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Helping Feed A Hungry Crowd

Dixon Chapel volunteers Terrence Galloway (left) and Alex Kuigre help serve 173 bushels of oysters Saturday at the church's annual roast Saturday in Varnamtown.

Local Students Win N.C. Merit Awards, Continue Competing

Mary Rachel Pearce, a senior at West Brunswick High School, and Susan Pearce of Bogie Court, Supply, is a member of the National Honor Society, is a peer tutor for the science department and has been active in the Fascinating Rhythm Dance Company, participates in track and field and is a varsity cheerleader.

Rohde, son of Michael and Carol Rohde of Yacht Drive, Long Beach, is president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the senior class and defensive captain of the football team.

Pearce and Rohde will advance to the southeast regional competition for the Morehead Award on Dec. 7 in Jacksonville.

"The N.C. Merit Award recognizes those students in every North Carolina county who embody the ideals of the Morehead Program," said Charles E. Lovelace Jr., executive director of the John Motley Morehead Foundation, the nonprofit organization which administers the Morehead Award program and the N.C. Merit Award program.

"Clearly, Ms Pearce and Mr. Rohde have achieved outstanding records in the areas of scholarship, leader-



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ship, physical vigor and moral force of character. The N.C. Merit Award helps the foundation achieve its goal of enhancing the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by attracting the most outstanding students to enroll here."

Pearce and Rohde were selected from among six high school nominees chosen earlier by area high schools. Interviews were conducted by the Brunswick Selection Committee, whose members are Douglas W. Baxley, chairman, of Shallotte, Robert G. Peterson of Leland, Edward F. Mintz of Bolivia, Dr. James Forstner of Southport and Whitney King of Ash.

At the school and county competition levels, the selection process for the N.C. Merit Award and the Morehead Award are the same. Nominees are judged on leadership, scholarship, character and physical vigor.

School committees nominate outstanding students to be interviewed by local Morehead selection committees. Students selected by the local committees receive the N.C. Merit Award and advance to the regional competition for the Morehead

Award. For those who later receive the Morehead Award, the full scholarship supersedes the \$500 Merit Award.

Fourteen Morehead regional committees throughout the state will select the 70 North Carolina finalists to appear for interviews with the foundation's central selection committee in Chapel Hill Feb. 26-March 1, 1994. One nominee from each of the 51 selected independent and public secondary schools across the country, five nominees from four Florida committees and two nominees from Great Britain also will be interviewed at that time.

Morehead Awards provide all-expense-paid undergraduate educations at UNC. The value of an award for a North Carolina resident is more than \$40,000 for four years of study on campus and summer internships available to Morehead Scholars through the foundation's summer enrichment program.

The late John Motley Morehead III, a native of Eden and a 1891 UNC graduate, established the program in 1951. More than 2,000 Morehead Scholars have attended the university. Currently 201 Morehead Scholars are studying on campus.

Morehead, an engineer and founder of Union Carbide Corporation, lived in Rye, N.Y., until his death in 1965.

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Sunset Joins Ocean Isle, Holden In Endorsing Proposed I-73 Route

BY LYNN CARLSON

Sunset Beach Town Council has joined the governments of Ocean Isle and Holden beaches in requesting that transportation officials route Interstate 73 through Brunswick County on its way from Michigan to South Carolina.

In a unanimous vote last week, council resolved that I-73, a Detroit-to-Charleston route whose plan is expected to be delivered to Congress next spring, should follow U.S. 74 from Rockingham to the Whiteville bypass in Columbus County before continuing generally along N.C. 130 to U.S. 17 in Brunswick County.

Columbus County business and political leaders have asked the state DOT board to consider continuing the interstate more easterly through North Carolina, following U.S. 74 to a point between Chadbourne and Whiteville before crossing into South Carolina and Tabor City.

Congress mandated I-73 in December 1991 to begin in Detroit, Mich., and to terminate at Charleston, S.C. The legislation also requires the highway to pass near Portsmouth, Ohio, and Winston-Salem. The Federal Highway Administration added Myrtle Beach,

S.C., to that list.

A preliminary route for the North Carolina portion, recommended by the state DOT this summer, would run through the middle of the state, entering northwest of Winston-Salem at Mount Airy and running parallel to U.S. 220 to Rockingham before crossing into South Carolina.

Ocean Isle developer Odell Williamson, who serves on the N.C. Transportation Board, is heading the effort to take that a step further, saying it makes good sense to have I-73 continue east to U.S. 17 so that it can serve the South Brunswick beaches and ultimately connect with

the Carolina Bays Parkway proposed to bypass Myrtle Beach.

"I don't need to tell you how important it is that we get an interstate to come into Brunswick County," Williamson said in introducing the resolution to the Ocean Isle Beach Board of Commissioners Oct. 12. "If we can show the powers-that-be that Brunswick County needs this kind of economic boost, I think we have a good shot at having it come in on 17 and then on to Myrtle Beach."

No construction funds have been allocated for the highway, which could take years to fund and build.

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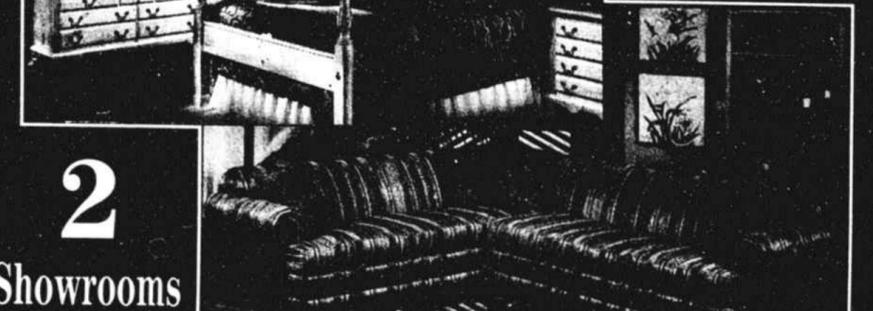
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