

Moore to highlight teachers' conference event

Internationally known as an entertainer, songwriter, educator and speaker, Thomas Moore's favorite role is "Ambassador for Children."

He will open the Fall Study Conference session for the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children on Thursday, Oct. 2, in Winston-Salem.

While in the area, Moore will present performances at Forsyth County Day, Clemmons Elementary and Summit schools.

Through music, games and dialogue, Moore enters the child's world, he says, "not so much to perform as to involve." His goal is to involve the total child in a learning experience and to assist the child's growth in self-awareness, self-esteem, caring and respect.

Jerry Gilmore finishes eye course

Jerry Gilmore III of Gilmore's Funeral Home has successfully completed the eye enucleation course held Sept. 20 at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. The course was sponsored by the N.C. Eye and Human Tissue Bank Inc.

John W. Reed, M.D., surgical director of the tissue bank, directed the course.

Frances T. Hughes, Carolyn Webster and Ray Cain provided information concerning communication and transportation procedures.

There are now 364 certified eye enucleating technicians in North Carolina; in the past year, more than 75 percent of the eyes retrieved were obtained by R.N.s, LPNs, P.A.s and licensed embalmers who have attended the Eye Bank enucleation course. The remainder were retrieved by ophthalmologists and residents.

Currently more than 100 persons are waiting to have their sight restored by corneal transplants. Eye donors can be any age, and all tissue is used for transplants or eye research.

Perfect vision is not necessary for the corneas to be used. It is not possible to buy or sell eye tissue, therefore, ophthalmologists must rely upon donations.



Thomas Moore

A native of Charlotte, Moore is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, and he recently completed requirements for a master's degree in early

childhood education at Indiana State University, where he is now working on his doctorate.

Moore has performed a solo recital at Carnegie Hall and composed for the Charlotte Symphony and Charlotte Pops. He conducts workshops for teachers, self-esteem performances in schools, and programs designed

to bring races, generations and religious groups together. He also entertains in nursing homes, hospitals and day-care centers.

Moore has released 15 musical recordings, including six children's albums. His albums for educators and children are used in homes and schools across the country.

McCollums award student scholarships

The McCollum Family Education Assistance Scholarship has been awarded to Oliver P. Walker, who is attending the University of Alabama.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Prince Walker of Winston-Salem.

Michelle Yvette Fielder of Washington was the first recipient of the scholarship award of \$100.

She graduated from her high school with the highest scholastic grade-point average. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fielder of Washington.

The scholarship was organized in July 1975 by the late Mary M. Kiser and Shirley Williams.

James Wright Jr. is chairman of the scholarship committee.

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What is bad, she said, is that you have to teach 15 to 30 years to make \$30,000.

But an experimental "career ladder" program could change this, she said.

The program involves an appraisal instrument for teachers and is being piloted in 16 school systems in the state.

The program looks at specific behaviors needed for effective teaching, Mrs. Oliver said. Pay is based on the evaluations, she said.

Mrs. Oliver encouraged the education majors at the meeting to keep working until they reach their goals.

"Teaching is a service of the higher order," she said. "There is a special joy in working with young people -- a joy in seeing another human being blossom right under your eyes."

During the interview Mrs. Oliver expressed concern about blacks' performance on the National Teacher Exam. Though disproportionate numbers of blacks fare poorly on the test, she said, they can pass.

"Instead of feeling defeated by the NTE, we've got to look for ways to combat it," she said.

Mrs. Oliver said she is not against testing and that those who enter the teaching field need to be prepared.

"There's no room in the classroom for incompetents," she said.