

Joel Rountree named assistant principal at Crest MS

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Summer Intern

After 19 years as an educator at Kings Mountain High School, Joel Rountree has accepted the position of assistant principal at Crest Middle School. Rountree assumed his duties Monday, and replaces John Yarbrow, who became assistant principal at Crest High School.

Rountree said he is anxious to work with Richard "Dickie" Cornwell, the new principal at Crest Middle School, and Angella Hauser, an assistant principal at the school, because they share similar philosophies and have the same outlook for Crest Middle School.

"I thoroughly enjoyed being in the classroom," said Rountree. "It was difficult to give that up."

As assistant principal, Rountree will be in charge of eighth grade discipline, bus transportation, and other administrative duties. He will also serve as the school's athletic director and testing supervisor. Rountree said he wants to have an active role in the classroom and interact with the students and faculty.

"Because I love the classroom so much, I think that an administrator should be an instructional leader," said Rountree. "The assistant principal often is a negative role model because we always deal with discipline. I hope that, if at all possible, [the assistant principal could] become a positive role model."

Rountree is a graduate of Shelby High School and Davidson College, where he received his undergraduate degree in history. He obtained his masters degree in social sciences from Appalachian State University in Boone. He also has an associate degree in accounting from Gaston College, and did additional studies at Fayetteville State University and UNC-Charlotte. He received his degree **Soccer registration deadline is Monday**

Monday is the deadline for youngsters to register to compete in the Greater Cleveland County Soccer Association.

Teams are fielded for ages 6-under, 8-under, 10-under, 13-under and 15-under.

Application forms are available at the Kings Mountain Community Center. For more information, call Dan Potter at 734-0563.

Registration set for youth football

Kings Mountain Optimist Club will hold registration for football and cheerleading August 1 at 5 p.m. at City Stadium.

Boys and girls ages 7-12 (can't be over 12 by August 1) are eligible.

All persons registering must take a birth certificate and \$25 registration fee, and must be accompanied by their parents.

Pearson attends British Open

Harold Dean Pearson, former sports editor of the Kings Mountain Herald and now a sportswriter for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, attended last week's British Open Golf Tournament in Scotland.

Pearson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Olland Pearson of Kings Mountain.

in administration work from UNC-Charlotte.

He did his student teaching at Kings Mountain High School, and his first job was with the Kings Mountain District Schools in 1975. He was a teacher at the extended day school at the old Compact School in Kings Mountain for one year. In 1976, he became a teacher at Kings Mountain High School. While at Kings Mountain High School, he taught U.S. history, African-American studies, world history, advanced placement U.S. and European history, fundamental math, and algebra.

He coached girls softball, girls basketball, and cross-country track

at Kings Mountain High School. He was also the advisor of the yearbook and the student council.

Rountree also taught at Cleveland Community College, and was a guest lecturer at Davidson College. He received the Teacher of the Year award for Kings Mountain High School and Kings Mountain District Schools. He also received the Excellence in Teaching award. He is a past member of Phi Delta Kappa, an education fraternity, the North Carolina Association of Education, the National Education Association, the N.C. Commission on Testing, and the Teacher Education Program Advisory

Council at Davidson College.

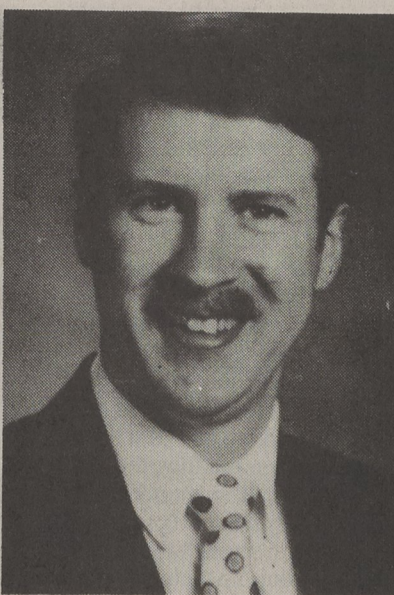
Rountree served in active duty as a field artillery officer in 1972-73, and joined the National Guard in 1984. He is currently in charge of the 113th Field Artillery Brigade in Greensboro.

Rountree's wife, Patsy, is the Child Nutrition Director for the Kings Mountain District Schools. They have three children. Katy, 15, is a sophomore at Kings Mountain High School. Joshua, 14, is a freshman at Kings Mountain High School, and Emily, 10, is in the fifth grade at Grover Elementary School.

Rountree said he felt the time was right to move into an administra-

tive position. Due to North Carolina laws, he was not able to obtain an administrative position at Kings Mountain High School or Kings Mountain Middle School because he has relatives who work at the middle and high schools.

Rountree also said that he had applied for administrative positions with the Shelby City Schools and Gaston County Schools, but chose the position at Crest Middle School for various reasons. He said officials with the Cleveland County Schools were very warm and friendly during the interview process, and that the faculty at Crest Middle School has been very supportive since his appointment.



JOEL ROUNTREE

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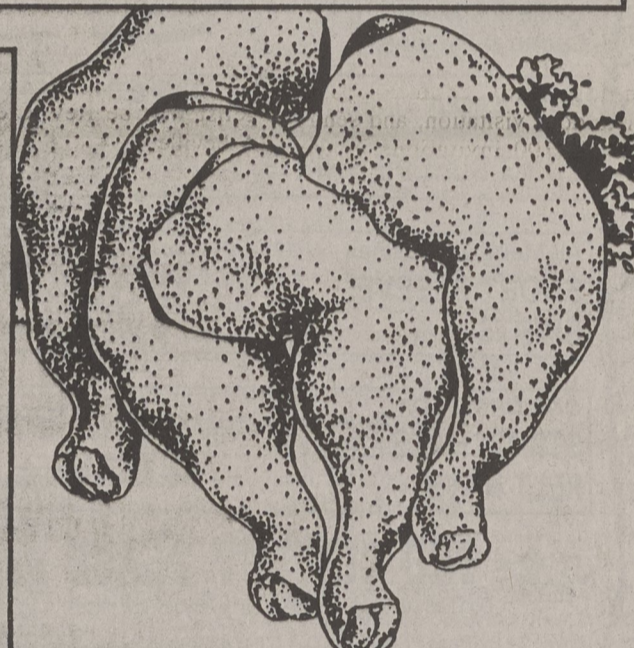


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