

# School News

## School Briefs

Richmond Community College has released the honor's lists for fall quarter. Philip A. Sheats of Raeford, a mechanical engineering technology major, has been named to the President's List with a 4.0 grade point average.

North Carolina State University Chancellor Larry K. Monteith conferred degrees on about 2,365 students when the university held 1996 fall graduation on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh.

Dr. Jerry Punch, a trauma specialist and television sports reporter who graduated from NC State, delivered the graduation address.

Candidates for degrees were from 94 North Carolina counties, 41 other states and 48 foreign countries. NC State holds graduation ceremonies each year in the spring and fall.

Following are the local candidates for degrees, their addresses and curricula: Ann Marie Richards, master's degree; and Karen Horton Allen, doctorate degree.

During the month of December Rockfish-Hoke Elementary students studied Christmas celebrations around the world and successfully integrated its study into various classroom learning centers.

This year students and staff were treated to a special Christmas play by the Hampstead Players at the school on December 13. The play was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The chorus at Rockfish-Hoke performed its annual Christmas Concert on Monday, Dec. 17 for PTA, parents and staff. Staff and students are looking forward to upcoming holidays and making plans for the annual science fair projects during the month of February.

Rockfish Hoke had five members of the State Department of Public Instruction to visit with staff and students December 12.

The school was delighted to be able to have them tour the school to meet students and staff, and to be able to have them listen to school concerns regarding the new ABC plan, the issue of year-round schools and the changing curriculum.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mike Ward, made his "inaugural visit" to the public schools of North Carolina at Rockfish Hoke on this day.

The group was treated to hot cider and Christmas cookies and given several special gifts from the school.

This Christmas season was made brighter for some of Hoke County's neediest families due to the many toys donated by the fifth grade D.A.R.E. students of Hoke County's D.A.R.E. program.



Amy Smith

Gardner-Webb University recently inducted 49 students into the Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society. A ceremony to induct the students was held November 24 on the Gardner-Webb campus.

Amy Leigh Smith was among the inductees. She's the daughter of Fred and Jeannie Smith of Raeford.

To be eligible for membership, a student must be a junior or senior in the top 10 percent of the class, and have distinguished himself or herself by academic accomplishments. Dr. Bob Morgan, Alpha Chi sponsor, said, "It is the highest honor bestowed upon a group of students."

Students were asked to participate in this community project as part of a good citizenship activity. Students were from Upchurch Elementary School, Scarlock Elementary School, Rockfish-Hoke Elementary School, JW McLaughlin Elementary School and South Hoke Elementary School.

The toys were picked up at the schools by Sgt. Janice Mincey and Sgt. Bryant of the Hoke County Sheriff's Office, and brought to the community center in South Hoke and the H.E.L.P. store on Main Street in Raeford for distribution.

The D.A.R.E. officers want to thank all of the students and their families for taking part in this project for Hoke County. They also want to acknowledge and thank the citizens of this county who were not D.A.R.E. students, but had heard about the drive and donated items.

Angela Marie Crews, daughter of Georgia Crews of Raeford, made the Dean's List at UNC-Wilmington for the fall semester. Crews is in graduate school, pursuing a master of arts degree in public history. Also awarded to her for the first year of study were the New Scholars Award and a Teaching Assistantship.



### Confusion at Christmas

Students at West Hoke Elementary School finished the days before Christmas vacation with a Christmas dinner prepared by cafeteria staff and dressing up as opposites. In this picture, the "boys" are really girl kindergarten students and the "girls" are really boy students.



### Special visitors

Rockfish Hoke Elementary School was among several of the schools visited by state school board officials last week. Pictured are Richard Thompson, state deputy superintendent; Don Steed, superintendent of Hoke County schools; Dennis Lee, assistant principal at Rockfish Hoke; Mike Ward, superintendent of Elect NC; Tommy Sparks, PTA president; Kay Williams, director of communications; Jim Barber, associate superintendent; Mildred Bazmore, chief of testing and Darlene Clark, principal.



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