RTC's ABE program stepping up fight against adult illiteracy Robeson Technical College is stepping up its initiative against adult illiteracy in the county and hopes to increase its adult basic education enrollment by 25 percent this fall

RTC, which boasts one of the top three ABE programs in the state community college system, is adding seven recruiters and a public relations specialist in an effort to reach more adults in the county who cannot either read and write or do not have a high school diploma.

"We want to infiltrate the county and identify the nonreaders and the non-high school graduates," said ABE Director Tony Brewington, who recently joined RTC after 161/2 years as director of missions for the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association in Pembroke.

"We've made the people in this county conscious of the problem, but we still do not know who they are."

The ABE program is divided into two areas of instruction,

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from grades 0 to 8 and from grades 9 through 12. Last year, RTC graduated 192 adults from its high school program, the largest number of diplomas ever awarded in the 22 years of the college.

Brewington has assigned 10 recruiters to cover seven designated areas in the county.

"We met for four hours last week and talked about ways of reaching the student," he said. "They'll be knocking on doors, using the telephone, going to agencies for referrals and working with church organizations. I'm asking them to be creative, to discover ways of communicating our programs and

identifying the people in the county."

Brewington also hopes that by bringing in a person who will be working exclusively to promote the ABE program the number of students and classes will continue to grow and that the community will be more enlightened.

To help that cause Brewington has hired Gordon Hood, formerly a general manager for a local radio station. It will be Hood's job to take advantage of radio, newspaper and television advertising and promote the program anyway he

"It's my understanding that recruiting got a lot of attention a few years ago, and that we saw an increase in our numbers," Brewington said. "We want the type of recruitment that will not be sporadic or seasonal and which will also be helpful in

"We'd eventually like to get to the point where the average

who are candidates for our program. They could give

RTC currently has 63 basic education and adult high school

classes in session this spring quarter. Now, says Brewington, is a good time to lay the groundwork for the fall enrollment.

"The spring is our low point because of farming," he said.
"A lot of these people are going until 9 at night and then to hit a class doesn't work too well. We're not only working on recruiting right now, but also trying to identify those who have dropped out of the program in years past and find out why.

"I think one major problem has been transportation. If we work together with the community maybe we can solve that problem. Maybe if we have 10 or 15 people from the same area wanting to attend class there may be a church or a retiree who would be willing to offer their services. I think if we can make the county aware of the importance of this program, we can tap some resources in this county."

That would be especially helpful for one elderly lady.

"Gordon (Hood) was telling me about this 83-year-old woman from Maxton," Brewington said. "Most of the time someone picks her up and takes her to class. Sometimes,

though, she doesn't get a ride. Yet, that woman is so committed that she'll begin walking the four miles to her class. Her class starts at 6 in the evening and there's been times, he said, that she's had to walk home at night after 10.

"It's that kind of spirit that says a lot to me about the people in this county. It's our responsibility to provide a means to Lumberton Student Wins Essay Contest

> Communications Corporation, the nation's second larges cable television company, was open to children Miss Locklear's entry fo-

Tina M. Locklear, a senior at Lumberton High School, has won a \$3000 college scholarship for her first place entry in an essay contest on the First Amendment.

The contest was sponsored by Cablevision of Lumberton's parent company The American Television and

cuaed on the role of the First Amendment in the Lumbee Indian struggle for voting rights and how the vote ultimately resulted in greater opportunities for Indians in Robeson County. Pembroke State University professor

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Indian Voice Editor Bruce

Barton assisted Miss Locklear

by granting interviews. Miss Locklear is the daughter of Willow D. Locklear of Lumberton, an eight-year Cablevision employee.

The scholarship will be delivered during the 1987-88 school year. Miss Locklear's college choice is not yet decided.

IN LOVING MEMORY

To the family of Mrs. Ada Locklear who departed this life February 15, 1987.

SHE IS SAFELY HOME

I'm home in heaven, Dear Ones. Oh! It's so beautiful and bright. There's perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light. All the pain and grief is over And all the restless tossing passed. I'm now at peace forever Safely home in heaven at last. Did you wonder I so calmly Trod the valley of the shade? oh! But Jesus' love illuminated Ever dark and fearful glade. He came Himself to get me In that way so hard to tread But with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have had one doubt or dread? So you must not grieve my loved ones For I love you dearly still. Try to look beyond earth's shadows Pray to trust our Father's will. But there's work still waiting for you. You must not idly stand. Do it now while life remaineth And you shall rest in Jesus' land. And when your work is all completed He will gently call you home. And oh the rapture of that meeting Oh the joy to see you come. A Sister In Chirst Iola Lowry

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



Mr. and Mrs. Pongkeun Chang of Fayetteville, N.C. announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Heri to Bobby R. Maynor Jr. Miss Chang graduated from Fayette ville Academy in 1981 and from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1984. She is a student at Duke Medical University.

Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby R. Maynor of Pembroke, N.C. He graduated from Pemb School in 1980 and from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1984. He is a student at Duke Medical University.

The wedding is planned for May 2, 1987 in Duke University.

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