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## Teaching program honored

By Holly Edwards  
Feature Editor

Brunswick County schools share national honors with UNC-Wilmington's Watson School of Education and Duplin County schools for developing and implementing the Professional Development System project, a program that changes how teachers are trained.

During its annual meeting in St. Louis, MO, the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) announced the "Professional Development System: Collaboration for Quality Education Project" placed second in the national Distinguished Program Award in Teacher Education.

Major goals of the program are to improve public school classrooms and teacher education and to initiate a coaching model of teacher supervision.

"This program is unique because it ties the university and public schools in our region together, with each having something important to offer the other, and at little extra cost to the school system," explained Dr. Robert E. Tyndall, dean of UNCW's Watson School of Education.

Tyndall praised UNCW faculty Dr. Hathia Hayes and Dr. Karen Wetherill, as well as Brunswick County representatives Carol Midgett, Zelfia Grissett, Cindy  
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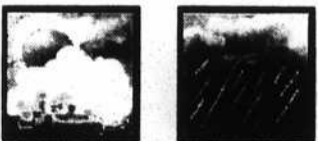
## Youth killed by gun blast; no charge yet

Detectives spent the day Tuesday trying to piece together facts that may have led to the shooting death of a North Brunswick High School junior.

Mark Anthony Wescott, 16, was killed by a shotgun blast at a friend's home on Cedar Hill Road in the Phoenix community around mid-morning Tuesday, said Brunswick County sheriff's detective David Crocker.

"We're trying to get everyone interviewed at this time," said detective Crocker on Tuesday afternoon. "There's no reflection on the school and this incident."

Wescott and two other boys met before school and went to the suspect's home after determining they were already late for first period, according to Brunswick County  
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### Forecast

Don't like the weather? Just wait a while, it will change. At least that's the way it's been this past week. We can expect much of the same Thursday through Saturday with partly cloudy skies and highs in the mid 60's.

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## BUSY SIDEWALKS

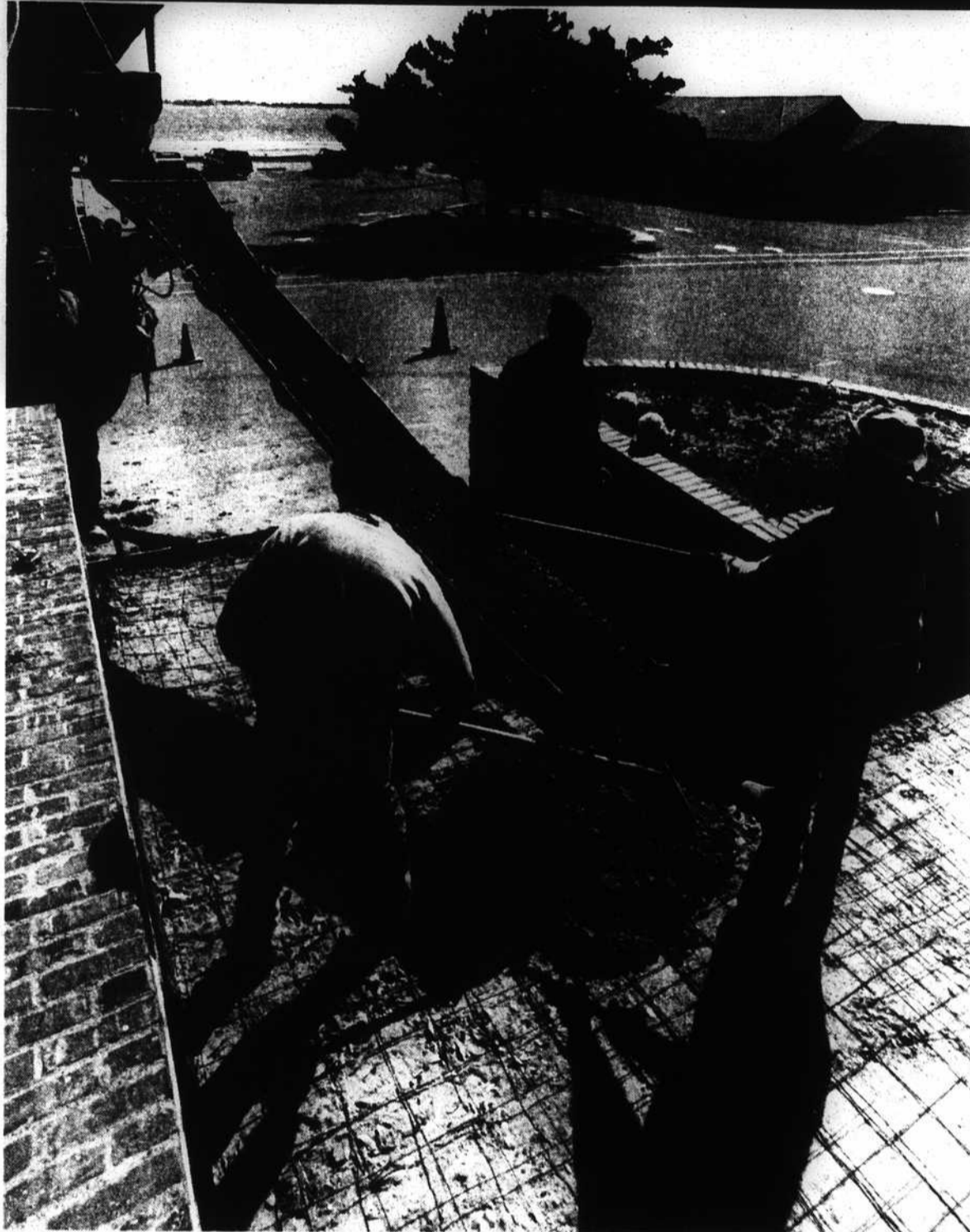


Photo by Jim Harper

Visitors to Southport's waterfront will enjoy steadier footing this season, as city crews and contractors this week worked to complete sidewalk renovations. The cement will be hardened far ahead of time to be ready for street dancing at the center stage site of the N. C. Fourth of July Festival beyond the historic Whittier's Bench.

## Reclaiming a town

### Navassa streets had been used by drug dealers and prostitutes

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

Mervin Vaught's wife wheeled the van along Broadway Street in Navassa, with wide-eyed family members and fishing gear packed inside from a day outing at Carolina Beach.

"It was in the early part of July, and I'm telling you, I was surprised," Vaught said.

Today, not much surprises the former Shaw University campus police chief and security captain for Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh. Not anymore. Not since that trip to Navassa, just to see if a career move was perhaps in the making.

"It had just turned like dusk-dark," said Vaught. "Suddenly, there were all kinds of people in front of the van. They approached the driver's side, asking,  
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VAUGHT

## City, SBSB sewage deal may be struck

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

A deal to avert war over River Run Shopping Center appears in the works.

Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District commissioners next Monday will present Southport aldermen with a proposal by which the city will agree to treat 30,000 gallons or more of wastewater per day generated in the district. River Run Shopping Center would, in effect, become SBSB's first

sewer customer, even though it has not yet built a wastewater treatment facility.

As part of the proposal, River Run owners will oversize a planned delivery line into Southport to allow Live Oak Village Shopping Center to deliver wastewater to the city for treatment.

"River Run Shopping Center will remain a customer of the district," SBSB chairman James W. (Bubba) Smith said Tuesday. "The sanitary district will contract with Southport

to treat and dispose of the wastewater for the district.

The proposal will be put to Southport aldermen at a 7:30 p.m. meeting at City Hall.

Initial city response is positive. "It could be a win, win, win situation," Southport city manager Rob Gandy said of the proposed tri-party deal.

What could have been a battle over rights to provide sewer service to River Run Shopping Cen-  
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## First base

### Good starting point for city electric rates

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

The fixed monthly portion of electric bills sent each customer of the City of Southport electric system will be lower beginning July 1, if the board of aldermen adopts an electric rate restructuring proposal advanced by public services director Ed Honeycutt.

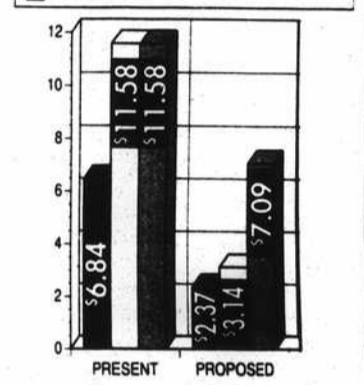
Lower "base" rates come as the city attempts to design a fair overall rate structure, based on a demonstrable cost of providing electric service to each customer -- residential, commercial or commercial demand. By rewarding, with its usage rate, customers who minimize electric consumption through participation in a load management plan, the city hopes to lower monthly electric bills for most customers.

Honeycutt says base rates have been lowered in the restructuring plan to cover only specific fixed costs of providing service. The lower cost also leaves a bigger portion of the monthly bill to be paid through usage  
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### ELECTRIC RATE RESTRUCTURING PLAN

Monthly Base Rate Reduction for the City of Southport

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## Brunswick schools

# Audit report: central office is uninvolved

By Holly Edwards  
Feature Editor

The Brunswick County school system central office staff does not work closely enough with individual schools, some teachers have low expectations of students and accept substandard work, there is a lack of staff development programs for teachers and principals, instructional opportunities vary from school to school, and there is a general confusion within the school system about where the system wants to be and how it wants to get there.

These are among primary findings of a curriculum audit of the school system conducted by consultants from Piedmont Triad Horizons Education Consortium of Greensboro. Auditors spent five days conducting on-site interviews and about three

months reviewing school system documents. The cost of the study was \$9,500.

Positive aspects of the school system noted by auditors included the perception among students and parents that school staff members genuinely care about their students, adequate funding for technology and a strong technology plan, cleanliness of school facilities and strong leadership from interim superintendent John Jones and the school board.

The auditors concluded that the potential for the school system's future success is high despite below average test scores in the past.

"Most importantly, the audit shows we've got things in place to move to the next step," said school board member Billy Carter. "And it reemphasizes that the single most impor-  
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## Business cards

The State Port Pilot's first business card directory is included in this edition.

