



Dr. Robert Gustafson has accepted a position at Pembroke State University for next year.

Gustafson Goes To Pembroke

Dr. Robert Gustafson, Dean of the College, will leave Southeastern Community College this year and next year will become Professor of Philosophy and Religion and consultant to the Humanities program at Pembroke State University. "I will miss Southeastern Community College and the many friends on the staff and in the student body. I have a respect for the work being done by the faculty at Southeastern and I am firmly convinced that Southeastern Community College has a most important contribution to make to the area."

The decision to leave Southeastern was a hard one to make but I was gratified at being offered many challenging positions. The offer to join the faculty at Pembroke came to me quite unexpectedly as I was beginning to consider several positions. Among the other positions under consideration was a Vice-presidency of a junior college, the directorship of a group of cooperating colleges and universities in a large city in this state, a deanship in a junior college out of North Carolina and another professorship. Pembroke's student body has increased dramatically in the last several years. I believe it is the fastest growing four year state institution of higher education.

Of significant importance is the increasing strength of the academic program at Pembroke. Under the able leadership of President English Jones and of Dean Kenneth Kersh the academic program at Pembroke is continually being strengthened and enriched. It is a university for all of the people and its future is quite bright.

The most satisfying accomplishment at Southeastern, from my point of view, is in helping to bring to Southeastern's capable faculty more good faculty members. All faculty positions were filled for

the academic year 1968-1969 and there are several able faculty members coming to join the faculty next year. I am pleased that the Federal Government has responded favorably to our request to grant a waiver of the Exchange Visa to Mr. and Mrs. Janos Balogh. They will be allowed to remain in the United States.

I might add that we will be remaining in North Carolina and in the southeastern part of the state where we have lived for a number of years. We lived in Wagram, Red Springs, Laurinburg, and now Whiteville.

I look forward to seeing many Southeastern students who will transfer to Pembroke State next year and will say to our friends here "we are moving next door."

SCC Singers Tour May 8-9

Students of the SCC Singers appeared on a tour May 8-9. They made four appearances at elementary and high schools in Concord and Cabarrus County. The tour was financed by the college.

Selections that they performed were: Alle Rum Corpus, The Waters Wide, Hey Look Me Over, Hello Dolly, Scarborough Fair, Italian Street Song, Dry Bones, Cabaret, and Lemon Tree.

The SCC Singers accompanied by Mrs. Frances Bullard are composed of: Altos—Janice Richardson and Alice Jacobs; Sopranos—Sharon Butler, Belinda Phillips; Basses—Lynn Harrington, Franklin Drew; Tenors—Richard Lusk, Dean Gore and Steve Putnam.

Several Join SCC Faculty

Dr. Gustafson announced that three new professors in the college transfer program will be joining the staff at Southeastern Community College next year. They are: Mrs. Josephine Holcomb in the area of social sciences. She received her Master's Degree from Wake Forest University where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. For the past three years she has been on the faculty of Wytheville Community College in Wytheville, Virginia. She has published an article titled "Gandhi and the Round Table Conference" in January 1967. While at Wytheville Community College she served as Chairman of the Student Activities Faculty Committee and was a member of the Faculty Evaluation Committee.

Mr. G. Lynn Ryals will join the biology faculty next year. He has taught at Lees-McRae College for the past two years and is a graduate of Appalachian State University. He is a member of the American Institute of Biological Sciences and is listed in LEADERS IN AMERICAN SCIENCE 1968. While at Appalachian he was Vice President of the student body and president of Sigma Mu Sigma, the National Service Fraternity. He was also President of the mens interdorm council. Mr. Ryals received a National Science Foundation Grant to pursue biological studies at the University of Oregon this summer.

Novelist Joins SCC Faculty

Heather Ross Miller, one of the brightest names on the American literary scene, will join the faculty at Southeastern Community College as an instructor in English.

Mrs. Miller, whose home is at Singletary Lake State Park near Elizabethtown, will begin her teaching tenure with the start of the fall term in September.

She visited the campus recently, and met with E. Philip Comer, president of the college, and Dr. Robert K. Gustafson, dean of the college. Both college officials expressed pleasure with the arrangement which calls for Mrs. Miller to teach in the English department.

Mrs. Miller is the author of three novels and a book of poetry, in addition to numerous articles, reviews, and short fiction. At present, she is working on a fourth novel, and a second collection of poetry.

Her works include "Gone A Hundred Miles," published last year; "The Wind Southerly," in 1967; "Tenants of the House," in 1965, all published by Harcourt, Brace, and "The Edge of the Woods," published by Atheneum in 1964.

Her authorship, coupled with previous teaching experience, and a sensitivity to Southeastern North Carolina are described by Dr. Gustafson as "a rare combination which is welcomed by our staff and faculty."

Mrs. Miller taught creative writing, poetry, and literary criticism at Pfeiffer College from 1965 to 1967. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Fine Arts in English and Writing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is married to Clyde H. Miller and they have two children, Melissa, 8, and Kirk, 5. She is a native of Stanly County.



The above group completed their high school education through the Adult Education program at SCC.

50 High School Adults Graduate

Culmination of long efforts by 50 adults to complete high school training came May 15 in impressive graduation ceremonies in Southeastern Community College's Adult High School education program.

Altogether, the group has completed from one year's high school work up to four years of work. They were awarded diplomas by C. W. Duggins and John Hicks, superintendents of public instruction in Whiteville and Columbus County. The High School completion program is part of Southeastern's adult education division.

Whiteville Attorney D. Jack Hooks was the principal speaker, and the SCC Community Chorus furnished the music. The invocation and benediction were given by the Rev. William Ross, missionary of the Columbus Baptist Association.

Receiving diplomas were Mrs. Mary Lou Autry, Vernon A. Averitt Jr., Carl Bennett, Mrs. Rebecca C. Best, Mrs. Toni Blackmon, Mrs. Elda Bowen, Mrs. Hilda Brown, Mrs. Shirley W. Brown, Mrs. Marcia Buckner, Mrs. Betty Jo Burchette, Mrs. Rosa L. Caines, Mrs. Martha Callihan, Ben Carteret, Jerry Carterette, Archie Currie III, Guilford Edwards Jr., Billy W. Gilliard.

Mrs. Jacquelyn Godwin, Mrs. Brenda Gore, Mrs. Jean Gore, Mrs. Zarella Hamer, Mrs. Fay Hamm, Bennie Hammonds, Edward S. Hester, Mrs. Carol Hinson, Mrs. Juanita Hoover, Mrs. Nell Hunsucker, Dale D. Inman, Mrs. Esther Jones, Robert C. Jones, Mrs. Barbara Larrimore, Mrs. Betty L. W. Long, Mrs. Phyllis Long, Mrs. Peggy McPherson, Mrs. Amy Memory, Mrs. Jaxie Memory, Carol Mullinax, Mrs. Peggy Norris, Mrs. Debra O'tuel, Donna Jayne Plunkett, Joseph D. Powell, Mrs. Lynda Prevatte, Mrs. Lillian Soles, Carolyn Styron, Mrs. Elaine Tedder, Mrs. Dorothy Thompson, Betty Jane Thompson.

Henry M. Tison, Herman L. Tomlin, and Mrs. Catherine Nance Wallace.

SCC Students Receive Awards

Thirty-six students received awards for achievement in extracurricular programs and activities at Southeastern Community College on Tuesday during special ceremonies in the college's First Annual Awards Assembly.

The awards covered a broad field of campus activity, ranging from academic and student government achievement to athletic accomplishment.

Officials of the college, headed by President E. Philip Comer, and Dean of the College Dr. Robert K. Gustafson, made the awards, and Dr. Robert Vargas, dean of student personnel services, was the principal speaker.

The program also included the installation of the 1969-70 officers of the Student Government Association by Pat Clark, outgoing president.

Awards recipients include: Dianna Rogers of Fairmont, Miss Southeastern Community College.

Iris Williamson of Chadbourn, runnerup Miss SCC and Student Government Association senator.

Harry Foley of Savannah, Ga., most valuable soccer player.

Maliston Stanley of Whiteville, most valuable basketball player.

Sandra Etheridge of Whiteville, outstanding member Student Nurses Association, and marshal.

Sharon Clark of Elizabethtown, most spirited cheerleader.

Alfred (Red) Ward of Greensboro, Editor of "Ram's Horn," and Who's Who Among Students in American Jr. Colleges.

Patricia Clark of Whiteville, SGA president, Who's Who

Among Students in American Jr. Colleges, outstanding member Phi Theta Kappa, and marshal. Dale Coleman of Whiteville, Who's Who, SGA senator.

Alice Davis of Clarkton, Who's Who, and marshal.

Walter Strickland of Cerro Gordo, Who's Who, and SGA senator.

Ruth Ward of Nakina, Who's Who, and SGA senator.

Judith Thompson of Lumberton, Who's Who.

Alan Watkins of Greenville, S.C., Who's Who.

Louise Yoder of Whiteville, Who's Who, outstanding member SGA, and SGA treasurer.

Willie Ward of Chadbourn, SGA vice president and marshal.

O.C. Stevens of Whiteville, SGA vice president.

Sue McPhatter of Lumberton, SGA secretary.

The following were recipients of awards as SGA senators: Hamp Avant of Whiteville, Carolyn Floyd of Fair Bluff, Doris Thompson of Whiteville, Armelda Bracey of Hallsboro, Sherry Faulk of Nakina, Richard Lusk of Whiteville, Harry Maynor of Whiteville, Archie Moore of York, S.C., and Judy