

Sports



Olympic stars
These Special Olympic stars from Hoke County captured two golds, three silvers and four bronze medals during competition at the North Carolina State Special Olympics held last week in Greensboro. The athletes are shown here with the chaperones who accompanied them on the trip.

Hoke athletes capture gold at state Special Olympics

By Carolyn Pagan
Five Hoke County athletes accompanied by three chaperones, Dr. Mike White, Lou Moore and Mrs. Carolyn Pagan traveled to Greensboro this week to participate in the North Carolina State Special Olympics. Competing in the games were 1,300 Special Olympians representing the 100 counties in North Carolina.

The local athletes brought home two gold medals and three silver, and four bronze. Hugh Hargrove of Hoke High, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hargrove was first place winner in the Standing Long Jump and placed third in the Running Long Jump.

First place winner in the Running Long Jump was Patricia Jones of Hoke High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Jones. She was also third winner in the Softball Throw.

From Upchurch School, Earl Walters, son of Selena Walters was second place winner in the Running Long Jump and third place winner in the 50-Yard Dash.

Earl Jones of Upchurch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Jones won second

place in Frisbee Distance and fourth place in the Softball Throw.

Denise Jones of South Hoke School, daughter of Josephine Jones was second place winner in the Softball Throw and third place winner in the Standing Long Jump.

In addition to the athletic competition, our athletes were treated to the thrilling experience of marching in the Parade of Athletes at the Opening Ceremony on Friday night. They were one of the best looking groups in the parade, their new white and green T-shirts, donated by Raeford Kiwanis Club, green shorts and socks and new sneakers matched beautifully with their brand new white and green banner.

Maxine Colston made the banner.

Many people stopped to compliment the athletes on their appearance and for the handsome banner.

The parade was led by an Honor Guard from the U.S. Marine Corps. After the athletes were seated they were treated to a demonstration by the Honor

Guard, the introduction of various guests and congressmen, and the presentation of a check for \$66,000.00 to the North Carolina Special Olympics by the Hardee's Corporation.

After Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver led the athletes in the Olympic Oath, several hundred balloons were released followed by a beautiful and exciting fireworks display.

Pittman Grove takes 3rd win

Pittman Grove "Raiders" rolled to a third straight victory winning 9-4 over New Hope Baptist.

Leading the 14-hit attack were R. Shelpy 3 for 3, G. Jackson 2-3, M. Madden 2-3 with a 3-run homer, R. Manning 2-3. And J. Madden 1-3 with a triple.

Defense again was a key to the team's scorers.

The "Raiders" will play again Monday at the Tabernacle Baptist in Rockfish.

Carpenter qualifies for state

Hoke High's ace long jumper, Terrell Carpenter, has qualified for the State Championship track meet to be held in Raleigh Friday.

Carpenter's qualifying leap came in the final round of jumps in last week's Eastern Regional track meet.

Track Coach Howard Barkley said that Carpenter started the day with a jump of 22 feet, 2.25 inches, which was so far the best on the day and "with each jump he continued to improve."

At times, he was well ahead of some of the best jumpers in the state, Barkley said.

Before his final jump, Carpenter fouled and was put back in fifth place.

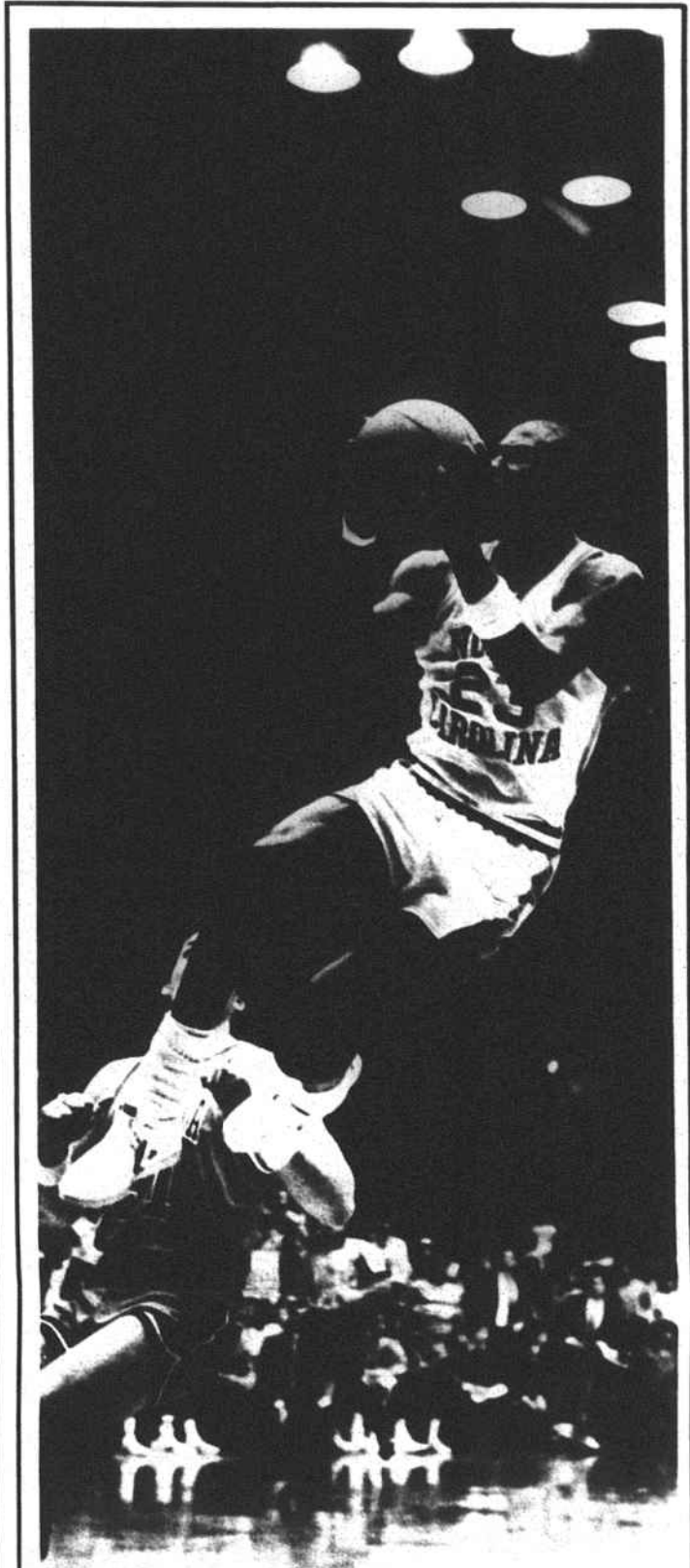
This set up a situation in which he had to jump 22 feet 9 inches to finish fourth and one-half inch further to finish third.

Carpenter did the latter sailing 22 feet 9.5 inches for a third place finish, Barkley said.

Usually a strong runner, Carpenter failed to qualify for any running events.

"There were some fast young men" in the 100 and 200 meter races, said Barkley.

Carpenter did finish fifth overall in the 200 meter dash.



In the flesh
This picture of Michael Jordan, now hanging in the Hoke County Public Library as part of the Picture North Carolina Black and White Photo Contest, was taken by Marty Harris. Jordan and other ACC greats will be playing an exhibition game in Hoke High's MacDonald Gymnasium at 8 p.m. Friday night. The event is being sponsored by the Raeford Kiwanis Club. Tickets are \$5. Proceeds benefit the Hoke County Children's Center.



Asst. Personnel Manager
Craig Dallas has joined Raeford Burlington Industries Plant Personnel Department as a Assistant Personnel Manager. He received a B.A. degree in History from Duke University in Durham in 1980. While at Duke, he played outside linebacker on the football team. He worked for Burlington Industries at their Durham location for 18 months after graduating as a Manufacturing Management Trainee. For the past couple of years he has served as Minister of Children and Youth at Guess Road Baptist Church in Durham. Dallas is a native of Reidsville, and graduated from Reidsville High School. He is married and has one child. Dallas and his family will live in the Raeford area.

Methodist honors Raeford students

Two Raeford students were recently honored at Methodist College for their academic achievements during the spring semester.

George Small, son of Amos E. Small of Raeford has been named to the Dean's List at Methodist for the term.

Paul Hulzebos, son of Kimberly L. Hulzebos of Raeford has also been named to the Dean's List at Methodist for the spring semester.

Students who achieved a 3.20 or better grade point average during the semester are named to the Dean's List.

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