

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

19 Brunswick County Students Earn Bachelor's Degrees

Nineteen Brunswick County students were among 422 earning bachelor's degrees from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington at the end of the fall 1992 semester.

Shallotte students receiving degrees included Elizabeth Jane Janey, Gennie Griffin Madison, Ginny Gurganus Pridden and Peggy Dennis Reeves.

Bolivia students included Charles Ellis King, Monica Lisa Blue Mills, and Michael Andrew Schaub.

Southport students included Reed Douglas Monday, Nancy Shry Renn and Kimberly Burd Royal.

Others are Sue Bordeaux Bollinger, Leland; Frederick Price Clingpeel, Winnabow; Esther Galloway Fields, Winnabow; Cassandra Mizhir Gray, Supply; Betty Jane Keane, Yaupon Beach; Lisa Bennett Locklear, Leland; William Herman Long III, Longwood; Teresa Diana Todd, Leland; and Dorothy Nancy Talbott, Long Beach.

Wins Pageant

Savannah Paige Reaves recently won the title of Tiny Miss N.C. Valentine Princess. She is the 5-year-old daughter of Glenn and Rachel Reaves of Shallotte.



REAVES

Grandparents are Susie Jones of Shallotte and the late Earl Jones, and Willie Reaves of Nakina and the late Carlos Reaves.

Pritchard Cited

Tina Pritchard, special populations coordinator for the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department, received two awards last month.

On Feb. 12, the Rotary Club of South Brunswick Islands presented their Distinguished Service Citation to Pritchard for providing "service above self" to her community.

Pritchard also was honored for her role as an administrator by the North Carolina Sports Foundation and North Carolina Amateur Sports at a Leadership in Action Conference Feb. 6 in Greenville.

Trained At Ft. Wood

Pvt. Tracie D. Farrington has completed basic training at Fort Leonard E. Wood, Missouri.



FARRINGTON

She is the daughter of Larry E. Farrington of Mooresville and Nancy H. Farrington of Long Beach.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Honored For Service

Two Brunswick County men were recently awarded the Coast Guard Humanitarian Service Medal.

Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Taymond H. Bitney, son of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Bitney of Southport, was serving aboard the U.S. coast Guard Cutter *Jarvis*, homeported in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Lt. Alexander Limos, son of Teofilo E. and Peggy J. Limos of Leland, was serving with Commander, Coast Guard Section Greater Antilles, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

They received the awards for "extraordinary service" during the period from Oct. 1, 1991, through November 1992, when the men and wo-

men of the Coast Guard undertook several massive operations involving the entire service in "selfless acts of humanitarian assistance far beyond the call of duty."

Both participated with other members of the Coast Guard in duties ranging from maritime search and rescue, and marine environmental protection, to national defense and law enforcement.

Bitney is a 1982 graduate of the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, with a B.S. degree and a 1983 graduate of Washington State University, Pullman, Wash., with a B.S. degree.

Limos, a 1979 graduate of North Brunswick High School, joined the Coast Guard in September 1979.

Earns Award

Ginny G. Pridden of Shallotte, a December graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, received the Chancellor's Achievement Award during her final semester of studies.

The award is presented by Chancellor James R. Leutze to students who take 15 or more credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

Pridgen worked while pursuing her college degree.

She is presently teaching second grade at Union Elementary School on an interim basis.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lesley N. Ellis has been named noncommissioned officer of the year and training manager of the year at RAF

Upper Heyford, Oxford, England.

Ellis, the son of Violet L. Jester of Shallotte, was chosen for "exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other qualities," according to an Air Force news release.

He is a 1974 graduate of Northeast Guilford High School, McLeansville, and received an associate degree in 1989 from the Community College of the Air Force.

Serves As Page

Joel Gupton of Supply served as page in the N.C. House of Representatives recently.

He was sponsored by Rep. David Redwine.

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"The page program plays a vital role," House Speaker Dan Blue said. "It gives hundreds of students a year a chance to interact with their government. And it gives lawmakers a chance to meet and listen to some of their most important constituents, their schoolchildren."

Named NCO Of Quarter

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Edward W. Sloan Jr. has been named noncommissioned officer of the quarter at Beale Air Force Base, Marysville, Calif.

Sloan, a power production section

supervisor, is the son of Rosa L. Galloway of Leland. He is a 1977 graduate of New Hanover High School, Wilmington.

Completes Basic

Pvt. 1st Class Andrea S. Coatney has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Coatney is the daughter of Sarah Coatney of Bolivia and Charles Gaskins of East Orange, N.J.

She is a 1992 graduate of South Brunswick High School

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Brunswick County Team Will Look At Promoting Academic Excellence

A team of 20 educators, parents and business leaders representing Brunswick County will take part in a March 22 forum aimed at helping develop a community-wide plan to promote academic excellence in the county schools.

The forum will be held at the Wilmington Hilton from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is being co-sponsored by the UNC-Wilmington School of Education, the Southeast Technical Assistance Center and the Consortium for the Advancement of Public Education (CAPE).

Forum direction will be based upon ideas generated from discussions that have taken place over the past two years in meetings of faculty in the School of Education with local educators regarding SAT scores and related instructional issues.

Forum speakers will focus on academic excellence, with SAT scores as one indicator. Robert Tyndall, dean of the UNC-W School of Education, said forum participants will look at ways to help increase SAT scores, particularly for low achieving students.

Speakers will include James R. Leutze, chancellor; Paula B. Potter, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, Chattanooga (Tenn.) Public Schools, and Larry Matthews, associate director of admissions and guidance services, College Board Regional Office, Atlanta.

In addition to general sessions, time will be set aside for meetings of school system personnel and of constituent groups to collaborate in creating a community-wide plan for promoting academic excellence.

At a recent forum on the UNC-W campus, Leutze noted that SAT scores, while debatable in terms of their value, "are the currency of the realm," as a leading indicator of student readiness for college-level work. Higher SAT scores for entering freshmen is considered a gain for a college.

This past year the average SAT score for incoming freshman at UNC-W was 940, while the average SAT score for southeastern North Carolina students was 800.

As UNC-W's regional reputation continues to grow and 6,000 or more students continue applying for the

1,200 spaces in its freshman class, it expects the average SAT score of those accepted to also increase, said Leutze.

"We must close the gap as the university raises its standards," said Tyndall, "or we will be eliminating students in the region we are trying to serve."

UNC-W is willing to help area school systems do that in areas ranging from sharing technological knowledge to providing teacher in-service training, student teacher preparation and student achievement recognition, and helping with planning and goal-setting.

"Schools and educators are pulled in so many directions," he said. "We need to focus on outcome, not the change of the month or the program of the month. If it is effective and gets outcomes, we don't really have to re-name it every year."

Leutze envisions several emphases in regional school improvement efforts, giving importance to technology in general and educational technology specifically; student academic excellence; and higher student retention rates.

Led by Superintendent Ralph Johnston, Brunswick County's participants will include: Donna Baxter, school board chair; Sue Sellers, South Brunswick High School principal; Nancy Coble, high school science teacher; Char Porter, high school English teacher; Melba Johnson, high school English teacher; Susan Tubb, high school geometry teacher; Gussie Mapson, high school math teacher; Carey Gordon, high school counselor; Diana Mintz, South Brunswick Middle School principal; Christy Judah, middle school counselor; May Moore, middle grades teacher; Latty Stanley, Southport Elementary School principal; Carol Midgett, elementary teacher

Also participating from the central office will be James E. McAdams, secondary school supervisor; Gloria Talley, staff development and public information director; and Jean Parker, testing coordinator.

Community participants will include Tedi Fairley, parent; Mary Beth Bianchi, journalist; and David Batten, business representative.

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