.
- **Thursday:** Teacher pay and whether it should be higher is an issue for the five candidates in the District 4 race.
- **Friday:** The five candidates in the District 6 race are stressing the need to figure out how to find room for all of the county's students.

**JUDITH NIXON**



- **Age:** 62
- **Address:** 5372 Silver Pond Drive, Fayetteville
- **Occupation:** Retired teacher
- **How long have you lived in the county?** 25 years
- **Birthplace:** Kenly
- **Family:** Married, six children
- **Education:** Attended University of Hawaii, bachelor's degree from Fayetteville State University, master's degree from Austin Peay State University
- **Public offices held:** None

**RICK GLAZIER**



- **Age:** 41
- **Address:** 2642 Old Colony Place, Fayetteville
- **Occupation:** Lawyer
- **How long have you lived in the county?** 15 years
- **Birthplace:** Allentown, Pa.
- **Family:** Married, two children
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University, law degree from Wake Forest University School of Law
- **Public offices held:** None

**BOBBY J. ERVIN**

- **Age:** 49
- **Address:** 503 Rush Road, Fayetteville
- **Occupation:** Dean of business programs at FTCC
- **How long have you lived in the county?** 21 years
- **Birthplace:** Salisbury
- **Family:** Married, five children
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University in 1969; graduate of U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1978; master's from Campbell University in 1988; graduate of U.S. Army War College in 1994.
- **Public offices held:** None

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LARRY CHEEK

# White squirrel drives people up a tree

Here's an idea.

Tom and Gwen Reeves saw a white squirrel in their yard in Hope Mills, so maybe the town could sell sweat shirts with the words "Hope Mills, Home of the White Squirrel" on them.

After all, that's what Brevard — in western North Carolina — does.

Brevard has more than one white squirrel, though, which is why the town sells plural squirrel shirts.

There are, in fact, many white squirrels there, which I didn't know until I wrote about the Hope Mills white squirrel and my phone started ringing.

I had said in my column that according to the Audubon Field Guide to North American Mammals, there's no species of white squirrel in this country — only albino colonies in Illinois, New Jersey and South Carolina.

That, apparently, is at least partly wrong, because Brevard either has a white squirrel species, or a colony of partial albinos — their eyes are dark, just as was the case with the Hope Mills white squirrel.

One woman who called said she had seen the white squirrels not only in Brevard, but in the Pisgah National Forest.

When she stopped at the ranger desk in the forest, she says she was told the squirrels had come from Scotland in the early 1800s.

"Some people here are giving out bad information," a park service worker said when I called Pisgah National Forest.

"They didn't come from Scotland. I think they came here with a circus," he said.

### Escaped from carnival

Another reader, who's married to a woman from Brevard, sent me a fax with the story of the town's white squirrels.

According to the story, the squirrels were brought to Florida from Hawaii by a carnival worker in 1940.

His caravan overturned in a ditch, and the squirrels escaped into a pecan grove owned by M.M. Black. They multiplied rapidly.

Black captured two of them, and gave them to a friend — H.H. Mull, who in turn brought a pair of white squirrels to his niece, Barbara Mull, in Brevard, in 1949.

She gave them to her grandfather, W.P. Mull. When he was feeding them one day, a squirrel escaped.

He turned the other one loose, nature took its course, and Brevard has been known as the home of the white squirrels ever since.

My reader even faxed to me a picture of the squirrel, clinging to the side of a tree, looking at the camera.

Know what?

It's definitely a squirrel. And it's white.

Beyond that, I can't go.

### A gray matter

I called Collins Gray, chairman of the biology department at Fayetteville Technical Community College, to ask him about white squirrels.

He says sure, there are such animals, but no white squirrel species.

At least he couldn't find a white squirrel species in any of the several mammal field guides he checked — not even in Hawaii, where the Brevard whites allegedly came from.

"They're just passing along a certain (albino) trait," Gray said.

He says that if there was a permanent change in DNA, then all the white squirrel offspring would be white.

But he suspects that when the Brevard whites mate with normal gray squirrels, the results would usually be gray.

And white squirrels don't have to be totally albino. They can have dark eyes.

"If it were a new species," Gray said, "more than color would be involved. They'd have to reach the point of being unable to breed with a gray squirrel."

I suspect that point hasn't been reached.

In closing, would you like to hear something that will totally confuse you?

Collins Gray says there are no gray hairs on a gray squirrel.

The hairs, he says, are a combination of white, brown, black and some reds. Put them all together, and they look gray.

Right.

They sure do.

*Larry Cheek's column appears Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. His phone number is 486-3583.*

# Schools get wired for Web

## Volunteers work for NetDay '96

**By Amber Nimocks**
Staff writer

Three Cumberland County elementary schools will get caught in the Web of NetDay '96 today.

Volunteers participating in the statewide campaign to wire public and private schools for Internet access will install computer cables at the schools from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Employees of APCNET, a local computer company, will provide materials and work at Raleigh Road Elementary. Volunteers will work with the school staff to wire five classrooms and the media center.

Instructors and students from Fayetteville Technical Community College will work at Benjamin Martin Elementary and Alma Easom Elementary.

Carolyn Walker, principal at Raleigh Road, said cable installation is the school's first step toward Internet access.

"This is just the beginning part," Walker said. "We don't have the kind of computers yet that will access the Internet."

Walker said she hopes the school's Parent Teacher Association and its business partners will help buy the computer equipment the school needs next year.

Walker said Strickland helped get APCNET involved in the NetDay effort.

A reporter and a photographer from television station WTVD initiated the NetDay '96 effort.

The campaign will result in about 26,000 volunteers working to wire about 2 million feet of cable and wiring into about 6,000 classrooms in 900 schools.

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## Web

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church, principal of Benjamin Martin Elementary School on Reilly Road.

Benjamin Martin was one of three Cumberland County schools that were wired Saturday as part of NetDay '96.

The statewide campaign aims to give 6,000 classrooms Internet access. Schools must buy the computers, but volunteers are helping save money by installing cable.

The volunteers who helped at Benjamin Martin came from Fayetteville Technical Community College, Fort Bragg, the PTA and Sprint.

Without the volunteers, it would have taken days — and dollars — to install the nearly one mile of high-tech cable that runs through the ceiling and drops into classrooms, Upchurch said.

Her 700 students could be "surfing" the 'Net by the end of November.

What the Internet means for students is that a world of the latest information is a Web site away. The learning opportunities are endless, Upchurch said.

"It is a source of information and the source of communication in today's society. It's just a part of the basics anymore."

NetDay debuted in California in March with the wiring of 3,500 classrooms. The mission has since been repeated in at least 30 states. By the end of the month, organizers hope to have wired 20 percent of all U.S. schools.

Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**Heidi Dimercurio,** left, J.B. Simpson and Pam Jackson of Fayetteville Technical Community College help extend computer wires to the classrooms at Benjamin Martin Elementary School.

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3. Clarendon House Condominiums

Photo by Alice Thrasher

**David Hays** and Jackie Danker chat while Mel Danker and Marlene Floyd check out a golf club at the Marlene Floyd Golf Tournament dinner and auction at the Agri-Expo Center.

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**LIVE WIRE**

# Future notaries need 1-day class, application

**Q: How can someone become a notary? L.E., Fayetteville**

**A:** First, you must take a course. Gloria Baden of Fayetteville Technical Community College said the school offers a four-hour, single-day class that can be taken during the day or night.

You must register by noon on the day before class starts and pay in advance for the $35 course and $13 required book, she said.

The next class is from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Nov. 6. The next day class is Nov. 20, 1-5 p.m.

You can register at the registration office in the Neill Currie Continuing Education Building on Hull Road.

After completing the course, you fill out an application and mail it to the state, with a $25 application fee.

The state will send you a green sheet of paper that will enable you to go to the Register of Deeds Office at the county courthouse and get sworn in. The swearing-in process takes about two minutes and costs $5, she said.

Once you're sworn in, you can buy a seal, which is sold at office-supply stores.

*By Bob Horne*

**Call 481-8500, category 1995**



**REGION BRIEFS**

CUMBERLAND

### SPCA schedules pet portraits

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Cumberland County hopes to raise money from an afternoon of pet portraits.

The fundraiser will be held Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Fayetteville Technical Community College gymnasium. To make an appointment for a portrait call 822-0111.

Lester's Photography Studio in Fayetteville is donating the time to take the portraits.

Animals will be scheduled for portraits every 15 minutes. Though the schedule is nearly full, attempts will be made to accommodate walk-in customers.

Profits will go to benefit the society's no-kill animal shelter on Bragg Boulevard, said SPCA spokesman Elli Brasesicke.

■ **Pamela C. Budd** has been promoted to banking officer by BB&T. She joined the bank's staff in 1984 and is a charge-off manager in Lumberton.

Budd attended Fayetteville Technical Community College.



# Tourney a tribute to Floyd's spirit

"She's the hardest working woman in show business," **David Hays** said after the **Marlene Floyd** charity golf tournament events were over last weekend.

"Marlene's more than just the tournament's namesake. She's right in there and did everything from getting prizes for the auction to getting donations and sponsors the tournament," he said. "She worked hard and inspired a lot of people."

Hays, the chairman of the Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation and development director at FTCC, headed the tournament committee with Floyd and a host of business and professional leaders.

"I haven't been able to do my job for four months," Floyd said. "It was very rewarding to work the committee I had to work with. Somehow or other, we pulled it off. It was worth it to think that someone will be able to go to school at FTCC, and that people could be helped by the Red Cross."

The weekend began on an informal note Friday night. The cocktail party, dinner and auction had a "Down-Under" theme and attracted more than 600 people. Floyd couldn't walk 10 feet across the room without stopping to hug friends and thank them for their help.

The invitations to the players, sponsors and their spouses suggested they dress informally to get into the spirit of the evening. Guests dressed in Australian outback hats, vests, boots, denim or khaki outfits were served beer and wine during the social hour as they wrote down their bids on silent auction items and previewed the live auction items.

Golf trick shot artist **Charles Foster,** who is also a caricature artist, had his easel set up in the banquet hall during the social hour.

The evening was designed for fun, not for listening to speeches. The only introductions were for Floyd, the evening's emcee, and for Lt. Col. **David Lewis,** the leader of a contingent of Australian Special Forces officers invited to the dinner. The Carolina Panthers cheerleaders and singer **Travis Butler** of Winston entertained the crowd before and after dinner.

During the live auction, conducted by **Wayne Younts** after dinner, a framed, autographed photograph of **Raymond Floyd, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer** and **Tom Watson** taken at a British Open golf tournament at St. Andrews, Scotland, drew a bid of $950.

Other top bids went for a Master's flag signed by **Greg Norman** and **Nick Faldo** that auction chairman **Joe Beck** brought back from Augusta. Two airline tickets for domestic or international flights went for $1,100 each. An autographed **Michael Jordan** basketball jersey sold for $1,000.

Floyd said about $11,000 was raised at the auction for the FTCC Foundation and the Highlands Chapter of the American Red Cross. An additional $2,200 was raised for Animal Haven with the sale of the koala bear centerpieces and donations.

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

**Daryl Dragon** and Toni Tennille, The Captain and Tennille, visit with Jerry and Alice Teele at a reception after the Community Concerts recent opening concert.

**RSVP**

*By Alice Thrasher*

Hays said he didn't know the final amount raised from the golf tournament at Kings Grant.

Floyd said she won't be able to work with a fund-raising golf tournament next year. She did a tournament for the Red Cross three years ago and joined forces with FTCC Foundation last year.

"Year after next, I will be ready to raise funds again and would like to have a one-day tournament to raise money for battered women and Animal Haven," Floyd said.

She makes her home at Cypress Lakes and travels to Hilton Head to give 12 "For Women Only" golf clinics a year. She also does five tournament broadcasts for NBC each year and participates in corporate and charity clinics and outings around the country.

Floyd is still a professional golfer but hasn't had time to play in a tournament since last year. "I am still qualified and have my card to play on the tournament. I am not completely retired," she said.

Hays said a $10,000 endowed scholarship was set up in Marlene Floyd's name after last year's tournament. A scholarship of $560 a year will go to one student each year, he said.

"This is a signature event for us," he said. "We want to continue something, but I know that Marlene can't make that commitment fully."

### Captain and Tennille

At another Civic Center event last weekend, the "wet look" was in as people running from the parking lot to the auditorium got soaked by the sudden storm.

People who arrived early at the Captain and Tennille concert were lucky. Those who got caught up in the horrendous traffic backup created by the Community Concerts program, the circus at the arena and the Marlene Floyd Golf Tournament dinner at the Agri-Expo Center weren't.

They had to splash through puddles and brave lightning and blowing rain to get to the auditorium. Community Concerts president **Jerry Jenkins** delayed the starting time and her welcoming remarks until most of the audience could be seated.

"I'm going to be mad if this is not good," one rain-soaked man said as entered the lobby.

If he was part of the crowd clapping and singing along to "Love Will Keep Us Together' by the end of the 90 minute non-stop show, he wasn't mad when he left.

After the show, sponsors and

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# A big deal

## Indian tutor program helps everyone learn how to read

**By Annette Godwin Dammer**
Staff writer

Steven Herring owned his own Sheetrock business. But all that came to an end in 1994 when he fell 27 feet, breaking both arms and compacting his body.

He says he died three times in the hospital, once when he arrived and twice in surgery.

"The doctors told me that when I woke up I was talking to the Lord, telling the Lord that I would do His will if He would left me live," Herring said. "And that's what I do."

For Herring, that meant going back to school so he could support his family. With his injuries, he couldn't return to hanging Sheetrock. And even though Herring had owned is own business, he had never learned to read and write.

He tried to go to Fayetteville Technical Community College, but the school required a sixth-grade education. It couldn't help him.

At age 39, Herring prayed for help and says the Lord lead him to Gaye Mancell, a tutor with the Cumberland County Association for Indian People. Herring isn't Indian, but the association helps anyone who wants to learn.

It is nonprofit and has an adult education program. Project Director Ophelia Maynard says most adults don't want others to know they can't read and write. People can be cruel.

Maynard says the reasons why people don't get an education are varied. Some quit school to work because of their family size or low income. Some had parents who made it without an education and expected their children to do the same.

For most people, it's no big deal to read labels at the grocery store, a driving test, a Bible or the mail. For others, it's not so simple.

"If they get mail, someone else has to read it for them and they don't know if they're reading what's on that paper or not," Maynard said. "They don't know the prices of things, just every-day normal living. They have to get by the best way they can."

The program teaches several levels from helping those who can't read to helping those who know the basics. And it helps others earn their GED — General Equivalency Diploma.

The association has five tutors, but needs more volunteers. It needs funding for next year, too, because the U.S. Department of Education has cut its funding.

Maynard is worried because there is so much need. According to the Employment Security Commission, 35,000 to 45,000 adults in Cumberland County don't have high school diplomas and 1,260 people over age 25 have less than a fifth-grade education.

Herring has been tutored for more than 10 months. Most students go twice a week. Herring goes four times a week.

"I started at nothing and now I'm up to about a sixth-grade level," he said.

And it's already changed his life. He can read to his 3-year-old.

"It got on my heart when Kimberly would ask me to sit down and read her a book and I couldn't," he said. "I'd have to tell her to go get her mom. Then she wanted to know why I couldn't read."

Now he reads to her a lot. And they're both learning.

Fayetteville Technical Institute (now known as Fayetteville Technical Community College) President Dr. Craig Allen, left, gets a check from Fayetteville Association of Realtors President Bob Measamer in 1984.

# Lending A Helping Hand

In 1984, the Realtors gave a $5,000 gift (photo at top) to establish a scholarship fund for students in the building trades at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Since then, the scholarship fund has increased to $10,000.

In addition to the association's work, individual real estate agencies also have donated time and money to better the community.

In the bottom photo, real estate agents from Floyd Properties distributed more than 1,000 flags to residents in area neighborhoods to help celebrate July 4th, 1992.

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SATURDAY EXTRA

# Misery in Mogadishu

## Death left its mark on those who survived

By Kevin F. McDonal

Something happens to a man's soul out in the field of battle. It happened to me, and to those I fought alongside with. Death walked among us a few years ago as we fought in the desolate, run-down streets of Mogadishu, Somalia. It laid a hand on each of our shoulders and squeezed slightly to let us know of its presence.

Yet, no one panicked. No one lost his wits. We acted as we were trained to act — to be automatic, to do without thought or question.

All of us came from diverse backgrounds, carrying within ourselves a personality that didn't always mesh well with that of the others. We ranged in age from 18 to 34. Some had families — most were single. We joined for many reasons — money for college or for life. Some joined for something better than living on the streets. A few of us, myself included, enlisted after graduating from college, and we experienced bitter resentment.

There were many races, religions and nationalities in our group and there were clashes — mostly mere mouthing off or boastful threats. A few grew to fistfights, but nothing really serious.

Training was constant the four months before we left for that far-off land. It seemed to never end. Stress was almost a given after a while.

### Grit and grime

When the grit and grime of combat was thrown in our faces, all prejudices and hatred left. We became Machine and worked as if we were well-oiled, primed and loaded with an inexhaustible supply of energy.

We became pure action and the outcome of the will of some unknown source of thought and decision. But we did not, nor have ever fought for a cause nor for an ideal. We fought for the Machine that we had become.

Our goal was to stay alive for the next day, so that we might continue to work and, more importantly, to ensure that all of us and our parts came home intact. It doesn't work that way.

Our team leader, Chris, engaged to be married when we returned home, was leading his team off the objective. The Machine work was done for that day.

Just then a Somalian rebel shot his rocket-propelled grenade. It landed at Chris' side. A hummer sped up the street and two arms from within the truck grabbed Chris and pulled him inside, but his legs dangled outside. Bone. Nothing but bone showing on one leg.

The Machine lost a part, but Chris lost his leg. And an arm. And he lived. Chris had changed inside. We all did.

A week later the Machine was called into motion and so we performed as ordered. Fourteen hours of ceaseless fighting, a constant barrage of enemy fire. No time to sleep with fatigue so great it became easy to dose off.

### Suddenly Human

When it was over, the Machine was called upon to help with the medical evacuation of the wounded and the dead. The bodies arrived on trucks and helicopters. There seemed to be no end, and suddenly, we were no longer the Machine. We were human. They were human — laying still, bleeding, some dying.

A soldier asks me for a cigarette. An eye rests on his cheek, held only by a stringy nerve. The socket is covered by a hastily-tied patch. A man is on the ground close by on his stomach — his thigh virtually gone.

I turn away to watch medics give CPR to a kid who dies in my sight — his last breath slowly pouring out into our world.

A few meters away, a United Nations contingent slaughters a goat to cook. Its entrails dropping to the ground with a wet thump. I think, 'How strange — like a sacrifice of some sort — but to what? A sacrifice to the Machine? Probably.' We eat the goat's flesh, simmered in sweetened milk and spices. We are tired, so tired, and very hungry.

It took a long time for Death to release its grip on our shoulders. When it did, a legacy was granted. The look in our eyes we still carry and hold strong to our souls — a look of understanding, of knowing. The look of trust in its purest sense which cannot be broken nor tainted.

From that day on, our differences cease to matter. What we went through cleansed our souls, but at the same time hardened them to stone. An unspoken agreement fell upon us, unspoken because of the deep understanding that developed among us. We are, in the truest sense, friends. I trusted you with my life and you came through.

Time has passed, almost three years now. We call each other occasionally, yet we never speak of that time — that time we spent in some land no one really ever heard of, nor remembered in grammar school geography class.

### That look

There's no need to talk of it — death's grip left its impression and the memories linger as vivid and real as if all of it happened this morning. That look, the piercing, hardened stare, I watched pour out of those veterans of long-gone wars — Vietnam, Korea, and World War II.

This is the kind of stare that tears into one's soul. If the soul has turned to stone, when it hits the rock, the stare turns toward the knowing, the understanding. It is that heart of stone that reveals that the person before you fought in battle and was not just simply there in that foreign land. And still, there is no need to talk about our experiences. We know.

Why wasn't there panic, uncontrollable fear in our souls? It took me a long time to find that answer. When I finally discovered it, I realized the answer was so simple, so basic and obvious I should have seen it from the onset. I was never alone. We were never alone. At the heart of the Machine there were people — human beings who simply wanted to go home, to stay alive.

It took all of us to come together under the blanket of adversity, of a hell of such intensity that it made us trust. It forced us to believe in each other.

**A Story**

*Kevin McDonal is an assistant manager at Batteries Plus. He has been serious about writing for 12 years and is working on the second draft of his first novel. His "ultimate goal" is to be a published writer. McDonal is single and served in the U.S. Army from 1991 to 1994 at Fort Drum, N.Y., in the 10th Mountain Division.*

***The Readers Write***

Staff photo by Johnny Horne

**Jonathan Berry** shows off the gold medal he won at the North Carolina Special Olympics.

# A Berry good golfer

*Jonathan Berry, a student at Mac Williams Middle School who was born with Down's syndrome, is becoming quite an accomplished golfer.*

By Chip Scoggins
Staff writer

When Jonathan Berry smacks a drive, he gets John Daly-like reactions from the crowd. And after competing in just his fourth tournament, the 16-year-old Berry is receiving Tiger Woods-like publicity.

For Berry, who was born with Down's syndrome, golfing comes natural. For those who watch him play, it's like seeing a miracle. Despite his handicap, Berry, a student at Mac Williams Middle School, has been playing golf since he was an infant. He spent hours lagging putts in his diapers. His father Joe or grandfather Bev would carry a golf bag on one shoulder and Jonathan on the other around the golf course. Sometimes even his grandmother Hazel would tote young Jonathan from hole to hole.

The years of training paid off. Jonathan recently won the North Carolina Special Olympics golf tournament in Rocky Mount where he shot a 45 through nine holes to win the 120-golfer event by three strokes. The event used an alternate shot format and Jonathan played with Ronnie Luck, the husband of his school teacher Phyllis. Don't be fooled, however. Jonathan carried his team, or as Ronnie told Phyllis, "He saves me."

That was evident on one hole in particular when Ronnie's shot found the rough.

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# College building delayed yet again

*Construction problems push back the opening date of a new classroom structure for the third time.*

By Gary Moss
Staff writer

The Literacy and Continuing Education Building could be called, at least for the past year, the building continuing under construction.

Fayetteville Technical Community College students were supposed to move into the building by late February.

Then by July.

Then by mid-October.

Now it looks like they won't get in until December.

The latest delay came from a building inspection that failed because a section of the foundation had not been waterproofed.

Because of this delay, classes will not be held in the new building at Devers Street and Hull Road until the winter quarter starts the first week of December, said Dr. Larry Norris, vice president for Academic Affairs.

It has been a year since the FTCC board of trustees fired the original contractor, Garner Building Co. of Southern Pines, because of delays and shoddy work.

Straightening out the mess cost the college a year of time, but will not cost taxpayers anything. Additional expenses will be paid by Garner's bonding company, which hired Sigma Construction Co. of Fayetteville to take over the project.

### Numerous problems

Joe Jackson, the superintendent for Sigma, said the building his company took over was never in danger of falling down. But it did not look like a new $5 million building should look, either, Jackson said.

Outside sidewalks sloped the wrong way, causing water to drain into the building instead of away from it. Floor tiles that were laid unevenly and had to be ripped up and laid again.

Cement walls had to be sanded and repainted. Gaps in exterior brickwork had to be corrected to avoid hairline cracks from developing later.

Construction on the 71,000 square-foot building began in September 1994.

When it opens next month, it will house classes for adult education programs, including literacy training, General Equivalency Diploma classes, fire and police training, and arts and crafts classes.

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# inTro

**Name:** Ryan Williams
**Age:** 14
**Parents:** Clyde and Daphne Williams of Fayetteville
**Accomplishments:** Earning the Eagle Scout award. Honor student at Hillcrest Junior High School

Don't look indoors expecting to find Ryan Williams. He loves the outside, which explains why he's been scouting since the age of 6.

"Ryan literally went from bassinet to a boat," Daphne Williams, his mother, said with a laugh.

After starting out with the Tiger Cubs, he continued through the Cub Scouts before crossing over into Boy Scouts. This year, at the age of 14, he attained the pinnacle, earning Boy Scouts' highest honor — Eagle Scout. It took him three years.

Only about 4 percent of Boy Scouts of America make the rank of Eagle. The award must be attained by the age of 18.

Ryan, now a Terry Sanford High School student, is a member of Troop 771, sponsored by MacPherson Presbyterian Church on Cliffdale Road. He received the award during a ceremony on Oct. 20.

"It sort of hits you," he said. "You think after you get Eagle it's over, but you realize you still got a lot to do."

■ **What advice do you have for today's teen-agers?**
Find something you're good at and stick with it.

■ **What's something that you wish your school had, but doesn't?**
Probably more variety of sporting events — water-skiing and things like that.

■ **If you could attend another school in Cumberland County, which one would it be and why?**
It would still have to be Terry Sanford. I guess it would be because I don't know anyone else from other schools. I don't know the history of the other schools.

■ **Who is the person you most admire and why?**
I guess it would have to be my family. They keep pushing me to do the right thing.

■ **What are you going to be doing 10 years from now?**
I hope to be in college. Either in college becoming an architect, engineer or builder, or being that.

■ **How does scouting fit into your life? How does it help you?**
I've always liked anything with the outdoors. I can't stand being inside. That's all scouting is. It's right down my alley.

■ **If you could use one word to describe yourself, what would it be?**
An outdoorsman.

■ **Why did you join the scouts?**
It started out as a little thing: Tiger Cubs, then Cub Scouts. As I kept going, my parents said they'd get me something good if I got Eagle. At first I thought it was too much of a goal. So I got it. (His parents promised him a car if he made Eagle and stayed on the honor roll.)

■ **What do your friends think about your being an Eagle Scout?**
Most of my friends thought it was a hopeless goal. They thought I was stupid for trying it.

■ **What do you want to do with your life?**
I hope to live at the beach and help build houses down there.

■ **What about you would surprise most people?**
I have common sense. I use common sense.

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# Berry

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"That's all right," Jonathan said. "I'm going to bust this one."

He did, along with a lot of other shots, in winning the gold medal.

"You should have seen the amazement on people's faces," Phyllis said. "One golfer said this kid should not be playing in the Special Olympics."

That's because Jonathan regularly hits his drive more than 200 yards, his 5-wood 185 yards. Using a baseball grip, he hits with a natural draw. Though he doesn't keep score, Jonathan has nearly made several hole-in-ones. During the school year, he plays twice a week with Bev. During the summer, they play every other day.

Jonathan reads putts accurately because, as Bev said, "He thinks you're supposed to make them." Two years ago, Jonathan began playing from the regulation tees. Those kind of skills are what make Berry a crowd favorite.

"I've seen a bunch of (spectators) about lose their teeth watching him," Bev said. "One man came up to me and he had tears in his eyes. He said he has a sister with a small girl who has Down's syndrome. She said she would never be able to do anything. He wanted to get her out here to watch Jonathan."

Watching golfers on TV has become one of Jonathan's favorites activities, along with singing, playing the drums and drawing pictures of his church Baywood Pentecostal Holiness. He uses the television as a learning tool. Lately, he's been imitating the way Craig Stadler looks back at his foot after he swings. One of his favorite moves is the Chi Chi Rodriguez sword-waving routine after he makes a crucial putt.

Last year, Bev took Jonathan to a practice round at Pinehurst where they followed Rodriguez, who after making a difficult putt was greeted with a resounding "nice birdie" from a smiling Jonathan. Rodriguez walked over, put his arm around Jonathan and gave him his ball.

Jonathan has picked up on another type of victory ritual.

"He made a long putt several weeks ago, and he was airborne," Bev said. "He jumped right on me. Almost knocked me over."

With his playfulness and good nature, Jonathan elicits affection from others. After winning the gold medal at the Special Olympics, he stood in front of his church and proudly displayed his medal to an ovation. He received another rousing ovation from the students at Mac Williams as he walked through the cafeteria.

"He wasn't as excited when he got the medal as he was with all the attention he's getting," Phyllis said. "He feels like a celebrity."

His friends and family have always made him feel that way, especially Bev, who Jonathan calls pop. On days that Bev picks him up for a round of golf, Jonathan stands by the window, watches and waits.

"They are very close," Phyllis said. "He is his grand-daddy's heart."

Golf has been a major part of the bond. They play because they love the game. They play because they love to be around one another.

"I didn't go to Rocky Mount because I thought it was part of his growing up," Bev said. "It was very hard not to be there. But I'm just bursting with pride."

And rightfully so.

**Farm aids:** *Program aims to help handicapped farmers adapt,* **3D**

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# BUSINESS



# Wanted: Skilled workers

*Workers in technical trades are scarce as young people are lured into other careers.*

**By Jay Woodard**
Staff writer

Imagine a situation in which there are more than twice as many jobs as there are people to take them.

The pay isn't minimum wage. Some pay up to $25,000 while a person trains. Those with experience earn up to $40,000.

The figures quoted are for tool makers and precision metal workers, but the pay for other skilled labor, such as auto mechanics, those in the building trades, and heating and air-conditioning people, is also impressive, $33,680 and up.

But the demand may be even more impressive. It prevails in several fields:

■ "We have 2½ times more jobs for skilled workers than we have workers to fill them," said Glenda Till, coordinator of the College Tech Prep program in Cumberland County schools.

■ "There continues to be a shortage of skilled carpenters," said J.W. Walker, president of Ellis-Walker Builders of Fayetteville. And the shortage of masons is critical, he said.

■ At the Black & Decker plant in Fayetteville, technical maintenance people were in such short supply the plant called three people who had just retired from one of the company's Canadian plants to fill in, said plant manager Ray Johnson.

It's the same nationally, according to Gregory Sampson, an economist at the Employment Security Commission in Raleigh. "The shortages are more pronounced in areas that are growing."

Construction of the hospital at Fort Bragg, plus several other $40,000,000-plus projects under way on post and a number of schools in the region has put pressure on wages in the building trades, Walker said. The result is higher pay for those with these skills than is common in other parts of the county.

Black & Decker's fast growth has made its need for skilled people more acute.

"This plant has grown by double digits over the last three years," Johnson said. "We brought plastic-injection molding to Fayetteville from the Tarboro plant." That has led to a greater need for technical maintenance people. "We've had ads in the paper for six or eight months and still haven't found them."

The situation has been an impediment to production, he said. Johnson has also been looking for tool and die makers for eights months and has been able to fill

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Staff photos by Swayne Hall

**Black & Decker plant manager** Ray Johnson, left, watches Randy Foltz operate a hobbing (gear-cutting) machine on the plant floor.

**Linda Durden operates** a hobbing machine on the floor of the Fayetteville Black & Decker plant. Durden is a mid-level skilled worker.



## WAGES FOR THE TECHNICAL TRADES

*All figures are for Cumberland County*

| Occupations | HOURLY WAGES Entry | Average | Maximum |
|---|---|---|---|
| First-line supervisors (mechanics, installers and repairers) | $11.75 | $14.37 | $24.00 |
| Assemblers and fabricators (machine, electrical, electronic and precision) | 6.38 | 8.24 | 11.00 |
| Brickmasons | 7.41 | 10.00 | 11.00 |
| Carpenters | 7.20 | 9.16 | 9.50 |
| Extruding, forming, pressing and compacting machine operators and tenders | 12.20 | 13.62 | 16.53 |
| Heating, air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics and installers | 8.33 | 9.69 | 12.00 |
| Maintenance repairers, general utilities | 9.70 | 11.49 | 17.65 |
| Sheet metal workers | 7.93 | 8.62 | 16.50 |
| Welders and cutters | 8.29 | 11.32 | 15.00 |

Source: N.C. Employment Security Commission, U.S. Department of Labor — Staff graphic

## Labor

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only one of the $18-an-hour jobs.

### Clean hands

So why are all these jobs going begging?

"Young people today don't want to get their hands dirty," said Catherine Barkley, coordinator of the placement office at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Parental attitude is another factor, said Till, the College Tech Prep official.

"We have done so well in our recruiting for college prep that we've given families the idea that the only way to success is with a four-year college degree," said Till, who is also a former guidance counselor at Terry Sanford and South View high schools.

The schools are trying to combat that notion. Their assault starts early in a child's school life. "We hold career labs all the way down to elementary school so students can learn what people do in their jobs," said Pam Bello, director of Workforce Development with Cumberland County schools.

By the time students get to the seventh grade, "they take exploratory courses to see what interests them." In succeeding years, instruction becomes specific based on student interests.

The teaching is supported by student exposure to the workplace through internships and job shadowing.

Instruction in skilled-labor fields often meets parental resistance, Bello and Till say.

"We have come up with a suitable program for that 50 percent who won't be going to college and which won't be dropping out," Till said. "They will probably end up with a one- or two-year post-secondary degree, and the parents feel that we're trying to dummy down their children."

*'Young people today don't want to get their hands dirty.'*
*— Catherine Barkley,*

Such an attitude may be ignoring reality.

Thirty percent of college graduates between now and the year 2005 will be unemployed, according to the Regional Economic Development office in Columbia, Mo.

Meanwhile, thousands of skilled-labor jobs go unfilled each year, the development office said. And the fear of dirty hands may be as outdated as the parental attitude toward skilled-labor jobs.

A walk down the production lines at Black & Decker shows immaculately clean work stations. Parts as shiny as dinner-table silverware are carefully inspected and packed.

### New processes

Many processes are shielded from human touch by clear plastic guards and are controlled from computer keyboards.

The College Tech programs include trips to manufacturing plants so teachers can see what industry needs.

"We noticed that everyone has a computer at their work station," Bello said. "I don't think some teachers had realized just how important these technical skills are."

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# Carpentry novice building his future

**By Jay Woodard**
Staff writer

Letters and numerals may play tricks on his eyes, but Richard Lee can always see in his mind how buildings go together.

He discovered that early when he was a young boy following his father around the house as he made improvements on the family's home. His father is Richard Lee III of Washington.

"I could see stuff the way it needed to be built," Lee said. The 20-year-old Fayetteville carpenter proved it again last month when he won the state Carpentry Apprentice Contest, sponsored by the state Department of Labor.

He constructed a small building, following the blueprints and cutting the lumber. "It took three hours and some change," Lee said.

Not bad for a guy who has dyslexia, the condition in which numerals and letters appear backward or transposed.

"I had some carpentry jobs when I was in the 10th and 11th grades in high school," Lee said. "And I'd always read the tape measure backwards. I'd see the 45s as 54s."

Concentration and caution have steered him around that barrier. "I've learned to check things twice before I cut," said Lee, a 1994 graduate of Seventy-First High School.

While his interest in carpentry was aroused as he watched his father's home projects, it was in Darrell Kennedy's carpentry class at Seventy-First that he began learning in earnest. "He taught me the science, the math, the geometry, the paperwork, the business end of it," Lee said.

Kennedy liked Lee's work well enough to recommend him to Ellis-Walker Builders of Fayetteville.

"He went directly into our apprenticeship program," said Joe Walker, president of Ellis-Walker. "He's done exceptionally well. I couldn't be more proud of him if he were my own son. The prognosis for his future in this company is whatever he wants it to be. The sky's the limit."

Lee keeps learning while working on such Ellis-Walker projects as the Livermore Library addition at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. His apprentice training includes classes three evenings a week at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The three-year course of instruction will lead to a journeyman carpenter's license and his being certified by the Associated General Contractors of North Carolina and South Carolina.

Lee has done extensive remodeling at his home, directed by his mother, Stephanie Rogers of Fayetteville.

Staff photo Cindy Burnham

**Richard Lee, a construction worker** for Ellis-Walker, works on an addition to Livermore Library at UNCP.

# FTCC sets health center ceremonies

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Fayetteville Technical Community College is celebrating the start of construction on its $6 million Health Technologies Center.

Work at the site on Hull Road and Dever Street began about a month ago, but the formal groundbreaking will be at 2 p.m. today.

The center will house the college's 11 health-related programs, such as nursing, physical therapy and dental hygiene.

"This is part of the bond issue that the community colleges had about two years ago, and we've never really had a building that would house all of our health-technology programs," said Linwood Powell, interim college president. "Certainly it's an exciting day, especially for the health providers."

Speakers at the event will include Bob Scott, the former governor who later served as president of the North Carolina Community College system.

# *Local NetDay was a great success*

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On Oct. 26, several community organizations were represented in an educational endeavor known as "NetDay '96." NetDay was a statewide volunteer effort combining community resources in order to cable classrooms for future access to the Internet. As the principal of Ben Martin Elementary School, one of the three sites cabled in Cumberland County, I want to take the opportunity to extend a thank-you.

The selfless time and volunteer efforts of FTCC students and staff, Sprint, and HHB XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery, need to be commended as one of the most significant contributions to education I have witnessed thus far in all my years as an educator. Armed with ladders and their own tools, these volunteers chose to give a day of their own time to make what was once a pipe dream become a reality.

I would like to especially thank Gerald Lininger, Bob Ervin of FTCC, Jimmy Lockamy, Mike Middleton of Sprint, and Capt. Dave Clore of XVIII Corps Artillery for their leadership in making this somewhat technical effort such a huge success.

It is these kinds of contributions to our schools that will make a tremendous impact on not only the students directly affected, but the quality of life in Fayetteville.

As we continue to address the needs of our public school system and how we can truly make a difference for the future, I hope the example set by this community involvement effort can serve as an inspiration to others. As a result of this support and the contributions given by the Chamber of Commerce, we hope to have many more NetDays to come.

*Adele G. Upchurch*
*Principal*
*Benjamin Martin Elementary School*

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# They're making a difference in education

**By Danielle McGinnis**
FTCC

At the end of each summer, Fayetteville Technical Community College recognizes an outstanding instructor from each area in the Continuing Education division. Although they are part-time employees, their time, talents and expertise provide a quality learning experience for Fayetteville and Cumberland County.

Ray Adcox has worked at FTCC since 1994 and is the outstanding instructor for the Law Enforcement Training area. Adcox is known to lead by example, especially since he is a graduate of FTCC's Basic Law Enforcement Training program and the General Occupational Technology curriculum.

The outstanding instructor for Extension Education, Nina Bagley, has worked at FTCC since 1994. She has an associate degree in business administration, is a certified medical assistant and an active member of the American Association of Medical Assistants.

Tony Baldwin is the outstanding instructor for the Basic Skills area where he teaches adult high school, GED and adult basic education classes. His retention rate is among the highest in the Basic Skills program, which earned him the award of Instructor of the quarter in the fall of 1995.

Denise Bronson is the Instructor of the Year for Business Services, where she teaches early childhood education, an area in which she has 14 years experience. She is a member of the Cumberland County Day Care Association, the Smart Start Team, the Child Care Resources and Referral Advisory Committee and the Cumberland County "Caring for Children" Planning Committee.

*Ray Adcox, Nina Bagley, Tony Baldwin, Denise Bronson, Dean DeMark, Larry Lancaster, Mary Anne Langley, Mark Lease and Bill Zellers are among the best.*

Dean DeMark has been a fire rescue training instructor at FTCC since 1990 and is the area's outstanding instructor. He is certified to teach in the areas of Firefighter III, driver operator, EMT, hazardous materials technician and arson investigators. He is known as one of the best hazardous materials instructors in the state.

Larry Lancaster is the outstanding instructor for the Small Business Center, where he established the Rural Entrepreneurship though Action Learning — REAL — program. Lancaster joined FTCC in 1995 after a 30-year career as a public schoolteacher and administrator with the Cumberland County School System.

The Community Services outstanding instructor is Mary Anne Langley who has been with FTCC since 1991. She and her husband own and operate their own business where she works as the accountant.

Mark Lease is the outstanding instructor for the Occupation Extension area at Fort Bragg. Lease came to FTCC in 1993, first as an aide to the commercial/residential wiring course, then as a heating and air conditioning instructor.

The Industry Services outstanding instructor is Bill Zellers, who has been at FTCC for six years. Zellers has taught industry classes for Cutler-Hammer, Fort Bragg, Fayetteville Publishing and Monsanto, as well as CFC certification classes for air conditioning contractors.

## College official looks at national mood

The head of North Carolina's community college system is a member of a national commission that will explore the cynical, depressed and angry national psyche.

The commission was announced Wednesday by former Education Secretary William Bennett and retiring Sen. Sam Nunn.

"I see this as a glorious opportunity to raise the issue to the right level and pose some solutions people can do in the communities," Lloyd V. Hackley, president of the state Community College System, said Wednesday.

Hackley, the former president of Fayetteville State University, said modern communications and transportation have added to the national malaise.

"There were some awful things going on in the '40s but they weren't communicated so rapidly," Hackley said.

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# Colleges good for N.C. business

*Though North Carolina now can offer companies tax credits to move here, development officials say the state's community education system still is the big draw.*

**RALEIGH** (AP) — Long before it could offer tax credits, North Carolina was competing head-to-head with other states to lure new industries.

The carrot dangled in front of recruits is the state's community-college system.

"Our community colleges all over the state have been well received by industries," Gary Carlton, director of business and industry development for the state Department of Commerce, said.

"When I talk to companies all over the world, they know about the community-college system in North Carolina. It is one of our best incentives."

Since the state was allowed to offer tax credits Aug. 1, 12 new industries have brought 2,000 jobs to the state. But the credits were not the only reason.

"You've got to have both," Carlton said. "The tax credits and the community-college training helped lure these people to the state."

Morton Metal announced three weeks ago it was opening a plant in Apex to make heavy-equipment parts. It cited the community-college training as one reason for the move, Carlton said.

North Carolina's community-college system tailors job training for new companies, said Joe Sturdivant, who is retiring as director of business and industry services for the state Community College System.

"They leave the college with a very marketable skill," Sturdivant said Tuesday. "Each college tries to design its course offerings around the needs of its particular community."

### Thousands sign up

In each of the past three years, 17,000 to 18,000 people have been trained in the programs. Last year, the program cost the state $8.8 million.

"Our budget is probably more modest than a lot of the other states we compete with," Sturdivant said.

The 58 community colleges, which offer two-year associate degrees, also offer training tailored to a particular new industry.

There is a sawmill-operations course offered only in Haywood County, and a heavy-equipment operators program in Wilson County. Several community colleges on the coast offer marine-science programs.

Planning is now under way, Sturdivant said, to establish a training program for Draftex, a German car insulation company coming to Salisbury.

In addition to customized training, community colleges offer programs in skills such as secretarial, electronics, health care, industrial maintenance and mechanical.

Academic programs also are offered, but the primary mission is job training, Sturdivant said.

# Community college graduates finding jobs

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**By Jay Woodard**
Staff writer

Ninety-five percent of Fayetteville Technical Community College's 1996 graduates have found jobs and 72 percent work in the fields they trained for.

This is part of a report made Monday to the college's trustees by Catherine Barkley, job placement coordinator.

The report shows that 938 people graduated in the college's 1995-96 year. The average salary for the graduates is $21,381.

"These are not all entry-level salaries," Barkley said. "Some are for people who came here for re-training."

The highest pay, $27,820, went to those in electronics engineering technology. "These are mainly working in telecommunications companies or for companies that provide equipment for those companies," Barkley said.

Health-care graduates are also doing well. Dental hygienists, respiratory care technology graduates and those with associate degrees in nursing earn around $30,000. Machinists and surveying technology graduates are earning around $23,000.

Among jobs for which there is high demand are administrative assistants, business computer programmers, people trained for child-care programs, food-service workers, and those in the health-care field.

# Publishers Note

## Cumberland County Is Up & Coming

By Bill Bowman

It's a great time to be living in Fayetteville and Cumberland County. We definitely are a community on the grow. Just take a ride around the county and see for yourself what's popping up out of the ground. There is new construction everywhere! This is progress folks, and it makes me proud and confident that our "Quality of Life" in Cumberland County will continue to rise as we enjoy our position as North Carolina's 4th Largest Metro. Maybe soon we can build our way to the number 3 position. If you are a newcomer to our area WELCOME! Listed below are just a few ways we are building a better community.

- $55 mil Cumberland County Coliseum
- New Cumberland County Jail (somewhere!)
- $12 mil Fayetteville Police Administration Building
- Methodist College: College Center & Joe Stout Hall
- $2 mil Fayetteville Fire Station • Special Operations/Airborne Museum
- WalMart Distribution Center • Womack Medical Center, Fort Bragg
- CFVHS Cancer Center expansion
- FTCC Continuing Education building
- Proposed NC State Veterans Park • NC State Veterans Rest Home
- 3 new Public Libraries • Western Cumberland County High School
- Huske Hardware Brewery, etc., etc...and this is just the short list.

Impressive, huh? I invite you to enjoy the things we have and look forward to the wonderful things to come!

Thanks for reading *Fayetteville's Up & Coming Magazine*!



# Day-care project aired at FTCC

## $3 million center would meet training, care needs for students

**By Virginia Ann White**
Staff writer

Fayetteville Technical Community College officials are again considering a proposal to build an on-campus day-care center to train students and care for up to 172 children.

The Early Childhood Education Center would cost $3 million, said Dr. Larry Norris, FTCC vice president for academic affairs. Norris said the school would depend on the state for funding. He presented a proposal on the project to the FTCC board of trustees Monday.

The trustees took no action.

Norris said the center would meet two needs: it would be used by childhood education students for clinical work and practicums and it would be available to FTCC students as a day-care center for their children.

It's the second time within a year that FTCC officials have considered building such a center. Last summer, state legislators turned down a funding request that would have paid for it. The request was submitted in a bill by State Sen. Tony Rand. Norris said the school would be talking to Rand and other Cumberland County legislators when the time comes to discuss funding again.

The board of trustees will not vote on whether to try again for the funding until its January meeting. Trustees told Norris that they need more information. Some were concerned about the reaction from local day-care centers. Norris reassured the board that the center would not be set up to compete with private day-care centers.

Instead, he said, an FTCC center should help by providing a chance for better training. Norris said enrollment in the early childhood education program is up to 208 full- and part-time students.

Students can earn one of two levels of certification or an associate degree. They are being prepared to own and manage day-care centers.

Norris said the proposed center would be 28,000 square feet.

# Eagle Scout Awarded

Perhaps it was his wilderness survival campout, or maybe the hiking on the Appalachian Trail, or could it have been the white water rafting along the Nolichucky River—maybe even the weekend he and his dad stayed on the U.S.S. Yorktown —that inspired Ryan Williams to become an Eagle Scout. Whatever the catalyst, in April of last year, while Ryan was an eighth grader at Hillcrest Middle School, he completed his Eagle Scout Service Project. Demonstrating his leadership skills, he assembled and directed a crew that constructed a 10 by 400 foot bed and planted 242 trees and shrubs on the MacPherson Presbyterian Church Activity Field. Ryan says the Eagle project serves as a safety buffer and benefits many people since the entire community and many organizations, such as the YMCA, use the Activity Field.

Ryan, the son of Clyde and Daphne Williams of Fayetteville, began his adventures with the Tiger Cubs at Age 6, Ryan continued through Cub Scouts before crossing over into Boy Scouts. He credits his young involvement with leading him to his early advancement to Eagle. Through attending 4 summer camps, he as earned numerous merit badges such as Forestry, Environmental Science, Motorboating, Lifesaving, and Citizenship in the Nation. These badges accumulated toward the 21 needed in his pursuit of the rank of Eagle Scout.

Ryan, now only 14 years old, received the coveted Eagle Scout award on Sunday, October 20, during a ceremony at MacPherson Presbyterian Church, Ryan is among about 2 percent of Boy Scouts of American who make the rank of Eagle.

Ryan has been accepted to attend the National Boy Scout Jamboree next summer at Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia. Additionally, he has earned enough merit badges beyond the 21 required for Eagle to obtain two Palms: the Bronze Palm and the Gold Palm. Scouts are awarded the Bronze Palm for earning 5 merit badges beyond those required for Eagle and a Gold Palm for 10 merit badges beyond the Eagle requirements. Ryan has earned a total of 34 merit badges to date.

These are not the only goals Ryan has set for himself. He would like to work toward the Hornaday Award, a prestigious award given to a very few people in the nation. Yes, Ryan's Scouting fervor is intense, and he plans to extend his enthusiasm during the following years to many young Scouts in an attempt to help them reach their goals and become better citizens of their community.

# COMMUNITY ASSET

## FTCC health complex is another milestone

The earth had been churning at Hull Road and Dever Street for more than a month prior to last week's formal groundbreaking for Fayetteville Technical Community College's new Health Technologies Center.

In fact, the ceremony had to be held across the street from the construction site, on the lawn of the recently completed Literacy and Continuing Education Building.

Even so, it was a special moment in the history of the school and the community it serves.

The Health Technologies Center, scheduled for completion in March 1998 by Sigma Construction Co. of Fayetteville, will make several signal contributions to those who enroll there and those whom they go forth to help.

It will accommodate 11 programs, covering a broad array of infirmities — programs ranging from nursing to dental hygiene to physical therapy. With demand on the nation's insurance structure growing more burdensome all the time, the importance of both preventive and reactive measures increases apace.

It will put all of those programs under one roof, allowing for a more efficient and cost-effective deployment of faculty, staff and resources. Such centralization is especially important when both teaching and learning require more than a generic classroom with four walls and some desks.

This modernization will be another important landmark in the school's development into a full-service regional training complex for those who aspire to help others as well as to put bread on their own tables.

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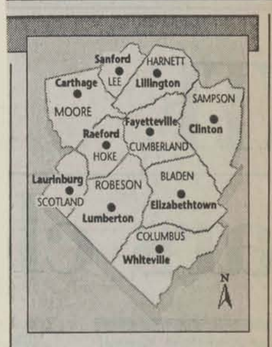


a field at Hull Road and Dever Street.

"Seems like I'm always here for a ribbon-cutting or a ground-breaking," said former Gov. Robert W. Scott, smiling as he spoke to the crowd. Scott was president of the state's community college system from 1983 through 1994.

About 75 people, including members of the FTCC board of trustees, stood in the rain on the lawn of the new Literacy and Continuing Education Building. The building faces the construction site.

The Continuing Education Center is the latest building added to campus and in some ways was a lesson in what can go wrong in a project. Trustees fired the first contractor, Garner Building Co. of Southern Pines, last year saying there were too many delays and the work was shoddy. Sigma Construction Co. of Fayetteville was hired to complete it. Sigma is also the general contractor in charge of the new Health Technologies Center.

The Health Technologies Center is scheduled to be completed in March 1998. It will be home for 11 health-related programs, such as nursing, physical therapy and dental hygiene.

A staff report

## Ground is broken for college center

State and local officials praised the growth at Fayetteville Technical Community College on Monday afternoon, as construction equipment rumbled through a muddy field across the street.

The officials were on campus to officially break ground for the school's $6 million Health Technologies Center, under construction in

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# inTro

**Name:** Jason Levister
**Age:** 17
**Parents:** Joseph and Martha Levister
**School:** Seventy-First High School
**Accomplishment:** Student body president at 71st High School.

Jason Levister had never held a student government office before he decided to run for student body president at Seventy-First High School last year. He won. But it wasn't a surprise to people who knew him. Levister has long been active in school activities.

He is a member of the Key Club, Peer Helping and the National Honor Society. Levister, whose father is a lieutenant colonel, moved frequently when he was growing up. He was born in Miami and lived in Virginia, New York and North Carolina. North Carolina is his family's native state.

At school, Jason loves language and history. He made all A's up to the 9th grade. Now some B's slip in.

"But I've never made a C," he said.

Jason is considering going to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina A&T and Campbell University.

■ **What advice do you have for today's teen-agers?**

Whatever you try to accomplish, follow your heart. Don't just try to please others. Know who you are. If you don't, you won't truly find success.

■ **If you could meet a person from history, who would that be and why?**

Malcolm X. He didn't hesitate to follow his dreams. He drew on his inner strength. He also had a lot of mental stamina.

■ **Who is the person you admire most and why?**

My grandfather, Lawrence Aido Fuller, who is 79. He has always been there for me. When I was growing up and my dad was away a lot, my grandfather was there to help us. He's almost been like a second father.

■ **If you could use one word to describe yourself, what would it be?**

Focused.

■ **What in your mind makes a person cool?**

Being genuine. Being able to express your feelings.

■ **What are you going to be doing 10 years from now?**

I'd like to be a lawyer.

■ **What's one thing do you wish you knew how to do?**

Be an artist.

■ **What is your favorite book?**

"The Autobiography of Malcolm X."

■ **What is your favorite TV show?**

"New York Undercover."

■ **What is your favorite band?**

Jodeci.

■ **What is your favorite food?**

Pizza

■ **What is your favorite movie?**

"Carlito's Way."

■ **What is your biggest concern for the future?**

"Pollution, the environment, the danger of animals becoming extinct."

■ **Do you plan to do any volunteer work?**

I always want to do some kind of volunteer work. I'd like to work with the schools on a regular basis.


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## REGION BRIEFS

### CUMBERLAND

### 9 inmates graduate in basic education

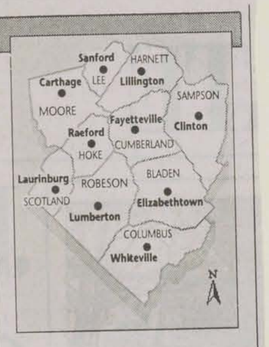
Nine inmates of the Cumberland County Jail graduated from basic education classes Friday. Two of the men received their GEDs.

Maj. Dan Ford, chief jailer, said the inmates got a fried-chicken lunch paid for with profits from the jail commissary and a matinee showing of the movie "Independence Day."

Prisoners can ask to take the classes, which range from beginning basic education to GED-preparatory classes. Seven more students are scheduled to take the GED in January, said Larry May, a jailer and instructor.

The jail runs the program in cooperation with Fayetteville Technical Community College. Participation in the program has increased from 3,500 student hours in the last three-quarters of a year to 6,800 hours this quarter, Ford said.

A staff report

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■ **Ramona DeWitt** has joined Smith Advertising & Associates as a graphic artist.

She attended the Columbus (Ohio) College of Art and Design, and received an associate's degree in commercial art and advertising design with highest honors from Fayetteville Technical Community College.

DeWitt received the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation scholarship in 1995 and has been awarded nine Rising Star awards for her work. She is also a certified radiologic technologist.

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## Effective writing techniques

Fayetteville Technical Community College is offering an Effective Writing Techniques course for Army and civilian personnel in leadership or administrative positions. The course will be offered Jan. 6-Feb. 14 and Feb. 18-March 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the ACES Skill Center located at Woodruff and Jackson streets. It's free for active duty Army personnel. The instructor for the course is William Parker. For more information, call 497-5584 or contact your education center counselor.

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## Computer software stolen from college

Fifteen computer software packages were stolen from a computer room at Fayetteville Technical Community College, a Fayetteville police report showed.

Jack Sanderson, security chief at the college, reported the Windows 1995 software missing about 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The property was worth $1,425, the report said. It was stolen between Dec. 11 and Tuesday.

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course of the investigation.

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## Fayetteville Tech seeks next leader

A president for Fayetteville Technical Community College should be in place by June.

Harry Shaw, president of the school's board of trustees, said at Monday's board meeting that the search is on schedule. A committee is considering a list of applicants. The president will succeed Craig Allen, who retired in June 1996.

Linwood Powell, the school's vice president in charge of administrative services, is serving as interim president.

Also during Monday's meeting, the board approved the school's application for federal money to cover the cost of damages by Hurricane Fran.

The storm caused about $30,000 in damage to roofs, drains and other property at the college, Powell said. The college has gotten most of the $27,000 expected in federal money, but the board needed to approve the request to meet federal requirements.

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# LOCAL & STAT

## *Arson suspected*

Staff photo by Chris Hondros

**Fayetteville police and fire** officials were left with a soggy, smoky mess Tuesday night after fires are put out at the old Ramsey Street school. Firefighters say at least eight blazes were set in the building. **Page 2B**

# Shooting was

**By Michelle Brien**
Staff writer

*A medical examiner said hit twice, once in the ne Neither she nor police co struck first. Police did no fired the fatal shots.*

One of the officers who shot and killed Samuel Judd on Sunday shot and killed another man in 1995.

Officer Brian Keith Gainey shot Michael Anthony Locklear twice in the chest on April 9, 1995. Gainey was trying to arrest Locklear at the J&J Mobile Home Park, off Camden Road near West Mountain Drive.

Locklear attacked Gainey, knocked him down and ripped his uniform. Police said Gainey tried to subdue Locklear with Mace and his police baton, but Locklear continued fighting. Gainey said Locklear kicked him in the head. The had shot and killed a person.

Sunday, Gainey and officer Billy Junior Krieger fired at Judd when he pointed a .22-caliber rifle at them. The officers were responding to a call from Judd's girlfriend, who said that Judd had thrown her out of the house at 727 Filter Plant Drive.

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## 3 teens charged with setting fires

Fayetteville police on Thursday charged three teen-agers with setting fires inside a former school on Ramsey Street.

Dimetrius Estabein Hines, 16, of the 300 block of Longhorn Drive, Kevin Byron Scott, 16, of the 500 block of Ijams Street, and a 15-year-old boy were charged with setting at least eight fires inside the building at the intersection of Quincy and Ramsey Streets. The 15-year-old boy's name was not released because he is a minor.

The fires caused heavy damage in one classroom. The building is owned by the Cumberland County school system, and was last used by Fayetteville Technical Community College.

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# Colleges plan strategy for deluge of students

**A legislative committee is told of unorthodox educational programs to deal with the enrollment crisis to come.**

BY CYNTHIA BARNETT
STAFF WRITER

**RALEIGH** — North Carolina's colleges and universities have come up with some unusual ways to deal with their pending enrollment crisis.

Today's elementary schoolers may earn their bachelor's degree in three years, or in courses that meet at 3 a.m., or from a community college from home or someplace yet unimagined.

In a report Friday to the General Assembly's Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, state higher education officials revealed their latest enrollment projections and the strategies to deal with the coming crunch.

The boom will be strongest in the community colleges, where 186,000 new students, a 24 percent increase, are expected in the next decade. Enrollment in the state's public universities is projected to shoot up 21 percent, by 33,000 students, in that time.

The increases will be most intense around the year 2005.

With no new universities or community colleges in the works, two strategies are under way to deal with the additional students: making better use of the University of North Carolina's 16 campuses, the state's 59 community colleges and its 37 private institutions, and offering courses and degrees off-campus — from the workplace to the Internet.

For students, that will mean more choices than ever before. What's impossible to predict is which options they'll go for.

"Rarely have we been in a period of higher education when things were so uncertain," said Judith Pulley, UNC's vice president for planning.

In bits and pieces, North Carolina's colleges and universities are experimenting with ways to deal with the boom. Those that work may soon be standard operating procedure statewide.

From today's campuses, here's a glimpse of the future:

UNC-Wilmington will soon offer a three-year bachelor's degree program for top high school students. Lenoir Community College may offer courses at 1 or 2 a.m. for students who want to come after their night shifts. UNC-Charlotte offers classes that meet only on Saturdays and Sundays. Four of the state's public universities have four-year degree programs at nearby community colleges. Several community colleges, including Wake Tech, offer courses at nearby workplaces. East Carolina works with local high schools to make sure students get the math they need there so the university doesn't waste time and space teaching remedial math.

"Part of dealing with this crunch has got to be getting more serious about advising high school students," said Jim Dixon, vice president of the North Carolina Community College System.

The community colleges also are working hard on a new transfer agreement with UNC. It will let qualified students transfer into any state university as a junior after completing an agreed-upon two-year block of community college courses. The program goes into effect next year. University officials hope it will free up their campuses somewhat and get students through college faster.

The most dramatic changes are expected in distance-learning programs, in which students can take classes and earn degrees over the Internet. In one of hundreds of examples across the state, N.C. State University offers engineering courses for students at UNC-Asheville, who gather on their campus in front of cameras to attend a class in Raleigh, interacting with professor and classmates in real time. Similar efforts are under way around North Carolina for students who want to take advanced courses on community college campuses, from other central locations, even from home.

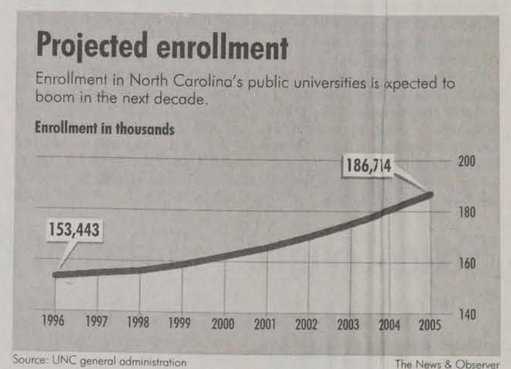
Pulley said UNC's campuses can handle the first five years of the enrollment boom with the space they have now. That's the time, she said, to continue to experiment, figure out what pilot programs work and put them in place in time for the most intense part of the crunch.

**ONLINE**

Read the recommendations of state community college, UNC and private college officials with the online version of this story. They're in The News & Observer on the Web at **http://www.nando.net/nao/**

## Projected enrollment

Enrollment in North Carolina's public universities is expected to boom in the next decade.

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# College official likely to leave

## Hackley may get job with Clinton

By Tim Simmons
STAFF WRITER

Lloyd "Vic" Hackley is expected to leave his position as president of the North Carolina community college system soon, officials in the system say.

Observers consider Hackley, hired in October 1994 to lead the 58-campus network, a likely candidate to join President Clinton's administration.

Lloyd 'Vic' Hackley has earned mixed reviews.

Hackley, the state community college system's first black president, was chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff from 1981 to 1985. He serves as chairman of Clinton's Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and is a friend of the president, an Arkansas native.

Hackley could not be reached for comment Friday evening, but those who work with him and others on the State Board of Community Colleges said they expect an announcement soon.

"I have heard from very reliable sources that he will be leaving," said state Rep. Dan Blue, a Wake County Democrat who often works with Hackley on legislative issues. "It's not quite official, but it's getting close."

Hackley's tenure has been difficult at times, especially in his relationship with legislators, who appropriate the system's money.

Phil Kirk, a member of the community colleges board and president of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry, a lobbying group, said he is uncertain of the timing but said the announcement

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won't be a big surprise.

"There's been quite a bit of discussion among campus presidents, trustees and a growing number of people on the board that Dr. Hackley is likely to leave," Kirk said. "We have not been notified of anything official, but we won't be surprised either."

Hackley raised eyebrows when he negotiated a starting salary of $140,000 — $27,000 more than what his predecessor, former Gov. Bob Scott, was paid. He then hired several highly paid assistants and made it clear that some experienced employees who were well known to lawmakers were no longer needed.

Legislators also complained that he was not effective at keeping them informed, although Hackley has said the crush of legislative issues shortly after he took office is one reason it took him nine months to round out his cabinet.

Board members also have complained privately that Hackley's staff sometimes appears disorganized and inexperienced. During a recent meeting, the board asked for a short break so staff members could review and better prepare the information they were presenting.

State Treasurer Harlan Boyles, who is on the state board, said members of the fiscal staff at the General Assembly were among those who voiced concerns about Hackley's administration.

"Personally, I have been pleased with Dr. Hackley's overall performance, but I've known for some time that he has questioned whether he is the right person for the job at this time."

Boyles stressed, however, that he was not aware of any imminent announcement that Hackley was leaving.

Telephone calls to board members Friday found a group that has mixed feelings about Hackley's performance. Most say he is a good ambassador for the system but give him lower marks for his administrative skills.

Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, who is chairman of the state board by virtue of his position, said he knows that the board and Hackley have struggled at times, but he did not blame the president directly.

"He has had to deal with some tough issues," Wicker said. "I won't disagree that there have been some hard feelings."

But Wicker said Hackley has not told him he is leaving, so he does not expect any immediate announcement.

"I can't say I know what he is going to do," Wicker said.

He has asked Hackley on several occasions whether Hackley might take a job in the Clinton administration, Wicker said. "He would just sort of smile when I asked," he added.

Hackley has rejected other jobs since taking over as the community college president. But Clinton's re-election has increased speculation about Hackley's departure to the point where a growing number of people now expect it.

"In working with campus presidents this week, I was told the announcement would be made by Christmas," said Robert Grady, a Jacksonville Republican and member of several House education committees and subcommittees. "Maybe they are just running a little late."

Grady has been among Hackley's most vocal opponents.

Despite his difficulties as community college president, Hackley is a highly respected educator at the community college and university levels.

In addition to his tenure at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, he served as chancellor at Fayetteville State University from 1988 to 1994 and was associate vice-president for academic affairs for the University of North Carolina system from 1979 to 1981.

He serves on numerous boards, commissions and committees at the state and national level, including corporate boards.

While he is sometimes criticized for the number of boards he serves on, community college board members say his outside work gives him a unique chance to let others know about the state system of 750,000 students.

### Hackley's resume

- **Jan. 1995 to present:** President, North Carolina Community College System.
- **Jan. 1988 to 1994:** Chancellor and tenured professor of political science, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville.
- **Nov. 1985 to Dec. 1987:** Vice president for student services and special programs, The University of North Carolina, General Administration, Chapel Hill.
- **Aug. 1981 to Oct. 1985:** Chief executive officer and tenured professor of political science, The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Ark.
- **July 1979 to Aug. 1981:** Associate vice president for academic affairs, The University of North Carolina, General Administration, Chapel Hill.
- **Sept. 1980 to Aug. 1981:** Faculty, Government Executives Institute, School of Business Administration, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- **Aug. 1974 to June 1978:** Associate professor, international relations and political science; coach, track and cross country; United States Air Force Academy.

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# Hackley resigns as president of college system

**Vic Hackley:** State's community college leader won't say if a position in the Clinton administration beckons him after he leaves.

By Kim Nilsen
Staff writer

**RALEIGH** — Vic Hackley, president of the state's community college system, said Thursday he is resigning. He will leave by June 30.

Hackley took over the post in January 1995 after serving six years as chancellor of Fayetteville State University.

He said in his resignation letter that he may concentrate on one of several national campaigns in which he is involved. They include Character Counts! and the National Commission on Civic Renewal. Hackley is chairman of the Character Counts! campaign.

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## Hackley

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There have been rumors that Hackley is in line for a position in the Clinton administration. He and President Clinton have been friends for about 15 years.

Hackley has not commented on the rumors. But at an event in Durham on Wednesday, he refused to reject speculation that he is considering joining the administration. He said he has not made up his mind about working in Washington.

Hackley could not be reached for comment.

"Dr. Hackley's resignation has been rumored for several months, so it came as no real surprise," said Phil Kirk, a member of the state Board of Community Colleges.

He said Hackley is an articulate speaker who has kept a tough schedule of public appearances and is an articulate spokesman for the system.

### Working together

And his contributions include building cooperation among the three levels of education — public schools, community colleges and the university system. But the community college system president needs to be equal parts politician, lobbyist, educator, administrator and business person. Hackley falls short in some areas, Kirk said.

His biggest weakness is in his work with the General Assembly, said Kirk and Tom King, another board member. Hackley never seemed comfortable lobbying legislators, they said. He either had no contact or poor relationships with most legislators, Kirk said.

Hackley may have spread himself too thin, Kirk said. He juggled administrative duties and public speaking with service on national commissions and with corporations. That work brought some positive exposure for the community college system. But it left Hackley with little time to work with legislators, Kirk said.

The shortcoming didn't cost the community college system appropriations because of the recent political climate and lobbying efforts of others who stepped in, Kirk said.

Board members were also concerned that many of the people Hackley brought to work with him in Raleigh had no experience with community colleges, he said.

The community college system has 59 institutions and 779,000 students. The system is unusual, even for those who have worked in education, King said.

Its students are ages 18 and up, and classes include subjects like auto repair and reading instruction for adults. The system is the chief way that workers are trained in the state.

King estimated the search for a new president could take six months.

Hackley's resignation, which was submitted in a letter to Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, comes on the eve of a major transition for the system. Community colleges, trying to be more compatible with the university system, will go from dividing class calendars into four quarters to two semesters.

"It is very critical to the system to have leadership," King said.

Kirk worried that Hackley's plans to leave the post could make him a lame duck in dealings with the General Assembly.

Gov. Jim Hunt and Wicker, who is chairman of the state Board of Community Colleges, can help define the scope of the search for a new president. But the final decision lies with the board, Kirk said. The job description is lengthy.

"In other words, we need a multi-talented miracle worker," he said.

*The Associated Press contributed to this story.*

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# Hackley resigns as head of community colleges

By Tim Simmons
Staff Writer

Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, the president of the North Carolina's community college system, announced Thursday that he is resigning to pursue other interests.

Hackley's departure was expected by many community college officials, but the timing of his announcement still caught some off guard.

He had declined to talk about his future as late as Wednesday afternoon during an event designed to celebrate community college achievements.

By early Thursday, however, his letter of resignation was delivered to the office of Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, who serves as chairman of the state Board of Community Colleges. After delivering the letter, Hackley took Thursday and Friday off, and did not return repeated phone calls.

Other board members said they received no formal notice of his departure.

"I had heard about it, but I don't have anything in writing," board member Tom King said.

Many people within the community college system expect Hackley to take a job within the Clinton administration.

'Vic' Hackley has offered few clues to his plans.

Hackley has known the president since Clinton was governor of Arkansas and Hackley was chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff from 1981 to 1985. He now serves as chairman of Clinton's Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

But in his letter to Wicker, Hackley did not offer specifics about his plans.

"I am growing increasingly concerned about issues that affect the shape of education in America," Hackley wrote. "I am considering which option will best allow me to focus my energies more clearly on these issues."

Hackley, who was the system's first black president, was hired in October 1994 to lead the network of 59 community college campuses.

He came to the job after reviving Fayetteville State University when he was chancellor there from 1988 to 1994. He also was a vice president for the University of North Carolina system from 1985 to 1988.

The vision and enthusiasm that won him praise in those jobs was immediately apparent when he came to the community college system, but he did not fare well with lawmakers or local campus presidents.

"Dr. Hackley had many strong points, but working with legislators was not one of them," said Phil Kirk, a board member and president of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry. "Seeing as how we are dependent on the legislature for our money, that was a problem."

Kirk said local campus presidents also complained that Hackley — who enjoyed wide powers in his previous jobs — did not appreciate the independence that each community college is given by state law.

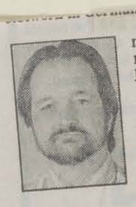
In his letter to Wicker, Hackley said he would stay until June 30 or until the search for his replacement is completed — whichever happens sooner.

Wicker said the search process will begin immediately.

Regardless of how fast the board acts, Hackley's resignation leaves the board without secure leadership going into the coming session of the General Assembly. His decision to remove most of the senior administrators that preceded him also leaves no obvious interim president if he leaves before a new president takes office.

The biggest change during Hackley's tenure was a massive effort by local campuses to make course offerings uniform throughout the system so that credits can transfer from local campuses to universities in the UNC system. The system also plans to switch from academic quarters to semesters this fall.

If Hackley does not take a job with the Clinton administration, he has several options through numerous ties with national boards and commissions.



**McLaurin**

■ **Keith McLaurin** has been named service operations manager of Johnson Controls of Fayetteville.

He attended Fayetteville Technical Community College and has been in the heating and air-conditioning business for 20 years. McLaurin has been with Johnson Controls for 14 years.

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# Internet offers students a curriculum alternative

By Danielle McGinnis

FTCC

Turn on your computer, get on line and class is in session. It's that easy now that Fayetteville Technical Community College is offering college credit classes that students can complete on the Internet.

What started as a project finding out how better to serve students with alternative methods of instruction has developed into nine college credit courses.

The virtual campus, as the computer courses are known, is one of FTCC's answers to education for the 21st century. FTCC is the first college in North Carolina and one of the first in the nation to offer college credit course taught totally over the Internet.

The Winter quarter Internet course offerings include: Business Law I, Business Law II, management, small business management, data access, basic economics, macroconomics, English composition, English composition and literature, and creative writing.

For more information about FTCC's virtual campus, contact Bob Ervin, Dean of Business Programs, at 678-8442 or point your Internet browser to http://www.faytech.cc.nc.us and click on The Virtual Campus link.

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*'How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. If I can't eat that sucker, he's sure going to know he's been in a fight.'*

*—Jeannette Council*

**Jeannette Council** at home: 'I never dreamed I would get involved in politics.'

Staff photos by Swayne Hall

# LITTLE GOALS, BIG RESULT

**Council shows** her support for a colleague at an Educational Resource Center meeting.

## *Council wins fights without losing friends*

**By Melissa Clement**
Staff writer

Dr. Jeannette Melvin Council stands at a lectern at the Educational Resource Center. She is dressed in a red, white and black suit.

"Nothing can be accomplished without you," she tells a group of 200 parents. "We are a team. We are sometimes red, sometimes black and sometimes white, even beige. We do a little bit of everything to get parents involved in schools. Being involved in schools means knowing what is going on, encouraging and finding out what is right and what is wrong in the system — solving problems."

Council knows about getting involved. She heads the federally financed Parent Involvement program for getting parents involved in the Cumberland County schools. She has been active, not only in education but in political and community affairs, for 25 years.

Council's first venture in politics came when she was a classroom teacher at Lucile Souders Elementary School, one of her first jobs. She was looking at issues that concerned children, family and education.

"I never dreamed I would get involved with politics," she says. "I voted, but I never worked for any candidate until I started fighting for schoolchildren. I'd pick up the telephone and ask them directly what their stand was on an issue.

"In 1971, we were trying to get raises for teachers. In order to do that you had to get the right people elected, so I went to a precinct meeting at E.E. Smith. I left the meeting as a precinct chair. From there I went to a county convention, then to a district convention and then the state convention. At the state convention I was elected an at-large delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Miami, all because I thought teachers deserved a percentage raise in salary. It all came from being in the right place at the right time — or maybe the wrong place at the right time."

In the mid 1980s, Council sought and received a seat on the Alcoholic Beverage Control commission's board in hopes of getting donations for education.

In 1988, a scandal involving other board members propelled Council to the chairmanship. During that year, the ABC system donated $100,000 to the county commissioners for

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### CAPE FEAR PROFILE

**Name:** Jeannette Melvin Council
**Education:** E.E. Smith High School, Fayetteville State University, master's degree from Indiana University; education science degree, East Carolina University; doctorate degree in education, South Carolina State University.
**Family:** Husband Thomas Council, president Council Real Estate; son, Melvin Council.
**How she got started:** As a classroom teacher trying to get raises for teachers
**Position:** Parent involvement specialist for Cumberland County schools.
**Career highlights:** Cumberland County schools: elementary supervisor, acting principal, language arts supervisor, federal programs coordinator. Also: adult education teacher, Fayetteville Technical Community College; president, Fayetteville City Unit of the N.C. Association of Classroom Teachers; president, District 10, N.C. Association of Educators; chairman, N.C. Association of Educators Legislative Commission; president, Fayetteville State University National Alumni Association; vice chairman, N.C. Democratic Women; secretary, N.C. Caucus of Black Democrats.

## Council

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public schools, the largest donation to that date.

Council says her most enjoyable civic activity has been honoring those who have contributed to the community. She has been chairman of a special gift committee for the Cumberland County Library, has worked to help get funding for parks, roads and recreation.

### Easy style

Council's voice has the cadences of a storyteller. Her laugh is hearty and frequent, usually at her own foibles.

She lives off Country Club Drive, in a 2-year-old home decorated with hundreds of framed photographs of her family, fellow workers, friends and celebrities. She is shown with Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, all the elected women of Congress, Tom Selleck and lawyer Johnny Cochran. There isn't

"What we do is show parents ways they can help their children at school, during the day, at evening."

Council has attended four Democratic conventions, the first in 1972 in Miami when George McGovern was nominated for president.

"I actually got to meet McGovern and talk to him this year at the Chicago Convention. He said he was glad to still be in there fighting for what he thought was right for the country.

"This year there was an overall electric atmosphere at the convention. No tension. Floor fights and side shows were at a minimum. I had my belief in the promise of America reconfirmed because there was so much diversity among the delegates and we were all working together for a common cause."

The first 12 years of Council's life were spent in Roseboro in Sampson County. She credits her parents and chil-

From her mother and father, Mae and Simon Melvin, she learned the value of hard work. Her mother was an elementary school teacher and her father worked at a dry-cleaning plant at Fort Bragg until he opened his own dry-cleaning business on Murchison Road in 1954. He retired in 1966. The Melvins are now 87 years old and Council, an only child, makes daily visits.

In the elementary grades, Council went to a small segregated school with more than one grade in a room. She was promoted beyond her age group and was allowed to skip several grades. At age 9, when she was promoted to the eighth grade, her parents decided to send her to Newbold, a laboratory school for elementary teachers on the campus of Fayetteville State University. She would get up at 6 a.m. and travel to Fayetteville with her father.

"I have not recommended parents to accelerate their children in school," she says. "I think you need a little too

she met Thomas Council, her future husband.

"He was an upperclassman, and my parents were very strict. They didn't let me keep company until I was 16."

### Team spirit

"Thomas and I are a team. Although we don't always agree on everything we agree to disagree. He is a very quiet person, refined. His idea of getting relaxed — I take off my shoes — is to change one dress shirt for another. He is very secure because he's had to listen to me all these years. You know, I feel obliged to share my opinion with any and everybody. We're different but we make a good team. You know, when I married him I was just a child, but I raised him up pretty good."

In 1995 Council, a member of the state community college board, presented her son, Melvin, an associate degree from Fayetteville Technical Community College. He is 27 and works in the family's real estate business.

summer she was 17,

Jersey. They would write down to colleges and offer jobs by mail. I went against my parents' wishes. My mama just about had a fit but I was determined and I did it. That was the first I realized my mama had good sense after all." Council throws her head back and laughs. "Uh huh. But I learned a lot. You had to be fast and thorough. But I can make a good bed."

Council graduated with a teaching certificate when she was 19 and started her career in Chapel Hill. After one year she entered the master's program in education at the University of North Carolina. The following summer, she transferred to a program at Indiana University in Bloomington, where her husband was enrolled. Two summers later they both earned their master's degrees. In the early 1980s, she was a fellow at the Duke University Institute of Politics and later earned an education specialist degree at East Carolina University at Greenville. In 1987 she enrolled at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg to pursue a doctorate in education administration

over and beyond and then pray for your good health because I know that whoever it is, if you live long enough, you'll get yours. So if I ever tell you I'm going to pray for your good health ..." She breaks into a laugh. "I'll do that in a heartbeat."

Now, she says, "I have reached a point in my life where I am comfortable enough that I don't need to please. I do what I think is best and I can fight for that 'cause I think it is going to help people.

"I never ran for office because I can't keep my mouth closed. I'd like for people to be honest with me and I don't think there should be a hidden agenda. If and when I found that you had told me less than the truth, I would be prone to tell you so.

"With age and experience comes the patience to jump through more hoops, 'cause you know what the end results are going to be. I wish I had known that when I was younger.

"It's been fun. I think about where I've come from. You are always going to have a hill to climb that sometimes looks like a mountain. How do you climb that hill?

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**Ben Watson suffers heart attack in Atlanta**

Ben Watson, a member of the county Civic Center Commission and county Mental Health board, is in an Atlanta hospital recuperating from a heart attack.

Watson, 51, suffered a heart attack Saturday night while visiting the city to see a college football game and observe Martin Luther King celebrations. He is at South Fulton Medical Center, where a test today will determine the severity of the attack and the damage. He said Wednesday he did not know when he would return home or to his job as a counselor at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

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**Wiggs**

■ **Patrick Wiggs** has been named branch manager of Lumbee Guaranty Bank's Hope Mills office. He has worked with Southern National Bank and most recently with United Carolina Bank.

Wiggs is a Cumberland County native and a graduate of Fayetteville Technical Community College.

■ **Ernest A. Bunce Jr.** has joined First

Tek of Lumberton.

**Odds & ends**

■ **Charles Bigford Jr.**, an electronics technician at Patrick Ford, has received the Master Automotive Technician certification from Ford Motor Co.

■ **Dr. Rick Mumford**, chairman of the dental department at Fayetteville Technical Community College, has been designated by the state as a certified public manager.

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**TANGO TIPS**

*Some notes for novices. You may not move like Valentino right away, but these tips should keep you from looking like Herman Munster:*

■ Lessons are available at several local dance studios. Rates and styles vary, so call for information. Fayetteville Technical Community College will offer a course in Argentine Tango beginning March 6 through April 17 each Thursday evening at Roland's Dance Studio. Fee is $30.

■ When dancing, keep your weight on one leg or the other at all times. Never get caught flat-footed.

■ Couples always move counter-clockwise. Otherwise the dance floor begins looking like the flotilla battle scene from 'Ben Hur.'

■ Vary your speed during the dance. Good dancers will speed up, slow, down, then speed up during the dance.

■ *Practice alone. Concentrate on posture and start slow.*

■ Maintain the frame. The hand and shoulder position never change.

■ Use your imagination. The dance is romantic, but feeds off the emotion of the couple.

■ Be patient. The tango has been around for more than 100 years. It will wait a few weeks for you to become proficient.

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*Scheduling option a big mistake*

In my opinion, the school board has made a big mistake by allowing each school to choose its schedule option. The schools might as well not be connected under one system. If a student in the county should need to move and transfer schools, it is possible that he will lose at least half a year of school.

Having attended five schools in four years, I know how important it is to be able to continue in the curriculum you started that year. If a student has to transfer from a school with the A/B schedule to one that is operating under the 4x4 schedule, there is no way he can continue his classes.

Cumberland County also needs to consider the number of students who transfer into our school system from out of state. Because we are a military town, the school system needs to be one that most transferring students can fit into. I think the school board really dropped the ball on this issue.

I work with dropouts who are trying to enroll at Fayetteville Technical College. There are enough problems in our schools without making a simple matter of scheduling one of them. Last time I looked, our county high schools were all part of Cumberland County Schools. They should operate that way.

*Sharon S. Sanders*
*Fayetteville*

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information: Sonya Green, 437-1892.

**Bone Marrow Drive.** The Highland Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a bone marrow drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fayetteville Technical Community College, 2201 Hull Road.

during the 1996 season, for being

**Six topics on how** to improve



# Chamber creates 'winter wonderland'

While some cities in North Carolina were struggling with icy roads last weekend, the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce created ice and snow for its "Winter Wonderland" at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center.

Two 4½-foot-tall snowmen carved from ice greeted chamber members and guests as they entered the chamber's annual dinner and dance. Students at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Food Services Department carved the snowmen and three others for the dining hall. They decorated them with carrot noses and decked them out with scarves and hats and buttons of coal.

The huge foyer of the center was decorated with live green trees and bare tree branches that had been sprayed silver or white for snow scenes. One scene featured an ice prince and princess, reindeer and a sleigh, borrowed from Cross Creek Mall. **Malachi Sharpe's** combo provided music during the reception.

"We started working on this last February, just after the last annual dinner," said **Ben Minter.** The chamber hired his company to decorate the center and produce a floor show with 10 local entertainers, but chamber president **Linda Allan** said Minter contributed a lot of volunteer time as well on the annual dinner committee.

Allan said this year's dinner was the 97th annual and it was a sellout, with 920 people attending and a waiting list. "This year's was definitely a 'hot ticket,' " she said. Last year's dinner attracted about 725 people.

Corporate tables were sold in two categories. Four premier sponsors paid $5,000 each and got 20 tickets, 25 silver sponsors paid $1,000 each and got eight seats each. Fifty-nine blue table sponsors paid $500 each for 8 tickets each. Individual tickets were $50 each.

Minter worked with committee chairman **Bob Smith** and members **Jim Ammons, John Elliott, David Hays,** past chamber board chairman **Terry Hutchens, Rosalind Hutchens, Greg Kalevas,** chamber president **David Jameson** and chamber vice president for membership development **Lisa Brown.**

**RSVP**

**By Alice Thrasher**

"It was planned down to the minute," Brown said.

Rosalind Hutchens was in charge of decorating the tables in the cavernous dining hall that occupied three-fourths of the Agri-Expo Center. Each of the tables held a snowman with a bed of white flowers and votive candles on a mirror. The tables were covered with white cloths with overlays of silver or ice blue fabric. One hundred 36-inch white and silver snowflakes were suspended from the ceiling in the dining hall.

The room was circled with about 300 Christmas trees and 150 bare white trees with tiny lights. Minter said many of the green trees were leftovers, donated by Christmas tree lot owners. Some of the others were gathered on the streets by teen-agers, he said. Artificial snow was sprinkled on the trees and on six-feet wide beds of white cotton on the floor under the trees.

"It was a lot of space to cover and a challenge to work with," Minter said.

After the members and guests were seated at the 120 tables that circled the center raised stage, Linda Allan and Terry Hutchens made a grand entrance.

Spotlights were aimed on them as they rode into the center in a blue sleigh, pulled by a huge horse that some people thought could be part of the famous Budweiser Clydesdale team. Minter said **D.J. Hopper** of Cedar Creek had attached wheels to the steel runners of his sleigh so he could drive it inside.

Hopper was decked out in white tails and top hat. He made a second appearance with the sleigh later to bring in Miss Fayetteville **Nikita Shah** and **Evan Minter** to sing duets.

WQSM disk jockey **Rick Jensen** introduced Hutchens and Allan and later introduced the outgoing board members and the new members. They walked up walkway through a cloud of show-biz "fog."

Allan and Hutchens gave their annual reports in a conversational style as they walked around on the stage.

During dinner pianist **Bryant Horne** of Charlotte played dinner music on a grand piano placed in a bank of snow on one side of the hall. Horne was dressed in white tails.

After dinner, ice princess ballerinas and male dancers in white tails and top hats moved in and out of the audience as well as on the stage for the first part of the floor show.

During the intermission, the

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Staff photo by Elizabeth Darwin-Gatlin

**From left,** Terry and Rosalind Hutchens visit with Linda and Marvin Allan at the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce annual dinner.



## RSVP

chamber's top awards were announced by Terry Hutchens and David Jameson. Awards went to **Libby Daniel, Gary Cooper, John Carlisle** and **Mariam Schrum.**

Allan, **Peter Stewart** and **Sister Jean Rhodes** presented the 1997 Athena Award to **Suzanne Barlow Pennink.** Then **Walter Moorman** walked to the stage to help present the Realtors' Cup to **Lyndo Tippett.** Rhodes and Moorman were winners of the two awards last year.

After the second act of the entertainment show, the Heart 'n' Soul band from Virginia took over, and the dance floor filled quickly. Dancing continued until past midnight.

# LaFayette Ford ad series gets group's 'Best of Show' award

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A staff report

The Horace and Clyde advertising series, featuring a pair of crotchety elderly men and created for LaFayette Ford of Fayetteville, won Best of Show honors at an advertising competition during the weekend.

The Tate Agency of Raleigh, creators of the Horace and Clyde ads, received the recognition from the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation on Saturday.

The federation presented its annual Addy awards at the De LaFayette Restaurant.

The Addy is the top award presented by the federation.

Smith Advertising & Associates received eight Addys. The federation honored Hodges Associates with five Addys.

Cain & Cain Advertising won four Addys and Cable AdNet received two.

The Tate Agency also received an Addy for the Horace and Clyde series. Peterson Graphics and Word for Word each received an Addy.

Smith Advertising also received Special Judge's Awards for Illustrative Photography and for Small Space as well as a Best of Print Award.

Hodges Associates received a Special Judges Award For Copywriting.

The Fayetteville ad group also presents awards to students who design advertisements. Janelle Thomas of Fayetteville Technical Community College and Paul Grant of James Sprunt Community College, won Best of Show awards.

Entries for all ads came from Fayetteville, Raleigh, Sanford, Pinehurst as well as other towns in the region and in southeastern North Carolina. Judges were advertising executives R. Lyle Lavidge of Knoxville, Tenn.; Stephen Rogers of Houston and Jerry Malsh of Cincinnati.



## Women

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"A friend turned to me and said, 'That is more people than saw you play in your entire career, and this is one game,' " Ralph said.

Her daughter was named CBS-TV player of the game. The honor included a $1,000 scholarship donation to the school in her name.

"My gosh," said Marsha. "We got 50 cents to eat each game when I played. Now they are donating $1,000 in her honor."

### Times have changed

Much has changed for women in the 25 years since the adoption of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, a federal law barring sex discrimination in educational programs that receive federal funds.

That includes athletics.

Ralph, Rita Wiggs and Melanie Grooms have witnessed the changes first-hand. Ralph starred at Dunn High School and North Carolina before leaving competitive athletics to become a community college math teacher.

Wiggs played at Cape Fear and UNC-Greensboro, entered the coaching profession and is now head women's basketball coach and athletic director at Methodist.

Grooms starred in three sports at South View in the late 1980s, played at Pembroke State, and now coaches softball and volleyball at UNC-Pembroke.

While all agree progress has been made, they feel more improvements are needed.

### Special day at FSU

Another small step will be taken Saturday as the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation department observes the 11th annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day at Fayetteville State University.

From 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., top speakers in various fields will hold a series of lectures and clinics for female athletes of all ages.

Selena Washington of the recreation department said this is the second year a local observance has been held.

"Last year we held a banquet for young girls who had excelled in the various sports we offer," Washington said. "This year we decided to do an essay contest and a sports clinic."

**Green**

"We want women to recognize the benefits they can gain from competing in sports, and to make sure they focus on the women that have made a contribution to sports, that have made a difference," said Dr. Peggy Green. Green chairs the health, physical education and human resources department at Fayetteville State and will speak on the history of women in sports during Saturday's opening ceremonies.

Ralph, Wiggs and Grooms are among those who have made a difference. Ralph and Wiggs share the same generation, starring in high school and college in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Ralph played at Dunn and UNC. Wiggs was at Cape Fear and UNC-Greensboro.

Both have regrets about the lack of sports opportunities available to women before Title IX.

"There weren't state championships for women's teams then," Wiggs said. "The furthest you could go was your conference. The last couple of years, they had district playoffs or something."

There were inequities in equipment, too. Boys received new uniforms annually. The girls had to wait three to five years at times.

"The weight machine was in the boys' locker room," Wiggs said. "I was angry when I was a senior in college," Ralph said. "It's hard for me to be angry now because my daughter is the recipient of all I feel I worked for at the time, to help make things the way they are.

"I raised Cain for four years. I was constantly in the athletic director's office. I was always causing problems."

Ralph remembers traveling to games crowded into a station wagon that fishtailed on the highway.

Today, the women ride in vans and sometimes fly to games. Shea Ralph has already made two trips to California this season.

At Christmas, the school paid for her plane ticket from Fayetteville to join the team for a game at UC-Santa Barbara.

Wiggs and Marsha Ralph agree that high school programs are lagging.

"You see it with access to facilities, you see it in budgets, you see it with equipment," Wiggs said.

### Show me the money

She disagrees with administrators who say there isn't enough money in the budget to give the teams equal treatment.

"You can say people are willing to fund this and not willing to fund that," she said. "As an administrator, it's your responsibility to find a way to make that equitable.

"I don't know if 'good old boys' is the proper term, but it still continues in a lot of small high schools."

Ralph also thinks there is a tendency to hire unqualified coaches for women's teams, especially at the middle and junior high school level.

"The junior high is rampant with people who coach basketball because no one else will," she said. "There are some great coaches in this area, but I've seen some that just didn't know what they were doing."

Such examples are worlds apart from last summer's Olympic gold medal-winning women's team. Wiggs said the success of that squad was a major plus for women's sports.

"Parents are starting to get their daughters into camps and little league programs to help their skills," she said. "To become a Shea Ralph, you have to use it."

Camps and the Olympics weren't available to players such as Ralph and Wiggs.

Ralph spent 19 days in Russia competing with the American World University Games women's basketball team in 1973.

The women's Olympic team that won the gold in Atlanta this summer spent more than a year traveling and playing together. Each player received a stipend of $50,000 from the sanctioning body, U.S. Basketball.

Ralph said she could have tried for the Olympics when her college career was over, but marriage and a family were reasons she couldn't make the sacrifice.

"I hate I came along a little early, but I'm proud of what I did and what's happened since then."

Staff photo by Elizabeth Darwin Gatlin

**Melanie Grooms** coaches softball and volleyball at UNC-Pembroke.

### FLO HYMAN

National Girls and Women in Sports Day was first observed in 1987. It was inspired by the death of Olympic volleyball great Flo Hyman. The 6-foot-5 Hyman led the American team to a fifth place finish at the 1978 World Championships, the best ever for the United States in major international competition. She died suddenly during a match in Japan in 1986. Hyman was a leader among athletes who worked for equality for women's sports and was committed to excellence on and off the court.

**WOMEN IN SPORTS**

# En-Titled to play

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

**Rita Wiggs**, above, women's basketball coach at Methodist, and Marsha Ralph, right, a community college teacher, have seen improvements in women's athletics since Title IX.

*Title IX has helped even the playing field for today's female athletes.*

**By Earl Vaughan Jr.**
Scholastic sports editor

Marsha Ralph's basketball world has come full circle from her playing days at the University of North Carolina.

She laughs as she remembers taking the court in Carmichael Auditorium and ancient Woollen Gym more than 20 years ago.

"You opened the doors about 10 minutes before the game, let the 50 people in, and you played," said the former Tar Heel All-American.

The circle closed in style earlier this month. Ralph sat among 16,294 people in the Hartford Civic Center to watch her daughter Shea and the University of Connecticut battle Tennessee on national television.

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**GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY CLINIC**

- **When:** Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Felton J.Capel Arena, Fayetteville State University
- **Introduction:** Travis Adams
- **History:** Dr. Peggy Green
- **Basketball:** Dr. Peggy Green
- **Golf:** Dr. Ralph Burns
- **Volleyball:** Barbara Foxx
- **Swimming:** Lynn Moffitt
- **Soccer:** Phil Stephenson
- **Fast pitch softball:** Eddie Dees
- **Awards presentation:** Selena Washington
- **Closing remarks:** Dr. Peggy Green

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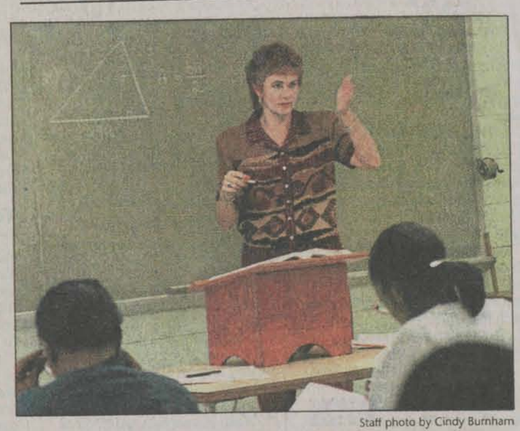

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# Probe of police advances

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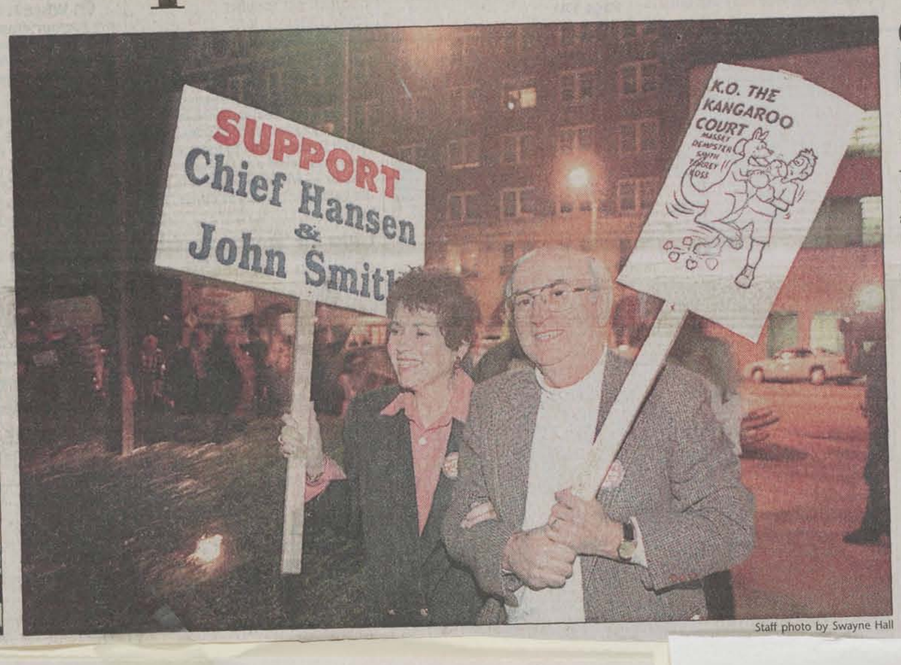
**Terri Union** and Carlos Zukowski march in support of the police chief and city manager while an overflow crowd at City Hall listens to Councilman Robert Massey, above. Councilman Breeden Blackwell, right, reacts.

Staff photos by Marcus Castro

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## Council looks for investigato

*Development chief suspende juvenile help backed, Page*

**By Gary Moss**
Staff writer

The City Council moved ah Monday night with a plan to sel an outside investigator to rev whether three black police offic were treated fairly by the Po Department.

Many people had expected City Manager John Smith and lice Chief Ron Hansen would fired by the five council mem who last week voted for the inv gation.

Instead the five — Robert sey, Jim Smith, Thelbert Tor Chris Dempster and Ida Ros voted for City Council members to submit to the city manager the people they would like to see handle the investigation.

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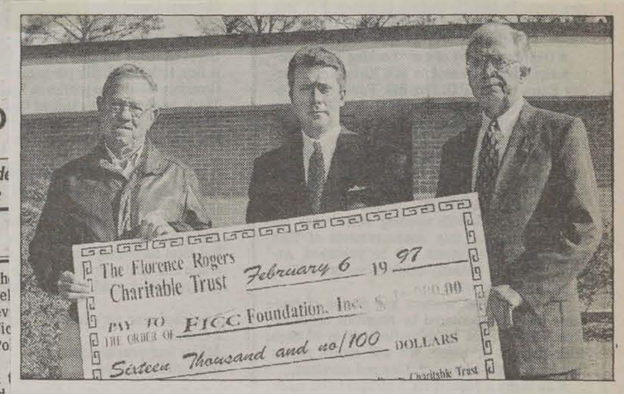


**Nolan Clark**, left, a trustee of the Florence Rogers Charitable Trust, FTCC Director of Institutional Resource Development David Hays and FTCC President Dr. Linwood Powell display a $16,000 check that was donated by the Florence Rogers fund for the school's Health and Technology Center to be completed in 1998.

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

**There was an overflow** crowd at Monday evening's city council meeting. Many people arrived before the meeting to show support for Fayetteville Police Chief Ron Hansen and City Manager John Smith.

## Council

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The city manager will present the list of possible candidates at the council's meeting on Feb. 17.

John Smith thinks Hansen acted properly in firing one of the officers, and transferring the other two to other jobs against their will. The officers contend they were punished for raising concerns over racism.

### Mediator sought

Mayor Pro Tem Breeden Blackwell offered a motion Monday calling for the City Council to use a mediator to help council members find a way to restore the relationships that have been damaged over this controversy. It failed by a vote of 7 to 2. The only other person to vote for his motion was Jim Smith.

Blackwell asked City Attorney Bob Cogswell to present a report of what would have to be done to give the city the power to recall council members and to give the mayor the right to vote. Currently the mayor only votes to break a tie.

Cogswell said both changes would have to be approved by the General Assembly.

Mayor J.L. Dawkins has sided with the four council members who have fought the investigation. In addition to Blackwell, they are Milo McBryde, Mark Kendrick and Suzan Cheek.

Massey said he hoped to "untangle a web" of falsehoods that have been spun around his motion to conduct the investigation.

First, Massey said, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission would not be able to share its findings with the City Council. The EEOC's charge, he said, is to investigate the complaints of individual employees and determine if their civil rights had been violated.

The investigation being called for by the majority of City Council, on the other hand, will look into whether anything was wrong with city operations. Its authority to do so comes from statutory law, Massey said.

"We are looking at two different things."

Massey made his comment after Kendrick repeated that he thought the EEOC is the right agency to determine whether the three officers' rights were violated.

McBryde raised several questions about the possible costs of the outside investigation, including whether the City Council would be obligated to hire lawyers for other city officials it would be investigating.

McBryde said the cost to the city of finding the truth could range as high as $500,000. McBryde said the City Council had the truth three weeks ago when John Smith presented his report, but some council members refused to believe it.

"The buzzards are going to fly high tonight and hold their noses when they fly over this building, I'll tell you that," McBryde said.

To which Councilwoman Ida Ross responded: No, the buzzards are going to fly over Eufaula Street. Ross was alluding to residents who live next to the county landfill who are seeking city assistance for relocation. The county already has moved most residents from the street.

McBryde and Kendrick wore buttons supporting Hansen and Smith.

Councilman Dempster asked Cogswell whether the city doing the investigation would lessen the chances of the city being sued by the three police officers.

He said the motive of the five council members is to protect the city from that risk by finding out if there are bad management practices, and then changing them. Cogswell said only that it would depend largely on the timing.

### Talk of lawsuits

The only lawsuit that has been threatened so far has been by Chief Hansen. His lawyer, Carl Barrington, had said he would have filed a lawsuit against the five council members at noon Monday if he had reason to believe that Smith and Hansen were going to be fired.

Barrington said a lawsuit still could be filed if an investigator is hired who could not be fair to Hansen. Hansen has said anybody connected with the Police Benevolent Association would be tainted.

The Fayetteville chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People initially raised concerns about how the officers were treated, and called for the investigation.

Catherine McNeill, a retired school social worker, said she believes that the NAACP's original intent has gotten lost.

"Their intent was just for fair treatment of black police offices," McNeill said. "Now, some how or another, a hidden agenda has come forward and somebody is, I guess, disgruntled about some other things. The black people were just concerned about the fair treatment of the police officers."

As with last week's meeting, City Hall was packed with nearly 300 people.

Between 50 and 60 people, many of them doctors and their families, arrived 30 minutes before the meeting to circle in front of City Hall. Susan Shereff carried a sign that read, "This Stinks" with a picture of a skunk hovering over a wilted flower pot. Her husband, Richard, carried a sign that talked about stopping the kangaroo court and it listed the five council members pushing the investigation.

Judy Rochman carried a sign that read, "Stop the Witch Hunt."

"We've tried writing letters to the editor. We've tried phone calls. We've tried faxing our representatives. Clearly, reason is not going to affect the outcome of this.

"Many of us took to the streets in the 60s for civil rights. We felt it was time to get back out into the streets — this time for civic rights."

Staff photo by Swayne Hall

**Sisters of Upsilon Kappa Omega** are, top row left to right, Felecia Robinson, La'Shanda Collins, Angela Hinson, Monique McAlister, Sherrilyn Johnson, Brenda Williams, Patricia Corey, Monique Kendall-McCluney, Renarta Clanton, Angela Newble, Rochelle Bethune, Shirley Greene and Arrie McAlister. On the middle row from left are Juanita Williams, Carla Collier, Barbara Melvin, Lisa Jefferson, Wendy McManus, Valerie Wilder, Carolyn McLaurin, Daisy Thompson, Charlene Sumlin, Joyce Mitchell, Erica Clemons and Beverly Simmons. Seated on the front row from the left are Shirley Evans, Donna Moore, Burmna Anderson, Robbie Lindsey, Veleria Collins, Doris Asbury, T'Anya Johnson, Lisa Boyd, Allene Ritchey, Althea Hurt, Twylla Willis and Cherie Siler. Arnetta Porte, not pictured, is a member of the sorority.

# Pulling together

## Sorority's newest chapter turns to military population

**By Karen LaCaire Bouvier**
Correspondent

Alpha Kappa Alpha, a national sorority dedicated to community service and better education, recently chartered its 108th chapter in the Mid Atlantic region, which includes North Carolina and Virginia.

The Fayetteville chapter will be known as Upsilon Kappa Omega and is the second chapter in Fayetteville. Zeta Pi Omega chapter has been here since 1955. Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded in 1908, and has more than 80,000 members nationally.

"But we wanted a chapter that would especially target our vast population here at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base," Arrie McCallister, founder of the new chapter, said. "We realized there were large numbers of inactive former members in the military community here that would be interested in being active in the wonderful accomplishments of Alpha Kappa Alpha."

McCallister, a member of the sorority since 1974, when she joined the Fayetteville State University Delta Alpha chapter, began organizing an interest group to establish the new chapter in January. She enlisted the aid of active member Veleria Collins, a graduate member of the Beta Phi Omega chapter since 1986.

*'We look forward to doing great work in this community.'*
*— Veleria Collins*

"We wanted to encourage women who were affiliated with the military to feel more a part of this organization," said Collins, a military wife. "These women who move around a lot have very diverse interests and contacts. We felt there were enough of us to make a real difference in affecting the programmatic thrusts, goals and objectives of the sorority."

The interest group, which had been known as Harambee, a Swahili concept meaning "to pull together," was chartered as Upsilon Kappa Omega with 37 initial members. More than 150 people helped celebrate the chartering at a ceremony and reception on Nov. 30 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux.

"We look forward to doing great work in this community," Collins said. "We will begin with three major goals starting with a program in the Fort Bragg schools, which will center on enhancing children's math and science skills."

The group's second goal is to develop a partnership with the Red Cross in an effort to look at minority health issues, and the members will conduct a "shower of love" outreach to the elderly in area nursing homes.

The third goal, amid a longer list of objectives, is a bone marrow drive in conjunction with Fayetteville Technical Community College, which will be held at the school on Feb. 13.

"We invite inquiries and hope to motivate other former members in the area to join us," Collins said, noting that one charter member is serving as a military liaison at Fort Bragg. "Donna Moore is a captain in the (Army) Nurses Corps and we are very happy to have her to help with our future goals to recruit, retain and reclaim our inactive members."

Those interested in joining the new chapter can contact Collins at 867-1961.

## *Brushing up*

**Dickey Jones** works on an acrylic painting during a class at Fayetteville Museum of Art. FTCC instructor Petra Gerber teaches the course, which is offered every Monday by invitation only.

Staff photo by Chris Hondros

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# Back to the future

Staff photo by Elizabeth Darwin Gatlin

**Rome and Fred Zahran** are back home at Tallywood Shopping Center.

*Fred and Rome Zahran return to 218 Tallywood Shopping Center, the jewelry store they built 34 years ago.*

**By Sandra Hall Rosser**
Correspondent

If you ask Fred and Rome Zahran, they will tell you that some days are diamonds and some days are stones — especially if you're a jeweler.

Monday was a diamond day for the Zahrans as they moved their business to 218 Tallywood Shopping Center.

"It's like coming home," Fred Zahran said. "I designed this store just like I wanted it. It's where we began. Our roots are here."

In 1962, the Zahrans established Rome's Jewelers in downtown Fayetteville. After their first year in business, they moved to Tallywood which, at the time, was Fayetteville's second shopping center. Zahran and his wife designed the store and enjoyed 13 years of serving a growing clientele. It was during this time that their son, Fred Zahran Jr., came into partnership with them. It was a double source of pride for the Zahrans — working with their son, who is the only certified gemologist in Fayetteville.

But change is inevitable.

In 1975, the construction of Cross Creek Mall changed shopping in the Cape Fear region. Many established businesses from the downtown quickly moved to the mall in order to remain competitive. The Zahrans saw this as an ideal opportunity as well. For the next 10 years, Rome's Jewelers carried on a lucrative business at Cross Creek Mall.

"At the time, we all thought moving to the mall was the right thing to do," Mrs. Zahran said.

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## Zahrans

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"Our lease was for 10 years, and at the end of that time, we knew we had to leave."

Unfortunately, the newness of the mall had worn thin for many loyal customers as well. The Zahrans knew that to re-establish their patronage, they would have to move again.

Cheselka Street, just off busy Raeford Road, was the Zahrans' next location. Customers who had avoided the mall began frequenting the store again. Although the Zahrans did not consider the location perfect, they were happy there for six years. However, when the city widened the street and subsequently changed the name to Purdue Drive, a good portion of the store's parking lot was taken.

In 1990, they moved to Holly Walk on Raeford Road. Still, it was not quite the site they had hoped for. They were sure that another move was inevitable, but this spot would have to be custom-made for them.

Then fate intervened.

Nat Robertson Sr., who had purchased the store at 218 Tallywood Shopping Center from the Zahrans almost 22 years ago, decided to retire from the jewelry business. The Zahrans made an offer for their old building.

"Looking back, it's where we were the happiest," Mr. Zahran said. "And now, we're going home."

**UP CLOSE**

Moving the business is not the only change the Zahrans anticipate.

"I'm 78 years old," Mr. Zahran said. "In March, God willing, I'll turn 79. It's time for me to slow down."

The Zahrans plan to spend more time away from the store and involve themselves in civic and leisure activities. Both are active members at Archangel Michael Antiochene Maronite Catholic Church. Mr. Zahran is especially proud of his involvement there because his father, who came from Lebanon in 1908, was a Maronite, and he is continuing a generational tradition.

Mr. Zahran is an active member of the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal organization for Catholic men. Zahran and 36 other men chartered the first council in Fayetteville in 1941. He is the oldest living charter member from Fayetteville.

If you visit the Zahrans' business or home, you will find the walls adorned with beautiful landscape paintings, all originals by Rome Zahran. When Fayetteville first opened its Museum of Art, several courses through Fayetteville Technical Community College were offered. Mrs. Zahran enrolled and found that she enjoyed painting. One of her favorites, a picturesque lakeside view of the Grand Teton Mountains, is prominently displayed at the store.

"Some days, every stroke of the brush is just right," she said modestly. "That was one of those days."

Both are members of the Sons of Italy, the largest fraternal Italian organization in the world. Their lodge is named in memory of Mrs. Zahran's parents, the Prosdocimis. Every year the organization raises money for a scholarship to an FTCC student.

The Zahrans were instrumental in the formation of Fayetteville's Lodge No. 2617 in 1986. In fact, Mr. Zahran served as the local lodge's first president, holding the office for two two-year terms.

"It was quite funny, actually," he said. "Being the president of an Italian organization, and I'm of Lebanese extraction."

Their future plans are a bit uncertain, only because it will be the first time in a long while that the business won't be demanding most of their attention. Both want to relax and enjoy life. Whatever they do, they'll do it together, just as they have during all 53 years of their marriage.

"Rome has been my inspiration all these years," Zahran said emphatically. "I couldn't have done it without her."

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# Dinner benefits scholarships

When the Sons of Italy decorated the DeLafayette Restaurant for their scholarship dinner-dance last weekend, they didn't have to look long to find wine bottles for candles.

"We're big Italian wine drinkers, so we just saved them," said **Cathy Verne Roberts.**

She and her husband, **Dean,** worked with **Ben Verne, Rome Zahran** and **Leonard** and **Marion Casciotti** on the dinner committee.

The dinner was sponsored by the Prosdocimi Lodge 2617 of the Sons of Italy in America. Proceeds go to a scholarship fund at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Tickets were sold to the public for $30 per person. Ninety members and guests danced to the music of the band, Standard Time, after a buffet dinner with no speeches.

Sons of Italy is a fraternal and civic organization open to men and women. "Our purpose is to disseminate the rich Italian heritage," said lodge president **Nick Campana.**

"In order to be a member, you have to have Italian lineage, but you can be a social member if you don't," he said.

The lodge meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cumberland Community Foundation building, 310 Green St. For information, call Campana at 822-4466.

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**At the Sons of Italy** scholarship dinner, from left, past president Steve Berti, current president Nick Campana, secretary Rome Zahran and her husband and past president Fred Zahran enjoyed a buffet dinner — with no speeches — and dancing afterward.

# Job center planned for county

Grant money allotted

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**By Josh Shaffer**
Staff writer

Cumberland County will open a one-stop job center this fall, making the search for employment less of a hassle.

The county has received a $103,000 state grant to build the JobLink Career Center, which will be connected to the state Employment Security Commission office on Ray Avenue, said David McCune, chairman of the county Workforce Development Board.

It will be a benefit to job seekers because it will house representatives from seven employment-related agencies, including the county Department of Social Services and Fayetteville Technical Community College.

"Everything will be in one place," McCune said. "They won't have to go door to door."

The center has gotten a supplemental grant for computers and other equipment, McCune said. Job seekers will have access to the Internet.

The center will be available only to county residents, McCune said.

Bladen County recently opened its job center in Elizabethtown. Similar centers are planned for Robeson and Scotland counties.

McCune said customer service will be a priority — no more waiting in long unemployment lines.

"We're trying to help these people out and make them feel good about themselves," he said. "This is going to be 21st Century employment."

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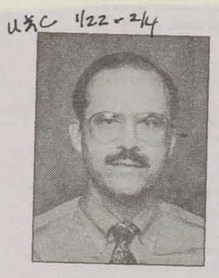

## Boom Or Bust?

By John A. Hoffmann, CFP, CLU

In last month's article about Baby Boomers and Social Security, a "safe landing" was predicted for the 70 million people reaching age 65 between 2010 and 2030. Social Security will survive somehow. To date, the system has been pay-as-you-go. FICA taxes paid by current workers go to current retirees. It's kind of an unofficial contract between the generations. Today's workers pay for yesterday's retirees in hopes of getting their benefits from tomorrow's workers. But there are too many baby boomers who decided to downsize their families!

Estimates say that FICA taxes would have to rise by about fifty percent, or benefits cut by one-third for the system to avoid going "bust." A solution is "privatization" of the Social Security system. A portion of Social Security assets would be invested in the stock market to get a potentially higher rate of return then the government bonds in which the trust fund is currently invested. Most experts agree that over the long haul, this would be a financial "boom" for the economy and Social Security. However, that's where agreement ends.

One proposal says everything would remain the same except that all money goes into the stock market. Another says workers would have an individual account, and decide what to invest in themselves. Another individual account plan would allow part in government bonds and part in the stock market. In some plans, workers would contribute 5-10 percent of pay and the employer and/or government would match three-for-one. Many other capitalistic countries have already gone to privatization. All require worker contributions with government matching, similar to our own 401K plans. With over 90 percent of workers depending on Social Security as their sole support during retirement years, our government must make prompt, wise, fair decisions to ensure fiscal integrity for America's financial "safety net."

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# Massey welcomes suit

Councilman: Facts, law on his side in police spat

**By Gary Moss**
Staff writer

City Councilman Robert Massey said Tuesday that he would welcome the lawsuit that Police Chief Ron Hansen has threatened to file against him and four other council members.

Both the law — and the facts — would be on his side, Massey said.

"I hope, I honestly hope, that they sue us because I want to see the proof that there is a conspiracy," Massey said. "I do know what I have done and I know what I haven't done."

Massey said his honest effort to "ferret out the truth" about the way three black police officers were treated has been made to look by some council members as an evil plot to fire City Manager John Smith in order to install a city manager willing to fire the police chief.

There is no such plot, he said.

"If the scenario were true — if there was this grandiose plan in the sky that we are going to do this to do this to do this, then I guess I would be frightened," Massey said. "But it is not there."

**Robert Massey:** 'I do know what I have done and I know what I haven't done.'

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## Council

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Massey said he sees the threat of a lawsuit as an example of the way that Hansen may be running his department.

### Cites intimidation

"As it relates to the lawsuit, the question I want to raise is: Is this the kind of intimidation that the Fayetteville police officers must live under? Are we now trying to impose the same kind of intimidation on the council that we have forced on our police officers and any other city employees who dare raise a question?"

Hansen, when told of Massey's comments, said, "I won't even dignify his remarks with a comment."

Carl Barrington, Hansen's lawyer, said Friday that he would file a civil lawsuit against the five council members at noon Monday if he had reason to believe that Smith and Hansen would be fired at Monday night's council meeting as many in the community had feared.

The five council members voted Jan. 27 to conduct an outside investigation into how the three police officers were treated. Hansen fired one of the officers and transferred the other two to other jobs against their will. Smith said Hansen acted properly.

Barrington has said the suit could still be filed if the City Council hires somebody to handle the investigation who Hansen believes could not be fair to him. Others in addition to Massey who would be named in the suit are Chris Dempster, Jim Smith, Thelbert Torrey and Ida Ross.

Hansen has hinted — and Councilman Milo McBryde has said publicly — that lawyer Andy Dempster is behind an effort to fire Smith so that another city manager could be put in place who would be willing to fire Hansen.

They point to the fact that Dempster, a former judge who plans to run for district attorney, is related to two council members who have supported the investigation. Chris Dempster is Andy's brother; each is a brother-in-law of Jim Smith.

There has also been talk of agendas to install a black city manager and police chief. None of it is true, Massey said.

"I refuse to get caught up in that conspiracy scenario as I seek to try to get this city government to ferret out the truth," he said.

On Monday the council voted to submit names of people to consider to handle the investigation. The names must be submitted to John Smith by Feb. 11 at noon. Smith will present the names for consideration when the City Council meets on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

Massey said he and the other four council members voted to delay action on hiring an investigator to give all council members time to come up with possible candidates of their choosing.

### Smith backs up

John Smith, in a letter prior to the council's Jan. 27 meeting, warned council members that they would have to fire him if they wanted to conduct an outside investigation. But at the start of the meeting, Smith moderated his position, saying that he would agree to a third-party review if he were left in charge of the process.

"All I want to do is ensure that this thing is done in an appropriate manner by an appropriate person, with the right kind of expertise," Smith said Tuesday.

Massey said Smith set the stage himself for the possibility of his firing when he laid out a position that Massey said contradicts the law.

The law calls for a "council-manager" form of government, Massey said, not the other way around.

### Quoting the law

And to prove the point, Massey read aloud the final two provisions of General Statute 160A-148 that he believes make his case. "(The city manager) shall make any other reports that the council may require concerning the operations of city departments, offices, and agencies subject to his direction and control," Massey said.

"He shall perform any other duties that may be required or authorized by the council."

Massey said he has no idea how the situation will unfold and whether Smith and Hansen will end up losing their jobs.

"All I can do is go with what my heart and mind tells me is right. Where the good Lord sends us — I sound like Ida (Ross) now — that's where we go. I can only do that which I believe to be right. That's what I've tried to do all along."

# City's effort to rescind hiring order continues

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*Lawmakers try to get out from under a 1974 consent decree that aimed to increase the number of black police officers.*

**By Gary Moss**
Staff writer

The Fayetteville City Council's fight over the Police Department will not stop plans to free the city from a 1974 court order that calls for a fixed percentage of black police officers to be hired and promoted.

But an NAACP lawyer who has pushed for an investigation of police personnel practices said he thinks the effort to rescind the order has contributed to the current problems in the department.

Since December, questions have swirled through City Hall about the way City Manager John Smith and Police Chief Ron Hansen treated three black officers. The Fayetteville chapter of the National Advancement for Colored People has alleged that the officers were treated unfairly. Smith and Hansen deny the charge.

*A look at the percentage of black officers in Fayetteville. Page 4A*

The NAACP has asked for an outside investigation.

On Monday, the City Council is expected to pick one or more people to investigate the case and whether what happened to the three officers reflects bigger problems within the department.

Weeks before the NAACP took its concerns to the City Council in December, the council started the process of getting out from under the 1974 order. The order, a consent decree filed in U.S. District Court in response to a complaint by black officers, directed the Fayetteville department to increase hiring and promotion of blacks until they made up at least 30 percent of the total force and 30 percent of the captains and lieutenants.

Currently, 29.6 percent of the city's police officers are black. But only one in six captains and one in 20 lieutenants are black.

City officials want to get out from under the consent decree, however, because of fears of reverse discrimination lawsuits.

Court decisions that have come out of the U.S. Supreme Court and the 4th U.S. Court of Appeals in Richmond since 1985 show that the city's decree would be con-

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sidered "presumptively unlawful," said Philip VanHoy, a Charlotte lawyer hired by the city.

The rulings say that hiring and promoting somebody solely on the basis of race violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution, VanHoy said. And that is true regardless of the race of the person being promoted, he said.

### Voice of experience

VanHoy met in closed session with the City Council on Nov. 18. He warned that the city could face the same legal problem as Charlotte, which was under a similar consent decree and was sued by nine white police officers in 1991. Charlotte was eventually ordered to promote two of the nine officers and give them back pay.

On the day after VanHoy's meeting with council members, the city of Fayetteville submitted a request in U.S. District Court to have the order rescinded.

On Jan. 27, the same night that the council voted 5-to-4 to hire an outside investigator to look into the personnel concerns raised by the NAACP, the council members met in closed session to discuss it again.

City Councilman Robert Massey, who made the motion to go into closed session Jan. 27, said his concern about the consent decree was heightened by his concerns about what had happened to the three police officers.

Massey has been a leader on the council in seeking an investigation of the NAACP complaints.

He said his concern Jan. 27 was to make sure he understood the legal risks that the consent decree represented to the city. At the same time, he wanted to make sure what the city has a policy in place to hire and promote black people.

Massey said he came out of the closed session "satisfied" with the answers given for both concerns. "After his explanation, he was sent back to Charlotte with our blessings," Massey said of VanHoy.

The request for the consent decree to be rescinded will progress despite the NAACP complaint. But James Locus, the lawyer for the NAACP, says the two issues are not unrelated. He sees a connection between the city's push to get rid of the consent decree and Hansen's decision in February to interview black police officers about rumors of racism.

**Massey**

Some of the charges of discrimination the NAACP has lodged against Hansen stem from those interviews and what the NAACP calls retaliation against officers who made complaints. Locus said Hansen did not conduct the interviews to find discrimination and eliminate it. He did the interviews to "suppress any dissension" to keep everything looking "rosy back home" when the city made its request to repeal the consent order months later.

Hansen has said the charge is ridiculous. "When there are rumors of discrimination, I am duty bound to look into it," he said. "I have to protect the city and the department."

# Efforts create Olympians

*In the Science Olympiad, Cape Fear region students apply their knowledge.*

**By Virginia Ann White**
Staff writer

Sabrina Nichols knows about the laws of gravity.

For an instant, they worked against her Saturday, as she struggled to crawl under a cardboard rectangle sitting on top of two traffic cones. Her back brushed the cardboard and caused it to fall.

She recovered swiftly, completing a section of an obstacle course.

Then came the mental challenge. She had to answer a question about the correct length of a piece of rope. A moment later, she scribbled the answer on a yellow sheet and handed it to the next member of her team.

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Staff photo by Jay Capers

**Justin Godwin**, clockwise from bottom right, LaTasha Walker, La-Toya Watlington and Jake Hamilton form a human chain in the pentathlon.

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## Olympiad

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Nichols, 14, was among about 750 middle and high school students who proved on Saturday that science isn't about sitting in a classroom with a textbook. The students, from schools throughout the Cape Fear region, competed in the fifth annual Science Olympiad at Fayetteville Technical Community College. This year, there were 41 events.

Teams that collected the most points go to a state competition next month in Raleigh. The national Science Olympiad will be conducted in May at N.C. State University.

At the high school level, Harnett Central and Terry Sanford tied for first place in the regional competition. Because of the tie, there was no second-place winner. Third place went to Cape Fear High. All three will go to the state competition.

In the middle school division, seven schools qualified. In order, those schools are Hillcrest Middle School, Harnett Central Middle School, Pine Forest Middle School, 71st Classical Middle School, Albritton Junior High School, Western Harnett Middle School and St. Patrick's School.

### 'Science should be fun'

The events challenged students to prove their knowledge and their creativity in applying the principles of science.

"Science should be fun," said Thomas Bell, tournament director. "The biggest thing is building the principle of self-esteem in science."

Nichols and other members of her team from 71st Classical Middle School competed in the pentathlon, in which members each completed a leg of an obstacle course by jumping rope, doing sit-ups or showing some other physical skill. Team members then showed their skills in science by completing tasks to answer a question. Quickness and correct answers earned each team points.

Nichols said she loves science classes but hears complaints from many other students. "A lot of them don't like it," she said.

On the other side of campus, students' abilities to use the laws of physics were judged. Pairs of middle school students used devices that they built to propel small rubber balls with air pressure. The balls were aimed at one of two tabletops. The event tested students' knowledge of trajectory.

The balls popped out from pipes of different sizes. Everything from air tanks to bicycle pumps were used to force the balls out of the pipes. Each time that a ball hit a tabletop, the onlookers clapped. There was a collective, sympathetic sigh every time that a shot missed.

### 'A whole lot more'

Terri Godwin, mother of a Harnett Central Middle School seventh-grader, was watching the competition while her daughter took a break on the lawn outside. "They're going to learn a whole lot more and remember more doing something like this than sitting with a textbook," Godwin said.

The event can be memorable for parents, too, Godwin said with a smile. She and her daughter, Rachel, spent Friday night searching for materials to build another trajectory device after the one that they had was accidentally knocked off a table and broken. It was late before the family got to sleep.

"You do it for the kids," she said.

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# A man of silence

## A daughter remembers her father, and his pocketknife

**By Jamie Stevens**

The first thing I can remember about my dad was his smell. A blend of cigarettes and whiskey, although at the time, I didn't know what whiskey was. It was just my father's scent.

I was born when my father was 43. He was tall — over six feet tall — and very hard and lean. He was all bones and sharp angles.

I always thought if he had a beard, he would look just like Abraham Lincoln does on the penny.

He was silent and moody, prone to sudden outbursts of swearing, like a sudden flash of lightning in a thunderstorm.

He didn't talk — not to my mother, or me or anyone. I can't picture him smiling.

Sometimes he would sit, late at night, and whittle. He wouldn't make anything special. He would just use his pocketknife to shave branches into long thin points and the curly-cues of wood would fall at his feet.

### The auto parts store

My father went down to the local auto parts store on Saturday mornings to sit with the other men. It wasn't like the auto parts stores of today, all white, clean and efficient. It was small and smelled of tobacco and grease and oil. The men who worked there wore blue overalls with smudges of dirt and grime rubbed into the fabric like some Van Gogh painting.

My dad sat on the same stool Saturday after Saturday, year after year. He sat silently, while the other men talked of baseball and carburetors and tools. I don't think he was ever close to any of them, although when he died, one or two came to the funeral.

My mother cooked every night for my dad. Sometimes he would show up and sometimes he wouldn't. He would grumble and fume about the dinner, and eat every bite. He'd dip corn bread in his buttermilk and lean both arms on the table to push the saturated bread into his mouth. He would make a mosaic on his plate of turnip greens and pinto beans and okra. He would top it off with homemade chow-chow, hot sauce and salt and pepper. He used a lot of salt and pepper, and more salt and pepper.

My father watched the Atlanta Braves from his brown-vinyl recliner. He would sit with a look of distaste on his face like he had eaten something sour.

He would call the pitcher bad names for not striking out the batter, and had other foul names for the athletes who didn't meet with his approval.

### His childhood

When I was older, I asked my mother about my father's mother. My grandmother, Ora Belle, had died in the flu epidemic of 1916. My father was two years old at the time. A picture of my dad made just before he turned two shows a sad little boy with blond hair and large, protruding ears. He's wearing a white dress, as was the custom at that time. He has one leg tucked under the other and he looks decidedly uncomfortable.

The picture is rough around the edges and has that purplish-brown color of old photographs. And I wonder if his mother had taken him to have it made, and did she know she would soon be leaving him.

In those days and in that time, his father, Papa Royal, wasn't expected to care for a small son, so my father was shuffled from relative to relative. For two years, when he was around seven, he lived with his Aunt Susie. I have a quilt that my father brought from her house. It's a myriad of colors, muted now from time. It's worn through in places and the cotton — real cotton, not the polyester batting of today — comes out in clumps like it's losing itself.

Aunt Susie died suddenly when my father was eight. My mother tried to throw the quilt away once, but my father wouldn't let her.

One day, when I was older and had children of my own, I asked him if he remembered his mother. He looked up at me as if he had never seen me before. He said he had tried, but couldn't remember anything about her. He said he had never known a mother's love. I saw the tears briefly in his eyes.

### On his lap

I remember him one Sunday morning, peeling an apple from our tree. I must have been three or four because I remember him holding me in his lap. I had on my black, patent-leather shoes and thin, little socks with lace around the edges. My father pulled his pocketknife out of his pocket — he was never without his pocketknife — and methodically rotated the apple as he peeled it in one long ribbon. The knife was small, even for my childish eyes, and dark brown and rough like the bark of a pine tree. My father had had that knife forever.

When the peel rolled to the ground in one long and green twist, he took a little packet of salt and sprinkled it over the apple. He cut a slice off for me and then a slice for himself, then another for me. On and on until the apple was nothing but a core. The apple was warm from the sun and warm from his hands. Apple and salt was a treat for me.

He was silent as we ate, but I was happy. It was Sunday, it was sunny and my daddy was holding me. It was the only nice thing I remember about my dad.

My father died in September, 1988. He was 74. My mother gave me his pocketknife.

**A Story**

*Jamie Stevens lives in Fayetteville with her three children. She works full-time in Student Activities at Fayetteville Technical Community College and at night for the U.S. Post Office. She says, "just for fun," she takes classes. She says it was her English teacher who prodded her to send this story in, adding, "It was very difficult for me to write."*

The Readers Write

**James Edgar Epps** in 1916, at age 2

## Chilly scenes of February?

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Staff photos by April Jenkins

**Connie Mansfield reads 'Jethro and the Jumbie'** to 3-year-old twin sisters Annie, second from left, and Lisa Zaremski while Cassidi Benavidez, 6, closes her eyes as she listens. They enjoyed a spring-like Thursday afternoon on Peachtree Street in Haymount. Meanwhile, Denise Kinnison and Charlie Harden trim rose bushes at Fayetteville Technical Community College. 'You have to cut them back so they can bloom new growth,' Kinnison says.

# New Day

## Norris begins to chart his course at FTCC

Switching from quarters to semesters is occupying much of Fayetteville Technical Community College's new president. As time-consuming as the task is, it will be but one of the least of the challenges Dr. Larry Bruce Norris is apt to see during his tenure of leadership.

Technical colleges by design remain on the cutting edge. As local and national economies change, the colleges must be ready to adapt. Technical colleges may offer more traditional college courses than they once did. They are working with universities to make transitions smoother for students who opt to transfer. But it is crucial that the technical college mission remain a separate one. Communities and employers depend upon them for job skills training.

Technical colleges in North Carolina are still living up to the "tech" part, although increasingly on the high-tech end. Textile jobs — the South's old mainstay — are disappearing, but not manufacturing and industry. FTCC is not abandoning them as it moves into the communications frontier.

The students technical colleges attract are changing as well. "Downsized" workers seeking new skills are enrolling. Companies send workers to be trained or retrained. The links between technical colleges and high schools are drawing closer — one of education's more promising directions.

Norris, whose experience at FTCC goes back to 1969, knows that a president of a technical college never has the leisure of resting on past success. The president's task of giving stability to a campus that by its very definition must remain in flux is a daunting one. It is a visionary's job. Norris has the experience. Wish him well.


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# Nicaragua trip an awakening

By Danielle McGinnis
FTCC

Jennifer Brewington nervously sat aboard the plane bound for Managua, Nicaragua this summer, speaking no Spanish and not knowing what to expect in a country that suffers from profound poverty. Somewhat to her surprise, she and other members of her group were welcomed with open arms.

**Brewington**

As part of a medical team, Brewington, a nursing student at Fayetteville Technical Community College, and three nurses from her church joined this yearly gospel mission to help establish a church in an underdeveloped nation. They were there to provide medical care to local people, many of whom had never seen a doctor in their lives. Their group donated vitamins, medicine, medical supplies and clothing to the church and clinic where they worked.

"It was so sad to see the conditions in which they lived," Brewington said. "We don't realize that our struggles are so small compared to people who have dirt floors and no plumbing. Everyone should see that side of life to better appreciate what they do have."

Brewington plans to return to Central America this summer.

"There is nothing like knowing you have made a difference in someone's life," she said.

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# Eye On The Communit

**Dr. Linwood Powell,** left, interim president at Fayetteville Technical Community College, joins department chairmen Lelon Ellis, masonry; Stewart Ditch, plumbing; Jim Blair, electrical installation; and Bill Boyles, carpentry, as the FTCC Building Trades curriculum program shows off its outstanding service award from the Hay-Branson Head Start program for construction work at the Bridges II site.

Staff photo by Chris Hondros

**Toby Wells,** second from left, of Pontiac-Buick-GMC in Southern Pines explains the $15,000 Blackhawk Bench System for taking out warps in auto frames to Fayetteville Technical Community College officials. The dealership presented the system to the school. Bob Smith, left, is the FTCC Foundation Board chairman. Looking on are Art Hall, FTCC Auto Body Repair Department chairman, and FTCC Foundation Director David Hays.

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## Walking on sunshine

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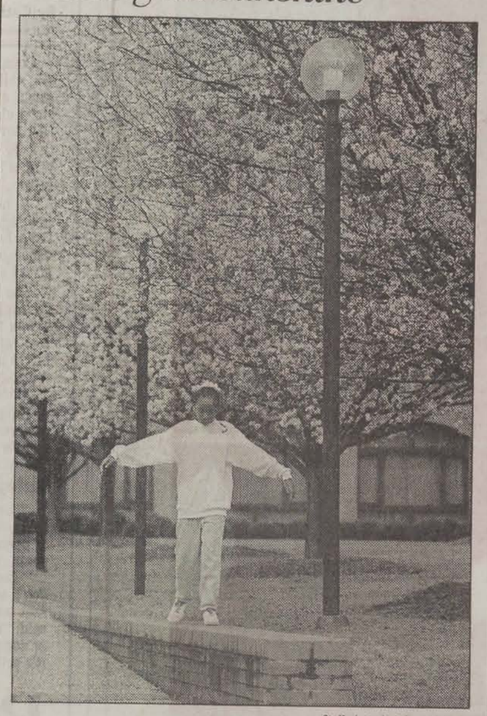

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**Gabrielle Heard,** 10, enjoys the week's warm weather while spending time at Fayetteville Technical Community College Friday afternoon. The flowering Bradford pear trees on campus are in bloom. She was passing time at the school while her father registered for classes there.

**Fayetteville Technical Community College**

- **Enrollment:** 7,275
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## Colleges seek more minority student aid

Fayetteville Technical Community College trustees have met with members of the state's congressional delegation to push for more money for minority and needy students.

The trustees, in Washington last week with other community college leaders from North Carolina, said they support President Clinton's proposed increase in individual Pell grants from $2,700 to $3,000.

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The trustees want an increase in institutional grants for minority and needy students to $80 million and an increase in technology funding to $35 million for their schools.

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Many of the educators' concerns ran parallel with those addressed by Clinton in his State of the Union speech. In addition to the Pell grant hike, the president proposed a $1,500 tax cut for those who maintain a B, or 3.0 grade-point average.

"In terms of education, it will be a real investment," said Rep. Mike McIntyre, a Democrat who represents the 7th District.

"It gives people an opportunity to make an investment in their future and, in turn, that helps society," he said.

Educators welcomed the proposed increase in Pell grants.

"Well, just from the inflation fact alone, there needs to be an increase," said Wilson F. Yarborough, a trustee at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

However, some of the college leaders said a better route was provided by Sen. Lauch Faircloth.

In January, Faircloth proposed legislation that addressed only community colleges and, if passed, would allow a $1,500 credit for full-time time students and a $750 credit for part-time students.

Students would have to maintain a satisfactory GPA, not a B average.

"Sen. Faircloth's bill may help our students more. It doesn't have as many limitations (as Clinton's proposal)," said George D. Regan, a trustee at Robeson Community College.

Faircloth said his plan would train students without requiring taxes.

"The community college system in the nation — and in North Carolina, especially — is the only thing the government has put money in that has produced jobs," Faircloth said.

North Carolina has promised new companies that if they come to the state, there will be trained people to work for them.

Community colleges are not a "half-baked, fly-by-night social program" that employ bureaucrats, Faircloth said.

Fayetteville Technical Community College has had an open door admission policy and has kept its tuition low, Yarborough said.

It costs $185.50 for 14 credit hours for spring quarter. "So we want to keep it that way," he said. "We want to keep the education process open to anybody."

North Carolina delegates said they support the educators' agenda.

Meanwhile Rep. Bobby Etheridge, a Democrat who represents the 2nd District, challenged them to push the congressional delegation.

"Hold us accountable to make sure the lip service matches the pocket service when this session is over," Etheridge said.

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**Shervie Powell,** Dr. Linwood Powell, the interim president of Fayetteville Technical Community College, Margaret McDaniels and Harold Thompson joined with others recently to honor the college's major contributors.

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# Cumberland County Growth Has Been Steady And Well Controlled

*A Good Labor Force With A Good Work Ethic Coupled With Good Training Facilities Offer Industries A Strong Appeal*

BY BILL EDWARDS

We asked Cliff Strassenberg, Cumberland County Manager, what assets the county possesses that would interest a potential new company or simply a potential new resident.

"I think I would start with the labor force," said Strassenberg," which is a good one with a good work ethic, and in plentiful supply. We have the Fayetteville Technical Community College which is a real asset in providing specialized training programs that can be customized to suit the particular needs of a new business or industry." He sees the community college, the second largest community college in the state, as a special asset.

He says the presence of the military is a particular asset to the labor force in two ways: a significant number of people leave the military after their commitment is satisfied and choose to stay in the area. These people are well trained in modern technology and a lot of their training includes management and leadership. The second item is that many military spouses choose to work while the husband (or wife) is stationed at Fort Bragg. Strassenberg said that quite a number of spouses choose to stay in Fayetteville while the military person is away on an overseas assignment, thus giving the area a stable labor force of good, reliable people.

"We have what I believe is a good school system in the county and we have a good delivery system for utilities. The City of Fayetteville supplies water, sewer and electricity to a substantial portion of the county, and because it is a municipal utility, they offer very competitive rates. The Fayetteville Public Works Commission (PWC) is appointed by the Fayetteville City Council and they set the rates for utilities. They offer a special rate for large power users, which helps to attract business and industry.

Some of the other attributes of Cumberland County include the Caper Fear Valley Medical Center which is a regional medical facility, providing a full range of health care services. They can provide managed care packages to existing or prospective employers. The services offered by this modern medical facility are fully competitive with other managed care services. We agree with Strassenberg that this is a major asset for the community.

"We're located on Interstate 95," said Strassenberg, "we have rail access and we have a fine airport here, served by U. S. Air.

The county has a land-use planning department that serves county government and all of the municipalities in the county with the exception of Fayetteville, which has its own. Zoning, subdivision control and transportation planning are all handled by the Cumberland County Planning Board that oversees the implementation of a master plan adopted by the commissioners in each town.

Cumberland County has joined in a partnership with Bladen and Hoke counties in a waste/energy project called BCH Waste Energy. Pender and Brunswick Counties are also involved, as is the DuPont plant there. DuPont is the energy host.

"Recycling is done through a materials recovery facility which BCH operates. Right now the facility is shut down for some restructuring but we are confident that it will be functioning again in the next few months," said Strassenberg. "That system has enabled us to reduce the volume going into our landfill by some 80 percent. The waste goes to the production of energy so this is a productive use of resources. So I think we have a very good waste management program in this county."

Asked if this system produces any significant problems with air pollution, Strassenberg stated that they have a clean bill of health in air quality. He said that the system, designed around fluid bed boilers, burns very cleanly. He said that tests have shown that these boilers actually burn cleaner than natural gas, which is considered to be the cleanest fuel in general use.

"In a fluid bed boiler," said Strassenberg, "the fuel is shredded and there's actually superheated sand that is blown in on top of that. So the superheated sand and the gasses in there produce a very clean burn. Since we have a materials recovery system, all of the metals and plastics are removed before the material goes into the boiler so we get a clean burn; much cleaner than a 'full burn' system."

We have found that the heart of the business community is most often found in the local chamber of commerce. We found that Cumberland County and particularly Fayetteville are no exception.

We learned from conversation with David Jameson, president of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, that their chamber is a driving force in Cumberland County and Fayetteville. He says that Fayetteville continues to be a retail hub for the region with a steady growth in new facilities and gross retail sales.

He states that Fayetteville is doing some housekeeping, so to speak. They just passed a tougher sign ordinance and they have employed an architectural/ landscaping consultant who helped them develop a master plan for downtown Fayetteville. People often think of a downtown as a few blocks in the central part of the

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city. In contrast, this plan covers some 3,000 acres. The master plan is finished and schematic drawings are done for Phase One. He emphasizes that the plan gives them a basis for long range decisions and specific goals toward which they can work. Phase-1 will add to the attraction of downtown. This they expect to lead to more housing, which will expand retail facilities and sales and more parkways that will promote recreation and education. "These will play off each other and produce a vibrant downtown," said Jameson.

"We have done something in the realm of quality of life that many communities wish they could do but just can't get their arms around it. Eighteen months ago we did a survey among the general population that essentially asked the question, 'What will it take for Fayetteville to be better?' We asked them, 'What are measurable benchmarks on which we can set up a database by which we can measure our progress from year to year?' So last year in March, we unveiled 130 different quality of life indicators and developed five years worth of data on them. If one of these indicators was SAT scores, for example, we have five years worth of data that show trends; progress or the lack of it.

"We will review these data every March and issue a report card covering each and all categories. Based on those report cards we give out gold stars for areas in which we are really excelling and in which we can prove measurable progress. We also hand out red flags in areas where we are moving backward or standing still."

"It is really interesting that governmental bodies and private groups are using those red flags to answer the question, "How can we solve these problems? How can we eliminate these red flags?"

"We realize that these problems did not develop overnight and they will not be solved overnight, but if they are identified and checked regularly we are more likely to stay on course."

Not only is the Fayetteville area a retail hub; it is growing as a medical hub for the region as well. According to Jameson, growth is evident in hospital facilities and services, private clinics, and new doctors are being attracted to the area in record numbers. Two years from now, the Army will open the Womack Army Medical Center. This is a $250 million hospital that is under construction at Fort Bragg now.

"Sometimes we get so involved with present problems and activities that we fail to look forward to the future and make long range plans. I think that the key to an effective chamber of commerce or any organization that seeks to be an agent for community change and progress is to look toward the horizon, to see the potential and reach for it. I like to use the process of not looking just at the horizon but of standing on tip toes and looking beyond the horizon, then developing a strategy to carry us to that bright future," Jameson concluded.

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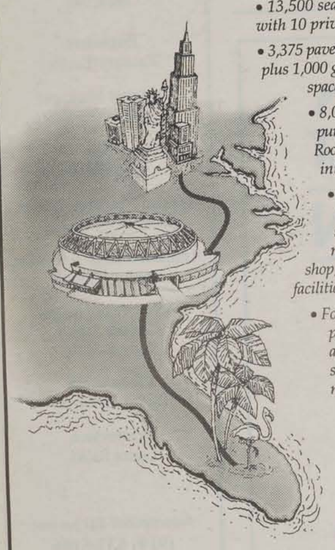

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# Norris no stranger to FTCC

## Next president from Fayetteville, has taught at school

**By Kim Nilsen**
Staff writer

**Norris**

**Dr. Larry Bruce Norris was picked Monday to become the next president of Fayetteville Technical Community College, where he went to work as a teacher 28 years ago.**

**Norris, 51, of Fayetteville, will begin the job July 1.**

**"It's a great day for me," he told members of the school's board of trustees after they unanimously named him president.**

The search for a president began after Craig Allen retired from the job at the end of June. Harry Shaw, chairman of the board of trustees, said advertising for the post generated at least 40 applications from candidates from as far away as Texas. Several applicants were interviewed. Three, including Norris, were finalists.

Finding a leader within the FTCC system was appealing, but Norris was chosen because he was the most qualified applicant, Shaw said. Because Norris is familiar with the system, he offers continuity in a time of big changes. By this summer, FTCC and other community colleges will switch from a quarter schedule to a semester system.

The transition is more difficult than it sounds, Norris said. Hundreds of course guidelines and standards have to be rewritten. Seeing FTCC through that change will be his first major task, he said.

Norris' history with the community college dates to 1969, when he took a job as an English instructor.

He has been chairman of the college's English department, associate dean of instruction for general education and dean of curriculum instruction. He's now vice president for academic affairs.

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LOROPETALUM A HOT SELLER 3/26/97

# Plant grows in popularity

**By Larry Bingham**
Staff writer

Tired of red tips? Say boxwoods are a bore?

Then dig a hole for this spring's hot seller — *Loropetalum Chinese.*

The latest plant on garden center shelves is an old shrub finding a new home in Southern landscapes.

And one reason it's popular — azaleas it ain't.

"We had been restricted to rhododendron or azaleas or impatiens and now we have something else that conforms to our soil and conditions," said Angie Cummer, horticulturist at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Loropetalum (pronounced lo-ro-peta-lum) is a Chinese-immigrant brought to nurserymen through the N.C. State Arboretum.

The shrub has sold out at one garden center, and is "tearing it up" at another, said Robert DeAngelo, manager of Dunn's Nursery & Garden Shop.

The shrub is popular because it grows well under trees, likes acidic soil, transplants easily, bears fragrant flowers and — check this — looks better if you don't prune it.

**See Plant, next page**

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

**Angie Cummer** checks one of FTCC's Loropetalum bushes.

**'Burgundy'** is one of two varieties of the Loropetalum Chinese plant at the FTCC Horticulture Department's gardens.

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

## Plant

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It doesn't hurt that the Loropetalum stays green year-round, blooms for a few weeks and is something different, said Woodland Nursery manager Jay Johnson.

But Nancy Anderson, horticulture specialist at the Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Service, said gardeners should think before planting.

Because the Loropetalum can grow 10-feet tall and 15-feet wide, it may be too big under windows.

Because it looks best when left alone, it may not make the best hedge.

And be careful if you think it sounds perfect.

"Don't call it the perfect plant," Cummer said. "You'll offend a lot of other plants."

**Cumberland County Community Focus**

# Cumberland Becoming, Retail Center, Distribution Center And Health Center

*Industry, Shopping And Medical Facilities Attracting Substantial New Residential Growth*

BY BILL EDWARDS

It is obvious from an interview with Danny Fore and their *Developing News* which he furnished us, that Fayetteville is in a growth mode and is fast becoming a distribution center for eastern North Carolina. Mr. Fore is Director of the Fayetteville Economic Development Commission.

Opening the "Winter 1997" issue of *Developing News*, Michael Green, President of the Fayetteville Economic Development Commission (FAEDC) says, "January marks the FAEDC'S 10th anniversary! We owe so much to the foresight of our founding members who in 1987 took the risky step of partnering business and government to help Fayetteville grow."

"The naysayers said we would fail. They laughed at the idea of our industrial park and called it the 'mistake in the swamp.' Well, the park is over 60 percent full and we are currently searching for a second site!"

"In fact, an independent survey of the N C Department of Commerce for our 1995 Marketing Study, showed, 'FAEDC has one of the most effective economic development programs in the state.' In this issue read about our success. We'll work hard to continue this trend for the next 10 years!"

One of the accomplishments cited by Green is that Director, Danny Fore, was selected to appear before the N C Legislature to urge the subsequent passage of a new business incentives package to improve the statewide environment for business.

Fore summarized the development report for us, stating that they are putting on a national advertising campaign using direct mail and trade shows and have revised all of their material on the internet. "This has been a good year for us," said Fore. We currently have just under 2 million square feet of industrial buildings under construction."

"Wal-Mart is building a 1.3 million sq. ft. distribution center in our industrial park at a cost of about $45 million. One million three hundred thousand sq. ft. is a little hard to conceive but that's just under 30 acres under one roof. This facility will open in mid-summer, about July, and will service all of their stores in eastern North Carolina. They will employ 850 people."

The next largest facility is a half-million sq. ft. distribution center being built by Purolator-Dayco in our industrial park. This will be about a $12 million investment and the operation will employ 200 or more. The Cutler Hammer Division of the Eaton Corporation is building a 60,000 sq. ft. facility in the park with an investment of $4.5 million. They manufacture electric motor controls and will employ some 50 people. Technimark is building a $4.5 million, 60,000 sq. ft. facility which will house their plastic moulding operation. They will employ about 60. Federal Express is building a new 80,000 sq. ft., $4 million facility adjacent to the airport. This will replace an existing, smaller building. The operation will employ 100 people and will add 30 to 50 additional trucks to serve eastern North Carolina customers.

According to our figures, these new investments, including some smaller ones not identified, will total just under 2 million sq. ft., represent investments of some $67 million and will add nearly 1200 new jobs.

In the non-industrial area, according to Fore, about $55 million is being or will be invested in commercial facilities. These include offices, retail outlets, medical facilities, lodging, restaurants and a variety of others.

Mr. Fore recently represented a development group in Germany because, he said, he can speak German. We think there were other reasons why Fore was chosen.

Since education in the workforce is such a vital part of attracting new commerce to an area, we talked with Dr. Larry Norris, President of the Fayetteville Technical Community College.

"We have just completed a new $1.5 million center for continuing education," said Norris, "to accommodate the largest continuing education program in the state. We serve about 30,000 different individuals annually in our non-credit, continuing education programs and about another 12,000 in our diploma or for-credit courses. This building replaces an old, former elementary school. We have a large building here on campus now but we are still carrying many of our courses out into the community."

"We go where necessary to meet the needs of the community. The Continuing Education Division has a number of missions. One is basic skills or literacy. We try to offer those courses in any location such as churches, community centers and the like. Its mission is to prepare people for the workforce in short term training or to help them retrain in order to improve their performance on the job. This new facility also houses occupation extension, however we are in contact with major industries in the area, offering courses depending on what they need."

Fayetteville Technical Community College (FCC) is the second largest community college in the state, second only to the Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte. That is somewhat surprising to Norris, since Fayetteville is only the fourth largest metropolitan area in the state. He attributes their success to a wise and willing staff.

Fort Bragg is the area's largest "industry" and military personnel are a significant part of the annual enrollment, but FCC does not list military personnel separately in their data bases so they do not have an actual count of military personnel attending classes. They also have a facility on the Fort Bragg reservation where courses are conducted for military personnel, civilian employees of the military and military dependents

FCC has two unique programs. One of these is their Mortuary Science program, in which students are trained in all aspects of funeral services, including embalming, funeral etiquette, if you will, and even grief counseling. This course is accredited by the national mortuary board and they have three licensed embalmers on staff. They train all morticians for North and South Carolina. This is the only course of its kind in North Carolina, and is the only certified course between John Tyler in Virginia and Atlanta, Georgia.

Another course unique to FCC is their program called Media Integration Technology. This also is the only such program in the state. The program educates and trains the individual to work in all forms of distance education, whether it be the North Carolina Information Highway, the network labs in computer aided instruction, and the development and use of media for educational purposes that did not even exist three years ago. Said Norris, "We designed the program, made it available to our students, and through a cooperative agreement, students at any other community college can graduate in media technology. We are using distance education strategy to send out the instruction over the highway and through the internet.

"As you may already know the North Carolina Division of Community Colleges is re-engineering all community college programs. Changing all curriculum courses from the quarter system, which we now follow, over to the semester system. All 211 programs are being changed to the semester system, so that all community colleges will be on the same system. So that a course in Math at one college will be the same as it is in any other community college."

As we understand it, this essentially makes community college courses compatible with virtually all four year colleges and universities.

"Fayetteville Technical Community College has a comprehensive education program. We offer over 60 diploma and degree programs, so we have one of the largest offerings in the state."

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# She's simply the best

*Daphne Williams earns the highest teaching honor at community college.*

**By Teresa Barnes**
Correspondent

**Dr. Larry Norris,** left, new president of Fayetteville Technical Community College, joins the college's teaching award winners Brenda Britt, Sharon Seaford, Stewart Ditch, Daphne Williams and outgoing president Dr. Linwood Powell.

Daphne Williams says she's been on one side of the desk or the other since she was a 5-year-old in Mrs. McPhail's kindergarten class.

FTCC

She has excelled on both.

Williams, an English instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College, was honored recently with the college's highest teaching award — top instructor in general education.

Nominated by students, faculty and staff, Williams won the N.C. Board of Community Colleges-First Union Award for Excellence in teaching. The awards have been handed out at FTCC since 1985.

Williams will compete with winners from community colleges across North Carolina.

Winners in three other areas of education at FTCC were Stewart Ditch, Diploma Certification Program; Brenda Britt, Associate Degree Program; and Sharon Seaford, Continuing Education.

Williams' nomination was based on her performance inside and outside of the classroom. She was judged on her ability to integrate other curriculum into her subject and for her support of the community college system.

Salutatorian of her 1966 graduating class of Parkton High School, Williams says she was destined to teach.

At 20, she graduated from East Carolina University with a B.S. in English. After student-teaching at Farmlife High School in Carteret County, she was hired full time. Later, Williams moved to Cumberland County and taught English at Cape Fear High School.

In 1976, after graduating from Appalachian State University with an M.A. in reading, Williams began her tenure at FTCC.

Williams says she welcomes the technology available to students and faculty these days, but she teaches the basics.

"I'm a bit old fashioned about my teaching philosophy," she said. "I like to think I build into my courses some of the values I'd like to see put back into society: responsibility, respect, self-respect, and integrity."

Williams has two children, Allison, who is 21, and Ryan, a ninth-grader at Terry Sanford High School. And she takes computer courses at FTCC a couple of nights a week.

Williams says her greatest reward is seeing successful students.

"When I encounter a student I've taught and I see they've become successful, I have a great sense of pride at what we do at FTCC," she said. "I feel I've touched someone's life and made a difference."

# College budget plan hit

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**By Steve Jones**
Staff writer

Gov. Jim Hunt's proposed budget for the state's community colleges leaves no room for growth in enrollment or courses and programs offered, the heads of community colleges in Fayetteville and Lumberton say.

The $47.3 million community college budget Hunt sent to the General Assembly is about $100 million less than the State Board of Community Colleges requested. And the governor ignored the state board's desire for a separate $100 million account for building and equipment improvements.

"The bottom line at any college, if you don't have the money, you don't offer the courses," said Linwood Powell, interim president of Fayetteville Technical Community College.

It's a problem that Fred Williams, Robeson Community College president, knows all too well.

## Training money dries up

He has committed the college to train 75 people for the start of a new upholstery industry, Culp Inc. But the state fund that finances such efforts is out of money, and a bill to put more in the budget seems stuck in a House subcommittee.

"I assured (the industry) I would find some way, somehow," Williams said Friday.

But it still doesn't cure what Williams sees as a chronic fault of the system.

"My fear is how long can we continue to keep our heads above water," he said.

Williams and Powell are particularly worried about money for continuing education courses. The classes, which offer instruction for professional certification renewal as well as courses such as art, attract the bulk of students.

Robeson, with a full-time enrollment of about 2,200, has another 9,500 students in the part-time continuing education courses. Fayetteville Tech, the largest of the state's 58 community colleges, has 12,000 full-time students and another 30,000 taking continuing education.

Robeson's budget totals about $7 million; FTCC's is about $44 million.

The state pays community colleges 100 percent funding for full-time students and 60 percent for part-time students.

## Computer needs

Williams and Powell are also concerned about acquiring computers so students will be able to find jobs in a high tech world.

Williams said the college's accreditation depends on it graduating computer literate students. "We meet it at a level that's acceptable, but it certainly isn't what it should be," he said.

Powell said his school doesn't have the same financial crunch as smaller community colleges, but he would like to see the state give colleges money to help offset a two-year drop in enrollment that he expects with conversion to a semester system. Williams hopes more can be included for things such as the library and supplies.

George Regan, a St. Pauls lawyer and legislative liaison for the Robeson Community College board of trustees, said officials will still lobby legislators for an increase in the proposed budget.

"We're certainly trying," he said. "I see a great deal of support in the legislature."

Hunt's office was closed for Good Friday.

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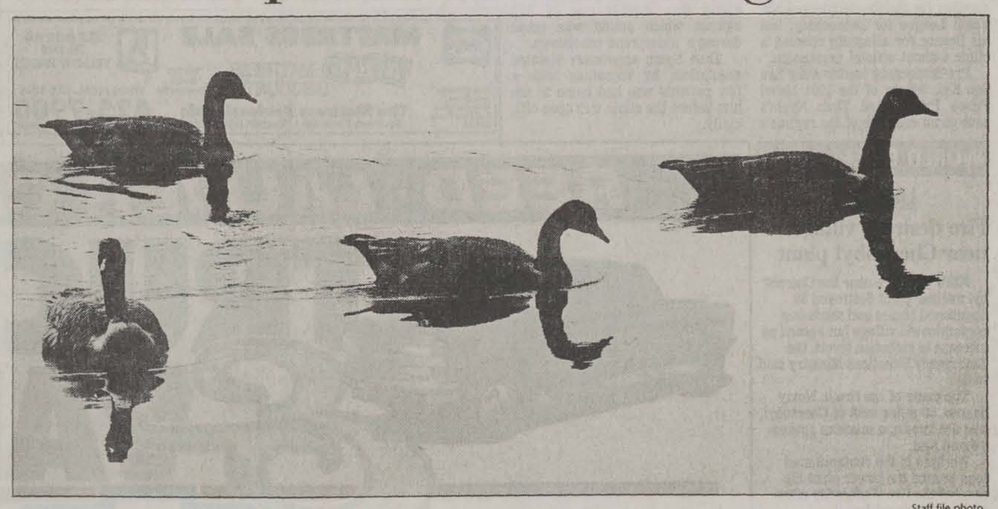
# OPINION



# Where has respect for others gone?

*Social courtesy for belongings not our own is not inherited; social responsibility is a learned behavior.*

**By Mary Nour**
Fayetteville



Staff file photo

**These geese** find tranquility as they swim in a Fayetteville-area lake.

What has happened to respect for others' private and personal property? I live in one of the local lake communities, and my back yard slopes down to the lake's edge. One of the main reasons my husband and I purchased this property was the tranquility of the back yard. We wanted the stress relief that would be provided by sitting in the swing next to the lake after work, feeding the geese, and watching the sun set over the water.

Immediately after we moved in, people made themselves at home in our yard, near the lake. When we wanted to sit in the swing, there would often be people already swinging, or a few feet away fishing. Within one week, several slats on the swing were broken. A police officer who lives nearby stopped to introduce himself and ask how things were going.

When we told him our concerns, but said we didn't want to seem like "bad neighbors," he recommended putting up "No Trespassing" signs. He said some people would eventually think it OK to encroach further into our yard, and this could lead to vandalism, or scoping our house out for breaking into later. We bought the signs, but hesitated to put them up.

Our decision was made for us when we came home from work to find about 15 people in our yard — sitting in the swing, fishing, and having a good time.

Even though I am a counselor, I fail to understand the mental workings of such people. If I saw a house on the lake with a yard situated such as ours, I would know it was private property. It doesn't take a college education to use the frontal gray matter. We do not have signs posted that read "public park" or "public access," yet people were treating it as such. My husband didn't say anything to the group, but posted the "No Trespassing" signs with them watching. All of the people took the hint and left quietly, but a few became angry. I would like to know how these people would feel if I (a perfect stranger) intruded into their back yard and plopped myself down on their lawn furniture. The signs have been ripped down twice since putting them up.

We let the neighbors that we had met know it was OK for them to sit in the swing or fish off the deck. The "deck" consists of the bottom of an old pontoon boat with boards nailed on top. My husband and I seldom use it, but many of the neighborhood children fish off it. We did not want kids to push the makeshift boat into the water and get injured, so my husband chained it securely to concrete buried in the shore.

Just days ago, someone tore the heavy metal clasp attached to the boat loose, which left a hole in it. Not satisfied, the culprits pushed the boat into the water and we found it on the other side of the lake, half sunk in the mud. The police recommended we allow no one into our yard anymore. The real shame of the situation is, the rumors are that neighborhood kids vandalized the deck — maybe some of those we allowed to use it.

Social respect for others' belongings is not inherited; social responsibility is a learned behavior. I would hope most parents do their job in this area. I saw very good examples of parenting skills (both good and poor) last weekend at an outdoor flea market. A father with two children walked by a table where old costume jewelry was being sold, and when his children started to reach into a jewelry case, he said, "Don't touch." The children looked up at him, and with humor in his voice, the dad said, "Are you going to buy?" The children shook their heads no and the dad said, "Then don't touch."

What great parenting skills! Using logic and a sense of humor that didn't belittle his kids, the dad set his two offspring straight about one of life's many lessons. There was a touch of Andy Taylor's commonsense approach in his fatherly advice that I admired. Unfortunately, there were many other parents who allowed their children to plunge their hands into the jewelry as they pleased.

The definition of respect is high or special regard. Socialization is a lifelong social experience by which individuals develop human potential and learn patterns of their culture. What legacy of learned behaviors do we wish to leave with our children: wanton disregard of other people's property, or thoughtful regard toward others' personal belongings? Responsible thinking and behavior should start in the family. If one has respect for oneself and those within the family, this will translate into consideration for others.

*Nour works at Fayetteville Technical Community College as a academic counselor. She is married to Capt. Simon Nour and has two grown children.*

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# LIFE

**Lura Tally** still spends a lot of time in Raleigh as consultant to the science museum. Behind her are the Legislative Building, right, and the site of the new museum.

Staff photos by Elizabeth Darwin Gatlin

# Beyond the Legislature

*Lura Tally gave up politics but not her interest in important state issues.*

**Tally greets** Hamilton Cowles Horton and Phil Brooks in the legislative dining room.

**By Alice Thrasher**
Staff writer

RALEIGH — Lura Tally still is greeted with a friendly "Hello, Senator" from legislators and lobbyists when she walks down the halls of the Legislative Building.

A lobbyist for the Glaxo pharmaceutical company walks by and stops to talk for a minute. "He used to lobby me, and now I lobby them," Tally says and smiles. "Glaxo is going to sponsor one of the exhibits in the new science museum."

The former Cumberland County legislator gave up her political power when she decided not to run for re-election to the state Senate in 1994. But she didn't give up her interest in politics and the environmental issues that she championed for years.

"I get asked the same thing a lot," she says. "They ask, 'Do you miss being here?'

"I say, 'Yes, but I enjoy keeping an eye on things.' Sometimes I say 'no,' depending on what is going on."

As a former senator she is allowed on the senate floor if she needs to talk to someone. She enjoys eating lunch in the members' dining room of the Legislative Building's cafeteria. That's when she can tell legislators about the science museum's request for $7.1 million this year or remind them to keep a watch on environmental bills and the Cape Fear River Basin.

"I'm not a lobbyist, I am just explaining what we are doing," Tally says. When she's not at the Legislative Building, she works from a small office in the current science museum, making telephone calls and meeting with consultants to plan environmental exhibits for the new museum.

Tally enjoys watching the young children and students who tour the museum and attend programs daily. She grew up in Raleigh and used to take her brothers and sisters to the science museum when it was housed in an old hardware building in downtown Raleigh. "My grandchildren just think this is Mecca when they can get here," she said.

### Paid consultant

Tally kept the same apartment where she lived during the 22 years that she served in the N.C. General Assembly and works in Raleigh about three days a week. In January 1995 she was hired as a consultant with the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences. She is paid $30,000 a year for the part-time position as project development coordinator.

"She helps keep us abreast of legislative issues that can affect the museum and works closely with the Friends of the Museum," said Museum Director Betsy Bennett. "We are getting the word out across the state that we are build-

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## *New museum plans to open in mid-1999*

The new three-story N.C. State Museum of Natural Sciences is set to open in mid-1999. Membership in the Friends of the N.C. State Museum of Natural Sciences will help support new exhibits. For information on the Friends organization, write to P.O. Box 29555, Raleigh, N.C. 27626. The telephone number is (919) 733-7450. The Fax number is (919) 733-1573. You can find out more about the museum and join the friends at the museum's World Wide Web site at http://www.museums.mdmi.com/naturalsciences.

Family membership in the Friends starts at $45. Individual dues are $35. For students 16 and above, dues are $25. Additional giving categories include $100 for a sponsor, $250 for a patron, $500 for a benefactor and $1,000 for the Dinosaur Club. Corporate memberships range from $350 to $2,500.

Located in downtown Raleigh, between the State Capitol and the Legislative Building, the museum will remain open seven days a week while the new building is under construction next door. Admission is free, however donations are accepted.

The museum has nine exhibit halls and is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. It is closed on state holidays.

Underground parking is available beneath the Museum of History, with entrances to the lot from Wilmington and Jones streets.

Museum Magic, a program of the N.C. State Museum of Natural History, the Museum of History and the Museum of Art, is set for April 18-20.

The science and history museums will kick off the weekend with music, craft demonstrations, children's activities and food April 18 from 5 to 10 p.m. Activities will continue April 19 at the museums downtown and at the Museum of Art. The Museum Magic weekend ends April 20 with the 50th birthday party at the Museum of Art.

## *Spring cleaning*

Staff photo by Marcus Castro

**Groundskeeper Denise Kinnison** sweeps the bottom of a water fountain in front of the technology building at Fayetteville Technical Community College on Thursday.

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who are part of the Sir Walter Raleigh Cabinet are scheduled to visit the science museum Tuesday for a briefing on the new building and to see the newest exhibit on the state's wetlands.

Tally said she is working with the museum development staff and Friends of the Museum in a grass roots fund-raising campaign. They divided the state into eight regions and have started working in the Triangle area first.

The campaign kickoff for the Fayetteville and Sandhills area is set for this fall, Tally said. She is working with Friends board member Catherine McCoy of Fayetteville and others from the region to set it up. "We want to have a section in the museum that features the Sandhills area and will have a special identification for the Lumber River people and the Cape Fear River people," Tally said.

The N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs has agreed to sell owl pins for $5 each across the state. The federation has committed to raising $50,000 to sponsor the nocturnal animals section in the Mountains to the Sea exhibit in the new museum, Tally said.

"The Mountains to the Sea exhibit will take up two floors of the museum and is pretty majestic," Kemp said. It will have a waterfall and a stream with a mixture of live animals and preserved ones. The wetlands exhibit with fish, reptiles and coastal animals will be moved to the new museum.

The new museum will be more than four times the size of the current one. "We have been in this building for more than 50 years and have outgrown the space," Bennett said.

When the new museum opens, Kemp said, the staff hopes to increase the number of annual visitors from 190,000 to more than 500,000.

### For all ages

Bennett said the exhibits in the new museum are designed to inform visitors of all ages about the diverse natural resources and habitats of North Carolina.

"We want them to get the message of stewardship," Bennett said. "It's wonderful, and we've all got to take care of it.

"That's what Lura has been talking about for many years."

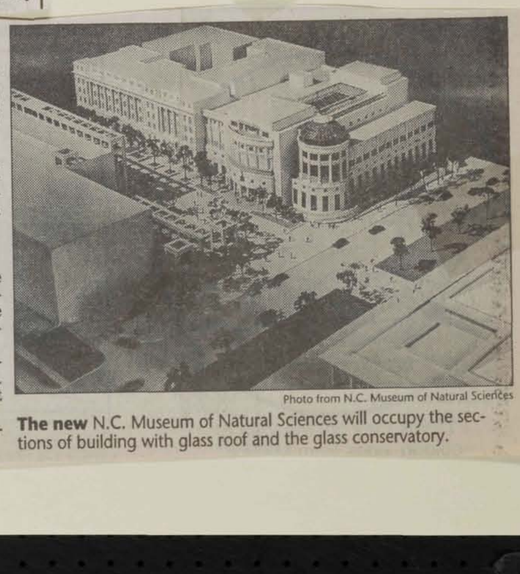

Photo from N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences

**The new** N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences will occupy the sections of building with glass roof and the glass conservatory.

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# Motorsports degree on list for area college

*Rowan-Cabarrus Community College looks into a motorsports management program.*

**HARRISBURG** (AP) — Mike Mooney points to air vents on the front of Darrell Waltrip's blue and orange Parts America Chevrolet. He says some of the vents are covered with tape because the engine needs less ventilation when racing on long tracks.

Mooney doesn't work on cars, build or drive them, but he knows when the car goes on a shorter track, the tape will be removed to allow more air to get to the engine.

"They use the brake more on short tracks," he says.

Knowing about nuances in motorsports is part of Mooney's job as an account executive for The Cotter Group, a sports communications firm, that handles publicity, marketing, licensing and hospitality for clients like Waltrip.

### Experts needed

Mooney's job and others like it are becoming more prevalent, and heads of those companies say they need more people with business backgrounds combined with a knowledge of motorsports.

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in North Carolina hopes to fill the vacuum by offering a two-year motorsports management technology degree.

The program may be the first of its kind in the country, said Shirley Lukadoo, vice president of academic affairs at the college.

"We're in NASCAR country ... we don't expect to find it anywhere else," she said.

In the area around the college, 135 motorsports-related firms create 1,790 jobs, $71.4 million in payroll and $207 million in direct expenditures, according to a recent study by the Cabarrus County Chamber of Commerce.

Trustees at the community college, located about 20 minutes north of the Charlotte Motor Speedway, approved the degree program Monday. Now the proposal goes before the state board of community colleges.

### Joint program

College officials want to have the program ready this fall. It will be a joint program with nearby Mitchell Community College and Davidson County Community College.

About 300 students have already asked about the program, Lukadoo said.

"We anticipate a waiting list," she said.

The idea for the program came about when community college officials, with campuses in Kannapolis and Salisbury, N.C., asked what the school could do to support the growing motorsports industry, she said.

## Tally

ing a new museum and that we want to serve all 100 counties.

"The people who know us love us," Bennett said. "We go out across the state with programs, but a lot of people don't know of the services we offer in research." Bennett hopes to have a fund-raising campaign with school children, similar to the one that was conducted for the North Carolina Battleship restoration. "We want them to be a part of it," she said.

In addition to helping raise awareness about the state's natural science museum and expanding its environmental education programs, Tally is helping raise money to pay for setting up new exhibits in the 200,000-square-foot museum. The new three-story museum is under construction, right next to the present science museum, which is housed in part of the agricultural building and across the street from the Legislative Building on Jones Street. The new building is scheduled to be completed in mid-1999.

The $31 million allocated for museum construction by the General Assembly includes an auxiliary building on Blue Ridge Road to store thousands of specimens that are preserved in alcohol, according to Karen Kemp, co-director of communications at the museum.

### Statewide campaign

The museum hopes to get $8 million from the General Assembly for the exhibits and is in the middle of a statewide campaign to raise a matching $8 million from private contributions. In past sessions, the General Assembly has allocated $900,000 of the $8 million. This year's bills request the remaining $7,100,000.

So far, about $5.6 million has been raised in private contributions and pledges, according to Bennett. "Lura helps us plan the kinds of public things to do," Bennett said.

Wives of legislators and female members of the General Assembly

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# Wanted: community college job

Former Congressman Martin Lancaster has been quietly lobbying to become the new president of the 58-campus state community college system.

The 54-year-old Goldsboro lawyer is now serving as assistant secretary of the Army, where he is in charge of the Army Corps of Engineers. But in recent weeks he has been talking to Gov. Jim Hunt, Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker and members of the state community college board about taking over as president of the system.

The post recently became vacant when Vic Hackley resigned.

Lancaster is the best-known candidate seeking the job. He served seven years in the General Assembly and represented the 3rd Congressional District for eight years before he was unseated by Republican Walter Jones Jr. in 1994. Lancaster then worked briefly as an adviser on military matters to Hunt and worked for the Clinton administration to help lobby for the Chemical Weapons Treaty, before going to work in the Pentagon.

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# LIFE

**Robert Kalkbrenner** transformed a hillside with plants and curving brick walkways.

Staff photos by Swayne Hall

# REAPING WHAT THEY SOW

*Inmates thrive along with plants in a horticulture rehabilitation program, a joint effort of the state prison system and Sandhills Community College.*

**By Melissa Clement**
Staff writer

**McCAIN**

Men in green uniforms are busy sweeping the sidewalk in front of a greenhouse that sits beside a hilly driveway. There are no steel gates or wire fences, but the men, mostly 60 and older, are prisoners. It is the McCain Correctional Hospital, a minimum security prison.

Inside the lush greenhouse, 12 men are busy planting tomato, pepper and marigold seeds in black soil. Overhead are hanging baskets of red geraniums.

**Jennie Ratcliff** directs the program at McCain.

Woodrow Williams bends over a flat of geraniums, his hands tenderly lifting a geranium from one pot to another and smoothing the soil around it. He is serving a life sentence for a 1959 rape he says he can't remember. He is 77.

The men are taking part in a horticulture rehabilitation program intended to nourish people as well as plants. Under the direction of Jennie Ratcliff, the program was set up 10 years ago to ease tension, promote health and provide job skills for the inmates.

"If I had to make it all on the inside, I couldn't do it," Williams says. "I come out here and get my mind off of things. I learned a right smart of gardening, too. A person can't never learn too much. I like setting things out, seeing them grow, tending to them.

"The friendship plant's my favorite. I like to plant it when it's small and watch it grow till it covers the pot. Flowers — I never knew nothing about flowers till I got in here. I spent half my life in prison, but if I ever get out, I hope to make a living out of it."

Ratcliff says Williams has worked in the greenhouse for seven years and has taken on more and more responsibility. She holds three-hour classes twice a day on weekdays. Inmates get six days off from the end of their sentence for each month they participate. Over the years, she has seen many men get jobs and two men start horticulture businesses using the training. Ratcliff earned an associate degree in horticulture business technology at Fayetteville Technical Community College and worked in several Fayetteville nurseries before taking the prison job.

## A collaboration

The program is a collaboration between the state prison system and Sandhills Community College. The profits from plant sales help support the program. The grounds are being expanded and cleared for a new and larger greenhouse.

"There is a non-judgmental atmosphere here," Ratcliff says. "I show respect to them as long as they give respect. Over the years nothing violent has ever erupted.

"Gardening is a positive and non-threatening activity. It's good physical therapy — helps the inmates stretch their limbs. We have people who have had strokes and have diabetes. Gardening teaches them how to grow plants successfully, and that helps them psychologically, and it helps them to find jobs when they get out. Many businesses will hire them to do greenhouse work."

Some of the men have individual garden plots in the area behind the greenhouse where they can grow flowers, shrubbery and vegetables.

**Woodrow Williams** says, 'I come out here and get my mind off of things.'

Ollie May was leaning against a post smoking a cigarette. He has been in the program for four years.

"I'm getting ready to plant me some watermelons. I plant collards and cabbage, tomatoes, peas and beans, too. I learned me a whole lot about planting stuff. I'm in here 'cause I got mixed up with some dope and some bad company, but I'm getting out in June," he said.

Inmate Robert Kalkbrenner has taken the program a step further.

"He has a need to create," says Ratcliff. "He didn't have much gardening experience when he came here, but he got this idea about making things with old brick. I told him about the brick buried down the hill, and he started digging them up and bringing them up the hill in a wheelbarrow."

The hillside is covered with 500 square feet of small garden plots landscaped with bricks and

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# Dogwood Volunteers

## *A group of volunteers supply the energy that powers the festival*

The Dogwood Festival owes much of its success each year to a group of dedicated volunteers. Here is a list of the people who volunteered their time and efforts to this year's festival.

**Advisory Board**

**Ricki Brown**, Cumberland County Library; **Vicky Lee**, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg; **Robin Legg**, Fayetteville Partnership; **Kelli Tomita**, Fayetteville Partnership; **Roger Stancil**, City of Fayetteville.

**Doug Traub**, Fayetteville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau; **Jodi Schoenbrun**, Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County; **Lt. Mike Chavis**, 23rd Wing, Pope Air Force Base; **Lee Warren**, County of Cumberland.

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Randall Fraley, 1997 Dogwood Festival chairman.

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## Therapy

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old railroad ties. Kalkbrenner's design has curved walkways and an arbor made of broken tree limbs. In the summer, the arbor will be covered with grape and melon vines, and the gardens will be filled with flowers.

"You might call it a labor of love," says Kalkbrenner, who at 66 years of age is lean and muscular. He says the project helped build his strength.

"The whole project only cost a dollar and nine cents for a bag of cement," he says. "This is in no way bragging, but this whole hill was just a mud slide at one time. I made the drain system, dug up 4,000 bricks and the 90-year-old railroad ties, chopped trees and put in stairs. The squirrels drop their black walnuts on it. I love my animals.

"I never was much with flowers," Kalkbrenner says. "But like she (Ratcliff) says, it taught me patience. It's just ... when I'm in here I'm accomplishing something, and when I leave, I leave something behind. Even when I'm gone people will say, 'Who did this? He's out there doing good now.'"

Kalkbrenner has worked at the project for two years and never missed a day. On weekends he takes care of the greenhouse. Like the other men, he has high praise for Ratcliff and the program. He will be up for parole next month but worries about what will become of the two parakeets he takes care of if he leaves.

"He was very quiet and withdrawn when he came in," Ratcliff says. "Then he began getting recognition for his creative work. Now, if you need something done, he is always willing to do it."

### Different environment

A short distance down the road at the Hoke Correctional Institution, the horticulture therapy program is administered in a different environment. Guard towers stand watch over a complex of stark brick buildings. The medium security institution is surrounded by tall wire fences topped with loops of razor wire. The only spot of beauty is a row of dwarf nandinas leading into the main building. They were grown and planted by students in the horticulture therapy program.

One by one, steel gates swing open and snap shut leading to a classroom filled with green snake plants and flowering geraniums.

Johnny Morrell, who works through the state department of correction, set up the program in 1984. He holds associate degrees in agricultural business technology and horticulture business technology from Fayetteville Technical Community College. He is a founding member and past president of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Horticultural Therapy Association. The organization is an affiliate of the North Carolina Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill.

"I like what I am doing. I'm just working in my hobby. It makes me feel good to train these men to work in horticulture," says Morrell, who is retired from the military.

On weekdays, 20 inmates at a time in three classes learn lawn and garden care. More than 85 percent are schizophrenic, while others suffer from a variety of other psychiatric problems.

### Promotes healing

"Working with plants gives them a reason to get up in the morning," says Morrell. "It promotes healing and recovery through therapeutic activities. Some are mad at the world. Some have poor impulse control, are insecure and afraid of other people. With the chronic schizophrenics, they learn to make connections, become more caring and congenial. Some are introverted. They become more knowledgeable and more outgoing, develop self-esteem."

Another set of locks and steel doors lead to an outside courtyard filled with thousands of plants grown from a few seeds and cuttings donated to Morrell. Five hundred Corkscrew Willow trees and banana plants are surrounded by pots of rooting shrubbery and ivy.

Inside the greenhouse are 150 hanging baskets, vegetables and flowers. Outside, baby wrens chatter around a green bird house and a C-130 airplane roars overhead. Morrell says the men like to go into the courtyard and work among the growing plants and outside noises.

"When you're in here even the simplest little things mean a lot."

## Bad investment

**The Washington Post**

"Baseball is the worst possible place for collectors," says collectible expert Harry L. Rinker. The former editor of "Warman's Antiques and Collectibles Price Guide" says the market is overhyped and overpriced, filled with forgeries, crawling with con artists and unscrupulous dealers.

His advice: Buy it if you love it, but don't consider it an investment.

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STATION TO STATION

By Michael Futch

## *Stern can't turn the tables on everyone*

No ifs, ands or buts — I wimped out.

Ellen comes out, and I can't even muster enough courage to ask a measly question into a microphone. It reminded me of the way I used to feel — stung with fear — when my name was called to make a speech in front of the class.

Wednesday night, comedian Ellen DeGeneres made television history when she announced that she was gay on her ABC situation comedy "Ellen."

About 12 hours later, a Howard Stern "press conference" was held at Fayetteville radio station WRCQ (103.5 FM). It aired live during "The Howard Stern Show," which I'm told, is heard by over 18 million listeners nationwide.

That sent the first shiver down my spine.

Along with Fayetteville, the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., market was represented, hooked up to the studio at WXRK (K-Rock) in midtown New York City, where Stern does his weekday morning talk show, carried by 35 stations across the country. WRCQ began carrying it in March.

In Fayetteville, eight to 10 media members were invited to this "Mother of All Press Conferences." Also on hand were two Army soldiers, a student from Fayetteville Technical Community College, and camera crews from TV stations WLFL and WNCN in Raleigh. E! Entertainment, which broadcasts excerpts of Stern's radio show at night, had a crew filming the proceedings.

Stern opened the press conference this

"Citizens of Minneapolis and Fayetteville have made their choice and selected me — the great Howard Stern — to be one morning show of preference in their dumble but backward markets. I humbly accept the challenge as the money keeps rolling in."

Stern is known for his raunchy wit and frequent profanity and dirty words. He has had his battles with the Federal Communications Commission while challenging the First Amendment.

All that aside, he can be a funny man.

Using stereotype for laughs, Stern called Fayetteville "a proud Southern city, still in mourning over the fact 'Hee-Haw' was canceled, 'The Beverly Hillbillies' is not on the cable system anymore. I'll even try to help you get over your grief with the loss of Minnie Pearl."

I squirmed in my seat.

Over the next half hour, Howard Stern came on like a Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman of the airwaves, laying waste to the valiant questioners in Fayetteville and Minneapolis-St. Paul, all in the name of humor:

- He asked a Forrt Bragg soldier, "Have you raped any female cadets?"
- He asked an FTCC student, "Have you ever had sex with a black man?" and "Is your father in the Klan?"
- He asked another Fort Bragg's soldier, "Aren't you in fact, gay?" and "Isn't there a trial going on down there for two soldiers killing two black civilians? Were you involved in that?"

But when a reporter with a Jewish publication asked, "What effect has your circumcision had on your humor and style?" Stern said enough was enough.

He called it "the dumbest press conference I've ever been involved in."

"Go back and write your articles," he said, "and only write positive things about me because as you know, this is a positive show with a positive message."

I had backed off when it was my turn to go to the podium, to be in front of the cameras, my voice heard by a possible audience of 18 million. Station announcer Mad Max twisted the knife in me when he told Howard over the air, "We had a reporter from the local newspaper. He has chickened out and yielded the floor."

You could have warmed your hands on my face.

But Stern, showing a polite side, piped in: "That's no problem. He doesn't have to get up and answer the question, er, ask the question."

That's *exactly* why I stuck to my seat. I didn't want to answer *Stern's* questions on *Stern's* turf under *Stern's* rules. I didn't want to be a part of his circus.

Ellen may have come out, but I stayed put. In my chair.

No ifs, ands or buts — I wimped out. But I feel like I retained my dignity.

*Michael Futch's column appears on Sundays. He can be reached at 486-3529.*

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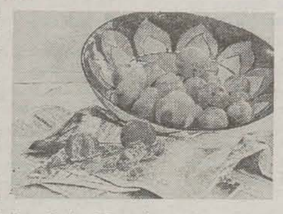
## An Evening in A Painter's Garden

By Tom Grubb

Many reservations are being ac- cepted for The 25th Anniversary Gala Event Evening in A Painter's Garden". This event will commemorate our anniversary, and it will be held the gardens of Col. and Mrs. Jean Hollstein. The evening will begin with an elegant seated dinner followed by dancing to the music of the Gregg Gelb Swing Band. A special art exhibition will be presented at the celebration featuring Artist Petra Gerber. Many artists in our community have taken classes from Petra and the artwork presented to the guests at this event are painted by them.

Petra has a Masters of Fine Arts in Watercolor from George Washington University, Washington, DC. She is also an Art Professor at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Her artist statement is as follows:



*Petra Gerber: Watercolor*

"The watercolor paintings in this show address the universal subject matter of food. Since very few still life paintings from art history deal with images of prepared foods, and no watercolor artist to my knowledge has attempted to paint this topic, I see this as an opportunity to celebrate the art of painting with the art of eating.

Although I use realistic images, I try to establish a personal style with my own signature set of subject matters, materials and techniques. This style has evolved out of enthusiasm for the limitless properties of watercolor paints. Fascination with photo technology, things that have never been done before, paintings which appeal to "Jederman" (every man), inspires my focus.

Most of all, these watercolors should require no explanation, but make available to the viewer a whole new world of feeling and seeing objects of everyday life.

This quote from Matisse clearly states what I am striving for in my work: "What I dream of is an art of equilibrium, of purity and tranquility, without troubling or depressing subject matter, which soothing, calming influence on the mind, something analogous to a good armchair which relieves physical fatigue.'"

Please join us on the evening of May 2, 1997 to celebrate the arts in Fayetteville. For reservations please telephone (910) 485-5121.

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**Bill Chaney**, left, service manager for Powers-Swain Chevrolet GEO, and Tim Jones, center, district service manager for General Motors, present a 1997 Cavalier to Bob Smith, right, chairman of the Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation. Automotive technology students will work on the car.

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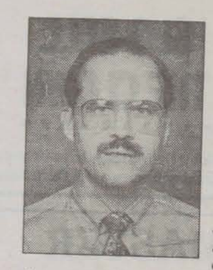

## Rate of Return, Should You Be Concerned?

By John A. Hoffmann, CFP, CLU

In my last column, I illustrated how small, regular tax-deductible contributions made throughout your working years can easily result in a monthly annuity of $2,000 or more. As of January 1, 1997, your chances for financial security were greatly increased. The IRS now allows both spouses to make a contribution of up to $2,000 even if only one is working. This almost doubles the amount you can expect each month after retirement. However, not all places you can put your money will produce the same results.

First of all, you have to decide your risk tolerance, because the greater the risk, the greater the return. Remembering that nothing is 100% guaranteed, you can select from a group of "guaranteed" or "insured" savings vehicles like bonds, mortgages, or certificates of deposit that normally pay about 4-7% return. Or, you can invest your money in an equity-based vehicle like real estate, stocks, mutual funds, gold, collectibles, or variable life insurance which over time have averaged about 6-12% return. People have lost money in both situations, but government-insured savings vehicles (called debt instruments) like CDs, T-bills etc. are as safe as it gets. For that safety, you accept a lower rate of return. For a little less safety, like a credit union guarantee association or a corporate asset-backed guarantee, you can get a higher rate of return.

So how do you compute rate of return? Without getting too complicated, you divide the net gain from the investment by the total costs of making the investment, and then divide that by the number of years you owned the investment giving you the annual return on investment. You can use the same formula to estimate the best prospective return, but of course, you have to estimate the costs if they aren't known in advance. Hopefully, this simple method can help you compare your investment choices.

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## At day's end

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Staff photo by Jay Capers

**Michael McAllister** of Sigma Construction Co. cleans up at the end of a day of work in the new Health Science Technology Center under being built at Fayetteville Technical Community College.



# Upcoming Events

### Great Decisions

## April 17: Northeast Asia: Strategic Crossroads

By Charles Koonce

In the last 50 years, the United States has fought in three major conflicts that began in the Pacific Basin. James Shinn, author of *Weaving the Net: Conditional Engagement with China* points out that we have witnessed one victory, one frustrating draw, and one humiliating loss. Beyond the losses we suffered in the Pacific during World War II, nearly 104,000 American soldiers lost their lives in Korea and Vietnam.

As we prepare for the 1997 Great Decisions Lecture Series, it is estimated that some 81,000 American troops are in Northeast Asia along the DMZ (demilitarized zone) dividing North and South Korea or stationed on board U.S. vessels in an effort to secure an uneasy peace. Additionally, they are protecting Japan, patrolling the sea-lanes, and keeping a watchful eye on China's military buildup. Compounding the situation is the presence of the remnants of a former superpower's (Soviet Union) navy rusting at anchor but still armed with nuclear and conventional weapons along with state-of-the-art aircraft.

Looking ahead, what strategy should the U.S. pursue regarding Northeast Asia to maintain the stability of the former cold-war structure and still redress the balance of America's relations with the region? How can American decision-makers knit the sometimes conflicting interests in the three overlapping fields of security, commerce, and political relation with Northeast Asia?

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# Hospital marks surgical milestone

By Virginia Ann White
Staff writer

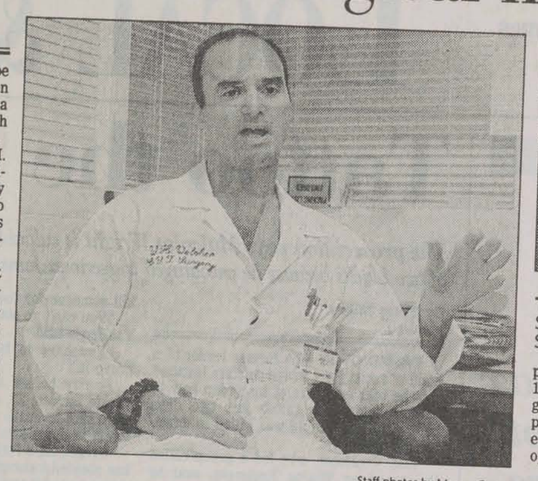
A Fayetteville man helped Cape Fear Valley Medical Center's open heart surgery program reach a milestone Thursday as the 1,000th patient in the 4-year-old program.

Family members said Vinton H. Simmons, 62, chose Cape Fear Valley as the place to have his surgery partially because it is close to home. The next nearest programs are in Moore County and the Triangle area.

"You just feel a closer support of friends and relatives," said Jewel Simmons, the patient's wife. In 1986, Simmons had the same surgery at Duke University Medical Center in Durham. Mrs. Simmons had to stay in a motel for weeks to be near her husband. The long drive was difficult for family and friends. "It just meant a lot to be close to home," she said.

That is exactly the reasons that help make the Cape Fear Valley program so important to the region, said Dr. Wayne Welsher. Welsher performed the bypass surgery on Simmons Thursday and is head of Cape Fear Valley's heart surgery program.

Welsher was also the surgeon who established the program here. It's not only about patient convenience, he said, but time can make a difference in saving lives for emergencies.



Staff photos by Marcus Castro

**Dr. Wayne Welsher** talks about performing the 1,000th open heart surgery at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Vinton H. Simmons was the 1,000th patient.

The first patient underwent open heart surgery at Cape Fear Valley in December 1992. At the end of the first year, 156 patients had gone through surgery. Since then annual numbers have risen and Welsher says it is feasible that the program will soon have 600 patients annually.

"The program is just rocketing now, almost doubling the caseload from last year," he said.

The growth has not affected the program's quality, Welsher said. Of 1,000 patients, he said 10 have died, giving the surgery program a 1 percent mortality rate. That's lower than the national average for open heart surgery.

Welsher predicts that the demand for open heart surgery will continue growing as the population ages nationally.

Welsher and Dr. Bob Fietsam are the staff surgeons for the Cape Fear Valley open heart program.

Jewel Simmons said her husband did not know when he chose Cape Fear that his surgery would be the 1,000th. But she smiled and said he would certainly enjoy the attention.

**The patient's wife,** Jewel Simmons, and his daughter, Sharmon Herring.

# Lancaster to head college system

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By Mark Stinneford
Raleigh Bureau

**RALEIGH** — Former U.S. Rep. Martin Lancaster was elected Friday to head the 59-campus state community college system.

The State Board of Community Colleges voted unanimously for Lancaster, who is assistant Army secretary for civil works. In closed-door discussions Wednesday, the board was nearly evenly divided between Lancaster and Marvin Joyner, president of Central Carolina Community College, sources said.

"No institution is more important to the people of North Carolina who seek a better standard of living and a richer life experience through education," Lancaster said after his appointment.

Lancaster

Lancaster, who is expected to take office by July 1, will replace Dr. Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, the former chancellor of Fayetteville State University. Hackley is resigning after about 2½ years as head of the community college system. Hackley's term was the shortest in the system's 35-year history, except for that of acting President Charles R. Holloman in the late 1970s. The system has had six presidents.

Hackley led the system through a period of significant change but also had strained relationships with some legislators, board members and local college presidents. Some critics have said that Hackley's management style was not a good fit for the system, in which the local colleges are largely autonomous. Some lawmakers complained that Hackley was not a master of details and was slow to respond to requests for information from the General Assembly.

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## Lancaster

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Hackley has said he is resigning to devote greater time to his work on national boards and to other causes.

During a break in the meeting, Hackley said: "It has been a good learning experience about how state systems actually work."

During Hackley's presidency, the college switched to a semester system, took a more regional approach to program offerings and reached an agreement with the university system over course credit transfers.

"I have enjoyed immensely his friendship as well Dr. Hackley's leadership of this system, and I believe very strongly that history will be kind to him," Wicker told the board. "He achieved an awful lot while he was here. We all know that the issues he had to tackle were tough issues."

### Strengthening ties

The system has more than 750,000 students. It provides technical training, college transfer courses, literacy training, high school equivalency diplomas and prepares workers for specific jobs in new or expanding companies.

Lancaster, who is 54, called for better ties between industry and the system and more business support for the system. He said one of the greatest new challenges for the system would be training welfare recipients for work as the welfare system is restructured.

Lonnie Blizzard, who heads the N.C. Association of Community College Presidents, said that some leaders within the system pushed the board to hire someone with community college experience. But Blizzard said Lancaster's government experience will be an asset.

"There was a movement among the presidents about the need for experience," said Blizzard, president of Lenoir Community College.

"Martin Lancaster brings some very, very positive aspects to the job — his experience in the General Assembly, in the (U.S.) House of Representatives and with the current administration in Washington."

In his current job, Lancaster is head of the Army Corps of Engineers. He said the community college job has a similar role in developing policy and budgets, being an advocate for the community colleges and overseeing its operations.

"I head the largest engineering firm in the world, and I am not an engineer," Lancaster said. "I will now be heading a community college system, and I am not an educator ... The important thing for me is that I surround myself, as I have in the Corps of Engineers, with very bright, very able people who are educators, who know the system, who know how to make it work."

### Legislative experience

The three finalists for the community college job were Lancaster, Joyner and Don Cameron, president of Guilford Technical Community College.

"We feel we've had a rather weak relationship with the legislature over the past couple of years," said board member Phil Kirk of Raleigh. "We're working to strengthen that. However, I had talked with key legislators about all three of the candidates. I reported to the board that any of the three would be well received by the legislature."

Hackley said the board did a good job in selecting the new president. "They could have put their hand in a bag and selected any one of three, and they would be outstanding. The stuff we put on the table to start, they can finish it."

Lancaster will make $155,000, compared with $149,000 for Hackley. Hackley is expected to leave the job by the end of the month.

Lancaster is a Wayne County native. He practiced law in Goldsboro for about 16 years. He was in the state House for eight years and in Congress for eight years. He was defeated by Walter Jones Jr. in the Republican surge of 1994. Since then, Lancaster has worked as special assistant to Gov. Jim Hunt, an adviser to President Bill Clinton on chemical weapons and in the Army job.

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# Lancaster gets community college job

**Martin Lancaster is expected to mend fences with the legislature after he takes the reins of the community college system.**

BY TIM SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

State community college leaders selected Martin Lancaster on Friday as the system's next president, hoping the political stature of the former tobacco farm boy will repair tattered relations with state lawmakers.

Lancaster, who served eight years in Congress and eight years in the North Carolina House, is head of the Army Corps of Engineers in Washington.

Swept out of Congress in the Republican landslide of 1994, Lancaster served briefly as a political adviser to Gov. Jim Hunt before President Clinton tapped him in 1995 to help gain congressional approval of the international chemical arms treaty.

"It's good to be back home," said Lancaster, who still owns a house in Goldsboro and has two daughters who attend UNC-Chapel Hill. "No institution is more important to the working people of North Carolina than the community colleges."

Lancaster becomes the seventh president of one of the largest community college systems in the country. There are 780,000 students in the system, which had two rocky years under retiring

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Martin Lancaster's political savvy helped him edge out two other candidates.

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## LANCASTER

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President Lloyd "Vic" Hackley.

Despite high hopes for the charismatic Hackley, many of the 59 local campus presidents as well as legislative leaders in the General Assembly complained that Hackley and his staff were difficult to work with and did not appreciate the system's history and traditions.

In response, the state Board of Community Colleges made it clear during its search for a replacement that it wanted someone who fully understood the system's mission of worker training.

### Divided board

All three finalists clearly met that standard, but the board was deeply divided this week over which candidate could best fulfill the system's mission. On Wednesday, board membes spent 10 hours interviewing candidates, debating and listening to a consultant's psychological profiles of the finalists. After a 90-minute discussion Friday, the group reached a consensus.

Those close to the discussions said the debate kept returning to the strengths of Lancaster compared to those of Marvin Joyner, president of Central Carolina Community College in Sanford.

Joyner enjoyed broad support among other campus presidents who thought the system was adrift under Hackley and needed someone with deep roots. By selecting Joyner, the board could quickly bring those local presidents and trustees back into the fold.

Lancaster was the more politically savvy of the two, and he also enjoyed the backing of Hunt. While not regarded as particularly gregarious or charismatic, he has earned a reputation as a hard worker who is quick to analyze and understand new situations.

Because the system depends on the legislature for almost $500 million a year, its leaders also were especially sensitive to the political acumen of the president following Hackley's tenure.

The third candidate was Donald Cameron, president of Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown.

"These were strong candidates. We did not have to worry about making a bad decision," said Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, chairman of the state board. 'Martin Lancaster, we believe, is the best choice because he provides us with vision and leadership that was unique among the three.'

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> Bruce Howell
> president of Wake Technical Community College

Triangle area presidents generally agreed with Wicker's assessment of the finalists. They would have preferred someone from their own ranks, but they said they are eager to work with Lancaster.

Their support is critical. Unlike the public schools or the state's higher education system, individual community colleges operate with a large degree of autonomy by legislative design.

Lacking the clout that would allow it to compel campuses to follow orders, the state board relies largely on cooperation for its major initiatives. That means little can be accomplished systemwide if local presidents and trustees lack confidence in their state administrators.

"The feeling for the past couple of years has been that we aren't sure where we are going, so it has been every campus for itself," said John Tart, president of Johnston Community College.

With that history, area presidents said they will watch closely to see who Lancaster makes his top lieutenants.

"The first order of business is to take control of the system at the state level and give his department some sense of direction," said Bruce Howell, president of Wake Technical Community College. "I hope he selects people with deep knowledge of our institutions."

Lancaster knows his chief administrators will be scrutinized. Hackley's choices were widely criticized and Lancaster's ties to the community college system are mainly through his wife, Alice, who is a community college instructor.

"I don't feel as though I am ignorant of the community college environment by any means," Lancaster said. "But a good leader is always going to surround himself with the best people available, even if they are brighter than me — and I hope they will be."

Lancaster said he will make certain that many of those people are community college educators.

### $155,000 salary

Lancaster, who will make $155,000 a year, is expected to start by July.

Despite his political ties, he will be working with a legislature that is much different from the one he served in from 1979 to 1986. It is a different world from his first view of the General Assembly, where he served as a page in 1957 and as chief page in 1959.

But Lancaster's Tar Heel pedigree will help.

He grew up on a tobacco farm in Eastern North Carolina. After graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1965, he earned a law degree from UNC in 1967 and served as a judge advocate in the Navy for three years. He returned to his hometown of Goldsboro to practice law, accumulating a long list of civics projects and professional honors leading to his election to the state House in 1978.

Lancaster never reached the top tier of leadership in the House before he made the jump to Congress in 1986. After four terms in the House, he lost his seat to Republican Walter Jones Jr.

That experience, including the past 17 months as head of the army engineers, where he earned $115,000, gives Lancaster a global perspective that should benefit the community colleges, Wicker said.

Lancaster also provides stature to a system that often struggles to break its image of welding classes and auto shop. While such traditional programs still play an important role, community colleges also are the place where businesses look for surgical technicians, biotechnology workers and employees within the computer industry.

"Our world is changing, but our mission remains the same," Wicker said. "We are about jobs. I believe we have chosen someone who can move our mission into the next century."

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# BUSINESS

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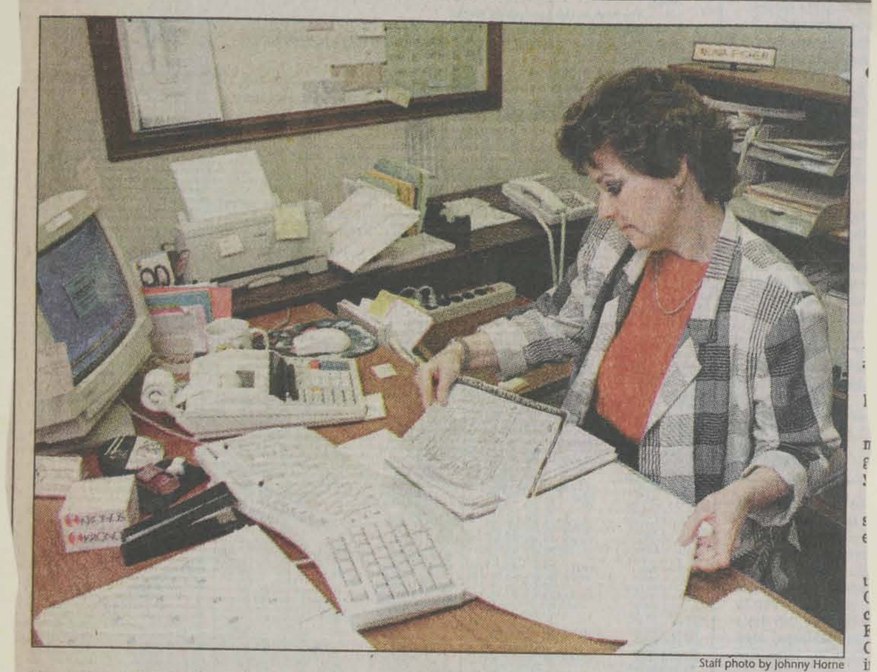

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**Nona Fisher,** Methodist College's personnel director, looks over a stack of resumes. The wrong sort of resumes can wreck job searches, while the right sort get applicants noticed.

# Badly worded resumes won't get the job done

**By Jay Woodard**
Staff writer

A job applicant at Methodist College said the devil had been chasing her. If she could work at a church college, she said, she'd have a better chance of warding him off.

She didn't get the job.

One of this spring's college graduates also struck out on a job application. The graduate may have been just a tad too confident when he talked with engineer Fred Hobbs of Southern Pines. The graduate said he was the dynamic type, and in a few weeks he would transform the company so that Hobbs wouldn't even recognize it.

Hobbs figured he didn't need a transformation just now, thanks.

Personnel officers say the wrong sort of resumes can get job seekers weeded out in a hurry. The right sort can get the applicant noticed. The right sort are neat and accurate, and they are sent to the appropriate person.

Resumes are plentiful this time of year as college graduates hit the job market and people already working traditionally start testing the waters for career moves.

"You need an idea of what the job or general area of work you're going for," said Catherine Barkley of the job placement office at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

"The generic or To Whom It May Concern resumes are virtually useless. Ideally, a resume is custom-made and tailored to a specific job."

And sent to a specific person. "Don't send it to the personnel director," said Betsy Pace, personnel manager at Crowell Constructors. "It could get lost on someone's desk."

Learning what a company does

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### LANDING A JOB

- **Be careful** about sending resumes 'To Whomever It May Concern.' Many employers ignore them.
- **Do some digging.** Apply for a specific job.
- **Learn all you can** about a company. Make it clear in the cover letter that you know who they are and what they do.
- **Make the cover letter** succinct. A page or a page and a half is long enough.
- **Follow up** your resumes with a call and a request for an appointment.
- **Double-check** your spelling.
- Buy envelopes large enough to hold the resumes without multiple folds.
- **Use clear, concise sentences.** Go easy on the $50 words. Don't give your thesaurus a workout.

Staff graphic

## Jobs

Employers.

At Stanford University and the University of California-Los Angeles, there isn't enough time or room to accommodate companies that want to see the students, career placement officers said.

"Every year, we seem to turn away 200 to 300 companies. It's been going on since the mid-90s," Stanford's Bob Thirsk said.

More firms are recruiting earlier and offering jobs sooner as they vie with others for the top prospects, Murphy said. As an added incentive, signing bonuses also are increasing, with undergraduates and graduate students receiving as much as $5,000 at firms such as Chicago-based Andersen Consulting.

### 'Hot commodity'

"When you are a hot commodity, the competition is going to bid up ... salaries," said David Reed, director of recruiting for Andersen.

DePaul University finance major Isaac Burrows, 30, is graduating this spring and got a job offer last November from Arthur Andersen.

In his previous jobs — selling ...eters and managing a restaurant — networking was the key, he said, but not anymore. "In '93, you needed to know somebody" to get a job, he said.

The increased demand also is boosting starting salaries slightly above last year's inflation rate of 3.3 percent.

Top starting salaries include $42,758 for chemical engineering, $39,852 for mechanical engineering and $39,811 for electrical engineering, according to the Michigan State survey.

### Substantial offers

And that's not the best of it. Marjorie Schwartz, a 21-year-old economics major at the University of Chicago, said that most of her classmates have had at least one job offer, and some will pull in $50,000 to $80,000 a year.

"I have friends who are going to be making more money than their parents — or as much. And we're just out of college. We don't even have a professional degree," she said.

"I never felt like I was really that prepared to walk in and make that kind of salary," said Schwartz, who has been offered a position but is awaiting offers from other banking, accounting and consulting firms.

Graduates in other fields might be more inclined to take temporary jobs, according to John Challenger, executive vice president of the Chicago-based outplacement firm, Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

### Plenty of options

But Reed, from Andersen, said excellent, well-rounded students shouldn't have to take temporary jobs unless they want to do so.

"What we're seeing is that the job market is as hot as it's been in probably a decade, and I don't expect an above-average to outstanding student to be forced to take a temporary job," he said.

### STARTING SALARIES

Starting salaries and expected increases from last year for various majors, according to Michigan State University's Collegiate Employment Research Institute:

- **Chemical engineering,** $42,758; 4.3 percent increase
- **Mechanical engineering,** $39,852; 4.5 percent
- **Electrical engineering,** $39,811; 4 percent
- **Computer science,** $36,964; 4.5 percent
- **Nursing,** $32,927; 4.0 percent
- **Civil engineering,** $32,170; 4.0 percent
- **Chemistry,** $31,261; 4 percent
- **Accounting,** $30,393; 4 percent
- **Retailing,** $25,856; 4 percent
- **Education,** $25,742; 4 percent
- **Hotel-restaurant management,** $25,176; 4 percent
- **Advertising,** $24,757; 4 percent
- **Liberal arts,** $24,081; 3.5 percent
- **Journalism,** $22,102; 4 percent

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she gets here she normally goes straight to her class, and I don't have time to really talk to her until afterward."

This is Evelyn's first year at FSU, so she's not entirely familiar with the school's surroundings and its operations. It's nice that her daughter is there to answer any questions she might have, she said.

"She has really been a big help with a lot of things," Evelyn said. "When I need to know where a certain building is, she will tell me how to get there. If there are certain procedures I don't understand, she will explain them to me. She is more informed than I am."

The time she spends on campus has allowed for bonding with her daughter, Evelyn said.

"We talk about things we have in common — the things we like about the school. It's a great school," she said. "When I compare this to high school, it's like high school and her friends, and at FSU it's she and her friends, but I am somewhat involved, too. We have a little more in common."

### Improved grades

Having her mother on campus has encouraged her to work harder in her classes, Tinera said. "I have maintained better grades since she has been here," she said. "She is always talking about how she is struggling in class, and we try to study together when I go home. I try to help her out by going to the bookstore or library for her when she needs help."

Attending the same school doesn't mean the Trotters are constantly around each other. Their paths seldom cross at school. He spends the majority of his time with his ROTC unit and writing papers for religion classes. She is a student intern at the Cumberland County Civic Center.

Professors in the Trotters' respective departments know each is married. One of the first questions teachers ask is, "How do you do it?"

### Sacrifices

The answer — sacrifices. Their idea of entertainment is grocery shopping, renting a video and treating themselves to ice cream.

"You have to choose not to eat out, and you have to make your clothes last," Stanton said. "We choose to live the simple life rather than going into debt."

Said Lauri: "It's just a short sacrifice, giving up for a long-term gain. I couldn't imagine having done this four years especially with the four-year strain and the financial pain it would have caused."

Living the simple life allows more time for study. When Stanton has to write a paper for class, Lauri serves as proofreader and critic.

"I give him a totally different perspective when I read his papers," Lauri said.

Based on his observations, family members attending the same school tend to have better grades, Lowe said.

"It's such an individualistic thing," he said. "Some couples through a sense of competition tend to fare better and also through a sense of camaraderie tend to fare better."

Although Lauri has a slightly higher grade-point average, the couple insists there is no contest for higher marks.

"His classes are much more difficult than mine," Lauri said. "There is never any competition. We are in totally different fields of study. If there is anything about us going to school together, there is a total appreciation of each other's workload."

## family

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**Lauri and Stanton Trotter** will both graduate from Methodist College this spring.

Staff photo by Chris Hondros

# Course of Action

*Family members find attending the same college has some advantages.*

**By Jeffery Womble**
Staff writer

A typical day for Lauri and Stanton Trotter begins at 5 a.m.

He goes to physical training at Methodist College's ROTC program. She teaches a morning aerobics class at the YMCA.

Afterward, they come home, shower and dress, and it's back to Methodist where both are full-time students.

Education is becoming a family affair in many households. Mother and daughter, father and son and — in the Trotters' case — husband and wife are enrolling in college at the same school. Some even have classes together.

Stanton was on active duty in the Army when he won an all-expenses-paid Green and Gold Scholarship to attend Methodist. Lauri was working full time but had earned an associates degree from Fayetteville Technical Community College. Married 7½ years, both are 28.

"I was content with my degree, but when he started school, I was like, it's time for me to go back," Lauri said.

### A plan

So they made a plan. Lauri told Methodist College officials she would enroll only if she could complete her degree in three semesters. They assured her she could since all of her credits from FTCC transferred. Lauri quit her job. They sold their house and have been living off the profits from the sale.

"We really didn't have any responsibilities as far as finances and I was in a good job, but we felt it wasn't a career job," Lauri said. "We had the idea that this would pay off pretty soon."

Both students graduate next month. His degree will be in religion, hers in sports management.

Stanton has received a scholarship to Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, Calif. The scholarship will pay for 80 percent of his expenses. The move also will put him closer to his family. He is a California native. Lauri calls Virginia home. Upon graduation from theological school, Stanton will enlist in the Army as a chaplain.

Family members attending the same college are not unusual, but husband-wife combinations aren't that common, said Rick Lowe, director of enrollment services at Methodist College.

"Oftentimes on the admissions end, rarely does a husband and wife team apply at the same time," he said. "Often Student A may come through the admissions pile and Student B comes through later, and even though we are a small school, we don't put two and two together. It's not a real frequent occurrence."

The mother-daughter duo of Evelyn and Tinera Slappy attends Fayetteville State University. Evelyn, who commutes to FSU two days a week from Durham, is working on a master's degree. Tinera is a sophomore mathematics major.

"When she comes down I make sure I'm in my room," Tinera said. "She wants to see me either before or after she gets out of class. When

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# Few gains for women officials at junior colleges

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**CHARLOTTE** — Women administrators are receiving few opportunities at top jobs in North Carolina's community college system, according to a new study.

The study, which was paid for by the Women Administrators in North Carolina Higher Education, shows that North Carolina trails the national average in the number of women heading community colleges and in the pay received by top women administrators at the schools.

Only two of the state's 58 community colleges — 3.5 percent — are led by female presidents — Gaston College (Patricia Skinner) and Forsyth Technical Community College (Desna Wallin). The national average is 17.8 percent.

"The world is not so rich in leadership ability that we can afford to ignore the abilities of women and minorities," study co-author Kathy Baker Smith said at a statewide meeting of community college trustees Friday. "I challenge you to be more deliberately aware of the leadership ability of women and minorities available to you ... as you select the leaders of your institutions."

In the study's survey, female community college vice presidents reported earning an average of $4,600 less than their male counterparts, even though they had comparable experience.

Among 80 vice presidents who responded to the group's survey, women reported salaries averaging $60,700. The men reported earning an average of $65,300.

That difference exists even though 65 percent of the female vice presidents said they have doctoral degrees, compared with 38 percent of the men.

Female administrators also reported more job dissatisfaction. Many said the climate on campus was hostile toward women.

Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, who is chairman of the N.C. Board of Community Colleges, thinks women will see more gains in the community college system in the next few years.

"I have been pushing for diversity within the community college system since I became chairman of the state board in 1994," he said. While local trustees play the biggest role in choosing presidents, "the state board has endorsed promoting women and minorities."

Wicker pointed out that the number of female presidents has grown from zero to two since he became board chairman. But he added: "We still have a long ways to go on this issue."

Smith, a co-author of the study, wasn't surprised by women's lower salaries. "It's my experience and my observation of the rest of the world that this is the way the whole world is. I'm unhappy, but I'm not shocked," she said.

## *Eyeing her work*

**JoAnn Stephenson** concentrates on her pottery project in a class at Fayetteville Technical Community College on Thursday.

Staff photo by Chris Hondros

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# Norris to assume president's post at Fayetteville Tech

FAYETTEVILLE — Dr. Larry B. Norris has been selected as the third President of Fayetteville Technical Community College and will take office on July 1, 1997. Since 1969, Norris has served as instructor, department chairperson, associate dean, dean of instruction, and vice president for academic affairs at Fayetteville Tech — the second largest community college in North Carolina.

In his current position as vice president, Dr. Norris is responsible for all educational programs including continuing education, curriculum, learning resources and student development.

Dr. Norris will take over from Interim President, Dr. Linwood Powell, who will return to his position as the college's vice president for administrative services. Dr. Craig Allen and Dr. Howard Boudreau previously served in the presidential position.

Dr. Norris is a native of Garland and has 28 years of experience in the North Carolina Community College System, 15 years of which have been in senior management. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Pembroke State University, a Master of Arts from the University of Arkansas and a Doctor of Education in Adult and Community College Education from North Carolina State University.

**Dr. Larry B. Norris**

Fayetteville Technical College is the second largest community college in North Carolina, the third largest system in the nation. The college has over 60 certificate, diploma, and degree programs and the largest continuing education program in North Carolina.

Over 42,000 students are served by the college annually. Dr. Norris has been active in statewide professional associations including chairing the Joint Committee on College Transfer Students, a standing committee of the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities.

He has been active in the North Carolina Association of Community College Instructional Administrators, a member of Government Performance Audit Committees, board member of the North Carolina Quality Center, the Cumberland County Workforce Development Board, the North Carolina Tech Prep Steering Committee, and currently is president of the North Carolina Association of Academic Officers.

Most recently, Dr. Norris has led the North Carolina Community College System's reengineering efforts to convert to the semester system. As head of the Common Course Library Team, he led work teams from across the state to develop standards for 211 college programs and over 2,600 new courses, common to all 59 community colleges in the system. This massive effort is the most significant event in the history of the North Carolina System.

Dr. Norris' civic and local community involvement includes membership in the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville, leadership roles in the Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity, and various service roles in the past with the United Way of Cumberland County.

A long-time resident of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Dr. Norris and his wife of 30 years, Judy, are members of MacPherson Presbyterian Church. They have one son, Andrew, a graduate of Duke University and a computer engineer in the Research Triangle.


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### Management Classes Begin

Summertime can be a productive time for those interested in learning more about management.

FTCC's Certificate in Management program will offer the following courses during the summer quarter: "Training Tools for Managers," "Managing Stress and Improving Productivity" and "Women in Management: Developing the Skills That Work."

The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce is a partner with FTCC in this endeavor, and believes it to be a highly effective training opportunity. These classes can benefit the individuals taking them, as well as the companies by which the students are employed.

Classes begin the week of June 2 and meet from 6 to 9 p.m. for seven weeks. The registration fee is $100 per class, which includes books and materials. The classes meet at the Center for Business and Industry on Fort Bragg Road.

*For more information, contact Sharmon Herring, Director of Business Services at FTCC, 678-8230 or 678-8210.*

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# Fayetteville Tech Prepares Tomorrow's Work Force Today

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In this year's State of the State address, Gov. James Hunt highlighted the crucial need for work force development.

"I am talking about making sure students learn ... the skills they need to get a good job," he said. "Now we need to train workers for new and expanding businesses."

This is something that Fayetteville Technical Community College has been doing from the start.

For the past 36 years, the college has been providing the training and education students need to enter the work force.

As the college's "technical" name implies, technical programs have always been the backbone of the instructional programs.

In fact, the first four degrees the college offered in 1961 were automotive, air conditioning, welding and electronics. These offerings have grown in scope and in number to include 57 degree programs, 19 of which are in the technical/vocational program area.

### The market requirements

A 1996 report from the North Carolina Department of Labor states that 65 percent of all jobs require education beyond the high school level, but less than a four-year degree. This figure reflects a significant need for technically skilled graduates in the state.

A North Carolina Department of Transportation recruiter recently told FTCC students that now through the year 2000, the largest part of their hiring will be from those applicants with technical skills — particularly those with a two-year associate degree.

This same need has been voiced by other recruiters. Business and industry alike are looking for employees not only with strong technical skills, but also those with critical thinking skills. A well-rounded background in math, science, computer and writing skills is what graduates need to get the jobs that are readily available.

A technical education no longer leads to a routine, blue-collar job. Time magazine recently called the workers who pursued "techie" degrees from community colleges "gold collar workers."

Salaries for technical graduates are comparable to those earned by liberal arts graduates from four-year colleges. In the Cumberland County area, welding graduates from Fayetteville Tech can expect to earn about $20,000.

Industrial, technical workers have a new image in this country. They are not just working on assembly lines anymore.

"Potential employees with good technical skills are sadly lacking," said Ole Sorensen, plant manager at Wellman Inc. and president of the Plant Manager's Association.

"Industries need employees who have good problem-solving skills and who are computer literate. We see Fayetteville Tech as an extremely valuable resource in work force preparedness. The college is doing a wonderful job in developing those skills in students who make excellent employees."

### The programs

Civil engineering technology, electronics engineering technology, machining technology and welding technology are programs currently experiencing tremendous demand from the marketplace. The graduates enter the work force well-prepared to meet current technology demands. All these degree programs require students to take at least basic computer classes (advance computer-aided design is required in civil engineering technology), as well as math and English.

Students can gain entry-level jobs, and current workers can upgrade their skills to stay abreast of the latest trends or earn a promotion. Locally, this training is only available at FTCC.

Some of the basics are covered in high school classes for students in the Tech Prep program, and some training is provided on the job. The critical skills, however, are taught at Fayetteville Tech to bridge the training gap.

Photo by Steve Aldridge

FTCC welding student David Mozingo works on a class project.

### The Job Placement Office

Last year's job placement rate at FTCC was 95 percent. That is, within three months of graduation, 95 percent of the graduates who were available for employment were working. Most four-year colleges and universities cannot boast such a high figure.

Customized, comprehensive service is the key. The Job Placement Office is the liaison between potential employers and prospective graduates and alumni. When employers are looking to hire, they contact the FTCC Job Placement Office and may use several options available to put them in touch with qualified applicants.

Employers may receive names, addresses and phone numbers of qualified students nearing graduation. They can participate in the college's annual career fairs. Or, they can set up interviews on campus. The Job Placement Office also can screen qualified applicants and fax their résumés to the employer.

The Job Placement Office has access to approximately 400 to 500 student résumés, and the staff members use technology such as faxing and E-mail to respond promptly to employer's requests.

If you would like additional information about the services provided by the FTCC Job Placement Office, call Cathy Barkley at (910) 678-8268.

### *One graduate's story*

Another avenue to employment is through the Co-operative Education program. Students can earn academic credit for working in the field of study while attending college classes.

In 1989, Dan Dodd graduated from FTCC with a degree in civil engineering technology. As a participant in the Co-op program, he was working part time with Nello Teer. After graduation, he was hired full time as a project estimator/project manager.

"The Co-Op program is great," he said. "You work while you learn, and for me it lead to a full-time job."

While he was still at Nello Teer, Dodd transferred to Methodist College and earned his bachelor's degree in business administration. In 1993, he went to work at Crowell Constructors and currently is a project estimator.

"I highly recommend Fayetteville Tech whenever I get a chance. The technical skills I learned there are things I still use on the job now."

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# Community college finalists announced

**By Gary Moss**
Staff writer

Central Carolina Community College President Martin Joyner and former U.S. Rep. Martin Lancaster are two of the three finalists for the presidency of North Carolina's community college system.

The third is Donald Cameron of Jamestown, the president of Guilford Technical Community College.

Jeannette Council, chairman of the community college search committee, said Tuesday that the finalists will be interviewed on May 14 and 15.

The full board will meet May 16, but Council said he does not know if the community college board will make a decision at that meeting.

More than 60 candidates applied for job, which has been held the past 2½ years by Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, the former chancellor of Fayetteville State University. Hackley announced in January that he is leaving.

Joyner has worked in the community college system since its birth, beginning in 1963 as an instructor at Wilson Technical Community College.

He has been president of Central Carolina Community College in Sanford since 1983. He is 55 and holds a doctorate in occupational education from N.C. State University.

Lancaster, 54, represented the 3rd Congressional District, which includes Sampson County, from 1987 until he lost his seat in the 1994 election to Republican Walter Jones.

Before serving in Congress, Lancaster was a state House member from Goldsboro from 1979 to 1986. He holds a law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. Lancaster is now assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works in Washington.

Cameron has been president at Guilford since 1991. Last year, the Wall Street Journal profiled the college and its success building partnerships with local businesses.

# Affair of the heart endures time, separation

## A romance-novel love story springs to life

**By Gary Moss**
Staff writer

In the summer of 1993, four years after the Romanian revolution, Delia Negrea had her sights set on earning a college degree. She was 24 and convinced that a husband and children could wait.

But there was this man from the United States named Galvin Goertzen doing all a guy could do from 4,000 miles away to convince her that she couldn't live without him.

He composed 10-page letters — with graphics — expressing his love. He called her night after night. Sometimes, the calls were just 30 minutes apart.

As Delia puts it now, "He caught my attention."

The spark between them was ignited the previous summer in the Bucharest subway. Delia remembers a scraggly-looking guy in jeans bent over a map. "He looked lost," she said.

### Her voice, hair, laughter

When Galvin heard Delia's voice, he was just glad to hear somebody speaking English. He ended up talking for hours. They had much to tell each other about themselves.

He was struck by her dark hair, her laughter and an aggressiveness that made him think of

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**Della and Galvin Goertzen** relax at home. Once separated by the Atlantic Ocean, they're now happily married. Says Delia, a native of Romania, 'He caught my attention.'

Staff photo by Cindy Burnham



## Love story

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her as a "tigress."

"Five minutes into our conversation, I realized she would have no problem with either the language or culture of this country," Galvin said.

Galvin had just left the Army at the age of 31 and had begun what would end up being a yearlong trip through Eastern Europe and Asia, a journey that would take him to such places as the Ukraine and the Himalayan Mountains of Nepal.

Short and powerfully built, he had the look of a soldier, but was more serious-minded than most. Even his casual speech has a formal tinge — precise and weighty. He was born into a Mennonite family from Minnesota. He could speak Russian and had an interest in exotic religions and architecture.

### Hardscrabble roots

His ancestors had been persecuted in Prussia and Ukraine. His grandfather emigrated from Russia in 1917 in the weeks before the Bolshevik Revolution.

Delia's family had known hard times as well.

After World War II, her grandfather spent five years in prison for speaking out against the new Communist government. In 1989, the year Communist party leader Nicolae Ceausescu was overthrown and executed, 25 people in her city were gunned down by government soldiers during what had started out as a peaceful demonstration.

Before parting, Galvin got her phone number and address. Two weeks later, he showed up at her doorstep.

*Delia found herself less and less certain that she should follow her head and not her heart.*

She and her family lived 500 kilometers north of Bucharest in Transylvania, in Cluj-Napocaa, a city ancient enough for Roman ruins to have been found there.

Galvin stayed four days and, when he left, Delia never expected to see him again. But Galvin carried his thoughts of Delia with him.

In the summer of 1993, after returning to the United States and enrolling at Ohio State University, he started his campaign of love letters and phone calls. And he was determined he would not end it until Delia fell in love with him.

That winter, Galvin made so many calls he was forced to work overtime at his part-time job with United Parcel Service to pay monthly phone bills. One bill exceeded $300.

Galvin knew from the beginning that he had to do more than win her heart. He had to convince her that she had as good an opportunity of getting an education in the United States as she did where she was.

That task seemed all the more daunting after he found out that Delia had won a full scholarship to American University in Bulgaria.

At first, Delia was convinced that saying yes to Galvin would be the same as saying no to her education. But with each new call or letter, Delia found herself less and less certain that she should follow her head and not her heart.

In March of 1994, a few days before Galvin's 32nd birthday, she bought a postcard with a picture of a park she and Galvin had visited together. On the back of it, she wrote a poem that ended with the answer Galvin had waited for.

### Her wall crumbles

She titled it "Another Life":

*I am lonely at night,*
*Listening to the voice of dark.*
*Bright stars sorrowed my soul,*
*But I am not ready to go!*
*I feel just like a bird,*
*I want to fly, I want to go.*
*I think a friendly voice I heard,*
*But I'm not sure, I don't know.*
*The night is wonderful, is true,*
*Like music from my heart,*
*I want to dance, I want to start*
*Another life, a life with you.*

After battling for five months with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Delia arrived in New York City on Aug. 17 with a fiancee visa and the wedding gown her mother had bought her.

But there would be no church wedding for her to wear it.

Ten days later, they were married in a civil ceremony in Dillon, S.C. By then, Galvin had re-enlisted in the Army and was assigned to a second stint at Fort Bragg.

In February of 1995, the couple bought a house in the Ridgewood subdivision and Delia pursued a real estate license as a means to raise money for college. Then she stumbled upon a magazine article that talked about how good a bargain community colleges are — and how they could be a stepping stone to a four-year degree.

In the fall of 1995, Delia enrolled at Fayetteville Technical Community College, taking 16 credit hours her first quarter. A year later, she was taking 25 credit hours a quarter — more than double the 12 hours needed to qualify as a full-time student.

She will complete her associate's degree this month with a perfect A average. In April, the FTCC board of trustees recognized her for her academic achievements and student government involvement.

She also will represent Fayetteville Tech on the All-USA Academic Team sponsored by USA Today.

It is the thing about America she likes the most — the notion that you can become exactly what you care enough and work hard enough to become, she said.

Delia will start classes this fall at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she was accepted as a transfer student.

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MOTHERS' SACRIFICES REAP REWARDS

**Gladys Rosser, left,** received her doctorate in educational leadership at Fayetteville State University with the help of her mother, Gladys Cogdell. Cogdell watched her daughter's children and helped with chores so Rosser could go to school and keep her job as an English instructor.

Staff photo by Swayne B. Hall

# Degree a gift for Mother's Day

**By Gary Moss**
Staff writer

- **Pride abounds** at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke's graduation ceremony. **Page 1B**
- **Civic culture** is the focus of Fayetteville State University's 130th spring commencement. **Page 1B**

Gladys Rosser remembers the night over three years ago when she called her husband and children and mother together to enlist their help.

She wanted to go back to Fayetteville State University to get her doctorate while keeping her job as an English instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

"I knew my children would be without their mother for four nights a week. And I knew I would be up late at night so my husband would be without my attention. And I knew my mother would have to be my baby sitter."

"She said she needed my help," Rosser's mother, 65-year-old Gladys Cogdell. "I said, 'Well honey, whatever mother can do I'll be here to do it.'"

She cooked. She scrubbed floors. She did the laundry. Some nights, she slept over to spare herself the drive back the next day.

Saturday morning, Rosser walked across the stage at Felton J. Capel Arena, among the first to earn a doctorate in educational leadership, a program begun at the college in fall of 1994.

And her mother was there to witness it.

Cogdell said her daughter has told her, "'Mother, you need to be the one wearing the cap.'"

Cogdell told her never mind.

"I said, 'That's a wonderful Mother's Day present to me.'"

Today on Mother's Day, Rosser will give her mom a copy of her dissertation.

"This is my mother's weekend," Rosser said.

For more than 30 years, Cogdell worked as a custodian for J.C. Penney while raising four children. Her husband, Ander, ran gasoline stations and worked as a janitor at Fayetteville Tech, where their daughter would one day teach.

Neither of them graduated from high school, but both saw in Gladys a child who might one day go on to college.

Cogdell remembers how her daughter would go to bed at night with the light on and an open book perched in front of her. In the morning, Cogdell

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MORE MOMS
SUNDAY LIFE

- **Some mothers and daughters** might have a passing resemblance. Others look so much alike that strangers on the streets can't pass by without commenting on the similarity. Those in the latter category are part of the Observer-Times' Mother's Day coverage.
- **For everything** from homework to trips to the beach to, yes, even discipline, Fayetteville children appreciate their moms. Several even took the time to tell the world how much by entering the city's essay contest.

PERSPECTIVE

- **An Illinois family** makes a dying mother's wish come true by taking in her eight youngest children.

## Mother

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would go back to her room and the book would be beside her. If Rosser was awake, she would be reading it.

"Books were her best friend," Cogdell said.

Rosser's daughter, Crystal, is 15 and a sophomore at Cape Fear High School. Her son, Brandon, is 12 and in 7th grade at Mac Williams Middle School.

Crystal said the past three years have been a sacrifice for all of them. She and Brandon snatched what time they could with their mother. Talking in the car for a few minutes after she picked them up from school. Or sitting with her in the computer room as she worked on a paper.

Crystal said her mother's gift to her and Brandon has been the example she has set for them of what can be achieved if you want something bad enough and are willing to work hard enough.

Crystal wants to be a doctor and Brandon wants to go to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and major in business management.

Rosser's husband, Calvin, said he is just glad his wife is back — at least for awhile. This fall, she said, "I want to take piano lessons."

town high-rise.

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# College pick is debated

The Associated Press

Eight years ago, Darrell Page was dismissed as vice president of instruction at Stanly Community College after faculty members said he threatened their jobs.

In June, Page is scheduled to take over as president of Bladen Community College in Bladen County, and state community college officials who approved his appointment last month say they were never told of his problems in Stanly County.

Faculty members at Stanly Community College said Page threatened their jobs if they didn't support the school's embattled president. People also questioned his doctorate from Columbia Pacific University, a correspondence school in California. His critics said the degree wasn't up to standards because it came from an unaccredited school.

*'It was more of a protecting thing than it was Darrell's fault.'*
*—Essic Williams*

Trustees at Bladen knew of Page's difficulties at Stanly, but chose not to tell state board members, who screen finalists and give final approval to the trustees' choice.

Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, who is chairman of the N.C. Board of Community Colleges, said he wished board members had been given that information.

Jeannette Council of Fayetteville, chairwoman of the board's personnel committee, agreed. "I wish the trustees had notified us. It would have caused me serious concern," she said.

Bladen trustees said they chose Page based on his outstanding record there since 1990 and put aside worries about past problems at Stanly.

"It came to us that Darrell probably took the fall for some other folk. It was more of a protecting thing than it was Darrell's fault," said Essic Williams, chairman of the Bladen board of trustees.

Page is dean of planning and research at Bladen Community College.

"He's been nothing but an ideal employee here — one of the most motivated people I've ever worked with," said retiring President Lynn King. "He's a very loyal person."

Page's troubles at Stanly began in 1989, following newspaper reports that a recruiter there was drawing a state salary without working.

D-T 5/16/97

# FTCC's Push

## Fund drive aids school and community at same time

Any list of organizations and institutions that make Fayetteville and this region a better place to live must always include Fayetteville Technical Community College at or near the top.

In its mission of education and training that can range from individual courses to part of a long-term degree plan at other institutions, it serves us in ways too numerous to count. A combined count of full- and part-time students would reveal that at some point in a given academic year, roughly 42,000 students enter its halls.

Now the FTCC Foundation is seeking to make the college's contribution more significant than ever. When it kicks off its effort next Monday for what it describes as its "New Era of Excellence," it will be seeking to add $100,000 to its coffers. (For those who don't know, the non-profit foundation's chief function is to provide scholarships. It also engages in a range of other activities that promote FTCC's advancement.)

Year in and year out, the FTCC Foundation is the beneficiary of assorted kinds of contributions, ranging from corporate gifts to sports tournament entry fees to individual donations. That last category is where most of us come in. A gift of $10,000 is enough to endow a specific scholarship at the college, but no amount is too small or too large.

There are plenty of reasons to be generous here. Advancing education is and ought to be enough by itself. But any gift is one that keeps on giving, in direct and tangible ways. For instance, FTCC pays out $27 million in local salaries every year, and it spends $5.9 million on goods and services. We help it; it helps us.

Therefore, do what you can — and then a little more. Starting Monday, phone 678-8441 to find out how.

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LARRY CHEEK

# *Med student recovers from ill fortune*

When Casey Dobson of Fayetteville told his mother, Barbara Dobson Burch, that he'd been admitted to medical school at the University of North Carolina, the first thing she did was cry.

The second thing she did was grab the admissions letter and start making copies.

"I don't know how many people she sent them to," Dobson said. "Just about everybody, I expect."

Who could blame her?

Her son, 29, had overcome a lick on the head 11 years ago that almost killed him and grades so poor in high school that he graduated in the bottom five percent of his class to earn his way into med school.

So let the celebrating begin.

Casey Dobson was riding in a friend's vehicle in March of 1986 when the door he was leaning against popped open. He hit the pavement hard, but wasn't taken to the hospital until the next morning because everyone hoped he'd be OK.

He wasn't.

"All I remember is sitting on the bed in the emergency room, listening to the doctor talk to my mom beyond the curtain," Dobson said. "He told her I'd probably be dead within five days when my brain started swelling.

"I remember thinking I felt fine, that they were talking crazy. That's the last thing I remember," he said.

Dobson was unconscious for a week and remained in the hospital for another week. When he got out, he immediately won the Dogwood Festival chess championship — a strong indication that his intellect was unimpaired.

He couldn't smell, though, and still can't. Dobson had migraines for several years afterward, but a more lasting effect of the injury was that it gave him an abiding interest in becoming a doctor and maybe even a neurologist.

### Hard times started early

Dobson and his two sisters and mother had to struggle during the growing-up years.

Their father was gone, and Barbara worked two jobs. The family drew food stamps.

Dobson wasn't motivated in the classroom. He made 1360 and 1440 on his scholastic aptitude tests, but his grades were awful.

They let him out of high school, anyway.

He loaded trucks. He worked at a sandwich shop, at a book store, in telephone sales, as a tutor and as a substitute teacher, which is what he's doing as he waits to enter med school this fall.

Along the way, Dobson was taking classes at Fayetteville Tech and getting a degree from Fayetteville State with a 3.0 average — still far from good enough to get him into med school.

He was turned down on his first application to med school.

Interviewers said to him that "your SAT and (medical college admissions test) tell us we have an intelligent person here who is not willing to do the work" based on his grades.

But Dobson knew that he was willing to work. So he went to Chapel Hill and entered the nine-week medical education development program, designed to prepare less advantaged students for med school.

Last summer, he finished in the top 20 percent of his class.

"I think," Dobson said, "the MED program got me in."

### 'Isn't life funny?'

He's not promising he'll try to become a neurosurgeon or a neurologist. He only knows that he's interested — and has been since the moment he was sitting on the emergency room bed, listening to the doctor talk of how his brain might swell.

"I have 10 or 15 books on neurology on my shelves now," Dobson said.

"The accident pushed me toward wanting to know more about it. But to become a neurosurgeon, it will take four years of med school plus seven more years of residency training."

That would make him 41 before he could set up a practice.

I was one of the people Barbara Dobson Burch sent a copy of her son's admissions letter to. She wanted me to know what had become of the boy I wrote about 11 years ago, when he won his chess championship.

"He will enter UNC to fulfill his dream of being a doctor," she said in her note. "Isn't life funny?"

And sometimes, it's even wonderful.

*Larry Cheek's column appears Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. His phone number is 486-3583.*

# Decision near on new leader for N.C.'s community colleges

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**RALEIGH** — A new president of the state community college system could be picked as early as Friday.

The State Board of Community Colleges interviewed the three finalists for the job Wednesday. No decision was made, but board members said that they could make a choice after they resume deliberations on Friday.

The three finalists for the job are Marvin Joyner, president of Central Carolina Community College in Sanford; Donald Cameron, president of Guilford Technical Community College; and Martin Lancaster, an assistant secretary of the Army and former congressman.

The new president will replace Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, who is leaving the post after about 2½ years in office. Hackley's tenure was shorter than expected. He led the system through a period in which it made the transition to a semester system and greater regionalism in programs. But he also had strained relationships with some board members, lawmakers and local community college presidents.

Hackley, former chancellor at Fayetteville State University, has said that he resigned to concentrate on his work on a number of national boards and other causes.

The 59-campus community college system has about 750,000 students. It offers technical training, college transfer courses and continuing education classes.

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# professional *notes*

***Fayetteville Technical College Names Norris as New President***

**Dr. Larry B. Norris** has been selected as the third president of Fayetteville Technical College, effective July 1. Since 1969, Norris has served as instructor, department chairman, associate dean, dean of instruction and vice president for academic affairs at Fayetteville Tech. He earned his Ph.D. at North Carolina University, his master's degree from the University of Arkansas and his bachelor's degree from Pembroke State University.

***Palacios to Take Helm at Pima County Community College District's Desert Vista Campus***

**Dr. Miguel A. Palacios** has been named president of Pima County Community College District's Desert Vista Campus. He is currently president of the district's Downtown Campus. Palacios has held many positions in academe, including faculty member, assistant dean, associate dean, executive dean and provost.

***Roberts Appointed to President At Jackson State Community College***

**Dr. Charlie D. Roberts,** vice president of administration at Mott Community College, has been named president of Jackson State Community College in Jackson, Tenn. Roberts has held several positions at Mott, including dean and executive dean posts. He holds a Ph.D. from Michigan State University, a master's from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree from Norfolk State College.

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# *Popular musician to play the blues*

***Scott Ainslie,** who's been doing his one-man show for three decades, will perform in Lumberton tonight.*

*By Michael Futch*
Staff writer

**SCOTT AINSLIE**
- **WHERE:** Carolina Civic Center, 315 N. Chestnut, Lumberton
- **WHEN:** Today at 8 p.m.
- **TICKETS:** $5, and available in advance and at the door
- **INFORMATION:** (910) 738-4339

Blues artist Scott Ainslie plays schools, colleges, educational programs, festivals. Whenever possible, he tries to avoid engagements in hazy, smoke-filled bars.

He doesn't want his voice to burn out like a cigarette.

"The tobacco smoke in a bar will kill your voice faster than anything else," he said. "Singing for an hour in a bar full of smoke is like singing five hours anywhere else. Some people will argue that a blues voice needs to be abused in that way. I want to be singing blues when I'm 80."

At 44, he's over halfway there.

Ainslie has been playing guitar for three decades. His is a familiar name in this part of the country, having played numerous shows over the years in Fayetteville and the Cape Fear region. From 1988 to 1990, he was a member of the North Carolina Visiting Artists program at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Ainslie has a scheduled performance tonight at the 470-seat Carolina Civic Center in downtown Lumberton. As usual, he will be playing solo.

"For one, I can't afford a band," he said by telephone from his Durham home. "I managed to choose music that really does sound terrific by itself. It was made to play this way. The thing that's beautiful to me and interesting to me as a musician about acoustic blues, you have these complicated vocal and guitar parts. At one and the same time, you're playing lead guitar or slide guitar or rhythm guitar while you're singing fairly demanding stuff.

"It's really fun to get it cooking all at once. The breadth of the music is also very fun."

### Beatle influence

A Beatle first steered Ainslie into the direction of acoustic music, and later, acoustic blues. Ainslie, who was born in Rochester, N.Y., and raised in Alexandria, Va., grew up on rock and soul music. He was also exposed to the sparse, acoustic folk music personified by the early works of Bob Dylan.

But it was Paul McCartney who first moved him, during a Beatles appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show." Ainslie sat mesmerized by McCartney's solo performance on acoustic guitar while singing the Beatles hit "Yesterday."

Ainslie is self-taught. He used to sneak up the backstairs to play his older brother's guitar when his brother was outside playing football. "I had a penchant for solo work and acoustic," he said. "You can take it anywhere. You don't need to plug it in. After a while, I ran into the recordings of Robert Johnson, Son House, Johnny Shines: black players with a strong African influence. They laid all the groundwork for rock 'n' roll."

### Delta-style

He remains passionate about the blues, and nowadays plays largely Mississippi Delta-style blues and ragtime-influenced Piedmont blues.

Five years ago, Ainslie made a contribution to blues scholars and musicians alike, transcribing all of Robert Johnson's recorded blues songs for the text "Robert Johnson/ At the Crossroads." The book was the culmination of a decade of research and field work, and it has sold 24,000 copies, which Ainslie says, "is a tremendous success for a book of its nature."

Folklorist and blues writer Samuel Charters had transcribed Johnson's body of work for a 1972 book, but Ainslie calls it severely outdated and says some of the songs were written in the wrong key. Unlike Ainslie, Charters isn't primarily a musician.

"I decided there should be a

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## *Ainslie*

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real good book on Robert Johnson," he said. "It's a good resource book."

Less than a month ago, the video "Robert Johnson's Guitar Techniques Taught by Scott Ainslie" was released on the Starlicks Video Masters Sessions Series, a catalog that includes guitar technique instruction from John Hammond, Ted Nugent, Larry Carlton and Steve Vai.

### Video

Ainslie's video, which sells for $19.95, has sold about 500 copies to date. "I've sold about 20 off the back of the truck here," he said with a laugh.

Most of the people buying the book and video are young musicians.

His own recording history is long and varied. Included in the Ainslie catalog are albums of traditional old-time music and the original cast album of the Off-Broadway musical "Cotton Patch Gospel."

Ainslie is regarded as a master of Delta-style slide guitar, and he performs on stage with a vintage 1931 metal-bodied National Guitar.

"It's like traveling with a grandfather," he said of the instrument. "It's not quite as temperamental as some grandfathers."

### Pawn shop guitar

He bought the guitar six years ago during the Gulf War at a pawn shop in downtown Columbus, Ga., while he was working in the Fort Benning federal school system. He paid $650 for it and invested another $700 into having it restored.

In 1931, the instrument sold for $82.

Smoking is not allowed inside the Carolina Civic Center, which is a good thing for Ainslie's voice. Remember, he's got 36 more years to go before hitting 80. Surely it's coincidence, but the concert is partially sponsored by Southeastern Ear, Nose and Throat P.A. of Lumberton.

Sources: City of Fayetteville; N.C. Department of Transportation, Fort Bragg

# Musical a 'Dream' for 50s fans

## Giving ear to Everly Brothers' tunes fun way to spend spring night

**By Rodger Mullen**
Staff writer

**Michael Rice,** left, and David Caldwell star in 'Dream, Dream, Dream.' The river show, put on by the Cape Fear Regional Theatre, showcases a medley of songs by the Everly Brothers.

Staff photo by Steve Aldridge

Celebrating America's musical icons is getting to be a tradition at Cape Fear Regional Theatre's annual river show.

Two years ago, it was folk troubadour Woody Guthrie in "American Song." Last year it was country legend Patsy Cline in "A Closer Walk."

This year, the Everly Brothers get the theatrical treatment in "Dream, Dream, Dream," based on the music of siblings Phil and Don.

The play opened Friday at the regional theater's outdoor Riverside Stage on the banks of the Cape Fear River. Shows continue through June 1.

Unlike the earlier productions, "Dream, Dream, Dream" is not a serious work, or even a semi-serious one. That's probably because while Guthrie and Cline met tragic, untimely ends, the Everlys are still with us.

It's also because the Everly Brothers' best-known pop hits, including "Bird Dog" and "Cathy's Clown," simply do not lend themselves to serious interpretation. They are just beautifully sung, impossibly catchy relics of an innocent age.

"Dream, Dream, Dream" is — appropriately enough — a two-man show. Michael Rice is Neil Trovert (Get it? N. Trovert?) a nerdy Gomer-type with a serious '50s fixation. David Hemsley Caldwell is T., an angel sent to Earth. An "Earth Angel," if you will.

Neil works as a dishwasher in diner. The restaurant is in debt, and what's worse, the jukebox is broken. Beverly is in the hospital with a broken hip — looks like she's going to have to sell out to the Bob's Big Boy chain.

Then, in a plume of smoke, T. appears. He's been sent from heaven on a mission to save the diner, although he's not sure why.

T., who died in a '50s car crash, is a kind of celestial Fonz. When he snaps his fingers, the jukebox is instantly fixed. When he's not giving the hapless Neil a wedgie, he's placing calls to heaven on his cellular phone.

T. comes up with a plan to save the diner — a benefit concert of Everly Brothers music. After all, Neil is the president (and only member) of the Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Everly Brothers fan club.

Of course, it's all just an excuse to trot out those great songs — "Wake Up Little Susie," "Bye, Bye Love" and "All I Have to Do is Dream" are some of the dozen or so performed.

As singers, Rice and Caldwell are no Everlys — those plaintive, perfectly matched harmonies are impossible to duplicate. But neither do they embarrass themselves musically. The band — Bill Joyner, Danny Young and Richard Gates — perform well, if unspectacularly.

**A REVIEW**

Rice and Caldwell's real strength is comedy — and that's a good thing, because "Dream, Dream, Dream" is a very silly show.

Caldwell, a Los Angeles-based actor who appeared in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and "Bubba and Betty Sue Get Married" at the regional theater, is a likeable, finger-popping, Elvis-inspired angel. Rice, whose comic roles are too numerous to mention, has fun with the Neil character, particularly his midplay transformation from geek to greaser.

There's no message here, just fun. If you pine for the days of "soda fountains and fountain pens" — or if you just plain like Everly Brothers music — "Dream, Dream, Dream" is a nice way to pass a spring evening.

*"Dream, Dream, Dream" will be presented through June 1 at the Riverside Stage, 1122 Person St., near the Riverside Marina on the banks of the Cape Fear. Performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays. A dinner theater, with a meal from The Boss Hawg restaurant, begins at 7:30; the show starts at 8:30. Tickets are $10 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday shows, $16 for the dinner theater; $12 for Friday and Saturday shows, $18 for the dinner theater. For information or reservations, call 323-4233.*

# COLLEGE LESSON

## Good intentions don't always work out that way

Trustees of Bladen Community College say despite Darrell Page's difficulties at another campus, they know by his years in Bladen that he will make an outstanding president for them. On-the-job performance, they say, is more telling than a resume. But trustees did him no favors in neglecting to mention Page's past to state officials who approved the appointment.

Now, controversy precedes what otherwise should be a happy time for Page as he prepares to take over for President Lynn King, who will retire. Page has seen more controversy than he probably cares to in his career. In 1989, he was asked to resign as vice president of Stanly Community College when the campus' then-president, Charles Byrd, was investigated. Page has been praised as being loyal, but he may have been loyal to a fault. Some faculty members accused Page of trying to intimidate them into supporting Byrd. In addition, Page's degree is from an unaccredited college as he is about to lead a place where that kind of thing matters greatly.

Essic Williams, chairman of the Bladen board of trustees, implied that trustees believed Page to have been unfairly treated in Stanly County. That's entirely possible. Despite the perception that academic life is staid and low-key, internal politics on college campuses can be rougher than most.

"It came to us that Darrell probably took the fall for some other folk. It was more of a protecting thing than it was Darrell's fault." Williams said. If so, aren't the state's community college officials smart enough to have picked up on this, too? Trustees would have done better for their candidate if they'd told all and fought for him.

Page, who was praised by predecessor King as "one of the most motivated people I've ever worked with," likely will shake off this unfortunate start. We hope he will do great things for BCC. But the mistake the trustees made was in not understanding that when you think you're in the right, the lesser risk comes from being forthright.

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# Newton Grove officials brainstorm long-range goals

By Kendra E. Gerlach
Lifestyles Editor

FAYETTEVILLE — In a forward-thinking move by the Newton Grove Board of Commissioners, the town has become one of the first small communities to approach strategic planning and long-range goal setting in a high-tech and innovative way.

Fourteen townspeople, including the mayor and commissioners, participated in a Team Focus workshop at Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) that focused on filtering out the issues of most importance to the town, developing strategies to deal with each issue, then prioritizing the issues by level of importance.

With the help of Nancy Price, from the Division of Community Assistance, who first helped the town map out some goals in 1989, the town was given this opportunity to reevaluate its goals, and set new ones by using the decision support system offered at FTCC. This system, developed by IBM is currently available at only two community colleges in the nation.

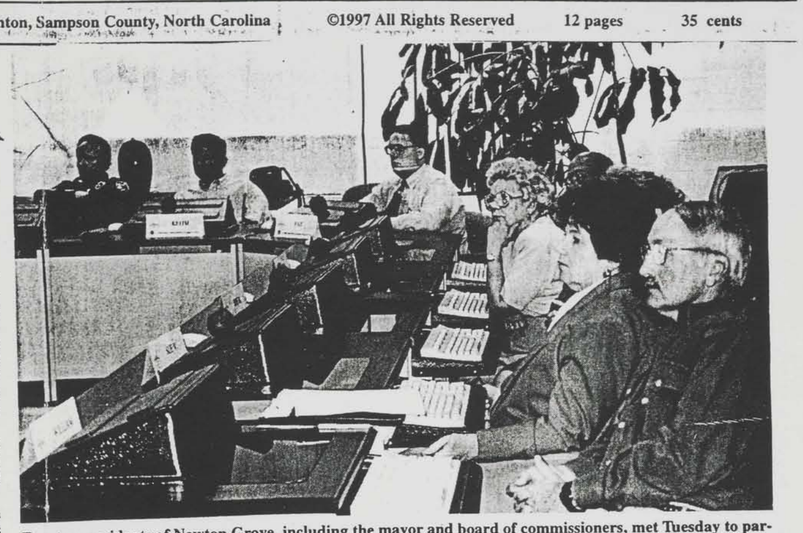
Each member of the team is seated at his or her own computer terminal, positioned so that no one can see what their neighbor is doing and then types their responses. The responses are then flashed up on a large screen in front of the room for everyone to see, but no one in the room knows who wrote what response.

"Everything you say remains anonymous unless you choose to divulge your anonymity," explained meeting facilitator Cathy Barkley.

Another advantage to this system she said is that everything happens quickly because the computers allow every person to talk at the same time as well as listen, or read the responses, at the same time.'

The third advantage is that everything said during the meeting is permanently captured, accurately, on disk and hard copies can be printed.

The workshop began with the 14 participants brainstorming answers to the question "What are the most pressing issues in Newton Grove that need to be addressed in the coming year?"



**Fourteen residents of Newton Grove, including the mayor and board of commissioners, met Tuesday to participate in a Team Focus workshop at Fayetteville Tech where they outlined the most weighty issues to the town, and brainstormed ways to deal with those issues.**

After 10 minutes of furious typing, the team had generated over 120 lines of ideas in answer to this question.

When each person had finished the brainstorming session, Ms. Barkley read aloud and, with the consensus of the group, combined similar answers and grouped together ideas that fell into the same category, narrowing the list to 16 specific topics important to Newton Grove right now.

The longest, and probably most important, part of the session came when each person spent 45 minutes listing their strategies or ideas to handle each of the 16 issues.

Once the ideas had been exhaust-

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# Goals

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ed, it was time for each person to rank the issues in order of most significant. The individual votes were all tallied by the computer and compilated, then listed in order from number one to 16.

Once the votes had been tabulated, Ms. Barkley explained that the computer will calculate the coefficient of concordance, or how much agreement there was among the votes.

The town scored a coefficient of .47 percent.

"Anything .50 or above shows great consensus and great probability of the plan being implemented," Ms. Barkley stated.

"With a coefficient of .47, you're there. You have great agreement among yourselves."

The following are the 16 issues voted by the town as being the most significant, in rank order:

Promoting growth and industry; crime control; police, fire and rescue; water and sewer; annexation; budget issues; subdivision regulations and zoning; housing; emergency management plan; grant assistance; street paving, potholes and lighting; youth programs; parks and park management; trailer park regulations; communication with townspeople and more involvement; and senior citizens programs.

When the meeting was concluded, a hard copy of all ideas and strategies was printed and given to Mayor William Wilson who can now spend time with the commissioners studying each issue and every idea generated for dealing with that particular issue.

"For a small town trying to keep abreast of things, this is it," Wilson said, endorsing this system with enthusiasm. "It's something other towns could use.

"This will give us some direction of where we need to be and what we need to do to get there. This is a good indicator."

Contributed photo

**Dianne Gallagher and Micah Hawker,** front row, are winners of the Upsilon Kappa Omega of Alpha Kappa Alpha essay contest. Representing the sorority are Valeria A. Collins, left, Carla E. Collier and Barbara Melvin.

expected to begin making a significant profit.

standards and policies for other distance education efforts across

demands of these customers."

this year.

## NEWSMAKERS

### Appointments:

**Beverly Denman**, **Sally Vannice**, and **Dan Carter** have been appointed correctional centers education facilitators at Metropolitan Community College, NE.

**Rudy Gonzalez**, now vice president of administrative services at Midland Community College, TX, is the new vice chancellor of fiscal affairs at the San Jacinto College District.

**Tanya Kiani** has been named director of college development for the Cuesta College Foundation, CA.

**Glenn Koelkebeck** is now director of development at MiraCosta College, CA.

**Karen Linden** has been appointed athletic director at Elgin Community College, IL.

**Karen Nagle** has been named president of Clark State Community College, OH, effective July 1.

Larry Norris

**Larry Norris** has been selected president of Fayetteville Technical Community College, NC, effective July 1.

**Robert Rose**, vice-president and dean of instruction at Galveston College, TX, has been appointed president at Massasoit Community College, MA.

**William Ryan** has been named director of instructional technologies at Lakeland Community College, OH.

Robert Rose

**Ralph Schuetzle** is the new head coach of the Kougars men's basketball team at Kishwaukee College, IL.

**Norman Scott**, currently president of Williamsburg Technical College, SC, will be the new president of Rappahannock Community College, VA.

**Charles Teague**, senior vice president at Brevard College, NC, was elected president of Spartanburg Methodist College, SC.

**Ruben Vela** has been named associate dean for instruction and student development at South Texas Community College.

### Kudos:

**William Casolara**, professor of technology at Tompkins-Cortland Community College, NY, won the 1997 Excellence Award, sponsored by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. The Teaching Excellence Award program encourages individual colleges to recognize their finest teachers at home and in an international arena.

**Augustine Gallego**, chancellor, San Diego Community College District, CA, was recently elected chair of the American Association of Community Colleges, which represents 1,100 community colleges nationwide.

**Linda Hefferin**, professor of office administration and technology at Elgin Community College, IL, has been named the Post Secondary Teacher of the Year by the National Business Education Association for her achievements, dedication, and personal and professional commitment to business education.

**Katie Johnson**, chair of the social and behavioral science division, and professor of sociology; and **Walter Faucette**, professor of mathematics, at Signal Peak campus of Central Arizona College; and **Jeff Ross**, English professor at Superstition Mountain campus, have been awarded 1997 Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.

Two programs at Miami-Dade Community College, FL, have been selected as winners in the Exemplary Programs Competition, sponsored by the National Council of Instructional Administrators. **The Service Learning** Program was honored in category one for programs that focus on the re-emphasis on student learning, and **Miamibiance**, the student literary magazine at the Kendall campus was chosen as a winner in category two for campus programs that incorporated technology and teaching.

Ollie Sommer

**Ollie Sommer**, instructor in the hospitality/food service management program at Belleville Area College, IL, received the 1997 Rene Roncari American Culinary Federation Senior Chef Humanitarian Award, because of what he knows and how he conveys that information to students.

**Maria Vallejo**, vice president for student affairs at Rockland Community College, NY, was invited by the College Board to serve on the National Task Force on Minority High Achievement. The Task Force will have about 30 members, including nationally-respected educators and community leaders, and will address the substantial underrepresentation of minorities among high academic achieving students at all levels of the educational system.

Maria Vallejo

### Retirement:

**Ed Lehr**, president, San Jacinto College North campus , TX, will retire Aug. 31. Lehr has been named historian emeritus for The San Jacinto College District for a one-year term.



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RALEIGH

## College system names interim president

A senior vice president of the state community college system will serve as acting president until the new president, former congressman Martin Lancaster, arrives.

Barry Russell will begin his position June 2. Lancaster, who was selected May 16, is expected to begin no later than July 15, Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker said Friday. Wicker is chairman of the State Board of Community Colleges.

As senior vice president, Russell supervises work in the system's four divisions — academic and students services, business and finance, system affairs and planning and research.

Lancaster is assistant secretary for the Army for civil works. He will replace Lloyd V. Hackley, the former chancellor of Fayetteville State University.

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# FTCC's new chief keeps his promises

## A deathbed vow to father honored

By Gary Moss
Staff writer

A day after killing hogs, Larry Norris stood with his father in the smokehouse among the hanging carcasses, making a promise that would take a lifetime keeping.

Norris' father had tended the tobacco farm in Sampson County to support his wife and family. But a year earlier, a heart attack had enfeebled him.

Norris

"Son, I'm going to die," Norris' father told him. "I need you to make me a promise that you'll take care of your mother. You're the one I know I can depend on."

Larry, the 10th of 11 children, promised.

His father died the next morning. Norris was 17.

Six years later, it was the promise to look after his mother that led Norris to a job as an English instructor at what was then known as Fayetteville Technical Institute.

By then, Norris was married to Judy Douglas, who grew up in Robeson County.

They met in graduate school at the University of Arkansas where they both earned master's degrees in English.

Living in Fayetteville made it easier for Norris to check on his mother in Sampson County and for Judy to visit her aging parents in Robeson.

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## Norris

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They both planned to return to college and earn doctorates so they could teach at the university level.

But 27 years later, Norris is still at Fayetteville Technical Community College. On July 1, he will begin his first official day as the college's third president.

At 6 feet 4 inches and 230 pounds, Norris is a big man with a soft nature.

Norris was heading to the parking lot on a recent night when he saw a student bent over her car with the hood up. It had been a long day. He was tired. But he fought the urge to walk past her. If he had not stopped, Norris said, it would have bothered him the rest of the night. He waited until she got the car started.

Betty Shackelford, his longtime secretary, said he is the same way in the office. No matter what he is doing, he always makes time for students seeking his help.

"He is just very approachable," she said.

The students are the reason he has stayed at Fayetteville Technical Community College for so long, Norris said.

Few of them came from the richest families or brought the best grades from high school. Some arrived without high school degrees, or knowing how to read.

They were special to Norris because they wanted to be at Fayetteville Tech — they knew education could be their path to a better job and a fuller life.

"I liked them as human beings because they were so real," Norris said. "They knew they needed an education to get a job, or a better job. They were motivated."

After his first classes, he knew that being a part of the community college system would be his life's work.

Norris taught English for nearly 10 years, with a two-year break from 1974 to 1976 to earn a doctorate in education from North Carolina State University.

His introduction to administration came in 1980 when William Sease, vice president of academic affairs, asked him to conduct a study to prepare the school for reaccreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In the study, Norris found a solid institution that needed improvement. The faculty was dominated by white men and Norris saw the need for more minorities and women. He saw the same need among the students.

Norris also found a weakness in the community college system itself. Students who completed courses at a community college had no guarantee that they could transfer credits to pursue a four-year degree at a state university.

His handling of the task launched his career in administration — first as associate dean of instruction for general education, then as dean of curriculum instruction, and for the last 11 years, vice president for academic affairs.

And from 1982 until last year, Norris served on a statewide committee of community college and university officials that developed an agreement on transferring course credits. Part of the agreement guarantees that a student can transfer a core of 44 hours of general education coursework to a state university.

The remaining challenge is to get that same guarantee for "premajor" classes in engineering, education and medicine, Norris said.

In 1992, Norris was one of two finalists for the presidency at Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville.

Four years later, when Fayetteville Tech President Craig Allen announced his retirement, Norris waited almost until the deadline to apply for the job.

### LARRY B. NORRIS

- **Age:** 51
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree from Pembroke State University in 1967; master's degree in English from the University of Arkansas in 1969; doctoral degree in education at North Carolina State University in 1976
- **Family:** Married, one son
- **Jobs at FTCC:** English instructor from 1969 to 1971; chairman of the Department of English from 1971 to 1981; associate dean of instruction for general education from 1981 to 1982; dean of curriculum instruction from 1982 to 1986; vice president for academic affairs from 1986 to present.

Staff graphic

Throughout his career, he had submerged his ego to make the people above him look good, Norris said. Norris knew he had the qualifications and skills to do the job. But personal ambition was no longer the driving force in his life.

His son, Drew, had graduated from Duke and worked as a computer engineer at Research Triangle Park. He and Judy, a teacher at Westover High School, had both planned to retire and travel.

Retirement would give them more time to dig and doodle in their flower garden in Buckhead subdivision. To walk their two Chinese pugs, Bubba and Wallis.

"I really had to look deep within myself to resurrect that drive, motivation and confidence that I consider requisite for the job of the presidency," Norris said.

He was not sure he wanted to take the risk. The other candidates were names on a resume. But the trustees had known him for years. If he had failed to get the job, Norris would have viewed it as a "total rejection of me as a human being — my character, my skills, my work."

At least 40 people applied for the job. Norris was one of three finalists interviewed. The most nerve-wracking day for Norris was March 24.

Norris said he did not know he got the job until it was announced that day, but he did feel better that morning when he saw no finalists lurking in the hallway.

J.C. Basnight, Norris' assistant the past 14 years, said Norris is a methodical "researcher of truth." He gathers all the facts before making a decision, and that is why so many of his decisions are so good, Basnight said.

Basnight credits Norris for putting FTCC out in front with its technology programs.

Linwood Powell, the interim president, has worked with Norris since 1976. Powell said Norris excels at developing programs but more than that, knows how to treat people.

"He is one of the most dedicated, caring people in the system," Powell said. "He exudes professionalism."

At the age of 51, Norris said, he would like to stay in the job 10 years. He said he wants to be a president who is viewed as more of a leader than a manager. The difference, Norris said, is that a leader seeks to influence while a manager seeks to control.

"I think you can influence people to do their best," Norris said. "If you seek to control, you are only going to get what you specify."

And in his business, he said, "that is never enough."

Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

**Graduates** of Fayetteville Technical Community College stand Tuesday in the Cumberland County Arena. Dr. Barry Russell, senior vice president of the North Carolina Community College System, addressed the 744 graduates.

# FTCC graduates overcome 'barriers'

**By Gary Moss**
Staff writer

Community college graduates are different than any other and deserve special congratulations because of it, Barry Russell said Tuesday during commencement exercises for Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Russell, the senior vice president for the North Carolina Community College System, used the 744 graduates assembled in front of him at the Cumberland County Arena to illustrate the point.

Russell first asked all the graduates who had worked at least 20 hours a week while going to school to stand. Well above half the graduates rose from their chairs.

He then asked all those students who had family responsibilities to stand as well. Only a scattered handful of students remained in their chairs.

Finally, he asked all those who had not worked to their potential in high school to stand. With that, the entire graduating class was on its feet.

"Those of you who have been able to get through all the barriers in front of you have truly distinguished yourselves," Russell said.

And then he told them to "keep it up" for the rest of their lives.

Integrity, he said, "living what you believe and believing what you live."

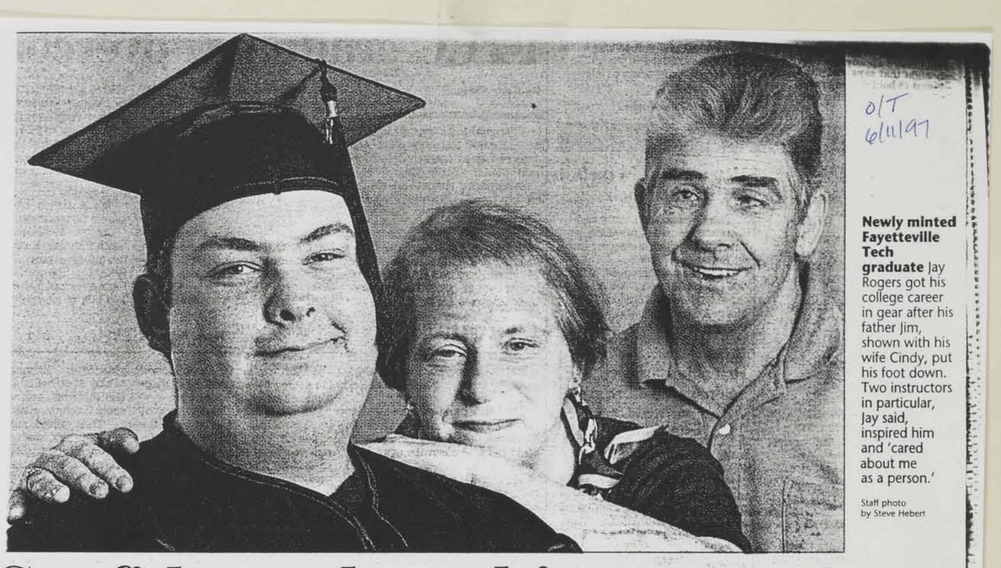
It's a simple idea, but not so simple to accomplish, Russell said.

As an admissions officer in South Carolina, Russell remembers talking to a shoe salesman in his early 40s. The man had sold shoes for years and hated it. The man told him of his love for electronics and how he wanted to go to school to turn his hobby into his career.

Russell said he could tell that the man knew in his heart that electronics was what he meant to do. But Russell failed to talk him into doing it.

By the time I graduate, I'll be 45, the man told him.

Two years later, Russell bumped into him at the mall. Russell said he could sense the man's despair when he told him that he could be in electronics if he had started school like they had talked about.



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**Newly minted Fayetteville Tech graduate** Jay Rogers got his college career in gear after his father Jim, shown with his wife Cindy, put his foot down. Two instructors in particular, Jay said, inspired him and 'cared about me as a person.'

Staff photo by Steve Hebert

# Confidence keys his successes

## Dropout regroups, scores 3.93 GPA

**Gary Moss**
Staff writer

Jay Rogers was always a smart kid, it took quitting high school for him to come a good student.

He hated Spring Lake Junior High hool. Most of his classes were easy enough, maybe too easy. They bored him. And the most attention he got from teachers was while they took attendance, Rogers said.

"I felt like I was occupying space," Rogers said.

By his freshman year, Rogers began to stop doing even that, skipping almost as many days as he attended.

His parents enrolled him at College Lakes Baptist Christian Academy for his sophomore year, but he quit without giving it a chance, he said.

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"I was rebelling," Rogers said. "I was stupid. Very stupid."

Afterward, his father gave him three choices to wise him up.

Rogers could go to work for him.

He could go back to school.

Or he could find somewhere else to live.

Rogers stayed home and went to work for his father, for minimum wage. He lasted about as long as he did at Christian Academy before realizing there was a better choice.

"I knew Dad wasn't always going to be around with his business and I didn't want to flip burgers for the rest of my life," Rogers said.

When he mentioned to his parents that he was thinking about going back to

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## Graduate

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school, he found out that his stepmother was already a step ahead of him.

She handed him a phone number for a counselor at Fayetteville Technical Community College who could tell him about the adult high school program.

He had his GED, which is now called the general education development diploma, before he turned 17. Mastering the material was easy, Rogers said. The hard part was figuring out what he was going to do with the rest of his life.

### Getting motivated

He remembers the day an official from Fayetteville Tech came to class to ask the students about their plans. He remembers the weird looks he drew when he said he wanted to be an engineer.

For the first time in his life, he was motivated to succeed, but scared that he was going to fail.

His first college quarter, he took only one class — remedial algebra. The class was his first step toward the degree he was seeking in electronic engineering technology.

He remembers the day he went to class feeling sick — and how the instructor, Bob Ralph, noticed. "He walked up and said, 'Why don't you go home? I know you don't feel good.' "

Rogers said Ralph's gesture made him feel that his college experience would be different from high school. It helped him feel he was in the right place.

And Ralph was only one of many.

G.C. Byrd, the chairman of the electronic engineering technology department, once spent three hours helping Rogers with math.

Marty Hill, his digital instructor, became a friend who encouraged Rogers in and out of the classroom.

Six weeks ago, when Rogers got a job making $16 an hour at Nortel Wireless Networks in the Research Triangle Park, he had to miss some of his electronics classes. The instructor, Dr. Krishna Nair, agreed to stay at school at night to go over the material with Rogers so he could finish the class and graduate.

"They guided me and inspired me," Rogers said. "That's all I really needed through regular school was a little inspiration, but I never got it.

"They cared about me as a person. They wanted you to learn academics, but they wanted you to learn about life, too."

Instructors describe Rogers as a quiet, unsure student who grew in confidence. "As time went on, he opened up a lot more and I saw the real Jay Rogers," Nair said. "Discussions with him were never dull."

### Personal attention

But Hill said college instructors do not face the obstacles that many high school teachers do trying to help students such as Rogers.

A high school teacher may have 250 students or more to contend with each semester, while a college instructor may have fewer than 40, Hill said. It is easier to get to know each student when there are not so many names to memorize or papers to grade.

### Easier to teach

Another difference is that students who attend Fayetteville Tech are there because they want to be, Hill said. That makes them not only easier to teach, but easier to reach out to when they need help.

Rogers, now 22, lives with his father and stepmother, Jim and Cindy Rogers, in College Lakes. Both of them are nearly blind, but Tuesday night, they heard their son's name announced as he walked across the stage at the Cumberland County Arena to get his diploma.

He graduated with a cumulative grade point average of 3.93. He earned A's except for the B's he received for English, chemistry and drafting. "I can't draw a straight line with a ruler," Rogers said.

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# Hackley gets mixed review on departure

*After 2½ years as president of the community college system, the 56-year-old steps down.*

**By Mark Stinneford**
Raleigh bureau

**RALEIGH** — Lloyd "Vic" Hackley had high expectations for himself and the community colleges when he took command of the system 2½ years ago.

He called on the colleges to embrace the state's educational reform efforts. As for himself, he told the State Board of Community Colleges: "You're going to get more than your money's worth."

**Hackley**

Today, Hackley, 56, makes a quiet departure as president of the system, apparently bidding good riddance to public life.

Hackley's thoughts on his tenure remain a mystery. During the last board meeting, Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, the board chairman, asked Hackley if he had any remarks.

"None," Hackley responded.

The Observer-Times made several requests for an interview, but Hackley said he would not agree unless the paper promised not to talk to his critics. Hackley said that since he was leaving public life, he didn't feel the need to endure another battering from his adversaries.

### Several changes

Hackley led the system through a period of dramatic change. Colleges switched to the semester system, the system took a more regional approach to course offerings, its curriculum was realigned and a credit transfer agreement was reached with the university system.

"We gave him some tough assignments as a board," Wicker said. "H took them on and accomplished eve one."

By many measures, the communi colleges are thriving. Enrollment is u and the system's budget has grown at a time of fiscal restraint in Raleigh. The system's job-training efforts are expected to take on greater importance in the era of welfare reform.

But the verdict on Hackley is mixed. Even his admirers describe his tenure as something less than a complete success.

Hackley came from a relatively powerful position, chancellor of Fayetteville

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State University, to a relatively weak one. He never quite adjusted, observers say, to a culture in which individual campuses are largely autonomous, the state board and not the president sets policy, and agency heads kowtow to a demanding and often unpredictable legislature.

"There is always turbulence at the top of a major institution," said C.D. Spangler, president of the state university system. "If a president of a university or community college system has the right timing, the turbulence is manageable. The timing for President Hackley didn't work as well as many people would have wished."

**Spangler**

Even Hackley's detractors praised his educational vision, his call for public schools, universities and community colleges to work together and his desire to extend educational opportunities to the neediest people.

Hackley was good at sharing his passion to a group, critics acknowledged. He was less accomplished at one-on-one contact in a town where important contacts are often made at legislative receptions, basketball games and on golf courses.

"Vic is a very personable individual, but he's very difficult to get to know or feel like you're real close to him," said board member Phil Kirk, president of N.C. Citizens for Business and Industry.

Hackley followed former Gov. Bob Scott as president. Scott, the beefy, wisecracking, country boy from Haw River, knew most staff members by name and would often call board members and local college presidents just to chat.

"Following Gov. Scott is almost like following Dean Smith at Carolina," Kirk said. "It was not an easy task."

Some staff members said they rarely came into contact with Hackley. Roger Bone, a longtime system lobbyist who worked eight months under Hackley, said he met with Hackley two or three times during that time. Board members and college presidents said they rarely heard from Hackley other than at official functions.

"The relationship between Dr. Hackley and the presidents was certainly pleasant," said Frank Eagles, president of Wilson Technical Community College. "I do feel that he could have used us more than he did during his tenure to have gained more information about the system."

Hackley replaced most of the senior staff at the system headquarters, accepted as a given when leadership changes in such an agency. But he rankled some local presidents and others by bringing in people with little or no community college experience.

*'By nature, Vic is a happy person and an optimist. He's a can-do type of individual and has a lot of confidence in himself.'*

*— Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker*

"After the first year, there began to be some concerns as to a sense of direction," said Lonnie Blizzard, president of Lenoir Community College and president of the N.C. Association of Community College Presidents.

Perhaps Hackley's most difficult relationships were with legislators, particularly the Republican-controlled state House.

Some lawmakers complained that the system headquarters was slow to respond to requests for information. A member of the General Assembly's fiscal staff was reportedly kicked out of some meetings of the state board.

The first time Hackley presented a budget request to lawmakers, his talk went on well beyond the allotted 20 minutes, but he had no budget documents for legislators, said Rep. Robert Grady, co-chairman of the House budget subcommittee on education.

Hackley never met with House Speaker Harold Brubaker, perhaps one of the three most powerful men in state government. One story going around the capital was that Hackley waited several hours outside Brubaker's office one afternoon, but the speaker never saw him. A letter sent from Hackley's office late last year had the salutation "Dear Senator Brubaker."

"I had much more contact with President Spangler than I did with President Hackley," said Grady, a Republican from Jacksonville. "Spangler's office is in Chapel Hill, and Hackley's office is across the street."

Sen. Leslie Winner, a Senate counterpart to Grady, said she never had problems getting information. But she said Hackley did little to build relationships with sympathetic legislators.

"I did not have the sense that we were playing on the same team," said Winner, a Charlotte Democrat. "I wish he had been more willing to reach out and ask for help."

Hackley may have underestimated the political side of the job, Wicker said. "To him, everything was an educational decision. "When he thought that a policy decision was a good, solid educational decision, in his mind that should override any political considerations."

The community colleges continued to do well in the legislature, and the House seemed particularly devoted to the system, despite any conflicts with Hackley. The community college budget grew by nearly 10 percent during Hackley's tenure.

"Just because we didn't think President Hackley would be our choice for the community college system, we weren't going to penalize the individual colleges," Grady said.

During a retreat last fall, several board members suggested that Hackley work to improve his relationship with lawmakers, Wicker said. He said Hackley appeared to take the evaluation hard and may have begun pondering his future with the system then.

"I found him to be in a deliberative type of mode in trying to determine what direction he wanted to take in his professional life," Wicker said.

Hackley has had little to say publicly since late last year, when rumors began to circulate that he was leaving the job.

"He's very disappointed that people would criticize him as a professional," Wicker said. "He didn't want to give them anything more to shoot at."

Hackley has not been much more forthcoming in private, board members said. "My guess would be that he's bitter," Kirk said. "But that's an intuitive feeling. He's conducted himself as a gentleman. He has not put the bad mouth on anyone."

Kirk said the board shares the blame for Hackley's troubles, such as its failure to write a job description for him. It will take a different approach with Hackley's successor, former congressman Martin Lancaster, Kirk said.

"The board has learned some lessons," Kirk said. "We will not micro-manage because that's not our role, but I hope we will give more direction and more leadership and more assistance to the president."

In his resignation announcement in January, Hackley said he was leaving to concentrate on larger educational issues and on his work on national boards, such as his chairmanship of Character Counts and his membership on the National Commission on Civic Renewal.

"By nature, Vic is a happy person and an optimist," Wicker said. "He's a can-do type of individual and has a lot of confidence in himself."

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**Jim Owen,** second vice-president of the Professional Construction Estimators Association, gives David Hayes, executive director of the Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation, a $2,000 check for an endowed scholarship. Since 1985, PCEA has given more than $20,000 to the college.

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## REGION BRIEFS

### CUMBERLAND

### VA money will cover repeated FTCC classes

Fayetteville Technical Community College students who pay for their classes with Veterans Affairs benefits will now be able to get VA money to pay for a class they have to repeat.

The FTCC board of trustees approved the change Monday to comply with changes in Veterans Affairs policy, college President Larry Norris said.

A second change that Veterans Affairs has made involves students taking independent study classes.

Under the old policy, the VA would not pay for independent study unless the student was also enrolled in at least one conventional course taught in a classroom. Now the VA will pay for independent study, even if that is the only class the student is taking.

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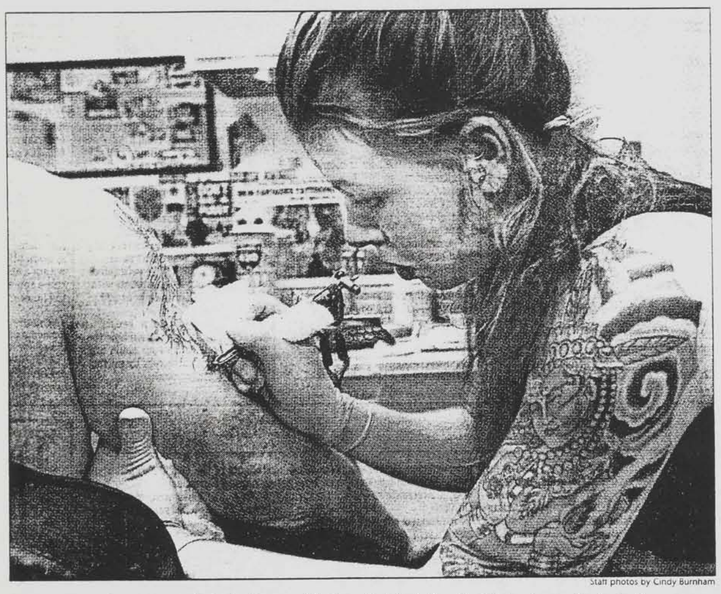

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**Mikki West** works on a tattoo for Justin Hageness. West says that the tattoo clientele has changed in the last two years.

# Body of work

*Forget the stereotype that only bikers and soldiers get tattoos. Nowadays, all kinds of people are sporting the colorful skin art.*

**By Melissa Clement**
Staff writer

Deana Green searches the walls at Bill Claydon's Tattoo World. Her husband, Scott Green, stands by holding their 4-month-old baby in a carrier.

She studies the thousands of tattoo designs, called flashes, that line the walls. She is looking for an arm bracelet tattoo to cover a homemade tattoo done by a girlfriend when she was 18. She is now 26.

"I had to hide my first tattoo from my parents. My mom was so dead set against me even getting my ears pierced. She used to say, 'If God had meant for you to have holes in your body or tattoos, he would have put them there.'"

But times and attitudes have changed, and tattooing, practiced since antiquity, is enjoying a renaissance. Popularized by entertainers and sports figures, tattoos are as likely to be found on owners of BMWs as those with Harley Davidsons.

Some years ago, women started getting tattoos, and now they make up about 20 percent of the business at Tattoo World, Claydon said. Many of his customers come from South Carolina, where tattooing is illegal. Repeat customers come from other states. Blacks make up almost 50 percent of his business. Color is hard to adapt to dark skin, and he believes blacks usually look best with black and gray tattoos.

Claydon's wife, Audrey, who works at Tattoo World, credits the recent popularity of tattoos to entertainers who have them such as Rosie O'Donnell, Roseanne and sports figures like Dennis Rodman.

At Skin Fantasies on Raeford Road, 23-year-old Mikki West also has seen the clientele change.

"Tattoos have definitely become more popular in the last two years," she says as she creates a Viking warrior on a soldier's arm. "Our business has tripled in the last few years. It used to be all our customers were bikers or military, but now we have cops, kindergarten teachers, lawyers, grandmas and grandpas. People don't look at it as sleazy anymore. Tattoos are just like pictures on a canvas. Lots of people have them done to commemorate the birth of a child, the death of someone."

Kim Strickland, who owns Smokin' Guns Tattooing with her husband, Dave, on Yadkin Road, says business has picked up since she started 10 years ago.

"I think society has loosened up a lot. Society doesn't hold prejudices against people with tattoos like they used to. It has become more acceptable, and the art has come a long way, too. A lot of good artists are tattooing. Sad to say, a lot of people just get into it for the money. Tattooing is fun and challenging. Just watching people's faces after they have a tattoo — when they get up and smile. It just makes you feel good."

Even the older set is getting into the act.

At age 51, Deana Green's mother, Deanna Alfather, changed her mind about body alter-

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**Bill Claydon** gives Bill Seifert his second tattoo while Seifert's friend, Michael Sheets, keeps him company.

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## Tattoos

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ations. First she had her ears pierced, then she got three tattoos, a hibiscus, a pansy and a hummingbird.

"She got them in memory of my dad, who died," Deana Green says. "The hibiscus was because that was on her wedding dress. The pansy was my dad's favorite flower and after he died, a hummingbird showed up. I think she got them because she wanted to free herself — to walk on the wild side."

### Blue rose

At Tattoo World, Deana Green finally settles on a blue rose set in a motif with jagged edges called "tribal." She has a unicorn tattoo on her back in honor of her 5-year-old daughter, Alysia. On her left ankle is a lavender rose tattoo and an iris with a red eye ball decorates her right shoulder.

Her husband, Scott Green, pulls up his shirt to show a large dragon on his back. It cost $150. He wants to get it shaded. That will cost about $100. On his arms are tattoos of a crystal ball and a joker with a skull face. He is a mechanic who works on humvees for the 782nd Main Support Battalion.

"Everybody in California, where we're from, is getting tattoos. They walk around the beach with their shirts off, showing off. They have a kind of fashions show for tattoos. You walk across a runway and get judged. The shops that do them compete, too. They have tattoo conventions and people set up booths. Everybody likes tattoos and wants to talk about what they've got," Scott Green says.

Deana Green adds, "In California, especially around the beaches, 80 to 90 percent of people our age have them. It's art — very expressive — and it tells something about a person's personality."

Clicking noises come from the pool table as customers shoot pool while they wait their turn with one of the eight tattoo artists in booths that line the walls at Tattoo World.

Bill Claydon can be seen in one of the booths at work on a tattoo. The hospital-clean room with a table-top sterilizer could be a medical office except for the colored bottles of ink that line the white cabinets. Reclining on a full-length chair is Bill Seifert, a 27-year-old soldier. He has picked a Celtic flash that will circle his upper right arm.

**Bill Claydon** uses black ink to form Bill Seifert's tattoo. The seven-needle tool penetrates two layers of skin.

Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

There is a loud hum as Claydon presses the seven-needle electric tool through two layers of Seifert's skin. With gloved hands, Claydon dips the tool into a tiny plastic cup of black ink and inserts it into the arm again, wiping the excess ink and a slight tinge of blood away every few seconds. After three hours of intense work, the shading on the two-inch wide tattoo begins to take the shape of woven thongs grasping the arm.

Seifert, on his back with his arm held up, looks tired as Claydon starts work on the underside of the arm.

"It doesn't feel all that good," Seifert says.

"Women can take the pain better than men. Overall, women are tougher than we are," says Claydon.

Customers who smoke sit in front of the royal blue Tattoo World building, a mile from Fort Bragg on Yadkin Road. Beverly Ritter, dressed in shorts and a Seven Dwarves T-shirt, is taking a break from a tattoo session. Her right leg shows the swollen, red outlines of Dopey and Sleepy and Doc. It's Sneezy who is really bothering her, she says.

"I collect anything to do with Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, figurines, puzzles, books, she says. "I started getting tattoos three years ago when my husband and three sons get them."

### The demons

She and her husband, Ray Ritter, get work done at Tattoo World each time they drive from Maryland to see their son at Fort Bragg. Ray Ritter pulls his shirt up to show a back covered with tattoos of his entire family, including an eagle carrying his grandchild in its beak. His son pulls up his pant leg to expose a devil who seems to be bursting through a layer of skin. His dad pulls up his pant leg to show a similar one.

"Everybody has demons within their bodies," Ray Ritter says. "Every now and then you've got to let those demons out or they will stay bottled up in you."

At Skin Fantasies, signs on the wall say "We Do Not Tattoo Drunks" and "We Do Not Tattoo Below The Bikini Line." West, like other tattoo artists, had to serve an apprenticeship that can take up to two years. Tattoos range in price from $20 for a name to thousands of dollars for elaborate flashes.

Kim Strickland at Smokin' Gun says cover-up tattooing is most often done to remove the name of a former partner.

Petie, just Petie, no last name, is one of the four artists who works in the five ultra-white studios at Smokin' Guns. He has just completed a six-inch, soft gray portrait of a girl named Cara on the back of Karl Liles, a young soldier. Done from a photograph, the job took two hours and cost $250. Liles says it hurt, but was not unbearable.

Petie, who looks older than his 25 years, had his first tattoo at age 13, before it was illegal to tattoo those under 18. The name "Petie" and a shamrock were done by an 80-year-old New Hampshire artist. Since, then Petie has added the images of girls, eagles, a panther, a dragon, roses and waves on his arms.

Two years ago, Dr. John Labadie got a tattoo from Bill Claydon. Labadie teaches art at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and is an archaeology illustrator who holds a doctorate in interdisciplinary studies.

He chose a design by Arthur Rackham, an early 1900s book illustrator. When he was growing up, Labadie was fascinated by Rackham's illustrations and took an art nouveau design of sinuous barbed wire as his personal symbol. When he wears T-shirts, people are often surprised, since tattoos are not usually associated with college teachers.

"As far back as there have been bodies to look at there have been tattoos," he says, sighting the "Ice Man" found in the Alps in 1991.

"A lot of people just like them," Labadie says. "For others it's a counterculture statement, a way of separating themselves out — the only part of their life they can control. It's a fraternity of pain. You can have a tattoo, and that's what you are — a part of your own personal, visual history."

### Teacher

Arjay Hinek, an English teacher at Fayetteville Technical Community College, wanted to mark a new era in his life with a tattoo, according to ancient tradition. When his daughter, Cecelia, was born eight years ago, he commemorated the occasion with his personal symbol of a horse on his left hip.

Trish Koenig has six tattoos, all in places that are visible only when she is in a bikini, since she has to dress conservatively for her job in real estate. She chose roses, orchids and butterflies and took her designs to Bill Claydon to be translated into flash.

Koenig got her first tattoo, a yellow rose, to cover a three-inch scar on her stomach.

"Tattoos are a wonderful way of expressing yourself in a personal way. They are additive. After I got my first one, I received so many compliments at the beach that I had to get another one. The compliments were mostly from elderly women. It was a painful procedure, but now they are wonderful pieces of art that will last forever. Tattoos are a sexual turn-on. My husband, Ed, loves them and even when I'm naked, I'm not really naked."

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*Ralph, Lake*

**Marsha Ralph to wed Roy Lake**

Shea Ralph and Ryan Ralph announce the engagement of their mother, Marsha Mann Ralph of Fayetteville, to Roy Eugene Lake of Satellite Beach, Fla. The bride-elect is the daughter of Gerald and Edith Mann of Dunn. The parents of the prospective bridegroom are Gene and Jane Lake of DeQueen, Ark.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 9 at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simon's Island, Ga.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received a master's degree from Campbell University. She is a mathematics instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The prospective bridegroom received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is an executive with the Florida Marlins.

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**Sally Maynor,** left, is the FTCC Association of Education Office Professionals employee of the year. Barbara Copeland, right, is the association's administrator of the year. Outgoing association president Bonnie Hall, center, presents them with plaques.

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# Norris no stranger to FTCC

## Next president from Fayetteville, has taught at school

**By Kim Nilsen**
Staff writer

**Norris**

Dr. Larry Bruce Norris was picked Monday to become the next president of Fayetteville Technical Community College, where he went to work as a teacher 28 years ago.

Norris, 51, of Fayetteville, will begin the job July 1.

"It's a great day for me," he told members of the school's board of trustees after they unanimously named him president.

The search for a president began after Craig Allen retired from the job at the end of June. Harry Shaw, chairman of the board of trustees, said advertising for the post generated at least 40 applications from candidates from as far away as Texas. Several applicants were interviewed. Three, including Norris, were finalists.

Finding a leader within the FTCC system was appealing, but Norris was chosen because he was the most qualified applicant, Shaw said. Because Norris is familiar with the system, he offers continuity in a time of big changes. By this summer, FTCC and other community colleges will switch from a quarter schedule to a semester system.

The transition is more difficult than it sounds, Norris said. Hundreds of course guidelines and standards have to be rewritten. Seeing FTCC through that change will be his first major task, he said.

Norris' history with the community college dates to 1969, when he took a job as an English instructor.

He has been chairman of the college's English department, associate dean of instruction for general education and dean of curriculum instruction. He's now vice president for academic affairs.

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# New Day

## Norris begins to chart his course at FTCC

Switching from quarters to semesters is occupying much of Fayetteville Technical Community College's new president. As time-consuming as the task is, it will be but one of the least of the challenges Dr. Larry Bruce Norris is apt to see during his tenure of leadership.

Technical colleges by design remain on the cutting edge. As local and national economies change, the colleges must be ready to adapt. Technical colleges may offer more traditional college courses than they once did. They are working with universities to make transitions smoother for students who opt to transfer. But it is crucial that the technical college mission remain a separate one. Communities and employers depend upon them for job skills training.

Technical colleges in North Carolina are still living up to the "tech" part, although increasingly on the high-tech end. Textile jobs — the South's old mainstay — are disappearing, but not manufacturing and industry. FTCC is not abandoning them as it moves into the communications frontier.

The students technical colleges attract are changing as well. "Downsized" workers seeking new skills are enrolling. Companies send workers to be trained or retrained. The links between technical colleges and high schools are drawing closer — one of education's more promising directions.

Norris, whose experience at FTCC goes back to 1969, knows that a president of a technical college never has the leisure of resting on past success. The president's task of giving stability to a campus that by its very definition must remain in flux is a daunting one. It is a visionary's job. Norris has the experience. Wish him well.

Staff photos by Steve Hebert

**Stacey Evans, 9, gets a little help** with her poem from Gwendolyn Brown, a 4th grade teacher at Westarea Elementary School who has taught for 26 years. The students are developing research skills while studying math and poetry.

# Children patch up skills

**Students write a quatrain,** a four-line poem, about a mathematician on cloth squares that will be sewn together in a quilt. A nearly finished poem about John Napier sits on a desktop near some tools of the trade.

**By Doug Miller**
Staff writer

Eight-year-old Aaron Miller is spending his summer vacation brushing up on math and learning about Ptolemy — one stitch at a time.

Aaron, the shy boy sitting in the corner of the classroom, has written a poem about the ancient astronomer.

Using turquoise paint, he copies these words upon a square of cloth: "The Ptolemic system was written, generations of geographers and mapmakers were smitten."

When he is finished, Aaron's cloth will join squares from his classmates to form a large quilt.

The colorful patchwork will decorate the library at Westarea Elementary School and serve as a permanent reminder of the Mathematics and Language Arts Summer Academy.

The program is an inventive way to offer remediation for students struggling with math. Teachers from several Cumberland County schools designed a curriculum that links long division and multiplication with research and poetry.

The summer school lasts three weeks and is sponsored by Gov. Hunt's Save Our Students program, which is designed to prevent scholastic failure.

Twenty-two Cumberland County schoolchildren participated in the Mathematics and Language Arts Summer Academy, which ended Thursday.

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tion.

"The good news is we ... find any man-made influences, Rawls said. "The bad news is we lost a number of fish."

Rawls said the demand for oxygen exceeded the amount of oxygen available, suffocating the fish. Rawls said Investigator Ricky Revels did a thorough inspection of conditions upstream and took water samples.

The sample contained oxygen levels of less than one part per million, Revels reported. Normal levels are about five parts per mil-

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Staff graphic



## REGION BRIEFS

### CUMBERLAND

### FTCC graduates told to be problem solvers

When Linwood Powell agreed to give the commencement address at Fayetteville Technical Community College, he asked College President Larry Norris what he should speak about.

He said Norris told him, "The graduates would appreciate it if you spoke about two or three minutes."

Powell nearly followed that advice as he spoke before 374 graduates at the Cumberland County auditorium Friday night.

He focused on various sides of the work ethic.

Society has moved from the Industrial Age to the Information Age, a transition that has required workers "to do more, to do better and to do it with less," Powell said.

He talked about job commitment. Taking your job seriously and making it a part of your life will help to ease stress and cope with inevitable changes.

Be accountable, Powell said. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, but admit to them when you do. And to become a valuable employee, develop a reputation as a problem solver, not someone who stops at pointing them out.

"Make a contribution," Powell said. "Experience isn't everything. It's the contribution that counts."

Powell served as interim president at FTCC during the 1996-97 school year. A native of Virginia, he has worked at the college for more than 20 years.

# Fair Bluff drownings bring town together

**By Robert Lamme**
Staff writer

**FAIR BLUFF** — Judy Westman has been the pastor at Fair Bluff United Methodist Church for only two weeks, but she says you don't have to be a local to know that people in the community are in pain.

On the street, at the grocery store and at the church, Westman says people in this small community of about 1,000 people near the South Carolina border are talking and praying and hurting over the drownings of Vincente Barraza and four of his children in the Lumber River on Sunday.

"Most of us never knew these people, but you still feel the pain that a mother must feel from losing her husband and four children," Westman said. "That's a pain that touches every person's heart."

To start getting the grieving out in the open, about 100 people gathered Thursday night for a memorial service for the victims.

*'A tragedy like this, I think, it brings out the best in the community. Death don't have no color, or nationality.'*

*— Fair Bluff Mayor J.B. Evans*

Westman organized the memorial service at her church. Warren Heitzenrater, pastor at Evergreen United Methodist in Chadbourne, translated the service in Spanish.

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Staff photo by Jay Capers

**US Airways ramp agents** Donnie Davis and Duncan Parker load one of four caskets from the Barraza family onto a plane at Fayetteville Regional Airport.

*SIGN LANGUAGE*

# Hollerin' champ helps the silent

**Turner**

**By Kim Nilsen**
Staff writer

Iris Turner made a name for herself 20 years ago with a high-pitched holler.

Today she teaches people to speak without sound.

The former ladies champion of the National Hollerin' Contest at Spivey's Corner is a sign-language instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Turner, 49, of Fayetteville, loves to talk. She loves an audience. Without sign language, she was shut off from communicating with people who could not be

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## Silent

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reached by her crisp, throaty voice.

The sentences she speaks with her hands are a far cry from her performance at the 1977 Hollerin' Contest.

The war call she used in the contest is a staccato shriek that mounts in volume before ending in a howling laugh. She says she learned it as a child as she sat in a Fort Bragg theater her father ran, watching the movie "Thunder in the Sun" again and again. Actors in the movie used the call in battle, to psyche out enemies and communicate with each other.

Turner used it to call her sons back to their Revere Street home from nearby Brentwood Elementary School.

A neighbor went to the Spivey's Corner contest, which showcases old-fashioned country communication, in 1976 and urged Turner to compete the following year.

She went to the Sampson County contest in 1977, stepped up to the microphone and let loose with the winning cry.

The title and her plucky personality took her all over the country. Three days after winning the contest, she was off to California to do the "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson. She appeared on the "Gong Show" for a week. She did her holler in more than 300 parades. People who recognized her by her long red hair stopped her on the street and asked her to shout for them.

She has volumes of scrap books stuffed with newspaper clippings of her travels and snapshots of celebrities she met along the way.

Turner cherishes all things old. She has started her own business, Southeastern Estate Services, through which she catalogs collections of antiques and other goods for auctions, estate sales or inventory. Her player piano is lined with old photos, each with a story.

She has little use for some of the trappings of today's world. She never learned to drive and doesn't wear a watch.

And she loves the nearly lost practice of hollering, used by farmers in the days before telephones were popular to call for food or drink and by rural neighbors to signal each morning that all was fine.

When the Spivey's Corner contest was opened in 1993 to past winners, Turner entered and won again. But she says she has retired from hollering. She's got a new art.

"I went from using my mouth to using my hands," Turner said.

She learned to sign about five years ago through a course at the community college where she is now a teacher. She went with a friend who had a child with a hearing problem.

She has passed the language on to school teachers, a police officer, people with co-workers or family members who are deaf and others who just want to learn to speak with their hands.

"I think at first I wanted to learn because it was a pretty language," Turner said. Then she found out the signs let her into a silent world populated with vibrant people.

"I make new friends every time I have a class," she said.

# New movie to have Fayetteville screening

*'Air Force One,' a film starring Harrison Ford, depicts special operations troops.*

**By Henry Cuningham**
Military editor

Harrison Ford's new movie, "Air Force One," will have a special screening in Fayetteville on Thursday in honor of the special operations troops depicted in the film.

The screening at Carmike Twelve Cinemas in the Westwood Shopping Center on Morganton Road will be one day before the movie is released nationwide.

"It's the home for most of the units that are portrayed in the movie," said Ben Schemmer, an organizer. "It seemed like a good way to salute the troops and express in a small way America's appreciation for their service and their quiet professionalism."

Columbia Pictures and Lockheed Martin are giving the screening, which will raise scholarship money for relatives of deceased for

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mselves from the rain Sunday
Ramsey Street. Rainy weather is

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# Seminar to show Hispanics resources

## Group may start business association

**By Catherine Pritchard**
Staff writer

A local businessman will lead an August workshop to help fellow Hispanics who are interested in business.

And if there's enough interest expressed at the workshop, the group may try to start a local Hispanic business association.

The workshop, scheduled for Aug. 27 at Fayetteville Technical Community College, will focus on introducing Hispanics to the resources available at the college's Small Business Center.

Businessman Marshell Silva discovered the center about four years ago when he opened a small shop specializing in NFL merchandise and took charge of the North Carolina business of a Maryland-based computer consulting company.

"I went through their seminars and found very valuable information there," he said.

Silva knew that plenty of Hispanics live in the area, but few seemed to be taking advantage of the center's programs and information. With the permission of the college, he developed the three-hour, free workshop.

"It's important that we target a broad base of client, make sure that we reach all of the potential business market," said Charles Koonce, director of the Small Business Center.

Given the growth in the local Hispanic population, and the growth in businesses begun by Hispanics, Silva's workshop seemed a good way to reach out to them, Koonce said. "We want to make sure we serve that growing population."

Silva said the workshop and possible Hispanic business association aren't meant to segregate Hispanics, but to help them, particularly those who aren't familiar with U.S. business culture.

"You have to know how business is conducted or you won't survive."

*The seminar begins at 9 a.m. For more information, call FTCC's Small Business Center at 678-8496.*

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# New community colleges president reaches out

**Martin Lancaster is traveling the state in an effort to get to know campus presidents, trustee chairmen and legislative leaders.**

By Tim Simmons
STAFF WRITER

Moving quickly to address complaints leveled against his predecessor, new community college President Martin Lancaster is in the midst of a meeting-and-greeting binge throughout the state.

In his first formal remarks to the state Board of Community Colleges on Friday, Lancaster said he has met with most of the 58 campus presidents, most local trustee chairmen, all off the legislative leaders in the General Assembly and most of the workers in the system's central office.

He figures he will finish off his list of visits in the coming week, at which point he will have been on the job all of one month.

"I've been pretty busy since I came on board," Lancaster said during a break in the meeting.

The former legislator and congressman took over as community college president on July 1, replacing Lloyd "Vic" Hackley.

During his 2½ years in office, Hackley was often criticized by legislators and local campus presidents for being inaccessible and failing to understand their concerns.

Partly to dispel that image and largely to learn more about the system of 780,000 students, Lancaster is traveling throughout the state to hold full-day meetings with campus presidents, trustees and staff members. He also is walking the halls of the legislature and fielding questions from lawmakers.

He will complete his last two visits with campus leaders this week.

"The discussions have been free-wheeling and sometimes very frank," Lancaster said. "I'm learning a lot."

Salaries, equipment and building needs are typically the top concerns of most college officials, Lancaster said.

In addition, the former head of the Army Corp of Engineers said he is concerned that the system itself seems to have no long-range plan or planning process in place.

"We are going to need a long-range planning process if we are going to make maximum progress," he said.

Lancaster spoke to a board that included three new members appointed to six-year terms. Three others were reappointed to the board.

The group also re-elected Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker to his third two-year term as board chairman. Phil Kirk, president of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry, was elected vice chairman.

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# Design of his Dreams

*A former Fayetteville man calls stained-glass windows he helped create for an Air Force chapel the most difficult project he's ever handled.*

**By Melissa Clement**
Staff writer

While Staff Sgt. Robert Tuttle was stationed in England, he volunteered to design three stained-glass windows for an Air Force chapel. He never dreamed of the problems or the honor the project would bring.

After months of research into the process and religious symbolism, he presented his first designs, based on an Air Force insignia. A committee of 35 turned down the designs because they contained no reference to God. It was literally back to the drawing board for Tuttle.

"It was the most difficult project I've ever had to handle," Tuttle said. "I had to design windows that would satisfy interfaith requirement and still project a reverence for God. At one point I was so frustrated that I was about to give it up. I did a lot of research on the debate over representing Jesus in windows and iconology."

Then one night the solution came to him in a dream.

"It just came to me. It was so obvious what it should be that I couldn't believe I hadn't thought of it before," he said.

**Staff Sgt. Robert Tuttle** is the first enlisted person to win the U.S. Air Force Design Award.

The solution won him the 1996 U.S. Air Force Design Award, presented on May 22. Tuttle was the first enlisted person to receive the award. It was the only award given for a project that was done by a volunteer.

The centerpiece window shows the Statue of Liberty holding a torch in front of white clouds, blue skies, purple mountains and green plains. The statue represents liberty enlightening the world. It also represent the 48th Fighter Wing's symbol, the Statue of Liberty. The 48th is called "The Liberty Wing" and is unusual in the Air Force because it has a number and a title.

The right window shows a hand holding a lighted lamp to represent the light of God. The left window shows a hand releasing a dove to represent God presenting peace to the world.

## Artistic engineer

The windows illuminate the Liberty Wing Base Chapel at Royal Air Force Lakenheath Air Force Base, England. Tuttle was stationed at the base and was an active member of the chapel when he was approached to design the windows by the chaplain who knew he was an engineer with an artistic background.

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**The symbol** of the 48th Fighter Wing, the Statue of Liberty is a key part of Tuttle's design.

The design was executed by what Tuttle calls a "Mom-and-Pops outfit working in a shack in the back of their house in a nearby rural area." The glass was shipped from Poland and cost $6,000 to install.

The jurors statement reads "The project is cited because the windows were designed and constructed by volunteers during their free time, reflecting a great sense of giving and Air Force pride."

## Starting young

Tuttle has always had a desire to create. His first designs were made in the fifth grade, when he created a house on graph paper. After moving seven times during grade school, his Air Force father, Robert Kennedy Tuttle, and his mother, Janie Tuttle, retired in Fayetteville in 1979. The young Tuttle attended Terry Sanford High School and Fayetteville Technical Community College, where he received an associate degree in architectural drafting and design. There he met his future wife, Faith Tatum, also a design student from Fayetteville.

**A small rural** 'Mom and Pops' company built Robert Tuttle's design.

In 1984, Tuttle joined the Air Force to begin his career with the 48th Civil Engineer Squad-

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ron, the same squadron as his father.

While in England he and his wife and two sons, Michael, 8, and Christopher, 10, enjoyed touring the countryside and studying the designs and constructions of castles.

"It was like driving through a history book of architecture," Tuttle said. "The art work of the past, the style, how they were put together. The detailed millwork — you don't see as much of that today."

He is now stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

In May, Tuttle and his family flew to Washington for the award ceremony. His parents and his mother-in-law, Dorothy Tatum of Fayetteville, joined them there. The highlight came when Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia broke with tradition.

"The general invited my kids to come up on the stage during the presentation. That is very unusual for the Air Force. My sons were very excited about that."

## The Online Classroom: Teaching on the Internet

*Sam Zahran*
*English Instructor*-Fayetteville Technical Community College

After a three-hour, on-campus orientation familiarizing students with software requirements and with the Internet connections they need, the Online Classroom meets only at our Student Desktop on the World Wide Web. The Fayetteville Tech Virtual Campus is located at: http://www.faytech.cc.nc.us/infodesk/vcampus/vcampus.html

Though the Online Classroom will not replace the traditional classroom, it offers students (and faculty) another choice in the lifelong-learning process. In fact, for certain students and faculty, the Online Classroom offers a superior learning environment, for four reasons:

1. It is learner-centered.
2. It requires self-pacing and discipline.
3. It provides collaborative learning.
4. It requires computer/Internet expertise.

**A Learner-Centered Environment**

The Syllabus, Assignments, and Web Links Pages provide students access to all course information and procedures. The focus is on the student discovering and learning, not on the instructor "teaching."

The Syllabus Page provides students with basic course information, such as course credits, texts (which are the same as those used in our traditional classrooms), evaluation, make-up policy, course description, and the outline of instruction. In addition, students can E-mail the instructor to send comments or questions about the course. Students may also choose to send comments about the course to the networks webmaster. The Assignments Page lists the entire session's course work. A number of linked resources throughout the Assignments Pages provide students with access to Hypernews (the Asynchronous Class Discussion Forum), the Syllabus, a general description of course operations, research paper topics, sample research paper, and, perhaps most importantly, links to literary resources on the World Wide Web. These literary links can, for instance, take students to the Ernest M. Hemingway Home Page, provided by the University of Florida's English Department. At this and similar sites, students can obtain a wealth of multimedia information about an author's life, times, and works.

The Web Links Page provides students with access to a number of other sources, including mini-lectures (How This Internet Course Works, How Your Essays Are Graded, Writing the Five-Paragraph Essay), a Sample Research Paper, Research Paper Topics, Final Exam Topics, and Directions for Using the Class Discussion Forum. The Web Links Page also provides access to educational resources on the World Wide Web, such as Literature Resources on the Web, Virtual Reference Desks, Online Writing Labs at various universities, The World Wide Web Virtual Library, and Tutorials on the Internet and the World Wide Web.

**Self-pacing and Discipline**

The Assignments page enables students to set their own pace, as long as they complete course work on time. Discipline is absolutely essential, for both the minimum and maximum users of course materials.

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***(The Online Classroom, Cont'd.)***

Assignments are scheduled for every day of the session, including weekends. Assignments range from participation in asynchronous or synchronous class discussions to handing in essays and other assignments via E-mail. Since students use a variety of computer resources—campus facilities, at-home computers, and/or computers at work, they must allot the time necessary to complete assignments based on their individual needs. Assignments last from an average of two to five days, and students can use this range of opportunity to provide the instructor with as timely a completion of assignments as possible. E-mail is available for handing in late work, of course, at the instructor's discretion.

**Collaborative Learning**

Students work with each other and with the instructor by accessing the Discussion Forum, Write Classmates, and Chat With Classmates pages. Since all collaboration is reading/writing-based, the Online Classroom provides an excellent environment for a thorough and thoughtful examination of course subject matter.

The Discussion Forum (HyperNews) enables students to engage in an asynchronous classroom discussion with their peers and with the instructor. A threaded format provides virtual simultaneity of comments that gives the participants the feeling of immediacy and relevance, whether theirs was one of the first or one of the last comments posted. In addition, the medium provides the students with the ability to link readers of their comments to resources on the World Wide Web by providing links in the body of their comments.

The Write Classmates Page provides students with pictures of their classmates as well as E-mail addresses/access and a brief biography provided by students as one of their first assignments. Students can thus "look into the eyes" of their peers and correspond with them privately (and knowledgeably) by E-mail. The Write Classmates Page reminds students that the course has a human face.

The Chat With Classmates Page (WebChat) is a synchronous chat forum that allows students to interact with each other and the instructor in a real-time format. The instructor can use this forum for the completion of class assignments, or he/she may choose to allow students to use this forum as an "instructor-free" environment (a virtual snack bar) where they can meet with their peers to discuss course/classmate-related materials.

**Computer/Internet Expertise**

The Web Browser, E-mail, and the Discussion/Chat Forums require students to work in a Windows/Webbed Environment.

The Online Classroom provides students with an excellent opportunity to learn and even master electronic writing, research, and conferencing skills that are becoming more and more important in both the academic and business arenas. Electronic resource materials teach students how to use and even to create multi-layered documents that contain embedded links to ancillary resources. Students learn the importance of staying focused and following productive links to complete research requirements. E-mail and Discussion Forums provide students with the essential tools for collaborating in small or large groups to complete assigned tasks in a timely, convenient way.

**Conclusion**

Because it provides a learner-centered environment and collaborative learning; and because it requires self-pacing, discipline, and computer/Internet expertise, the Online Classroom offers a tremendous opportunity for students and faculty to develop lifelong-learning skills. While not for evéryone, the Online Classroom offers an alternative—not a substitute—for the traditional classroom. However, it is an alternative that will become increasingly important in the lives of all twenty-first century learners.

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**David McMillan,** left, Wanda Hayes and Kevin Thomas are among the hundreds who filled out applications for Kelly Springfield at FTCC on Saturday.

Staff photo by Chris Hondros

KELLY SPRINGFIELD PLANT

# 3,500 sign up for jobs

By David Sinclair
Staff writer

Robert Cagle's picture ought to be in the dictionary next to the definition of persistence.

For 13 years he has tried to get a job at the Kelly Springfield tire plant. He joined hordes of others Saturday at Fayetteville Technical Community College hoping to be one of 300 new employees the company will need when it starts running its Ramsey Street factory on Sundays in September.

The tire-maker expects other jobs to open as some workers start retiring. By noon, more than 2,200 people had braved the scorching heat waiting in line to fill out an application with the state Employment Security Commission, said manager Catherine Van Sickle. She estimated about 3,500 applied.

Another round of applications will be taken next Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the college. Van Sickle expects to receive over 6,000 applications when it's over.

"I'm going to keep coming back until they hire me," Cagle, 36, said. "I'm getting good at this."

The Employment Security Commission will screen the applications to determine who will move on to the next step, which is filing out a Kelly Springfield application.

People were herded into the college auditorium to hear about the company and fill out an application.

The six-step process, requires 19 hours, and can take up to six months to complete, Van Sickle said. The reward: jobs that pay up $18.5 hour and good benefits. Starting is $10.91 to $11.50 with autor raises.

But be ready for hard, phy labor. The 12-hour shift req

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standing for long periods of time and lifting heavy things in a hot and noisy environment.

"It's worth it," said Douglas McArthur as he waited in line.

The day turned into a family affair for some as husbands and wives with children applied. Some came with parents and aunts and uncles.

Trevor Beebe, 24, and his wife, Renee, 26, applied even though they have other jobs.

"It's a good company and the pay is good," Mr. Beebe said.

got a chance at landing a job? His management experience. "Just give me an interview," he said.

Van Sickle said that when her staff arrived around 7:30 the line stretched out to Fort Bragg Road.

"With the heat, we decided to open early," she said. Volunteers handed out water as people waited in line, some up to two hours. One woman was treated for heat exhaustion.

Van Sickle had two words of advice for those who applied: Be patient Screening all of the appli-

300 JOBS

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# Kelly seeks workers

By Catherine Pritchard
Staff writer

Open the floodgates: Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. is getting ready to take job applications again.

The tire-maker is looking for about 300 workers to fill jobs that will be created when it starts running its Ramsey Street factory on Sundays in September. It also expects other jobs to open as some workers from the plant's earliest days reach 30 years of service and start retiring.

And it needs to replenish its list of potential hires for when other jobs open.

Applications will be taken between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. over the next two Saturdays, Aug. 16 and Aug. 23, at Cumberland Hall on Hull Road at Fayetteville Technical Community College. The Fayetteville Job Service Office is coordinating the process.

Kelly-Springfield should have no problem attracting interest. The last time it took applications, in 1995, nearly 5,000 people showed up — in a single day. Nearly 8,000 signed up for shots at jobs during a two-day period.

Catherine Van Sickle, who manages the local Job Service office, expects no less this time.

"I've got to call the police and let them know so they won't be surprised by all the traffic," she said.

Jobs at the plant are coveted because the pay is higher and the benefits better than at most other industries in the area.

But the pay won't be as good as it used to be for those just starting out. Under a work contract put in place this year, new workers start out at 62 percent of the base hourly pay of about $18 to $18.50. Their pay gradually increases to top pay over a two-year period.

Those interested in working at the plant must go through a rigorous screening process. There will be six phases in the selection process, taking about 19 hours in all. Those who make it through will then face a rigorous job with shifts lasting 12 hours.

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# 3 bring new perspective to education in N.C.

**The newcomers who head the public schools, community colleges and university system hope to develop a fresh working relationship.**

BY CYNTHIA BARNETT
STAFF WRITER

North Carolina's public education troika is made up of newcomers for the first time.

But the leaders of the state's public schools, community colleges and state universities vowed Monday that their being new on the job will help — not hurt — efforts to create a "seamless" public education system in the state.

"It makes it possible for us to develop a working relationship free of any prior seniority or any baggage that may be been brought to the table, because we're all new," said Martin Lancaster, president of the N.C. Community College System.

Lancaster, a former legislator and congressman, took over the community colleges last month. On Monday, he met with fellow leaders Molly Broad, president of the University of North Carolina system, who also took over in July, and State School Superintendent Mike Ward, who took office in January.

The three couldn't be more different: Lancaster the former legislator and congressman; Broad the career university administrator from out of state; and Ward, who worked his way up the ranks from teacher and coach to win election to his post last fall.

But they made clear Monday that they will work more closely than their super-connected predecessors to smooth the transition between high school, community colleges and universities. They pointed to the transfer agreements approved this summer by the universities' and community colleges' boards as the type of changes students and parents can expect in the future.

Under the agreements, students can attend one of the 58 community colleges their freshman and sophomore years, filling general education requirements that will transfer to any of the 16 UNC campuses. The state's 37 private colleges and universities are working with the community colleges on similar agreements, said Hope Williams, president of the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Some of the cooperation has come under pressure: a pending college enrollment crisis in the state will pour 186,000 more students into the community colleges and 33,000 more into the universities in the next 10 years. The state has to come up with ways to make space for all those students.

But Broad said forging a strong bond between the public schools, community colleges and universities is "much deeper than space."

"Student choice is a very important part of this entire equation," she said.

The leaders said they plan more programs to get high schoolers ready for college and to get UNC-educated teachers ready for the classroom.

There was also an indication that the three don't want to fight each other for state money.

"Building a seamless education system is our future," said Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, chairman of the State Board of Community Colleges, who arranged Monday's meeting. "We can no longer view these as three separate entities competing for the same dollars."

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ANOTHER VOICE

By Melissa Clement

# *Art-loving twins enjoy new home*

The brothers, Bruce and Henry Pulliam, are gone. They left town without any hoopla, just sort of faded away leaving only a forwarding address.

They moved from the Clarendon House in Haymount to Murfreesboro, 10 miles from the Virginia border, to be near their younger sister, Mildred Wrenn. They say they left quietly because they dreaded good-byes. Farewell parties have been curtailed until someone can catch them in town.

Bruce lived in Fayetteville for 35 years and taught at Methodist College where he headed the Social Science Department. Henry moved here 10 years ago after retiring from a teaching career at Fort Union Military Academy in Virginia. They both served on numerous college boards and boards of art organizations.

Bruce and I first met at the Quaker House in the late '60s during anti-war protests. In the '70s Bruce, a liberal Republican, headed the local presidential campaign for Democrat candidate George McGovern. The joke is that meetings were held in a phone booth.

Both brothers are strong supporters of the arts and we have always been allies and friends.

### Next thing to heaven

On Friday I visited them at their new, spacious ranch-style home decorated with antiques, oriental art and so many works by North Carolina artists that closets are overflowing.

We lunched at the one restaurant in Murfreesboro, and for dinner we drove 10 miles to a restaurant in Jackson. The waitress took one look at the Pulliams and said, "You are either twins or brothers." In unison they replied "Both."

The 73-year-old identical twins have not always done things in unison. They are alike but differ in opinions, likes and dislikes. They no longer dress alike as their mother required them to do until they went away to Wake Forest College.

Looking alike has given the two great chances for mischief. Once in their hometown of Roxboro, Bruce voted twice, once for Henry and once for himself.

For history buffs like Bruce and Henry, Murfreesboro is the next thing to heaven. We toured the town, population 3,500, that once was a center of 19th century travel from the Meherrin River. Half the town, it seems, is involved in restoration projects on the grand old homes, some involving natives Dr. Walter Reed and Richard Gatling, the inventor of the Gatling gun.

Every day the brothers take a walking tour of the historic district and walk to the library at nearby Chowan College. They attend the Quaker Meeting at Woodland, 10 miles away, and proudly display a key to the meeting house that was built in 1760.

### The paper chase

Henry calls Bruce a "pack rat" but Bruce is now putting his collecting mania to good use. For several hours each day he organizes his 50-year collection of journals, correspondence, newspapers and photographs.

During World War II Bruce was threatened with court-martial for keeping a diary during military campaigns he took part in, including the battle of Guam. His collections will go to college libraries. Guilford, a Quaker college, already has his underground newspapers published in Fayetteville during the Vietnam War.

Bruce, often called a gadfly for his stinging and humorous observations, once headed an organization that chided those who did not remove campaign signs. Called "Fayetteville Ugly," it was a play on "Fayetteville Beautiful."

He is now writing a play "Crisis at Gilbert" (one of Lafayette's name) and hopes it will be performed here at the Gilbert Theatre on Brandt Street during the opening of the new coliseum and civic center. It is based on the antics of the City Council. He is hoping someone will send him the recently published copies of the underground publication satirizing council members.

The publication, he says, with a mischievous grin, will give him inspiration and also add to his collection of underground newspapers.

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## Private colleges join in transfer accord

Several private universities will join UNC schools in allowing community college students to transfer their credits to a four-year university, the private schools association's leader says.

Eight private colleges are expected to join an agreement this month that guarantees students the chance to transfer two years worth of a community college education to UNC schools.

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### Appointments

■ **James Robert Smith** has been re-elected chairman of the Cumberland County Civic Center Board of Commissioners.

**Bill West** is vice chairman; **Jonathan L. Warren,** secretary; and **Ben Watson** and **Mamie Dees,** members at large.

Smith owns National Career Centers and West is the regional agency manager of BB&T West Boyette Insurance. Warren owns Ashton Pawn and Watson is a vocational counselor at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Dees is the office manager of Cumberland Anesthesiology.

Smith

Fayetteville Publishing Co. has named Bill Owen as

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**Calvin Koonce**, shown in 1969, when he was a pitcher for the New York Mets.

# Legislators honor Koonce

*The N.C. House of Representatives passes a resolution honoring the life of the Hope Mills native.*

By Sammy Batten
Staff writer

Calvin Koonce is best remembered as a pitcher with the 1969 World Champion New York Mets, but the Hope Mills native accomplished so much more before succumbing to cancer at age 52.

The North Carolina House of Representatives recognized those contributions Monday evening in Raleigh by unanimously passing House Joint Resolution 1236 "honoring the life and memory of Calvin Lee Koonce Jr." The Senate is expected to consider the resolution at a later date.

Drafted by State Representative Alex Warner of the 75th District, the resolution highlights Koonce's achievements as a star athlete, coach, businessman and civic leader. It was sponsored by Warner, a longtime Koonce family friend, and representatives Dan Blue, Foyle Hightower, Bill Hurley, Ted Kinney, Mary McAllister, Mia Morris and Douglas Yongue.

"Calvin touched a lot of lives, and not just on the athletic field," said Charles Koonce, Calvin's brother. "This honor crosses the entire spectrum.

"He was not just a baseball guy that came back home and rested on his laurels. He coached in college, he coached in high school, and he got involved in the leadership of the community. It was absolutely tragic and unfortunate that he died at such an early age. He still had an awful lot to contribute."

### Died in 1993

The resolution comes nearly four years after Koonce's death on Oct. 28, 1993. He was diagnosed in 1992 with lymphoma, a type of cancer which attacks the lymph nodes and glands.

Warner said he waited until now to draft the resolution out of respect for the Koonce family.

"It's been in the back of my mind since he passed away in '93," Warner said. "But I wanted to let some time pass so the family wouldn't have to go through the pain of mourning all over again.

"Finally, the time just felt right. I talked with members of the family three or four times. Chris, Calvin's son, was baseball coach for my son last year. I told Chris to get me everything about his Dad he could to help me draft the resolution.

"I think it's long overdue."

Koonce's mother Mary, his wife Peggy, brother Charles and other family members watched from a gallery in the rear of the Assembly hall Monday as the resolution was passed by a House vote. A certified copy of the resolution will be presented to the

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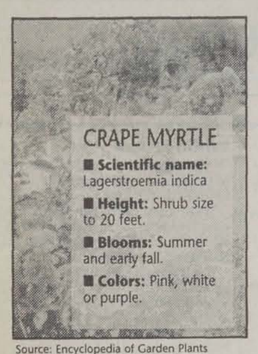
# Fungus fouls myrtles

By Larry Bingham
Staff writer



CRAPE MYRTLE
- **Scientific name:** Lagerstroemia indica
- **Height:** Shrub size to 20 feet.
- **Blooms:** Summer and early fall.
- **Colors:** Pink, white or purple.

Source: Encyclopedia of Garden Plants

The fungus is back among us.

Powdery mildew that damaged dogwoods this spring is infecting crape myrtles, too, and the weather is again the culprit.

The mildew, noticeable on leaves and blossoms, is drawing attention because crape myrtles have just started blooming. The flowering shrubs have long been a Southern favorite because they bloom when few others do.

The problem with the fungus is if you see it, it's too late to do much about it, said Terry Gause, horticulturist at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The fungus is not new to crape myrtles, but it's made worse by this year's cool, damp spring and this summer's sudden humidity. Because moisture helps the fungus spread, the best medicine is plenty of sunshine, Gause said.

His advice, if the damage is not severe, is to cut out the diseased branches. Crape myrtles bloom on new growth, so pruned branches may still bloom.

Like any good doctor, Gause said the best treatment is prevention. He suggests planting disease-resistant varieties in sunny spots.

# AMA Classes Held At FTCC

The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and Fayetteville Technical Community College have joined together to make available FTCC's Certificate In Management classes.

The fall classes begin Sept. 8. The classes meet from 6 to 9 p.m., one night a week for seven weeks. The registration fee of $100 per class includes the AMA textbook.

The classes to be offered are:
- Leadership Skills for Managers
- How to Sharpen Your Business Writing Skills
- Fundamentals of Budgeting for Nonfinancial Managers
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*For more information on the AMA classes, contact Sharmon Herring, Director of Business Services at FTCC, 678-8210.*

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NROLLMENTS UNCERTAIN

# College students get ready for the rush of fall classes

By Keith Hempstead
Staff writer

Speak with admissions officials at North Carolina State University and they'll be able to say how many freshmen have been admitted — 3,986.

That figure will change, but not much.

Ask admissions officials at the five regional colleges and they'll provide enrollment figures that will change — sometimes by a lot.

That's because the schools draw heavily from the surrounding counties, admissions officials say. Some students will decide to enroll the day classes start or the day after.

With classes fast approaching, procrastinators better get started.

"Methodist traditionally enrolls a lot of students in the final three weeks before classes start," said Rick Lowe, vice president of enrollment services at Methodist. Last year, 100 people enrolled in the final three weeks. That's nearly a fifth of the 1996 incoming class, which included freshmen and transfer students.

BACK IN CLASS

*Students at five area colleges return to class beginning next week. Following are the opening days for classes at the five schools:*
- **Methodist College:** Aug. 19
- **Fayetteville State University:** Aug. 20
- **UNC-Pembroke:** Aug. 20
- **Campbell University:** Aug. 27
- **St. Andrews College:** Sept. 2

Staff graphic

Methodist is expecting about 550 new students this year. Lowe said he won't have a firm head count until Aug. 22, three days after classes start.

Lowe said he doesn't know why people in the surrounding area wait before enrolling. "I wish I knew," he said.

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Staff photo by Elizabeth Darwin Gatlin

**Kerl McCall**, left, a senior at Methodist College, fills out financial aid forms as her mother, Betty McCall, waits. Jonathan Mitchell, also a senior, gets help from Gloria Briglin filling out his aid forms at Stout Hall on the Methodist campus.

## Colleges

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This morning he said he has one student scheduled to do the application process. Another is to arrive tomorrow from the Midwest with his family. Lowe said the young man is interested in the college's physician assistant program. He will apply, enroll, get housing and everything else needed to become a student within two hours, Lowe said.

On Tuesday, however, the only students at the admissions office on campus were upperclassmen taking care of financial aid and dropping off forms. Lowe said that on the first day of classes he wouldn't be surprised if the lobby were filled with students, some trying at the last minute to enroll.

### Fayetteville State

Fayetteville State University officials don't know how many students will come on the first day of classes on Aug. 20, but they do know there will be enough to make finding on-campus housing difficult.

Olivia Chavis, associate vice chancellor for student affairs at FSU, said the university is expecting an incoming class of more than 600, including transfer students and people who commute. More than 500 students will live on campus in two dorms dedicated to freshmen.

"Those dorms are full," Chavis said. "We're looking for some additional space."

Chavis said this year's class is expected to be the largest in a decade. The increase reflects a trend toward larger enrollments at the historically black college. Some of the increase can be attributed to increasing interest in the school by whites and Hispanics, Chavis said.

In one instance the increase may be because of a change in residency.

Ondria Brown, 20, wants to transfer to FSU. The sophomore from the Bronx, N.Y., was standing outside the door of the university's admissions office on Tuesday. Freshmen move onto campus today.

Her family had just moved to Fayetteville on Friday and she was checking to see if her transcripts had arrived from her former college. They hadn't.

She was still getting to know the area on Tuesday. "I don't know anything about the school yet," Brown said. Brown said the university is close to her new home, however, and that is why she wants to enroll.

### Campbell University

Students will begin moving into Campbell University in Buies Creek on Aug. 24. Classes start Aug. 27.

About 700 students attended an orientation for incoming Campbell students over two weekends this summer. But Jay Brown, Campbell's director of admissions, said that number is not an accurate reflection of the new students who will enroll.

Campbell University is expecting anywhere from 150 to 200 more students, Brown said.

Campbell expects about 60 more freshmen and transfer students than last year. Brown said the number of in-state students has shown a moderate increase.

UNC-Pembroke's classes begin Aug. 20. Jackie Clark, the director of admissions, said her office will try to accommodate students who walk in that Wednesday morning. If the application is complete and all requirements have been met, she said, the student could be enrolled that day.

"The bulk of students who apply late are transfer students," Clark said. "Very few are freshmen. We do have some, but the majority are transfer."

### Limited choices.

She said transfer students often have no choice of when they apply. For those who are transferring from community colleges, they can only apply after completing their two-year programs. Those programs often don't end until August.

Mark Kruea, a spokesman for St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, attributed the uncertainty in numbers for incoming students to students themselves.

"More students are making later decisions," Kruea said.

St. Andrews had a total enrollment of 662 last year. Kruea said any number he gave for this year's incoming class would be a guess. It's become difficult to gauge, he said, because some students have started making deposits at several schools so they may wait until the last moment to choose.

Classes start at St. Andrews on Sept. 2.

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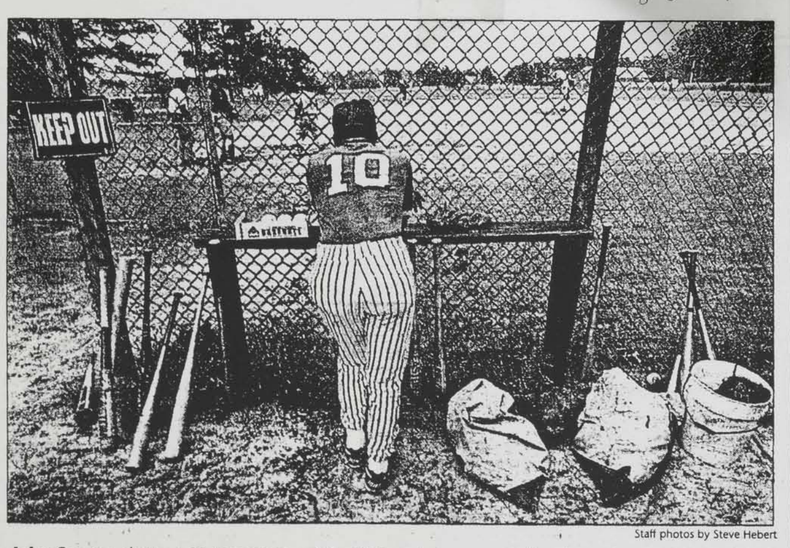

Staff photos by Steve Hebert

**John Garner**, above, a 25-year veteran of the Tri-County League, watches the action on Saturday in Gray's Creek as Robert Burns, below, a 71-year-old pitcher, prepares to hurl one toward home plate.

# 'Like a kid again'

*The Tri-County League, which has players from 16 years old into their 70s, proves you're never too old to play ball.*

By Thomas Pope
Staff writer

Their bodies, for the most part, aren't as supple as they once were. The ground ball once snared with graceful ease slips past these days, the fielder a step too late to keep it from becoming a base hit. The bruises and scrapes take longer to heal with the passing of each season.

Such is the lot for many of the participants in the Tri-County League, a semi-pro stew of baseball players young, old and in-between. For these men — including 71-year-old pitcher Robert Burns — summer weekends mean donning a uniform, grabbing a trusty glove and trying, as best they can, to keep playing the game they have loved since childhood.

The Tri-County is a league where there is only a minimum age limit — 16 — and no maximum.

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## League

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Since it was organized in 1971, a number of the league's players have gone on to sign minor-league contracts. Players such as Duan Johnson, Edward and Dewayne Gerald, Bunny Brown, Lionel Cromartie, David Walters, David Flowers and Mickey Britt once graced the Tri-County fields.

"For years, we played on the basis of 'You come play me Saturday, we'll go play you Sunday,'" said Robert Ray, the manager of the Gray's Creek Hornets.

But once organized, the league stabilized, and has included as many as 14 teams. What began with teams based solely in Cumberland, Harnett and Robeson counties now includes entries from Sampson, New Hanover and Johnston counties.

Lillington won the 1997 regular-season championship, and remains in the playoffs with Roseboro, Eureka Springs, Kenly, and Seabreeze of Carolina Beach. Eureka Springs is at home Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. in the first two games of a best-of-five semifinal series with Kenly. Lillington awaits the winner of the Roseboro-Seabreeze duel.

### 3 generations playing

One of the league's attractions is that fathers, sons and grandchildren are afforded the opportunity to be teammates. When 63-year-old Dan King fills in the lineup card for his Eureka Springs Orioles, he sends his son, Daniel, to center field, and his 19-year-old grandson, Vincent King, to right field.

"We won the whole thing twice," Dan King said of the team he owns and manages. "I just love baseball. I feel like a kid again when I'm out there."

Robert Ray shares that sentiment. He attended Eastside High School in St. Pauls before schools were integrated, and his catching skills and speed earned him a minor league tryout with the Mets.

He became the player-manager for the St. Pauls Hawks when the Tri-County League was formed, and he played until he was 44 years. Now 51, Ray's lineup includes a handful of 40-something buddies, as well as his son, Roger Johnson, a three-sport standout and rising senior at St. Pauls High.

"He's pretty good — a chip off the ol' block," said Ray, who thinks his son has the tools to play professional baseball. "I can tell him a thing or two about catching. You'd be surprised what you can pick up from us old guys besides some tall tales."

Robert "Blood" Burns could not agree more. A former Marine Corps drill instructor and retired Cumberland County Sheriff's deputy, Ray played in the minors for the Chicago Cubs and in Mexico. Now 71, Burns said he throws as hard now as ever, and he stays in shape by chopping wood and jogging.

"I know I'm good enough to keep playing. I'm better than 75 percent of the pitchers in this league right now — I'm not kidding," said Ray, a mainstay of the Roseboro Raiders staff. "A whole lot of people doubt I can throw as hard as I do because, at age 71, they don't think I can still play baseball. That's just in their stupid brains. They think when you're my age all you can do is sit on the porch in a rocking chair and tell damn lies."

Some of the fields in the Tri-County League have no doubt spawned many invectives, too. A few of the fields are well-maintained, but some are decidedly dilapidated. Weather-worn benches scavenged from school buses and sagging chain-link fences are the norm at some of the league's diamonds. A concession stand made of plywood and two-by-fours looks perilously close to collapse.

The Hornets play on a makeshift field that is a couple of Tiger Woods drives from Cypress Lakes Golf Course. The field is hidden behind a tall stand of pine trees, and is accessible only by a sandy path. A dollar will get you in the gate, but the Hornets rely on the sale of chicken sandwiches and soft drinks to make sure the umpires get their fee.

### Call the commissioner

In years past, not even the umpires were the final arbiter in some disagreements. Robert Ray chuckled as he recalled one incident that had to be settled by a national commissioner.

"We had a big ol' boy named Fred Scott who could throw left-handed or right-handed and not give up nothing in speed," Ray said. "We were playing Eureka Springs, I believe, and he changed from left to right about halfway through the game.

"That caused the biggest fuss you ever saw. They said he couldn't do that, and we about had a fight over it. They protested the game and paid a $25 protest fee to get it settled. We found out he could pitch to one batter left-handed and another right-handed if he wanted."

That incident offered a glimpse that, even among grown men, boys will still be boys when the game is baseball.

"There are a lot more things for people to do these days, but baseball still *really* is the great American past-time," said Burns, who is nowhere near ready to give up the game he has played for 62 years.

He's got plenty of company in the Tri-County League.

**Farming out charges:** *Jury names former Agriculture boss Espy,* **5A**


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LIFE

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WEATHER

# Hard-fought state budget adopted

## Teacher pay, college tuitions up

**RALEIGH** (AP) — Two months after it was supposed to take effect, a new state budget was overwhelmingly adopted by both the House and Senate Wednesday.

"Maybe we can conclude the madness tomorrow," said Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, a Dare County Democrat.

"Somebody said we'd be here till what froze over?" said House Speaker Harold Brubaker, a Republican from Randolph County. "We're getting cooler weather, aren't we?"

The budget compromise became official when the House approved it 105-10.

Negotiators have spent more than 10 weeks trying to reach a compromise on the budget, making this one of the longest legislative sessions in state history. The new budget was supposed to take effect July 1.

The 468-page budget bill is one of the largest ever produced. It carries a separate, 30-page index.

But 143 pages of the bill are devoted to two issues — reorganizing the Department of Human Re-

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**Tony Rand:** Pleased with clean-water steps

## UNC-Pembroke to get dorm

By Mark Stinneford
Raleigh bureau

**RALEIGH** — The University of North Carolina at Pembroke will get its first new dormitory in 25 years and the Museum of the Cape Fear will expand under a state budget bill passed Wednesday by the General Assembly.

Passage of the $11.4 billion budget was one of the last major pieces of business before the General Assembly, which could wrap up its seven-month session today.

The budget compromise includes almost all region projects that had been proposed in either the House or Senate versions of the budget. The one casualty was $75,000 for a study of the need for a mid-state visitors center near Fayetteville. The project did not make the final cut.

The budget will expand the Smart Start preschool program to four more region coun-

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## Budget

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sources to include health programs now housed in the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources; and a welfare reform compromise that cleared the way for the budget to be completed.

Legislators were given the document less than 10 hours before they were asked to vote on it.

Sen. John Blust, a Republican from Guilford County and one of the senators voting against the compromise, said the short time to study the bill was one reason he was voting against it.

"Someone with enough clout could have gone over and told a staffer late last night put something in there," Blust said. "I'm not saying it did happen, but it could happen. I need more time.

"I think there are tons of things that have been swept in here, some at the last minute, that do not need to be in a budget bill," he said.

### 'A low blow'

Sen. Fountain Odom, a Democrat from Mecklenburg County and the chairman of the Senate budget committee, called Blust's remarks "a low blow and an insult."

Rep. George Holmes, a Republican from Yadkin County and the leader of the House negotiators, said negotiating with the Senate was tougher than usual.

"This year, the Senate strategy was — we will not budge from anything and we will not leave until we get our way," Holmes said. "So it was a process of slow and arduous compromise."

"This bill, look how thick it is," said House Minority Leader Jim Black, a Mecklenburg County Democrat. "This is why we're here the last week in August. We really need to stop putting things in this budget that don't need to be in there."

House Majority Leader Leo Daughtry, a Republican from Johnston County, said the budget had a lot of provisions he did not like, but were included because of compromises made by both sides.

"This is the way life is," Daughtry said. "There's some warts, some hair missing, but I think most of us are going to vote for it because it's the right thing to do."

### Help for teachers

The $11.4 billion spending plan includes average pay raises of 6.5 percent for teachers, providing the money for Gov. Jim Hunt's campaign pledge to raise teacher salaries to the national average over four years.

State employees will get 4 percent raises, and retired state employees will get a 6 percent increase in benefits under the proposal. There is no pay raise for legislators.

The package includes tuition increases of 3 percent for state residents at University of North Carolina campuses, with a 5 percent increase for out-of-state students at UNC-Chapel Hill and North Carolina State.

A proposal to raise the tuition at the Kenan-Flagler School of Business at UNC-Chapel Hill by up to $2,500 a semester and a maximum of $5,000 over the next three years was sent to the UNC Board of Governors, which has indicated it will approve it.

The plan also includes $61 million for the state to buy all private shares in the North Carolina Railroad. The state now owns 75 percent of the railroad company, which owns tracks from Charlotte to Morehead City, but exercises only limited control because of the private shareholders.

The budget also includes $8 million in grants for local cultural and historical groups, and $4 million in grants for local human resource organizations.

But legislative leaders said those funds will not be divided in secret, like a $21 million pool that was slipped into last year's budget.

"It will go through a process for open review," Basnight said.

The budget also leaves $122 million in recurring tax money and $135 million in one-time funds for lawmakers to start next year's budget. The rainy day fund, which legislators hold for emergencies, is at $501 million, the maximum allowed by law, legislators said, while a special fund for repairs and renovations to state buildings is at $135 million.

The clean water trust fund, intended to help with pollution projects, gets $49.4 million, and $155 million is earmarked to give refunds to taxpayers who protested intangibles taxes.

The package also includes $147.9 million in construction projects and one-time purchases ranging from new classrooms and laboratories at UNC campuses to an amphibious water-scooping airplane for use in fighting forest fires.

Missing from the final agreement are House provisions that would have set up an early retirement plan and greatly increased the pensions of some people in the judicial system. Also missing is a Senate provision requiring an erosion control structure at Oregon Inlet to keep sand from filling the inlet.

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# *FTCC students excel in classroom*

The following students made the president's list for the fall quarter at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

**Bladen County:** Pamela Avis Phillips.

**Cumberland County:** Karin C. Mitchell, Michelle Bokelman Welliver, David W. Pott, Tammy Zimmerman O'Connell, Teresa Blask Angerhofer, Kelvin Maurice Graves, Patricia Hartmann Koppang, Robert D. Schrag, Shana Bullock Orman, Gloria Allen Sanders, Charles Andrew Van Stone, Warren Eugene Brown, Steven King, Patrick Wayne Dillon, Earnest Parish Jr., Claudia Stingl Melcher, Stanley Salters, Christopher Draughon, Heike Schmitz-Johnson, Gary Donise Riddick, Gilbert McLeod Ray, Mary H. Gurganus, Vernae Nicole Saunders, Yon Sil Scannell, Lori McDaniel Rodriguez, James Hardin, Ramona B. Smith, Clifford Hall, Melissa Ellen Arndt, Ralph Clayton Wright, Paul Church, Jarred Fradsham, Janet Troxler Perry, Wanda June McLemore, Heidi Olmstead Dimercurio, Gladys Ortis Santiago, Melanie Cochran Ambrisco, Robert D. Goode, Ronald William Jahn, Roger J. Floyt, Karl Keith Henry, Misty K. Bass, David Earl Houp, Amee J. Dutko, Katherine Cochran Kem, Yvonne Yarka, Kimberly Blue Graham, Julie Tavaves Brooks, Jean Marie Love, Tonia Crain Tolliver, Lawrence E. Hayes, Larrie Green, Edward Vincent Genova, Maggie Holliday Blue, Melanie Makosch Sari, George Lovings, Rosario Larrazabal Pearson, Edward B. Carter, Theresa Baldwin, James D. Davidson, David Sims, Deneice Pittman Tarbox, Chin H. Schramm, Andrea Blocker Hughes, Cynthia Betancourt, Robin Eugene Richey, Michelle Gause, Amy Rister, James Leonard McRae, Kari Zehren Williams, Deborah Phillips Galimore, Vonceil Martin, Karen McLemore McCauley, Roydell Doss, Dana Rothstein, Diana Keene West, Capricia G. Belton, Earl Derone Richardson, James Alexander Davis, Delia Negrea Goertzen, Jimmie Robinson, Elizabeth Ivey, Joshua John Walker, Levon Griffin, Kerstin Wilson Kuhlman, Julie Ann Samuelson, Jose W. Torres, Brion T. Pittman, David N. Kropp, Linda Smith High, Marcella L. Wyler, James W. Neal, Helen Ann Rusaw, Lisa K. Davis, Deborah A. Blackshire, Kara Creed, Juan Antonio Hernandez, Allyn August Cribley, Apryl Lynn Swatsky, Delyn Darling, Dennis Allen Smith, Ameenah Lynch Ali, Eve McCaskey Holmes, Katherine Elizabeth Byrne, Vera Walsh Shew, Walter Lee Allen, Lanier Simms Weathers, Randy Cecil Prevatt, Alison Layton Grazier, Larry Nowell, Leroy Avent, Bernice Gilmore Collins, Tracey Houser Pradier, Barbara McCabe Donnell, Walter R. Bryant, Christa Renay McKinney, Jasmine Lizzette Escalera-Rivera, Jennifer

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Levine Raymond, Darrick Jackson, James Edwar Shaw, Adolphus McGhee, James M. Rogers, Catherine Denise Montgomery, Claudia E. Sievers, Linda Witzel McMahon, Renata Jolly, Walter Francis Murphy, James Chartier, Erika Brandenburg Vincent, Cheryl Hensley Arnett, Charles Ray Evans, Elisha Metoyer, Jeffrey Scott Gotshall, Robert S. Tiffany, Charles F. Brosh, Timothy Perry, Matthew H. Perkinson, Frank James Harshberger, Marjorie Ingrid Burke, Tina Keith Petro, Pamela Ann Cook, Dheryl Ann Yawger, Julia Deubel Luxner, Laurie McLaurin Devane, Miguel Cardenas, Andrea Renee Pena, Stanley O. Campbell, Michael Gerald Janicki, Fabian Drummond, John Libertas Berger Jr., Jacquelin U. James, Shelly Savoy Naquin, William Clifton Caulder, Larry Ellis McDuffie II, Steven Adair, Carrie Kashner O'Hara, Tracie Michelle McCann, Marlisa Murganti, Danny Ryals, Janice O. Taylor, April Marie Massengil, Susan J. Ernst, Dovie Elizabeth Rozier, Maxym A. Zayika, Lawrence Dyer Jr., Francesca Isabella Lutz, Linda Morrissey Morrone, Jennifer Wayne Lucas, Steven D. Anderson, Jennifer Lynn Zipperer, Eldon Darrel Schiesl, Dina Machine McCarty, Carol Huntt Jones, Kevin Krula, Andrea Kleider Holmes, Susan L. Barnes, Angela Burnett, Laura Warren Langner, Hope Bailey-Owens, Lisa Ann Kelley, Rhonda Phelps Thomas, Keri M. Spencer, Brandy Gorley, Mona Hoff Edvardsen, Carolyn Marie Baye, Carmen Morales Lopez, Lori Welch Anderson, Angela Irwin, Erika Barfield Allen, James Hillary Holland, Minnie Kathryn Bryant, Jon Jordan, Thad Eugene Strickland, Laurie A. Wilburn, Teresa C. Orozco, Treasa Dumas Smith, Kirsten D. Rodriguez, Karen Credle Johnson, Harmony Rose Ratliff, David Brockington, Frankie Glenn Thompson, Laura Carter Porter, James P. Ogarra, Angela Ciochetti Adams, Joseph Allen Bozarth, Pamela Marxen Newman, Danja G. Schmid, Michelle Louanne Collier, Carolyn Sims Herman, Misty Tela Collier and Lori Ann Ivey.

**Hoke County:** Kimberly Roberts Misner, Jennifer R. Grover, Bill T. Hamm, Jettie J. Hailey, Donna Miller Riffe and Katia Cecilia Fraser.

**Lee County:** Bradley Douglas Stotler and Edgar Lavern Osborn.

**Moore County:** Craig Frank Mark.

**Harnett County:** Johnnie C. Moore, Marina Acosta-Miller and Carmen Schad Lovette.

**Robeson County:** Lori Knight Rys, Connie Henderson, Donnie Goins, Tara Sling Patterson and Carrol Martsolf Heiner.

**Scotland County:** William Packett Jr.

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Moultrie

**Dunn:** Matthew Avery Smith

**Raeford:** Ann Marie Richards

**Broadway:** Mark A. McNeill

**Carthage:** William Anthony Bailey

**Laurinburg:** Spencer F. Adams

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The following students have been named to the president's list for the spring semester at Elon College: **Dawn Marie Douglas**, **Melanie Yvonne Crenshaw** and **Kelly Ann Rivers**, all of Fayetteville.

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The following have made the president's list at Fayetteville Technical Community College:

**Bladen County:** Krystanna Kinlaw Havard

**Cumberland County:** Melvin Morgan, Mira Kim, Sylvia Diane Taylor, Amee J. Dutko, Cheryl Hensley Arnett, Teressa Sprinkle Wachob, Andrea Blocker Hughes, Dennis Maloata, George Jones, Edward L. Williams Jr., Willie Joseph Pitts, Janice O. Taylor, Margo Langley, Mechele Perry, Robins Smith Cunningham, Judi Rathgeber Phillips, William Frank Burrell, Cinzia Marie Coleman, Clare Margaret Davis, Janet Troxler Perry, Karen Edwards Stanley, Yon Sil Scannell, Cheryl Ann Yawger, Lisa Dusmoor Familo, Jean Marie, Love, Ellen Fischer Fowler, Silky Lee Kramer, Edward B. Kramer, Timothy Gondek, Patricia Gonzalez, James W. Neal, Sally N. Zufelt, Jennifer Levine Raymond, Jose W. Torres, Elisha Metoyer, Murita A. Ward, Rajesh Sujanani, David Sims, Richard Silas, Kimberly Cross Norton, John Edgar Brinley II, Vernae Nichole Saunders, Margie Ann Raynor, Debra Monroig Soto, Angela Feeney Perrier, Roger J. Floyt, Ronald William Jahn, Karen McLemore McCauley, Sherry Searle Monton, Vera Walsh Shew, Ronald Keith McNeil, Andrea Renee Pena, Mark Aaron Phelps, Yvonne Yarka, Mark V. Harmon, Tommy Williams, Sandra Kennedy Frey, Latonia Graham Green, James Edwar Shaw, Philip Parker Hoffman, Heike Schmitz-Johnson, Delia Negrea Goertzen, Pollyanna McDowell, Deborah Shelton Bougard, Joshua John Walker, Curtis William Bougard, Walter Francis Murphy, Linda Beckerich Jones, Robert S. Tiffany, Lee Hall, Shelley Jennings Dickerson, Leon Moyd, Edryce Carter Tucker, Laurie McLaurin Devane, Melanie Suzanne Breedlove, Ryven Pernell Jones, Melanie Cochran Ambrisco, Loretta Sutton Bethel, Gladys Ortiz Santiago, Martha Godwin Siska, Ana Glorida Calvert, Deneice Pittman Tarbox, Saint Smith Clair Williams, Young Sook Parker, Levon Griffin, Tracy A. Wolsifer, Sharon Slade Sanders, Douglas Ledell Cooper, Paul Edison, Tina Keith Petro, Kari Zehren Williams, Rudolph Elizondo, Randy Cecil Prevatt, Elizabeth Ivey, Trina Collier Kinson, Patrick Wayne Dillon, Claudia E. Sievers, Christine Ellen Scarborough, Susan J. Ernst, Amy Ahlquist Horner, Earnest Jerome Knight, Andrea S. Carroll, Angela Jeanetta Henrickson, Ginger L. Sharp, Jonathan Arliss Pearsall, Mark Alan Thomas, Helen M. Simmons, James D. Davidson, Heidi F. Fleshman, Earnest Keo Tabata, Sharon Smith Ansin, Sanden L. Woodham, Robert D. Goode, Arnita Davis, Calvin S. Churchill, Jasimine Lizzette Escalera-Rivera, Pamela C. Torres, Lashonda French, David Shipp, Shirley A. Morant, Walter R. Bryant, Chin H. Schramm, William Culbertson, Tonya Smith, Kim Huynh Erickson, Yanire Matos Mahabirsingh, Aneta Duncombe Hayes, Sheila Behrensen Sabater, Roy G. Turner, Julie Ann Samuelson, Mary H. Gurganus, Theresa Baldwin, Paul J. Knerr, Tracey Houser Pradier, Torrence Thompson, Vincent Carleton Landers, Charles Ray Evans, Andrew Albert Sakowicz, Joel K. Sain, Wayne Charles, Zinsser, Felix D. Lormand, Danny Ryals, Karen Ross Perrigo, Melissa D. McCullough, Mary Belcher Daily, Larry Nowell, Melissa Ellen Arndt, Joann Stephenson, Jarred Fradsham, Cheryl Prieto Hayden, Annick Louwye-Vakeries, William E. Hilton, Sherri Howe, Susan Fall Risi, Sally Clark Dahlstrom, Wendy Ward, James M. Rogers, Crystal Sain Stark, Wendy Ginn-Lynch, Kris Keith Moore, Nichole Gaston Pederson, Michael Allen Adams, Larry Wayne Kerley, Michelle D. Pope, Amy Gillem, Angela Harms Peed, Dina Machine McCarty, Angela Burnett Milliken, Tina Taylor Hunter, Dona Adams Nichols, Rene Mason Moring, Robert Scavelli, Laura Warren Langner, Hope Bailey-Owens, Misty Marie Armstrong, Keri M. Spencer, Rhonda Phelps Thomas, Laura Iffert Holst, Bonnie Mitchell Hensey, Michael Byron Rados, Roger Len Reckart, Bernarda Kobler Jackson, Pat Lujan, Gloria Privette Jordan, Heidi Louise Strong, James Hillary holland, Erika Barfield Allen, Johanna Miller Deitemeyer, Thad Eugene Strickland Jr., Darla Sue Amlee, Brenda Elaine Brown, Gabriele Herziger Russell, Vanessa Leggett Mitchell, William Varty, Jesse Leonardo Baker, Cynthia Hawkins, Fred Wescott, Laura Carter Porter, Treasa Dumas Smith, Stephanie Wilkins, Karen Credle Johnson, Rosa Nelly Hewitt, Carolyn Sims Herman, Mary S. Blackwell, Michelle R. Currie, Barry K. Pribis, Lori Ann Ivey

**Harnett County:** Donna Sorrell, Johnnie C. Moore, Eric Shawn Sirois

**Hoke County:** Gracie Pearl Breeden, Freda Lanice Slocumb, Kenneth Evan Nicholson, Tracy Evans Harris

**Lee County:** Bryant David Flynn

**Moore County:** Sheila Deni Cameron, Sarah Theiss Barker, Jennifer C. Dowd, Craig Frank Mark, Stanley D. Perkins

**Robeson County:** Lori Knight Rys, Edward Anthony Locklear, Kevin Brookhart, Laura Anne Sessoms

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These students are members of the 1997 graduating class at Barton

O-T 9/19/97

# Longtime educator Howard Hall dead

**SPRING LAKE** — Longtime Cumberland County educator Howard Leonard Hall died in his home Thursday. He was 78.

Mr. Hall served on the Cumberland County school board for 25 years, and was a former chairman of the board. Howard Hall Elementary School on Andrews Road was named in his honor.

He was a member of the Spring Lake Board of Alderman, and served on the board of trustees at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He was active with the Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Spring Lake Lion's Club.

Mr. Hall lived at 105 N. Bragg Blvd. Information on survivors was not available Thursday because funeral arrangements were still being completed. Adcock Funeral Home in Spring Lake is handling those arrangements.

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### Smart Start

On child care, the budget wil expand the Smart Start preschoo program to 12 more counties — including Hoke, Moore, Lee and Co lumbus. Cumberland and Robeson counties are already participating in the program. Counties that have not started the program will get planning money.

Fayetteville Technical Community College will get $300,000 to establish an early childhood education center. Among the purposes of the center will be to train day care workers.

The legislature boosted the extra aid it gives to school systems in poor counties by $4 million, to $50.5 million a year. Eleven of the 12 school systems in the region have received money from that fund in the past. The General Assembly's goal is to provide $100 million a year to poor schools.

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'SEAMLESS EDUCATION HIGHWAY'

O-T 9/18/97

# Educators offer plan to make sure students learn

By Steve Jones
Staff writer

Education leaders in Cumberland and Robeson counties have formed an alliance aimed at making sure schools and colleges teach students what they need to know.

In a news conference Tuesday, the educators said they are developing a program called the "Seamless Education Highway" to coordinate teaching from kindergarten through college.

"Maybe this is something we should have done 30 years ago," said Larry Norris, president of Fayetteville Technical Community College, "but the way we evolved, it just didn't happen that way."

The "seamless highway" is intended to enhance the present system, said John Griffin Jr., former Cumberland County schools superintendent and program director for the two-county initiative.

Public school systems, community colleges and state universities in Cumberland and Robeson counties will spend at least $150,000 to smooth out the highway. The program aims to bring together teachers at all levels to determine what they need to be teaching. It has the backing of Gov. Jim Hunt's office and the support of Thomas Houlihan, his chief education adviser.

"The biggest problem in education is a lack of alignment," Houlihan said at the news conference.

But another state official, Bill Spooner, says the state already has rigorous, specific standards for what students should learn. Spooner is director of instructional services for the state Department of Public Instruction. In an interview Tuesday, he said that if teachers don't know what the requirements are, "it's got to be some breakdown in leadership."

Educators say students encounter "bumps" at certain points along the education highway: at kindergarten, first grade, fourth grade, sixth grade, ninth grade, community college entrance, university entrance and graduate school.

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## Educators

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The "seamless highway" is to be developed by teams of teachers, professors and administrators.

Four education consultants from an Ohio company have compiled information to help team leaders, teachers and professors. The information will be put in notebooks for working teams helping to implement the program.

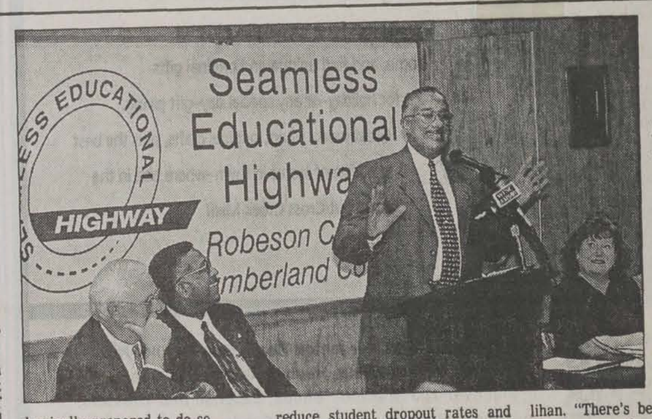
But the groups aren't going to ignore North Carolina's Standard Course of Study, said Bill Harrison, superintendent of Cumberland County schools. The course of study specifies what knowledge and skills students in each grade and subject are to acquire on a weekly basis.

"We need to keep it in front of people," said Harrison.

Harrison said it is most often students not bound for college that find themselves short at the end of 12 years in public schools. Should they decide after high school graduation to go to a community college, for instance, they may not be academically prepared to do so.

Willis McLeod, chancellor of Fayetteville State University, said he thinks the seamless highway will reduce student dropout rates and increase graduation rates.

"There's been a lot of rhetoric about working together," said Houlihan. "There's been a lot of talk about cooperation. This is the first concrete evidence that that rhetoric is becoming a reality."




**John Griffin Jr.** speaks after being named director of the program. In the audience are Bill Harrison, left, Willis McLeod and Diane Wheatley.

Staff photo by Jay Capers

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# LIFE

# Inspired by the Desert

*A ceramics artist appreciates Southwestern art as a true American art form not based on European tradition.*

By Melissa Clement
Staff writer

**Jeannette Brockelsby** talks about one of her unnamed pieces of Southwestern art.

Staff photos by Steve Aldridge

When you step into artist Jeannette Brockelsby's house, the American Southwest seems to come alive. Desert colors of soft greens, blues and pinks blend with hot earth colors in carpets and furniture. Strings of red chili peppers hang on the wall. Cactuses grow among handmade clay lanterns, Indian pottery and sculpture.

A kachina doll made of clay is the focus of one wall. Brockelsby used the traditional Hopi Indian kachina spirit image and made it into a contemporary design for a wall hanging. It is glazed in mauve, salmon, pink and black and decorated with gold.

Brockelsby will help students make similar kachina wall hangings in a class she will teach at Fayetteville Technical Community College starting next week at the Continuing Education Center on Hull Road.

"I'll teach the basics, wedging clay to get out air pockets, techniques, inlays, carvings and additions, textures and glazes," she says. "Students will end up with something they want to take home, something they can be proud of, something original. They can go further into three-dimensional sculpture. There is no limit."

Brockelsby's career as a ceramic artist started when she was 16 and visited a gift shop in the Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson, Ariz., her hometown. There she spied a black pot and fell in love with it.

"It was small enough to fit in the palm of my hand, shiny back and dull black and carved," she says. "That little Santa Clara pot cost hundreds of dollars, but it might as well have been millions. It was like a magnet, drawing me to it. Since I couldn't afford to buy it, I decided to make one as near like it as I could.

"I bought some clay and went home and began to experiment. I learned by trial and

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**An Ahota** luminary created by Brockelsby

## CLASSES OFFERED

When Sherry Turpin was a student at Pembroke State University she took a course in Indian art and was fascinated by the differences and similarities of the traditional art forms throughout the Americas. Turpin is the director of Occupational Extension and Community Service at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Division of Continuing Education.

"I like the clean lines of the Northwest Coast Indian art and the beautiful way the Southwestern Indians take advantage of their native clays and materials," she said. "Since we live in such a multicultural area I thought these art forms might appeal to people who have been exposed to these art forms or who would like to learn more about them."

Bennie Pokemire, a wood carver working in Northwest Coast Indian art form, and Jeannette Brockelsby, who uses the Southwestern Indian art motifs in her work, will teach classes at the Continuing Education Center on Hull Road on the Fayetteville Technical Community College campus starting next week.

All Continuing Education classes are open to anyone 18 or older. These classes offer no college credit but are designed for self-improvement.

Pokemire's North American Indian Design class starts on Monday. It starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m. His two-hour class in Northwest Coast Indian carving begins on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Brockelsby's class in Southwest ceramic sculpture begins Thursday. Hours are 9 a.m. until noon.

# *Carver continues the art of his ancestors*

Bennie Pokemire, whose Indian name is Raven, takes swift, sure strokes with an adz to shave off tiny slivers from a block of western red cedar. Soon, the figure of a crane-like bird begins to take shape. He carves toward his chest to form the beak of the bird that is one of the mythical symbols in Indian folklore.

He is using a set of Northwest Coast Indian tools that he made himself and carving toward, rather than away from, his chest in the traditional manner of the Northwest Coast Indians. The bird is on its way to becoming a chief's rattle.

Pokemire will teach the carving techniques of the Indians of the Northwest Coast in a class at the Continuing Education Center of Fayetteville Technical Community College starting next week. Students will learn design and carve ladles during the class. He will also teach a class in North American Indian design that covers the geometric motifs traditionally used on pottery and baskets and also mythical, symbolic designs used for ceremonial objects.

Pokemire is part Cherokee. After retiring from the Army Special Forces, he decided to study the art of his ancestors and was especially attracted to Northwest Coast Indian art. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and then came back to North Carolina, where he received a master's degree in education at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee. He is called a master carver, and his work has been collected throughout the country and sold at Indian cultural festivals and art shows.

In the upstairs studio of his home at Carolina Lakes in Harnett County, Pokemire picks up a box he has recently finished. The sides have bent corners rather than the usual squares. This is

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**Bennie Pokemire** carves a bird in his studio. At the far left are a wooden mask and other pieces he has made.

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**Lula Crenshaw, left, Harry Shaw and Wilson Yarborough** take their respective oaths as members of the Fayetteville Technical Community College board of trustees. Shaw and Yarborough are returning members.

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Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

**Col. Floyd Watson,** left, and Sergeant Major Danny Powers, center, present proceeds from the 'Air Force One' Gala to David Hays, executive director of the Fayetteville Technical Community College Foundation. Members of the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, the Friends of Special Operations Forces and the FTCC foundation helped organize the event, which included a screening of the movie 'Air Force One.'

**Shea Ralph** addressed the media in Connecticut when she suffered her first knee injury in March. She faces another five months of rehabilitation.

AP file photo

# Ralph reinjures knee

## UConn player will miss basketball season

By Earl Vaughan Jr.
Scholastic sports editor

Shea Ralph of Fayetteville reinjured her right knee during a weekend scrimmage and will miss the University of Connecticut's 1997-98 basketball season.

Marsha Mann Lake, Ralph's mother, said Dr. Michael Joyce told her Tuesday Shea damaged the ligament that Joyce repaired in March.

Joyce is the orthopedic surgeon for the Connecticut athletic teams. Ralph, who set a host of state records at Terry Sanford High School, was not available for comment.

"It's attached, but ripped in the middle," Lake said of the anterior cruciate ligament in Ralph's right knee. "She also did some new knee ligament injuries."

Lake said the injury occurred during a Saturday scrimmage involving Connecticut players.

"They scrimmage every day among themselves," Lake said.

Ralph told her mother by telephone her knee collapsed, just like it did in March when she injured it the first time.

"She said it gave way, but it didn't hurt. But she knew something was wrong," Lake said.

Ralph didn't learn the severity of the injury until Tuesday when Dr. Joyce conducted an MRI.

"I asked him what the prognosis is," Lake said. "He said, 'She'll do it. She'll come back. But it will be five months of hard work. There's no need to try and push it. She's out for the year."

Lake said the way Ralph runs may have contributed to the second injury.

"There's nothing wrong with her tendon," Lake said. "Dr. Joyce saw her two weeks ago and she was in perfect shape.

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## Ralph

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"He says it's her feet. She's so pigeon-toed she doesn't run right, and it makes her more susceptible to an ACL injury."

Lake said Dr. Joyce told her he will not be able to repair the damaged ligament the same way as last time.

In the first operation, Joyce used a third of Ralph's patella tendon to construct the new ligament.

"They can't take another third," Lake said. "They will have to go to a cadaver."

Lake offered to donate one of her patella tendons, but said the doctor told her tendons can't be donated like organs.

Ralph finished her rehabilitation from the first knee injury in three months, but wasn't cleared to play basketball until five months had passed.

She spent most of the summer in Connecticut, attending summer school and rehabilitating her knee.

"This was the supreme test," Lake said. "She overcame it and came back. Now she's got to start all over again."

Ralph was expected to play an important role for the Huskies this fall following last year's 33-1 season that included a trip to the NCAA's Final Eight.

She was named national freshman of the year by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association and The Sporting News.

Ralph was also the Big East Rookie of the Year, winning conference Rookie of the Week honors five times.

She finished 25th in the nation in free-throw percentage last season, 115 of 138, 83.3 percent. She averaged 11.4 points per game.

Ralph didn't start any games for the Huskies, but she was the team's No. 1 reserve, playing in every game until her injury and averaging 21.8 minutes per contest.

Ironically, she is the only Connecticut player to suffer a season-ending injury during the 12 years Geno Auriemma has been the team's head coach.

D'glider

Thursday, September 25, 1997

Photo by Rick Jackson/Paraglide staff

# *Job satisfaction*

**Retired Sgt. Maj. Bert F. Sarty is now an admissions representative for Fayetteville Technical Community College at the Community Center. Sarty finds satisfaction in helping people with their future academic plans.**

# Schools combine to hold College Fair

O-T 9-25-97

A staff report

More than 75 colleges and universities will be in Fayetteville next week for the first regional College Fair.

The college fair will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Oct. 2 at The Fayetteville Academy. The event is free and open to students and parents from public, private and home schools. The College Fair is sponsored by the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers.

The regional College Fair is the first of its kind in Cumberland County, said Pam Little, director of admissions at The Fayetteville Academy.

"The reason that it is happening is, I think all of the area schools, public and private, would really like to continue having their own college fairs, but the college representatives, which belong to CACRAO, have just gotten to the point where they are pulled in so many directions they do not have the time and personnel in the admissions office to cover everything," Little said. "Wake and Mecklenburg counties have just had a regional fair, and it worked well."

### Giving notice

To prepare for the fair, Little has sent letters to churches, guidance counselors and the liaison for home-schooled students in the area.

"I am trying to make sure the word gets out to as many as possible," Little said. "This is not The Fayetteville Academy College Fair; it's the regional that CACRAO happens to be putting on in our gym."

The purpose of the College Fair is to give students and parents the opportunity to meet with college and university representatives.

Colleges and universities that have committed to attending include Methodist College, Barton College, The College of Charleston, Elizabeth City State University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Meredith College, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Johnson and Wales and Fayetteville Technical Community College.

A free financial workshop will also be held from 7-8 p.m.

### Night advantage

Jeanie Jones, a guidance counselor at Westover High School, likes the idea of having one big college fair.

"What I have always advocated is one in the evening so the parents can attend much more readily," Jones said. "I have always advocated that we should have one at night because all of the reps are here for a week, and some parents are not able to get off work to come, and they should definitely be in that process with the child."

Jones has been visiting classrooms at Westover to tell students about the college fair and some of the things to expect.

"They have put down the information, and they are asking questions," she said. "It seems to be positive. The financial aid workshop is included, and I am really pushing for them to attend that."

The fair will be in The Fayetteville Academy gymnasium. Individuals attending can use the Morganton Road or Cliffdale Road entrances to the school.

For more information, call Little at 868-5131.

O-T 9-20-97

# Educator Hall's funeral scheduled

**SPRING LAKE** — Howard Leonard Hall Sr., 78, of 105 N. Bragg Blvd., died Thursday in his home.

He was formerly a member of the Spring Lake Board of Aldermen and the board of trustees of Fayetteville Technical Community College. Mr. Hall was a member of the Spring Lake Lions Club and Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce, and was a charter member of Spring Lake United Methodist Church.

**Hall**

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in Spring Lake United Methodist Church by the Rev. Allen C. Edens, Jr. Burial will be in Cross Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Hall is survived by his wife, Maude P. Hall of the home; a daughter, Mildred H. Hice of Mauldin, S.C.; two sons, Howard L. Hall Jr. of West Jefferson and Dale Hall of Hickory; a sister, Wilhelmina Kruse of Little Egg Harbor, N.J.; and six grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cape Fear Hospice, 3357 Village Drive, Fayetteville, N.C. 28304.

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# *A mere mix-up would not stop Eddie Gantlin*

Eddie Gantlin has a favorite piece of advice he likes to give people who look to him for help.

"You've got to do it yourself. I can't do it for you."

The people who get this advice — prisoners and clients in need of mental health treatment — often find it hard to hear.

By Amber Nimocks

But Gantlin would not say the words had he not lived by them. And his fatherly smile and deep, smooth voice help take the edge off.

Gantlin is a 50-year-old father of two teen-age sons. He served 24 years in the Army, four of them in Vietnam. For the last eight years he has worked as a nurse at Hoke Correctional Center.

Some people Gantlin's age begin thinking about winding down their careers. Instead, Gantlin has plotted a course for starting anew.

When he retired from the Army in 1988, Gantlin decided to keep a promise he made to his mother.

"When I left home, my mother was going to send me to school," he says. "But I said, 'College — I can send myself to college.' So, I went into the Army."

Getting a start on keeping that 30-year-old promise proved to be more difficult than Gantlin anticipated.

He tried to register at Fayetteville Technical Community College, but the school wanted a copy of his high school transcript. His alma mater in Jacksonville, Fla., was no longer a high school. And when he traveled to Florida to track down his records, the board of education informed him that no one in his homeroom had graduated.

He knew it wasn't true. The records had been lost. But lost records did nothing to help Gantlin get enrolled at Fayetteville Tech. Gantlin laughs about the mix-up today. Robin Coates, his first teacher at Fayetteville Tech, knows that less daunting odds have kept people from getting their educations.

"One of the things that I found inspirational about Eddie is that when the big obstacle came, he did not let it stop him," Coates says. "A lot of people would get angry and want to give up at that point."

So, Gantlin entered the school's basic skills course, where he earned the credit he needed.

His plan was to study tool and dye making, but he decided to build upon the nursing career he started in the Army.

Over the past seven years, while working full-time, Gantlin has earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in community counseling from Campbell University.

He earned his bachelor's degree in just 27 months by taking accelerated courses at the college's Fort Bragg campus. "I was in this mind-set," he says. "I had to go while I was going."

**Gantlin**

He hopes to find a job as a social worker with Cumberland County Mental Health — where he completed a six-month internship — after he takes the professional counseling exam next year.

In the meantime, he is studying, tinkering with cars at his Hollywood Heights home and giving motivational speeches to Coates' basic skills classes.

Coates says her students can learn from Gantlin's example of determination.

"He saw something that he wanted to do and he didn't let anything keep him from doing it."

# A SEAMLESS WEB

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## Achieving cooperation across educational turf lines

Not too far into the 21st century, North Carolina's educational system may surely become a seamless web from pre-kindergarten to graduate school.

All trends point to a merging of public schools, community colleges, and the 16 institutions of the University of North Carolina System into an integrated pyramid of instruction, teacher training, and even administrative oversight of the performance of each level in the pyramid.

This linkage is necessary to make maximum use of educational resources.

It is already clear, for instance, that poor public schools cause problems for higher educational institutions, forcing them to use too much instructional energy for remedial education.

Similarly, until recent reforms achieved by community colleges, their widely varying performance standards, and even their academic schedules, seldom fit with the standards or the schedules of the university-level campuses, making transfers difficult, wasting spaces on some campuses while others dealt with overload.

Moreover, until recently, teacher-training on higher educational campuses has paid scant attention to the real world of the public school classroom.

All of these problems are well known to educational leadership. For a decade, the top officials of public schools, community colleges, and the UNC System have been holding periodic "summits" to seek common ground and to highlight the need for cooperation.

Now, the cooperation is beginning at lower levels, and with concrete objectives.

That is the purpose of the "Seamless Education Highway" project launched by an alliance of educational leaders from Cumberland and Robeson counties. It involves public schools, community colleges, Fayetteville State University and UNC-Pembroke.

The project will bring together teachers, professors, administrators, and experts to devise roadmaps for the progress of children from their public school days to the university campus, with special emphasis on helping them through those gateway transitions from one level to another.

If it works, the project could force even reluctant educators to cooperate across institutional and professional lines, making maximum use of resources for the greater benefit of all the children.

In a real sense, this is what education in North Carolina should look like in the 21st century.

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**Fayetteville Technical Community College** selected eight teachers of the year. They are, top row from left, Levern Maxwell, Joseph Pilzak and DeVon Brock; and on the front row from left, John McKenzie, Evelyn Williams and Tomecia Sobers. Also chosen but not pictured are Marin Banel and Thomas Pullen.

O-T Sat EXTRA 9/27/97

# FTCC leader takes helm

*Larry Norris says he is 'honored' by the historic installation ceremony.*

**By Gary Moss**
Staff writer

Larry Norris had just had the gold-plated President's medallion draped across his robed chest and stepped over to the podium to give what would be the biggest speech of his life.

For Norris, the event, held in the parking lot behind the Student Union Center at Fayetteville Technical Community College, was to be the culminating moment of his 27-year career at Fayetteville Tech, and a historic one for the college as well.

Norris is the fourth president of

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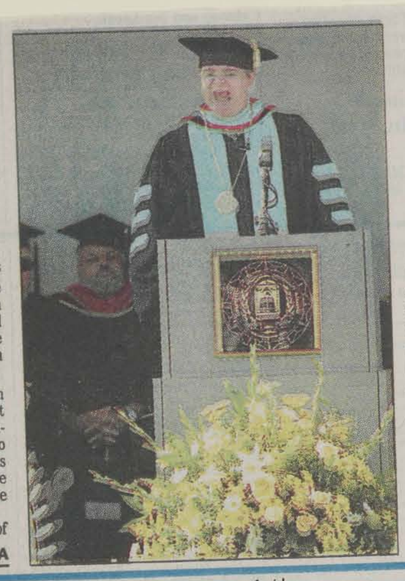

**Larry Norris speaks** during the installation ceremony Friday after being sworn in as president of Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Staff photo by Chip East

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## FTCC

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the college, but the first to have an installation ceremony held for him, complete with newly created regalia.

"I am honored, humbled and almost overwhelmed by this occasion," Norris began. "I accept the charge of this outstanding faculty and staff."

Then his words were muffled by the piercing wails of a siren from a nearby fire station. Norris gamely continued, but stopped as the wails grew even louder. People in the audience began to laugh. Norris broke into a grin. "This didn't happen during rehearsal," he said.

Then he resumed a speech without missing a beat, a speech that focused on the people in his life who matter most to him.

Norris spoke first of his father and his mother, who will be celebrating her 95th birthday.

Norris' father died when Norris was only 17, but Norris said he believes his father is somehow aware of the events of this day. "The values they instilled in me are at the very core of my leadership style today."

He talked of his wife Judy and the patience she had shown him in the 35 years of their marriage, and of his son Drew. "He is the pride of my life and the apple of my eye." Norris said he was proud of his son for his accomplishments, but most of all for his goodness.

Drew and Judy sat together on the stage, with Judy holding a bouquet of yellow flowers.

Norris also talked of the faculty and staff from which he had come. "I understand the challenges and the rewards and sometimes the frustrations."

And he spoke of the students. "You are the reason for it all."

Earlier in the ceremonies, greetings to "Larry" were read from President Clinton and Gov. Jim Hunt. Bagpipes played "Amazing Grace." And a string of state and local dignitaries sang Norris' praises.

"You have chosen well in this man," said Bob Scott, the former governor and former president of the state community college system. "You have solidly positioned yourself to lead this institution into a new millennium."

Seventh District Congressman Mike McIntyre, who gave the keynote address, cited the good judgment of the board of trustees for selecting "a great man to lead a great college."

Mayor J.L. Dawkins said that Norris was "one of the finest educators anywhere" and that he and Judy were "two of the finest human beings you can find."

Cumberland County educator Jeanette Council, who serves on the state community college board, said of Norris, "I claim the immense pride that we all share that Larry Norris is one of us. How fortunate they found him here already working to improve the institution he now has the opportunity to lead."

Sylvia Mumford, the president of the Alumni Association, told Norris that his "belief in a person's potential rather than his past" inspired her and other Fayetteville Tech graduates.

There have been 16,828 graduates since the college was founded in 1963. More than 40,000 students take classes at the college each year.

# NEW FTCC PRESIDENT

## Norris is uniquely equipped for role in a new era

**Larry Norris, who became the fourth president of Fayetteville Technical Community College last Friday, is uniquely equipped to offer a new-style leadership for a new-style era of service by the institution.**

As a 27-year veteran of the college's faculty and administration, he has risen through the ranks. As the first president with such a background, he hits the ground running.

More significantly, Norris is a major architect of the future for North Carolina's network of 58 community colleges and technical institutes. For the past several years, he has been at the center of a group that redesigned the network's instructional standards. The goal is to make them better prepared as effective providers of excellent higher education, while preserving their role as low-cost, work-oriented campuses.

The reforms set uniform quality goals across the instructional spectrum on all campuses, and put the campuses on the semester system that fits them with the schedules of the University of North Carolina System and most private colleges.

This commitment fits the long-term goal of educational leaders who see a future when all publicly supported schooling in North Carolina will be a seamless web, each level supporting the other, and making maximum use of resources.

For Larry Norris and for FTCC, the community wishes them well as he gets to test the future he helped devise.


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## Man had weapon at FTCC, police say

Victor Ephraim Sydney was charged Saturday with possessing a weapon on the grounds of Fayetteville Technical Community College and with assaulting a woman.

Sydney is accused of pushing a woman several times Friday, and with carrying a .22-caliber gun on the campus. He was jailed with bond set at $3,000.

A staff report

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# SUNDAY LIFE

*'I don't think that I have spent a day in the last five years without thinking about the coliseum, discussing the coliseum. This will always be a part of me.'*

*—Bob Smith*

**Bob Smith** is nearing the end of his seven years on the Civic Center Coliseum Commission.

Staff photos by Jay Capers

**Bob Smith** hopes that when the Crown Coliseum opens next month, the facility will help reshape Fayetteville's reputation.

# CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

## Coliseum opening will cap years of work for Smith

**By Kim Nilsen**
Staff writer

Bob Smith has made spotting potential in people his life's work. He molds talent. He crafts images.

For years, his subjects were young professionals seeking jobs through his Fayetteville career service. Or beauty pageant contestants he coached, teaching them how to speak and what to wear to win a crown.

Now he's trying to mold a community. He wants to chip away at Fayetteville's rough image. He believes the county's Crown Coliseum — scheduled to open in less than a month — will do that.

He so strongly believes in the importance of the coliseum that he has served seven years on the Civic Center Commission, the body of volunteers that oversees the coliseum, Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center and county arena and auditorium. Smith has been commission chairman for five years.

At times, his decisions have put him at odds with friends, other commission members and county commissioners. He has become a target of the coliseum's critics, who called the project a waste of taxpayer money and slapped it with the nickname "Bubba Dome."

Being the most vocal spokesman for the coliseum is a risky position for Smith. He's not a thick-skinned politician. Those who know him well say he simply wants to be everyone's friend.

"Bob's heart is as big as a child's. He wants everyone to like him, and he wants to like everyone," said Johnnie Evans, a Cumberland County commissioner and one of Smith's allies.

But the criticism has never shaken Smith's confidence that the coliseum is the best thing for the community.

"It's going to be a rallying point to move forward in downtown Fayetteville," Smith says.

### Changing directions

Smith, 58, is a master of image. He has been able to reinvent himself several times, going from farmer to banker to entrepreneur to community leader.

He compensates for a lack of experience with unwavering confidence and hard work, those who

**CAPE FEAR PROFILE**

**Name:** James Robert "Bob" Smith
**Age:** 58
**Education:** Perquimans High School, Hertford, and the University of Georgia.
**Family:** sister, Polly Smith Grimes; brothers, Paul Smith and Elwood Smith.
**Career highlights:** Founded National Personnel Agency career service in 1967. Named Methodist College's "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1995.

"He just seems to be tireless when it comes to a goal or project he is working on," said Lee Warren, Board of Commissioners chairman.

The firm Smith founded and runs, National Career Centers, pairs companies with eager young professionals looking for jobs.

For the introductions, which take place at recruiting fairs around the country, Smith's firm is paid well.

Smith doesn't like to talk about money. He's

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## Copeland named Communicator of Year

Barbara Copeland, the director of public relations at Fayetteville Technical Community College, was recently named the Communicator of the Year by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.

**Copeland**

In addition, Fayetteville Tech won five "Medallion awards" from the council in the categories for color photographs, video spots, annual reports and newsletters.

The council is an organization for public relations professionals for two-year colleges. Fayetteville Tech competed against other two-year colleges in an 11-state area in the Southeast.

**Clyde Sessoms, left, of Kwik Shop Stores, presents checks to Principals, Dr. Allen Faircloth, SPHS, Carolyn Bullard, SPES, Cornell Singletary, SPMS, and Brenda Locklear, Rex Elementary School.**

# Kwik Shops support education

St. Pauls High School, St. Pauls Middle School, St. Pauls Elementary School, and Rex-Rennert Elementary School were each recipients of a $500 donation by Kwik Shop Stores.

The funds were generated through Kwik Shop Stores' participation in the "Pull for Education" fundraising phone card program. Fifty cents from each card's sale was donated to education through the program.

Participating stores designated schools to receive the donation from the sale of the cards. Clyde Sessoms of Kwik Shop Stores made the presentations Monday morning.

On Monday afternoon, Mr. Sessoms presented another $500 check to Fayetteville Technical Community College, and on Tuesday, he presented the faculty of Vass Elementary School another check for $500.

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## Smith

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happy to talk about the growth of the company. It began in the old Miracle Theater building on Hay Street in the mid 1960s. His first clients were young soldiers leaving the Army after the Vietnam War.

"I would place anybody who came looking for a job," Smith said.

Back then, he had time to coach his clients. He would teach them how to dress for job interviews and what to say to land a position.

About the same time, he became a patron to another field of young hopefuls. He was a member of the Fayetteville Jaycees in the 1960s when the club sponsored the Miss Fayetteville Pageant. Smith helped run the contest.

Through that work, he met contestants such as Brenda Heath Wilson. He saw promise in the 15-year-old.

"He took this little girl from the country, and I got to do things I would have never gotten to do in my life," Wilson said. "He just kind of took me under his wing. He made sure I had the speaking classes, and he sort of groomed me in a sense."

Smith made it his business to learn how to make a winner in the pageant world. He figured out what dresses impressed judges and the right way to stand on the stage.

He spent his own money entering Wilson and others in pageants. If he didn't have the money, he found a sponsor who did, Wilson said.

Wilson won the Miss Fayetteville title in 1966. As the N.C. Rhododendron Queen, she traveled in Europe.

She has remained friends with Smith over the past 35 years. She has watched his business and his wealth grow.

"He's become quite successful," Wilson said. "He has definitely made his way in the material world."

As his business grew, Smith's role in pageants evolved. He's gone from mentor to planner and sponsor. He has less contact with contestants, but more clout. His goal is to bring the Miss North Carolina pageant to the Crown Coliseum in 1998.

are motivated, in part, by restlessness and ambition, he said.

He was raised in Belvidere, a small farm community on the Perquimans River near Elizabeth City. He was the youngest son of a farmer and a homemaker. He remembers the family farm house before it had indoor plumbing.

Smith spent summers as a lifeguard at Nags Head. At home, he was put to work on the farm, chopping peanuts, picking corn and feeding hogs.

His sister, Polly Smith Grimes, said Smith didn't enjoy the farm work, but he saw opportunities. He began receiving honors through the 4-H Club and the Future Farmers of America.

The work led him to N.C. State University in the 1950s. He studied agriculture for two years, then won a scholarship that took him to the University of Georgia. There, he studied journalism and business.

Before he left Georgia, he got a master's of business administration and spent a year studying in Rangoon, Burma. He says Southeast Asia opened his eyes. But when he returned to North Carolina, he was drawn to something familiar. He took a job at N.C. State working with agricultural programming for public television.

After a year, he became an agricultural extension agent in Sampson County. He ran 4-H programs for youth.

The work was familiar. It made his parents proud.

But Smith wanted more money. After less than a year in Sampson County, he took a job with First Citizens Bank in Fayetteville.

"I decided by that time business was where I was going in life," Smith said. "There was more money to be made in the business world than in agriculture."

He wanted to be his own boss. So he borrowed money from his father, Fred Smith, to start National Personnel Agency. The name of the business is still on the glass of the old Hay Street office, which is now vacant. The window sign was the only advertising he could afford at first.

Smith worked with job candidates, sending them home if they

**Bob Smith's resume** lists stints in agriculture, banking and business, as well as extensive involvement in beauty pageants.

Morganton Road. He devotes most of his time to planning the future of the business and has little contact with job candidates.

He has made a comfortable living brokering talent. He has a house in Gates Four, the private golf community west of Hope Mills. He fills his office with fresh flowers, leather furniture and modern art in purple and teal hues. He has a home at North Myrtle Beach.

He throws extravagant theme parties for friends. He had elephants trucked into his neighborhood for one party and hired showgirls and entertainers for others.

His guests number in the hundreds. He estimates he has spent as much as $70,000 on his most expensive party.

He also has orchestrated various community functions with a flair for the dramatic — definitely Bob Smith productions.

His lifestyle was foreign to his mother, Nora Smith. She could never understand how Smith made a living by pairing job candidates with employers. His product was

Grimes said her mother made her promise to take care of brother Bob.

"These were farm people. They really had no understanding of what I did," he said.

### Accidental inspiration

One of Smith's parties led him to community work and the coliseum project.

He threw a company Christmas party at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center. He hired singers to entertain about 400 friends and colleagues.

"It was a disaster," Smith said. "The acoustics were just absolutely horrible."

The party left him grumbling about the entertainment venues in town. People told him to do something about it. Smith sought a spot on the Civic Center Commission.

He was appointed in 1990. At his second meeting, commission members were talking about how the county arena was losing money because it was too small for top-level performers. With a bigger building, the city could attract better acts.

Smith was sold. Democrat Lee

commissioners liked it, but said no property tax money could be spent on the project.

Warren, a county commissioner since 1992, said Smith and others set out to find a way to pay for the coliseum. Smith looked into what other municipalities had done to bankroll major projects. He hit on the idea of a tax on restaurant meals. The proceeds would be used to gradually pay off the construction debt. Events at the coliseum would help pay other costs.

The tax, one cent on each dollar, won the approval of the county commissioners and the General Assembly. Critics have complained about the tax and the way in which it was imposed, but Smith and other proponents say it was the best solution.

"I would say that if Bob had not been the motivating force behind the new coliseum, there would probably not be a new coliseum," Johnnie Evans said.

The project has had its share of problems and controversies. Some costs were greater than estimated. The prime contractor, Sigma Construction Co., is suing the county over the coliseum. The company's owners say the county allowed other contractors to fall behind schedule and then expected Sigma to make up for the delays.

"I don't think there has been an easy part," Smith said.

Smith's mission is nearly complete. Next week, a group of inspectors will tour the coliseum to see if it is in shape to be opened to the public. On Oct. 23, the city's minor league hockey team, the Fayetteville Force, is scheduled to have its first game there.

Soon, Smith's official link to the coliseum will be cut. In December, he and several others must leave the Civic Center Commission because they have served more than the maximum time allowed. The county commissioners extended terms of several commission members so that they could see the project through the construction.

"A part of my life is going to be gone," Smith said.

Smith has positioned himself to keep his fingers in the local entertainment and tourism industry. He was appointed this year to the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau board of directors. He is also on the Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

### Vision for future

Smith could hardly stand still last week as he looked around inside the Crown. The air was heavy with the smell of paint. Construction workers looked curiously at Smith in his expensive dark suit and gold tie.

The building has to be successful, he said. Cumberland County has invested too much to see any other result.

He is convinced that the entertainment the Crown will bring will change the perception of Fayetteville. He envisions it helping to attract companies to the city. More jobs and better entertainment will help keep promising high school and college graduates here, he said.

"I don't think that I have spent a day in the last five years without thinking about the coliseum, discussing the coliseum," Smith said. "This will always be a part of me."

## POMP SIGNALS NEW VIEW OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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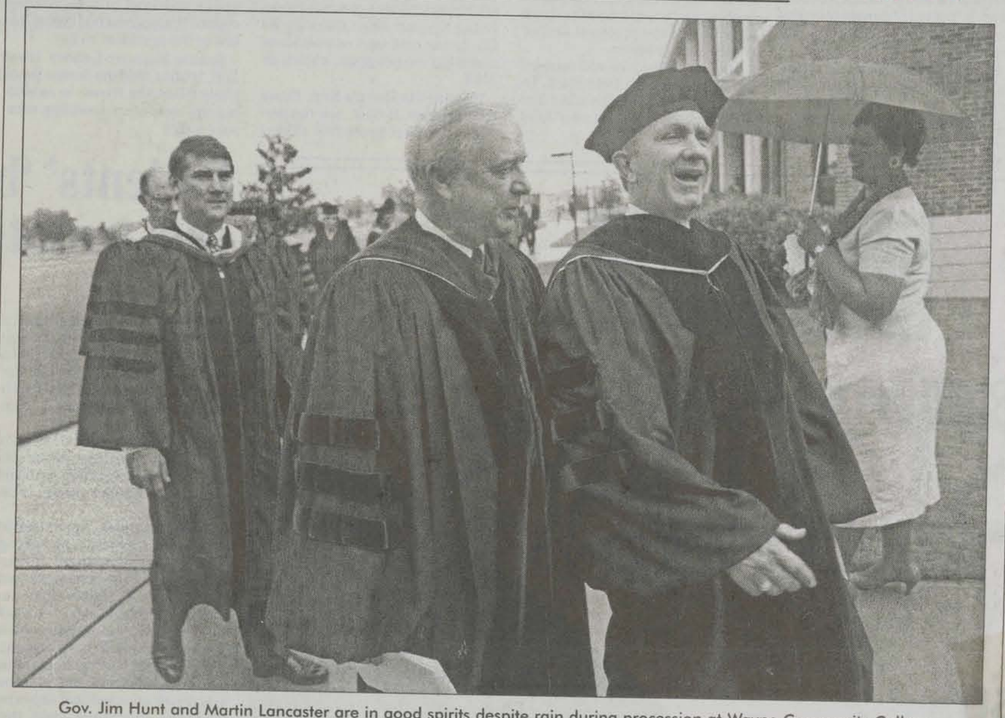

Gov. Jim Hunt and Martin Lancaster are in good spirits despite rain during procession at Wayne Community College.

STAFF PHOTO BY GARY ALLEN

# Lancaster gets colorful start to key job

BY TIM SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

The last time North Carolina's community college system installed a new president, staff members cleared furniture out of the board room in Raleigh to make way for a little punch-and-cookies affair.

On Wednesday, the punch and cookies were left in the hallway as a long processional of dignitaries filed into the auditorium at Wayne Community College conspicuously dressed in velvet-trimmed gowns and tasseled mortarboard caps.

They joined almost 1,000 people who came to watch the installation of Martin Lancaster, all of them welcomed by trumpeters, singers and a stage replete with columns of floral arrangements.

The message was impossible to miss: State leaders believe North Carolina's community colleges should be viewed with the same respect as the state's four-year universities, who are used to such ceremonial pomp.

"I hope that people don't feel this is too elaborate," said Lancaster, who actually took over as president of the 59-campus system in July. "But I do believe it's time we step up and claim our place."

Few people in the crowd of community college leaders and supporters would disagree.

Academic trappings have never been the hallmark of the state's two-year colleges. While the system offers a wide range of high-tech classes and is increasingly the place where students start their four-year degree program, many still see the campuses as schools for welders, plumbers and mechanics.

"Community colleges are often thought of as second-rate, and that's just not right," said Phil Kirk, a state board member for the system and president of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry. "I think this is a logical way for us to show we have moved up the ladder."

Lancaster is the chief administrator for a system that enrolls more than 780,000 students statewide, one of the largest in the country. He also is being called upon to lead the campuses through a particularly pivotal period.

Within the next five years, for example, thousands of workers are expected to attend community colleges for retraining, welfare reform programs will count on campuses to provide basic skills classes and thousands of additional high school graduates will start their four-year degrees at the two-year campuses.

Lancaster, a former congressman and legislator, called the task his greatest challenge yet.

But for Wednesday, he and others were content to celebrate the system's stature and let its challenges wait for one day.

From across the state, local campus leaders provided the food and music and even created the large aluminum-bronze medallion that hung around Lancaster's neck. Help from campus leaders and business groups was so plentiful that system officials said the state's cost for the ceremony will be less than $10,000.

At the podium, speakers including Gov. Jim Hunt, state Supreme Court Chief Justice Burley Mitchell, UNC system President Molly Broad and state schools Superintendent Mike Ward offered words of praise and encouragement.

For Lancaster, the ceremony was also a homecoming. Born in Wayne County, which is about an hour east of the Triangle, he graduated from a high school that is less than 10 minutes from where he was installed Wednesday. He also met his wife, Alice, while she was a teacher at the community college.

He repeatedly used the words of Dallas Herring — the man often credited with creating the basic ideas and philosophies of the community college system — calling him "the closest thing we have ever had in North Carolina to Thomas Jefferson."

"We must take the people where they are and carry them as far as they can go," Lancaster said, echoing the words from a speech Herring made in 1964..

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landers.

O-T 11/1/97

## UNCG offers registration on the Web

**GREENSBORO** (AP) — Students at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro can register for spring classes at the school's World Wide Web site.

The Web registration to start Monday is believed to be the first of its kind at UNC system campuses, said university registrar Ellen Robbins.

The system named "UNCGenie" will also allow the school's 11,500 students to register by touch-tone telephone. Robbins said using the telephone is already used at schools like UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University.

"We have had students ask us for some time why don't we have a system that they can use from off campus," she said. "Now we have one that will modernize our registration process here and make it much more convenient for our students."

Students using the system will have three-day windows in which they can choose from more than 2,500 different courses offered by UNC-Greensboro. Students who need help using the new system can receive assistance at the registration center on campus, the school said.

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**Harry Shaw**, left, chairman of the Fayetteville Technical Community College Board of Trustees, presents a plaque to Dr. Linwood Powell who served as the school's interim president until July 1. Powell will return to his position as Vice President for Administrative Services. Larry Norris is the new president.

## Awards

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■ **Deborah McCown** of Hope Mills has received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Workforce Development in recognition of her ability to obtain training and employment as a welder despite personal barriers.

McCown has been deaf since birth. She works at McCune Technology/Fayetteville Steel.

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challenges of tomorrow.

### Edgecombe Community College

2009 West Wilson Street
Tarboro, NC 27886
(919) 823-5166
*See ad on page 37A*

Edgecombe Community College's (ECC's) move to the semester system is a win-win situation for college bound students. Getting college credit without the college cost is now easier than ever," says an ECC bulletin, "thanks to new semester classes at Edgecombe Community College. After years of offering classes based on the quarter system, ECC and every other community college in the state has converted all curriculum offerings into semester formats.

The reasoning – to make certain programs and courses more accurately reflect the workforce education and training needs of the future and to ensure that students have superior quality and more consistent course work. Now English 11 at ECC is the same course offered at any other community college across the state.

### Fayetteville Technical Community College Small Business Center

2801 Fort Bragg Rd.
P.O. Box 35236
Fayetteville, NC
(910) 678-8496
*See ad on page 38A*

Fayetteville Technical Community College's commitment to providing quality educational programs to an ever-expanding business and industry community led to the opening of a state-of-the-art Center for Business and Industry (CBI) in 1988. The Small Business Center (SBC) is one of three programs housed in this facility. The primary function of the CBI is to respond to the needs of business and industry within the college's service area. Adding the Small Business Center now allows all segments of the local business community to be served efficiently and comprehensively.

The SBC at Fayetteville Tech is a part of the Community College Network of such centers. It was funded by the N.C. Legislature in the summer of 1994 and opened September 1, 1994. Even though it is one of the newest SBCs in the community college system, FTCC has a long and distinguished history as a provider of business related services to the greater Fayetteville area.

Additionally, the Small Business Center staff has developed a strong working relationship with the local Chamber of Commerce, the Fayetteville State University's Small Business Center and the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation. Thus SBC has access to all local agencies and groups active in business management and development.

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**Ron Jahn**, center left, and Carolina Casanova, center right, both horticulture students at Fayetteville Technical Community College, receive scholarships from the Fayetteville Garden Club Counsel and the Cross Creek Garden Club. Presenting the awards are Lettie Harris, left, Cross Creek Garden Club president, and Marie Parker, right, of the Garden Club Counsel.

Sat B XTRA 11/8/97

# Crenshaw to head Democratic Party

Lula Crenshaw was elected chairwoman of the Cumberland County Democratic Party at an Executive Committee meeting Thursday night.

Crenshaw defeated Walter W. Porter by a ratio of more than 3 to 1. Crenshaw received 210 votes to Porter's 61½.

**Crenshaw**

Porter notified Democratic precinct officials only last week that he would run to replace Jerry Meek as party chairman. Meek stepped down as party leader this month to run for one of the two 18th state House District seats in the 1998 Democratic primary.

Crenshaw served as interim chairwoman until Thursday's election. She had been first-vice chairwoman of the party since 1995.

After the election, Crenshaw vowed to work for unity in the party.

Party members elected George Breece to replace Crenshaw as first-vice chairman of the party. He was the only person nominated for the post.

Glorious Fowler and James Bowser were elected to serve as delegates on the State Executive Committee.

### INSIDE POLITICS

### Elmore hosts breakfast

Victoria Elmore, who ran as a Republican for the 75th District seat in the state House in 1996, will have a breakfast Saturday to open her 1998 campaign.

Elmore lost to Democrat Alex Warner by about 500 votes in 1996 and plans to run against him again.

Filing for legislative seats opens Jan. 5, and primaries will be held for party nominations on May 5. The breakfast Saturday, at the Hope Mills Community Center on Rockfish Road, is free. It starts at 9 a.m.

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## Rainy day

**Larry and Brenda Tinney** certainly came prepared for worship on a recently rainy Sunday at Highland Presbyterian Church.

# MPs can make the grade

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**Pfc. Santos Martinez** and Sgt. Crystal Stewart take a test in one of their college courses.

Staff photo by Cindy Burnham

## A leader helps GIs get diplomas

By Katy Norton
Staff Writer

*20,000 go to class, Page 5E*

Pfc. Santos Martinez leaves work at 3:30 p.m. each day to attend psychology 118. He sits for three hours in a college class, working toward a business degree, while most of his fellow soldiers remain at their jobs.

He is one of 25 soldiers from Fort Bragg's 16th Military Police Brigade taking the class, which has been organized by the brigade commander, Col. Terry Moreau, in an attempt to enroll more soldiers in college.

"I've noticed one of the reasons we've lost some of our good soldiers is because they couldn't take (college) classes here," Moreau said. "My soldiers stay gone a lot. They get a lot of deployments, and when they are back, they are doing some kind of shift work."

The MPs work three shifts: a patrol, a field exercise and a training support shift. During the support shift, the soldiers spend 30

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## Diplomas

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days working 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., a rarity for MPs, Moreau said.

Because their schedules don't correspond with classes offered at local colleges, Moreau decided to make college classes available to his soldiers during the training support rotation.

And he hopes by giving the soldiers time off from work to attend the classes, it will be enough incentive to get an education while they are in the Army.

"There used to be an attitude when I was a junior officer that if you wanted a college education, you had to get it on your own time," Moreau said. "Commanders would say, 'I'm not going to put more work on others shoulders so you can go be a college boy.' We as leaders got smarter."

Martinez is thankful for the colonel's attitude toward college.

"I would have tried to make time for college on my own, but it's really hard," Martinez said. "It's a lot easier on my time, coming for three hours for four weeks instead of six or seven weeks."

The classes correspond with the associate's degree in criminal justice offered at Fayetteville Technical College, and soldiers are allowed to leave work early to take the classes.

"We initially threw it out as an idea," Moreau said. "Last month we were jumping through hoops to make it happen. We needed to get the word out and let soldiers know there was command emphasis on this."

As the soldiers hear of the classes, more sign up. There are 45 soldiers already registered for the sociology class to begin Nov. 11.

Sgt. Crystal Stewart is working toward a bachelor's degree in speech therapy. She said if the brigade didn't offer these classes she would have to go to night school.

"I've done the night-school thing, and it's not easy coming in at 10 o'clock," Stewart said.

# Military enrollment in colleges increases

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By Katy Norton
Staff writer

More than 20,000 military personnel from Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base enrolled in college classes during fiscal year 1997 — over 2,000 more than in 1996.

Education has become a priority for the military, one official said.

"The more education you have, no matter what area it's in, you will be more competitive in the work force," said Dennis Stock, director of education services at Fort Bragg. "The higher the education, the higher the pay."

That is true for soldiers who seek promotion as well as for soldiers who are entering the civilian work force. They get one promotion point for each college credit they complete.

"As the Army gets smaller, competition is higher," Stock said. "Education decides who stays in and who gets out. It's a big plus. ... I'm not going to say just because you have a college degree, you will get promoted, but ..."

Campbell University, Central Michigan University, Central Texas College, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Liberty University, Methodist College and Troy State University have offices on Fort Bragg.

Campbell, Webster University, Embry Riddle and Central Texas College have offices on Pope Air Force Base. Other schools that conduct classes on Pope include Fayetteville State, FTCC, Methodist and the Community College of the Air Force.

The colleges and universities offer weekend classes and night classes that are a better fit to many soldiers' schedules. If soldiers take advantage of these classes, most of them could have an associate's degree in just a few years, Stock said.

Some soldiers also may be closer to having a degree than they realize. Military training schools are worth college credit. The Primary Leadership Development Course counts as four college credits, and certain military occupational specialties can count as much as six college credits, Stock said.

"If schools are a member of the Service Members Opportunity College Guide, they will give soldiers a liberal allowance toward a degree, especially if the military experience is similar," said Colleen Kernstine, an education services specialist at Fort Bragg's Army Education Center.

Soldiers who change duty stations can continue to work toward their degree. Most schools require only that soldiers fulfill a residency requirement, meaning they take 25 percent of the classes with the specific college. All other classes can be taken with whatever college is in the area they are stationed, Kernstine said.



## *Seamless Educational Highway Initiative Wins U.S. Education Department Goals 2000 Funding*

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The Executive Team of the Cumberland and Robeson County Seamless Educational Highway initiative has received $200,000 to support this unique effort. The grant, submitted by the Cumberland County Schools to the Public Schools of North Carolina may be renewable for up to three years.

The Goals 2000 funding will enable the public schools in Cumberland and Robeson Counties, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Robeson Community College, UNC-Pembroke and Fayetteville State University to pursue their joint effort to develop a systems model that helps students move successfully on their educational journey from early childhood through the community college and/or university. The objective of the initiative is to use teams composed of public school teachers, community college instructors and university professors to identify the knowledge, skills and abilities that students must acquire at each administrative level of the public education system.

The new grant will support teachers, instructors and professors as they participate in work sessions aimed at addressing the total education system in the two counties. Initial efforts are in the subject areas of mathematics and language arts. "This is the first time teachers from pre-kindergarten through university have had the opportunity to meet together and articulate a change for the better," said one teacher involved in the initiative. The results articulated by the working teams will be clearly communicated to students, teachers and parents so that all are familiar with what must be mastered at each level of the system.

Work on the Seamless Educational Highway in the past year has been funded from several sources, one of which was a $77,000 grant from the North Carolina Community Colleges. Lt. Governor Dennis L. Wicker, who chairs the Community College Board, has urged Board members to "think of education as 'seamless.' We should view it in terms of students going from kindergarten through at least the '14th grade,' or community college level." The North Carolina Community Colleges also recently completed a comprehensive articulation agreement with The University of North Carolina to ensure a smooth transition for students moving from two-year to four-year degree programs.

The target population that will benefit from the Seamless Educational Highway includes the 120,000 students enrolled in the 125 public schools, two community colleges and two state universities in Cumberland Robeson Counties. Ultimately, the Seamless Educational Highway plan and design will be documented and widely distributed to educators throughout the state as a model for constructive cooperation among public education entities.

Dr. John R. Griffin, Jr., former Superintendent of the Cumberland County Schools, serves as Program Director for the initiative. Executive Team members are Dr. Purnell Swett, Superintendent of the Robeson County Schools; Dr. William Harrison, Superintendent of the Cumberland County Schools; Dr. Larry Norris, President of Fayetteville Technical Community College; Mr. Fred Williams, President of Robeson Community College; Dr. Joseph Oxendine, Chancellor of UNC-Pembroke; and Dr. Willis B. McLeod, Chancellor of Fayetteville State University.

For more information, please contact Lauren Burgess at (910) 486-1474.

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## *Cape Fear region residents answer the question: 'What about your community would surprise people?'*

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*"The opportunity for cultural enrichment: Cape Fear Regional Theatre, Fayetteville Symphony, Museum of the Cape Fear and the Civic Chorus.*

*The availability of the, institutions of higher learning: FSU, Methodist College, FTCC, and opportunities for continuing education on Fort Bragg and Pope AFB."*

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### Appointments Resignations & Retirements

**Dr. J.C. Basnight** has been named assistant to the vice president for academic and student services at Fayetteville Technical Community College in Fayetteville, N.C. He has worked at the college since 1981. He holds an associate's degree in science and business administration from Chowan Community College, a bachelor's degree in business education from Barton College, a master's degree in business education from East Carolina University and a doctorate in adult community college education from North Carolina State University.

## *The stalls of justice*

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Staff photos by Chris Hondros

**Mounted police officer Jose Lamboy** leads his horse, 'Winston,' into the Fayetteville Police Department's new stable.

# Police move into new stable

**Police officer Chuck Hunter** sands down a saddle stand at the new stable. Because Hunter has woodworking experience, the department asked for his help on the project.

**By Michelle Brien**
Staff writer

Five police horses have a new home, complete with two dogs for company.

Fayetteville police moved the horses of the mounted patrol into the new stable last week. Risky, Winston, Doc, Joker and John each have a roomy stall scented with the fresh smell of hay and new wood.

Students from Fayetteville Technical Community College built the stable in a year and a half, said Capt. Tom Bergamine. The new stable is adjacent to the police training center, off Business 95 north.

Money that police seized from drug dealers paid for most of the materials, Bergamine said. The Parks and Recreation Department provided $22,000 to buy the Police Department's former stables on Lamon Street. Parks and Recreation wanted to use the building and field.

Police said the new stable cost more than the $50,000 contractors originally estimated. Bills for the building total about $68,000 so far.

"This is a pretty nice barn," Bergamine said. "We made sure the construction ma-

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## Stable

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terials were top-grade stuff."

Mounted patrol officers adopted two Jack Russell terriers from the animal shelter just up the street. Dogs Nitro and Darla will help keep the stables free of mice and other pests, Bergamine said.

Officers built a "shaving shed" at the back of the stable. It holds the shaved wood used for the horses' beds. The stalls are roomier than the stalls at the old Lamon Street stable. The new stable has seven stalls, in case police decide to get more horses. The stable also has a bigger feed room, a bigger equipment storage room, and an office for the mounted patrol police.

A cinder-block lined stall is equipped with hoses and nozzles to wash the horses, and can be flooded to soak a lame horse's foot. It also has heat lamps to warm sick horses.

Police plowed and planted grass on three acres behind the stables to provide a training area and pasture for the horses.

Mounted officers ride a trail through woods to reach their patrol area downtown.

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Community colleges see their mission growing faster than their budget

Wake Technical Community College student John Toaso, left, mixes cookie batter during a class in basic culinary skills.

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TRYING TO BE

# All things to all people

By Tim Simmons
STAFF WRITER

Ever since they were patched into a loose collection of training schools, North Carolina's community colleges have tried to offer a little something for everyone.

Need an associate degree in microelectronics technology? The community colleges can provide it. A high school diploma? Community colleges grant one of every five in the state. Welding classes, nursing programs, college transfer credits? All are available.

Having redefined the goals of its "industrial education centers" many times over, the community college system now enrolls almost 800,000 students — or roughly five people for every one in the state's public universities.

But as the state's population booms and the community college course lists grow into the thousands, many leaders in the 58-campus system are beginning to wonder if they can handle the load.

"I'm not sure how many more straws we can carry on our backs," said Bruce Howell, president of Wake Technical Community College. "If we try to be everything to everyone, we could find ourselves being of little use to anyone."

Often overlooked in the state's system of public education, community colleges are being asked to confront a growing list

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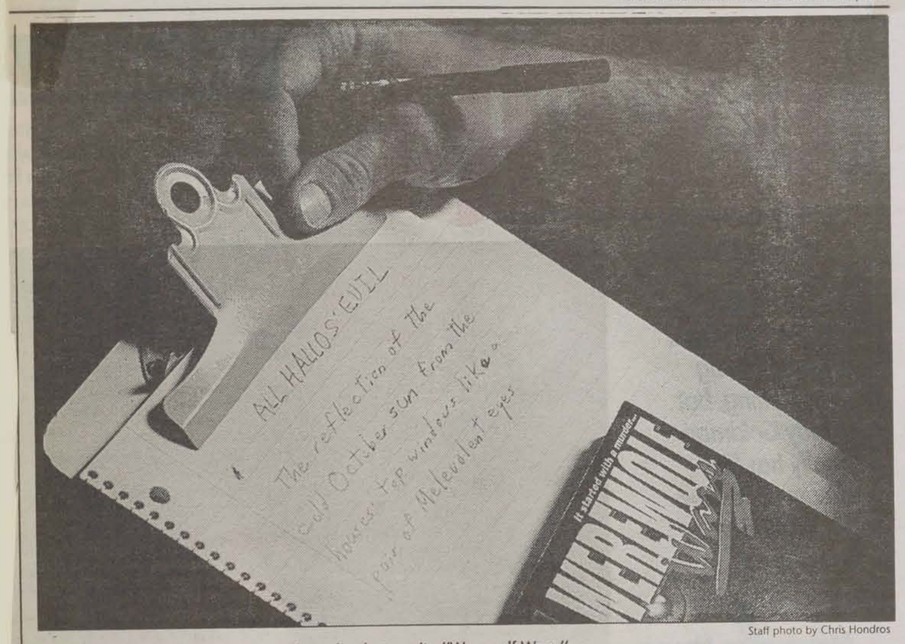


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**Randy Goldman** used spiral-bound notebooks to write "Werewolf Wars."

*IT SUITS RANDY GOLDMAN JUST FINE*

# His nightmares come true

By Allison Williams
Staff writer

**CEDAR CREEK** — Randy Goldman is almost finished putting up his Halloween decorations.

Although he started in the middle of September, it's still a job to get it just right. Tombstones and dummies must be carefully arranged. Creepy music has to be picked out. Lights have to be strung. And that doesn't include getting his Dracula costume ready.

It is easy to tell that Goldman makes a good Dracula. With pale skin and dark hair slicked back Dracula-style from a high, sloping forehead, he is perfect for the part. He even shies away from bright light because of vision problems he has had since birth. His costume has been so scary, he said some trick-or-treaters have refused to come to the door.

Goldman said there's something about the Halloween season that helps him work. And there must be something to it because he will celebrate the anniversary of the creation of his book, "Werewolf Wars," with two book signings this month.

"Fall is when the imagination works overtime," Goldman said. "The Halloween decorations are out. It gets everyone thinking, especially me."

Goldman said ideas for his books come from his nightmares. He gets inspiration from listening to horror movies while he writes, too. And his five boxes of Halloween decorations, "not including the tombstones and dummies," give him food for thought.

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**CLOSE-UP**

- **Who:** Randy Goldman
- **Age:** 27
- **Home:** Cedar Creek
- **Occupation:** Author
- **Education:** Cape Fear High School; Fayetteville Technical Community College

## Goldman

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"Everybody decorates for Christmas, nobody decorated for Halloween," Goldman said. "Before I knew it, I had the whole place covered. I had put together a Halloween village."

It took many Halloweens for Goldman to get a copy of "Werewolf Wars" on the shelves. The book started out as a short story he wrote for Halloween in 1989. He made a New Year's resolution in 1992 to finish the book by the next Halloween. In December of 1995 he had 600 handwritten pages. And this past August he had copies of "Werewolf Wars" on his front porch.

"The last 100 pages almost killed me," Goldman said. "This is all like a dream. None of it is real to me yet. I can't believe I'm reading this in a book, not a manuscript."

Goldman found the first copies of his book in a store in Cary. Was he excited to see the book on the shelf?

"Doing somersaults would be more like it," Goldman said.

### Beating the odds

All of this Goldman has done with poor vision. He can see out of his right eye, but only has partial vision in the left. Goldman is legally blind. This has hindered him from driving and getting a job outside of his home. He said his vision caused him to repeat the first and eighth grades.

Goldman graduated from Cape Fear High School two years later than his classmates. A few teachers along the way told him he would never write a book. But many teachers, who saw him always writing, knew it was just a matter of time.

"He was always writing, but it was fiction. I couldn't get him to write about things happening at school," said Beverly Harris, Goldman's journalism teacher at Cape Fear. "He asked me several times how to get something published. I knew at that time he was serious about becoming a writer. I hadn't seen him since he graduated high school until he came by here and showed us his book that he had published. I'm excited for him."

Goldman went back to his school to show teachers his book right before school started in August. His guidance counselor, Glinda Davis, was so excited she told the principal who rounded up all of the teachers. The teachers clapped for him in a staff meeting.

"It just floored me," Goldman said. "I was embarrassed. I never expected anything like that."

"It was the very best beginning for a year that we could have had," Davis said. "He was on the road to realizing his dreams and our dreams, too. It's one of the best things that has happened to one of our students. He was a very special student, a determined student. He had made up his mind that he was going to be a writer. He had a vivid imagination. That and his determination were his two characteristics that I saw that let me know he would become a good writer. I was not surprised when he brought me the book. I knew it was just a matter of time before he was going to get published."

### 'I'm in debt'

Although his parents aren't big fans of murder mystery stories, Goldman's family has supported his writing. Goldman lives with his parents, Earl and Carolyn Goldman. Goldman, 27, is the youngest of three. He has an older brother and sister.

The book is dedicated to his nephew, who has been a sounding board for Goldman's ideas.

"Werewolf Wars" stars an unlikely hero named Mark Harris. The 19-year-old photographer is swept into a series of murders in his small town. He doesn't want to face the murderer, the werewolf, but feels like he has to when police can't come up with a suspect.

"He's an idiot," said Goldman about the book's protagonist. "He's not the Rambo-type. He doesn't know what he's doing."

Goldman admits he had similar ignorance when it came to publishing his work. Getting published was just as much of a challenge as finishing the writing. Many rejection letters and $3,600 later, Commonwealth, a new publishing house, put out his book.

"Everyone thinks if you've got a book, you've got lots and lots of money," he said. "I'm in debt."

But that doesn't put a damper on his enthusiasm. Goldman is throwing ideas around for books about a coyote, a modern-day mountain man and Native American legends.

And besides continuing the "Werewolf Wars," Goldman is working on a book about — no surprise here — a haunted house.

"I've had congratulations from a lot of people," he said. "They knew I was always writing, talking about it. A lot of them are happy now I've actually done it. I wrote a three-page story for Halloween and here it is today."

Goldman will be signing "Werewolf Wars" from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. today at Books-A-Million and Oct. 25 at Walden Books. Another signing is set for Nov. 29 in Hickory.

# Student subsidies don't do the job

*Despite a 65 percent rise in government aid during the past 10 years, college affordability is declining.*

By John Cunniff
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Ever since 1965, when the Higher Education Act was passed, the Federal government has striven to make college more affordable to a broader range of young people.

It has done so through subsidized loans, grants, tax credits and the like, and it has been generous about it. In 1995, according to The College Board, student aid from the federal government totaled $37 billion.

The result: Despite a 65 percent increase in government funding during the past 10 years, college affordability is declining.

That conclusion is reached in a study just released by the Joint Economic Committee of Congress. It found, in effect, that the governmental efforts were subsidizing higher tuitions rather than students.

The government aid, the study concludes, encouraged colleges to raise tuitions and absorb a good deal of the increased funding. Competition for good students, in a sense, becomes competition for their money.

"That's your government in action," says one educator, William Dunkelberg, economics professor and former dean of the business school at Temple University. He called government aid "a college subsidy program."

There have been other consequences as well. Low-income families have had to take out more loans for college. Many youngsters from low-income families decide college is unaffordable. Those who graduate have debts.

While debt, euphemistically called credit, is considered a mark of success today — it means you "qualify" — much of it is beyond the debtor's ability to repay. Billions of dollars of that federal money goes to neither colleges nor students; it pays for collection and defaults.

Educators speak of other consequences. They worry about standards being lowered by colleges seeking tuition income. And they suggest that poor-quality graduates depress wages to high-school graduate levels.

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## Subsidies

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Such consequences, of course, deal with generalities rather than specifics. Few doubts exist about the assistance such funding has provided to some poor students. And not just in financing, but in incentives too.

### Disturbing story

But the broad generalities do tell a disturbing story about education and government.

Based on figures from the U.S. Department of Education, the study relates that the price of higher education has nearly doubled over the past 15 years, and continues to rise.

Adjusted for inflation, average undergraduate tuition at private institutions rose from $6,200 a year in 1980 to $11,800 a year in 1995. Average tuition at public institutions from $1,100 to $2,100.

But these are mere fractions. When room and board are included, the average annual cost of attending private and public institutions in 1995 was $17,000 and $5,000 respectively, the report states.

### Budget burdens

Over a period of two to four years, those numbers put a burden on the budget of any but the wealthiest of families. And so they lead to another consequence of rising tuitions: A larger percentage of government funding is now channeled toward loans for middle- and upper-income families, leaving less for the poor and otherwise disadvantaged.

"Too bad we can't just give families a tax cut and let them decide what to do with the money," says Dunkelberg. And that, broadly speaking, is what the Joint Economic Committee study suggests.

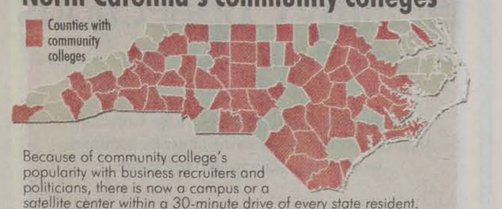
It suggests that IRAs, which already contain benefits for higher education, be expanded to allow parents to save more for their children's education, making them less dependent on student loans.

### Heart of issues

While this may or may not be the full solution, it goes to the heart of the issues: Colleges would be forced to compete for private money rather than rely on federal subsidies. In turn, this might encourage them to slow their spending, contain costs and slow the rise in tuitions low.

Most importantly, says Rep. Jim Saxton, a New Jersey Republican and the chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, reduced reliance on student loans can lower governments costs, allowing the savings to be diverted to federal grants for the poor.

## North Carolina's community colleges




Because of community college's popularity with business recruiters and politicians, there is now a campus or a satellite center within a 30-minute drive of every state resident.

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| **Enrollment:** | | **Per pupil expenditure:** | |
| Associate degrees and diploma programs | 235,793 | Degree and diploma programs | $3,400 |
| Vocational and training programs | 544,163 | Vocational and training programs | $2,500 |
| Total | 779,956 | **Tuition:** | |
| **Average age of students:** | | In-state | $20 per credit hour |
| Degree and diploma programs | 30 years | Out-of-state | $163 per credit hour |
| Vocational and training programs | 38 years | **Number of campuses** | 58 |
| | | **State appropriations** (1997-98) | $517 million |
| | | **Total budget** | $605 million |

Sources: U.S. Current Populations Survey, March 1995; MDC Inc; N.C. Community College System

Durham Technical Community College student Thang Do reads a label during his institutional pharmacy class. The mission of community colleges — offering practical instruction to improve work skills or launch a new career direction — hasn't changed, but the job market has. The rapid pace of technological change has made it harder, and more expensive, to bring students up to speed.

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of challenges. Advocates of government reform want them to help welfare recipients find jobs. High-tech companies want them to train prospective employees. Baby boomers want them to help them polish skills or change careers.

Meanwhile, community colleges are expecting a flood of new high school graduates, many looking for a cheaper way to finish the first two years of their baccalaureate programs before enrolling in a four-year university.

One area that has not seen a rapid increase, however, is the system's budget. The state allocation of $517 million is less than half the amount provided to the university system. The budget for public schools is eight times larger.

When the board that governs the community college system met recently for an annual retreat, one of its sessions was bluntly titled: "How do they expect us to get it done?"

"The way we fund our community colleges is no longer realistic," said Phail Wynn Jr., president of Durham Technical Community College for the past 17 years.

"The days of retraining the cigarette manufacturer or the textile worker are long gone. The market, the demands, are far more complex, but you wouldn't know it based on how we are funded."

To meet the challenges, the state Board of Community Colleges in July hired Martin Lancaster, a former congressman and state representative, as the new system president. A lawyer by trade, Lancaster is a well-connected politician known for his leadership skills.

Lancaster says the community college system needs to act like a system.

He replaced Vic Hackley, an educator who was praised for his vision and charisma but who alienated some campus presidents with his distant style of management.

"We lost our direction as a system and we lost a lot of credibility in the political arena the past few years," Wynn said. "It needs to be restored quickly."

Lancaster has wasted little time on that count, setting a feverish pace for himself. He has met with every campus president, jawed about politics with legislative leaders, talked with numerous local leaders and spoken at more than a dozen graduation ceremonies, conventions and association meetings.

He surprised many of the system's central office workers in Raleigh when he decided to introduce himself to every employee in the building — a tour from the basement to the third floor that included more than 150 stops.

The idea behind all this meeting and greeting, Lancaster said, runs deeper than just making everyone feel happy. If the community college system wants to grow and gain respect, he said, it needs to start acting like a system.

"Apparently the community college family goes to the General Assembly every year with a laundry list of requests — 58 campuses and every man for himself, so to speak," Lancaster said.

"It's no wonder we have lacked clout. We need to focus like a laser on two or three items — four at the most — and throw our weight behind those requests. When we win those items, we can move to the next ones on the list."

It's not surprising that the community colleges often fail to act in unison. They were not designed to do so. Instead, the colleges have worked more like a loose federation of allies, said Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, chairman of the community college board. "Their interests are the same, but not their priorities," he said.

From a patchwork of five junior colleges and seven industrial education centers, the system grew quickly in the 1960s after lawmakers approved a unified system.

By 1969, 54 institutions were operating under the community college banner. Some met specific business needs of the region, but others were built for little reason other than geographic — and political — convenience.

As a result, the system now has a campus or a satellite center no more than 30 minutes from every state resident — the only community college system in the country that makes that claim.

### A history of independence

But the system's vast network of campuses has done little to dispel the image that it offers something less than "real college." That role was effectively cemented early on when the State Board of Education, which runs the public schools, was asked to also run the community colleges. While the board took the job seriously, public schools remained its priority.

It wasn't until 1981 that a separate state Board of Community Colleges was established. By then, many of the campuses had developed a history of independence that some still consider their right — if not their duty — to protect.

Such independence has made the system highly responsive to local business needs. In the Sandhills, for example, courses on turf management help students find jobs at a area golf courses. In the heart of NASCAR country, Rowan County offers a class on "Motorsports Management Technology."

But it also has led to periodic abuses of power over the years in which local officials, often operating with little or no state oversight, have padded enrollment figures, hired friends and overspent their budgets. In one of the most publicized school scandals of the 1980s, an instructor at Cape Fear Community College simply added "ghost students" to his rolls for years to illegally divert money from state coffers.

As a former legislator, Lancaster is aware of the system's low points. But he said he has no desire to curb potential abuses by using a heavy hand.

"I could not dictate even if I wanted to," he said. "By design, I am not provided with the tools to manage this system. I have to lead it."

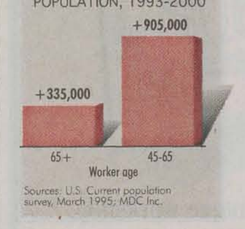
The colleges' mantra is still work force development, but increasingly it seems that anything remotely related to jobs is being placed under the umbrella of the community college mission.

Sonya Ledet, a student in a Durham Tech dental class, works on a mold of a set of teeth. The range of courses offered by community colleges is impressive, but some fear they are spread too thin.

### Aging of the work force

The state's community colleges are expecting an influx of older students in coming years as baby boomers go back to school to upgrade their job skills.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN POPULATION, 1993-2000

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At the top of the list is welfare reform.

Working to improve literacy and provide adults with basic skills, the community colleges have been involved in helping people get off welfare, mainly out of a sense of duty. But during this year's session, lawmakers made it a mandate when they singled out community colleges as the place where chronically unemployed or underemployed people should pick up job skills in a matter of weeks.

"What can we really be expected to do in four weeks?" asked Howell, Wake Tech's president. "How do you expect us to turn around a life of unemployment? Sure, we can train them to change oil or load commercial dishwashers in that amount of time, but how satisfied can you be with that skill as a career?"

Grace Waymer, a mother of three who has been out of work for five years, said she understands Howell's concerns.

Waymer is enrolled in a three-week training class designed to provide jobs in customer services and she's eager to return to work. But she doesn't think this will be her only visit to Wake Tech.

"It's just a start, really," she said. "I'm sure I'll need to come back if I want to keep improving."

But not everyone forced in the door by welfare reform will be so receptive to long-term training, said Lourdes Shelley, dean of basic skills at Wake Tech.

"These students, they don't have to be here," Shelley said of those taking basic skills courses today. "They showed the motivation to come on their own. They wanted to learn. What will happen to them when they take classes with students who are forced to be here?"

State officials aren't sure how many people will find their way to a community college as a result of welfare reform, but it easily could be tens of thousands.

"Welfare reform is the 800-pound gorilla in everyone's closet," said George Autry, president of MDC Inc. of Chapel Hill, which works closely with community colleges in the South to help develop the economy. "We aren't going to get away from it and we don't know yet what it means."

### Changing job market

While it's hardly comforting to them, officials are more certain about the number of older adults expected to seek out community colleges for job retraining.

By the year 2010, the number of adults between the ages of 45 and 64 will grow by more than 900,000 in North Carolina, according to population forecasts.

The effects on the economy could be devastating if the community colleges aren't ready to fill the need, Autry said.

The reasons for the increase, he said, are twofold.

First, it is between the ages of 45 and 64 that most adults change careers and need new training.

Those who doubt the need for retraining can simply ask themselves what job they would be qualified to hold if they became unemployed tomorrow and had to change careers.

"For most folks, that's a pretty scary thought," Autry said.

Secondly, many skills demanded by today's markets — and those of tomorrow — weren't even taught when today's baby boomers were in school.

If some cases, community colleges can't even keep up with the changes they know about, Autry said.

At CII of Raleigh, for example, company President Rick Mitchell recruits workers to fill jobs in high-tech companies.

Mitchell said he is constantly frustrated at community college graduates whose skills are outdated even as they earn their degrees.

At any given time, Mitchell says, his company lists more than 100 available jobs — most in the Triangle — and has more than 5,000 resumes on file.

"Some of these students are putting in all this effort and when they graduate, they are still three laps behind the industry standard," Mitchell said.

"There has been a dramatic shift in our business and that means there has been a dramatic shift in the business of the community colleges — or at least they should be shifting. We need to be moving together."

While some instructors will be asked to work with older adults, others are watching much younger students walk onto campus.

Alejanro Trujillo, who is learning to weld at Wake Tech, works on a project in class. Such classes, which require lots of equipment and careful supervision, are more expensive than lecture classes.

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Students who are enrolled in community colleges to save money and get a jump on their four-year degree have become the fastest-growing segment of the student body. They make up 25 percent of all students who are enrolled in programs offering associate degrees and diplomas.

In the next decade or so, those figures should balloon as the expected number of high school graduates grows from about 60,000 a year now to almost 83,000 by the year 2008.

Because community colleges are funded largely on head count, few schools turn away college transfer students, who are relatively cheap to teach.

"Where do you suppose a college is going to make more money?" Howell asks. "From a history class that is basically done by lecturing or a robotics class that requires the latest equipment for each student to gain usable skills?"

### 'Mini liberal arts colleges'

Howell, who is among the system's most outspoken campus presidents, says it is only a matter of time before college transfer classes permanently drive colleges away from the vocational mission they were formed to fulfill.

"If we don't change the way we pay for classes, the colleges will offer what they can afford, not necessarily what people need," Howell said. "If the community colleges want to be turned into mini liberal arts colleges, we are marching down the right road."

At the same time, another breed of younger student — one with few skills — is expected to join the community college "family."

Wynn, the president at Durham Tech, says his school is increasingly admitting students who can't read and write well enough to start any two-year program.

"Almost 40 percent of our first-time students now need remedial classes," Wynn said. "And some of them haven't been out of high school that long."

Lancaster has heard similar remarks many times in the past few months. He doesn't dismiss them, but he doesn't think such problems will cripple the system.

It is clear, he said, that the campuses need more money — particularly for the future. But just as critical is understanding how to work as a group, how to communicate the system's needs to lawmakers and how to cooperate with one another.

"In many ways, we are being asked to do nothing more than the job we have always done," Lancaster said. "We are the colleges that take care of worker training.

"We will still be about worker training. I believe we will always be about worker training. But we must recognize that mission in its new form and meet the challenge."

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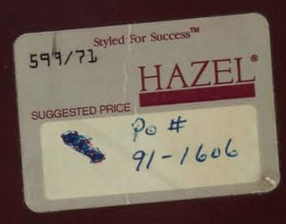
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