

Colleges Face New Challenge

Scott Wants Improvement

The community colleges must keep improving, not get caught short because their leaders got comfortable in the system's success, says Bob Scott, president of the N.C. Department of Community Colleges.

Scott and John A. Forlines Jr., chairman of the state Board of Community Colleges, were hosts for a "teleconference" shown last week at Beaufort County Community College.

Craven Community College is part of the system.

The "teleconference" was a televised discussion. Its stated purpose was to update the press and college staffs on the community college system and the way in which its 25th anniversary May 17 will be celebrated. Via satellite from Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, Scott and Forlines spoke to people at 35 colleges.

North Carolina's community college system has 58 institutions.

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Good Example

Students at West Craven High School are seeing a good example of the case against drinking and driving. The car, provided by the West Craven Future Homemakers of America club, was demolished by a drunk driver. The sign and wrecked car are passed each day by students going into and out of the student parking area. Students and school officials hope the twisted wreckage will

serve as a reminder to don't drink and drive. The school's Students Against Drunk Driving chapter have been busy publicizing Students Against Drunk Driving Awareness Week for the last two weeks. Several activities have been started on many are still on-going. Contact school officials for more information about the SADD program. (Mike Voss photo)

Organizers Set Agenda For Festival

Races, Parade, Music To Honor Strawberry

By MIKE VOSS
Editor

Plans for the annual Strawberry Festival-Rescue Day are ripening on the vine and organizers are waiting anxiously to see those plans bloom May 21 in Vanceboro.

The festival is in its sixth year and has grown to become a major event in Vanceboro and Craven County. Last year's festival drew several thousand visitors.

Sandra McCandless, a member of the Vanceboro Junior Woman's Club, is chairman of the festival board. She and others have been meeting regularly to plan and coordinate the many events that occur during the festival.

The festival features the Straw-

berry Festival Run, a parade down Main Street, a crafts extravaganza, several church bazaars, the barbecued pork or chicken dinners served by the Vanceboro Rescue Squad, a smorgasbord of entertainment and a family sock hop.

The Strawberry Festival Run, two races certified by The Athletic Congress, begins at 7:30 a.m. The races are a 5K and a 10K. The 5K race is at 7:30 a.m. and the 10K starts at 8 a.m. The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. as do the bazaars and crafts show. The barbecued pork and chicken dinners go on sale at the fire station and rescue building at 11 a.m. for \$3.50 a plate. Entertainment begins at

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Area Girl Scouts Meet In County

The Girl Scout Council of Coastal Carolina held their Annual Council Meeting, Wednesday, April 13, at the Holiday Inn in Havelock. The annual meeting gathered one hundred and thirty delegates, staff and volunteers from the 25 counties served by the council. New members to the Board of Directors were elected and outstanding adult volunteers were recognized.

Rainbow Service Unit of Cherry Point hosted the meeting. Special guests included: Pastor George Jones, Pastor of the 1st Methodist Church in Havelock; Rev. Henry Witton, Mayor Protem of Havelock; Major R. G. Tomkowiak, Youth Services Director at Cherry Point, MCAS.

Newly elected as officers to the Board of Directors were: Marywalker Romanus of Rocky Mount, President; Shelley Leder of Goldsboro, First Vice-President; Mary Eplee of Whiteville, Second Vice-President; Wendy Thienpont of Washington, Secretary; and Charles York of Goldsboro, Treasurer.

Elected as Members-At-Large

were: Sandy Block of Jacksonville; Edith Davenport of Greenville; Sue Ford of Rocky Mount; Chris Griffin, also of Rocky Mount; Gerry Jolly of Wilson; Frances McLellan of Jacksonville; Horace Murray of Wilmington; Pamela Ward of Havelock; Chloe Wellons of Goldsboro; Henry Williams of New Bern, and Brenda Wilson of Havelock.

Nominating Committee Members elected were: Betsy Graves of Wilson; Barbara Huff and Helen Korngay of Goldsboro; and Cathryn Creasman of Wilmington.

A slide presentation of 1987 opened the State of the Council Address presented by President Marywalker Romanus and Executive Director Ursula Pomber.

This year's program was a slide presentation from a variety of Wider Opportunities that took place during the summer. Presenting the programs were: *Our Chalet in Switzerland* by Penny McLawhorn, Senior Girl Scout of Greenville; *Wisconsin's Wings and Waves* by Amy Prine, Senior Girl Scout of Jacksonville; *Castles in the Sand* by Sue Ford,

Board Member and Adult Volunteer of Rocky Mount; and *Senior Troop No. 94's Trip to Europe*, by Sarah Powell, Senior Girl Scout of Goldsboro.

A highlight of the meeting was the awarding of council recognitions.

Adult Development Director Janet Cook gave out training recognitions as follows: Ilo Carlson of Wilson, Martha Bridges of Brunswick, Beth Brundage, Lucy Dozar, Tracy Fulks of Jacksonville, Barry Johnson, Robert Adelsperger, Haven McNamara of Cherry Point for 50 hours; Sylvia Gilbert of Washington, Kelly Styons of Greenville, Cathy Jo Cruitt of Cherry Point and Nyda Wrightsman of Jacksonville, Outstanding Award for 125 hours; and Jean Gilliam of Cherry Point, the Excellence Award for 200 hours.

Membership tenure pins were awarded: to Norma Peoples of Roanoke Rapids, Gerry Jolly of Wilson, and Jeannie Dozier of Rocky Mount for 20 years; to Marywalker Romanus of Rocky Mount, Edith Davenport of Greenville, Bunny Bullock of Jacksonville, and Jean Camp of

Roanoke Rapids for 25 years; and to Tricey Brown of Greenville for 30 years of service.

For outstanding service at the service unit level, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Linda Aycock of Roanoke Rapids, Kathleen Brooks of New Bern, Gray Bruton of Wilson, Kim Cavender of Kure Beach, Teri O'Brien of Wilmington, Kelly Styons of Washington and Terry Waters of Calypso.

Julie Beck and Karin O'Donnell, both of Goldsboro were each awarded the Adult Appreciation Pin for their significant contribution to the council.

The Silver Seagull, the highest council recognition for ongoing dedication to the council, was awarded to Peggy Aycock of Bailey; Jeannie Dozier of Rocky Mount; and Gerry Jolly of Wilson.

The highest nationally recognized award, the Thanks Badge, was presented to Nancy Williams of Goldsboro who has dedicated many years of ongoing service to Girl Scouting.

A special recognition was pre-

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Almost There

The building is up, but a driveway and some equipment are keeping this from being a workin fire station. The Vanceboro Volunteer Fire Department can now boast of soon having its Chips sub-station ready to serve the area near West Craven High School and the Weyerhaeuser plant. The sub-station will give the Vanceboro Volunteer Fire Department an opportunity to provide improved and faster service to certain areas in its district. The department's main station in Vanceboro is about six miles from the sub-station. No word has been received on when the sub-station will be in service. (Mike Voss photo)

Cove City Team Finishes Third

Good Game For Goodyear Leads To Championship Title

By MO KROCHMAL

Special to the West Craven Highlights

What were Sam Leggett, Donald Gibbs and Harold Jackson doing Saturday night?

The threesome — who are high school basketball coaches and teachers in the area — were playing basketball.

At times, they played gracefully, smoothly, sweetly. But at other times, they were taking the full brunt of body-up defense by hefty opponents.

But the trio was satisfied with a thrilling win in the cham-

pionship game of the Prestigious All-Star basketball classic which concluded Saturday night in the Aurora High School gymnasium.

Leggett, a former NAIA All-American who coaches the Washington High School junior varsity boys' basketball team, scored 34 points and was named the championship game's Most Valuable Player in leading the Goodyear All Stars of Washington over the Kingston National Car Rental All Stars, 94-92 in overtime.

In the consolation game, World Wood of Cove City defeated the

Craven Bucks, 105-94.

Danny Cox of the Craven Bucks won the dunking contest while Clifton Whitfield of Kingston won the three-point shooting contest.

Gibbs, the Washington girls' basketball coach, added 18 while Jackson, who coaches the Bath High School boys' basketball team, chipped in with 16 as the only Goodyear players in double figures.

The big question for the trio of players who are into their teen-

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Former UNC Athlete Warns Of Dangers Of Peer Pressure

What's a "happening"? Ask Albert Long and he will tell you. Or at least he will tell you what a "happening" is to him.

Long is the founder and chief executive of Albert Long — Happenings, Inc. He will present his "happening" May 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Vanceboro's Farm Life Elementary School. The program deals with peer pressure on children and teens.

Long started out like many others — four years in college, a love for athletics, three years in the service and a successful 15 years in the business world.

However, a number of extraordinary things make Long unique. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill he was

the second and last athlete in UNC history to win letters in four sports — football, basketball, baseball and track. He gave up his job as an insurance executive late in 1972, and, in a step of faith, became a "salesman" for Jesus Christ. Subsequently, he formed his firm. Recognized as an exceptional youth motivational speaker, Long has presented programs across the nation. During 1985, the number of assembly programs completed passed 1,500. In addition, he has conducted pre-game worship services for eight NFL teams, the Philadelphia 76'ers, the New Jersey Nets and the Atlanta Hawks in the NBA.

In 1981, Long took special note of the effects of heavy metal

music on today's youth. After studying what he perceives to be a growing problem, he began travelling the Southeast to present his 1½ hour seminar in city after city. This seminar educates the audience as the effects of this music — and heavy metal videos — on today's youth (especially those between 8 and 14 years of age).

Long seemingly enjoys an instant rapport with his audiences. His deep feelings and concern for the problems of today for both the younger and older generations elicit trust and hope for tomorrow, states program literature.

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Hardison In 'Shock' Over Win

HOLLYWOOD — Four West Craven players combined for six homers and starting pitcher John Dizon survived a shaky night on the mound as the Eagles defeated D.H. Conley 11-4 in a Coastal Conference baseball game Friday.

"I couldn't believe it," Eagle coach Tim Hardison said, as his squad improved to 2-3 in the league and 7-5 overall. "Two hours after the game and I'm still in a state of shock."

The host Vikings fell to 3-2 in the conference and 8-5 overall in trailing leader North Lenoir by one-and-a-half games.

Dizon, who came into the game with an aggravated groin pull and a 2-3 record, went the distance and allowed just four hits by Conley — one of them a solo homer by Bronswell Patrick in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Dizon, a left-hander, struck out 14 and walked 13 and allowed four earned runs. "I still can't believe John walked 13 and we still won," said Hardison, "but I didn't want to take him out because we had a big lead. And at times I thought the injury was bothering him, but he really came through in the end."

The homer barrage started in the first inning when Monty Brown hit a solo shot to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

In the second, West Craven upped its lead to 3-0 on a one-out, two-run homer by Jerry Dean preceded by a single and stolen base by Darren Blizzell.

The Vikings tied the game in the bottom of the second, but the

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Making A Point

John Bircher, president of the West Craven High School chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving, and Shelia Fillingame view a poster warning their high school peers against the dangers of drinking and driving. The SADD chapter has been observing Students Against Drunk Driving Awareness Week. The chapter sponsored a poster and slogan contest, videotape presentations of local speakers discussing drunk driving and a homemade candy sale. The students sold suckers for 50 cents. The money raised will be forwarded to a fund for Paul Frazier. Frazier is a student from Havelock High School who was injured in an alcohol-related accident after leaving a basketball game at West Craven. A friend of Frazier's was killed when their car was struck by a driver who was charged with drunk driving. The money will be used to help defray medical expenses. (Mike Voss photo)