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## News Time

**ENCORE! ENCORE!**--The Senior High and Edwards bands and choruses played their Christmas concert on Dec. 16 in the auditorium.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**--Seniors Jamie Gilbert and Alyson Paszek have been selected as the Kiwanis and Rotary Students of the Month. Gilbert is president of the Key Club, an NHS officer, and nominee for the Morehead Scholarship. Paszek is a co-captain for the varsity cheerleading squad.

**THINK CREATIVELY**--Two teams will be representing Senior High in the Odyssey of the Mind competition this March. The competition will be held here at the school.

**WAY TO GO**--Senior Nicole Sampson has been awarded the athletics grant-in-aid in Women's Basketball at UNC-Asheville. This covers tuition, fees and books for the 1997-98 school year. Shawn Anderson received the Presidential Scholarship at NC Wesleyan College and the Honors Scholarship at Barton College. The Presidential Scholarship is worth \$10,000 over four years and the Honors Scholarship is worth \$6,700 over four years.

**SRA HELPS AT CHRISTMAS**--The SRA has sponsored an Adopt-a-Child project to help needy children during the holiday season. The also prepared Christmas baskets.

**KUKARIBISHA!**--The Kwanzaa celebration was held on Dec. 12 in the auditorium. The African American history classes prepare a Kwanzaa production each year to pay tribute to the African way of life.

## Twiford receives award in Washington

By Stephanie Williams

Dr. Travis W. Twiford, superintendent of the Nash-Rocky Mount School System, and James K. Jetesen, a retired CEO from Houston, Texas, received the McKee Foods Corporation's Award for Partnership Leaders.

The award recognizes two individuals each year, one executive and one educator who have worked to expand a partnership between businesses and schools to provide better education for students.

The award was presented at the McKee Banquet on Nov. 21, 1996, in Washington, D.C. Twiford received national recognition in a story in the Nov. 1 issue of *USA Today*.

Programs in the Nash-Rocky Mount school system which Twiford helped to launch include a Youth Apprenticeship Program, which is the largest in the state, a Career Development program that provides that each student will develop a career plan that covers four years and Twiford has increased the number of technology courses that are offered.

He has also helped expand Tech Prep. and increased the number of advanced and



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**HONORED GUEST**--Dr. Travis Twiford was the honored guest the night after he received his award at the Broadway production of *Swamp Gravy*, a cultural history drama originating in Colquitt, Georgia. Twiford and sophomore Carolyn Deans met actresses Malia, Meda and Misty Phillips from Colquitt after the play.

college level courses. Nash-Rocky Mount Schools have a cooperative agreement with Nash Community College, NC Wesleyan College and the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce.

Other awards that Twiford has received include Superintendent of the Year in

1993 from the North Carolina School Boards Association, the Award for Excellence in Workforce Development from Gov. Jim B. Hunt in 1994, and Most Outstanding Superintendent in the State in 1996 awarded by the R.J. Reynolds' Tech Prep. Program.

## Winkel wins state championship

By Jim Bonomo

Senior cross country runner Nick Winkel capped off a successful season with a victory at the state competition in Charlotte. He is the first Rocky Mount runner to bring home any victory at such a high level.

Facing his serious competition, Winkel focused on staying ahead of rivals from around the state. When he woke up the morning of the race, one big problem remained; he felt sick and congested.

Plagued by an ill-timed cold virus, Winkel faced not only his running competitors but also himself. He pushed through the race, however, and placed first in the meet.

Winkel has won many honors this season along with the hard-earned state vic-

tory. He is also all-conference, all-region, all-area, and has won invitational races around the area.

Winkel attributes his success to hard work, good coaching, and good practice. "It takes determination," he said.

Winkel has already been scouted by major colleges. Appalachian, UNC, N.C. State, and ECU are among the universities bidding for Winkel and his talents. He has yet to make a decision.



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**PRACTICING HARD**--Cross country runners Brent Rowe, Jim Bonomo, Gilbert Johnson and Jesse Johnson begin practice with state champion Nick Winkel leading them.

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