

**PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY**



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**DYSLEXIA DOESN'T STOP  
PSU GRADUATE FROM  
WINNING 'TEACHER OF THE  
YEAR'**

Christine Sides Fisher, a Pembroke State University cum laud graduate in the Class of '75 with a major in music education, was a person who had reading and writing problems all through her school life beginning as a youngster. It was later discovered that she had dyslexia—impairment of the ability of read.

But when she joined the band as a sixth grader, she said "a whole new world opened to me. I found I could be both creative and self-expressive—and I wanted to share these experiences with others. At the end of the sixth grade, I announced to my family, friends and my band teacher that I was going to be a music teacher." With a boosted self-esteem, she said she worked harder to overcome her challenges. "It (learning) was a real labor," she said. "I had to work 10 times as hard." But learn she did.

Fisher earned her master's degree in music education at the University of South Carolina and has taught music at Southside Middle School in Florence, S.C., for 13 years. She is also band instructor there. This year she was selected as Florence School District One's "Teacher of the Year" and was one of five finalists for South Carolina "Teacher of the Year."

A Greenville kindergarten teacher won the state title, but that didn't deter from the achievements of Fisher. She had reached the final five from a list of 64 contestants which is no small achievement. Her fellow educators have nothing but praise for her. Thomas Truitt, superintendent of Florence School District One, commented, "Having been a superintendent for 17 years, I have worked with a lot of band directors. What is marvelous about Mrs. Fisher is that she is able to do it without the normal stress and tension that usually go with high quality performances."

Patsy Slice, principal of Southside Middle School, said, "Mrs. Fisher's

most significant accomplishments are in her overwhelming success in communicating with young people and their parents and in inspiring students to excel." Laura Davidson, Florence District One music coordinator, said, "The manner in which Mrs. Fisher touches the lives of her students extends far beyond the classroom. She inspires, motivates and educates."

Fisher herself says one of her greatest rewards in teaching is watching students who have never had success in any other areas of school begin to hold their heads high and feel better about themselves because of band. "When I reflect upon the large number of students whose lives have been positively altered through music instruction, it gives me a great sense of accomplishment," she says. "I will teach any handicapped student who wishes to participate in band, including visual, emotional, learning disabled and orthopedically handicapped students."

Fisher, who is native of Asheboro and is married to Tim Fisher, also plays the clarinet for the Florence Symphony Orchestra and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Florence Symphony Orchestra Association.

**TRUSTEE MEETING SCHEDULED DEC. 18**

The PSU Board of Trustees will have one of their quarterly meetings Friday, Dec. 18, at 1 P.M. in the Board Room of Sampson Hall.

Prior to the meeting, the various committees will have meetings at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch in the Chancellor's Dining Room. Attending his first meeting as a trustee will be the recently appointed Bob Caton of Lumberton, president of Eagle Distributing Co.

**DR. WARREN BAKER HEADS  
PSU TEACHING FELLOWS  
PROGRAM**

Dr. Warren Baker, former PSU admissions director who returned to PSU this year to become director of institutional research, has been assigned the additional responsibilities

of being interim director of PSU's new Teaching Fellows Program. A national search will be conducted for a permanent director, says PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine.

Baker says of his additional duties: "It will be challenging and exciting to be recruiting students for this new program." Baker, 42, has a bachelor's degree in political science from PSU, master's degrees from East Carolina University in counseling and from Fayetteville State University in education, and a doctorate from Campbell University in educational administration.

His office number is (919) 521-6291.



Dr. Warren Baker



Christine Fisher as a student at Pembroke State.



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**Your Bible and You**

by Daniel Davis

By this time most of us are probably tired of fighting the crowds shopping to fill their long lists of gifts for family and friends. Sometimes the mad rush seems to drain away all the joy that this season is suppose to bring. Constantly we are bombarded with advertisements that connect the purchase of this or that product with the "real Christmas spirit." Isn't the real Christmas spirit associated with giving?

Giving is one of the things our lovely Jesus did best. When people were sick and in pain He gave healing. When the multitudes that followed Him were hungry, He gave them food. If one was possessed by the devil, our Lord gave him free-

dom. Even when some had died our loving Creator gave them life. From His birth in Bethlehem to His cruel death on Calvary, the life of the Son of God is one great gift.

This season, why not give of yourself? Think of some way to skip the tinsel, paper and bows. Reach deep into your heart and find a way to fill a need that someone has. Use the talents that God has given you to be His instrument to lighten another's load.

You may just find that this kind of gift gives more to you than to your intended recipient. Sharing God's love brings great rewards both in this life and for eternity.

**Prospect School's  
Honor Roll**

Prospect School has released the following honor roll for the second six weeks reporting period:

**Superintendent's Honor Roll:**  
Karen Dial

**A Honor Roll**

Leechelle Chavis, Startlet Chavis, Tara Deese, Crystal Locklear, Johnna Rose Locklear, Kristina Locklear, Jadene Lowry, Ashley Thompson, April Williams.

**B Honor Roll**

Christina Barton, Deidre Chavis, Stacy Clark, Stephanie Collins, Tracy Dial, Mitchell Heaten, Hal Hunt, Tina Hunt, Joseph Locklear, Kate Elizabeth Locklear, Randy Locklear, Amanda Lowery, Tonya Lowery, Natsha Quick, Tracy Stephens.

**8th Grade A Honor Roll**

Barry Graham, Shanna Hershberger, Jackie Jackie.

**B Honor Roll**

Kendrick Bullard, Winona Bullard, Tera Clark, Earl Cummings, Jason Corey Deese, Latisha Dial, Jonathan Edwards, Johanna Harris, Charles Jacobs, Adrian Locklear, Amanda Locklear, Charity Locklear, Heather Locklear, Samantha Locklear, Tawanna Locklear, Trena Locklear, Valerie Locklear, Holly Thompson, Casandra Woodward.

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**COACH'S  
CORNER**

BY KEN JOHNSON

**"A Christmas Gift"**

Building "self-confidence" in your child is the greatest gift you can give him or her at this Christmas Time. It will take years to do this but it can begin with this Christmas buying sporting goods such as balls and bats, footballs, basketballs, tennis rackets, etc. Skill is the number one factor needed by a youngster to handle the bullies she or he will be accepted by your peers.

A non-skilled person is always the last one to be selected. This is also true in academics. You need to apply yourself to your studies and not be lazy in doing your school work. And get your grades. Skill brings self-confidence, a means to avoid drugs, an escape mechanism, plus alcohol. So the skill learning should begin at an early age. Bounce balls with your youngster, play catch with them at an early age. It will be the best exercise you can possibly get and have for reaching benefits even into your adult life. "The family that play together stays together." You can't beat that principle. So this Christmas young parents and grandparents can invest life for kids and it is serious. School administrators should provide opportunities for play for all kids not just the few varsity select players. This means better physical fitness for the whole school population, not just the few who get to play varsity.

When I was at Maryville College in 47' to 57' we required two years of Physical Education. P.S.U. requires one semester. They ought to be ashamed. They are wasting tax payers money by not requiring better physical fitness. The "entrepreneurs spirit for physical fitness" is lacking in the Vice Chancellor especially. He is the one lacking responsibility awareness along with the PSU winning at the cost of it's students fitness. The "don't care" attitude is a crime! College students to need confidence they won't get it with poor fitness.

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