

Carolina Review: Education Policy Makes Big News

IT'S WORKING... Education seemed to be the "favorite son" last week as everyone was talking about schools. In some cases, "favorite" might not be the best description.

The attention was perhaps spotlighted by the Task Force on Education for Economic Growth, made up of governors and national business and civic leaders, that was meeting at the Research Triangle Park near Raleigh. The task force, headed up by Gov. Jim Hunt, made several recommendations similar to a national report issued the week before. Those recommendations included higher teacher pay, more administrative aides, and stricter tenure procedures for teachers. More controversial, especially to the kids, was a proposal to extend the school year.

Hunt could be excused if he was especially gratuitous toward education during the week. Newsweek Magazine was at the same time featuring a half-page picture of the governor, sitting in full color amid grade school kids. The

accompanying article was entitled, "It's Working in North Carolina."

The governor's press spokesman, Brent Hackney, said all of the good publicity was unexpected, but appreciated. "Lot of this education (publicity) started coming together all at once. It was just fortuitous timing, we didn't do anything special," Hackney said.

DUI... The long-discussed and longer awaited drunk driving package moved a little closer to final passage last week. At first thought ready for passage a month ago, the DUI laws have been tied up in conference committee as members of the House and Senate tried to resolve major differences. Some were settled last Wednesday.

There are still several big disagreements, but a member of the conference committee, as well as the governor's press spokesman Hackney, said last Friday that the bill might win approval in a week to 10 days. Maybe.

Not so, the bill to raise the drinking age to 21. Originally

attached by amendment to the DUI package, which raises the age from 18 to 19, the age 21 provision was withdrawn and introduced as a separate bill.

The age 21 bill was thought to have a good chance of passing, but last week it was

sidetracked to the Committee of Appropriations in the Senate. Senate rules apparently prohibit the bill from venturing out of that powerful committee until the next state budget is complete.

By that time, most observers feel sure the

lawmakers will be ready to get out of town rather than discuss more DUI legislation.

MONEY UP IN SMOKE... Finally, there is currently ongoing testimony in Washington concerning a bill

before Congress entitled the "Comprehensive Smoking Prevention Education" bill. Among other things, the bill would create a new federal agency to "coordinate government anti-smoking efforts."

Herb Use Class Is Planned

Mrs. Christine Askew, of Askew's Farms in Plymouth, will conduct a class on Herb Use on Saturday, May 28.

The class will be conducted at Askew's Farms, on Highway 32 in Plymouth, from 10-3 each day. Class size is limited to 10.

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to bring a looseleaf notebook, paper and a small roll of scotch tape.

To save time at lunch, participants may bring a sandwich. Soft drinks are available.

Registration is \$8.00 and should be completed at the Washington County Extension Office by the Wednesday prior to each class. Call 793-2163 for more information.

These classes are sponsored by the Washington County Extension Office. A class on Cooking with Herbs will be scheduled as a follow-up.



Kelly Is Guest Speaker

Evangelist Billy Kelly from Greer, South Carolina will be the guest speaker this weekend at Immanuel Baptist Church. The church will celebrate its 21st Anniversary with an Old Fashion Day. The members and friends are encouraged to dress in the attire of the late 1800's and the early 1900's. A number of the men are growing beards and in the afternoon a panel of judges will select the "best beard" and recognize the family most appropriately dressed for the occasion. In addition, the church grounds will become a show place of some of the equipment and vehicles of travel of that era. It hopes to have the services of a wagon and mule available for the afternoon enjoyment of the children. The church hopes the events of the day will serve as a reminder of God's

past blessing upon His people as well as a challenge to the golden opportunities available with today's modern conveniences.

In the 11:00 service Evangelist Billy Kelly will be featured both by singing and preaching. Following the morning service, dinner prepared by the ladies of the church will be served on the church grounds. One of the church men's groups will present country gospel music outside while dinner is being finished. A 2:30 service will conclude the activities of the day with special singing by church groups and a message by Evangelist Kelly.

Pastor Ashby Browder extends a cordial invitation to the community to join with the church in this their annual celebration.

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The competitive scholarship was endowed last year to honor two former faculty members. Each served as chairman of the Fine Arts Department. Since 1964, the Bairs, who are well-known across the state, were associated with COA for a combined total of 35 years.

Dr. Leland Chou, present department chairman, said the applications should be returned to him by May 16. The applicants will participate in a competition performance at 10 A.M. May 21 in Room C-132.

Chou said each competitor will play or sing two compositions of their choice. He said that guidelines and applica-

tions forms for the annual award may be obtained by calling him at the college, 335-0821, Extension 266.

A Chowan County resident, Darryl E. Stallings of Tyner, was the first recipient of the scholarship last year.

Scholarship Recipient

Julie Carol Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Lawrence, Route 2, Colerain, has been selected to receive one of 11 college scholarships offered this year by the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. The award is worth \$750 each year for four years.

Miss Lawrence, who will graduate in June from Bertie High School, plans to study veterinary medicine in North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

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Atlanta Constitution 5/2/82

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