St. Phillip's Daycare gets new computer

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St. Phillip's Daycare Center, located at 3002 Bon Air Avenue, recently received a computer to help its students become computer literate at an early age.

The IBM computer was paid for by the daycare center, through money raised from selling fish and chicken dinners, and a \$300 donation from one of the children's parthe computer.

According to Linda Wright, director of the Daycare, the computer is "used as an educational teaching tool," to teach dexterity as well as other skills. "The program that we have in there is an early childhood learning program. Up under that, you have your shapes, and you have your colors, and some phonics," she added.

The 77 children at the daycare, who are between the ages of two and five, are able to work on the computers, about two to three times in group sessions, each day. But because of the fact that there is only one computer and a large number of children, Johnnie King, secretary of the Parents' Group at the daycare, says at least one more computer would definitely help their cause. "I feel like if we get two computers, ents, who also happens to work for the what we could do is, one teacher the company that sold the daycare use it twice a week or one Monday and Tuesday, and another teacher use it Wednesday and Thursday. Then, we can have one for the younger group, because the younger group is using it as a group."

Wright agreed that more computers are needed, and she explained the importance of using computers at such an early age. "We felt like that is a tool that they

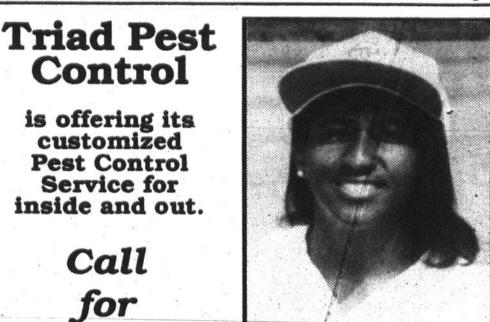


Charlotte Gatterson (standing) and Evelyn Pearson (right) show the kids how to use their new computer.

use when they go to kindergarten. So, we can somewhat give them an experience in the preschool part to help them to be knowledgeable to some of the things that they may need to do when they go school."

King added, "We feel like if we

start them at this age, at least they're familiar with the computer. When they go into school — the public school system - they can say, 'Oh, we had something like this,' and will feel comfortable enough to use it themselves."



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FRIDAY, OCT. 25

· A Halloween Carnival will be held today with a hot dog supper from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and fun and games from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Rural Hall Elementary School, College Street, Rural Hall. A dunking booth, face painting, bingo, a cake walk and many more activities will be scheduled. Admission is free, game tickets will be \$.25 each or five for \$1.

 The Second Annual Clemmons Jaycees Spook Trail at Tanglewood will be held today through Oct. 29 from dusk until 11 p.m., at the Tanglewood Soccer Field in Clemmons. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children (12 and under). There will be a guided spook trail, live broadcasts by 102 JAMZ, a pre-carved jack-o-lantern contest, Halloween souvenirs and drink concessions. For more information, call 766-0561.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

 A Halloween Carnival will be held today from 6:30 p..m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Lewisville Elementary School Gymnasium, 6500 Lucy Lane, Lewisville. There will be games, prizes, a costume contest, a pumpkin carving contest, a raffle, cake walks, face painting, balloons, boxed goods, and free bags. The event is being sponsored by the Lewisville Elementary School PTA, and admission is free

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

. The First Annual Howl-O-Ween Coffin Race will be held today at the Tanglewood Steeplechase Track in Clemmons. The processional will begin at 3:13 p.m., the coffin races will begin at 3:33 p.m., and a costume party and awards presentation will immediately follow the race. The entry fee is \$30 per team with each team consisting of six pallbearers. There will be a coffin race, costume party, free Bojangles chicken and music. Awards will be presented for the race winner, best designed coffin and best costumed team. The first place winners will receive \$50, second place will receive \$35, and third place will receive \$25. For more information, call 766-0591.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

· Halloween Reader's Theatre will be presented by The Friends of the High Point Theatre today and tomorrow at 8 p.m., in Gallery C. Steve Willis will perform. A reception will follw the performance. Admission is \$5. For tickets, call the High Point Theatre Box Office at 887-3001 or stop by the Box Office, located at 220 E. Commerce Ave., High Point. The Box Office hours are 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

 The Wake Forest Volunteer Service Corps will sponsor PROJECT PUMPKIN to provide safe trick-or-treating and carnival activities for children with special needs and inner-city children. PROJECT PUMP-KIN will take place today from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and trick-or-treaters will be escorted by costumed Wake Forest students through selected dorms. The children will stay with their assigned escorts until they leave campus by bus. For more information, call 759-1289.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

· Hanes Mall will promote a safe Halloween for the area children by offering goodies to the little goblins at most Hanes Mall stores. Today, the little monsters can trick or treat store to store from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. or while supplies last.

· City Market will celebrate its first year of operation today with allday Halloween-related activities, such as pumpkin-carving and jack-olantern decorating contests, live entertainment, free trolley service from the downtown and much more. For more information, call 727-2741.

• The Main branch of the Forsyth County Public Library, 660 W. Fifth St., will have a HALLOWEEN PARTY from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m., for 3-13 yr. olds, in the auditorium. The party will include a puppet show, costume contest, games, prizes and refreshments. Preregistration began Oct. 1. For more information, call (919)727-2549.

NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the City of Winston-Salem at 901 Cleveland Avenue will no longer accept applications for its Section 8 existing program except applicants that can show proof of qualifying for a federal preference which is 1) involuntarily displaced or 2) living in substandard housing or 3) paying more than 50 percent of family income for rent. beginning October 28, 1991. Applicants who feel they qualify for a preference should call the application department at 727-8500 for additional information.

A public notice will be published at a later date when applications will again be accepted for non-preference families.

Applications for the public housing projects and elderly developments will be accepted on Tuesday and Friday only of each week from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning the week of October 28, 1991.

Regular office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call the application department at 727-8500 for more information concerning the qualifications for admission.

> Patsy Cranfill. Acting Executive Director

