

# Local Student Completes Nursing Program

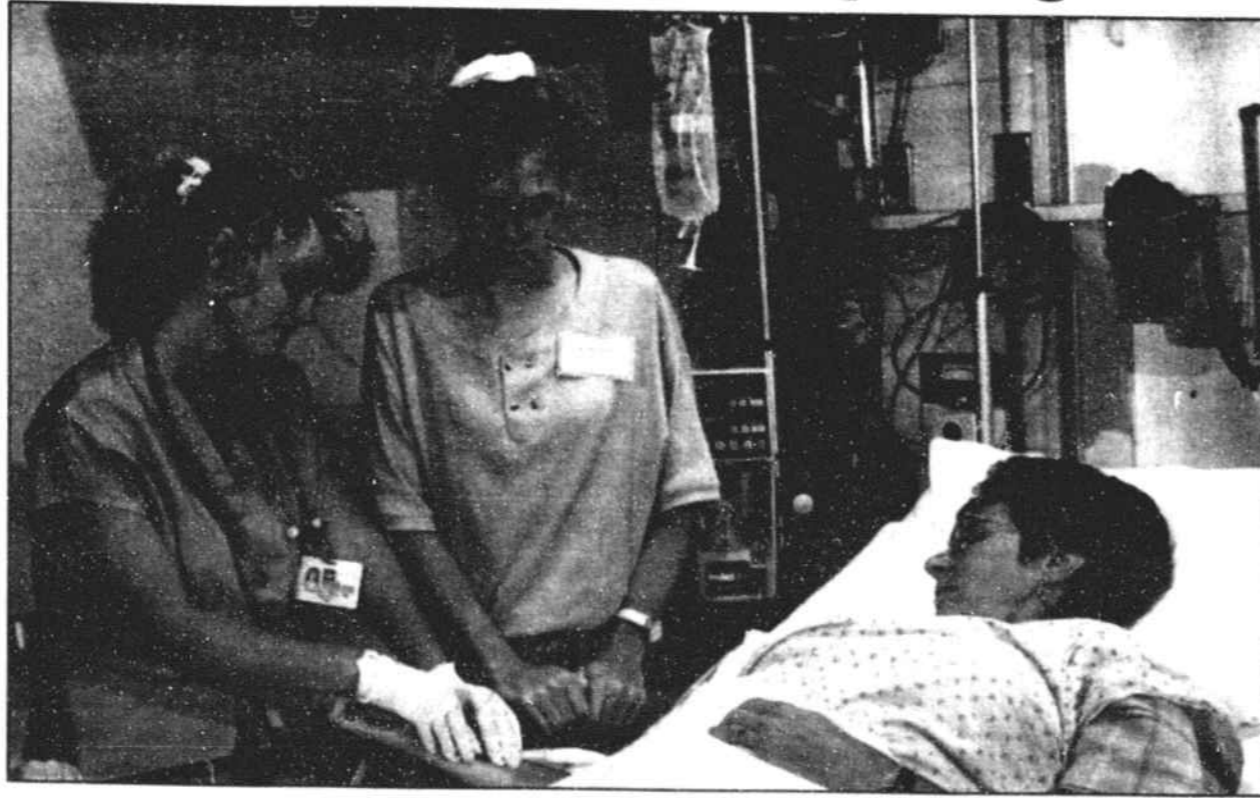
Rachel Noriene Swain of Supply has completed the 1994 Nursing Exploration Week at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing.

Swain was among 36 rising sophomores, juniors and seniors from 30 North Carolina counties who participated in the program, now in its fifth year.

The July 17-22 program exposed students to opportunities in the nursing field. Participants were paired with nurses at UNC Hospitals, Rex Hospital, Rex Home Care and the Veterans' Affairs Medical Center to learn about a nurse's daily life. They also took part in a skills lab at N.C. Central University, where they practiced preparing injections and measuring blood pressure.

At the VA Medical Center, they played "The Aging Game," in which players experience what it's like to be elderly. They attended a presentation on career planning in nursing at Glaxo Inc.; toured Duke University Medical Center, where a panel of nurses discussed opportunities in the field; and met with current UNC-CH students and alumni.

More than 200 students applied for the program.



**RACHEL SWAIN** (right) of Supply watches as UNC Hospitals nurse **Kim Mills** (left) inserts a patient's intravenous line. Swain spent a week at UNC-CH visiting area hospitals and health care facilities and learning more about nursing and health care during Nursing Exploration Week 1994.

# Shalotte Aldermen Reappoint Tim Carter As Town's Fire Chief

BY DOUG RUTTER

Shalotte Aldermen voted 3-2 Tuesday to reappoint Tim Carter as chief of the town's volunteer fire department—a surprise move and possibly a sign that poor relations between the town board and department are on the mend.

Aldermen Carson Durham, Morris Hall and Bill Allen voted to reappoint Carter for another year. Roney Cheers and David Gause voted against Carter after earlier voting in favor of Tony Hewett.

Less than a month ago, Carter had said he didn't expect reappointment due to recent conflicts between the town and department. The tension started mounting in May when Carter blasted aldermen during a budget workshop.

Town aldermen had indicated in recent months that Carter would not be reappointed as fire chief, a position he has held for nearly seven years.

Just last month, Allen said, "I'm hoping we'll get a new head of that department who we can work with."

However, Allen and two other aldermen agreed Tuesday night to give Carter another chance.

The reappointment vote followed a one-hour meeting between the town board and 10 firefighters during which members of both groups tried to lay the groundwork for a better working relationship in the future.

"Since our meeting tonight did go relatively well I'll back him for the fire department," Allen said. "I'll vote for Carter with the hope that he straightens out."

Fire department members voted in June to recommend the reappointment of Carter. As required by town policy they also submitted two other names, David Moore and Hewett, for consideration.

Hall made the motion to reappoint Carter. "I know we've had differences of opinion, but I feel we have a very good meeting with them a while ago."

"Maybe we've opened communications," Durham said. "Tim is their choice. I would support Tim again and give him another chance to work with us."

Cheers objected strenuously to Carter's reappointment and made reference to a May 17 budget workshop during which Carter lashed out

at the town board for seeking explanation of a budget request.

"If our time is not important you need to find somebody else to run the fire department. If you're going to cut the budget, cut it somewhere else," Carter said at the time.

"It's like this. There's some people involved in the fire department who do not like you all," Carter added.

Cheers said Tuesday, "I'm not going to be a part of naming somebody that comes up here in a drunken state or whatever and tells us fire department members do not like you all."

Added Gause, "I certainly agree with what Roney said. I won't go along with it."

Gause said the town board seems to have problems with all fire chiefs who have been in office for a few years. "That's why I think a change every two or three years is best for everybody," he said.

Before Carter's reappointment, Cheer's motion to appoint Hewett failed on a 3-2 vote. Gause was the only other person to support Hewett.

Allen initially said he didn't want to vote on the motion, but later voted against it because he said he had never met Hewett. "I find it very difficult to vote for someone I have never talked to."

All of the board members said Tuesday they would have voted to appoint Moore as the new chief. However, Moore told aldermen he did not have the time to serve.

Cracking down on businesses that do not meet the fire code and lowering electrical costs for the siren were among the issues discussed during the meeting between the town board and fire department Tuesday.

Moore said it was the first time in his 20-plus years as a firefighter that the entire board of aldermen had ever met with the department at the fire station.

"We're in this together. Let's work together," Cheers said. "We are responsible for the taxpayers money. We just need to look at the dollars we're spending."

**Other Business**  
In other business Tuesday, aldermen:

■ Scheduled a public hearing Sept. 6 on the proposed rezoning of Paula Stone's property on Smith Avenue from Highway Business to

R-10 (residential). She plans to sell the property, but the new owner will not be allowed to build a garage or storage building as long as the land is zoned Highway Business.

■ Appointed Bobby Ray Russ, a former town alderman, to the Shalotte ABC Board. Russ fills the seat previously held by Jimmy Marshall, who was not eligible for reappointment because he has moved outside the town limits.

■ Designated Howard Capps of Wilmington as the planner in charge of drafting a waterfront access plan for Shalotte. The town recently was awarded a \$4,556 state grant for the project. The cost to the town will be \$1,122.

■ Voted to change the zoning of Main Street property that was recently annexed from B-2 to Highway Business. The property at the north end of town is owned by Wallace Smith, Bobby Long, William Powell, James Mulholland and Jo Ann Simmons.

■ Discussed but took no action on a proposed ordinance regulating peddling, hawking and sidewalk sales. Town Attorney Mark Lewis is expected to rewrite the ordinance currently being used in Calabash and present it to aldermen at the Sept. 6 meeting. Town officials agreed Tuesday they would not regulate yard sales as part of the ordinance.



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## Wild Ride, No Injuries

The driver of this 1969 Chevrolet pickup truck discusses his predicament with Trooper D.B. Harvell after extracting himself from a ditch beside U.S. 17 near Bolivia Monday morning. Robert Hayes, 51, of Long Beach explained that he was travelling north at about 11 a.m. when he slowed down for another vehicle and had his right front brake lock up, spinning him around and sending him off the pavement. No charges were filed and no injuries reported in the wreck, which caused an estimated \$499 damage.



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