



**Bring home honors**  
 These Hoke High School students placed third out of 11 teams in a recent District 4 Future Farmers of America (FFA) dairy judging contest. Standing left to right are Steve Smith, James McCormick, Lawrence Pittman, James Locklear and their instructor, Hilton Villines.

## Myers tapped at Peace as the top sophomore

Carla Myers of Raeford has been voted one of eight Outstanding Sophomores by her classmates at Peace College. She and the other honored students are featured in a special section of the "Lotus," the school yearbook, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to Peace College.

A graduate of Hoke County High School, Carla is the daughter of Ms. Kay B. Myers of 304 S. Bethel Rd. in Raeford and Mr. C.

Stuart Myers of Milledgeville, Ga. At Peace, Carla is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, national junior college honor society; co-editor of the school newspaper; a Dean's List student; an Honors Scholarship recipient; and was recently chosen to be listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

Peace, a two-year college for women, offers associate degrees in liberal arts, music and business.



Carla Myers

## St. Andrews offering Elderhostel

St. Andrews Presbyterian College will offer two week-long Elderhostel sessions this summer, July 28-August 3 and August 4-August 10.

Elderhostel is an international network of over 700 educational institutions which offer special low-cost, short-term residential academic programs for older adults. The program is designed for people 60 years of age and older who are seeking new experiences. Elderhostel is based on the belief that retirement does not signal a withdrawal from activities, but rather that one's later years are an opportunity for broadening perspectives.

Each session at St. Andrews this summer will consist of two types of course offerings. Hostellers may enroll in the regular program, in which they can take any or all of the three informative classes; or they may wish to enter a challenging Intensive Study of one subject. St. Andrews is the only one of 16 North Carolina Elderhostel sites offering the Intensive Study program.

For the July 28 session, the regular program will offer

Hostellers noncredit classes in "Religious Unity and Divisiveness," "Legal Services: Consumer/Purchaser Concerns," and "Nutrition, Exercise, Weight Control."

The Intensive Study for the first session will be "The Holocaust: Past and Present," a thorough investigation of Nazi persecution of the Jews. Professor Carl Geffert, a first-generation German-American and chairman of the College's Modern Languages program will conduct this study using his own World War II experiences, his service as an interpreter for witnesses at the Nuremberg Trials, and his subsequent study of and visits to Germany as the basis for the course.

For the August 4 session, the regular program will offer "Roots of Early Americans," "The Southern Transition," which will deal with the post-Civil War South, and "American Ethnic Multiplicity."

The Intensive Study will be "An Examination of Japanese Culture Through Fiction." Professor Ronald Bayes, Writer-in-Residence at St. Andrews and a

noted authority on contemporary Japanese literature, will lead this study.

The Elderhostel program encourages participants to live on campus, where they have access to all of the College's facilities; but commuters are also welcome and there is a reduced cost.

There is no deadline for registration; however, there is limited class size, so early registration is an advantage. Hostellers who plan to be in residence must apply to Elderhostel headquarters in Boston.

For an application or further information, call or write John Daughtrey, Elderhostel Coordinator, St. Andrews College, Laurinburg, NC 28352, (919) 276-3652.

The microscopic organisms commonly found in topsoil can do many a unique thing. Some soil microbes can consume 99% of the DDT sprayed on them within a few weeks. Too often, though, toxic chemicals get into groundwater before any bacteria can get to them.

## Cat's problem could be fatal

**DEAR DOCTOR:** My cat had a blocked bladder last year. Is he likely to get this condition again?

**ANSWER:** Obstruction of the flow of urine from the bladder is a life threatening emergency that can occur in cats and dogs. Pets that have had problems of this type in the past should be watched closely for symptoms of its return.

Urinary tract infections and obstructions in cats are grouped into a syndrome known as FUS (Feline Urological Syndrome). This is not one disease but a set of problems with a wide variety of causes.

Some of the causes are not yet known. The symptoms are increased frequency of urination, straining to urinate and blood in the

### You And Your Pet

urine. Obstruction occurs when crystals form clumps or stones and plug the tube that allows urine to flow to the outside. This tube, the urethra, narrows near its end in males and this results in being more susceptible to obstruction.

If nothing is done about the obstruction, the cat will be unable to pass urine and will die within 3 to 5 days. Death is caused by the accumulation of toxic wastes normally eliminated in the urine. If taken to the veterinarian in time, most of the obstructed cats can be saved.

Since early detection of the blockage is so important, pay at-

tention to your cat's use of the litter tray. If he goes to the tray very frequently, strains to urinate, or his urine has blood in it, take him for treatment. It is not unusual for a cat with a urinary infection to urinate in abnormal places. He may go to the bathtub or on other hard surfaces when he urinates. It is as if he is trying to call attention to the fact that the urine has blood in it.

Treatment of FUS will involve medication and perhaps surgery to correct the immediate problem. It may be necessary to change the cat's diet to lessen the chance of obstruction. If you suspect your cat is having a urinary problem, consult your veterinarian immediately.

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