

CRAVEN TO GRADS:

Life's About Hard Work, Being A Winner

BY SUSAN USHER

"Make a life, not a living."

Those were keynote speaker May Craven's final words of advice to the 171 Brunswick Community College graduates who participated Friday night in commencement at the Odell Williamson Auditorium.

It was the first event held in the auditorium, which BCC temporarily occupied for that purpose only, as well as the first BCC graduation held on its campus. Laughter, music and words of encouragement and praise set the tone.

Speaking to an audience of approximately 950—larger than the purported population of her hometown of Ellerbe, Craven sandwiched words of wisdom with audience members clapping and singing along to "I Feel Good."

Craven, who divides her time between homes in Winnabow and Wilmington, is a professional motivational and humorous speaker as well as a trainer. She holds Toastmasters International's highest recognition, Distinguished Toastmaster.

She told about winners like Nathan, a quadriplegic who met his educational goals; Lela Frances, her mother whose spirit remains intact though she resides in a nursing home; and herself, the daughter of a sharecropper and a stutterer who has made a successful career of public speaking.

"Hard work and being a winner, as you are tonight, that's what life is all about," she said.

Craven closed with a litany of suggestions for living: enjoy life; work hard; do a good job; place yourself around some happy people; do service work of some type in order to give back to others; and do something good for yourself; love yourselves, because otherwise you cannot love others.

Odell Williamson, whose



MARTI BADGER, Beth Zettlemoyer and Robin Hewett were recognized for their year-long service as Ambassadors for BCC.

\$500,000 endowment will help support management of the facility that bears his name, had only brief comments Friday, saving further remarks for the dedication.

"It is beyond my dreams to believe we could ever get this many people together in Brunswick County," Williamson told the audience. He also read a brief poem, "Thinking," to graduates.

It took hard work and a winning attitude to ensure that BCC graduates would receive their diplomas in the auditorium, with crews working into Friday to ready the facility.

As he walked down the side aisle with fellow program participants, David Kelly, chairman of the board of trustees, whispered to a reporter, "I told you!"

At a trustees' meeting two days earlier he told fellow members, "I can assure you we are going to use

the auditorium. There are obstacles, but they are overcomeable."

Eight graduates received awards during commencement for their achievement, leadership and/or service.

Teresa Ann Bennett, a business computer programming graduate from Shallotte, received the President's Award based on scholastic achievement and leadership qualities. Bennett was president of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society chapter at BCC and maintained a 3.975 grade point average (GPA) in her coursework.

Four graduates received the Outstanding Student Award, given annually to one technical, one vocational and one general education student at BCC in recognition of academic excellence and service to the community and to BCC.

Dwane Russell "Rusty" Mitchiner

Jr. of Bolivia, an electronics engineering technology student, was Outstanding Technical Student.

Carol Hazlegrove of Wilmington was named Outstanding Vocational Student. She attained a 4.0 GPA in the practical nursing program.

Marti Badger Raleigh of Leland and Ilah Beth C. Zettlemoyer of Supply shared the Outstanding General Education Student Award. Both served as BCC Ambassadors during the 1992-93 school year. Raleigh, Zettlemoyer and Robin Hewett also received plaques recognizing their year's service as BCC Ambassadors.

Immediate past Student Government Association President Cindy L. LeVasseur received the Citizenship Award. She was honored on the basis of campus leadership, service to fellow students and participation in extracurricular activities. She is a cosmetology graduate from Jacksonville.

In the practical nursing program, the Steven Allen White Nursing Scholarship was presented to Leigh Abercrombie Watts of Hickory, who graduated from the program with a 4.0 GPA. Also, Tijuana Bigley Hansen of Wilmington, who graduated with a 3.725 GPA, received the Esther Swan Fraser Memorial award. (See related story in this issue.)

In addition to Craven, program participants included the Rev. Wayne Trexler, pastor, Southport Baptist Church; Ben DeBlois, vice president of administrative services; Velva Jenkins, associate dean of continuing education; Gaye Fulford, vocalist; Beth McLean, dean of student services; Jerry Thrift, dean of continuing education; David E. Kelly, chairman, BCC Board of Trustees; W. Michael Reaves, BCC president; and Johnnie R. Simpson, vice president of instruction.



RECEIVING SPECIAL AWARDS at graduation were (from top, clockwise) Russell Mitchiner, Teresa Ann Bennett, Carol Hazlegrove, Beth Zettlemoyer, Marti Badger Raleigh and Cindy LeVasseur.

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Preparing For The Storm

Hurricane preparedness will be the focus of a seminar offered for Holden Beach area residents Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. at the Lockwood Folly Community Building on Stanbury Road in Supply.

The program was requested by Holden Beach Commissioners and is being coordinated by the Brunswick County Emergency Management office. Presenters will include representatives of the U.S. Weather Service, the National Flood Insurance Program and the American Red Cross.

They will review past major hurricane experiences but will concentrate primarily on steps property owners can take to minimize damage from future hurricanes. Speakers will also answer audience questions relating to their areas of expertise.

Supply Elementary School
Bus Routes Listed For The Year

Supply Elementary School has announced its bus routes for the 1993-94 school year that begins Monday, Aug. 30.

Buses will run on 11 routes, as follows:

Bus 105: Northwest on Shell Point Road, Civietown Road, Mt. Pisgah Road, U.S. 17 to Benton Road. Ann Horne.

Bus 104: From Civietown Road east on N.C. 130, south on Mt. Pisgah Road, right on Boone's Neck Road to S.R. 1140, turn around, take Boone's Neck Road to N.C. 130, north on N.C. 130, turn on to Turkey Trap Road and proceed to the school. Valerie Fullwood.

Bus 116: From Civietown Road to Empire Road, down Mt. Pisgah Road to Cedar Grove, S.R. 1189, turn left onto Morgan Road and proceed to school. Doretha Johnson.

Bus 146: East on Boone's Neck Road, right onto N.C. 130 south, left onto Seashore Road, complete Boone's Neck Road and proceed to school. Theresa Rhodes.

Bus 152: N.C. 130 to Holden Beach, all of Holden Beach. Pam Roberson.

Bus 909: Varnamtown, Stanbury

Road, Sabbath Home Road, then proceed to school. Sue Galloway.

Bus 102: East on Stone Chimney Road, Clam Bay, Maple Creek, to Styron's Landing and Hurricane Have, back to N.C. 130, to Stone Chimney, S.R. 1119, Sea Castle, Sandy Bluff, Cedar Grove Road back to Stone Chimney, Ocean Trail II, proceed to school. Ada Fullwood.

Bus 114: Taft Road, Stanley Road to Morgan Road, Stanley Road to Hewett Road, to Stone Chimney Road, to Turnpike Road, Mt. Pisgah Road to school. Lorna Marlowe.

Bus 90: Mt. Pisgah Road to Sellers Road, Makatoka Road, Little Macedonia Road to N.C. 211, S.R. 1400, S.R. 1448, N.C. 211 to U.S. 17, U.S. 17 to Benton Road back to U.S. 17 and proceed to school. Charlene Hewett.

Bus 10: Cox Landing Road, Sunset Harbor, Rourk Landing Road, Sunset Harbor Road to N.C. 211, N.C. 211 to Midway and back, proceed to school. Joyce Cox.

Bus 23: N.C. 211, Lennon's Crossroads, Old Lennon Road, Clemmons Road, Zion Hill Road, Hewettown Road, proceed to school.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Nichols Receives Scholarship

John David Rehder Nichols of Southport has been awarded a George H. Blesis Scholarship for studies at N.C. State University.

The scholarship was established in memory of the late George H. Blesis, a civil engineering professor at NCSU, and is valued at \$1,000 for one year. It is awarded to students studying civil or construction engineering who have demonstrated superior academic ability.

Nichols is the son of Brenda M.R. and Wallace J. Nichols of Nichols Ave., Southport.

He is a junior majoring in civil engineering and is a graduate of South Brunswick High School in Southport. He also attended classes at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

On Guadalcanal

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class

Andrew M. Albright recently participated aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Guadalcanal, homeported in Norfolk, Va., in fleet exercises in the Western Atlantic and in exercise Ocean Venture off the coast of Puerto Rico.

Albright's wife Brenda is the daughter of Fred E. and Inge Arnold of Route 1, Bolivia.

The 1979 graduate of South Brunswick High School joined the Navy in January 1985.

Earns Music Degree

Monica Kim Richardson of Leland was among 327 students awarded undergraduate degrees from Appalachian State University Aug. 12.

Richardson earned a bachelor of music degree, majoring in music performance and sacred music.

Coast Guard Keeps Sport
Fishing Boat The 'Booger'
From Hitting Frying Pan

A 36-foot sport fishing boat that ran out of fuel off Southport was towed to safety by the U.S. Coast Guard after it began drifting toward Frying Pan Shoals early Saturday morning, according to Oak Island Station Chief BMCS J.D. Arndt.

Shortly after midnight the station received a radio call from the fishing vessel "Booger" stating that the boat was out of fuel and dragging anchor.

A marine assistance radio broadcast was issued to determine whether any commercial salvors wanted to respond to the powerless vessel.

Because the boat appeared to be drifting toward the treacherous waters of Frying Pan Shoals, the station also dispatched its 41-foot patrol boat. Determining that the situation posed a potential emergency to the vessel and its crew, the boat took the "Booger" in tow to Southport.

At about 2:25 that afternoon, the station received a call from USCG Group Fort Macon advising that a signal from an emergency position radio beacon (EPIRB) was detected about two miles south of Tubbs Inlet.

In a marine emergency, an EPIRB automatically broadcasts a distress signal indicating its position to a communications satellite.

The group issued an urgent marine information broadcast, while Oak Island station dispatched its 41-footer and a land vehicle with radio locating equipment. Arriving on scene, the coast guard boat found several sailboats, but none were emitting emergency radio signals.

Search activities were suspended

after later satellite passes detected no other EPIRB signals.

Wednesday afternoon (Aug. 18) at about 4:45, the station received a call from the Brunswick County Emergency Services (911) Center reporting two people in the water from a capsized Hobie Cat about 1.5 miles off Tubbs Inlet.

The station dispatched its 21-foot inflatable fast-response boat and a land vehicle to assist. The latter arrived first and reported that the persons were on shore and no longer in distress.

Thursday at about 1 p.m., someone at the N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher called the station to report that three of its canoes had been pushed over "the rocks" and were drifting toward the Cape Fear River. The station's 41-footer arrived on scene to find all personnel safe and accounted for, Arndt said.

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