Barber-Scotia Goes Computer In Seminars

In staying abreast of the latest developments in computer technology, the faculty and staff of Barber-Scotia College recently participated in a demanding three-day mid-year workshop entitled "Computer Managed Instruction for Faculty."

The workshop was conducted by Dr. Donald Scriven, a consultant in computer science and professor in the School of Business at Northern Illinois Uni-

The laboratory sessions, held in the campus lab, provided the opportunity for hands-on experience for the faculty and staff.

"The objective we are looking at is to integrate the computer in the classroom learning so that it is used as a tool to compliment the normal teaching of the discipline," Said Dr. Scriven.

"Courses like math and accounting are using the computer in the classroom," adds Dr. Scriven, "but Barber-Scotia College is unique in that the efforts are to use the computer as a learning tool across the entire campus, including courses such as history."

Mrs. Gwendolyn Cunningham, director of the Skills Assessment Program at BSC, said the application of the computer to the study of writing, literature,



Dr. Donald Scriven (left, standing), workshop consultant, provides computer teaching assistance to BSC faculty members Mrs. Gwendolyn Cunningham and Dr. Suraj Puri.

art, music, and dance have highlighted its potential as a creative tool in these and other

"A revolution in communication and information technology is making the computer a basic tool for acquiring knowledge, organizing systems, and solving problems, said Mrs. Cunningham. "As such, it is having a profound influence on learning and

on the world of work. "This is an absolute phenomenon for Barber-Scotia College," said Dr. Suraj Puri, chairman of the Division of Business and Social Sciences at BSC. "We now have our own computer lab in place and for the first time the faculty has had a chance to sit on the computers. It is obvious that our faculty and students must be exposed to this technology if they are to consider

themselves literate persons." Dr. Scriven stressed that the workshop design would also help the faculty meet the new guidelines of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, an agency that reaffirms the accreditation of the college.

"The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has re-cently changed its guidelines from measuring the quantity of resources to placing an emphasis on the competencies and progress of the students," said Dr. scriven. "So this is the first step, which is getting the faculty prepared to do that."

Dr. Scriven said that students who graduate from college will need to be extremely comfortable with the use of the computer. He added that no matter what job they get, they have to come into contact with the computer.

"So when the students at Barber-Scotia College begin as freshmen using the computers," said Dr. Scriven, "by the time they graduate they will be as comfortable with the use of the computer as they are with pencil and paper."

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School Teams Compete In Annual High-Q

CHARLOTTE -- HIGH-Q, the tournament that matches January 30 when more than 400 high school scholars from across the state match wits in the qualifying round at Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC).

Sponsored by CPCC, WTVI and IBM, the opening round on Super Saturday features teams from 70 high schools in about 20 counties. The winning high school in the competition, which is modeled after "College Bowl", earns a silver trophy and an IBM computer.

HIGH-Q begins with moderators posing identical questions to each of the Super Saturday teams. The sixteen teams with the highest scores advance to the second round Feb. 6, when they each face an opposing team for the first time. Eight teams emerge to compete in seven televised matches broadcast by WTVI, channel 42, at 5 p.m. on consecutive Sundays, Feb. 21 through the finals April

"HIGH-Q is a race against the clock as well as against oppos-ing teams," said Mike Myers, originator of the nine-year-old competition at CPCC. "Contestants rush to sound their buzzers -- sometimes before the question is completed -- to earn a chance to answer and field a bonus question.

"Teachers coaching HIGH-Q teams praise the contest as one that encourages scholarship and upholds the image of public schools," Myers said. "Central Piedmont is proud of creating an activity that supports that kind of excellence in our young people." The winner of last year's competition was the team from West Charlotte High School.

NCAE Holds **Educators Support** Meeting, Feb. 6

Educators are invited to join with the support personnel arm of the NCAE on Saturday, February 6, 9:30-2 p.m. ,to discuss some of the local, state and national concerns as they effect educators in the support personnel

division. The meeting will be held at the Staff Development Center, 428 West Blvd.. Dr. Peter Relic will deliver the keynote address in the SDC Auditorium at 10:20

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