



## Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

Celebrated on March 17, St. Patrick's Day is the feast of St. Patrick, who was a Christian missionary to Ireland in the fifth century A.D. St. Patrick was born in Britain and was taken to Ireland as a slave in the early 400's. After six years of slavery, he escaped and went to France where he studied and became a priest. In 432, he returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary, and the Irish people enthusiastically accepted Christianity. To honor him the Irish came to regard Patrick as their guardian saint.

St. Patrick is also important as the founder of many churches and schools. He is credited for introducing the Roman alphabet and Latin literature into Ireland. After his death in 461, Irish monasteries flourished as centers of learning.

St. Patrick's Day, Ireland's national holiday, is celebrated by Irishmen and their descendants all over the world. Green is the color of the day, and the shamrock is worn to commemorate St. Patrick's use of it as a symbol of the Trinity.

New York City and Savannah

hold the largest, most elaborate St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the United States. Schools close throughout the cities, and the festivities begin. Colorful parades are highlights of the day's activities. Because green is a major symbol of St. Patrick's Day, food in the cities' restaurants is colored green. In Savannah, even the Savannah River is dyed bright green. If a woman is not wearing green, it is acceptable for a man to pinch her. These and other customs are a part of the fun and festivities of St. Patrick's Day.



## Workshop held at UNC-Chapel Hill

CHAPEL HILL, NC — One-week camp programs to guide young people for careers in business, law, and computers will be held here next summer.

Intended for rising high school juniors and seniors (and spring graduates), the Sunday through Friday sessions are being offered by Tar Heel Career Camps, Inc., which staged a successful computer career camp in Chapel Hill for the first time last summer. The 1983 program is being ex-

panded to include camps in business, law, and a second one in computers.

Approximately 20 hours of class and laboratory-type instruction will be given by professional faculties. Most afternoons and evenings will be occupied with planned recreation and selected tours of professional career interest under counselor and faculty supervision.

The five-day camps are planned as academic counterparts of

the popular summer sports camps, according to Donald G. McLeod, THCC president and himself a semi-retired sales executive. Participants will be housed in the Granville Towers air-conditioned private residence hall near the University of North Carolina campus. "We believe these programs will be very beneficial for parents and their pre-college children in promoting their career interests," said McLeod.

The faculty chairman of the two separate but identical computer camps, June 19-24 and July 24-29, is John B. Hampton, Durham, who was principal instructor for this program last summer.

The business careers camp, June 26-July 1, will be under the faculty chairmanship of UNC-Chapel Hill Assoc. Prof. of Business Administration Douglas A. Elvers.

The law careers camp, scheduled July 17-22, will have Raleigh attorney A. P. Carlton, Jr. as faculty chairman, and C. Gordon Brown, Chapel Hill, Steven L. Evans, Raleigh, and Joseph C. Delk, III, Lenoir, also lawyers, as associates.

Information is available from Tar Heel Career Camps, Inc., P. O. Box 2328, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919/967-6996).



## History Club Attends "High-Q" Bowl

Recently students attended a "High-Q" Bowl at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte. Those attending were: Mike Adams, captain; David Grigg; Mark McCoy; Chris Brown; Jill Burgess, assistant; Lee Ann Sides, assistant; Todd Dominik, alternate; and Cory Smith, scorekeeper.

Several other students from the History Club will be attending the Youth Legislative Assembly in Raleigh, March 11-13. It is still unknown who exactly will be go-

ing, but these four students have applied: George Smart, sponsored by the Stanly County Commission; Sissy Jenkins, sponsored by the Stanly County Rotary; Rodney Harwood; and Sherry Richards.

In May, four History Club students will attend the North Carolina Closeup on Tarheel Government.

The History Club is open to new members right away in the Tuesday and Wednesday groups for Dungeons and Dragons.

## Moonbeams

The Student Lion for March is Allison Smith.

The Student Rotarian is Kathy Love.

The Student Optimist is Yvette Harwood.

The McDonald's Student of the Month for March is Joseph Dockery.

The date for the prom has been set on April 29.

Annuals were sold in home-rooms March 8 and March 11.

Youth Breakfast was held March 14-19.

Graduation date is Tuesday, June 7.

## Club Corner

### FBLA Club

Students attending the 1983 FBLA State Leadership Conference are Johnny Treece, Business Math II; Bruce Myers, Business Math I; Missy Apperwhite, Business Communications; and Evette Little, Extemporaneous Speaking. The conference will be held in Winston-Salem on March 18-20.

Congratulations to Evette Little for placing third in the Public Speaking event at the District Leadership Conference held at East Gaston High School, Mt. Holly.

### Spanish Club

The Spanish Club met on Thursday, February 10 at 3:00 to discuss plans for the annual Mexican meal to be prepared by club members this spring. All club members interested in organizing this activity should see Mrs. Ellis about joining a committee.

The Spanish II, III, and IV students will travel to Winston-Salem on Monday, March 28 to view a bilingual performance of "The Three Cornered Hat" by Pedro Antonio de Alarcon. This colorful Spanish folktale will be presented by The National Theater of the Performing Arts at the Salem College School of Music.

## West Albemarle To Be Closed

The 1982-1983 school year will be the final one for West Albemarle Elementary School. The West Albemarle building will become the office headquarters for the Albemarle Board of Education and the central staff. The approximately 150 students presently attending West Albemarle will be assigned to other elementary schools in the city district. School officials estimate the change will mean a savings of approximately \$200,000 to \$225,000, part being actual savings and part intangible due to increased efficiency. The recommendation to close West Albemarle was presented by Superintendent Dr. William L. Brown who noted it was based on the state recommendation. The moving of the offices to the West Albemarle facility is envisioned to take place in July or August. The house now being used for the central office will likely become surplus as the school officials have no plans for utilizing it.

