

PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY

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Hans Rintelmann, Fulbright Exchange Professor from Germany teaching at Pembroke State University this year, exhibits this scene from his hometown of Hanover (spelled Hannover in German).

FULBRIGHT EXCHANGE PROFESSOR FROM GERMANY TEACHING AT PEMBROKE STATE

Hans J. Rintelmann, born in 1945 (the year World War II ended), is a Fulbright Exchange Professor from Hanover, West Germany, teaching at Pembroke State University this academic year.

In the same exchange, Dr. Joseph Mandel of PSU's Communicative Arts Department is teaching at Humboldtshule in Hanover for the same period of time.

Rintelmann is instructing German I and II plus World Literature and Composition at PSU. "I have 14 students in my German I class and five in my German II class," he said.

Asked if he has any difficulty understanding the different American dialects, Rintelmann replied: "Definitely. I ask my students to slow down and pronounce their words so I can understand them." He indicated the students have been very cooperative.

A student evaluation showed Rintelmann receiving a positive response for his teaching efforts here.

English is not a new language for Rintelmann. "The first foreign language we take in Germany is English," he says. "I began taking it at age 11 and took it for eight years. We are required to take a second foreign language—and it may be French, Latin or Spanish."

This is not Rintelmann's first trip to the U.S. He says in the last 8-10 years that he has been here almost every year for at least three or four weeks at a time. He usually accompanies some German students to the University of Maryland on such visits.

"This year I am spending a year in the United States under this Fulbright Exchange Program. The idea of the Fulbright Commission is to further the mutual understanding between the countries involved," said Rintelmann, whose home in northwest West Germany is approximately 50 miles from what used to be the "Iron Curtain" before it was taken down.

He will conclude his visit this year on Aug. 6, but prior to that his two sons, ages 14 and 12, will fly to Washington, D.C., to join him. It will be their first trip to America. His wife is not coming because of working on a degree. Rintelmann plans to take his sons on a 14-day trip to Florida and then to California. Among the places they will visit will be Disneyland, the MGM studios, and the Kennedy Space Center.

In Germany, Rintelmann teaches at a "gymnasium," a school which prepares students for universities. Most of the students are 17-20 years old. He says the grades 12 and 13 there are comparable to the first two years of college here.

Commenting on American high schools, he said: "They are different. They try to integrate people from different backgrounds. A great danger I see from my brief visits to them is that students sometimes seem to be pampered—and sometimes I have had the feeling that the very bright students are not challenged. But I might be wrong because I don't know very much about the American high school system."

Rintelmann is impressed by "the vastness" of America, as he describes it. "You can travel for miles on a highway without seeing a house. In my country, when I open the door of my apartment, I take one step and I'm in France. If I take a second step, I'm in Italy."

He spoke, too, about the differences in social life. "In Hanover, West Germany, you go to the restaurant to meet people, students, whatever. I miss that here. In this country, you go to the restaurant in order to have a meal." In other words, the social aspect of restaurants in Germany is of a higher priority than just dining.

Questioned whether the reunification of Germany poses a threat to its neighbors or the world in the future, Rintelmann replied: "The German people have shown over these 40 years they have matured. I do not believe at the moment there is any real fear of their beginning those nationalistic feelings. NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization) was created to keep Germany as well as communism in check. Both the French and British are very well aware of what Germany once was. At the moment, German politicians are at a low key. They do not indicate they want a greater share of power within the world community."

Rintelmann was one of 20 people from West Germany chosen from 400-500 applicants for the Fulbright Exchange Program. When he returns, he will be teaching English courses such as American Literature, British Literature, etc.

Having lived here for a year, he will have much to tell his counterparts back home about American life.

"AWARDS DAY" SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10

A sure sign that the academic year is rapidly coming to an end is that PSU will have its "Awards Day" at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, April 10, in the Chavis Center. Some 100 awards, many in cash, will be presented by the different departments and organizations in this always exciting annual event.

'TEACHER EDUCATION FAIR' SLATED FOR APRIL 11

On Thursday, April 11, from 10 a.m. until noon, PSU will host its annual "Teacher Education Fair" in the Chavis Center. Fifty-three school systems from North and South Carolina will be represented in addition to PSU education majors.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Mary Wakeford, assistant vice president for academic affairs of the UNC General Administration who will speak from 9-10 a.m. in Room 222 of the Educational Center.

Hammer Down Racing News

Hammer Down Speedway on Old Lowry Road in Red Springs began its joint racing season Saturday, March 30th. After racing 4-wheelers bi-weekly at the track throughout the winter months, the full racing series began with Pee Wee 4-Wheelers, Men's 4-Wheelers, and the Midget Racers. There was a large crowd on hand to enjoy the races.

Hammer Down Speedway is now open full-time for the

full racing series. The gates open at 5 p.m. each Saturday with racing beginning at 7 p.m.

The race track is located on Old Lowry Road off Hwy 211 & 71 in Red Springs, next to Thunder Valley. For good, clean family fun the public is invited out for this week's race. For more information call (919)521-4712, (919)843-2714 or (919)276-6192.



Winners in the Pee Wee 4-Wheeler division were Cory Gorham of Lumberton [left], Brandon Gorham of Lumberton placed first, and Kenneth Cummings of Maxton [right] placed second.



Winners in the Adult 4-Wheeler Racing division included Mitch McFayden of Parkton [left] who won the Dash for Cash and placed second in the Main Event; Thomas Moss of Parkton [center], winner of the Main Event; and Freddie Cain of Lumberton [right] who finished third in the Main Event.



Winners in the Midget Racing division were Rosemary Ehrenfeld [left] of Wilmington who won the Trophy Dash and the Main Event. David Lee [right] of Fayetteville finished second in the Main Event.

Engagement Announced



Sandra LaRue Hunt & Heyward K. Lowry

Sandra LaRue Hunt of Lumberton and Heyward K. Lowry of Pembroke announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage April 27, 1991 at 6 p.m. Their marriage will take place at First United Methodist Church in Pembroke.

Sandra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lowry of Lumberton. Heyward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Dulin Lowry of Pembroke.

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Safety for joggers

The Road Runners Club of America has prepared a list of safety tips to keep potential harm from 'catching up' with runners.

This list contains a lot of good advice, such as; carrying personal identification, including medical information, at all times; not wearing jewelry; carrying change for phoning; leaving word where you plan to run; and running with a partner.

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