

Someone You Should Meet ...

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Name: Greg DeShannon
Job Title: Radio Personality
Hometown: North Wilkesboro
Hobbies: All sports
Describe yourself in one word: "Honest"
Favorite book: "Roots" by Alex Haley
Favorite Movie: "Star Wars," all three releases
Persons admire most: Grandmother, Beula Redmon, and the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Career Goal: "To become a network studio announcer."

(photo by James Parker)

If you are single, at least 18 years old, doing something positive in the community or employed and interested in appearing in this column, or if you know someone that meets the criteria, please send your name and daytime telephone number to: Someone You Should Meet, Winston-Salem Chronicle, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, 27102.



NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

King Holiday Passes Final Test, Becomes Law

WASHINGTON -- Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday is now a national holiday despite firm opposition from North Carolina Republican Sen. Jesse Helms and 21 other senators.

The Senate voted 78-22 last week to make King's birthday the nation's 10th national holiday, beginning in 1986. The third Monday in January has been set aside as the day to honor the slain civil rights leader.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., told the Senate that King "deserves the place which this legislation gives

him beside Washington and Columbus. In a very real sense, he was the second father of our country, the second founder of a new world that is not only a place, a piece of geography, but a noble set of ideals."

President Reagan, who had initially objected to the cost of another federal holiday, promised to sign the bill into law if passed by the Senate. The House passed the bill 338-90 Aug. 2.

King was born Jan. 15, 1929.

Trustee Wants More Details On A&T Finances

GREENSBORO -- A North Carolina A&T State University trustee charged recently that university administrators are ducking questions from trustees concerning A&T's financial status.

Trustee Carson Bain said that he and two other trustees got few answers about the school's finances when they recently met with A&T's chancellor, Dr. Edward B. Fort, and Charles C. McIntyre, vice chancellor for fiscal affairs.

Bain said the trustees became concerned after a former director of accounting at the university, Robert Kelley, told the *Greensboro Daily News* and *The Greensboro Record* that A&T is as much as \$4 million in debt and hasn't paid its bills since May.

"Fort kept saying these problems date back to 1970,"

Bain said. "He's been here two years. He can't keep using that excuse."

But Betty Cone, another trustee present at the meeting, said she feels Fort answered the questions as forthrightly as he could until the 1983 audit of A&T's books is made public later this month.

Fort said he has taken four steps to get the university's books in order and keep them that way: a computerized accounting system to be initiated by 1984; an accounting manual that gives employees guidelines for documenting expenditures and income; a manual that outlines procedures on applying for grants and how the money must be handled, and a personnel reorganization to include a comptroller, a business manager, a systems analyst and a new director of accounting.

Local Drop-Out Rate Third Lowest In State

WINSTON-SALEM -- The city-county school system had a high school dropout rate of 4.2 percent last school year, said school officials last week. The rate was the third lowest in the state.

Last year, the local rate was 5 percent, said a spokesman for the school system. He attributed several special programs for high school students as accounting for the low rate.

The optional education program for students who have

trouble in regular high schools, a vocational program at the school system's Career Center and remedial programs helped to make the difference, said the spokesman.

The dropout rate indicates what percentage of students begin their ninth year and do not finish their senior year. The legal age to drop out of school is 16.

The Chapel Hill schools, with a dropout rate of 2.7 percent, ranked lowest in the state, followed by the Chowan County schools, with a rate of 3.7 percent.

Fire Prevention

Ensuring A Horribly Safe Halloween

By THOMAS FLYNN
 Syndicated Columnist

It's Halloween time once again. Time for witches and ghosts and goblins and spooks. Time to speak of the unspeakable, to make jokes about disfigurement and horrible death and eternal perdition. But let's have our macabre fun without inviting real tragedy in the form of ravaging fire.

Here's how to have a safe Halloween and enjoy the holiday's horrors from a safe distance:

Rule number one is a simple one: Don't use candles in a jack-o-lantern! Whether carried by a trick-or-treater or set on a window ledge, the candle-lit pumpkin is an invitation to disaster. For a lighting effect more ghoulishly delightful than even a flickering candle, light a stationary jack-o-lantern with flashing red and yellow Christmas lights instead. Break out a string of the middle-sized C7½ Christmas lights, install red and yellow individually flashing twinkle lamps and you'll have a jack-o-lantern that's both safer and scarier.

Now, for the little ones. Make sure your trick-or-treaters wear flame-retardant costumes. Most commercial costumes sold today are flame retardant; if you make your own, better fabric shops can sell you both flame-retardant fabric and chemical powders for fireproofing other garments.

Children should also be equipped with flashlights (not candles) and reflective strips on their costumes for added visibility. In most areas, Halloween is one of the first

nights of truly early darkness, so no one, motorist or trick-or-treater, is really prepared for it. Take the initiative and make sure your children are visible.

For the same reasons, trick-or-treaters should be extra careful when crossing streets. Teach them to remove any mask or headgear that interferes with normal vision and to look both ways and cross with exaggerated care.

Of course, children should be told not to sample any candy until they bring it home. Exercise care when inspecting candy -- just discarding apples and other unwrapped items may not be enough.

Wrappers of commercial candy bars should be inspected for cuts and punctures. It's possible to inject poisons or drugs into a commercial candy through the wrapper with a syringe and leave only the tiniest marks on the wrapper.

A final precaution: With the popularity of science fiction, more and more trick-or-treaters affect costumes that include light sabers, ray guns and other weapons. Counsel children against entering any store or commercial establishment while masked and carrying anything that resembles a weapon. A tall child, especially in a convincing home-made costume, could conceivably motivate a robbery-shy storekeeper to shoot first and ask questions later.

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Crime Prevention

Witness Helps Apprehend Robbers

The following "Crime Box Score" is designed to keep you abreast of criminal activity in your community during the past week and to help you protect your family and property from crime.

Bank Robbery
 •2300 block, Patterson Avenue

The suspect handed a teller a note saying he had a weapon and to give him money. After getting an unknown amount of money, the suspect fled on foot. A witness who followed the suspect said the suspect later joined a second individual. The witness reported the direction in which the suspects were traveling to the police, who arrested both of them a short time later and charged them with bank robbery. The money was recovered.

Armed Robbery
 •600 block, Mulberry Street

Two black males wearing Halloween masks came into an office and requested information on how to rent an apartment. As the secretary was getting an application, one suspect pulled a knife, demanded the secretary to get all of the money out of the office's safe and tied her up in the bathroom. The first suspect then forced the secretary to perform oral sex on him. Both suspects were reported to be 5-8, 150 to 175 pounds, and in their mid-20s. The first suspect had the letter "R" on his belt buckle.

Armed Robbery
 •1600 block, Derry Street

The complainant was sitting in her car in a parking lot when the suspect approached her, holding something

covered with a cloth, which the complainant thought was a gun. The suspect took the complainant's money and ran.

Strong-Armed Robbery
 •1500 block, East 24th Street

A witness called the police after observing the complainant being assaulted and robbed. The complainant was found unconscious on the sidewalk, and was treated at a local hospital and released. The complainant reported that he was grabbed from behind and assaulted, then robbed of his money. He described the suspects as several black males.

Storebreaking
 •1100 block, Thurmond Avenue
 Assorted food items and several cartons of cigarettes were taken from a grocery store.

Storebreaking
 •2200 block, Patterson Avenue
 Nothing was taken.

Storebreaking
 •900 block, Northwest Boulevard
 An officer caught one suspect coming out of the front door carrying merchandise. The suspect was charged with storebreaking and larceny.

Housebreaking
 •100 block, West 28th Street

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