

# SCHOOL

## College search underway for qualified library students

KINSTON — A search for students who would like to prepare for some of the jobs in libraries and media centers as

library media technical assistants is now under way at Lenior Community College, according to Mrs. Mildred

Matthis, dean of Learning Resources. There is room for several more students in the fall freshman class and applications

are now being taken. The six-quarter curriculum provides background study in library research, circulation

procedures, basic reference, cataloging, audiovisuals and general education courses plus computer concepts and science.

Graduates of the program are high in their praise of the practical training students secure. Many LCC graduates are working in major libraries at Duke, in the university system and any number of libraries in the 58 unit Community College system, Mrs. Matthis emphasized.

The curriculum is being constantly upgraded to meet new demands. Additional training is computer techniques is planned. Employers of these LCC graduates emphasized it is the practical training that make them valuable workers. In some instances where students have

completed four-year college courses they have come to LCC and have taken the Library Media Technical Assistants curriculum core classes and upon completion became immediately available for some of the jobs awaiting graduates. The program is expected to attract a maximum number of students. Persons who are interested in exploring the opportunities in this field further should call Mrs. Matthis at the LCC Library. She may be reached on telephone (919)527-6223 Ext. 235, or by mail at P. O. Box 188, Kinston, N.C. 28501. Completion of the two-year program entitles the student to an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Library Technology.

## Local students complete requirements

HERTFORD — Six of nine Perquimans county residents who participated in College of the

Albemarle's off-campus Bridges Program cycle here will receive their General Educational

Development (GED) certificates as a result of their successful preparation for the high school

equivalency tests. The eight-week GED preparatory program for economically disadvantaged adults ended on June 22.

Individuals who will receive certificates include Betty J. Baker, Margaret E. Moore, Annie M. Smith, Tony D. Sutton, Joyce G. White, and Julia A. White.

Peggy Burgess, program director, expressed her thanks to county citizens and agencies for their contributions toward the success of the educational project. Included were the Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Department, the Senior Citizens Center, and the Perquimans County Social Services office.

Burgess said another Bridges cycle will be conducted in the county, beginning in September. Interested persons may obtain information and applications by calling her at the college, 335-0821, Extension 278.

A teacher in the Perquimans County School, he earned an A.B. degree from Davidson College in 1976.

## Whitley completes seminar

CHARLOTTE — Roger Lindsey Whitley, Route 1, Box 341, Belvidere, is one of the 32 teachers who have completed the 15th annual Taft Seminar on American Democracy and the Two-Party System at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

During the two-week period from June 18-29, the teachers heard some 34 speakers discuss the political system. The speakers included elected officials, candidates of office, party officials, news media representatives, lobbyists and political scientists.

Directed by Dr. Schley Lyons, associate dean of the UNCC College of Arts and Sciences, the

Taft Institute helps educators better understand the political process so that they can effectively instruct their students about government and the two-party system.

## Access charge plan to reduce customer phone bills

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Federal Communications Commission's access charge plan will reduce the average telephone user's total phone bill, Robert H. Snedaker Jr., chairman of the board of the United States Telephone Association and president of United Telephone Systems, Inc., told a U.S. House of Representatives task force.

(Carolina Telephone and Telegraph, serving more than 600,000 customers in Eastern Carolina and Piedmont, is part of the nationwide United Telephone System.)

Testifying before Rep. Ron Wyden's (D-Ore.) Telephone Task Force of the U. S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business, Snedaker aggressively defined the FCC's access charge plan. He said that when the FCC imposed flat-rate, end-user access charges on multiline businesses customers, the commission also reduced interstate long-distance rates.

which goes to the telephone company central office. This local loop is dedicated to each customer. The cost of this local loop is approximately \$26 per month, and does not vary whether the customer makes or receives 100 calls per day or no calls per day. It does not vary whether all of the calls are interstate long distance or none of the calls is interstate long distance," Snedaker said.

Snedaker said the average United Telephone System small business customer now pays less than \$13 a month in end-user charges and saves about \$4.20 a month in interstate long-distance charges because of the FCC's plan. These savings will increase as the access charge plan—particularly end-user charges for residential customers—is implemented next year, he explained.

These principles were strongly affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., in its June 12, 1984 ordering upholding the FCC's access charge plan.

Snedaker said that the end-user access charges are designed to recover the costs of telephone service that do not vary with usage.

If heavy users of long distance are asked to continue paying a disproportionate share of these local costs, they heavy users will have an incentive to use communications facilities which by-pass the local telephone company's network, according to Snedaker.

"All customers must eventually pay end-user access charges to cover the costs of the fixed plant that is dedicated to each customer. This local loop consists of wire inside the customer's premises, the drop wire which is connected to the telephone pole and the cable pair

fixed costs." The situation could become worse as rates go higher and more customers leave the network, he said. "In a nutshell all telephone users need the large business customers to stay on the network."

In the event that this new pricing structure may impose a financial burden on the customers of small telephone companies, the FCC has included a Universal Service Fund of approximately \$1 billion in the access charge plan, which will be used to assist these small companies, according to Snedaker.

Snedaker urged the task force not to take legislative action which would alter the FCC's access charge plan. "The end-user charges are essential to economically sound pricing and will benefit all users of this nation's telephone system," he said.

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