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Office area receives facelift

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Sports Editor

SADD plans fundraiser

SADD members met to elect officers and to plan a future fundraiser. The officers elected are president, Samedia Bryant; vice-president, Tiffany Andrews; secretary, Zach Grey; and treasurer, Renee Richardson. The date set for the fundraiser is Oct. 28. It is a family-oriented show with some help from the Rocky Mountain Express.

Appliction process

The process for applying to a college and requesting a transcript is as follows:

1. To request a transcript, please come by the main office and fill out a transcript request reform and give it to Mrs. Herrington.

2. Please bring application forms (filled out) to Mrs. Baysden in the Guidance Office.

System loses Batts

One of the most dedicated and respected man in this school system past away recently of an unknown illness. Roscoe Batts Jr. past away after serving the school system with over 40 years of his life.

Batts, who began as a teacher in the system in 1949, was assistant superintendent for personnel before his retirement last December.

The main lobby is being spruced up this month by the art club. Members of the club are painting multicolored trees on the plexiglass between each of the two sets of main entrance doors.

The trees, which resemble a stained glass window, were the brainchild of Mrs. Karen Thompson, art teacher and art club advisor. Thompson is genuinely excited about the endeavor, because she can now show off the talents of students as well as beautify the school.

Thompson said that the stained glass approach came about as much by necessity as anything else. Thompson cites the large amount of glass in the lobby for her choice; "We knew that we had to deal with excessive amounts of glass, limiting what we could do." The stained glass technique seemed like a



Photo by Brad Barnes

Future Picassos

Karen Thompson, the art club advisor, instructs club members before painting the lobby windows.

"natural choice."

According to Thompson, many teachers have wanted to do something about the lobby for a long time. With her artistic background, Thompson was the obvi-

ous choice for the job.

Teachers around campus seem to generally agree that the "stained glass trees" do indeed give the lobby a better appearance. English teacher Faith

Lehman said that the art work "enhances the lobby." Aletha Hudson, English teacher and SADD advisor likes the trees too, saying they make the lobby look better.

Turnage, students combine forces

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An America's Pride workshop will be held on Oct. 7 in the gym. This nation-wide program en-

courages students to choose a healthy lifestyle and to say no to alcohol and other drugs.

The event is sponsored by the Mayor's Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and four area school systems: Nash County, Edgecombe County, Tarboro City, and Rocky Mount City.

The Rocky Mount workshop will last from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and will end in a performance for friends and family at 4:30. Twenty students from each of the six area high schools will participate in the workshop facilitated by America's Pride of Wilson.

The purpose of the local workshop, which includes singing, dancing, meetings, and skits, is to organize a support system for students who choose to be drug and alcohol free.

The goals of the America's Pride program is to give students self-worth, acknowledgement, education about drugs, and to open lines of communication between parents and teens.

After the area workshop, the 20 RMSH students will practice hard to create a workshop for interested students. "If this succeeds, there will be other workshops planned at Edwards Junior High and Parker Middle Schools," said Margie Brantley, student assistance program coordinator.

America's Pride is a youth program produced by the National Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education, Inc., (PRIDE). This Atlanta, Georgia based organization serves parents and teens who are concerned about the growing problem of

teen drug abuse. Since Wilson County began the program in 1985, membership has grown from only six to over 100. Mayor Fred Turnage stated, "I am pleased that area students are participating in the America's Pride workshop. This concept has proven successful to prevent drug usage among young people. I believe it can be equally successful in our area."

Singing and dancing are planned for the workshop. The Wilson students will provide entertainment that is meant to point out the consequences of drug abuse. There will also be a skit production on alcohol and drug use at 4:30 p.m. after the workshop.

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