

# East Carolina Institute To Focus On Rural Schools

GREENVILLE — East Carolina University announced last week it is establishing a Rural Education Institute which will focus resources and research on identifying and solving problems which face schools in rural areas of the state and region.

The Institute will be the first in North Carolina and "quite possible" the only undertaking of its kind in the nation, said Dr. Richard W. Warner, Jr., dean of the ECU School of Education, who will serve as director of the Institute.

It will be an entity of the School of Education and will operate cooperatively with local school systems, administrators and teachers and with state and regional educational agencies and institutions, Warner said.

He said the Institute will be "a cooperative research program development and public service organization" designed to meet special needs of rural educators.

"It is planned to develop programs and to conduct research activities in concert with other agencies and institutions in the region concerned with rural education," Warner said at a news conference.

In requesting approval which has been granted by the University of North Carolina general administration, ECU Chancellor Thomas B. Brewer said the institute would "provide instructional service and research activities."

"This area is predominantly rural and the problems confronting educators in such settings are in need of more focused

attention," Brewer said. Warner explained that addressing a complexity of educational problems in rural communities is quite different than in larger, more metropolitan school districts with large staffs and access to research capability. "We feel that a concerted, cooperative effort is needed," he said.

Warner said plans call for the Rural Education Institute to gather information and conduct research that would ultimately influence planning and programs of the ECU School of Education, and also to provide direct services to students, parents and others of this geographic region.

Local educational agencies (LEA's) "will be able to form a closer bond with a University that provides many of their personnel pre-service and in-service training," Warner said.

He said approximately 30 school systems and two regional centers have indicated a desire to participate in activities and research dissemination sponsored by the Rural Education Institute and have already participated in some activities. A major forum attended by over 100 leaders in education, including the State Superintendent, was on campus last spring.

In a letter approving ECU's request for authorization of the Rural Education Institute, University of North Carolina President William C. Friday said "I applaud this new initiative to work cooperatively with the schools in North Carolina

with special needs, problems and opportunities arising from their location in rural areas."

Of the Rural Education Institute concept, Dr. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction said, "This is a real step forward in the relationship between East Carolina University and local school systems."

Dr. Delma Blinson, superintendent of the Greenville city school system, said "The Institute will provide the school systems a much needed resource."

Pitt County School Supt. Ott Alford said "The Institute should allow school systems, the Department of Public Instruction and the University to more effectively serve the youngsters of this region."

Dr. Robert H. Maier, ECU vice chancellor for academic affairs, said "this

development puts us on the cutting edge of educational improvement."

Warner said the Rural Education Institute concept evolved out of discussions with the faculty of East Carolina University both within and outside the School of Education. It was first brought before school superintendents at a seminar sponsored and directed by the Department of Educational Administration and Supervision in the fall of 1980.

"Since that time individuals from every department in the school have contributed to the evolution of the concept," Warner said. "Specific sub-components have been developed by the departments of Special Education, Secondary Education and Educational Administration."

"In addition a task force of superintendents met with

me and members of my staff on four occasions during the 1980-81 academic year to work on the project," he said. Later in 1980-81, a proposal for permission to plan the Rural Education Institute was submitted to the UNC General Administration and was approved. A proposal to establish a unit then developed and has now been approved.

In his letter, Chancellor Brewer said cooperation of units and sub-units within the School of Education and the University as well as representatives of the public schools, business and industry was "critical to the development of the Institute." He said it was necessary to establish a special unit for the specific purpose of developing and coordinating activities to meet the specific objectives of the Institute.

Warner listed some of the objectives of the Institute as: to serve as a research-evaluation unit for rural education; to identify the pre-service educational needs of future rural educators and to serve as a resource to facilitate curriculum and program change within the School of

Education and other departments preparing teachers at East Carolina University, as well as in other institutions of higher education across the state; to provide consultant services by identifying specialist to serve the educational community, local education agencies (LEA's) and other institutions and agencies, and

providing programs outside the University. Evidence indicates that teacher preparation tailored to the rural environment continues to be either inadequate or missing entirely; and

to facilitate the development and improvement of educational practices at the public school and post-secondary

levels in the rural environment particularly teaching strategies directly related to rural teaching such as community education, "cross-age instruction," outdoor environmental studies, experiential learning, leadership development, and the use of communications technology for instructional purposes.

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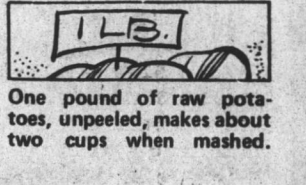
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"The Children's Story" by James Clavell; "A Book of Seasons" by Alice Provensen; "City in the Summer" by Eleanor Schick; "Chicken Soup with Rice" by Maurice Sendak; "Morris's Disappearing Bag" by Rosemary Wells and "Timothy Goes to School" by Rosemary Wells.



One pound of raw potatoes, unpeeled, makes about two cups when mashed.

## Satyr's Production

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White. Among those who will make special guest appearances are Craig Maddox with songs from "West Side Story" and "Carousel," and Tivis Wicker, who will recreate a scene from "South Pacific" with Rousseau and Ed Duke. Duke portrayed the role of Henri in a 1965 production.

Musical accompaniment will be shared by Lou Hubbard and Rousseau. Larry Perkins and Jack James will handle lighting for the show. Performances are scheduled on Friday at the

COA Student Center, and on Saturday and Sunday, October 31 and November 1 at J. C. Sawyer School. All performances will begin at 8:15 P.M.

The first show will be performed especially for COA students, faculty, and staff. No admission will be charged for those who present proper identification. A charge of \$2. will be made for children and students under 18 years of age.

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To spearhead this statewide effort, N. C. Women's Clubs have begun setting up anti-shoplifting

groups throughout the state. The merchant's association has already started similar efforts to contact retailers, and DECA's plans will include the development of instructional materials for use with high school students.

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