

West School D.A.R.E. program has graduation

West School ended its D.A.R.E. program December 17 with a graduation ceremony and celebration. The event was attended by a large group of parents, grandparents and friends.

Sgt. Lisa Capps, D.A.R.E. officer, led the ceremony and presented the essay winners to the assembly. The essay winners had been kept secret until that time.

Amanda Hord was the essay winner from Mrs. Rhoney's class, and Lauren Stallings was the winner from Mrs. Beam's

class. Both students were asked to read their essays and did an excellent job.

"We at West School would like to thank Sergeant Capps for the excellent job she has done with the D.A.R.E. program and wish her well in the future," said Principal Sherrill Toney. "We will miss her. We would also like to thank the many parents who came and supported their children as well as those who threw such a great celebration afterwards. Thank you parents? Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all."



D.A.R.E. ESSAY WINNERS - West School D.A.R.E. essay winners Amanda Hord, left, and Lauren Stallings with Sgt. Lisa Capps

McKinney helps foreign students feel at home

With the fall semester over, most Gardner-Webb students have packed their bags and headed home for the holidays. There is, however, a handful of students who will not be going home.

Many of the 73 international students will spend Christmas with family members elsewhere in the U.S., but several will remain on campus. However, they won't be alone. A lady they refer to as "mom" takes them into her home each Christmas Eve.

Carolyn McKinney is assistant director of admissions and for 14 years has been recruiting students

from foreign countries. "I started out working with one international student the first year I was here," she said. "This year there are more than 70 and I expect six or seven will spend Christmas with me. I am their first contact with the University and I try to take them under my wing."

McKinney even takes the students to church with her on Sundays. But this time of year she makes a special effort to see that students enjoy Christmas. "I just try to show them that motherly love I know they miss. I hope it is their home away from home. On Christmas Eve we prepare a big meal for them, listen to music from their countries, and just enjoy each other's company."

Olaide Agboola, a freshman from Nigeria, will spend his first Christmas away from family members. He admits he will miss Christmas Nigerian-style: the festival-type atmosphere, fireworks, staying up all night and, in particular, his mother who sings carols in Christmas morning.

But he is also appreciative of McKinney's efforts. "She really is an international mom. I look forward to being in her home."

Perhaps it was fate that brought Ola here, but in reviewing the list of colleges from the U.S. Information Services, the name Gardner-Webb jumped out at him. While it didn't prevent him from applying elsewhere, he says Gardner-Webb and McKinney were the first to respond and show the most interest in him. "I came to Gardner-Webb because of how I was received by the Admissions Office and Carolyn."

New courses, program set at Cleveland

News from Cleveland Community College:

Spring registration: Wednesday, Jan. 7 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. Call 484-4081 for information.

New courses:

■ PED 173, Rock Climbing - Monday and Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Includes field trips to Crowder's Mountain and an indoor climbing facility.

■ PED 170 Backpacking - Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30. Includes trips to Linville Gorge.

■ PED 171, Nature Hiking - Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-8 p.m. Includes trips to Crowders Mountain State Park and South Mountain State Park.

*For more information on all three courses, call 484-4093.

■ Farm Medic - January 27, 28 from 7-10 p.m. and January 31 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Upper Cleveland Rescue. To familiarize emergency personnel with farm equipment accidents and farm structures. For more information call 484-4058.

■ Firefighter Basic Recruit Training - January 26-May 6, each Monday and Wednesday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in room 2001. Registration \$35. For more information, call 484-4085.

■ CIS 110 - Introduction to Computers (two sections), CIS 130, Survey of Operating Systems, and Visual C++ Programming. Saturdays, from 8:30-12:30 on campus. 484-4081.

■ HIS 111 - World Civilization I, 9 a.m.-12 noon, and EDU - 111 Early Childhood Credential, 9-11 a.m. 484-4081.

■ GEL 111 - Introduction to Geology, Monday and Wednesday 5:30-8 p.m. 484-4081.

■ Medico Legal Seminar - March 4-April 8, each Wednesday from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in room 2091. Course provides continuing education requirements for radiologists.

■ Medico Legal Seminar (second section), March 24-May 5, each Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. 484-4015.

■ Methodology for EMS instructors - January 9-18, each Friday from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration \$35. 484-4085.

Programs:

■ Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Wednesday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m. in CCC auditorium. Guest speaker Ed Sadler, Supt. of Gaston County Schools. For more information call Linda Ross at 484-4060.

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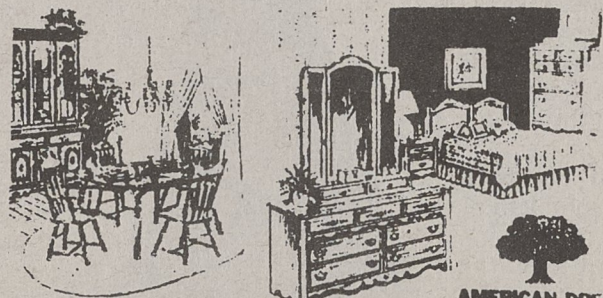
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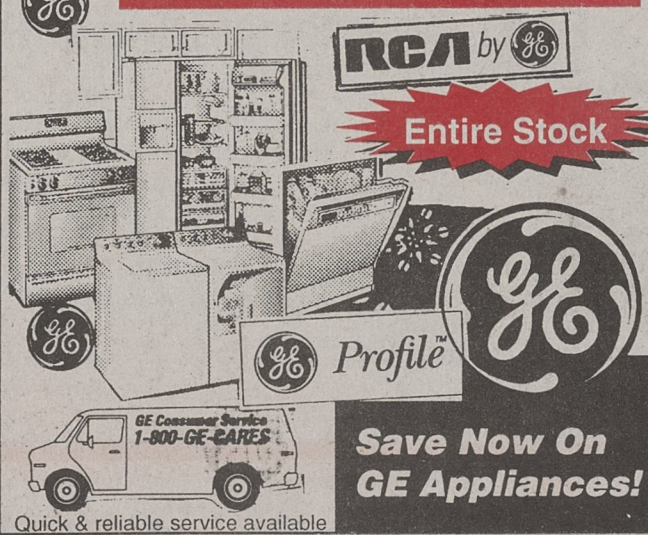
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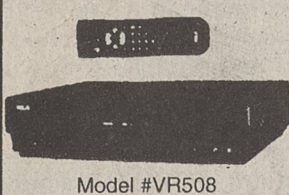
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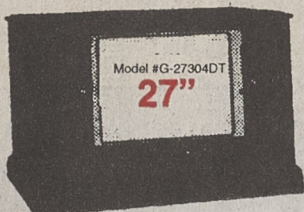
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