



IN THE LEAD — The powerlifters maintained a clear lead in the three minute 50 yard race. Karl York, North Carolina's first

woman powerlifter who's ranked fourth in the nation, stood atop the house to count cadence and cheer the team on.



SUE TOMBERLIN (center) and other Mars Hill cheerleaders watch as their team

maneuvers the house into place at the starting line.

Hendon Seeks End To CETA 'Incentive' Program

WASHINGTON — After conferring with North Carolina officials, Western North Carolina Congressman Bill Hendon has called on Labor Secretary Raymond J. Donovan to exempt the State of North Carolina from a requirement that it pay students to attend school.

Hendon said in a letter to Secretary Donovan that, "It is unbelievably bad public policy to pay students to attend school, and I am concerned that such payments may actually be an incentive for more students to drop out of their regular school program."

The \$30-a-week payments, to student dropouts eligible only if they are from families who already receive public assistance, are required under the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). North Carolina has not previously made the payments, but when the state recently asked for an official exemption, the U.S. Department of Labor refused and ordered the payments, which would cost North Carolina \$100,000 this year.

"To force the state to make such payments... is inconsistent with the administration's desire to return decision making and control of programs to the state and local level," Hendon told Donovan. "I strongly urge you to review the regulations for the incentive program for all the states and to immediately reverse the decision made by your Atlanta Regional Office as it relates to the State of North Carolina."

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Compared With Last Year's Results

Fewer Madison Students Pass Competency Tests

Results from October's high school competency tests showed Madison High students scoring slightly above the state level and below the regional level on both reading and math portions in percentages of students passing.

According to Dr. Bobby Jean Rice, supervisor of county schools, 92.7 percent of 206 juniors taking the test for the first time passed the reading test, and 89.7 percent of 204 juniors passed the math test.

The local figures a year ago were 94 percent for reading and 92 percent for mathematics.

This year's figures for the state showed 91.9 percent passing reading and 89.4 percent passing mathematics. Figures for last year were 92.5 for reading and 89.4 for mathematics.

Regional results, based on 20 counties in Western North Carolina, showed 94.3 percent passed reading and 91.3 percent passed mathematics for this year. Last year 95.0 percent passed reading and 91.2 percent passed mathematics. Dr. Rice and 14 seniors who had not

taken the test before, or who failed last year, were also given the tests. Of the combined 220 students (juniors and seniors), 91.2 percent passed reading and 88.1 percent passed mathematics.

She said seven juniors made perfect scores on the reading test and 20 students missed only two questions. No juniors made perfect scores on the math test, but 14 missed only one or two questions.

Each portion of the competency exam has 120 questions with a 64 percent score required to pass the math section and a 72 percent score necessary to pass the reading section. A high school student is required to pass the test, which quizzes students on basic use of knowledge they have learned and how to apply that knowledge in common sense situations before they can receive a diploma.

The test identifies students who need additional help in mastering basic skills and shows specific areas where students need help — such as fractions or interpreting charts. The test is also

used in designing an individual remediation program for students.

The test will be given again in April for those students who did not pass, Dr. Rice said. Remediation, to help the students catch up, will be provided until the spring test is given.

And remediation efforts may start with younger students next year. The state Board of Education has recommended giving the tests to 10th graders so schools will have a longer time for remediation, according to Tom I. Davis, assistant to the state superintendent of public instruction.

Davis said implementation of testing at the 10th grade level will depend on the legislature amending the original competency testing bill and appropriating some \$200,000 for the project.

Dr. Rice said parents of each student have received an extensive test report on their child's competencies, and that if they have any questions they may contact her at the board of education office.

Teachers Await TOY Selection

In just a few weeks, the eight regional finalists competing for the 1982-83 North Carolina Teacher of the Year (TOY) will be named. The nominees will be selected by mid-January from competitors representing most of the local school systems.

A screening committee in each of the eight regional education centers is now in the process of interviewing local winners and evaluating notebooks. Once the regional finalists are named, a selection committee appointed by the Office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction will review their scrapbooks, interview them, and recommend the three top state finalists. An observation team will then visit the finalists at their schools to determine the winner.

The 1982-83 TOY will be presented to the State Board

at its April meeting. The teacher selected will have no classroom duties during the year's reign and will be entered in national competition.

Since 1970, when North

Carolina first participated in the teacher of the year program, the state has produced four national finalists and two national winners. The national event is jointly sponsored by the Council of Chief State

School Officers, Encyclopedia Britannica, and Good Housekeeping magazine.

The present teacher of the year is Dr. Penny Smith, a humanities teacher at Asheboro High School, who began her term July 1.

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