Viewpoints

College needs public's help

The development of a satellite branch of Sandhills Community College in downtown Raeford could be one of the most significant things to happen to this community in a number of years.

However, in order for the college to become a reality, the project needs the active and visible support of local residents and the members of the Hoke County Commission.

The college offers a way to raise the quality of life for residents who need training but who do not have the means of traveling to existing schools outside the county. The facility could also offer instruction for those who wish to raise their level of training and want to acquire more technical

In addition the school can provide immediate aid to a rapidly dying downtown Raeford by bringing new activity to the area. Not only would students eat in existing restaurants and shop in existing stores, but new businesses, like book stores and other pupil-oriented shops, might also develop as a result of the school.

A community college here could go a long way towards showing industry management and prospective residents that Hoke County cares about its educational system and is attempting to im-

All of the ills of Hoke County will not be cured by a college, but the facility will get this county on the road to recovery.

We support the Chamber of Commerce and others who are working to get a college in downtown Raeford, and hope that other residents and the members of the Hoke County Commission will join them in the effort.

Drug abuse

for everyone

Dear Hoke County Residents:

For those of you who have worked to combat the drug prob-

lems in our community, I salute

There is a continuing need,

Whether or not your life is

however, to face this problem and

touched personally with this prob-

lem, the fact that you are often on our highways with drug abusers

does indeed make this situation

Many citizens in our community

are interested in forming a drug

task force. You need no special

qualifications to be a part of this

group except an interest in the problem. Such task forces have been quite successful in other

areas, but it does require the sup-

port of the community.

What exactly are the drug prob-

lems in Hoke County, or do we really have any? What can be done

to arm our children with the facts

How can parents spot drug use by their children? And what help

does the community offer once a

problem has been identified? I in-

vite you to come and find some of

the first task force meeting. Hope

Look for the announcement of

Mary Neil King

is concern

deal with it.

yours and mine.

on drugs?

these answers.

to see you there.

Editorials

Kudos for the Bucks' season

In their drive for the state basketball championship, the Hoke High Bucks varsity squad showed character, determination and promise for next

The Bucks, who got a late start on the road to the crown, ended their year in the semi-final round of the 4-A East Regional with a good showing against the now state champion Wilson-Fite. Despite trailing by 10 points going into the fourth quarter, the Hoke High team fought back and almost pulled off their fifth straight upset.

Earlier, and just when their frustrated fans

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were beginning to put the pompoms away, the 11-11 Bucks came to life, knocked off two teams with better season marks and upended the league's best squad, Pinecrest, to capture the conference championship and a chance at the state

The odds, which had been against them all season, finally caught up with the Bucks in

However, the team members should be commended and should take pride in their accomplishments. During the year, the Bucks used hard work to overcome the obstacles like having a new coach, a new system of play, the loss of a top shooter to poor grades and inexperience.

New Head Coach Greg Killingsworth and his staff earned their stars and so did the team. We congratulate Hoke High for a season to be proud of, and we look forward to next year.



Burlington employees are helping community and making life better

Do you think Burlington In-dustries does nothing for you? If you live in Raeford and say

this - you're wrong!
I began thinking about all this recently when I heard that Gib and Donna Bernhardt were moving.

Now Gib and Donna are not my best friends, but I do know a lot about them. They're in my church. They have a child who's my child's age. Hundreds of people could say these same sentences.

However, we can all appreciate the contribution of Gib, Donna and their sons to Raeford and Hoke County.

A quick list of Gib's involvement here includes the Chamber of Commerce, the Raeford Fire Department, the Finance Division of his church and hog-cooking in the finest Southern tradition.

Donna's lovely voice, her music and creativity have been assets everywhere she's turned. She has been in choirs, directed adult choirs and children's choirs, she's worked in Bible Schools summer after summer. She plans programs and smiles and encourages the participants. She is valued for her ideas, thoughts and her honest opi-

The Bernhardts have two sons. They are Scouts, athletes, singers, bell ringers, acolytes. They are fine

What does this mean to you -the Hoke Countian who does not work for Burlington Industries or Looking On

does?

ample. Burlington Industries brings families to Raeford who care about more than their jobs.

community. Our civic organizations, our emergency services, our arts, our Scouts, our United Way, our churches, our ball teams -- all are enriched.

This is not a one-sided situation. Burlington Industries has prospered here. There is new expansion and there will continue to be new

Raeford and Hoke County have to provide a good community spirit which welcomes newcomers. We must recognize our assets and appreciate then, work and grow with them.

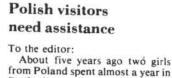


These people care about our



have anyone in the family who

This one caring family is an ex-



from Poland spent almost a year in Raeford on a farm exchange pro-

Part of their time here they worked for the Gozzi Turkey Farms in Southern Pines. Most of the time they worked at House of Raeford because farm industry was part of the program. Both of the girls were well-

educated and very nice.

While here they attended the Catholic Church closely with Ellen Willis and the County Extension Program.

Many of you will remember Maria Lufer and Irene Kuzaj.

Maria has married and her last

I received a letter from Marie last week, which follows this letter. I am planning to mail a box of children's clothes to her within two

If anyone has anything they would like to donate, used or new for girls or boys - infants to size 6 or so, please call 875-8531 or 875-8308 or bring them to my office (Log Home) on Red Springs

I will be glad to give you a receipt for income tax purposes.

I'm sure you have read about the trouble they are having in Poland and have had in the past.

I'm sure Maria would not have written me if there is not a sincere need. I'm sure she will give anything she cannot use to other needy people.

Evelyn Manning Dear Family Manning,

Thank you very much for the letter that I received from you. Thank you also for the invitation, but I will not be able to go anywhere soon. I got married.

I have one child, who is 2.5 years

old, and I am going to have another baby in May.

If you will like to spend holidays in Joland I invite you to

I have one request to you. Please send me the ointment

Vapo-Rub for my baby and some clothes for children because they are not available here.

Mary and the family

Last journey of missionary is remembered

Editor's Note: This letter, which was sent to the Crestwood Presbyterian Church, was shared with us by Mrs. Earl Gordon of Raeford. The letter explains the circumstances of the death of former Hoke County resident Jane Todd McCain Reagan. She was the daughter of the late Dr. P.P. Mc-Cain and Sadie McBrayer McCain. Jormer McCain Sanitorium was named for Dr. McCain, who ran the facility for many years. Todd Reagan was serving as a missionary in Japan at the time of her

death. The letter is from her husband.

Dear Friends,

I arrived back in Japan on December 16, then on December 21 participated in a memorial service for Todd at Waseda Church and am now picking up various work responsibilities.

When I got organized enough to begin the rewarding yet sad task of writing those who helped in various ways during Todd's bout with cancer I found that there were over 800 names of people to whom want to express gratitude. This explains my rather impersonal means of saying thanks and telling about our journey.

After our emergency trip back to the States on October 19, because of recurring cancer, Todd died at home in Mission Haven, Decatur, Georgia on November 27.

At first after our return Todd continued to take short walks under the trees at Mission Haven, though after November 13 she was no longer able to get out.

Aside from two episodes, she had very little pain since we used an electrical stimulator device to prevent arthritic pain.

During the last week, Todd experienced distress at not being able to get enough air into her lungs since the cancer had filled much of her body cavity so that her lungs didn't have enough room to expand.

That last week was spent in a wheel chair (in the living room) since she could breathe more easily sitting up than in bed.

To mitigate the distress of not being able to breathe adequately we gave Todd morphine shots the last eight days.

Missionary-to-Brazil-nurse Fern Jennings gave the shots at first then I took over the last five days.

Todd asked us to keep her under heavy sedation the last four days because the distress caused by oxygen shortage had become ex-She died at 3:38 a.m. on the first

Sunday in Advent. We immediately had a short worship service in the living room led by John Storey, pastor of Clifton Presbyterian Church, Todd's Church home in the States.

On Dec. 5, a memorial service that celebrated resurrection was at Clifton Presbyterian

Church. John Storey planned the service in response to Todd's suggestions, and she approved the final form of the service even to the content of the prayers. There was a period of about 30 minutes in the service called "words of life," as friends and family shared memories of Todd.

At the reception immediately following the service, several friends said that they had never participated in such a joyful "final

service."
On December 21, a similar service was held at Waseda Church, our church home in Tokyo. Both services ended with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. A Japanese friend commented, "Todd would have enjoyed that service.

Friends in both countries made contributions (instead of buying flowers) totaling over \$3,600 which were divided half and half between stateside projects and Japan based mission activity. The contributions at both memorial services witness-ed to the belief that response to God's love transcends national boundaries.

The primary Japan based project was the Asian Health Institute, a hospital-related medical facility designed and operated by Japanese Christians to help improve health care delivery systems in third world countries. Asia Rural Institute also received support from the contributions in Japan.

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Candidate's life is more than a turkey trot

By Warren Johnston

The candidate was exhausted. He could barely lift his suitcase off of the conveyor belt of the airport baggage pickup station. In fact the old battered bag, tied together with rope, had whirled

by twice before he could muster the strength to grab it. Who wouldn't be tired after four days of non-stop campaigning? He had charmed his way Monday through a luncheon of the midwives' caucus in Washington. Later that day, it was the Save The Mice of America leadership conference which got his attention at an afternoon tea. Then, it was a jet to Des Moines and dinner with the

plow makers union. Tuesday was pretty much the same. Breakfast with Iowa Corn Shuckers, then to Yuma, Arizona for a taco lunch and the Gila monster races and by 3 p.m. in Laredo, Texas to judge the Jumping Bean Leap. That night he delivered the annual State of the Magnolia address at the Hoop Skirt Makers Convention in Jackson, Mississippi and went to bed at Jay and Jan's Motel with

The pace quickened on Wednesday and Thursday, and finally, after spending 30 minutes shaking hands at the Retired Buglers Hall of Fame in Lima City, Tennessee, his plane took off for North Carolina and home.

'How did you do?'' his wife asked as he tossed his rope-tied suitcase into the back seat of the '63 Chevy. "Well, we were a big hit with the furriers in Weasel Bay, and I

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think we'll get the endorsement from the Zero Kittens growth group out of Frisco City, Alabama," the candidate said.

'You look exhausted. It's not even April. You can't keep this pace up until the May primary," his wife said. "You'll catch your

But the candidate was more worried about catching up with his competition before the final tally was taken in May. He was down in the polls and needed to turn on the steam for a last push.

"I'll rest after the election," he retorted. He knew his wife was a worrier and could not comprehend why he needed support from out-of-state groups. She did not under-

stand that endorsements, no matter who they came from, meant dollars in the campaign coffers. "You've got to have the backing to win," he told her.

He had started campaigning last spring, but that was too late by today's standards "The early candidate always gets the endorsements," his political

mentor had told him. The mentor was right. All in-state endorsements had been gobbled up by candidates seeking the higher offices two years ago. There wasn't much left for the local hopefuls, and the few crumbs remaining were picked up by those seeking offices like the county commission or the school board.

When it got down to clerk of courts, well, you had to hustle. "What on earth could you tell a poultry group in Montana anyway to get them to endorse you as a Clerk of Courts for a North

Carolina county?" his wife asked. "Oh, you just tell them the truth, and that you will campaign vigorously to get chicken plucking made an official contest in the

1988 Olympics," the candidate said. "Have you seen the latest television ads? Your opponents are accusing you of getting all of your support from outside the southeastern United States," his wife said.

The news hit him like a rock. He would have to call Raleigh, get the TV crews together and tape an entire new series of spots rebutting the unwarranted attack.

He would need more money. He made his wife turn the car around, and head back to the airport.

If everything went right, he could put in an appearance at the kick off dinner for the 12th annual Toad Sucking Festival being held in Outer, South Carolina, and still make it in time to judge the Praline Toss scheduled for dawn in Midcentral, Georgia.

Both events were perfect for the upcoming ad campaign.

'We can't let anybody back home think I'm dodging the issues," he told his wife as he boarded the plane.