



POLICEMAN HONORED — Det. Sgt. Richard Reynolds, back to camera, accepts citation of appreciation from Mayor John Moss, on behalf of the city, on Monday night.

Gaston College Losing Teachers

For the 1977-78 year, the State has reduced Gaston College's budget by \$539,654 or a total of 57 positions, most of them in the instructional area.

According to Dr. Joe Mills, president of Gaston College, the cuts were made for three reasons: (1) Gaston College has had a drop in enrollment, primarily due to a loss of veterans who have completed their programs. (2) The Legislature funds the Community College System on a 23:1 ratio which Dr. Mills says is totally unrealistic in that few classes on campus have 23 enrolled students. (3) Also, the

State Board of Education changed the funding formula to provide greater financial aid to non-credit programs as opposed to credit programs. Gaston College's main trust is in credit degree and diploma programs.

The net effect of the cuts could be a reduction of approximately 150 courses during the 1977-78 year. Most instructional cuts will be in the part-time faculty which totaled some 250 people last year. However, about eight to ten full-time instructional and administrative positions will not be

filled or contracts will not be renewed.

One area will be cut is the Nursing Department. Dr. Mills indicated that the State funds this program at one instructor per 23 students, but the State Board of Nursing insists on one instructor per ten students in the clinical area. Thus, the only way the college can afford this "high cost-low yield" program, according to Dr. Mills is to get local support. Mills indicated he will ask the Board of Trustees to seek approximately \$75,000 from the County Commissioners to fund

the Nursing Programs during the following 1978-79 year. "We just can't operate this program with the low level of state-level support unless we get additional local support," Mills said.

Mills indicated that, as a whole, the Community College System was being funded on a "crisis basis" from year-to-year. None of the sister institutions can be sure of their budget under the present funding formula. Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, for example, was cut approximately \$2½ million dollars this

year. Mills is hopeful that the situation will improve. He said the faculty had reacted positively to the problem, agreeing to assume additional teaching loads to make up the deficit. However, he said, the Legislature and the State Board of Education must do something to ease the funding crisis. This year the University System got a sizeable increase; the public schools got a significant increase, and the private colleges got a 25 percent increase in student aid. The community colleges were cut.

Oak View Homecoming

Oak View Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming Day on Sunday at special services.

Rev. Larry Nunn, the new pastor, will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock morning worship hour and picnic lunch will be spread after the service

on the church grounds. All members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

Rev. Mr. Nunn, who assumed new pastorate duties June 1, comes to Kings Mountain from Shelby.

Four Square Homecoming

Homecoming Day will be observed Sunday at Four Square Gospel Church at 215 Blanton Street.

Rev. Ralph Smith of Concord will fill the pulpit at the 11 a. m. worship hour and special music will feature the Good News Quartet of Concord.

Picnic lunch will be spread at 12:30 on the church grounds and all

members and friends are invited to participate.

A gospel sing will begin at 2 p. m. and will feature the Good News Quartet and Gospel Sounds, plus other groups from area churches.

Rev. Frank F. Simpson, pastor, said the community is invited to attend.

Mountaineer 4-Hers

Report Group Meetings

Mountaineer 4-H Club have held several meetings since their organization at the KM Depot.

Mrs. Brenda Clary gave the program on "How To Make Your Garden Better" and a 4-H Extension leader from Cleveland County presented a program on "How To Have A Good 4-H Club." Mirror-Herald staffer Elisabeth Stewart was guest speaker on "How To Report Your News."

Lori Davis is president of the club, Crystal Bolin is vice president and Angie Hill is treasurer.

Phyllis Lackey, club leader, hosted the group to hotdogs and hamburgers, and all the trimmings at a cookout at her parents' home in Grover, after which the young people enjoyed softball games at Grover School.

Wanda Stowe is 4-H reporter for the club.

WCU Offering Classes On CC Tech Campus

Mrs. Sandra Hardin, associate dean of instruction at Cleveland Tech, has announced that Western Carolina will offer the following schedule of classes on Tech's Campus during the Fall semester:

For those interested in MA or Ed S. in Educational Administration.

Tuesday, August 23, 1977 begins at 8:30 p. m. EDAD 620 School Law — Dr. Joe Walters.

Tuesday, August 23, 1977 Begins at 8:30 p. m. EDSU 615 Techniques of Supervision, Dr. Jerry Rice.

Wednesday, August 24, 1977 Begins at 8:30p. m. EDCE 700 Philosophy of Education, Dr. Gurney Chambers.

Registration and first day of classes will be on the dates indicated above, and anyone interested should report to room 2222, prepared to register and pay all fees (cost is \$25.00 per semester hour plus books.).

Persons interested in any of these classes should register on the day and time listed on the schedule as all classes are subject to cancellation if there is insufficient enrollment. Teachers, Principals interested can use these courses for renewal credit.

Several one and two semester hour independent study courses are available and can be registered for at this time. These include Problem in School Administration, Internship, Research Practicum, and Research in Supervision.

Advisors from Western Carolina University will be on Tech's Campus during registration to answer questions.

Additional information for admissions to Western Carolina University can be obtained by calling 482-8561.

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