

Community

Local Students Learn Valuable Lessons in Germany

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Many countries participate in exchange programs where students visit other countries for cultural or educational experiences. This summer three Forsyth County students participated in an exchange program that offered technological and vocational training.

"They taught me a lot about computers," said Paula Malachi, a 21-year-old business student at Forsyth Technical Community Col-

lege. "I learned the basics of different programs and how to enter reports."

Malachi and Tim Gwyn worked for the Korber Corp., a cigarette manufacturer in Hamburg, Germany. Gwyn, 17, a junior at East Forsyth High School and the Career Center, went to pursue his interest in electronics.

"I repaired some computers and motors," Gwyn said. "It was real exciting to put that skill to use."

Some of the parts Gwyn repaired will be shipped to the R.J.

Reynolds Tobacco Co. plant in Kernersville.

The third student, Rob Osborne, a computer-programming student at Forsyth Tech, worked for the Philip Morris Co. in Munich, Germany.

Howard L. Shaw, co-coordinator of the apprenticeship program and guidance counselor at the Career Center, said Korber saw the need to emphasize technology for the 21st century.

The students lived with host families who spoke English, and

served as their tour guides. When students return home, they are required to make reports to a vocational class, other schools, community groups and sponsors.

Thirty-nine American students from the Forsyth County area participated.

Gwyn plans to attend N.C. A&T State University and later start an electronics business.

Malachi, a former high school homecoming queen and runner-up in the 1991-92 Ms. Forsyth County Pageant, plans to own a marketing business.



Barbara Guess (left), a teacher at Independence High School, with Tim Gwyn and Paula Malachi, who show their pictures from Germany.

New Program Attempts to Help Inmates Blend into Society Once Released

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When Maj. Michael Schweitzer joined the Forsyth County Detention Center two years ago, the prison ministry was the only outlet inmates had that dealt with their personal lives.

Schweitzer, the center's communications director, who has a background in psychology, saw the need to rehabilitate prisoners for life in society. And last week his vision

was realized. With the cooperation of the Sheriff's Department, Forsyth/Stokes Mental Health Authority and other community organizations, 10 inmates graduated from the new TEACH program last Friday. TEACH — or training, education, assistance, change with hope — is a 100-hour educational and treatment program available to inmates charged with misdemeanor crimes who have a drug or alcohol problem. "Before, they were basi-

cally just locked up in jail," Schweitzer said.

He said the program, offered to those with drug problems who will be released soon, teaches basic life skills, conflict resolution and basic mannerism. The program started with 13, and 10 completed.

Earline Parmon, a county commissioner and guest speaker, encouraged the inmates to take advantage of the opportunity the program offers.

"This is an opportunity to make a change in your lives," she said. "When you blame others, you give up your own chance to become successful."

Parmon, who wasn't a commissioner when the new detention center was voted on, said the community would be served by sponsoring more training programs for inmates instead of jails.

"Imagine what would have happened if we had taken those dol-

lars used to build the detention center and started programs like TEACH," she said. "It would have been a lot more positive than locking up our young children."

Melvin Carter, the class

spokesman, said the program was beneficial to the inmates, and as a show of their appreciation, he presented awards to officials at the detention center on behalf of the inmates.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Sponsors Chronicle Interns

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The Chronicle's staff was beefed up this summer by the addition of two student interns; Sabrina Jones, a rising junior at Hampton (Va.) University, and DeLeithia "Dee" Summey, a 1993 graduate of R.J. Reynolds High School.

Jones, a Greensboro resident, is a staffer on her college newspaper, the Hampton Script. Jones, who covered hard news, features and movie reviews, plans to pursue a career in magazine journalism and later publish her own poems. She majors in English.

"Media is a challenging and interesting field," she said. "Working here has been a rewarding experience."

Summey will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this fall. She will major in psychology. At Reynolds, she was the Student Government Association president, co-editor of the yearbook, a member of the National Honor Society and maintained a 3.75 grade point average. Summey was also named the Chronicle's 1992 Student Journalist of the Year.

Both internships were spon-



Sabrina Jones



DeLeithia Summey

sored, in part, by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. Ben Ruffin, vice pres-

ident of corporate affairs, said the company has operated the scholarship/internship program for 15 years with National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) member newspapers.

Shiloh to Celebrate its 101st Anniversary



Rev. Paul A. Lowe Jr.

Shiloh Baptist Church will celebrate its 101st anniversary this Sunday at 11 a.m. The Rev. Dwight Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church of South Richmond, Richmond, Va., will be the speaker. The crowning of Mr. and Mrs. Shiloh, youths, young adults and Baby Shiloh will be held at 7 p.m.

Jones was a former chairman of the Richmond City School Board. He is a member of the Executive Committee of Richmond Renaissance, a biracial corporation chartering the future of Richmond, and a member of its board of directors. He is also the co-founder of the South Richmond Senior Center

and president of its board of directors. Jones serves on the board of directors of the National Baptist Convention and is secretary of its commission on housing. He is also a member of the board of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and a former member of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia.

Jones holds a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and a master of divinity degree in theology from Virginia Union University. He is currently pursuing a doctorate degree.

The Rev. Paul A. Lowe Jr. is pastor.

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