

# Interactive science website makes learning fun

Teachers and parents looking for ways to make science relevant and interesting to teen-agers should check out *Science Junction*, an award-winning new Web site from The Science House and the College of Education and Psychology at North Carolina State University.

The site features dozens of hands-on experiments and learning activities, lesson plans and interactive resource materials for teaching and learning about science at home and in the classroom.

It's located at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/science-junction/>.

All learning materials on *Science Junction* are developed in cooperation with middle-school and high-school science teachers and are pre-tested on students in grades 6-12 before

being loaded onto the site. Only those that have been proved to hold students' interest and have won teachers' seals of approval are included, says Dr. John C. Park, associate professor of mathematics and science education at NC State.

New lesson plans, activities and Internet resources are added to the site every month. They are designed to fit into the state's middle and secondary science curricula and are based on the goals of the National Science Education Standards. All are structured so they can be adapted for individual or group learning.

"The goal of *Science Junction* is to forge stronger connections between educators at NC State and the teachers, children and parents of

our state, so that together we can promote interest in science and provide resources for promoting high standards in the classroom," Park says.

From *Science Junction's* homepage, visitors can link to six internal sites:

*Data Depot* features experiments and data sets designed for use in collaborative experiments between classes or schools, or for use by individual students and their parents. Students can use the data to conduct studies on a wide range of topics, from North Carolina water quality to solar eclipses.

*Teacher Terminal* offers interactive lesson plans and Internet resources for teachers and parents. In one lesson plan, "Carolina Coastal Science," students can investigate the natural and man-

made forces affecting the fate of the controversial Shell Island Resort, then debate the future of this and other ocean front structures threatened by coastal erosion. Since going online in late spring, this site has garnered five awards, including being named a Teacher's Choice selection by the Well-Connected Educator.

*Student Station* features hands-on home experiments students in grades 6-12 can try. Or students can link into the "Game Room" for science-based interactive computer games.

Other links lead to *Communications Bridge*, which provides ways for teachers to get in touch with each other and conduct statewide collaborative experiments; *Upgrade Route*, which offers resources for teachers' profes-

sional development and NC State Frontiers, which highlights current research at the university.

*Science Junction* is a collaborative project of NC State's Science House and the College of Education and Psychology. Park and Dr. David C. Haase, director of The Science House, serve as project leaders. The 16-campus University of North Carolina system has selected *Science Junction* as its official

website for outreach to N.C. science teachers, and has listed it as a link on UNC-TV's *Learning Links* site.

The Science House is NC State's learning outreach program for K-12 teachers and students. Each year, its hands-on learning programs, teacher training workshops and other activities reach more than 20,000 students and teachers statewide.

## ISF pageant set Eure graduates

Plans for the fourth annual Miss Indian Summer Festival Pageant are well underway. The pageant will be held Saturday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Perquimans High School.

The pageant committee is seeking young ladies interested in being contestants. Applicants should be residents of Perquimans County who

are of good character and in good academic standing in grades 9-12.

Entry forms are available at Smith's Jewelry and the Perquimans County High School office. Applications must be completed and returned to Lynwood Winslow at Perquimans High School by Friday, Aug. 28.

Jeremy Robert Eure graduated from Tarheel Challenge Academy on July 1. Commencement speakers were Gov. James B. Hunt and U.S. Rep. Mike McIntyre.

Eure received awards for

Literature and the Arts, HRD. Vocational-Carpentry. Fundraising for Charity. Presidential Physical Fitness and CPR.

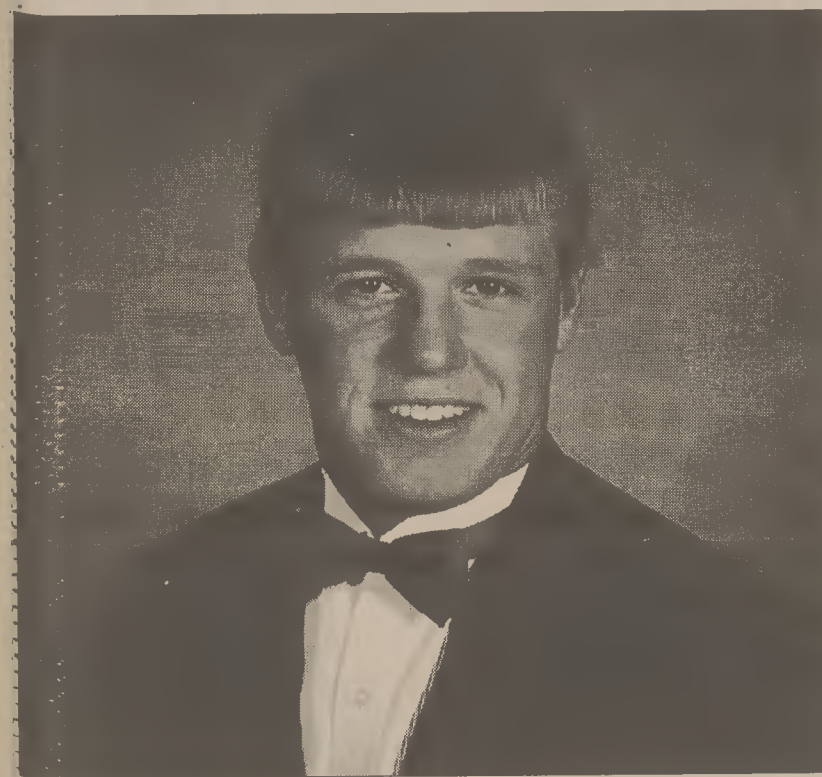
Eure is the son of John and Lillian Eure.

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## Ruritan scholarship

The Durants Neck Ruritan Club recently awarded a \$500 Scholarship to Carson L. Stallings of New Hope under the Ruritan National Foundation's Double Your Dollar Grant Program.

The Double Your Dollar Grant Program is an innovative program that allows the local club to select a worthy individual from their community to receive a grant.

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National Foundation was established to manage and maintain a Trust for the encouragement, promotion, and financing of the charitable, educational and benevolent principles and activities of Ruritan Clubs. The Foundation administers an educational grant and loan program to help students further their education past high school.

Stallings will attend Barton College, where he will play baseball. He is the son of Lee and Debbie Stallings.

## USAA honors two

Two Perquimans County Schools students were recognized by the United States Achievement Academy. Both will appear in the Academy's yearbooks.

Kristen C. Roberts was named a National Award winner in mathematics.

Roberts is the daughter of A.O. and Carole Roberts and the granddaughter of Sadie B.

Eure and Bob and Catherine Brown.

Heather W. Godfrey was named an All-American Scholar for excellence in the academic disciplines.

Godfrey is the daughter of Vance and Karen Godfrey and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Godfrey and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Finley.

## COA offers interactive classes via the Internet

College of The Albemarle's Continuing Education Division will offer new Education to Go Interactive Classes by way of the Internet this fall.

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