



DETRIE SIMON SMALL SMITH BURTON HOUSAND

Two Advance To Regionals In Morehead Competition

A West Brunswick coed is one of two Brunswick County seniors who will advance to regional competition next month for a John Motley Morehead Scholarship Award to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Pamela Detrie, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Detrie of Shallotte, and James Lee (Jim) Simon Jr. of South Brunswick High School were selected from a field of six nominees, two from each county high school. Simon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Simon Sr. of Bolivia.

Both Miss Detrie and Simon have won one-time \$500 Merit Award scholarships to UNC as county nominees. They will advance to the southeast regional interviews to be held Dec. 17 in Kernersville. Nominees are judged on four criteria: leadership, scholarship, character and physical vigor.

Also interviewed from West Brunswick for a county nomination was Meg Small, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Small of Shallotte.

Terri Antonette Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McClain of Southport, was the second candidate from South Brunswick High.

Candidates from North Brunswick High School were Michael Burton (daughter of Leland and Lillian Burton of Leland) and Bryan Housand, son of Billy Wayne and Barbara Jean Housand of Leland.

Miss Detrie is co-captain of the

girls' volleyball team and will have played volleyball, basketball and softball for four years. She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, secretary of the Latin Club and a member of the National Honor Society. She serves as a peer counselor.

Also, she has volunteered with the Clothes Closet ministry of the South Brunswick Interchurch Council and was a Turtle Watch volunteer at Holden Beach. She is president of the youth organization at Camp United Methodist Church in Shallotte.

Miss Detrie expects to pursue a pre-medical curriculum, majoring in biology or chemistry.

Simon also is a multi-sport athlete, football three years and wrestling and baseball two years. During his senior year he is playing basketball instead of wrestling.

Also he is president of Interact, has served as a page in the State House of Representatives, and is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish, DECA and Anchor clubs and Brunswick County Health Department Student Health Board. He has attained the honor roll consistently while holding down a part-time job and playing sports.

He would like to train for a career in nuclear engineering.

Miss Small was co-captain of the girls' volleyball team and also played softball. She is a member of

the Spanish Club and National Honor Society, serves as SGA senior class secretary and is a peer counselor.

Miss Smith, president of South Brunswick's student body, is interested in a career in chemical engineering. She was student of the year for the South chapter of ROCCAM: in 1990-91, has served two years as treasurer of the Anchor Club, treasurer two years and belongs to the National Honor Society, DECA, Spanish and Interact clubs.

In the community she is active in the NAACP, The Brunswick Players and Brunswick County Student Health Board and ushers at her church.

An honor student, she attended Governor's School last summer, received a commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Corp. 1992 Achievement Program for Outstanding Negro Students and received the chemistry and U.S. history awards last year. She plays softball in her community.

Miss Burton was recognized as a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Corp. 1991-92 Achievement Program for Outstanding Negro Students, attended Governor's School and is a member of the National Honor Society.

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ment programs. She also worked at Leland Town Hall. Miss Burton wants to become an English teacher and a writer.

Housand has lettered in varsity baseball, football and has participated in basketball. He belongs to Boy Scouts, Young Democrats of America, the National Honor Society, Spanish and SADD clubs. He coaches and umpires Dixie Youth baseball and serves as president of the school band. He was named most outstanding band student last year, among other honors, and serves as vice president of his church youth group.

Henry G. Foy of Long Beach served as chairman of the county selection committee, which also included Douglas W. Baxley of Shallotte, Glen Peterson of Leland, Edward G. Mintz of Bolivia and Teresa Conrad of Southport.

The Morehead Award provides an all-expense paid undergraduate education at UNC. Its value to an in-state student is more than \$59,000 for four years of study on campus and summer internships available through the Morehead Foundation's Summer Enrichment Program.

Seventy finalists chosen in regional competition will be invited to Chapel Hill for interviews with the foundation's central selection committee Feb. 22-25, as well as one nominee from each of the schools nationwide and three nominees from a Florida regional committee.

Brunswick Schools Receive Good Audit For 90-91 Year

BY SUSAN USHER

Brunswick County Schools received an unqualified opinion on its audit for fiscal year 1990-91, with auditor Charles Flowers praising improvements made in internal controls while recommending some "fine tuning."

"The systems and operation of those systems during the year ending June '90 were sometimes chaotic. There has been significant improvement this year in application of accounting procedures and internal controls," Flowers told the Brunswick County Board of Education Monday night. Flowers represents the firm of Turlington, Flowers and Associates of Tarboro.

Board Chairman Donna Baxley praised Finance Director Rudi Fallon and her staff, saying, "I think we came from unstructured chaos into being."

Adoption of a conflict of interest policy was the first of Flowers' five recommendations. This is fine tuning, he told the board, not meant to imply gross weaknesses or errors.

While state statutes address conflict of interest, Flowers said a local policy "would put all employees on notice." State law is "a little more strict" for school boards than for municipal and county government, he suggested.

Flowers also recommended:

- Better documentation in meeting minutes of board approval of and the advertising and sale of surplus property.

- Eliminating duplication of the general ledger for the school food service fund. The fund has been maintained on a separate computer system but now could be maintained on the school system's primary computer.

- Improving the general fixed asset accounting records by cross-referencing which titles to appropriate asset number. At least one auditor was unable to render an opinion on the school system's fixed assets because such an inventory was nonexistent.

- Abiding by IRS rules that require payments to non-employees of

more than \$600 during the calendar year for personal services be reported on a Form 1099. "This is something the IRS is taking seriously," said Flowers. "The sanctions can be very costly." As one possible example, he cited payments to athletic officials by several schools that could exceed that limit during the course of a year.

Auditors identified no "material weaknesses" in contrast to the previous year when six were identified and two years earlier when at least four were identified.

The school system's general fund or local current expense fund was "in solid financial condition" for the second consecutive year, with \$1.1 million undesignated, not available for use this year.

For the year ending June 30, 1991, the schools spent \$7.14 million in general (local) operating funds, \$26.07 million in state and federal funds and \$1.97 million for capital outlay.

Auditors found spotty state and federally-funded programs in compliance with specific requirements with only a few "immaterial" findings which management has already addressed and which did not affect the auditor's opinion.

The school system corrected one item of non-compliance. The finance officer was not covered with a required bond of between \$10,000

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HEADSTART TO RELOCATE

North Center Closing, Funds Sought For New Lincoln Site

BY SUSAN USHER

While moving ahead with plans to relocate its Northwest Community Head Start program outside the county, Four-County Community Services Monday asked the Brunswick County Board of Education's support in seeking funds for a new Head Start site in Leland.

If funded, the proposed center would be located on the grounds of Lincoln Primary School and would mean an expansion of the number of students served in Brunswick County and the number of days they are served, said Faye Gore, assistant Head Start director and education coordination assistant for Four-County Community Services of Laurinburg.

On a motion by Robert Stockert, school board members adopted a resolution of intent to approve a 10-year lease of a site for the center at Lincoln School at their next business meeting, provided all legal and other requirements can be met. Board Attorney Glen Peterson is now reviewing a proposed lease agreement.

Head Start is a federally funded child development program aimed at helping break the cycle of poverty by providing preschool children of low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs.

Four County plans to apply for a

federal grant to open a 2,800 square-foot modular facility at Lincoln School that would house 40 students, serving them five days a week.

It proposes to contract with the host school for meals and is asking to hook on to the school's water and sewer services, said Mrs. Gore. The center would provide its own electrical service and would be willing to provide its own fencing and playground equipment if necessary.

Presently Four-County serves 40 four-year-old students, two days each week at its center in northwest Community, which it plans to close in the near future. Students served at that center would be transported to Ransom Center in Armore in Columbus County. That site is now being renovated.

The Northwest Center is in poor condition, has water and septic system problems and has insufficient space in which to expand, she said.

For the past four years the center has relied on Lincoln Primary School for both breakfast and lunch service. Buses are routed by the school each morning and then return for lunch.

Mrs. Gore acknowledged that some parents have expressed concern about the proposed move and the travel time involved but said she hopes the proposal for a new center and more information about

the relocation would ease those concerns.

Total daily travel time for students now served at the Northwest Center will not increase with the move, since they now have to be bused to Lincoln for meals, she said.

With the move, Mrs. Gore said the center will be able to serve 10 additional students, for a total of 50, and five days a week instead of two.

The proposed Lincoln Head Start center would serve an additional 40 students, five days a week, she said. Should the public schools begin serving four-year-olds, as is now being proposed at the state level, then the center would shift to serving three-year-olds.

If you could serve those children five days a week that would be a big help to us (the schools)," said Mose Lewis, assistant superintendent for instruction.

Eligible students in northern Brunswick County would attend either the Ransom or Lincoln center, whichever is closest.

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days each week at its Cedar Grove Center near Supply and 60 students five days each week at its Longwood Center.

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