



WINNERS of the 1993 ACT-SO competition include (from left) LaToya Fullwood, Claude Robinson, Henry Sneed, Terrance Gause, Reggie Frink and Johara Hankins.

## GAUSE FIRST TO RECEIVE NEW AWARD

# Sneed Wins ACT-SO Competition

Two students rather than one received \$500 scholarships Saturday at the annual ACT-SO Scholarship Competition sponsored by Brunswick County's two chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Henry Bernard Sneed of Leland was overall winner of the competition, receiving a \$500 scholarship and an all-expenses-paid trip to compete in the 1993 National ACT-SO Competition in Indianapolis, Ind., this summer. A ninth grade student at North Brunswick High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bernard Sneed. He performs with musical groups in the Wilmington area. In Saturday's competition he sang an arrangement of "You Are The Wind Beneath My Wings."

Monekia Gause of Shallotte, first place winner in the performing category, received \$100 as category winner. As first place winner in drama, she will also be the first recipient of the James E. Hardy Sr. Scholarship, presented by members of the late Rev. Earl Hardy's family. Hardy was a pioneer member of the NAACP in Brunswick County.

Presenting a scholarship to a young person each year through the ACT-SO program "is our way of saying 'thank you' to the NAACP for the things it has done for us," said James Hardy on

behalf of himself, his sister Earlene Hardy Cox of Amauk, N.Y., and other family members. "We wouldn't be where we are without the support you gave us."

Monekia is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Freeman Gause and is a junior at West Brunswick High School. Her talent Saturday was a dramatic interpretation of Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise."

Also receiving a \$100 prize is Johara Hankins, winner of the non-performing category. A junior at South Brunswick High School, she is the daughter of Carolyn Hankins of Southport. She won for an original poem.

Also placing in the non-performing category were Terrance Gause, drawing, second, and Reggie Frink, drawing, third. Gause is a senior at West Brunswick High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lendred Gause. Frink, a junior at West Brunswick, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Russell Frink.

Runners-up in the performing category were Claude "Robbie" Robinson, vocal music, second, and LaToya Fullwood, drama, third. Robinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. Robinson and is in the ninth grade at North Brunswick High. He gave a vocal rendition of "America" for his talent Saturday.

Fullwood is in the ninth grade at West Brunswick High School and is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Willie Fullwood. Her dramatic skit, "This Thing They Call Prayer," profiled black mothers over the past 130 years.

Also competing Saturday were Aries E. Cox, West Brunswick High School student, in drawing; Keith Stroman, North Brunswick High School, vocal music; Tiria Lashawn Grady, West Brunswick High, drawing, painting and sculpture.

These 10 students and any other Brunswick County black teen-agers in grades nine through 12 are eligible to compete in the first eastern regional ACT-SO Scholarship Competition, to be held April 17 at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Winners of the regional will advance to the first state ACT-SO competition.

ACT-SO is the acronym for Afro-Academic Cultural Technological and Scientific Olympics, a major project of the NAACP. Its purpose is to encourage young people to pursue excellence in academic and cultural pursuits with the support of their local communities. Brunswick County's ACT-SO program has had two national gold medalists, James Webb in oratory in 1980 and Janice Parker in dramatics in 1983.

Etherine P. Butler of Shallotte and Irene B. Hankins were co-chairpersons of this year's event. Judges were Penny Redwine, Sallye Dudley, Sandra Hughes, James Hargrove, Joanne Kilgour Dowdy and Dwarka Ramphal.



MONEKIA GAUSE is the first recipient of the James E. Hardy Sr. Scholarship, presented by James Hardy (right) and other members of the late Rev. Earl Hardy's family.



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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

# Officer Grissett Returns From Cruise

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Tanya A. Grissett, daughter of Ruby J. Frink of Ash, recently returned aboard the submarine tender USS Dixon, homeported in San Diego from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Persian Gulf.

The submarine tender spent three months in the Persian Gulf supporting Operation Southern Watch and completing more than 5,000 repair jobs on 30 warships and auxiliary support ships. The tender also conducted the first successful refueling by a submarine tender while underway when it transferred approximately 21,000 gallons of fuel to the USS Fanning.

Grissett visited liberty ports in Guam, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, United Arab Emirates and Bali, Indonesia.

Crewmembers also participated in the Project Handclasp program in Penang, Malaysia; Jabel Ali, Sharjah and Dubai, United Arab Emirates; and Bahrain.

The ship provided humanitarian relief support for victims in the Isle of Flores, Indonesia, and helped in Bahrain's first Special Olympics.

The 1989 graduate of West Brunswick High School joined the Navy in September 1989.

### Duncan Honored

James H. "Jim" Duncan Jr. of Calabash, director of tournament operations for the Carolinas PGA Section, achieved the highest level of rating at the recent PGA-USA Advanced Rules Workshop in Orlando, Fla.



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The workshop was attended by golf administrators from around the country, and Duncan scored 99 percent on the 100-question final exam March 18.

Duncan has been employed by the Carolinas PGA Section, headquartered in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., since 1984. He was named director of tournament operations position in 1991 and oversees a tournament program featuring more than 200 events per year with purses totaling nearly \$2 million.

### Stanley Is Certified

Pearl W. Stanley of Shallotte, a home economics extension agent with the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension Service, has

earned the Certified Home Economist Credential from the Council for Certification of the American Home Economics Association.

The organization provides its members a systematic program of continuing education and development aimed at maintaining current knowledge, skills and abilities required for professional practice as a home economist.

Stanley is one of more than 7,800 certified home economists nationwide. She must complete 75 professional development units every three years to maintain certification.

### Evans Competes

Jim Evans, a seventh grader at Harrells Christian Academy, was a member of the HCA Mathcounts Team that finished fourth out of 30 teams in a recent small-school competition.

Harrells was awarded a trophy for the Best New Team. Jim is the son of John A. Evans of Ash and Ann Williams of Wallace. He is the grandson of J.R. "Fess" and Michelle Evans of Ash.

### Attends Tobacco Course

Jeremy King of Brunswick County is one of 44 young tobacco farmers and farm supply dealers who attended a four-day Tobacco Short Course held by the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service.

The group made an all-day bus trip to Richmond, Va., to visit the Philip Morris leaf processing, manufacturing and research facilities. They also attended sessions in Raleigh with the Federal Grading Service and at the N.C. Department of Agriculture Agronomic Division lab, where soil tests, nematode assays, and tissue and water analyses are conducted.



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