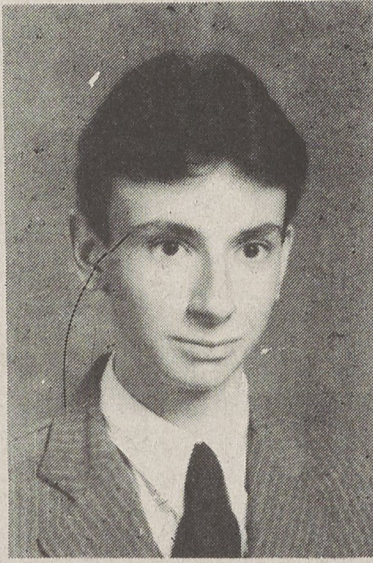


Clayton Ollis Selected To 1986-87 Who's Who List

Clayton L. Ollis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ollis of Kings Mountain, has been selected to the 1987 Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and University.

Ollis is a senior music major at Mars Hill College. He is a member of the MHC Choir, MHC Chamber Singers, New Beginning Singers, CSM Choir and Gnosis. He has served as treasurer and secretary of Iota Alpha Omega, junior class treasurer and Student Justice. He has appeared in The Wizard of Oz and the Music Man. He has received a Marshbanks-Anderson Scholarship and a Music Scholarship.



CLAYTON OLLIS

The Who's Who list was announced by Robert R. Chapman, associate dean for academic affairs. Students were nominated by a panel of 15 students, 15 faculty members and five general

administrative staff members for their participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to the school, promise of future usefulness and acceptable scholarship.

Ollis will receive his cer-

tificate and recognition during Honors Day activities next spring. The Who's Who program has annually honored outstanding campus leaders for 53 years. Since 1934, Who's Who has furthered the aims of higher education by rewarding and recognizing individual excellence on a national level.

With the support of over 1,000 colleges and universities in all sections of the nation, this program reflects the caliber of the American college student. In addition to having their accomplishments presented in the 1986-87 edition of Who's Who, the student members of the program are entitled to use the special reference-placement service maintained for the exclusive assistance of students seeking post-graduate employment or fellowships at no charge to the student, prospective employer or graduate school.

Superintendent Viewpoint

By Bob McRae



Support School Personnel During Education Week

This is American Education Week. I realize our public schools have their critics, sometimes justifiably so. Still, I am proud to be associated with the public schools of this state and particularly with the Kings Mountain District Schools.

I think this special week of recognition for education marks an appropriate time for me to share with you several observations I have about our school system after three months as superintendent.

—Our employees are among the most dedicated I have ever known. They work very hard to provide a wide variety of opportunities for our students. I frequently hear of teachers working at school far beyond normal employee hours. They are genuinely concerned about the overall welfare of our students and go the extra mile to assure that welfare is preserved. Both certified and non-certified staff work cooperatively to promote the system and to move it forward.

—Our facilities have been cared for and kept in good condition as much as possible. Citizens of the community have supported these efforts through bond issues and the supplemental tax. We must realize that we have some very old buildings which should be replaced. However, that should not detract from the efforts that have previously been made and are continuing to be made to maintain them.

—We had to eliminate some programs this year due to budget cuts which we should reinstate as soon as possible. I believe that some excellent examples of programs in this category are the elementary guidance and physical education programs, the bus monitor program, and clerical aide programs. It is always difficult to go backwards in terms of needed programs. We should work to reverse that trend through both local and statewide efforts.

—Our Board of Education takes its job very seriously. No Board and superintendent will agree on every issue which comes up. I believe, however, that our Board will not take action on a matter without thoughtful consideration and a concern for what is in the best interest of all involved parties. I have a great deal of confidence in their decision making process.

—The future for this system is bright. This observation is not based solely on the comments I make about adults, both employees and other community members. I also believe that our students of today are as intelligent and inquisitive a group as any I have ever encountered. We often forget to give them their share of credit for our successes. Yet, they deserve such praise, and you would know that we have many fine young people in our schools. They consistently make high marks, not only in the courses they take but also in community involvement and civic responsibility. The negative deeds of a few should not take away from the accomplishments of many.

Warren Carr, former executive secretary of NEA, once listed six great assets of the American public school system. I think they are still true today.

1. It is controlled by the people.
 2. It is administered by highly skilled professionals.
 3. It enjoys sustained public interest and, with few exceptions, strong public support.
 4. Its program is varied to meet the needs of local communities and their diverse populations.
 5. It is served by skilled independent teachers.
 6. It offers generous opportunity to all at public expense.
- I am grateful that my children have the opportunity to attend the public schools of this state and in particular this community. If you feel the same about your family members who are in school, why not take time to pat the personnel at their schools on the back. I think it will be well deserved.

Higginbothams Announce Birth Of Daughter Mary

Mr. and Mrs. John Higginbotham of Grover announce the arrival of their daughter, Mary Marlowe Higginbotham, Nov. 7th, Charlotte Presbyterian Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Marlowe, Sr. of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Elizabeth Higginbotham of Macon, Ga. The baby's mother is the former June (Punkin) Marlowe of Kings Mountain.

KM Students In G-W Choir

Three Kings Mountain students have been selected to the concert choir of Gardner-Webb College.

They include Karen Lynn Biddix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Lee Biddix and a freshman education major; Madge Merinda Arrowood, daughter of Lana Arrowood and a freshman music major; and Karen Dianne Penner, daughter of Annette Penner and a sophomore music major.

The concert choir represents Gardner-Webb in churches, civic clubs, and official college functions. The choir performs choral literature featuring sacred music, spirituals, and secular songs from all periods of music history in their concerts.

Gospel Concert Slated At G-W

The Gospel Choir and Student Government Association of Gardner-Webb College will present a concert by "Company" November 23 at 7 p.m. in the Dover Theatre.

"Company" is a contemporary gospel group of Christian young men who have chosen to share God's word through song.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets will be one dollar.

Seminars Scheduled At Gaston

The Professional Institute of Gaston College will offer two business seminars in December in Lena Sue Beam Center room H-010.

"Dealing With Employee Conflicts" will be taught by Joe Anne Rogers December 9 from 6-9 p.m.

"Positive Discipline" will be taught by Ms. Rogers on December 16 from 6-9 p.m.

Cost of each session is \$15. For reservations, call Sharon Gibby at 922-3068.

Sharing, Caring Meeting Scheduled

"The Heart and Lungs of a Smoker" will be the topic of this month's Sharing and Caring meeting for heart patients and their families. Peter Wittenburg, MD, a pathologist at Gaston Memorial Hospital, will lead the discussion at 7 p.m. Thursday in hospital classrooms B and C.

The free Sharing and Caring program is sponsored by Gaston Memorial and the Heart Society of Gaston County. For more information, call the hospital's Learning Resources Department at 866-2253.

BREAKFAST
Kings Mountain Kiwanians will hold a pre-Thanksgiving breakfast to replace the Thurs., Nov. 27 meeting.

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