

Third State High School Math Contest Held In Research Triangle Park

The Third Annual State High School Mathematics Contest, sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Mathematics Division of the State Department of Public Instruction, was held in the Research Triangle Park, on May 7.

The purpose of the Contest was to recognize outstanding scholarship in mathematics and to stimulate interest in the study of mathematics in all North Carolina schools.

The 110 contestants from 53 high school in this year's contest were selected through twelve regional competitions in the comprehensive division. The top scorers in each region were eligible to compete in the State Contest.

The first place winner of the State contest was Richard G. Heck of R.J. Reynolds High School, Richard, a junior, is the son of Richard and Helen Heck of Clemmons, North Carolina.

Placing second was Christopher Jolly of West Charlotte High School. A senior, Christopher plans to attend North Carolina State University. He is the son of Raymond and Kim

Jolly of Charlotte.

Placing third was Eric Queen of Independence Senior High School. A senior, Eric is the son of James and Sandra Queen of Charlotte and plans to attend Duke University.

Placing fourth was David Fortney of Chapel Hill Senior High School. David, a junior, plans to attend Duke University and is the son of Sidney and Elizabeth Fortney.

Placing fifth was Bruce Lindsey, Jr. of Tuscola High School in Waynesville, N.C. Bruce, a senior, is the son of Bruce and Mary Lindsey and plans to attend Western Carolina University.

Sixth through twentieth place winners were respectively Kenny Hirsch, a senior from Chapel Hill High School; Michael Marjon, a senior from Chapel Hill High School; Kevin Maroney, a junior from Chapel Hill High School; Kevin Knight, a senior from Chapel Hill High School; Richard Wehe, a junior from Millbrook Senior High School in Raleigh; Ali Shahin, a senior from Chapel Hill High School; Randy Whitmeyer, a senior from R.J. Reynolds Senior High in Winston-Salem; Bruce Merryman,

a senior from North Mecklenburg High School in Huntersville; Tim Huson, a senior from East Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte; Charlotte Chiu, a junior from the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics; Terry Bridgeman, a senior from Davie High School in Mocksville; Sarah Krigman, a junior from the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics; Harvey Jenkins, a junior from Reid Ross Senior High in Fayetteville; and Joseph Doyle, a senior from South Mecklenburg High School in Pineville.

Those placing first through sixteenth will represent North Carolina as a team in the Atlantic Region Mathematics competition to be held at the University of Maryland, June 5-6, 1981.

The top five winners were presented with plaques and Certificates of Merit were given to the top twenty winners. All contestants received Certificates of Participation. On hand for the presentations were Dr. A. Graig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. H. David Bruton, Chairman, State Board of Education, and Dr. Quentin Lindsey, the Governor's Science and Public Policy Advisor.

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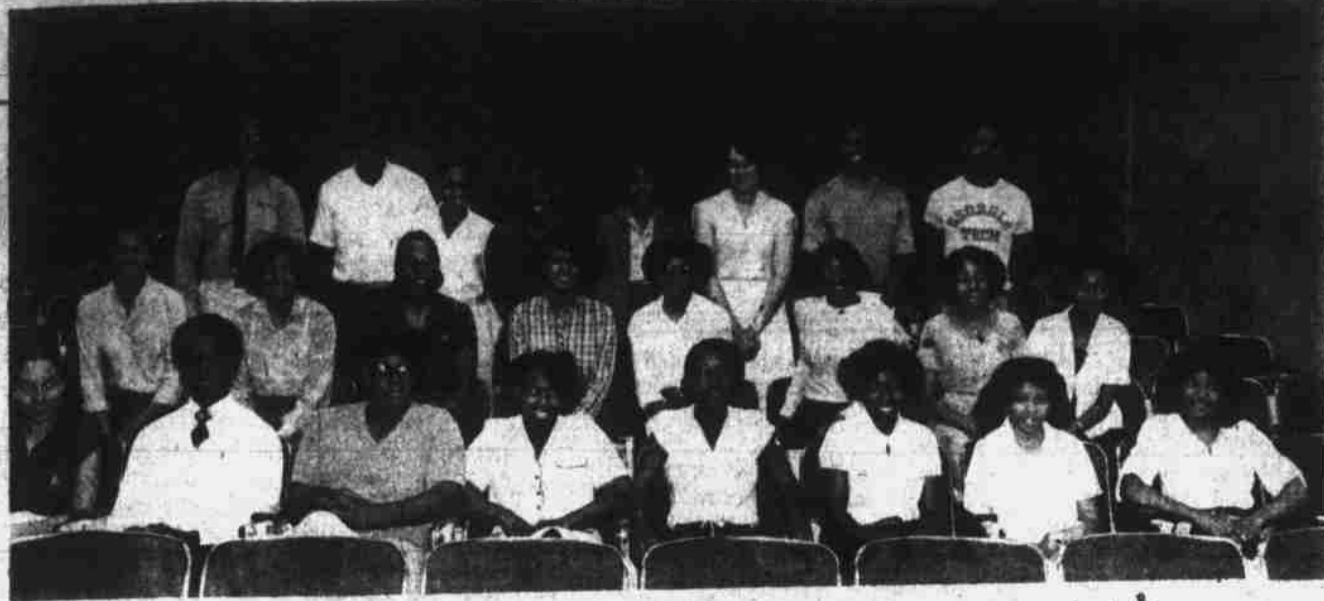
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Wake County minority high school students participate in the Careers Information Academic Skills Enrichment Workshop at St. Augustine's College, Boyer Amphitheater Building, Raleigh.

Wake Students Participate In Workshop

RALEIGH — "You can make it (to a health career) if you try. You already have the brains and the heart, all you have to do is develop the courage to stay with it", Dr. E. Lavonia Allison, Director of the NC Health Manpower Development Program, University of North Carolina, told a group of Wake County minority high schools students attending a Health Careers Information/Academic Skills Enrichment Workshop at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh. Students, from Broughton, Sanderson, Garner, Athens Drive, Apex, East Wake, and Wake Forest High Schools, participated in the workshop sponsored by the NC Health Manpower Development Program, in cooperation with the Wake County Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and the Wake County School System, on

May 2. The workshop, with the theme, "A Health Career is Within Your Reach, If You Believe in Yourself", was designed to acquaint the high school students with the many career training opportunities in the health field, to involve them in experiences to strengthen their background in basic study skills of classroom notetaking, time control, textbook reading and notetaking, memory training, and preparing for and taking exams, and to increase their motivation, interest, and commitment to pursuing a health or health related program.

In addition to a health careers and academic skills information and orientation, the students were encouraged to develop an "attitude for success". Two films, "Gefion's Plough" and "It's Your Future", presented during the

workshop session, emphasized the workshop theme, that belief in one's own ability and personal determination are important factors in determining success or failure in the pursuit of a professional health career.

Dr. W.W. Johnson, Chairperson, Department of Natural Sciences at St. Augustine's urged students to take full advantage of the resources afforded them through workshops and programs like NCHMDP, in order that they might become more competitive for admissions to health training programs. He went on to say that, "any conscientious, studious, hardworking student who is committed to excellence should not have any trouble getting into the health program of his or her choice."

Because of the tremendous need for minority health professionals, the

participants were challenged to seriously consider health careers as viable options, which will offer them opportunities to return to provide services in minority and poor communities.

Ms. Joyce Perry, Guidance Supervisor of the Wake County Schools, spoke to students of the financial security, rewards, and personal satisfaction to be gained from helping people in need of health care services.

"Certificates of Participation" were awarded to each student for completing the workshop.

Treatable Conditions Often Labeled Senility

Does a long life inevitably lead to memory loss, impairment of intellect and judgement? In THE BRAIN AND AGING: THE MYTHS, THE FACTS, a new Public Affairs Pamphlet, Arthur S. Freese explains what the aging process is and what it is not. He also discusses such questions as these: How long can we live? Which treatable conditions can produce confused states similar to senile dementia? Can actual brain disorders in the elderly be diagnosed and treated? THE BRAIN AND AGING, a 20-page booklet, is available for 50 cents from the nonprofit Public Affairs Commit-

tee, 381 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10016.

Freese emphasizes that many individuals live to a very advanced age with no diminution of mental ability. But family, friends, and even medical personnel are sometimes too hasty in assuming that persons in their 60's or beyond are "senile", says Freese.

Symptoms associated with senility — confusion, disorientation, forgetfulness — can actually be caused by more than a hundred conditions, many of them curable if they are recognized and treated promptly.

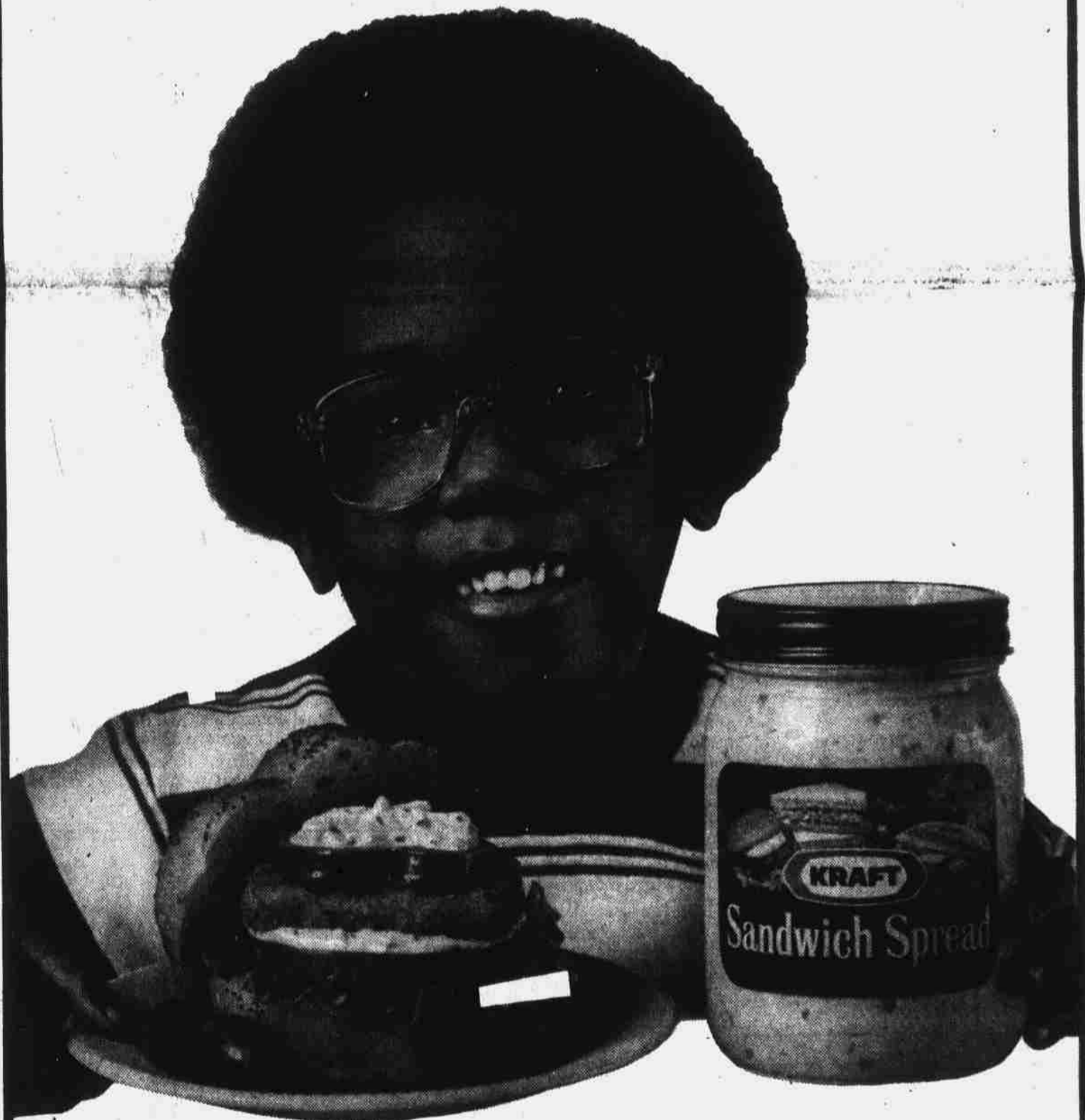
Some of these treatable

physical conditions are poor nutrition, heart disorder, gall bladder attack, virus infection, overmedication, anemia. Depression or acute emotional stress, common mental problems among elderly persons, can also cause similar to dementia.

Of course, some older people do suffer from an actual brain disorder. Alzheimer's disease, a degenerative disorder in which the brain steadily wastes away or shrinks, is the most common disorder. It affects an estimated 5 percent of those over the age 65, although it has also been found in people in their

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