

Science students going into local classrooms

Program aims to share knowledge

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UNC science students interested in teaching can sign up today for an opportunity to share the wealth of knowledge they have attained in college with students in local public schools.

INSPIRE, a volunteer program in its second year of existence and its first year under student direction, will host its first interest meeting of the year at 3:30 p.m. in Union 226.

The program pairs UNC students with public school classes in which they can pass their college science lessons to younger students following in their path.

"The program is meant to appeal to whoever wants to go share their excitement to younger kids," said junior Rohit Prakash, director of the INSPIRE program.

The program, created by Prakash, is designed to bring UNC students into the science classrooms of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools to give students another perspective on the subject.

The name INSPIRE is not an acronym but a one-word summary of the program's goal, Prakash said.

"Not many kids have had the opportunities that (UNC students) have had," he said. "INSPIRE integrates science into a service program."

In its former incarnation, INSPIRE was a one-credit course run by UNC professors.

Prakash said he decided it would be better for students to take con-

trol of INSPIRE and relieve professors of some of the work load.

Students who volunteer will visit science classrooms in elementary, middle and high schools about 12 times a year for sessions that will last between one and three hours. The program is set to begin the third week of September.

Prakash said he is confident the program will remain popular among UNC students.

Last year 50 University students participated in the program, which involved about 50 CHCCS teachers and 1,000 preschool through 12-grade students.

"The interest is always there," Prakash said. "From my experience last year, the teachers were always enthusiastic. They love having undergrads come in. It adds a little spice to their class."

Bob Bedell, a sixth- and seventh-grade science teacher at Guy B. Phillips Middle School, said the program is a great idea.

"It is very beneficial to the kids," he said. "They think it's a great idea — they did last year."

Senior Deb Bellan, the teacher coordinator for the program, said she thought college-age students would interest the younger students because of their closeness in age.

Bellan said the program also is beneficial to the graduate and undergraduate students who volunteer.

"It gives more freedom to the students," she said. "It is more than just grading papers. They can go in there and talk about any aspect of science. Other programs are more narrow."

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State vet sets sight on corralling disease

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Family pictures and a University of Georgia diploma decorate the walls, while a "World's Best Boss" coffee mug rests on the large desk. Books with covers of cracked leather and flimsy pages inside fill the antique shelves.

Glancing around the spacious office, located in downtown Raleigh, visitors would think it was the home base of a savvy businessman or even a politician.

Until their eyes zero in to read the title of one of the many books — "The Foot of the Horse."

This eclectic office houses Dr. David Marshall, the N.C. Department of Agriculture state veterinarian, a man who, at one time, was more at home in a clinic than an office.

Marshall began his career in veterinary medicine after graduating from Clemson University and the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. Marshall worked in Salisbury at Rowan Animal Clinic until 1988, when he came to Raleigh and began working with meat inspection in the Department of Agriculture.

In 2000 the position of state veterinarian was vacant and Marshall jumped at the opportunity.

"You'll have to ask (former state Agriculture Commissioner (Jim) Graham why he asked me to take the job," Marshall said. "I like to think it's because I've proven myself for 12 years."

Marshall prides himself on being able to converse with people who call the department looking for answers to their various animal concerns, especially with the current increase in cases of Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis and West Nile virus.

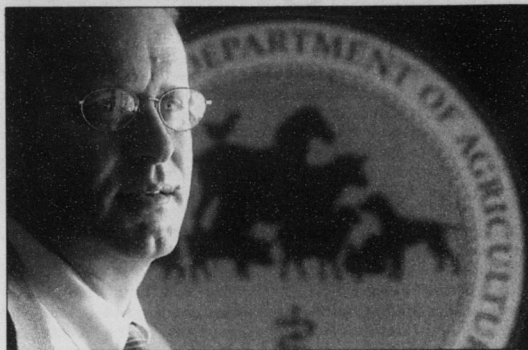
"They can call and get answers," Marshall said. "I try to do a lot of personal stuff."

The current EEE and West Nile surge is "just one more challenge that this office is responsible for," Marshall said. Despite strained resources and budget difficulties, Marshall and coworkers are meeting the issue head-on.

Though EEE has attracted the public's attention recently, Marshall is quick to point out that it is a disease that has been around for a century. There is a vaccine for EEE available that many horse owners take advantage of, but cases still spring up annually, with this year being "an abnormally active year," he said.

While Marshall does not handle such diseases directly and has no desire to return to practicing veterinary medicine, he acts as department figurehead. After working for eight years on large and small animals in Salisbury, he became "burned out on the long hours and middle of the night calf deliveries."

Now, his average day consists of attending meetings and working



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Dr. David Marshall has dealt with EEE and West Nile virus serving as N.C. Department of Agriculture state veterinarian since 2000.

on the department's many concerns, including enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, inspection of nonprofit shelters and investigation of every aspect of animal disease, primarily for livestock and equine.

While a suit isn't typical vet attire, Marshall finds gratification in his profession.

"I miss (practicing) at times," he said. "I'm not going to be dishonest and say there's not a pretty October afternoon that I'd like to deliver a calf, but I like the professional gratification and making a big difference to the big picture."

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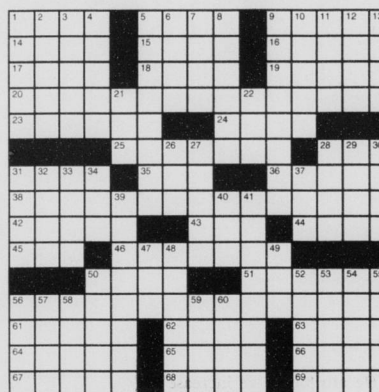
THE Daily Crossword

By Robert H. Wolfe

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Look over
 - 5 Price
 - 9 Outcropping
 - 14 Head light?
 - 15 Song for a diva
 - 16 Spelunker
 - 17 ICU element
 - 18 ___ of Gilead
 - 19 Seriously chubby
 - 20 Start of quip
 - 23 Detection device
 - 24 Took off
 - 25 Elegantly stylish
 - 28 Small Eurasian viper
 - 31 Vega's constellation
 - 35 Brew in a bag
 - 36 Usher's route
 - 38 Part 2 of quip
 - 42 Encounter
 - 43 Knock lightly
 - 44 Kind
 - 45 Before, briefly
 - 46 Hindered
 - 50 A way away
 - 51 Vagabond
 - 56 End of quip
 - 61 More qualified
- DOWN**
- 1 Closes
 - 2 Birchbark vessel
 - 3 True up
 - 4 Class writing
 - 5 Nightclubs
 - 6 Verbal
 - 7 Missile shelter
 - 8 Mexican menu item
 - 9 Habitual violator
 - 10 Customary practice
 - 11 Don't ___ do that again!
 - 12 Fewer
 - 13 Guitar ridge
 - 21 Dress up
 - 22 Banns word
 - 26 Butterfly catcher

- 27 Discernment
- 28 Soot-covered
- 29 Stick or happy starter
- 30 Rose of baseball
- 31 Harp family member
- 32 "___ Show of Shows"
- 33 Cryptic character
- 34 Pierre's pal
- 37 Addams Family cousin
- 39 Distinctive outfits
- 40 Possessed
- 41 Light musical production
- 47 Player's piece
- 48 Push onward
- 49 Matriarch of a warren
- 50 One of the Astaires
- 52 Very skilled
- 53 Word before oil or mouth
- 54 Tedium
- 55 Prepare for war
- 56 Unit of length
- 57 Comply
- 58 ___ Bator, Mongolia
- 59 Commotion
- 60 First name on the moon



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