

Plastic Technology Available At Edgecombe Technical Institute

Edgecombe Technical Institute in Tarboro has initiated a new program in the area of technical education in North Carolina. This new program is entitled "Plastics Technology" and was begun in the fall of 1971.

Local plastics industries requested the program. Representatives from Empire Plastic Corp., Black and Decker Mfg. Co., Anaconda Wire and Cable Co., and Formica Corp. joined with members of the institute staff, specialists from the N.C. Department of community colleges and Mr. Maurice Keroack, educational director of the Plastics Education Foundation to develop the curriculum.

In making preparations for the program, various staff members made trips to Bronx Community College, Newark College of Engineering, University of Delaware and numerous plastics industries in New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and North Carolina.

Training is available at Edgecombe Technical Institute in all of the major areas of general plastics processing. A graduate of this two year technical program will be awarded the Associate in Applied Science Degree.

Graduates of the Plastics Technology course will be prepared to enter into jobs in fields recognized as semi-professional. With experience, many technicians move into professional and managerial positions. Students enrolled in the

Technology program, in addition to taking courses that are occupational in nature, take general education courses in the areas of English and social science. Even though the technical program is college level, it is designed for entrance into employment, not for college transfer. Many courses in the technical program, however, may be accepted by a four-year college or university as transfer credit.

Other programs in plastics at Edgecombe Tech include specialized short course in various areas of plastics education. These short courses are available in the evening at the Institute or as part of an in-plant training program in any of the various plastics related industries. Certificates are awarded for completion of these courses. These courses are designed to upgrade a person in his job, to develop new skills so that a person may be more proficient in his occupation, or to train a person for an occupation.

The program has quarter devoted to cooperative training. The students spend six months actually working with a plastics processing industry. This cooperative training gives each student a valuable insight into the production aspects of plastics in modern industry.

Even though the plastics industry is one of the fastest growing industries in North Carolina, no occupational training in general plastics education has been available

in the state. Many opportunities exist in the area of plastics because of new plastics related industries locating in North Carolina and because of expansion of existing industries.

ETI will graduate thirteen Plastics Technology students in 1973. Even though enrolled as full time students, eight are presently employed full time with local plastics industries. Many students are referred to the program by their employer.

Edgecombe Tech hopes that this curriculum will help to fill the critical training needs for persons who desire training for semi-skilled, skilled and technical occupations in the field of plastics.

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Holly Ball Planned for Christmas

"What are you going to wear?" and "Do you think the band's any good?" are two common questions heard in the halls of RMSH as junior and senior girls prepare for the annual Holly Ball.

The event, which is given by RMSH Senior girls for alumni Freshman College girls, causes much excitement and anticipation each year. Seniors invite junior girls to the event so they may carry on the event the next year.

Serving as hostesses, seniors girls pay thirty dollars early in the fall to finance the affair. This money is used to pay for the band, club, invitations, and wrist corsages that each senior girl wears.

The Holly Ball is held at Benvenue Country Club. This year, it will be held December 28, from 8 p.m. until 12 p.m. The featured live band will be "South."



Jesus Christ Superstar Causes Much Controversy

One of the most stirring and talked about films came

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to Rocky Mount and caused a lot of discussion between viewers. Many say that it is sacrilegious while others say that it portrays Jesus' life in a different manner.

The story takes place in Jerusalem and begins with a busload of people who are the actors in the film. After unloading the equipment for the filming, the scene changes to the ruins in Jerusalem, and the story begins. The casting for each character was really great, except that to some, King Herod was on the obnoxious side. It seemed that his tight pants did not appeal to most of the audience. The music was beautiful and was sung by very professional voices. The songs made the movie and if one could catch the words, they were more meaningful than the story.

How can the story of such a great man be sacrilegious? Jesus was portrayed as a human being. The audience was able to see that Jesus was capable of being human and showing human emotions. For those who think that this movie tears up the life of Christ, yet have not seen this movie, should go to see it. It is not an inspiring film, nor is it one that converts the viewers instantly. It is simply a story of the greatest human that ever lived. On the other hand, if one thinks that this is all there is to the life of Christ, he is mistaken. Do not go to the movie thinking that you will be a changed and better person when you walk out of the theatre, but go in with an open mind, for you shall surely learn from it.

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