

600 students attend Project Graduation

Some 600 students and 125 adult volunteers attended the sixth annual Project Graduation May 27 at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

A new computerized, bar-coded ticket system tracked 368 seniors and 232 students through the gate. That translates to 43 percent of the eligible seniors actually attending Project Graduation this year.

This year 54 percent of the local high school graduates chose to purchase \$5 tickets for Project Graduation with access to all the food they could eat, games and activities and a professional dj with a light and sound show and the opportunity to win 720 prizes donated by area businesses with others purchased through financial donations.

Prizes this year included a 19-inch color television purchased by Vickie Franks' art students at Kings Mountain Middle School. The students sold original artwork in order to raise the funds necessary to purchase a major gift and to show their support for Project

Graduation. Also among the prizes were eight mini scholarships of \$250 each and six savings accounts ranging in amounts from \$100 to \$1500.

The Cleveland County Schools, Shelby City Schools, Kings Mountain District Schools and the Cleveland County Fair Association were principal sponsors of the event.

The concept for Project Graduation developed in the early 1980s out of a tragedy in a New England state when several high school students were killed in alcohol-related accidents on graduation night. Concerned parents, school officials and community leaders came together to create an alternative celebration to combat the allure of hotel beer bashes and private home keg parties.

"Graduation parties should be fun, not fatal," said Tom Black, a

prevention specialist with CODAP, the Community Organization for Drug Abuse Prevention, a United Way agency that served as coordinator of PG '94.

"Project Graduation was a healthy, positive choice for the graduates and even though not all students chose to attend they had fun," said Black.

"So far this community has been very supportive of PG," said Black. "Together we've all sent a couple of important messages to the kids. We've told them this community cares about the well-being and future of its youth and we've provided them with proof that you can party and have a great time without tobacco, alcohol or other drugs. I hope the community will consciously choose to continue to provide the support and to send those messages to each succeeding senior class."



LUTZ SCHOLARS - Pictured are the 12 students who won Lutz Foundation Awards recently. Scholarships totaling \$16,500 were awarded to high school seniors from a three county area. Front row, from left, Siamphone Phanthalack, Jamie Smith, Jonathan Frost, Cameron Travis Hamrick, Jody Lynn McKinnon and Jill Bradley. Back row, Jennifer Joan King, Jeremy Crocker, Brannigan Chima Thompson, Matthew David Barker, Kevin Parton and Ryan Arrowood. The 16th annual awards luncheon was held May 17.

Courses offered at Cleveland College

The Continuing Education Department at Cleveland Community College will offer a variety of courses during the summer quarter. Unless otherwise noted, registration will be at the first class meeting and cost is \$35, although NC residents age 65 or older may register free.

Upholstery meets each Monday and Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. in

campus room 1019. Instructor is Judy Ledford.

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Beginner quilting meets each Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. in campus room 2007 with Brenda Arrowood.

Arrowood instructs a quilting class each Tuesday from 9 a.m.-

noon in campus room 2007.

Diving class meets each Wednesday from 6-10 p.m. in campus room 1134. Barney Peeler is instructor. Cost is \$260.

Introduction to Windows begins June 13 and will meet each Monday and Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. in campus room 2084. Instructor is Jennifer Jenkins.

Introduction to Computers begins June 13 and will meet each Monday and Wednesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Instructor is Jennifer Jenkins.

Microsoft Works begins June 14 and will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m.-12 noon in campus room 2084. Instructor is Lisa Bridges.

Auto Maintenance begins June 16 and will meet each Thursday from 610 p.m. in the automotive shop. Instructor is David James.

Sewing begins July 11 and will meet each Monday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in campus room 2007. Instructor is Jeanne Burks.

Georgia Wilson will instruct a knitting class each Tuesday beginning July 12 from 9-11 a.m. at Shelby Senior Center.

Notary Public Education starts Monday, July 25, at 6 p.m. in campus room 1138. Instructor is Louise Dubesko.

CCC to host workshop

Cleveland Community College will host an encore performance of the Burns High School workshop production of "Love Letters" June 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the College Auditorium.

The performance is directed by Linda Elliott and features Alonso Gonzales and Selena Williams. The performance is free and open to the public.

Bradshaw graduates from UNC-G May 15

Camiel S. Bradshaw, of 723 Canterbury Rd., was graduated May 15 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Bradshaw earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.



STUDENTS GET REWARD - Kings Mountain Middle School seventh graders in the accelerated reading program got their reward from Principal John Goforth, above. Left to right, Elise Mayse, Constance Simmons, Andy Leigh, Goforth and Robin Perkins. Goforth told the students if they accumulated as many as 10,000 points on a computer based reading program where they read books and completed reports on the computer that he would dress as a woman. "Miss Josephine" dressed up and visited all the classes in blonde wig, panty hose, and high heels. Seventh graders of Ms. Elliott racked up 11,000 points.



A total of 126 students were inducted in the Honors Club at Kings Mountain Middle School Monday. The eighth grade students, above, represent the 42 eighth graders, 54 seventh graders and 30 sixth graders who scored 3.5 grade point averages or above for the school year. Eighth grade teacher Jane Blake presents a scholastic ribbon to Hunter Suber as Becky Jo, Tim Schwantes, Sarah Bunch, Sheila Hamrick and Ann Glidden, left to right, wait their turn.

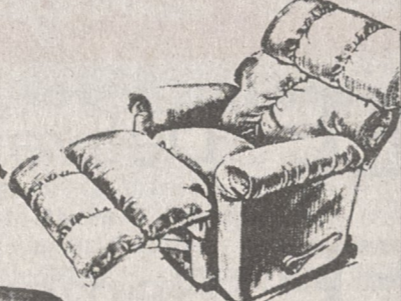
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