

Jeni Trout Heads For 'Big City, Big School'

BY TERRY POPE

Her work on computers is only a hobby. She restores a 1971 Volkswagen Super Beetle in her spare time and plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh in the fall and major in philosophy.

West Brunswick senior Jeni Trout, of Carolina Shores, has succeeded in many areas, but the one accomplishment that will remain after she graduates is tacked to the bulletin board in the school's computer lounge.

It is a computer program Jeni wrote for the county curriculum fair recently, a program that will be used at all three county high schools next year to help teachers compute students' grade point averages.

"It asks you for the student's name and the test grades," Jeni said. "The teacher doesn't have to figure anything, just punch in the grades. It's an easy way to compute grade point averages for report cards."

Not bad for just a hobby. In fact, Jeni's home computer stays stuffed in a closet because it has become "too inefficient." She doesn't want to study computers in college, because "I'd get burned out on it too quick," she added.

Instead, she plans to concentrate on her undergraduate studies in a liberal arts environment at Pittsburgh. But why Pittsburgh?

"Because it's a big city and a big school," she said. "It's also a pioneer in the medical field. I want to become a consultant with an emergency medical service."

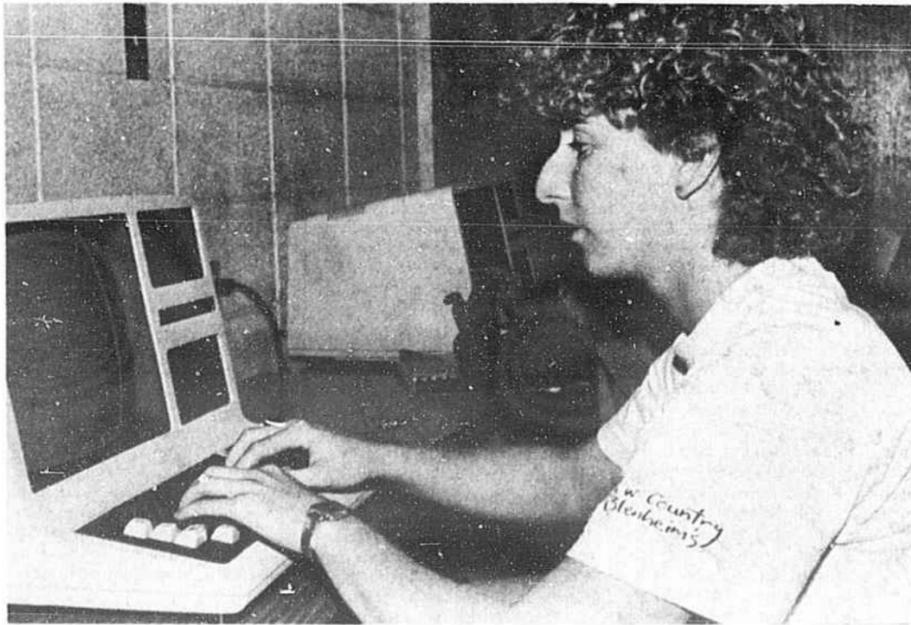
Since moving from Ohio to Carolina Shores near Calabash six years ago, Jeni has become an emergency medical technician with the Calabash Volunteer Rescue Squad. She also serves as summer lifeguard at the Carolina Shores swimming pool.

In the fall, she will wear the blue and gold of the Pittsburg marching panthers. She also hopes to become a drummer for the school's jazz band ensemble, and continue a favorite activity she has enjoyed while at West Brunswick. She even conducted the high school marching band during football games last fall.

Yet at Pittsburg, she must maintain a 3.0 grade point average to stay in the school's honors program. It would be nice to graduate from Pittsburg with honors in philosophy, she said.

Twice she has traveled to Pittsburg to visit the campus, with her first trip highlighted by an Elton John concert. "It was wild," she added.

But until the fall, she will continue to reupholster and paint the insides of her 1971 Volkswagen Beetle, a job that has become "an ongoing project," Jeni said.



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ALTHOUGH computer programming was just a hobby for West Brunswick senior Jeni Trout, her grade averaging computer program will be used by teachers at each of the county's high schools next year.

Extra Buck To Be Added For Phone

Residential customers and businesses with only one line will begin paying \$1 more per month for telephone service as of June 1 of this year, according to a news release from Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation.

The \$1 fee will increase to \$2 on June 1, 1986.

The Federal Communications Commission ordered the fee as part of a move away from the practice of charging customers more for long distance telephone service in order to keep residential rates relatively low.

The change means long distance customers will no longer be asked to help hold down rate for local service to the extent they have in the past.

Introduction of the \$1 fee is expected to be accompanied by a drop in long distance rates, with some industry experts predicting a three to five percent decrease.

Business customers with more than one line will not be affected by the new rate since they have been paying a monthly fee of up to \$6 since May, 1984.

The FCC's efforts to bring rates more in line with the actual cost of providing each telephone service will cause some services to increase and others to decrease.

Revco Sponsors Free Health Services

Free health services will be provided for the entire community June 6, 7 and 8 at the Revco Discount Drug Center at the Coastal Plaza Shopping Center on Hwy. 17 South in Shallotte.

"Because Revco has a strong commitment to health care, we will hold the health services at our store in conjunction with The Brunswick Hospital," explains Al Sebok, Revco's senior vice president in charge of store operations.

The Brunswick Hospital will offer free blood pressure screening at the Revco store from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Revco's Vial of Life program also will be available at the promotion. "The program," says Sebok, "is designed to assist elderly and handicapped people. It contains life-saving medical information about a person for rescue personnel's use in an emergency."

"Pharmacy is our primary business," says Sebok. "Often the community overlooks this important health information resource. But we want to encourage folks to get to know our pharmacists Marshall Henry and Joey Galloway."

Many High School Grads Expected To Enroll At BTC

With graduation day approaching for hundreds of high school seniors in the county, Brunswick Technical College looks forward to a number of them becoming tech students this fall.

Many of the high school graduates are expected to enroll in the General Education Program which has transfer options to over 25 four-year colleges and universities in the state. "Students initially discouraged by high tuition costs or low SAT scores find the General Education courses at BTC provide a welcome alternative," said Les Turner, college general education director.

To inform these young people of educational opportunities available at tech, the student affairs staff has spent many hours sharing information and conducting various other recruitment activities.

Amy Bennett, student affairs counselor, has made visits on a

regular basis throughout the year to all high schools in the county. Along with visits off campus, the staff has also conducted tours and provided admission requirements and other information for many individual seniors and mixed groups visiting the campus.

Senior high students, however, are not the only groups who have been reached by the college. Middle school students and sophomores and juniors also find Brunswick Tech representatives at their career day activities.

"We are delighted a large number of graduates will be attending Brunswick Tech this fall," said Beth McLean, director of student affairs. "Our staff has worked closely with most of these students during their senior year, so there will be few strangers on registration day. This is one of the reasons BTC is the very personal kind of college it is."

Tree Program, Tour Offered

Brunswick County Christmas tree growers will participate in a "field day" Monday, June 10, at 5 p.m. at the tree demonstration lot in front of the Brunswick County Government Complex in Bolivia.

Sponsored by the Brunswick County Agriculture Extension Service, the program will include a discussion and demonstration on correct pruning techniques, said extension Director Milton Coleman.

Tree growers will also have an opportunity to see a demonstration of a new growth regulator that will enhance bud development of trees, Coleman said.

The extension service will also sponsor a tour of the Sand Hills Research Station near Cantor on Thursday, June 13.

"The purpose of the tour will be to view the peach-budding process that will be in progress and other fruit research at the center," Coleman said.

Those participating in the tour will leave the Supply Baptist Church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Cost of transportation will be \$10 per person and lunch will be dutch.

For more information on the tour and tree program, contact the Brunswick County Agriculture Extension Service, 253-4425.

Adult Services Offered

Despite the willingness and ability of Brunswick Technical College to serve adult students, many adults are not aware of the types of services available free of charge, according to Willie Fullwood, BTC director of special programs.

Adult Basic Education Courses are held each academic quarter both on campus and off campus in locations throughout the county. ABE classes will be offered this quarter at the Brunswick Village Nursing Home in Shallotte, the Northwest community center, the senior citizens' building, college annex on Lord Street and Ocean Trail Nursing Home in Southport.

"There are many reasons why people drop out of school, and many of them are too proud, or feel they are too old, or don't have the time to return," Fullwood said. "Few are willing to raise their hands and say, 'I can't read or write,' but this handicap deprives them of a richer and more productive life."

According to the 1980 census, approximately 15 percent of Brunswick County's adults lacked the basic educational skills to successfully function in the mainstream of society. Included in that number are many bright, intelligent, hard-working peo-

ple who cannot read or write well enough to apply for jobs that would improve their standard of living, a news release from BTC states.

Citizens knowing adults who could benefit from any of the adult education programs are asked to "pass on the word" or to contact Fullwood at BTC, 754-6900.

Cafeteria Awards Given

Several outstanding school cafeteria employees were honored last week at the Brunswick County Division of Nutrition's annual awards banquet held at Leland Middle School.

Sharing "Cafeteria Manager of the Year" honors were Doris Creech of South Brunswick Middle School and Minnie Holliday of Leland Middle School.

Helen Mellor of South Brunswick Middle School was chosen "Cafeteria Employee of the Year." Lois St.

George of Southport Elementary School was voted first runner-up. They were chosen on the basis of endorsements by their school staffs and students.

South Brunswick Middle School also won "School Cafeteria of the Year" honors based on reports throughout the year on participation, student involvement, financial status and PIPPAN award totals.

The N.C. Department of Public Instruction's Division of Child Nutrition awarded its PIPPAN award to

seven of Brunswick County's school cafeterias: Lincoln Primary, Leland Middle, South Brunswick Middle; Shallotte Middle, North Brunswick High, South Brunswick High and West Brunswick High schools.

The PIPPAN is awarded to cafeterias earning points in professionalism, intergroup activities, publicity, participation, atmosphere and nutrition education.

School retirees Robie Piver and Inez Jackson were also recognized for their years of service to Brunswick County schools.

Unemployment Rate Drops

Brunswick County's unemployment rate continued to fall last month, from 8.4 percent in March to 7.7 percent in April, reported the N.C. Employment Security Commission.

"Overall confidence in the economy plus seasonal factors of agriculture and tourism helped to

lower the unemployment rate in the state," reported Bob Campbell, NCEC spokesman. "Only four counties had double-digit unemployment in April compared to 12 in March."

Last April, there were 23 counties with double-digit unemployment rates, he added. The state's unemployment rate fell from 5.6 per-

cent in March to 5.2 percent in April.

In April, Brunswick County had an estimated 1,500 unemployed persons who were seeking jobs, Campbell reported. In March, approximately 1,660 persons were looking for jobs.

Unemployment rates in neighboring counties also experienced a decrease last month including New Hanover, from 6.3 to 6 percent; Columbus, from 9.7 to 9.5 percent and Bladen, from 10.2 to 9.9 percent.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates in April included Wake, 2.1 percent; Orange, 2.2 percent; Gates, 2.3 percent and Durham, 2.4 percent. Graham County reported the highest unemployment rate at 17.2 percent, but just 630 persons were looking for jobs in that county.

BTC Offers Summer Courses

Brunswick Technical College will offer a variety of continuing education courses throughout the county during the summer months, beginning the first week of June and continuing through August.

Drafting, photography, upholstery, home sewing and furniture refinishing will be taught in the Ash area. Eudell Smith will provide instruction in the making of country curtains on Monday and Thursday evenings. Basic home repair will also be taught in the area.

Woodworking will be taught in the shop on the BTC Supply campus during the day and evening at the Southport annex campus and at

North Brunswick High School during the evening.

Home Sewing will be taught during the day and evening at 11 locations in the county. Rug hooking will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Silver Hill area on N.C. 130 near Holden Beach. Seafood preparation will be taught by Sally Zimmerman at the Long Beach recreational center.

Registration will be held at the first class meeting, but students may still enroll in most courses until the third class meeting. For more information about course offerings, times and locations, contact the BTC continuing education department, 754-6900.

Pesticides Discouraged

Farmers who treated their young tobacco with any of four chemicals are out of luck, indicates the Brunswick County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Tobacco treated with toxaphene, endrin, DDT or TDE after being transplanted will not be eligible for federal price support, said Ada L. Varnum, acting ASCS director.

Before issuance of a marketing card, farmers will be asked to certify whether any of these chemicals were used on their tobacco.

The withholding of price support on tobacco treated with the chemicals came about because their use threatens the export market for tobacco, Mrs. Varnum indicated. Several countries that are large buyers of U.S. tobacco have set very narrow tolerances for pesticide levels in tobacco.

The county extension service office has information available on pesticides that are acceptable and that are effective in controlling plant pests.

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