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The weekend weather:
Thursday, high 56, low 42, hum.
.65% and the sun shone; Friday,
high 58, low 28, hum. 60%;
Saturday, high 52, low 38, hum.
80% and a trace of precipitation
fell; Sunday, high 55, low 35,
hum. 80% and .46 inches of rain
fell.

We understand Damon Johnson
has recovered from his recent
injuries enough to return to East
Carolina University. Johnson had
traveled with the school ski team
and was injured on the way home
in an accident in southwest
Virginia.

Sam Staggs, a native of
Campobello, had written a novel
based on the premise that
Marilyn Monroe did not really die
on Aug. 4, 1962. Staggs lives in
Philadelphia now, according to
the Spartanburg Herald-Journal.

Rather, according to "MWII
The Return of Marilyn Monroe,"
the suicide was staged by the CIA
in order to spare President
Kennedy embarrassment as details
of their affair became public. She
is taken to Colorado and
eventually tires of her
arrangement, gets away, and
goes to New York where she

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'Young Not Being Prepared For Future'

*"Every American child has the
right to a relative education
based on their needs, not the
needs of their parents or grand-
parents"... Dr. Willard Daggett,
Director of Vocational Education
and Applied Math and Science for
New York State*

An almost full auditorium of
parents, retirees and community
leaders came to hear Dr. Willard
Daggett at Tryon Elementary
School Thursday in the first step
for creating a commission to
develop a mission statement and
corresponding curriculum for the
new high school.

"You are at a unique time in
the history of your community.
High schools represent the corner
stone of a community," began
Dr. Daggett. "I will share the
fact that many young people are
not being prepared for their
future. We are trying with most
curriculums to recreate the
schools of our youth," he said.

The main academic problem
across our country is that schools
are changing much slower than
society is changing, Dr. Daggett
said. In 1950, 60% of the work
force was unskilled labor, he
pointed out. But no more. In 1989
35% of the work force was
unskilled labor, and that figure is
expected to shrink to 15% by the
year 2000. Also in comparison, in
the 1920's, 85% of the nation were
farmers who fed the nation's
population once. Now only 3% of
the nations workers are farmers

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Navy Retiree To Address Lions

The Tryon Lions Club will hold
its next semi-monthly Dinner
Meeting tonight, Jan. 22nd., at
the Western Steer Steakhouse in
Columbus.

The guest speaker will be
Tyrone Martin, retired Navy
Commander and Naval Historian
now living in Tryon. He will
address the timely topic of "The
Role of the Navy in the Persian
Gulf War."

Dana Lovell is in charge of the
program.

Parents Without Partners

Parents Without Partners, Inc.
will hold election of officers,
Monday, Feb. 4, in the
community room of First
Federal Savings Bank, Fifth
Avenue at Church Street,
Hendersonville. Single parents
interested in membership are
invited to an orientation from 7 to
7:30 p.m. preceding the meeting.
Information, 704-696-2641 or 704-
692-0359. — Reporter

Lynch Graduates

Kimberly S. Lynch, daughter of
Mrs. Donna Anthony of
Columbus and Dr. Larry Lynch
of Salem, Va., was among those
completing degree requirements
in December from Roanoke
College. She earned a bachelor of
arts degree with a major in
sociology. Lynch was graduated
from Polk Central High School in
Mill Spring.

P. C. Schools Receive Hiring Freeze Exception

Polk County Schools is one of
eight state funded organizations
to receive a waiver from the
recently instated North Carolina
hiring freeze.

Governor Jim Martin
announced Friday eight
exceptions to the hiring freeze,
which would have left Polk
County Schools without a
properly trained teacher for the
self-contained, severely
handicapped class at Mill
Spring. Five of the exceptions
were public school systems.

Supt. Dr. James Causby told
the school board at the Jan. 14
meeting that he had sent a letter
to the governor asking for a
waiver to the hiring freeze
because the handicapped teacher
at Mill Spring had handed in his
resignation. Special education
teacher Bob Blakey is resigning
effective at the end of this month
to relocate, said assistant Supt.
Susan Leonard.

The exception request pointed
out the specialized skills needed
for such a teacher and there is no
qualified teacher in the system to
replace him, Leonard said.

The Administrative Staff has
advertised for the teaching
position and is now receiving
applications and conducting
interviews, Leonard said. She
said that a recommendation for
the position will be ready by the
Feb. 11 board of education
meeting. — C. Warton.