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# **School Offers Scholarships To College-Bound Students**

The principal of Southern High School in Durham is trying to raise \$150,000 by July to fund the grants.

#### By UMUR TUNCER Staff Writer

Principal Henry Pankey of Southern High School in Durham has started the "Diamonds In The Rough" program, which will provide all graduating seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship if they choose to attend college.

The program will depend on large corporations and individuals in the community for the majority of its funding.

The initiative will need to raise \$150,000 to provide the school's expected 150 college-bound graduates with scholarships, Pankey stated in a press release The fund has already raised \$30,000,

two-thrids of which was contributed by General Electric.

Pankey said the idea had sparked a great deal of student interest in his 200person senior class.

"When I announced the program, they were yelling and screaming," he

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campus. Though he said he was relatively new to the human relations territory, other people said they had confidence in Fay's ability to handle the new position.

Student Body Secretary Minesh Patel said he expected great things from Fay in his new position. "I think you'll find that Zach is very motivated and very

"I had not seen this kind of enthusiasm in high school students. They are excited about this." Assistant Principal John Benson said

Assistant Frincipal John Benson said he was very optimistic about the future success of the program. "I think we've had an extremely sup-portive start, and we're looking forward to the month of February to solidify our opening," Benson said. Southere's Studiest Bady Bensidert

Southern's Student Body President said many students now felt more positive about post-graduation opportunities

"I think there has been an increase in the number of students who are consid-ering attending college," Harris said. "It's a good feeling. It's given the students a better outlook as far as career goals."

Pankey said part of his motivation behind introducing the program to his "heterogenous school with a strong mid-dle-class base" was to give students a monetary incentive for scholastic achievement.

"Many people don't understand, but a thousand dollars can make a lot of difference," Harris said.

Benson said he created the program in part to encourage students to continqualified," he said. "He has a lot of ener-

gy and he has already started planning

Eric Johnston, a graduate of UNC and a friend of Fay's, said he had faith in

Fay's ability as a leader, even though he

was new to the committee. "There is not

one position on this campus that Zach

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# **Quayle Tosses Hat Into Presidential Ring**

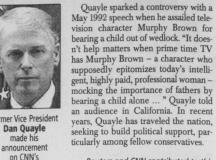
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WASHINGTON - Former Vice President Dan Quayle announced Thursday night he is running for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination.

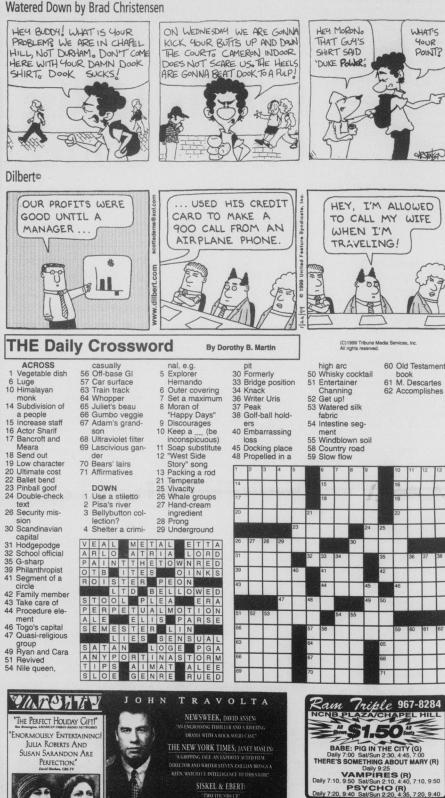
"I want to be president," Quayle declared in an appearance on CNN's Larry King Live. "I think I'm the best qualified." Quayle said he will file a statement of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission next week, putting him in a growing field of Republican White House contenders and announcing establishment of a cam-

paign fund-raising ommittee President As George Bush's president vice from 1989 to 1993. Quayle sought to distinguish himself with various projects, but was forever For by marked a series of gaffes, like when he went to a school and misspelled potato.

Larry King Live.



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to the new fund over the next three years "I have a lot of faith and confidence in these students.

ue on to college because a high school

degree did not hold the same value it

did in the past. "I'm absolutely certain everyone

understands the importance of school-ing after high school," Benson said. "The bar has been raised, and it takes

more than a high school diploma to

work for a business. Even a couple of

years of college will do it." Benson said one goal of the program was to give all graduates a chance to go

to college, regardless of grade point average or financial status.

dents who are supported," Benson said. "There are students who just make it

through and are unsung heroes, and they don't have support." Pankey said he did not want any type of exclusion based on scholarship or

"I want every student to have a schol-

Pankey said he would donate \$1,000

"It has always been the successful stu-

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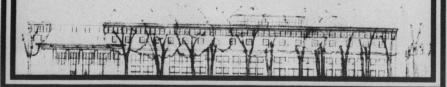
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