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Plan for new feed mill takes first in business plan competition

Services and funding will help get Magmar Feed in operation

By THERESA KILEN
Staff Writer

DOBSON — The Surry County Economic Development Partnership, Surry Community College and the Mount Airy and Elkin chambers of commerce on Wednesday welcomed the winners of the first Surry County Business Plan Competition at the partnership's office on Main Street in Dobson.

Through the contest, 15 would-be entrepreneurs submitted business plans for a chance to win first, second and third place packages that included advertising, office space and

other services with which to start their businesses.

Jeff Brinkley of Pilot Mountain is the first place winner with his business plan for "Magmar Feed Company." With first place, Brinkley received \$7,000 in services including advertising, banking services, office/business space and web site design in addition to \$4,000 in Chamber Checks to be used for additional local goods and services to help further establish his new business.

Brinkley, a land surveyor and cattle farmer, will take over the former White Plains Mill on Old Cattle Ford Road in Mount Airy Friday for his new business and plans to be "up and running full steam" in about three weeks.

"Surry County is number five in cattle production in the state and there are only two mills making livestock feed in

the county," Brinkley said. "Wilkes County is number three, Alleghany is number nine and Yadkin is tenth in the state — so we've got four of the highest cattle producers in the state in this area."

"I raise Simmental cattle, and I've been driving to Lawsonville for years to get my feed. For a farmer, it's always the bottom line. If they have to drive 20 miles to get something cheaper, they will."

"We've been raising and feeding these animals so we know what works and what don't," he said.

Brinkley said that for now he would run the mill himself. He will be installing about \$40,000 worth of equipment into the mill during the next few weeks, and by the first of the year he plans to hire between five and

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First-place winner Jeff Brinkley, second from left, is congratulated by, from left, Dennis Lowe, director of the Small Business Center at SCC; Teresa Osborne, president of the Elkin Jonesville Chamber of Commerce; David Bradley, president of the Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce; and Jan Critz, president of the Surry County Economic Development Partnership.

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seven employees.

Second place was awarded to Teresa Hiatt-Pitts for her business plan "Designer Graphics Portrait Studio." Her second place award includes \$500 in telecommunications services, \$500 in advertising and \$2,000 in Chamber Checks.

Hiatt-Pitts' new enterprise is already open for business at 146 W. Lebanon St. in Mount Airy where she is creating portraits on canvas from digital files, artwork and photographs.

Third place was awarded to Mabelle Beverly and Jessie Patton for the business plan "M & J Creations, LLC." Their third place award includes \$500 in advertising and \$1,000 in Chamber Checks.

Beverly and Patton's business is also in full swing. The two former Pine State Knitwear employees are making custom fitted lab coats at their shop at 696 Maple St., Mount Airy.

Fourth, fifth and sixth place winners also received recognition for their business plans. They are: Roger Keck, "Antiques & More," Teresa Simpson, "Clinical Research of Surry," and Kurt Card, "The Rise and Shine Bakery and Coffee House."

David Bradley, president of the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce, said the competition was designed similar to the Regional Business Plan Competition sponsored by Piedmont Entrepreneurial Network and as advertised on LaunchPad, The Triad Entrepreneurial Initiative website, and is sponsored in conjunction with local businesses. Unlike the Piedmont Entrepreneurial Network competition that is open to residents of all 12 of the counties that comprise the Piedmont-Triad Area, this competition is exclusively for Surry County residents who plan to start a business within the next year.

Submitted business plans included an executive summary, a description of the product, service or business model, management team profile, market analysis, marketing plan, a timeline and financial information to include capital and start-up costs and cash-flow projec-



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Jan Critz, president of the Surry Economic Development Partnership, said that the competition, which was made possible through a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission and by local contributors, would be repeated again next year.

"This business plan competition is designed to generate a sense of entrepreneurialism in the county, because if you look back at the businesses that have been the backbone of the community, they all started with en-

trepreneurs and we've relied on them," Bradley said. "The way we're going to survive in this economy is to promote entrepreneurialism and I think that ought to be a key component of what the chambers, the partnership and the community college should be doing."

"If you can get the guys who have the ideas together with the guys who have the financial capital to get these businesses up and running, everybody wins. Next year I look forward to even bigger and better things."

Workforce Development Center still in planning stage

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DOBSON — Although architects have submitted preliminary design plans for the new Surry Community College Workforce Development Center, a final plan is still in the works and no date for the start of construction has been set.

Commissioners approved financing for the \$1.3 million Workforce Training/Development Center in May. The center is slated for construction inside a vacant shell building at the Surry County Human Resource Center on Rockford Street in Mount Airy.

The architectural firm of Martin, Boa, Anthony and Johnson, the firm that designed the county's new judicial center, provided the cost estimate and a preliminary design plan. However, the preliminary plan makes use of space that is being utilized for equipment storage

by Surry EMS.

Commissioner Craig Hunter said there is still some work to be done before the plans would be ready for submission.

"They are working with the architect to get the plans drawn," he said. "We don't have a full set to submit for a building permit. (EMS Director) John Shelton is consulting with them because EMS has equipment stored in some of that extra space and they have to coordinate possibly moving that equipment and making sure they comply with the new HIPAA regulations. Basically, they have to coordinate with existing operations."

"So far, I don't think there is a set date for construction, but we intend to get this done as quickly as we can to get the center open and take advantage of current interest rates."

SCC President Frank Sells said that he and other

college officials met with county board members involved with the project and were asked for their input.

"We talked about some of the specifics we needed to have in the space, and I guess the architects are going to take it back (to the county board) and will probably give them some options on how to house what we told them we needed to house," he said. "It may not be moving as fast as we want it to, but I think it's on the road."

The college has long outgrown its current facility — the Learning Center — on South Street in Mount Airy. Sells said that during the last three regular semesters The Learning Center has served more than 1,400 students, providing student needs assessments, GED programs, ESL (English as a second language) classes and

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computer skills courses. In addition, the center also houses an HRD (Human Resource Development) program that assists those who are seeking employment with tasks such as building a resume and routinely conducts seminars for displaced workers.

Once completed, the Workforce Development Center would provide space for existing programs now housed at the Learning Center. In addition, the center will host other trade courses to help prepare much of the county's recently displaced workforce for new careers, including small business and focused industrial training programs to service existing businesses. There will also be an effort to work with entrepreneurs who might want to start new businesses to create a "business incubator" within the center.

"The indicators are that Surry County needs to position itself for the eventual economic

upswing that we all hope is coming. If we are going to accomplish what we need to accomplish, then it seems that we would need to build a highly skilled, technologically savvy workforce by providing more entrepreneurial and technological based instruction," Sells said recently. "The number one ingredient for economic development and recovery is an educated workforce. This center will go a long way in helping to uplift the level of skill in our workforce."

Surry County Board of Commissioners Vice-Chairman Paul Johnson said the board could revisit the matter as soon as Monday.

"We didn't like the plans they (the architects) brought back and we've asked them to make some modifications," Johnson said. "But we should have some progress on it pretty soon. I think Fred (Commissioner O'Neal) and Jimmy (Chairman Miller) will give us an update at the next meeting."

The board will meet on Monday.



Retired School Personnel scholarship

Retired School Personnel presented Katie Thorpe, second from left, with a scholarship to Surry Community College. RSP President Callie Smith makes the presentation as Katie's aunt, Ruth Freeman, left, and Surry Central High School Principal Chuck Graham look on.

SCC guitar class to begin on Monday

DOBSON — A beginning guitar class will meet on Mondays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Oct. 6-Dec. 8, in the President's Dining Room at Surry Community College.

Kenneth Bullin is the instructor.

Preregistration is required. The cost is \$40. Call the Continuing Education Division at 386-3244 to register.



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NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

H. Martin Lancaster, President

Celebrating Forty Years of Providing College That Really Works for North Carolina

July 18, 2003

The Honorable John A. Garwood
North Carolina Senate
453 Mark Lane
North Wilkesboro, North Carolina 28859

Dear Senator Garwood:

I have wonderful news about Surry and Wilkes Community Colleges. The North Carolina Community College System has just released its *Critical Success Factors Report*, which measures our success in meeting twelve performance standards that you and your colleagues in the General Assembly asked us to develop to determine how effective our colleges are in serving our students.

For the past three years, community colleges have had the opportunity to earn the rating of "superior" by meeting or exceeding a set number of the performance standards. The first year we did this, five colleges earned that ranking. Last year, 26 claimed the "superior" ranking, and this year, we have 31, including Surry and Wilkes Community Colleges. That's remarkable improvement throughout the System and strong testimony to the wisdom of setting and measuring high performance standards.

These performance standards measure how well community colleges prepare their students for the next step in their careers, education and lives. Among other things, they tell us that our graduates get good jobs, pass their licensing exams, please their employers and succeed at the University.

Thank you for your support for Surry and Wilkes Community Colleges and for the North Carolina Community College System. I look forward to the day when every member of the General Assembly receives a letter like this, because that will mean that all of our community colleges have been inspired by the success of yours!

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

H. Martin Lancaster

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Congratulations Surry Community College.
We're proud of you.

Senator

Paid by Sen. John Garwood

Lunch-N-Learn to feature session on leadership

DOBSON — The Surry County Economic Development Partnership and Surry Community College will cosponsor the "Lunch-N-Learn" seminar from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the President's Dining Room of the "A" Building at Surry Community College.

Tom Carter of the N.C. Employment Security Commission will discuss how to identify leaders and supervisors within a company.

Participants may purchase lunch through the cafeteria line and eat during the presentation.

Carter will begin the session shortly after noon. There will be time left for questions at the end of his presentation.

This seminar is free and open to the public.

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Pilot ground school set at SCC

DOBSON — A 72-hour Aviation Ground School course begins Sept. 3 in Room C-202 of the Continuing Education Building at Surry Community College in Dobson.

Classes will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday through Nov. 24.

The course will prepare students to take the knowledge portion of the private pilot's license exam. No previous flying experience is required.

Tuition is \$60. To pre-register, call 386-3244 or 386-3331. MJA 8-30-03

Surry Community College receives grant

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Anita Bullin, Surry Community College Assistant Vice-President for Career Services and Director of the SYSTEM JobREADY/TECH PREP Partnership, recently announced that Surry Community College has been awarded an Upward Bound grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The award is \$220,000 each year for four years.

The Upward Bound Program serves high school students from low-income families and families in which neither parent holds a four-year degree and first generation military veterans who are preparing to enter postsecondary education. The goal of the program is to increase the rate at which participants complete high school and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Bullin indicated that prior to writing the grant proposal, the SYSTEM JobReady/Tech Prep Partnership which is comprised of Surry Community College, Surry and Yadkin County Schools, and Elkin and Mount Airy City Schools studied economic data and high school graduation and college enrollment and completion trends of all schools in the two-county area. The Partnership targeted North Surry High School, Mt. Airy High School, and Star Mount High School to participate in the program.

All Upward Bound projects must provide instruction in mathematics, laboratory science, composition, literature, and foreign language. Services available to eligible students enrolled in these high schools include instruction in reading, writing, study skills, and other subjects; tutorial services; monitoring; information on postsecondary educational oppor-

tunities; assistance in completing college admissions and financial aid applications; assistance in preparing for college entrance examinations; and exposure to academic programs and cultural events.

The Surry Community College Upward Bound Project will begin in September.

SCC offering two art classes

MOUNT AIRY — Two classes for artists will begin Tuesday. Pottery classes in the Old Elkin Recreation Center will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. for 15 weeks. One will be on Tuesdays through Dec. 9 the other on Thursdays from Sept. 4 to Dec. 18. The instructor is Catherine Salmons. The registration fee, payable to Surry Community College, is \$120.

The college will offer oil painting classes at the Charles H. Stone Memorial Library in Pilot Mountain. There are three classes: 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 2 to Nov. 4; 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, Sept. 3 through Nov. 5; and 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays, Sept. 4 through Nov. 6.

The Thursday classes are free for North Carolina seniors, ages 65 and older.

For more information, contact Surry Community College's Continuing Education Division at 386-3244 or 386-3331.

SCC budget showing the effects of state, local cuts

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"About 50 percent of those were canceled due to budget constraints," Tilley said. "Normally, we cancel some classes every fall because of not having enough students enrolling in each class. In past years we've required (a minimum of) seven or eight. This year, because of the budget constraints, we've had to raise that to 10 or 12. As a result, we canceled more classes this year than we normally do."

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"We haven't gotten final numbers yet on enrollment, but we think we're pretty much flat right now and we think that's because we've had to cancel more classes than we normally

do. So it's fair to say the budget is causing us probably to have to squeeze out some folks. When people sign up for classes they may be able to drop into another class because one was canceled. But in some instances, because of scheduling, that's not the case. So there's no question that some students have had to drop out of classes that they need to complete their programs on a specific time schedule."

To replace some lost state and local funds, SCC has become more aggressive in seeking grant funding. Tilley said there is a drawback, however, because all grants must end.

"We've got a Family Literacy grant, a Golden L.E.A.F. grant and probably, in terms of our success with grants, we're twice as successful now as we were four or five years ago. So grants are helpful, but the problem with grants is when they run out sometimes you have to find a way then to provide permanent funding, so that becomes a double-edged sword. At some point you've got to find a way to secure some permanent funding and that's always difficult," Tilley said.

Last week, Sells told a group of visiting legislators that the community college system needs more money, because of increased demands for its services, and that there should be higher salaries for its faculty and staff.

Tilley agrees.

"I told the board that this one was the most difficult (budget) that I have had to wrestle with since I have been in this position at the college," he said. "... And community college faculty salaries, it's been highly publicized — are at or near the bottom across the county. We pleaded our case and I think the statewide Faculty Association has really pleaded their case before the legislature, but I think it fell on deaf ears."

"Some legislators have indicated that the university system's lobby is much stronger than the community college's lobby in the legislature, but the job training and the immediate efforts to make people job-ready and providing an avenue of educational opportunity, that is the role of the community college that no one else can play."

"We're going to put the best possible face on this and we're going to do a good job. We're not going to in any sense concede to a lesser quality of what we do here. But it is getting difficult."



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Searcy speaks to students

Tony Searcy recently presented a motivational talk to the seventh and eighth graders at Gentry Middle School. Searcy is the business academic coordinator, student advisor and basketball coach at Surry Community College. Using personal experiences and observations as a former college and semi-pro basketball player, he urged the students to make wise choices and set goals.

SCC to offer variety of classes this fall

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College is offering the following classes:

- Understanding payroll, Thursday, Nov. 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Room C101. No fee will be charged to participants. Anyone planning to attend is asked to pre-register by calling 386-3211;
- Bookkeeping for small business, Thursday, Nov. 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Room C101. No fee will be charged to participants. Anyone planning to attend is asked to pre-register by calling 386-3211;
- Notary public, Monday, Nov. 17 and Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Yadkin Center in Room 203. Tuition cost is \$50; and
- CFC Freon certification, Thursday, Nov. 13, Tuesday, Nov. 18 and Thursday, Nov. 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Vocational Building in Room V104B. The tuition cost is \$50. The textbook charge is \$4. Each student taking the Type I, II, III or Universal exam will need to send a \$25 application fee to the State Board of Refrigeration Examiners on Thursday, Nov. 20 with their completed test at the end of the course.

For more information, call 386-3211.

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SCC graduates first class of medical assisting program

Six adults completed the Surry Community College Medical Assisting Program this year and were honored during a recognition ceremony held July 31.

Laura Durham, Medical Assisting Program Director at Forsyth Technical Community College, was the guest speaker for the ceremony.

Kathy Watson, Shannon Watson, Amy Rodgers, Lee Ann Branch, Darlene Bedsaul and Libby Hodges completed the program. These women are multi-skilled health care professionals who are qualified to perform administrative, clinical, and laboratory procedures. Through classroom instruction and a medical clinical externship, the two-year program prepared the graduates to go directly to work and to sit for the American Association of Medical Assistants' Certification Examination.

Tammy Gant, lead Medical Assisting instructor, commented on the pro-



Judy Winstead, SCC instructor, stands with the college's first class of medical assisting students to complete program — Kathy Watson, Shannon Watson, Amy Rodgers, Lee Ann Branch, Darlene Bedsaul, Libby Hodges and Tammy Gant, SCC instructor.

gram by saying, "This program provides another avenue to gainful employment which is important to adults in our service area, particularly dislocated workers who are seeking

new career opportunities. It creates a pool of trained workers for area health care providers. Educated workers with skills that are in demand by employers strengthen the workforce,

and a strong workforce improves quality of life for the entire community. We are proud of these graduates and excited about the employment opportunities that await them."

SCC training exercise evaluates rescue teams on their response



Angela Leonard/The Mount Airy News
Doug Coble, a member of the Mount Airy Fire Department, works with a "victim" who had caused a three car accident in a training scenario at Surry Community College Saturday. A firefighter prepares to use the jaws of life to gain access to the vehicle.

By ANGELA LEONARD
Associate Editor

DOBSON — The call on the radio Saturday sounded like one that would have summoned dozens of rescue squad and fire department members.

There was a report of a multi-vehicle traffic accident on the campus at Surry Community College. One caller said a big truck was involved; another said at least one victim remained in a car.

The first responder on the scene called for rescue, but the turnout was small. In fact, only two people arrived to carry out first aid. However, lots of trained paramedics were standing around with clipboards in their hands.

The "accident" was a training scenario for local volunteer rescue squad members at Surry Community College's training center. Six teams of two members each participated in the drill. Each spent 18 minutes assessing the "victims" before being judged on their response to the scene.

Surry County Emergency Medical Services Shift Supervisor James Inman said the same scenario was repeated for

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each team.

The "driver" of the second car had a diabetic episode and collided with the rear of an oil truck, then was struck from behind by a third vehicle driven by a pregnant woman. Her "husband," a passenger in the car, was belligerent and in the way of the rescuers. Twelve minutes into the exercise, he was stung by a bee and had an allergic reaction.

"There are four potential victims involved," said Inman, who was also one of the judges for the exercise. "Two are patients. One is a 'give me,' she has an apparent injury and the rescuers treat her until the other (fourth) person becomes a patient."

As the rescuers worked with the victims, judges provided information (such as the pulse rate when the pulse was being taken) to guide the rescuers in making a correct assessment of the injuries and how to treat them.

"Some of the injuries are apparent, like the head injury on the first victim. We see those in triage and they're applied with makeup. Other symptoms they have to get by asking," he said.

Dobson Fire Chief Mike "Yankee" Fahy, who was one of those who turned out to watch the exercise, said, "This is kind of unrealistic. Usually at a scene they might be in charge, but there would be plenty of people to give assistance."

Other watchers compared the exercise to past drills, noting the variation in number of patients and symptoms to be

addressed.

Inman said the exercise gives those participating a chance to see how far they can get on their own in the allotted time period.

Inman said all of the participants are volunteers.

"They do this for their own benefit," he explained, "and for the community."

Teams expected to participate Saturday included Rachel Eldridge and Jaymee Branson from Mount Airy Rescue Squad, Doug Coble and Jason Burkholder and Mike McCraw and Darrell Danley from Mount Airy Fire Department, Michael Johnson and Matthew Hall from Dobson Rescue Squad, Bruce Crigger and Wayne Robertson from Four Way Fire Department and Richard Seaver and Chad Amburn from Skull Camp Fire Department.

Surry Community offering free courses

DOBSON, N.C. — Surry Community College will offer the following free management/supervisory training sessions.

There is no pre-registration required. Presenter is Garry Moore.

•Dealing with Employee Complaints, a three hour session, will be held Sept. 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the SCC Campus, Room C101 or Sept. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Yadkin Center, Room 217.

Learn how to use a complaint session to identify underlying problems and misunderstandings and, with the help of the employee, to move toward resolution of the problem.

•Implementing Change, a three-hour session, will be held Sept. 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the SCC Campus, Room C101 or Sept. 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Yadkin Center, Room 217.

Supervisors are usually the final key to implementation of change within the organization. Dealing within the "comfort-level" of employees and involving them in detailed discussions (especially allowing time for their questions and concerns) will go a long way towards the desired result of positive acceptance.

Supervisors watch and practice use skills in Implementing Change.

Landscaping class being offered

DOBSON — A landscaping class will meet on Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. between Sept. 25 and Dec. 11, except for Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4.

Classes will be in Room T-228 on the Dobson campus of Surry Community College.

Registration costs \$40.

Interested persons should contact the Continuing Education Division at 386-3244 or 386-3331.

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SCC plays host of College Day

On Monday, Sept. 8, 2003, more than 700 high school students from Surry and Yadkin counties converged on the main campus of Surry Community College in Dobson for the annual Educational Opportunity Session, commonly referred to as the College Day Program. The Educational Opportunity Session, sponsored by the North Carolina Association of College Registrars and Admissions Counselors, provides an opportunity for high school

students to talk with admissions representatives from colleges throughout North Carolina and neighboring states about admission requirements and program offerings. In addition to a face-to-face discussion with college representatives, students pick up printed materials including the admissions application and financial aid information.

Michael McHone, Surry Community College Vice President for Student Services, commented on the program, "We host the Educational Opportunity Session each year as a service to the

community and to our College Transfer students. The firsthand information high school students gather from the program is helpful to them in making plans for education beyond high school. Of course, we hope that the visit to campus will help them include Surry Community College in their plans. Our College Transfer students use the program to acquire information that is useful in finalizing their transfer to a senior college or university. We believe the program is beneficial, and we are happy to host it."

College's 2003 budget 'tightest one yet'

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"It has not affected jobs," Tilley said. "In fact, we have hired some additional faculty this fall. Previously we had depended on part-time help, but we have hired some additional full-time faculty this fall to cover what we see as the critical areas of instructional support that we need. We've tried to squeeze that budget a little harder in order to do that. Having a certain percentage of your instruction

taught by full-time faculty is important to the quality of your education. We have tried to stay lean on administrative staff and have put as much of our resources as we possibly can into instructional programs."

"We haven't gotten final numbers yet on enrollment, but we think we're pretty much flat right now and we think that's because we've had to cancel more classes than we normally do. So it's fair to say the budget is causing us probably to have to squeeze out some folks. When people sign up for classes they may be able to drop into another class because one was canceled. But in some instances, because of scheduling, that's not the case. So there's no question that some students have had to drop out of classes that they need to complete their programs on a specific time schedule."

To replace some lost state and local funds, SCC has become more aggressive in seeking grant funding, Tilley

said there is a drawback, however, because all grants must end.

"We've got a Family Literacy grant, a Golden LEAF grant and probably, in terms of our success with grants, we're twice as successful now as we were four or five years ago. So grants are helpful, but the problem with grants is when they run out sometimes you have to find a way then to provide permanent funding, so that becomes a double-edged sword. At some point you've got to find a way to secure some permanent funding and that's always difficult," Tilley said.

Last week, Sells told a group of visiting legislators that the community college system needs more money, because of increased demands for its services, and that there should be higher salaries for its faculty and staff.

Tilley agrees. "I told the board that this one was the most difficult

(budget) that I have had to wrestle with since I have been in this position at the college," he said. "...And community college faculty salaries, it's been highly publicized — are at or near the bottom across the county. We pleaded our case and I think the statewide Faculty Association has really pleaded their case before the legislature, but I think it fell on deaf ears."

"Some legislators have indicated that the university system's lobby is much stronger than the community college's lobby in the legislature, but the job training and the immediate efforts to make people job-ready and providing an avenue of educational opportunity, that is the role of the community college that no one else can play."

"We're going to put the best possible face on this and we're going to do a good job," he said. "We're not going to in any sense concede to a lesser quality of what we do here. But it is getting difficult."

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The Pilot

Committee plans festival for Sept. 27

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Snow Swanson Auditorium.

Several historic homes were filmed. Rebecca Blalock, a Pilot Mountain resident for over 80 years, was interviewed at her home, built by her family in 1918.

Other highlights included patriotic scenes with several members of the Pilot Mountain VFW and local Eagle Scout Robert Reid Goodson at the Armfield Civic Center.

"We wanted to capture our community spirit," Marilyn Dezan Goodson said, "showing that we are a friendly town with American values. We are the typical example of Americana."

The film will be submitted to the television program as part of a contest sponsored by the makers of Quilted Northern paper products. The winning submission will receive \$25,000 to be used for a community project. There also is an opportunity for the town to serve as host for a live broadcast in November.

"Our project is our town's continued revitalization as we work toward our goals," Good-



Pilot Mountain Revitalization Committee member A.J. Doud prepares to interview Rebecca Blalock while Josh Nixon readies his camera. The segment was a part of filming for a three-minute video for the television show, "The View."

son explained. "We've already had several meetings with David Long of the North Carolina Department of Commerce. He is helping with our planning

as we work toward becoming a historical district, as well as helping us promote growth and tourism."

"We've had several new members join and there's quite a bit of enthusiasm," Goodson added. "Ted Barbee may have said it best when he recently told us that he was beginning to feel like Pilot Mountain was a leaf on a vine, slowly dying, but seeing our enthusiasm and vision, he is now excited by the prospects our town holds."

"I understand that," she continued. "I've lived here all my life and when I was growing up I saw a town that was alive and kicking. I saw it begin to die and in recent years I've heard over and over that this is a dead town. But I love this town and its spirit. We (PMRC) have a vision to see a historic district established, to see tourism come here and to see this town prosper. We have talented artists here and we are making progress. For the first time in awhile, all of our downtown stores are occupied."

Goodson said the group has been busy with several other projects. These include work on a web site and promotional pamphlet — both of which will soon be released — with a focus on the town and its features. New welcoming signs have been placed at major entrances to the town.

"And we want to have some type of downtown event every two to three months," she continued. "Last month's cruise-in was a major success and we want to build on that. We had a number of people who came up and told us they didn't know we were here."

The group announced plans for the first annual Fall Fest to be held in the downtown area from 4 to 9 p.m. Sept. 27. The event will feature live old-time music along with other entertainment, food, arts and crafts and an antique tractor show. Booth spaces for arts, crafts and small furniture are now available.

For more information, call 368-5055 or 368-2869.

County board to hear landfill proposal today

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By THERESA KILEN
Staff Writer

DOBSON — A proposal from Waste Industries USA Inc., three public hearings and plans for the Surry Community College Workforce Development Center are on the agenda for today's meeting of the Surry County Board of Commissioners.

At 6:45, Phil Carter with Waste Industries USA Inc. will present a proposal regarding the lease or sale of the Surry County landfill. Commissioners have had closed-session talks with the Raleigh-based company in recent weeks and the board anticipates a heavy public turnout for the presentation.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with approval of the consent agenda and an open forum during which the public may address commissioners.

Two public hearings on rezoning requests will begin at 6:15 p.m.

The first request is from realtor Bracky

Rogers, on behalf of the heirs of Jobie W. Atkins, to rezone a 77.94-acre tract on Simpson Mill Road from rural agricultural (RA) to residential restricted (RR). The Surry County Planning Board recommends approval of this petition.

The second rezoning petition is from Charlie Hardy and Detroit Salt to rezone 15.72 acres of an 83.28-acre tract on River Siloam Road from RA to community business (CB). The Planning Board has not yet reviewed this petition, but will make a recommendation prior to the meeting.

At 7:15, Parks and Recreation Director Katrina Smith will present the recommendations of the Recreation Advisory Committee regarding 2003-04 recipients of the department's Incentive Grant Program. This year's applicants are Westfield Booster Club, Lowgap Community Center, East Surry Little League, Sandy Level Community Council and Shoals Recreation Center. This year, \$20,000 in grant funding is available. The

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grants require a 100-percent match.

At 7:30 commissioners will have the special recognition portion of their meeting. The board will honor retiring county employee Evelyn Nowlin for 20 years of service with the

Surry County Department of Social Services.

After a short break, Lt. Jimmy Combs of the Surry County Sheriff's Office will represent the department during an 8 p.m. public hearing about the county's acceptance of a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

At 8:15, Rob Johnson of Martin, Boal, Anthony and Johnson, the architectural firm

charged with the design of the new SCC Workforce Development Center, will offer the firm's suggestions for the \$1.3-million project.

County Manager Dennis Thompson will present general county business items prior to adjournment.

The board meets at the Surry County Government Center, 118 Hamby Road.

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SCC hosts Educational Opportunity Session

DOBSON — On Sept. 8 more than 700 high school students from Surry and Yadkin counties converged on the main campus of Surry Community College for the annual Educational Opportunity Session, commonly referred to as the College Day Program.

The Educational Opportunity Session, sponsored by the North Carolina Association of College Registrars and Admissions Counselors, provides an opportunity for high school students to talk with admissions representatives from colleges throughout North Carolina and neighboring states about admission requirements and program offerings. In addition to a face-to-face discussion with college representatives, students pick up printed materials including the admissions application and financial aid information.

Michael McHone, Surry Community College Vice President for Student Services, commented on the program. "We host the Education Opportunity Session each year as a service to the community and to our College Transfer students. The firsthand information high school students gather from the program is helpful to them in making plans for education beyond high school."

"Of course, we hope that the visit to campus will help them include Surry Community College in their plans. Our College



Submitted photo

East Surry students Chase Smith and Aaron Ancho pick up information from representative from Fayetteville State University during annual the Educational Opportunity Session

Transfer students use the program to acquire information that is useful in finalizing their transfer to a senior college or

university. We believe the program is beneficial, and we are happy to host it," McHone added.

Scholarship

awarded to local student *Jakubina*

Stacey White Bard of Elkin, daughter of Billy D. and Susie White, has been awarded the North Carolina Nurse Scholars award to attend Surry Community College in Dobson.

Nurse Scholars recipients are selected by the N.C. Nurse Scholars Commission based upon outstanding academic achievement, school and community involvement, and leadership potential.

Bard's award is valued at \$6,000 over two academic years.



Alan Worrell/The Mount Airy News

Surry Community College pitcher Jeremy Branch (center) commits to play baseball at Appalachian State. Looking on, are: front row: his parents, Debbie and Mike Branch. Back row: Surry assistant coach Roy Vernon and head coach Mark Tucker.

Surry pitcher Branches out

SCC pitcher a leader on the diamond, in the classroom

By THOMAS LESTER
Sports Writer

DOBSON — Surry Community College pitcher Jeremy Branch has never had trouble finding success on or off the baseball diamond.

Branch already has numerous accomplishments to his credit. He was recently named Academic All-American at SCC. He also took part in the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas last month and he has been a front-line pitcher for the Knights, for Surry Central and for the Surry Pride American Legion baseball team.

Branch's collegiate schedule is busy, but his high school docket at Central was just as booked. He was the Student Council President and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, among other clubs.

In high school, he spoke to middle and elementary school kids about the importance of academics, being alcohol and drug free and being a positive role model. He also played baseball for four years and was a section leader and trumpet soloist in the band.

Mark Tucker, Branch's baseball coach at Surry, says Branch is a great example of what a student-athlete should be.

"It has been a positive experience for our program as much as it has been for Jeremy," said Tucker. "He's a great example of someone who can balance academics at a high level with athletics at a high level."

Branch attributes his success to a great understanding of time management, as well as an adaptable coaching staff at Surry.

"I've done pretty good with time management," said Branch. "The coaching staff at Surry has been really flexible with me. Sometimes my extra-curricular activities interfered with baseball, but they helped me do all I could."

Tucker says his staff emphasizes academics above anything else and there are times that baseball has to take a back seat.

"We feel like at Surry, academics is first," he said. "Any time someone has a class or a lab, they're expected to be there. We feel that academics is extremely important, so we put a lot of emphasis on that, as well as having a great baseball program."

Branch did all he could to keep the Knights among the nation's best junior college baseball teams. He split time between starting games and coming out of the bullpen during his tenure at Surry. Branch posted a 2-0 record with a save in his sophomore year.

He says he gave his all every time, even if he didn't pitch.

"I always tried to be supportive of my teammates," Branch said. "I tried to do whatever I could to help them in whatever role I was needed. I didn't turn away any opportunities."

Branch says one of his personal opportunities would not have been possible without the understanding of his coaches.

The state Phi Beta Lambda business club competition was scheduled for the same time as a Surry doubleheader.

"I had to miss a doubleheader to compete at the state level (of Phi Beta Lambda)," he said. "I would have never gotten to go to Dallas if I was there for those two games."

Branch finished third in the Economics Competition and the Business Decision Team event in the state event to earn the trip to Dallas for the National Leadership Conference. There, he faced off against around 150 of the nation's top young economic minds.

Soon, Branch will get to face off with some of the nation's top young baseball players. He earned the Spauldine Scholarship through Surry and will enroll at Appalachian State in the fall. He will walk on to the Mountaineers' baseball team in the spring.

Tucker says Branch should have no trouble making the transition from the junior college ranks to NCAA Division I.

"I think he can definitely help Appalachian out," said Tucker. "I've spoken to some of the coaches about Jeremy and they seem very excited to have him coming. I have a lot of confidence in Jeremy's ability."

Branch says he anticipates facing off against some of the top talent in the country.

"I'm looking forward to it because Appalachian gets to play teams like Wake Forest and Florida State," he said. "It will be a good experience to face Division I schools of that caliber."

And while playing baseball at such a high level is one of his reasons for going to Appalachian, Branch says continuing his education is his top priority.

"I want to go into Health Care Management and Business Management," he said.

"Appalachian has a business school and they offer a Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Management. That's why I chose them over other schools I had baseball offers from."

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Mother goes back to college to help daughter achieve dream

By DEAN PALMER
Staff writer

PILOT MOUNTAIN — With her daughter, Debbie, struggling through a series of injuries and health problems throughout her high school years, Ruth Robertson was fully aware of the powerful influence of a mother's support.

So when it came time for Debbie Robertson to take a technical program necessary to pursue her chosen career, Ruth Robertson took the extra step. She signed up for the class alongside her daughter.

The Robertson family reside in the Brown Mountain community. Ruth Robertson is employed in the accounting office of A.C. Weller and Co. in Pilot Mountain.

Together, she and Debbie attended a ten-week pharmacy technician course at Surry Community College. Debbie would pick her mother up after work and, after sharing a sandwich, the two went to class.

"I knew she needed it," Ruth Robertson explained. "I liked her being in the medical field and this was something that would be open to her anywhere in the United States. And I liked the idea of being with her. I thought I could help and encourage her."

After completing the course, mother and daughter traveled together to Charlotte for a 3-hour test administered by the Pharmaceutical Board. They were notified of the results by mail two weeks ago.

"I'd just gotten finished helping in tobacco when I went by to check the mail," Debbie Robertson remembers. "I opened my letter and started screaming. I called mom at work and I was yelling 'I passed, I passed!' Then I checked and told her that she'd passed, too."

"At first I couldn't understand her and I was afraid she'd been hurt," Ruth Robertson smiled. "Then I understood what she was saying and I was happy with her."

She may someday pursue a pharmacy degree, but Debbie Robertson plans to use her current certification to immediately begin looking for a position in her chosen field. While her preference would be to work at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital, she looks forward to finding any position in the area.



Dean Palmer/The Pilot

Ruth and Debbie Robertson.

"I'm excited," she notes. "It's challenging work. You're assisting the pharmacist in working with medicine and you have to really be alert at all times."

Ruth Robertson says she is content with her current position, but is still glad she took the course.

"I enjoy learning," she said, "and our teacher, Evelyn Blankenship, really made it fun. I like helping people and I might use what I've learned as a volunteer. And I'm glad to be able to do this for Debbie."

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Surry Community graduates first class of medical assisting students

DOBSON — Six adults completed the Surry Community College Medical Assisting Program this year and were honored during a recognition ceremony held on July 31.

Laura Darham, Medical Assisting Program director at Forsyth Technical Community College, was the guest speaker for the ceremony.

Kathy Watson, Shannon Watson, Amy Rodgers, Lee Ann Branch, Darlene Bedsaul and Libby Hodges completed the program.

The graduates are multi-skilled health care professionals who are qualified to perform administrative, clinical and laboratory procedures.

Through classroom instruction and a medical clinical externship, the two-year program prepared the graduates to go directly to work and to sit for the American Association of Medical Assistants' Certification Examination.



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Surry Community College's first graduating class of medical assistants and instructors includes, from left, Judy Winstead, Kathy Watson, Shannon Watson, Amy Rodgers, Lee Ann Branch, Darlene Bedsaul, Libby Hodges and Tammy Gant.

directly to work and to sit for the American Association of Medical Assistants' Certification Examination.

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Tammy Gant, lead medical assisting instructor, commented on the program by saying, "This program provides another avenue to gainful employment which is important to adults in our service area, particularly dislocated workers who are seeking new career opportunities."

"It creates a pool of trained workers for area health care provider, educated workers with skills that are in demand by employers strengthen the workforce and a strong workforce improves quality of life for the entire community. We are proud of these graduates and excited about the employment opportunities that await them."

SCC will offer Spanish classes

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The following classes are being offered by Surry Community College:

- Insurance for businesses on Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and
- Understanding the underwriting process on Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The instructor for all four classes will be Walter Batista.

Cost is \$55 tuition plus \$8 per course text and \$1 per credit hour for state fees.

- Conversational Spanish on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 23 through Oct. 30 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Elkin High School. Costs are \$60 plus \$30 for textbook;
- Computational Basics on Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 8 through Oct. 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at SCC campus learning center. Cost is \$60;
- Survival Spanish for school personnel on Mondays, Sept. 8 through Oct. 27 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the campus, Room C211. Cost is \$55 plus text and tapes; and
- Spanish for medical staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the campus, Room C102. Cost is \$60 plus text and tapes.

North Carolinians 65 or older may register free of charge.

For more information, contact the continuing education division at 386-3353 or 386-3261.

SCC offers renewal courses

DOBSON — Surry Community College is offering renewal courses for licensed life and health insurance agents.

Life and health continuing education courses include:

- Medicare, Medicaid and long term care revisited on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.;
- Needs analysis on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.;

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Janoski selected as Nurse Scholar

Allegheny 9-4-03

Janoski of King, daughter of Fred and Sallie Janoski has been awarded the North Carolina Nurse Scholars award to attend Surry Community College in Dobson, NC. Nurse Scholars recipients are selected by the N.C. Nurse Scholars Commission base upon outstanding academic achievement, school and community involvement, and leadership potential.

Ms. Janoski's award is valued at \$6,000 over two academic years.

For information regarding scholarship, grant, and loan opportunities available to North Carolina students and their families, contact College Foundation of North Carolina toll-free at 1-866-868-2362 or www.CFNC.org. College Foundation of North Carolina,

created through a partnership between the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) and College Foundation Inc. (CFI), offers information and assistance with college and career planning, college admissions and ways of financing higher education.

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Education:
Surry Community College: Associate in Arts Degree UNC-Wilmington: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology Wake Forest University: Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Salem College: NC Teaching License in Birth-Kindergarten Education

Brian Beasley, RN, BSN
Clinical Staff Educator, Northern Hospital of Surry County Mt. Airy, NC



Education:
Surry Community College: Emergency Medical Technician Certification, Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing Winston-Salem State University: Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

Melissa Beasley, RN, MSN, CNNP
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Brenner Children's Hospital Winston-Salem, NC



Education:
Surry Community College: Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing Winston-Salem State University: Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing Duke University: Master of Science Degree in Nursing; Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Amanda Lawson Wall
Patrol Officer, Mt. Airy Police Department



Education:
Surry Community College: Associate in Applied Science Degree in Paralegal Technology, Basic Law Enforcement Training



Donnie McHone
Head Mechanic/Small Engines Technician LTD Farm & Garden King, NC

Education:
Surry Community College: GED, Associate in Applied Science Degree in Machining Technology

Faye Dalton
Assistant Director/Infant Teacher, Surry County Child Development Center Mt. Airy, NC



Education:
Surry Community College: Associate in Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Associate

Darian Byrd, RRT
Registered Respiratory Therapist, Co-Owner of Lovell Medical Supply, Inc. Mt. Airy, NC



Education:
Surry Community College: College Transfer Business Administration Forsyth Technical Community College: Associate in Applied Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy Madison University: Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting

Kristie Byrd
Co-Owner of Lovell Medical Supply, Inc. Mt. Airy, NC



Education:
Surry Community College: Associate in Arts Degree & Early Childhood Credentials I & II Gardner Webb University: Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services

Scholarship created in memory of Isaac Craig

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Marion Venable, executive director of the Surry Community College Foundation, recently announced the establishment of the Isaac Burle Craig Memorial

Scholarship which will be used to assist a student in the Associate Degree Nursing or the Practical Nursing program with the cost of tuition and books.

George and Sharon Grant Craig created the scholarship in honor of their son, Isaac Burle Craig, who died on March 31, 2003, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. At the time of his death, Isaac Craig was a student at Surry Community College completing courses to transfer into the Radiography Technology program at Forsyth Technical Community College. He had previously earned an Associate in Applied Science degree in Electronics Engineering Technology through Surry Community College and had decided to change his career path and follow in his parents' footsteps to pursue a career in the healthcare field.

Jamie Childress, director of financial aid for the college, and the Financial Aid Committee will select a recipient of the scholarship based on financial need, enrollment in the Associate Degree Nursing program or the Practical Nursing program, and a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

Individuals, businesses, or civic organizations may contribute to the Surry Community College Foundation at any time. Scholarships enable adults in Surry and surrounding counties to pursue their educational and career goals through more than 30 degree programs designed to prepare workers for today's highly technical, ever-changing workforce.

RESEARCH TRIANGLE

PARK — Ashley Lynn Palmer of Mount Airy has been awarded the North Carolina Nurse Scholars award to attend Surry Community College in Dobson. Nurse Scholars recipients are selected by the N.C. Nurse Scholars Commission based upon outstanding academic achievement, school and community involvement and leadership potential.

Palmer is the daughter of Debbie Palmer of Mount Airy and Larry Palmer of Ridgeway, Va.

The awards are valued at \$6,000 over two academic years. For information regarding scholarship, grant and loan opportunities available to North Carolina students and their families, contact College Foundation of North Carolina toll-free at 1-866-866-2362 or www.CFNC.org. College Foundation of North Carolina, created through a partnership between the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) and College Foundation Inc. (CFI), offers information and assistance with college and career planning, college admissions and ways of financing higher education.

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Grant will aid Sandy Level project

By AMANDA VAN FLEIT
Staff Writer

MOUNT AIRY — The Sandy Level Community Council Inc. has received a \$1,800 grant from the Winston-Salem Foundation for the historic Satterfield house's restoration.

"Our organization has accomplished many improvements during the last 25 years and this grant will give us additional resources to restore the Satterfield house roof," said SLCC Vice President Shelby King. "The funds are made available through the Richard T. Chatham Fund."

He said Blue Ridge Enterprises Inc.

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has been involved with the Satterfield house since the very early stages and Surry Community College, through its construction technology program, offered to help with the project.

King said the Sandy Level Community Council was founded in 1978. It has worked to revitalize the community through grants.

"Funds received through a Community Development Block Grant in 1999 were used to connect sewer and water to families within the community," King noted.

The Winston-Salem Foundation is a community foundation that supports

charitable programs in the greater Forsyth County area. It was founded in 1919 by Col. Francis Pries with a \$1,000 gift and now administers over 870 funds with total custodial assets of nearly \$180 million. In 2002, the foundation awarded grants totaling \$18.2 million, including a broad variety of discretionary grants totaling \$5.1 million.

King said the community council still needs donations to continue the Satterfield house project. Donations can be sent to President Helen Taylor, 270 West Virginia St. Mount Airy, NC 27030.

Surry Community College receives Upward Bound Grant

9-11-03
Anita Bullin, Surry Community College Assistant Vice-President for Career Services and Director of the SYSTEM JobREADY/TECH PREP Partnership, recently announced that Surry Community College has been awarded an Upward Bound grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The award is \$220,000 each year for four years.

The Upward Bound Program serves high school students from low-income families and families in

which neither parent holds a four-year degree and first generation military veterans who are preparing to enter postsecondary education. The goal of the program is to increase the rate at which participants complete high school and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Bullin indicated that prior to writing the grant proposal, the SYSTEM JobReady/Tech Prep Partnership which is comprised of Surry Community College, Surry and Yadkin County Schools, and Elkin and Mount Airy City Schools studied economic data and high school graduation and college enrollment and completion trends

of all schools in the two-county area. The Partnership targeted North Surry High School, Mount Airy High School, and Starmount High School to participate in the program.

All Upward Bound projects must provide instruction in mathematics, laboratory science, composition, literature, and foreign language. Services available to eligible students enrolled in these high schools include instruction in reading, writing, study skills, and other subjects; tutorial services; mentoring; information on postsecondary educational opportunities, assistance in completing college admissions and financial aid applications; assistance in preparing for college

entrance examinations; and exposure to academic programs and cultural events.

The Surry Community College Upward Bound Project will begin this month.



SCC students recently attending the annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of Medical Assistants are; from left front row — Mary Ann Stump, Judy Winstead (instructor), Tracy White; back row — Tammy Gant (advisor), Darlene Beddau, Amy Rodgers and Lee Ann Branch.

SCC students attend state meeting of medical assistants

DOBSON — Surry Community College students recently attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of Medical Assistants held in Wilmington. These students are enrolled in the Medical Assisting Technology program and are members of the Medical Assisting Student Organization.

Surry Community College added the program in Medical Assisting during the 2002-03 academic year to meet the increased demand for trained and certified medical assistants who can perform both administrative and clinical tasks.

Tammy Gant, lead instructor in the Medical Assisting program, said, "The two-year program

includes a combination of courses designed to equip students with both administrative and clinical skills, and it includes a medical clinical internship during which students hone skills in an actual health care facility.

"Participation in meetings of professional organizations such as the North Carolina Society of Medical Assistants gives students a broader perspective of the medical field and provides opportunities for them to sharpen their skills in communication, team building and leadership.

"We are delighted that these students chose to represent the college at this state-level meeting and to take advantage of these opportunities."

Bard wins nursing scholarship

Surry Community College nursing student Stacy Bard has been awarded the 2003 Orr Nursing Scholarship at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital. Ms. Bard of Elkin is a second year student in Surry Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program.

The Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Foundation is the recipient of a nursing scholarship established by Elizabeth Orr of Winston-Salem. Mrs. Orr named HCMH as the beneficiary of her gift through the counsel of her cousin, Foothills Family Medicine Physician Dr. Ann Evans.

Elizabeth Orr has held a connection with Hugh Chatham even before Dr. Evans became affiliated with the hospital and community. Her family's pharmaceutical company has long been a vendor for medications and drugs at HCMH. Her grandfather started Fleet Pharmaceutical Company in the late 1800s. From Lynchburg, Virginia, Mrs. Orr's grandfather, Dr. C. B. Fleet, served in the Confederate Army as a medic/druggist. After the war ended, he developed medications which he sold exclusively to hospitals. "The company re-

ally grew in the early 1900s and has remained a viable part of the pharmaceutical industry ever since," she said. Among the drugs Dr. Fleet patented are the familiar Chapstick and Phosfostoda, still in use today.

Mrs. Orr's gift of \$4,000 was matched by the C. B. Fleet Pharmaceutical Company, Inc., giving the scholarship program a start of \$8,000. Conditions of the funds allocated are that the Hospital's family practice physicians interview and select the scholarship recipients and that those nurses receiving training with the funds be required to guarantee a length of service at the hospital of at least two years.

The hospital is committed to providing educational assistance to its staff. Since 1991, HCMH has awarded 85 educational grants-in-aid to clinical personnel. Of these, 71 percent are still employed. "We'd like to offer more funds to our staff interested in furthering their education," noted Chief Nursing Officer Stephen Doyle, RN. According to Doyle, scholarship programming has become extremely important to the welfare of the industry. "With the national nursing shortage con-

tinuing to rise, it has never been so important that we assist in the education of the persons interested in clinical fields," he said.

For more information on the Elizabeth Orr Scholarship, please contact the Foundation office at 527-7457.

SCC to offer wastewater course

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a 78-hour wastewater treatment course on the college campus Tuesday and Thursday, Aug. 19-Nov. 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room C203 on the college campus, 630 S. Main St.

Delmas Overby will be the instructor.

This course is designed to assist individuals preparing for the North Carolina water pollution control system operator's Grade I and II certification examinations.

Tuition will be \$60 plus textbook costs. Students should register at the first class, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19 in room C203.

For more information, call 386-3211.



Surry Central standout Jared Moser signs a national letter-of-intent to play baseball for Surry Community College on Thursday. Looking on are his parents Wendy Moser (front row, left) and Sam Moser (front row, right) and SCC assistant coach Roy Vernon (back row, left), SCC head coach Mark Tucker (center) and assistant head coach Mark Hausar (back row, right).

Speedy Central star Moser chooses Surry

By ALLEN WORRELL
Sports Writer

DOBSON — In a lot of ways, Jared Moser's signing to play baseball for Surry Community College completes a perfect marriage.

Moser, a three-sport standout at Surry Central, has admired the Knights' baseball program for a while, so he is excited about the prospects of continuing his baseball career in his hometown. Conversely, SCC head coach Mark Tucker is elated to have someone with Moser's speed entering the program.

"One of the big things Jared brings to the table is speed. A lot of kids can do different things, but more and more of what I'm seeing is not that the kids are not as fast, but some of the faster kids are playing different sports now like football and basketball. High school baseball players are tougher to find with a lot of speed," Tucker said. "That's one of the things that we look for out of him. Speed is tough to find when recruiting kids."

Moser showed plenty of that in his days with the Golden Eagles. Not only did he patrol center field flawlessly in Dobson, where he did not make an error in 24 games last season, but he also stole 15 bases. Per-

haps Moser's most amazing statistic is that he was only thrown out once in his varsity career, stealing 41 bases in 42 attempts.

"One of the biggest advantages for someone like Jared is speed," Tucker said. "You can use it offensively to bunt and steal bases, then defensively he can use it in the outfield where he covers a lot of ground."

Moser is so fast he is ahead of most major leaguers in some aspects.

"As a Lefthanded hitter he runs from home plate to first base in four seconds flat. The major league average is 4.1, that's pretty good," SCC assistant coach Roy Vernon said.

Another area where Moser and Surry Community College share common ground is both have had great success at Surry Central. Moser also excelled as a quarterback and defensive back on the football team and as a guard on the basketball squad in Dobson, while SCC has seen several great baseball players come through its program such as Kevin Masten, Jeremy Branch, Matt Scott, Chuck Martin and Chris Johnson.

Just like Moser, all of those guys have honed their skills with the Surry Pride American Legion baseball team.

"We've been pleased with the guys we've gotten from there and a lot of those guys like Jared have played Legion ball and that is important when we get that kind of experience," Tucker said. "All of those guys have been big contributors to our program."

Growing up in Dobson, Moser has seen those players help Surry Community's baseball program become a powerhouse in the Junior College ranks. Once Surry's coaching staff started exploring the idea of Moser becoming a Knight, it didn't take long for the Central star to take to the concept.

"Surry had been talking to me since my junior year, so that had been my number one choice since that time. Coach (Roy) Vernon talked to me some and kept mentioning it," Moser said. "And Coach Tucker is a great guy. He's easy to talk to and I look forward to playing for him. I've heard from other players that played there that he is an excellent coach."

Vernon has known Moser since he was a small kid. He has seen enough of Jared to know the Knights are getting a player of great character.

"Everything I know about him he is a super kid. He never gets in trouble and he is real de-

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pendable and a real likeable kid," Vernon said. "I really think he will fit in real well for us."

As a three-sport athlete for Central, Moser has excelled at everything he has played. At Surry, Moser's duties will be limited to one sport for the first time in his life. Once SCC's fall ball starts in mid-August, Moser will be playing hardball year-round. Tucker thinks the additional time with baseball will showcase Moser's talents even more.

"I think one of the things that will help Jared is the fact we do have a fall baseball, where in high school he played other sports. In high school he is getting out there to practice when really the season has already started," Tucker said. "Obviously, he is a good athlete to excel at three sports, but this will help him to get better in different aspects of his baseball game."

That's just fine with Moser.

the fact that baseball is his sport of choice.

"Baseball is my favorite. It is the sport that I can play year round and never get tired of," Moser said. "I kind of burn out on basketball and football after a while. But I love baseball. I could play it all the time."

As a senior, Moser led Central in on-base percentage and hit for a very high average of .327. The two-time All-Northwest Conference player batted .500 his junior year. Tucker thinks Moser can use his speed to strengthen his capabilities as a good hitter at the collegiate level.

"I think he is a solid player. I think he definitely has the capabilities of a good hitter," Tucker said. "One of the things he'll need to work on is being able to use his speed and putting the ball in play. He needs to use it more to his advantage, but if he hits the ball on the ground he has the chance to be a really good college baseball player."

Three land scholarships

WEST JEFFERSON — Three local high school seniors have been named recipients of the 2003 Frank James Skyline Telephone Scholarship.

The recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship was Rachel Reed, daughter of Cathy and the late Danny Reed of Laurel Springs. She will attend North Carolina State University. The recipients of the renewable \$500 scholarship were Hannah Atwood, daughter of Ronnie and Barbie Atwood of Piney Creek. She will be attending Caldwell Community College. Danielle Kroeger, daughter of Mark and Linda Kroeger of Sparta was the other recipient. She will be attending Surry Community College. The program, established in 1987,

honors the memory of the co-op's long-time director and president and benefits children of current Skyline members.

Selection is based on scholastic achievement, financial need, demonstrated leadership, and school and community involvement.

Annually, Skyline awards five \$1,000 scholarships, renewable up to four years, to students pursuing a four-year college or university degree and five \$500 scholarships, renewable up to two years, to students pursuing a two-year community or technical college degree.

When these students finish their two-or-four-year degrees, they will have collectively received a total of \$25,000 in scholarships from the cooperative.

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SCC to present memory seminar

The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor a seminar entitled "How to Develop a Great Memory" on Tuesday, October 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Yadkin Center, room 202.

The seminar leader will be Hayes Ratledge of Success Seminars.

Attendees will learn practical, easily applied techniques that will assist them in recalling data and

remembering names and faces, and how to expand memory abilities.

The seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required. To register call (336) 386-3211 or register on-line at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schebur/cep.htm.

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Attendees of the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas, are, front row, from left, Connie Clippard, Amanda Douglas, Deborah Woods, Jessica Dickerson, Ashley Hayes and advisor Debbie Branch; back row, Steven Kennedy, Andy Spicer, Scotty Parker, Jeremy Branch and advisor Donna Harbour.

SCC Phi Beta Lambda students bring home seven national awards

DOBSON — Surry Community College students brought home seven national awards from the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference held June 28 through July 3 in Dallas, Texas.

Phi Beta Lambda is a collegiate professional association for students pursuing careers in business. Surry Community College students were eligible to compete at the national level because they placed first in state competition earlier this year.

In addition to competitive events, the National Leadership Conference provided structured training sessions and seminars, corporate tours and the election of national officers.

Students attending the conference were Jeremy Branch,

Connie Clippard, Jessica Dickerson, Amanda Douglas, Ashley Hayes, Steven Kennedy, Scotty Parker, Andy Spicer and Deborah Woods. Also attending the conference were Debbie Branch and Dr. Donna Harbour, Surry Community College instructors in business technologies.

Connie Clippard won first place in the Leadership category of open events. Competitive event winners included second place in Java Programming, Steven Kennedy; third place in Finance, Connie Clippard; fourth place in C++ Programming, Ashley Hayes; eighth place in International Business, Amanda Douglas; ninth place in Business Principles, Jessica Dickerson; and 10th place in Hospitality Management, Deb-

orah Woods.

Surry Community College established a Professional Division of Phi Beta Lambda last year. The Professional Division is open to business leaders, professionals and members of the community interested in supporting the Surry Community College Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda.

The Surry Community College chapter of Phi Beta Lambda expresses appreciation to individuals and businesses in the community whose financial support made participation in national competition possible for local students.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Debbie Branch or Donna Harbour at the college.

Three SCC athletes named Academic All-Americans

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DOBSON — Surry Community College continues to build a national reputation as an athletic powerhouse at the Junior College level. Some of the same athletes that helped make that possible are also proving that the two-year school is producing some of the nation's finest young students as well.

Mike McHone, vice president of student services and athletic director at Surry, pre-

sented a total of five Academic All-American awards to three SCC athletes at the school Wednesday.

Basketball star Rickman Logan and volleyball standout Kattie Boles, both rising juniors headed to UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall, received Distinguished Academic All-American honors as well as Academic All-American honors. Jeremy Branch, who will be attending Appalachian State on a Spainhour Scholarship in the

fall, became the third Surry baseball player in the past three years to receive Academic All-American honors.

Besides having to excel in his or her sport, a student athlete must maintain at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA to be considered for the Distinguished Academic All-American Award. An Academic All-American must maintain at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

While Surry currently offers just three collegiate sports —

volleyball, basketball and baseball — the Knights' athletic program has a proven track record of success. The baseball team won the Region X regular season championship last year and is annually in the hunt for the JUCO World Series.

SCC's volleyball program went to the national tournament and finished in the final eight teams in the county two years ago. The team has won the conference championship in each

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Surry Community College Athletic Director Mike McHone (center) presents Kattie Boles with an Academic All-American Award on Wednesday. SCC students Boles, Rickman Logan (left) and Jeremy Branch (right) received Academic All-American honors, while Boles and Logan also earned Distinguished All-American honors.

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of its three years as a collegiate sport.

Under the guidance of head basketball coach Tony Searcy, the Knights won the conference championship last year and continue to attract top talent from the region.

McHone said Surry is blessed to have student-athletes like Boles, Logan and Branch and the athletic program has benefited all parties involved.

"All three of these people are good athletes who did well for Surry in the sports program but the most important part is these kids excelled in the classroom," McHone said. "We run a limited-athletic program, but we give a lot of kids an opportunity to compete beyond high school. The great thing for this college is more than likely without the athletic program these three students would have never attended here."

All three of Surry's Academic All-Americans are well on their way to becoming solid citizens. Logan plans to major in

Biology and hopes to become a doctor, while Boles is focused on majoring in Dental Hygiene in hopes of becoming a dentist.

A Surry Central graduate, Branch plans to double major in Health Care Management and Business Management at Appalachian State. A standout pitcher for Surry, Branch plans to walk on to the Mountaineers' baseball team. The two years Branch spent splitting time as an exceptional student and athlete at Surry have paid off and will no doubt aid Branch in Boone.

"It was a challenge at times balancing academics with athletics, but overall I really enjoyed playing here at Surry and I really enjoyed playing ball here," Branch said. "It really makes you manage your time when you have to balance baseball games and practice and homework and class."

A 2001 East Surry graduate, Boles is another local product who found success at SCC.

"I'm glad I choose to come

here instead of a four-year university because it helped me prepare for what is coming up and playing volleyball did that also," she said. "It makes you grow as an individual, it strengthens you and gives you more discipline to know you have to keep your grades up in order to play."

Logan started his collegiate career at Spartanburg Methodist before leaving to play at a junior college in Kansas. A knee injury forced Logan to change his plans and come to Surry. Besides starting for the basketball team, Logan finished with a 4.0 GPA at Surry.

"He was a big surprise. He just did a tremendous job for us," Searcy said. "If he wasn't on the basketball court, he was in the library."

McHone says there is no doubt that each of Surry's academic award winners would have made the grade no matter what, but athletics at SCC also helps borderline students.

"Because of athletics they

stay eligible and after a year of so they see that they are doing pretty good. I know a lot of guys that say, 'I can go ahead and finish this,' and had it not been for the athletic program they would have probably never started," McHone said. "To me that is what the athletic program here is all about — providing these kids with an opportunity. If they don't come here and play a lot of go to the small private schools and pay \$15,000-\$20,000 for the same opportunity."

Tucker's baseball program has produced some fine student athletes. In addition to Branch, Matt Scott and Travis Mottsinger have been named Academic All-Americans over the past three years. Over the past four years, Tucker said that all of the sophomores in the baseball program have went on to four-year colleges or universities. Tucker gives all of the credit to assistant coach Mark Hauser.

"Probably the most impor-

tant person in the academic success of our baseball players has been Mark Hauser. He does progress reports on each player, conducts study halls, and even tutors some players and even time free of charge. As a member,"

Coaches like Tucker and Searcy help students like Boles, Logan and Branch to go on and have successful endeavors in all walks of life.

"Basically, if you don't support athletics at Surry, you don't support education. The students here receive athletic scholarships, and probably most would not go to college if not for a chance to participate in athletics," Tucker said. "The major part of our budget comes from the players having to do fund-raisers. The coaches don't make a dime. We do it to help kids and give them a chance to compete and get an education."

American Business Women present scholarships to four students



American Business Women's Association presented scholarships for four students. Two of them are Jessica Meghan Johnson, left, a graduate of Mount Airy High School, and Lindsay "Meagan" Needham, a graduate of East Surry High School.



The other two ABWA scholarship recipients are Catherine Louise Fain, left, a graduate of North Surry High School, and Jessica Crystal Roman, a graduate of Surry Central High School. ABWA meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Cross Creek Country Club.

Cheryl Pruitt with RBC Centura Bank in Pilot Mountain was the vocational speaker for the ABWA meeting at Cross Creek Country Club.



Sue Jarvis, public information officer for Surry Community College, was guest speaker.

ship established by Elizabeth Orr of Winston-Salem. Orr named HCMH as the beneficiary of her gift through the counsel of her cousin, Foothills Family Medicine Physician Dr. Ann Evans.

Orr has held a connection with Hugh Chatham even before Evans became affiliated with the hospital and community. Her family's pharmaceutical company has long been a vendor of medications and drugs at HCMH. Her grandfather, Dr. C.B. Fleet, started Fleet Pharmaceutical Company in the late 1800s. From Lynchburg, Va., Fleet served as a medic/druggist in the Confederate Army. Among the drugs Fleet patented are the familiar Chapstick and Phosfosoda, still in use today.

Orr's gift of \$4,000 was matched by the C.B. Fleet Pharmaceutical Co. Inc., giving the scholarship program a start of \$8,000. Conditions of the funds allocated are: 1) that the hospital's family practice physicians interview and select the scholarship recipients; and, 2) that those nurses receiving training with the funds be required to guarantee a length of service at the hospital of at least two years.

ELKIN — Surry Community College Nursing student Stacy Bard has been awarded the 2003 Orr Nursing Scholarship at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital. Bard of Elkin is a second-year student in Surry Community College's associate degree nursing program.

The Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Foundation is the recipient of a nursing scholar-

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SCC President's/Dean's Lists

Surry Community College has announced its Spring Semester 2003 President's and Dean's lists.

To qualify for the President's List, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain a 3.75 grade point average and no final grade lower than a "C." Students on the President's List also qualify for the Dean's List.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain a 3.25 grade point average and no final grade lower than a "C."

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A multicultural business center opens in Dobson

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DOBSON — "The melting pot," that is a term sometimes used to describe this great nation, and never has it been truer. America is becoming more and more culturally diverse, and so is the business environment on which we depend. While many laws of the "business jungle" are still the same, the individuals and businesses eking out a living in that "jungle" are very different.

One of these "new age" business ventures is Surry Language Links, LLC, a multi-cultural business endeavor located in Dobson. Take a look through the front door of this modern day business and you will find the owners, Darren Utt and Rosa Jimenez.

Utt is who we have recognized in the past as the "typical" business owner. He is a white male, age 26, with roots firmly in the ground of the American free enterprise system. He is educated, willing to take chances, and driven to succeed. Standing beside Utt you will see his business partner, Rosa Jimenez.

Utt is a Hispanic female, age 25, well read, fluently bi-lingual, and always looking to provide assistance to those in need. While some may view Utt and Jimenez as the entrepreneurial "odd couple," actually they are 2003's perfect business mix of education, experience and drive. But first things first... what is Surry Language Links, LLC and how did it get started?

Let's start in early 2002. At that time Utt and Jimenez were both employed at a local insurance agency, selling insurance policies, dealing with claims, and attending to other customer service issues. While both were good employees, they shared two desires: to make their community a better place to live and to own

a business.

Utt, always vigilant for possible business opportunities, noticed that the Hispanic population in northwest North Carolina was growing. He also noticed that co-worker Jimenez, was often contacted by non-English-speaking Hispanics who had questions; questions about insurance, questions about governmental requirements, questions about forms, signs, medical services, directions, and a multitude of other things. Jimenez was always willing to help people; it was one of her strengths.

It didn't take Utt long to recognize that a business opportunity existed here. So, after several discussions with Jimenez, a partnership that would become Surry Language Links was created.

A first step for the two was to make contact with the Small Business Center at Surry Community College to discuss what needed to be done to make their idea become reality. During a meeting with the Center's director in April 2002, Utt "armed" himself with information about how to structure the business, plan for operations, and obtain funding. With this information, there was no detouring Utt and Jimenez from the road to entrepreneurial independence. Many hours were spent in defining the services they would offer, identifying their customer base, finding a possible location, "crunching numbers," and planning for an opening day.

"We spent several anxious hours," Utt recounted, "trying to determine if the business would support both of us."

Jimenez nodded in agreement as she said, "The scariest part was making the decision to leave comfortable, full-time jobs to launch a business unique to this area."

But decide they did, and on Sept. 9, 2002, Surry Language Links officially opened its doors for business.



Surry Language Links is a limited liability company that provides three primary services: written language translation, language interpretation, and the sharing of multi-cultural business information.

And what is that business, you ask? Surry Language Links is a limited liability company that provides three primary services: written language translation, language interpretation, and the sharing of multi-cultural business information. The translation services provided by Surry Language Links involve the conversion of documents, signs, manuals, handbooks, and other written material into Spanish or English. Interpretation services include the verbal conversion of instructions, directions, and general information into Spanish or English. These services are provided in-office or on-site.

It is common for a member of the Surry Language Links team to accompany a client to a doctor or dentist's office, to court, to a DMV office, or to an IRS office. Individuals have been accompanied to places as far away as Charlotte to assist with communication issues. Surry Language Links also provides several vehicles for individuals wishing to share multi-

cultural information. One of those is their free monthly periodical, *Clasificados*, which contains a variety of business ads and opportunities.

Has business been good? Yes, it has. Clients now pour into the Surry Language Links office, an average of 25 daily. Partner Rosa Jimenez has been appointed as a court interpreter for Judicial District 17-B, and approved as an interpreter for the probation department of that same district.

Surry Language Links services are currently retained by local mental health agencies, school systems, attorneys, and consultation-providers. In nine short months, business has been so good that Surry Language Links has had to employ two additional individuals.

When asked about how gratifying business ownership is, Utt said, "I remember one gentleman telling me that this business wouldn't last six months. I can't help but smile as I think about



Darren Utt and Rosa Jimenez, owners of Surry Language Links, hope their business will prove helpful in bringing traditional America and the Hispanic communities together.

how well we have done since September 2002, and how much potential I see for the future. Most satisfying for me, however, is knowing that this business is helping to bring traditional America and the Hispanic communities together."

With a big smile, Jimenez answered by saying, "I most like being able to help people. I can't explain the feeling I get when we assist someone in need. I have accompanied Hispanics to doctor's offices and helped them explain how sick they were. I have helped hard-working individuals save money by explaining their situations to the IRS. I have helped individuals complete documentation which allowed them to obtain insur-

ance and drivers' license. It's gratifying knowing that you're helping people improve their lives."

What a wonderful place, this country. It truly is a "melting pot" that provides people from all backgrounds with the opportunity to make their own decisions and take their own chances.

When you think about what makes this country great, think about those risk-takers, past and present, who have dared to venture out on their own and live life by their own hands. It's hard not to admire people like Darren Utt and Rosa Jimenez; after all, it's people like them that have come together to make this "melting pot" work.



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Students travel to Wilmington for meeting

Surry Community College students recently attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of Medical Assistants held in Wilmington. These students are enrolled in the Medical Assisting Technology program and are members of the Medical Assisting Student Organization.

Attending the meeting were Mary Ann Stump, instructor Judy Winstead, Tracy White, advisor Tammy Gant, Darlene Bedsaul, Amy Rogers and Lee Ann Branch.

Surry Community College added the program in medical assisting during the 2002-2003 academic year to meet the increased demand for trained and certified medical assistants who can perform both administrative and clinical tasks.

Tammy Gant, lead instructor in the medical assisting program, said, "The two-year program includes a combination of courses designed to equip students with both administrative and clinical skills, and it includes a medical clinical internship during which students hone skills in an actual health care facility. Participation in meetings of professional organizations such as the North Carolina Society of Medical Assistants gives students a broader perspective of the medical field and provides opportunities for them to sharpen their skills in communication, team building, and leadership. We were delighted that these students chose to represent the college at this state-level meeting and to take advantage of these opportunities."

SCC announces scholarship

Marion Venable, executive director of the Surry Community College Foundation, recently announced the establishment of the Isaac Burle Craig Memorial Scholarship which will be used to assist a student in the Associate Degree Nursing or the Practical Nursing program with the cost of tuition and books.

George and Sharon Grant Craig created the scholarship in honor of their son, Isaac Burle Craig, who died on March 31, 2003, from injuries sustained in an automobile

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Candidates needed for leadership program

Surry Community College and the Greater Mount Airy and Elkin Jonesville chambers of commerce are making available to interested candidates Leadership Surry County 2003.

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Thursday each month from August 2003 through May 2004.

Candidates accepted into the program will be provided with opportunities to learn more about local history and service organizations and provided with skill-building opportunities in the areas of communication, planning, organization, team building, problem solving, delegation and conflict resolution.

The cost per participant of Leadership Surry County is \$250 which covers tuition,

tour and consultant fees, food, materials and incidentals.

A brochure specifically describing Leadership Surry County with a program application can be obtained at the Mount Airy or Elkin Jonesville chamber office or in the Small Business Center at Surry Community College.

The deadline for application to the program is today. Questions about the program can be directed to 386-3211 or 386-3309.

Nursing scholarship awarded at HCMH

Surry Community College nursing student Stacy Bard has been awarded the 2003 Orr Nursing Scholarship at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital.

Bard, of Elkin, is a second year student in Surry Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program.

The Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Foundation is the recipient of a nursing scholarship established by Elizabeth Orr of Winston-Salem, Orr named HCMH as the beneficiary of her gift through the counsel of her cousin, Foothills Family Medicine Physician Dr. Ann Evans.

Orr has held a connection with Hugh Chatham even before Evans became affiliated with the hospital and community. Her family's pharmaceutical company has long been a vendor for medications and drugs at HCMH. Her grandfather started Fleet Pharmaceutical Company in the late 1800s. From Lynchburg, Va., Orr's grandfather, Dr. C.B. Fleet, served in the Confederate Army as a medic/druggist.

After the war ended, he developed medications which he sold exclusively to hospitals.

"The company really grew in the early 1900s and has remained a viable part of the pharmaceutical industry ever since," she said.

Among the drugs Fleet patented are the familiar Chapetick and Phosfosoda, still in use today.

Orr's gift of \$4,000 was matched by the C.B. Fleet Pharmaceutical Co., Inc., giving the scholarship program a start of \$8,000. Conditions of the funds allocated are 1) that the hospital's family practice physicians interview and select the scholarship recipients and 2) that those nurses receiving training with the funds be required to guarantee a length of service at the hospital of at least two years.

HCMH is committed to providing educational assistance to its staff. Since 1991, HCMH has awarded 85 educational grants-in-aid to clinical personnel. Of these, 71 percent are still employed.

"We'd like to offer more funds to our staff interested in furthering their education," noted Chief Nursing Officer Stephen Doyle, RN.

According to Doyle, scholarship programming has become extremely important to the welfare of the industry.

"With the national nursing shortage continuing to rise, it has never been so important that we assist in the education of persons interested in clinical fields," he said.

For more information on the Elizabeth Orr Scholarship, contact the Hospital Foundation office at 527-7457.

COLLEGIATE NEWS

SCC announces dean's list, president's list

Surry Community College is proud to announce its spring semester 2003 president's and dean's lists.

To qualify for the president's list, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain at least a 3.75 grade point average and no final grade lower than a "C." Students on the president's list also qualify for the dean's list.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain at least a 3.25 grade point average and no final grade lower than a "C."

Students named to the president's list are:

Lynette Adair, Frances Akers, Jason Akers, Kelly Akers, Rebecca Akers, Jenny Anderson, Christina Angeles, Stephanie Angle, Shirley Ashburn, Amber Ashby, Jennifer Bagley, Sherry Ball, Shawn Bauguess, Lori Beavers, Michelle Beck, Scotty Beck, Darlene Bedsaul, Kimberley Bishop, Melisha Bledsoe, Kattie Boles, Loretta Bolin, Charles Bowen, Jody Bowman, Vickie Bowman, Jeremy Branch, Diane Brown, Joseph Bullin, Shane Burgess, Jennifer Cain, Sherron Capitano, Christopher Casstevens, Crista Cave, Sherry Cecil, Angela Chilton, Susan Chilton, Christopher Clark, Angela Cline, Lisa Cline, Connie Clippard, Danielle Cockerham, Christopher Colson, Alana Collins, Edith Collins, Frankie Collins, Jenna Collins, Sherry Combs, Angela Cox, Catherine Cox, Meredith Cox, Joshua Craig, Robert Crotts, Bobby Crouse, Whitney Crump.

Rochelle Daniel, Susan Darnell, Joseph Day, Sarah Dehart, Nathan Deir, Nichole Diacumski, Crystal Dixon, Tisha Dobbins, Magen Dodds, Sarah Dollyhigh, Matthew Dollyhite, Amanda Douglas, Jeffrey Douglas, Janet Draught, John Doty, Robyn Earley-Hiatt, Adam East,

Bonnie Easter, Crystal Easter, Joseph Edwards, Kevin Edwards, Miranda Edwards, Paula Eller, Bailey Elmore, Lindsey Formaczek, Joshua Fowler, James Frazier, Kelly Freeman, William Freeman, Johnny Frye, Joe Galyean, Derrick Galven, Margarita Garcia, Anna Garrison, Nancy Gates, Joshua Gibson, Audra Gillespie, Angela Goins, Clinton Graham, Iva Gray, David Grubbs, Amy Gullede, Floyd Gwyn III, Maria Hall, James Hardin, Valerie Harding, Mattie Hargrove, David Harold, Jennifer Harold, Hollie Harris, Quentin Harris, Jessica Hart, Amy Hawks, Duane Hawks, Shannon Hemric, Ronald Hennings, Maria Hernandez, Neldia Hiatt, Nancy High, Aimee Hiner, Catina Hodges, Libby Hodges, Anne Holcombe, Allison Hollar, Joseph Holt III, Misty Hughes,

Leanna Isaacs, Betty Jackson, Cassandra Janoski, Kellie Jarrell, Lori Jarrell, Emma Jenkins, Daniel Jennings, Dinah Jennings, Jennifer Johnson, Margaret Johnson, Michael Johnson, Samuel Johnson, James Jordan, Breann Journey, Mack Kennedy, Joanna King, Daniel Kovach, Deborah Lanham, Emily Lawson, William Lee, Leslie Leonard, Aleta Lilly, Rickmon Logan, Sherry Lowe, Jeannette Loyd, Christopher Lynch, Teresa Mabe, Elizabeth Manuel, Emily Marion, Rebecca Marion, Ann Marshall, Larry Marshall, Lee Marshall, Virginia Mason, Kristi Massey, Yvonne Mauldin, Carol McDowell, Verna McFowler, Rhonda McHone, Gilbert McMillan, Kristy Miller, Erin Mitchell, Kelly Mitchell, William Montgomery, Cynthia Moore, Randy Moore, Mary Moxley, Laurie Murray, Amanda Myers,

Kerri Myers, Kelli Nance, Amy Neal, Zachary Newman, James Nichols, Steven Nichols, Randall Nixon, Jason Norman, Pamela Notter, Derek Oakes, Charlene Overcash, Larry Padgett, Jessica Page, Lee Pardue, Stephanie Pardue, Philia

Parker, Miranda Payne, Vicky Payne, Timothy Peacock, James Penn, Seleste Perez, Jacob Phillips, Joshua Price, Amanda Pruitt, Linda Pruitt, Odell Quesenberry Jr., Jo Ramsey, Shaunda Randleman, Nora Raynor, Jennifer Redding, Matthew Reeves, Rachel Reeves, Tanya Reynolds, Audrey Riggs, Garrett Riggs, Adam Roberts, Kay Roberts, Nicole Roberts, Amy Rodgers, Brandy Rogers, Moses Ruiz, Kimberley Salyers, Veronica Scales, Lisa Sexton, Jerry Sheets, Teresa Shelton, Susan Simmons, Jennifer Simpson, Adrianna Sloan, Kristi Smith, Sarah Smith, Treva Smith, Terri Snow, Walter Southard, Amanda Sparks, Christopher Stanley, Marie Stanley, Charles Stevens, Tonya Stevens, Bonnie Stone, Renee Stowers, Jonathan Strickland, Shirelle Strickland, Janna Sturgill, Amber Sudol,

Patrick Talbert, Darlene Tate, Lori Thomas, Linda Tilley, Rachel Tilley, Teddy Tilley, Tonya Todd, Darrell Tucker, Sharon Turner, Carolyn Turpin, Angela Umstead, Nikki Vaughn, Debbie Vernon-Smith, Amanda Vestal, Amanda Walters, Deanne Watson, Delanna Watson, Kathy Watson, Michael Webb, Brandie White, Tracy White, Mark Williams, Kayssa Wilmoth, Rachel Wilson, Deborah Woods, Sara Wooten, Jared Yates and Misti York

Students named to the dean's list for the spring semester are:

Emily Kristen Adams, Heather Dawn Agee, Angela Nichole Akers, Sherry Rene Allen, Chastity Dawn Anders, Erich Charles Atkins, Jonathan Baird Atkins, Jason Henry Attaway, John Christopher Ayers, Grady Garth Badgett, Vanessa Long Baker, Stacy White Bard, Amy Lynn Bartolo, Mary Elizabeth Beane, Carla Michelle Beasley, Ryan Nelson Bennett, Timothy Paul Benton, Jamie Renae Bess, Brandon Konrad Blackburn, Savannah Blevins, Meagan Jannine Boles, Douglas Jay Bonds, Tracey Leann Bowles,

Marsha Denise Bowman, Lee Ann Burnette Branch, Nancy H. Brannock, John Mock Branon, Amanda Marie Bray, Jeannette Ramos Bray, Jennifer Lynn Brindle, Maxie L. Brock Jr., Garrett Wayne Brown, Jean Paul Brown, Mark David Brown, Brandie Celeste Bryant, Kimberly Darnella Bryant, Craig David Bullins, Jessica Erin Bush, Brenda Dockery Byrd,

Ashley Leigh Cain, Brian Craig Carico, April Gail Carter, Donald Gray Cassady, Kathryn Ridout Cave, Mariana Dawn Cave, Katherine Michelle Cheek, Wendy Michelle Childress, Brian Gray Chilton, Jenna Denise Chipman, Debbie Lynn Cline, Kathy Amanda Cockram, Michael Paul Coleman, Franda Gail Collins, Jennifer Jeannette Collins, Daniel Brett Combs, Corrine Annette Cook, Steven Gregory Cook, James Cooke, Henry Junior Corn, Amanda Fay Cox, Brandon Matthew Cox, Craig Neal Cox, Jessica Lynn Cox, Cody Landon Crissman, Ashley Michele Crouch, Donna Ann Crouse, Sherry Cox Crouse, Sarah Emily Curtis, Patty Lynn Dalton, Arlene Elizabeth Daniel, Lucas Dean Danley, Heather Dawn Davis, Justin Wayne Delph, Jessica Layne Dickerson, Tonya Marie Dillard, Sharon Elaine Dobson, Emily Nicole Draught, Michael Mark Dulay, Ashley Duncan,

Darls Goins Easter, Shannon Denise Easter, Vivian Hawks Easter, Steven Andrew Edmonds, Christina Lynn Edwards, Mandy Spencer Edwards, Mark Aaron Edwards, Veronica Espinoza, Amanda Beth Flippin, Christina Mary Galyean, Jessica Marie George, Tracy Reece Glidwell, Delba Brown Grace, Amanda Starr Gross, Stephony Colvard Grubbs, Curtis Lee Hall, Heather Nichole Hall, Jeffery Scott Hall, Kristi Shropshire Hall, Stephanie Alison Hall, Susie M. Hall, Brian Edward Harris, Junior Wayne Harris, Heather Lynn Harrison, Jennifer Dawn Hawks, Kristine Amanda Hawks, Heather Leah Hayden,

Ashley Nikole Hayes, Melissa Ann Haynes, Steven Andrew Hayes, James Jarrod Haymore, Sharon Suzanne Haynes, Tiffany Nichole Haynes, Keely Caudle Hensley, Tiffany Danielle Hester, Miranda Lea Hiatt, Stephanie Leigh Hiatt, Kimberly Hinton, Holly Renee Hodges, Julia Heather Hodges, Sarah Elizabeth Hodges, Jason Scott Holbrook, Carolyn Morgan Hummel, Kevin Lee Hunter, Emily Ann Hutchens, Rebecca Jean Hutchens,

Tabitha Wendy Jenkins, Cynthia Lynn Jessup, Christopher Michael Johnson, Claire Elizabeth Johnson, Edwin Troy Johnson, Elizabeth Ann Johnson, Larry L. Johnson, Ricky Dean Johnson Jr., Kendra York Jordan, Marsha Gail Jordan, Patrick Jonathan Joyce, Cory Christopher Kassen, Matthew Elliot Keever, Margaret McMillan Kidd, Jessica Rae King, Jesse Scott Kirby, Jonathan Stephen Knotts, Joseph Michael Lane, Pamela Rae Lang, Tammy Kay Laws, Susan Kennedy Lawson, Sommer Amanda Lehardy, Ashlie Nichole Leonard, Stephanie Ellen Light, Thomas Edward Liles, David Keith Lineberry, Jason Thomas Llewellyn, Roy Grayson Lockhart III, Sandy Moore Love, Bethanie Marie Luloff, Bradley Lyles, Amanda Nicole Lyons, Crystal Mae Lyons, Diana Karen Mabe, Candice Breanne Marion, Joshua Brian Marion, Tammy Vance Marion, Christie Martin Marsh, Alisha Marie Marshall, Amber Nicole Marshall, Ashley Nicole Marshall, Charlotte Marshall, Kara Lynn Martin, Rebecca Guy Martin, Kevin Scott Masten, Aaron James Mauldin, Mary Catherine McCormick, Mary Lou McCraw, Larry Alan McDonald, Kasey Michelle McHone, Andrea Baum McLaughlin, Sonia Marie Mess, Peggy Sue Miller, Deirdre M. Moench, Brandi Nichole Montgomery, Jennifer Patricia Moody, Abbey Christine Mooney, Jason Vancieve Moore,

Thomas Michael Nemeth, Delbert Daniel Norman, Matthew Travis Norman, Ryan Drew Norman, Tera Nichole Norman, Jeffrey Olin Nunn,

Glenda Lowery Oakley, Adam Dean Pardue, Brian Keith Parker, Jeanne Jackson Parks, Jessica L. Payne, Heather Hayslip Perry, Tessa Leann Petty, Frankie E. Phipps, Kimberly Lane Phoenix, Jeffery William Prater, Melissa Jill Puckett, Sara Ann Quesinberry, Angel Mae Ramey, Brandy Michelle R. Renegar,

Sabrina L. Richardson, Carrie Shenea Rodgers, Gaye Jenkins Rogers, Sandra Ruth Scheffey, Dawn Campbell Sechrist, Amy Nicole Seger, Maranza Elouise Sellers, Angela Dazara Sheets, Jeremiah Wesley Simmons, Justin Taylor Simpson, Matthew Jon Slawter, David Henderson Sloop, Lindsay Paige Smith, Shauna Nicole Snow, Adam Christopher Snyder, Hilda Renee Spainhour, Lynn Dunning Stout, Holly Brianna Stroud, Mary Ann Stump, Amelia Dawn Sutphin, Jonathan Curtis Sutphin, Terri Dawn Swaim, Joshua Steven Tate, Amy Marie Taylor, Ashley Renee Teague, Ashley Ann Therpe, Casey Ray Thomas, William Alfordus Thompson Jr., Jeff Craig Thomson, Richard Edward Utt, Kimberly Catherine Van Noord, Lynda S. Varnet, Ashley Cee-Jay Vaughn, Natisha Ann Vestal, Autumn Dyan Waddell, Brandi Leann Waddell, Jessica Erin Wagoner, Joshua Gray Walkup, Larry David Wall, Shannon Marie Watson, Michelle Lynn West, Joshua Allen Whitaker, Brooke Elizabeth White, Randy Dean White, Sheena Dale White, Heydy Julieta Whitt, Shirley Gilliam Willis, Dorrian Lee Wilmoth, Amanda Dawn Wilson, Jeremy Ray Wilson, Matthew Zachary Wood, Dustin Kent Woods, Daphne Kirkman Wright, Gloria Horton Wright, Joseph Lee Wright, Linda Jo Wright, Charles William Wright Jr., Yeng Xiong, Carl Ray Yates, Crystal Vaden Yontz and Stacey Gunter Young.

Real estate brokerage class to be offered at SCC

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a 60-hour course entitled "Real Estate Brokerage" from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, July 14-Sept. 17, in room H-123 (Richards Health-Science Building) on the SCC campus.

Students for this class must have passed the real estate fundamentals course.

The instructor will be Joyce Lawrence. The course costs \$60 for tuition plus a textbook fee.

Students may register at the first class.

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Applications being accepted for Leadership Surry

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provided with skill-building opportunities in the areas of communication, planning, organization, team building, problem solving, delegation and conflict resolution.

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The deadline for application to the program is July 18. Questions about the program can be directed to 386-3211 or 386-3309.

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Wyatt receives degree from UNCA

Allegany 6-19-03 James and Manah Wyatt of Sparta announce the graduation of their daughter, Holly Amber Wyatt, on May 17, 2003 from the University of North Carolina at Asheville (UNCA).

She received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology while attaining a grade point average of B. In November 2002, Wyatt became a member of Psi Chi National Honor Society at UNCA.

Wyatt also graduated from Surry Community College in May 2000

with an associate in arts degree.

At Surry, she earned a 3.8 GPA and became a member of the Psi Beta and Phi Theta Kappa national honor societies.

Wyatt will be returning to UNCA this fall to complete her

final year in the K-6 teacher licensure program, where she will be student teaching the first grade.

She plans to begin teaching and hopes to go to graduate school in order to earn her masters degree.

Cabinet class set

M/Allegany 6-28-03 DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a Cabinetmaking II class from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, July 19-Dec. 13, in room V104B (Vocational Building-Carpentry Shop) on the Surry Community College campus.

The tuition cost will be \$60. For more information, call 386-3211.

Bookkeeping class offered

Allegany 6/19/03 DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College is offering a workshop for small business on Thursday, June 19 on "Basic Bookkeeping for Business" from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Room

C101. The instructor will be Jerry Sawyers. There is no charge for this workshop.

For more information, call 386-3211 or visit the website at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/shsbust/cep.htm.

Payroll workshop is June 26

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer a workshop for small business Thursday, June 26 on "Understanding Payroll" from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Room C101. Instructor will be Jerry

Sawyers. There is no charge for this workshop.

For more information, contact the Continuing Education Small Business Center at 386-3211 or visit the website at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/shsbust/cep.htm.

MJA News 7-1-03



Catha Stroupe

What does the Fourth of July mean to you?

It means patriotism and appreciation for what all we have in America.

What did you and your family do to celebrate last year?

We cooked out and then I watched fireworks with my family.

What are you doing differently this year?

I'll be cooking out with family. This year a lot of extended family, first cousins and aunts and uncles, will be coming up and we're going to have a big picnic at Fisher River Park.

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Benjamin Pratt

What does the Fourth of July mean to you?

It means freedom and perseverance against toils and hardships to achieve a goal.

What did you and your family do to celebrate last year?

I went to my friend's house for a cookout and played the Star Spangled banner on guitar for his parents.

What are you doing differently this year?

I'll be having a pool party at my house with all of my friends, then a cookout, and shoot off some fireworks. Haven't really thought about the war.



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Sheila Core

What does the Fourth of July mean to you?

To me, it means the right to have your own independent beliefs and your own religion, and to be able to have a say in how you are governed.

What did you and your family do to celebrate last year?

Well, I just watched a movie.

What are you doing differently this year?

This year I think I will just read. I have been behind on my fun reading lately, so I'm just going to catch up.

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Debbie Eldridge

What does the Fourth of July mean to you?

It means freedom.

What did you and your family do to celebrate last year?

I just celebrated. We set off fireworks and I visited with friends.

What are you doing differently this year?

This year we'll set off fireworks again, and celebrate with friends.

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Lisa Brown

What does the Fourth of July mean to you?

It is a celebration of our freedom and a time to have unity. It really brings people together to realize unity.

What did you and your family do to celebrate last year?

In my small town of Siloam, we had a get together. We ate and had fireworks, it was really just a time to come together. There was even a parade.

What are you doing differently this year?

I'll be doing the same thing. Nothing will change because of the war.

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Andy Webb

What does the Fourth of July mean to you?

I think of the birth of our country. I used to have a family reunion that I went to each year. My aunts and all would decorate everything with colors and things. I really miss having those.

What did you and your family do to celebrate last year?

Last year, I visited my mother in the nursing home.

What are you doing differently this year?

I will just be enjoying being at home. I'll just watch fireworks from my own house.

Update 6-12-03
SCC uses survey to make improvements

Surry Community College is using results from the 2002 Community College Survey of Student Engagement to focus on good educational practices and to identify areas in which programs and services can be improved to promote student learning and retention.

Results from the 2002 Community College Survey of Student Engagement, a national study of community and technical colleges, indicate that Surry Community College students who participated in the survey were pleased with their overall educational experience at the college.

Ninety-six percent of Surry Community College students who completed the survey rated their overall educational experience at the college as "good" or "excellent." 71 percent reported that their college experience contributed favorably to their acquisition of job or work-related knowledge and skills; and 99 percent of respondents indicated they would recommend the college to a friend.

The results of the study also show that less than 55 percent of the Surry Community College students involved in the study marked "very often" and "often" when asked how frequently they participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course, worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources, or felt that the college emphasizes skills to cope with non-academic responsibilities such as work and family life.

John Brame, the Director of Institutional Research for Surry Community College commented on the study by saying, "We participated in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement because we want to continually improve the quality of education we offer students. We wanted to know how our current students felt about their overall experience at Surry Community College, with a special focus on experiences which contributed to meaningful learning, and we wanted to identify issues to address to improve the quality of the overall learning experience. Understanding where we are now is critical to determining where we should go and how we can get there."

Brame explained that results of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement provide benchmarks, national norms on educational practice and performance by community and technical colleges, and help identify areas in which the college can enhance students' educational experiences.

Surry Community College was one of 48 colleges in 22 states to participate

in the 2002 study. In March of 2002, 637 Surry Community College students in 50 randomly selected courses completed the survey consisting of 86 items which focused on practices identified by research as important to student learning, student growth, and student retention. The results for Surry Community College were compared to those of 15 community colleges classified as "small," having approximately 3,500 students.

"Overall, our results compared favorably to the other 15 small community colleges in the study, as well as to the total group of 48 colleges. For example, an

one measure called "Support for Learning," responses of Surry Community College students placed the college at the 90th percentile.

"Yes, our results also pointed to areas in which we can improve. The faculty examined results along with comparison data from other small colleges in the study and used this information in the development of our Quality Enhancement Plan. For example, a concern from the study was the number of students who indicated they produced papers or projects that required integration of ideas or information from various sources. One key part of our

plan focuses on such projects created within regular course requirements. A cross-disciplinary faculty committee will evaluate student projects from various courses to determine how well students can integrate ideas and at what level students are achieving specified general education outcomes. We want to identify both strengths and weaknesses, and then explore ways to work on any weakness. This survey provides a drastically new way to look at student learning. I think it will change the way in which colleges evaluate themselves and make changes to strengthen student learning," Brame said.



Dean Palmer/The Pilot

Art student Virgie Warf stands next to one of her paintings during last Sunday afternoon's art show at the Charles Stone Memorial Library. The painting was inspired by separate photos of a country church, a rock wall and Pilot Mountain.

Update 7-2-03
'Real estate brokerage class to begin at Surry Comm. College

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a 60-hour course entitled "Real Estate Brokerage" beginning on Monday, July 14. The class will meet from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the Dobson, N.C., campus in room H-123 (Richards Health-Science Building).

The instructor for this course will be Joyce Lawrence.

Tuition will be \$60 plus a textbook fee. Be present for registration and the first

class meeting on Monday, July 14 at 6 p.m.

Students who take this class must have successfully completed the Real Estate Fundamentals course.

Update 6-18-03
'Art show features developing talents

By DEAN PALMER
 Staff Writer

For Pilot Mountain resident Virgie Warf and other students in painting classes at Surry Community College, last Sunday was a day to be enjoyed.

Students from Ed Eaton's Watercolor Paintings class and Linda Beroth's oil paintings class again joined forces last Sunday afternoon at the Charles Stone Memorial Library to host their annual one-day art show. Family, friends and art lovers filled the display room for much of the afternoon, sharing in refreshments and conversation while admiring the variety of paintings.

According to Beroth, the shows have been held at the close of each school year for nearly 20 years. Students are invited to show off their work with framed displays, filling the walls of the library's lower level.

"These shows mean a lot to the students," Eaton explained.

"For most of them, this won't be a career but it has become a satisfying hobby. This is their chance to show off the work they've done."

"I look forward to this every year," Warf agreed. "This gives us a chance to show what we've done and to relax and have some time to talk with the friends we've made during the year."

For Warf and others, that social aspect of the classes play an important role in the enjoyment they receive from attending.

While living in Winston-Salem, Warf began taking classes in oil painting in 1991 at Forsyth Technical College. That decision came two years after she and her husband, Jerry Warf, retired from a career at AT&T. With retirement came the time to pursue a hobby that had always appealed to her.

"I'd always wanted to paint but never thought I'd be able to," she remembers. "But I

talked about it with two of my friends and the three of us started together. This was a good chance to meet people, to get out, relax and try something new."

Warf has been painting ever since and has become a prolific artist, producing an estimated 50 pieces over the last 12 years. While she has sold a couple of paintings and has given some away to family members, most remain by choice in her home.

"You're always so proud when you finish one," she explains. "Selling a painting is like selling one of your children. I hate to let one go."

While she doesn't name her paintings, Warf has no trouble identifying her favorite work. It's a portrait done shortly after she began painting of her two grandchildren walking through a field.

Virgie and Jerry Warf moved to Pilot Mountain in 1995 and

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have since enjoyed the rural, more relaxed lifestyle. Virgie Warf continued to paint in the Continuing Education classes at Surry Community College and found her transition to a new community helped by attending the classes.

"It helped me to meet people and make new friends," she remembers. "A lot of the people I know now in Pilot Mountain I met either in class or at the (Armfield) civic center."

Warf credits Beroth, also a Pilot Mountain resident, with helping to make the classes enjoyable.

"She's a good instructor," Warf noted. "She's patient and always there if you need her. She lets you enjoy the class."

Warf now believes that learning to paint is something that just about anyone who de-

sires can master enough to enjoy.

"You learn to master shapes," she explains, "and you're able to see the light and dark in things."

"At first," Beroth agrees, "everyone always says they can't do it. Talent helps but it is something that anyone can learn to a certain extent. They have to be patient with themselves. After awhile they'll begin to see progress and are usually pretty pleased."

Beroth also pointed to another, more subtle benefit that comes from learning to paint.

"When you paint," she continued, "you learn to pay attention to what you're looking at. You see things in a whole new way and it helps you to appreciate the beauty around you."

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SCC plans seminar on starting a bed and breakfast

The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor a seminar entitled "Starting a Successful Bed & Breakfast Inn" on Saturday, July 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The seminar will be held in room C-201 (upstairs-Continuing Education Bldg.) on the college campus in Dobson, N.C.

Debbie Vickery will be the seminar leader.

The seminar will focus on what it takes to make a bed and breakfast inn a reality, from developing a concept design to steps necessary to open a bed and breakfast inn. Topics will include: market research, selection of property/location, basics

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This workshop is free. However, pre-registration is required. You may pre-register by calling (336) 386-3211 or on-line at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schebusr/cep.htm.



Anita Bullin was the vocation speaker. She is assistant vice president for career services for Surry Community College. *KA 7-10-03*

SCC offers brokerage class

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a 60-hour course entitled "Real Estate Brokerage" Monday, July 14 through Sept. 17 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room H-123. The tuition is \$60 plus textbook fee.

For more information, call 386-3211. *Al Beghary 7-3-03*

Golfers raise money for SCC scholarships

Golfers tried their skills and a little luck for the cause at the 7th Annual Surry Community College Foundation/Scenic Motors Inc./Woltz & Associates Golf Tournament. The tournament was held at Pilot Knob Park on May 1 and 256 golfers participated.

This tournament helps fund scholarships for deserving students attending Surry Community College.

While all winners received trophies, the most important winners were future Surry Community College students. All first and second place winners in the three flights won a scholarship for a student attending SCC.

Winners for the morning round were: The Pebble Beach Flight was won by the Individual team of Tony Searcy, Bennett Shores, Scott Wilson and Ron Casstevens. The Hardy Brothers Trucking team of Ralph Hardy, Ron Forrest, Monty Forrest and Tony Flippen took 2nd.

The Hampton Inn team of Larry Mitchell, Tony Jenkins, Brenda Blackmon and Tanya Rees won the St. Andrews Flight. The Individual team of T. J. Payne, Mike Dockery, Mark Williams and Keith Wilmoth placed 2nd.

In the Pilot Knob Park CC Flight, the Piedmont Peterbilt Team of Mike Wrike, John Ulberg, Buddy Stafford and Anthony Brown won first place. The Individual team of Keith Venable, Jim Taylor and John Collins captured second place.

After round winners were: The Pebble Beach Flight was won by the T. P. Supply team of George Seyder, Max Hunter, Steve Dudley and Eric Fleeting. Second place went to the L. C. Transportation team consisting of Phil Arrington, Wayne Norton, Charles Hutchens and David Smith.

The overhead Door team of Jim Miller, Mike Garnett, Robert Garnett and Jimmy Miller won the St. Andrews Flight. The Gillespie Farms team of Sid Harris, Dale Willard, Ryan Gentry and Dusty Lowe placed second.

In the Pilot Knob Park CC Flight the CRTS team of Steve Curran, Tommy Crowder, and Dean Paige won first place. The team of Utility Trailer Sales consisting of Monty Blackmon, David Burton, Janet Blackmon and Kim Vaughn captured second place.

This year's tournament raised \$40,000 for the SCC Foundation. The tournament had two (\$2,500) Eagle Sponsors, four (\$1,500) Birdie Sponsors, six (\$750) Par Sponsors, 51 (\$500) Corporate Sponsors, 63 (\$100) Hole Sponsors, and numerous contributors and donors. Surry Community College sincerely appreciates the support given by the sponsors and players to ensure a successful tournament.



LORI JOINES AND MIRANDA EDWARDS

Joines, Edwards earn nursing degrees from SCC; to work at WFU

Lori Joines and Miranda Edwards each graduated with an associate degree in nursing (RN) from Surry Community College on May 15.

Joines is the daughter of Terry and Sharon Joines of Sparta. She is the granddaughter of Ernest and Agnes Joines of Sparta and the late Kyle Cox and Edna Cox of Sparta.

Edwards is the wife of Brian Edwards of Sparta and the daughter of Phil and Barbara Bare of Ennice.

Both have accepted positions at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Joines will be working with the Trauma Step-Down Unit and Edwards will be working with the Neuro Surgery Unit.

SCC adding program to earn degrees online

By BEN SILVESTER
SURRY REPORTER

DOBSON — The deadline for registering for Surry Community College's first ever two-year online degree program is drawing near.

Monday is the last day anyone interested in pursuing an associate of arts or applied science in information systems degree from their personal computer at home will be able to register for this term.

According to Candace Ring, director of distance education for SCC, almost all registration can be complet-

ed online. The only part of the procedure which necessitates a visit to the nearest campus would be to take placement tests in math and English.

The rest of the procedure, including orientation, admission, enrollment and payment, can be performed online after an initial phone call or email to Ring to ensure applicants have the correct technical (hardware and software) requirements.

The minimal hardware requirements for a PC are a Pentium II, 300 megahertz processor, 125 megabytes of RAM memory, SVGA monitor with 4 megabytes of video RAM, sound

card and speakers, Windows 98, Windows NT, Windows ME, Windows 2000 or Windows XP, a hard drive with a minimum of 250 megabytes of free space, 56K modem or higher, printer and CD-ROM drive.

The minimal software requirements are a word processing package such as Office XP, email software that supports email attachments, Internet Explorer version 5.0 or higher or Netscape version 4.0 or higher, Acrobat Reader, Real Media Player and any other software that may be required to complete courses.

"Distance education is not for

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everyone," Ring said Monday. "But it does fit well those students who are self-directed and self-motivated."

The online associates degree, often referred to as a "cohort program," is a completely accredited plan of study that requires students to commit to a specific course program laid out by the staff.

Though students will be able to work around their own schedules, Ring said there will be project and homework deadlines.

"It's not like they can wait until

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the end of the 16 weeks to finish all of their assignments," Ring said.

While the program does call on students to be self-motivated, a cooperative and collaborative online environment is established and promoted throughout the course's entirety because all students are taking the same classes at the same time.

Chat rooms, threaded discussions and group projects are just some of the ways the students will provide a network of support for each other over the two years.

"We found through our experience with other internet classes that 20 is a good number for students and instructors," Ring said.

What that means is there

will be up to 40 students (20 in the associates of arts and 20 in information systems) enrolled in this year's cohort programs.

Plans to add more cohort programs at the start of each fall semester will depend on the amount of students registering for the programs, but Ring feels the number of students using the current Internet classes indicate a strong potential for the program to grow.

"The internet classes are always the first to fill up," she said. "By 12 (noon) on registration day, they're full."

The school has offered a number of Internet and television-based distance learning classes, but never before has the school been able to offer a fully accredited two-year associates program online.

The cohort program is a result of about two years of

work gathering data and putting a course together, Ring said.

It began with the school's telecourses — classes conducted via television with the instructor in a remote location — that started about 10 years ago. From there, Internet classes evolved and eventually Ring and her colleagues produced the cohort program.

In this time of economic distress and need for re-educating the local workforce, the cohort program caters to those without the time and/or money to make it to a

campus every day.

"Students, whether through their schedule, maybe money, or their job will not allow them to attend class, can now do that," Ring said. "With the Internet course they can work anytime. We see it as just a good alternative for maybe those folks who have been laid off and taking the course at home saves them money on child care."

As of today, there are ??? spots filled. To contact Ring and begin the registration process, call 386-3382 or email ringc@surry.cc.nc.us.

Notary class set at SCC

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DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a notary public class from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 12 and 14 in Room C-101 of the Continuing Education Building.

Surry County Register of Deeds Dennis "Bud" Cameron will conduct the class.

The cost is \$50 tuition and about \$15.50 for the text.

Upon successful completion of this course, students may apply to become notaries public. There is a \$50 application fee payable to the Secretary of State of North Carolina and a \$10 fee for taking and registering the oath of office, payable to the Surry County Register of Deeds Office. Notaries will have to buy their own seal for a cost of about \$30 from any office-supply company.

For more information, call 386-3211.

Surry Community College Continuing Education Classes

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Starting a Successful Bed & Breakfast Inn

Date/Time: Saturday, July 19, 2003, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Instructor: Debbie Vickery

Location: SCC Campus - Room C201

Cost: Tuition Free of Charge (Optional \$15.00 Workbook will be available)

Learn what it takes to make a B&B a reality. Attendees will learn how to develop a concept design, and about the steps necessary to open a Bed

& Breakfast: market research, selection of property/location, basics of financial planning, legalizing the business, and development of organizational and operational plans. Marketing strategies will be discussed, from no-cost techniques to developing an Internet presence. Local, state, and national resources offering support to the B&B industry will also be shared.

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Leadership Surry County

Date/Time: Every 3rd Thursday, August 21, 2003 through May 20, 2003 (except December), 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Surry Community College, room C-101

Cost: \$250

Leadership Surry County is a program designed to develop the leadership

potential of Surry County. Through the program, individuals from diverse backgrounds with a commitment to quality leadership, will experience opportunities for personal growth and increased awareness of

the community. Skills and information acquired by the graduates of Leadership Surry County can be readily applied to their work environments, service agencies, and volunteer efforts—all for the overall good of the community. This program is sponsored by the Elkin-Jonesville Chamber of Commerce, the Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce, and Surry Community College. Individuals interested in participating in

the program must submit a completed application no later than July 18,

2003. The Leadership Surry County selection committee will choose a minimum of 20 participants who are motivated and committed to learning

more about the community and to enhancing their leadership potential.

Final selection for the 2003-2004 class will be made by August 8, 2003. For a detailed brochure (with application) about the program, contact Surry Community College at (336) 386-3211.

Surry Community College, and the Greater Mount Airy and Elkin-Jonesville Chambers of Commerce are making available to interested candidates Leadership Surry County 2003. Leadership Surry County is composed of sixty hours of in-class participation with sessions meeting one Thursday each month from August, 2003 through May, 2004. Candidates accepted

into the program will be provided with opportunities to learn more about local history and service organizations, and provided with skill-building opportunities in the areas of communication, planning, organization, team building, problem solving, delegation and conflict resolution. The cost per participant of Leadership Surry County is \$250 which covers tuition, tour and consultant fees, food, materials, and incidentals. A brochure specifically describing Leadership Surry County with a program application can be obtained at the Mount Airy or Elkin-Jonesville chamber office or in the Small Business Center at Surry Community College. The deadline for application to the program is July 18, 2003. Questions about the program can be directed to 386-3211.

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School News

Former North Stokes student wins award at SCC

By Sue Jarvis
Surry Community College
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claimed April 24, to be "Academic Excellence in North Carolina Community Colleges Day." During a luncheon held in Raleigh on that day, H. Martin Lancaster, president of the North Carolina Community College System, presented Academic Excellence Awards to

Price and Logan and two students from each of the other 58 community colleges. Lancaster began the awards presentation by saying that the Academic Excellence Awards recognize and encourage scholarship among the 800,000 adults enrolled in North Carolina Community Colleges. "Each year we recognize those students who represent the best and brightest of our exceptional community college students. You deserve strong praise for being selected for this prestigious honor. You are here today because you have taken full advantage of the opportunities provided by your community college to give you a solid foundation on which to build," he said.

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SCC receives federal grant for Upward Bound program

By WENDY BYERLY
 WOOD
 Staff Writer

DOBSON — Surry Community College has received a federal grant to support its Upward Bound program.

Upward Bound provides fundamental support to high school students from low-income families, high school students from families in which neither parent holds a four-year degree and to low-income, first-generation military veterans — all of whom are preparing to enter post-secondary education.

The goal of the Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institu-

tions offering education beyond high school.

The services include:

- Instruction in reading, writing, study skills and other subjects necessary for success in education beyond high school.

- Academic and financial counseling and workshops.

- Exposure to academic programs and cultural events.

- Tutoring.

- Mentoring.

- Information on post-secondary education opportunities.

- Assistance in completing college entrance and financial aid applications.

- Assistance in preparing for college entrance exams.

- Work-study positions to

SCC is offering course

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a 54 hour "Small Gas Engine Repair" course on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to

9:30 p.m. through June 2 through August 6. The instructor is Bernays White. Tuition is \$60. For more information, call 386-3211.

Design and drafting class set to begin May 28 at Surry

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a course entitled "Introduction to Computer-Aided Design and Drafting." The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from

6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in room T-111 beginning on May 28 through August 4. The instructor is Jim Henderson. Tuition is \$60. Pre-registration required.

For more information, call 386-3265 or 386-3211.

SCC class is announced

DOBSON — Surry Community College's Small Business Center is offering a free, two-hour seminar entitled "Customer Service Tips for Service Providers" in the Surry County Government Center, room 335 on Tuesday, June 17 and Thursday, June 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registrations is required due to space limitations. For more information, call 386-3211.

Class slated at Surry

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a "Blueprint Reading" course on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in room T-111 beginning May 29 through July 29. The instructor will be Jim Henderson. Tuition is \$60 and pre-registration is required.

For more information, call 386-3265 or 386-3211.

Library to host SCC art show

PILOT MOUNTAIN — The Charles H. Stone Memorial Library in Pilot Mountain will host an annual show of art produced by continuing-education students at Surry Community College.

The one-day showing from 1 to 4 p.m. June 15 in the library's lower level is open to the public.

Refreshments will be served.

The show will include oil paintings by Linda Beroth's students and watercolors by Ed Eaton's students.

Both teachers' classes meet in Pilot Mountain during the spring and fall.

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COLLEGIATE NEWS



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In addition to numerous academic achievements, he was a member of the varsity football, wrestling and track teams. He was named "All Conference" in track and football and was the captain of the football team his senior year.

Joshua's quest for excellence continued when he became a freshman in the College Transfer Program. Having received one of the Surry Community College "Top Ten" scholarships which are given to students who have earned the top 10 academic averages in their graduating class, he had a standard to maintain. With an interest in transferring to North Carolina State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering, he selected challenging mathematics, science and liberal arts courses. He exceeded the academic standard he set in high school when he earned a 4.0 grade point average (a straight "A"

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SCC using survey results to improve programs, services

DOBSON — Surry Community College is using results from the 2002 Community College Survey of Student Engagement to focus on good educational practices and to identify areas in which programs and services can be improved to promote student learning and retention.

Results from the 2002 Community College Survey of Student Engagement, a national study of community and technical colleges, indicate that Surry Community College students who participated in the survey were pleased with their overall educational experience at the college. Ninety-six percent of Surry Community College students who completed the survey rated their overall educational experience at the college as "good" or "excellent; 71 percent reported that their college experience contributed favorably to their acquisition of job or work-related knowl-

edge and skills; and 99 percent of respondents indicated they would recommend the college to a friend.

The results of the study also show that less than 55 percent of the Surry Community College students involved in the study marked "Very Often" and "Often" when asked how frequently they participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course, worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources, or felt that the college emphasizes skills to cope with non-academic responsibilities such as work and family life.

John Brame, the director of Institutional Research for Surry Community College commented on the study by saying, "We participated in the

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Community College Survey of Student Engagement because we want to continually improve the quality of education we offer students. We wanted to know how our current students felt about their overall experience at Surry Community College, with a special focus on experiences which contributed to meaningful learning, and we wanted to identify issues to address to improve the quality of the overall learning experience. Understanding where we are now is critical to determining where we should go and how we can get there."

Brame explained that results of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement provide benchmarks, national norms on educational practice and performance by community and technical colleges, and help identify areas in which the college can enhance students' educational experiences.

Surry Community College was one of 48 colleges in 22

states to participate in the 2002 study. In March of 2002, 637 Surry Community College students in 50 randomly selected courses completed the survey consisting of 86 items which focused on practices identified by research as retention. The results for Surry Community College were compared to those of 15 community colleges classified as "small," having approximately 3,500 students.

"Overall, our results compared favorably to the other 15 small community colleges in the study, as well as to the total group of 48 colleges. For example, on one measure called "Support for Learning," responses of Surry Community College students placed the college at the 90th percentile. Yet, our results also pointed to areas in which we can improve.

"The faculty examined results along with comparison data from other small colleges in the study and used this information in the development of

our Quality Enhancement Plan. For example, a concern from the study was the number of students who indicated they produced papers or projects that required integration of ideas or information from various sources.

"One key part of our plan focuses on such projects created within regular course requirements. A cross-disciplinary faculty committee will evaluate student projects from various courses to determine how well students can integrate ideas and at what level students are achieving specified general education outcomes.

"We want to identify both strengths and weaknesses, and then explore ways to work on any weakness. This survey provides a drastically new way to look at student learning. I think it will change the way in which colleges evaluate themselves and make changes to strengthen student learning," Brame said.

Jackson receives Mickey Dean Arrington Memorial Scholarship

DOBSON — Jamie Childress, director of Financial Aid for Surry Community College, has announced that Roger D. Jackson Jr. is the recipient of the Mickey Dean Arrington Memorial Scholarship for the 2003-04 academic year.

Jackson will enroll in the College Transfer program in the fall of this year with plans to transfer to a university to major in special education.

Jackson is a 2003 North Surry graduate. While a student at North Surry, he participated in an education internship, working with students in the Exceptional Children's program and served as a member of the



Mickey Dean Arrington

Spanish Club.

Jackson is the son of Carol and Roger D. Jackson Sr. of Mount Airy. He is an active member of the Church of Christ

in Dry Pond, Va.

The Mickey Dean Arrington Memorial Scholarship was established in 1995 by Brenda Brintle to honor her son, Mickey Dean Arrington, who was killed in an automobile accident. Arrington had planned to enroll in Surry Community College in the fall of 1994 to study electronics.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, be a graduate of a Surry County high school or a current freshman at Surry Community College, and have a strong commitment to earning a college degree.

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Knights' Dickens drafted by White Sox

By ALLEN WORRELL
Sports Writer *MA 6-5-03*

DOBSON — Every baseball player dreams of having his name called in the Major League Baseball Draft. For Surry Community College's Cody Dickens, fulfilling that fantasy is becoming old hat.

Dickens, a standout pitcher for the Knights, was selected in the 16th round of the MLB Draft by the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday. It was the second consecutive year Dickens

has been drafted by a Major League team. The Anaheim Angels originally drafted the fireballer from Forbush last year in the 50th round.



Cody Dickens

Wednesday was also a big day for SCC as two other Knights were selected in the late rounds of the draft.

Left-handed pitcher Tony Harris was taken in the 48th round by the Atlanta Braves, while the Tampa Bay Devil Rays picked up second baseman Brad Matthews with the first pick of the 47th round.

"We are excited for all of these guys to get drafted. We feel like it is a big honor," Knights head coach Mark Tucker said.

"It says a lot about our program here and how far it has come. What we try to do is help each individual player reach their goal. Hopefully this will motivate these guys even more."

Dickens was outstanding in limited duty as a freshman for SCC in 2003. The right-hander posted a 4-0 record and finished the season with a microscopic 0.60 ERA. He struck out 29 batters in 30 innings of work. His season was cut short by season-ending shoulder tendinitis and because of a suspension due to an unspecified violation of team rules. Even so, Tucker said his freshman was the cream of the pitching crop in the Western Tarheel Conference.

"He was the most dominant pitcher in our conference. He kind of gave us a feeling that if we scored a couple of runs we had a real good chance to win," Tucker said. "We feel he has the ability to pitch in the big leagues one day and his work ethic has improved since he's been here. If he continues to work hard and improve, good things will happen for Cody."

While this was Dickens' second successful venture into the draft, the Knights' hurler was just as happy to be repeat selection. Dickens says he was actually surprised at how high he went because of his arm problems.

"I'm excited, but I'm kind of surprised after I hurt my arm again," he said. "I was surprised I went that high really. (My arm is) getting better now. I'm going to take the summer off and be ready next fall."

Scouts are quickly enamored with Dickens when they see his stuff on the mound. The rising sophomore's fastball was clocked at 94 mph this season, but he also has an ef-

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fective arsenal of offspeed pitches. He uses a slider, a curveball and a changeup.

"He can really bring it up there. He doesn't throw the slider a whole lot, but his curveball is a good pitch for him and his changeup at times is a real good pitch for him," Tucker said. "He just needs to keep getting better with it. He is tough to hit anyway, but when he has control of his curveball and changeup he is really tough to hit."

After an All-State season as a senior at Forbush, the 2002 World Series champion Angels took Dickens late in the draft, but he decided to play for Surry.

Under the Draft & Follow rule, Anaheim retained Dickens' rights until a week before the 2003 draft. Any time a drafted player goes to a Junior College, that team gets his rights for 51 weeks.

Now Dickens can sign with the White Sox or return to Surry for his sophomore season. While he has stated he will back next year, he has more choices than players at a four-



Brad Matthews

year college or university.

"That's a good thing about Junior Colleges — he has a lot of options. The White Sox can let him play another year here and then sign him," Tucker said. "If he was drafted out of high school and had gone to a four-year school he couldn't be drafted again until after his junior year."

"He wouldn't have had the option to play pro ball with another team until after his junior year. One of the big advantages to Junior College is you have more options in the draft. A player could be drafted four different times, five hypothetically. If you go to a four-year



Todd Harris

school you can only be drafted twice."

The White Sox have had luck with Knights in the past. They selected Surry shortstop Chad Durham in the 14th round of the 1997 Draft.

Durham is currently playing with the Birmingham Barons, the Class AA affiliate of the White Sox.

Despite all the excitement over Dickens' draft status, the Knights' hurler is excited about another season with Surry next spring.

"I'm definitely coming back to Surry next year," Dickens said. "We are going to have a real good team. We'll have all

of our pitchers back."

Matthews, a 5-11, 165-pound freshman from Mount Pleasant High School in Concord, was drafted by the Devil Rays mainly because of his defensive abilities. He made just three errors in 105 chances at second base and shortstop.

"He is a switch-hitter and a great defensive player. He did a real good job defensively," Tucker said. "He came along with his hitting and just needs to work on that more and he needs to get stronger."

Harris, a 6-3, 160-pound lefty from Barboursville, W. Va. possesses a fastball in the upper 80s. He tallied 129 strikeouts and posted a 0.44 ERA during a First-Team All-State senior campaign at Cabell-Midland High School.

"He worked out for a few teams toward the end of the season and had a lot of pro interest," Tucker said. "We are expecting big things out of Tony next year. I think he will do a good job for us."



Fun at Farm Fest *MA News 6/18/03*

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(Top) At the second annual Farm Fest Saturday at Surry Community College in Dobson, Lauree Barfield of Woodpoint Farm in Fairview spins Angora rabbit fibers into yarn she eventually will weave into a quilt. Next to her is her daughter, Aleena, 15, weaving on a triangle loom. (Left) Artist Bonnie Shropshire of Dobson paints the face of Landon Gallimore, 8, of Dobson. Gallimore's friend, Preston Cave, 8, of Salem Fork looks on.

SCC YADKIN CENTER LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

A four-part leadership symposium for managers, supervisors and team leaders will be sponsored by Surry Community College. Classes will meet at the new Yadkin Center from 6-9 p.m. in Room 216. Scheduled classes are: Monday, June 2 — Effective Leadership Skills; Monday, June 9 — Delegating Effectively; Monday, June 16 — Implementing Change; and Monday, June 23 — Improving Employee Work Habits. No pre-registration is required. You may attend all

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Jeanne Shelton, coordinator of Family Literacy and ESL Programs for Surry Community College, holds one of the solar-powered calculators donated by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society-International.

Literacy program receives gift from Delta Kappa Gamma Society

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DOBSON — The Surry County chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International continued its partnership with the Surry County Family Literacy Program this year by contributing 30 hand-held, solar-powered calculators for adults who are striving to learn basic skills.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a global honorary society which promotes and supports women educators and educational efforts. Teaching of numerical skills is an area of emphasis of

the organization this year.

Through the Family Literacy Program, Surry Community College provides education to adults while other agencies, such as Even Start, Smart Start, public schools, churches, etc., teach the children. During the past year, 100 families in Surry County were served through this program.

Jeanne Shelton, coordinator of Family Literacy and ESL Programs for Surry Community College, commented on the program and the gift by saying,

"Reading, writing and mathematical skills are crucial in all areas of life. We strive to teach these skills to adults through applied learning. The calculators given to us by Delta Kappa Gamma will be used in consumer economics in which students apply reading and mathematics to everyday situations such as grocery shopping, comparison shopping, or figuring the interest on a loan. We are grateful to the female educators in Delta Kappa Gamma for their generous gift."

SCC presents *June 5-23-23*
degrees to 367 adults
from community

Three hundred and sixty-seven adults received a certificate, diploma or an associate's degree during the 36th graduation ceremony of Surry Community College held on the main campus on Friday evening, May 17.

Some graduates are traditional college students in the 18-22-year-old age group, others are older adults. Some are recent high school graduates who enrolled in college to gain knowledge and skills for entry into the world of work. Others are experienced workers whose jobs changed or were eliminated due to jobs due to downsizing or closing of many manufacturing industries. They pursued college to build new skills for reentry into the workforce.

Mike McHone, vice president for student services, commented on this year's graduates by saying, "These graduates will make a positive impact on the workforce of North Carolina. Graduates of the career technologies programs are equipped with skills for immediate employment, and many already have already begun work in their field of study. Others are transferring to a university or four-year college to pursue a bachelor's degree, with many of these preparing for careers in education, health care and other areas in which the demand for workers is strong."

The 2003 Surry Community graduation coincides with the 40th anniversary of the North Carolina Community System. The system was formed on May 17, 1963, when the North Carolina General Assembly passed legislation that merged the state's industrial education centers and fledgling community colleges into one comprehensive system. In the four decades since the system was formed, it has grown from 20 industrial education centers and six community colleges to 59 community colleges. During the current academic year, 800,000 students studied in the North Carolina Community College System.

Surry Community College was chartered in 1964. It opened its doors to students that year, offering programs in college transfer, business, secretarial science, drafting, agriculture, electronics, adult basic education and GED. The new college held its first graduation ceremony in 1968 with 55 students receiving degrees.

The Class of 2003 is comprised of students who completed one or more of the 33 career technologies programs or the college transfer program.

Members of the SCC Class of 2003 are:

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B&B workshop set

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DOBSON — The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor a seminar entitled "Starting a Successful Bed & Breakfast Inn" from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on July 19 on the college campus in room C-201 of the Continuing Education Building.

The seminar leader will be Debbie Vickery.

She will discuss what it takes to make a B&B a reality, how to develop a concept design, steps necessary to open a bed & breakfast, market research and strategies, selection of property and location, basics of financial planning, legal requirements, development of organizational and operational plans, no-cost techniques to establish an Internet presence and local, state and national resources.

This workshop is free of charge, but preregistration is required. Call 386-3211.

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Deborah K. Woods, AAS, Business Administration, and AAS, Accounting.

Yong Xiong, AAS, Advertising & Graphic Design Technology.

Kou Yang, AS, and AA.

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North Wilkesboro, N.C.

Crystal Gaultney Dixon, AAS, Nursing.

Stephanie Wiseman, Certificate, Viticulture & Enology Technology.

Sonia Marie Whiddon-Mesa, AAS, Paralegal Technology.

Pfafftown, N.C.

Leah Maureen McCormick,

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Misti Sams King, AAS, Office Systems Technology.

Kattie Marie Boles, AS, and AA.

Ashley Ann Coffman, AA.

Franda Gail Collins, D, Horticulture Technology.

Jeffery Allen Dorsett, AA.

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Chris Lee Sheppard, AAS, Business Administration.

Charles Edward Stevens, AAS, Industrial Systems Technology.

Tonya Renee Stevens, AAS, Nursing.

Rachel Elisabeth Tilley, AAS, Nursing.

Teresa Ann White, AS, and AA.

Pinnacle, N.C.

James Roland Cooke, AA.

Meredith Sprinkle Cox, AAS, Nursing.

Amy Gwyn Hawks, AAS, Criminal Justice Technology.

Sandra M. Hunter, AAS, Nursing.

Daniel Lewis Jennings, AAS, Information Systems: Networking Administration and Support Concentration.

Misty Dawn Jessup, AAS, Criminal Justice Technology.

Deborah A. Lanham, AAS, Computer Programming.

Kimberly Dawn Lawson, AAS, Paralegal Technology.

Emily Gray Marion, AAS, Nursing.

Amanda Jill McHone, AA.

Ashley Nicole McKee, D, General Occupational Technology.

Amanda Michelle Myers, AAS, Nursing.

Sharon Pack, D, Office Systems Technology.

Christine Collins Reynolds, AAS, Business Administration, and AAS, Accounting.

Hilda Renee Spainhour, AAS, Accounting.

Marie Hill Stanley, AAS, Nursing.

Carolyn Venable Turpin, AAS, Computer Programming.

Vickie Paige Westmoreland, AAS, General Occupational Technology.

Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Evan Tartaglia, Associate in General Education.

Rouring River, N.C.

Brandi Leonard Jordan, AAS, Nursing.

Christie Anne White, AAS, Nursing.

Marty Wood, AAS, Electronics Engineering Technology.

Ronda, N.C.

Debbie Barker Childress, AAS, Nursing.

Terri Dawn Collins, AAS, Business Administration, and AAS, Accounting.

Susan M. Hooker, AAS, Office Systems Technology: Medical Concentration.

Tonya C. Swain, D, General Occupational Technology.

Catherine R. Teague, Certificate, Early Childhood Associate.

Siloam, N.C.

Clinton R. Graham, AAS, Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology.

Hanna Lynn Beck, AA.

Rebecca Thompson Marion, AAS, Office Systems Technology: Medical Concentration.

Jessica Marie Watson, Associate in General Education.

David Lawrence Wilkins, AA.

Sparta, N.C.

Tonya Marie Dillard, AA.

Tomia Joy Edge, AA.

Miranda Bare Edwards, AAS, Nursing.

Rebecca M. Hamm, AA.

Lori Beth Joines, AAS, Nursing.

Janna Leigh Sturgill, AAS, Nursing.

State Road, N.C.

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Shelly Gentry, AAS, Business Administration.

Jody Lynn Goodwill, AA, and AAS, Advertising & Graphic Design Technology.

James R. Jordan, AAS, Advertising & Graphic Design Technology.

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Rachel Garner Slawter, AAS, Nursing.

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Andy Ray Spicer, AAS, Business Administration.

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Toast, N.C.

Dana Rae Floyd, AA.

Margarita Leon Garcia, D, Cosmetology.

Kasey Michelle McHone, AA.

Valeria Rose Simmons, Certificate, Office Systems Technology.

Tobaccoville, N.C.

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Sharon Lee Grace Walder, AA.

Traphill, N.C.

Mac Burrus, AAS, Paralegal Technology.

Holly Marie Colbert, AAS, Advertising & Graphic Design Technology.

Tammy Lynn Spicer, AA.

Walnut Cove, N.C.

Tyler B. Stultz, AAS, Machining Technology.

Westfield, N.C.

Sabrina Lynn Bowman, AAS, Business Administration.

Karrie Rave Griffith, AAS, Office Systems Technology: Medical Concentration.

David Allen Grubbs, AAS, Automotive Systems Technology.

Jo Ann Lawson, AAS, Office Systems Technology.

Winston-Salem, N.C.

Amy J. Davis, AAS, General Occupational Technology.

Shannon Hope Henric, AAS, Information Systems.

Yadkinville, N.C.

Angela Prim Adams, AA.

Rena Freedland Adams, AA.

Lucretia Journey Bolin, AAS, Nursing.

Ricardo Gonzalez, AAS, Elec-

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Ronald Gray Hennings, AAS, Electrical/Maintenance Mechanic.

Paula D. Kenna, AAS, Office Systems Technology: Medical Concentration.

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Submitted photo
Rickmon Logan and Joshua Price are recipients of the North Carolina Community College Academic Excellence Award.

Price, Logan honored for being among the 'best and brightest' of community college students

DOBSON — Surry Community College students Joshua Price and Rickmon Logan each received the North Carolina Community College Academic Excellence Award.

H. Martin Lancaster, president of the North Carolina Community College System, presented the awards at a luncheon in Raleigh.

Lancaster said the Academic Excellence Awards recognize and encourage scholarship among the 800,000 adults enrolled in North Carolina Community Colleges.

"Each year we recognize those students who represent the best and brightest of our exceptional community college students," he said. "You deserve strong praise for being selected for this prestigious honor. You are here today because you have taken full advantage of the opportunities provided by your community college to give you a solid foundation on which to build."

Price, a second-year student in the College Transfer Program, was an honor graduate and North Carolina Academic Scholar at North Stokes High School in Danbury. He was a member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club and was on the honor roll all four years of high school. He was a member of the varsity football, wrestling and track teams. He was named "All Conference" in track and football and was the captain of the football team his senior year.

He received one of Surry Community College's "Top Ten" scholarships that go to students with the top 10 academic averages in their graduating class. At SCC he has a 4.0 grade point average, was named on the President's and Dean's lists and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Society. He is an official Surry Community College Ambassador and mathematics tutor in the SCC Learning Center. During his time away from college, he worked part time in sales and manufacturing, served as Sunday School superintendent, sang in his church choir and produced a gospel music CD. He plans to transfer to North Carolina State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering.

He remarked, "I am certainly honored to be selected for this award. I suppose I learned to set high goals from my mother who has high expectations of herself and of me. I enjoy challenging myself with high standards, meeting the chal-

lenge and continuing to move the bar up a notch."

Price is the son of Darrell and Danette Price of Pilot Mountain.

Rickmon Logan, also a second-year student in the College Transfer Program, lives principles he adopted early in life — principles taught to him by his father, Brandon Logan of Spindale, N.C., and other family members through their words and actions. He strives to live Christian tenets outlined in the Bible in that he seeks to love his neighbor, to be kind and encouraging to other people, and to be diligent and persistent in using his talents and abilities to accomplish tasks set before him, he said.

As a senior at R.S. Central High School in Rutherfordton, Logan was "Outstanding Senior," a North Carolina Academic Scholar, listed on "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and recipient of the citizenship award presented by the Rutherfordton Women's Club. He was co-captain of the varsity basketball team, its most-improved player and all-conference in his senior year.

He went to Spartanburg Methodist College and completed his freshman year with a 3.74 GPA. At the end of the year, he took his high school coach's advice and transferred to Surry Community College to try out for the intercollegiate basketball team coached by Tony Searcy.

In his year at Surry Community College, Logan maintained a 4.0 GPA and played on the basketball team. However, he has decided to play basketball purely for recreation in order to devote more time to immediate academic pursuits that include a pre-med program and a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he will enroll as a junior in the fall. His career goal is to be a practicing physician.

Asked what advice he might give to young people who are beginning their adult lives, he said, "I would tell them to take a good look at the people around them and decide if these people are living the way they want to live. If they decide they want more — want a better life — education is the key. Hard work, diligence and persistence are necessary to acquire education — education in every area of life."



Submitted photo
Recipients of the Edward M. Armfield Scholarship gather during a reception at Surry Community College recognizing their achievement. Adair Armfield, widow of Edward M. Armfield, presented each of the 44 recent graduates with a \$4,000 renewable scholarship to be used in a four-year program.

Armfield Scholarships awarded to 44 Surry County graduates

DOBSON — During a reception held on the campus of Surry Community College recently, Adair Armfield, widow of Edward M. Armfield, presented a \$4,000 renewable scholarship to 44 graduates of area high schools and Surry Community College.

The Armfield Scholarship is given to 10 Surry Community College graduates each year who have demonstrated exemplary academic performance and extracurricular involvement, who have financial need, and who also graduated from a high school in Surry County. The scholarships are awarded to graduates of area high schools on the same merit and need basis.

Surry Community College graduates receiving the scholarship were: Audrey Riggs, Tabitha W. Jenkins, Jody B. Bowman, Amanda Sparks, Joseph Edwards, Joshua P. Gibson, Dawn Hodges, Matthew S. Richardson, Kevin Masten, and Jennifer Caudle. Each of these graduates will use the scholarship during the 2003-04 academic year to pursue the junior year of study in a four-year college or university.

East Surry High School graduates receiving the award were: Ryan Lons, Daniel Collins, Jessica Lynn Haymore, Vanessa Lynn Gammons, Laura Wyant, William B. Sawyers, Nicole Sapp. Elkin graduates awarded a scholarship were:

Dacia Haymore, Wesley Jones, Deanna Faulkner and Alexander Barfield.

Mount Airy scholarship winners were: Catherine Demcio, Keisha Gordon, Winona Berawski, Samantha Eaton, Lee Ann Riekehof, Pa Koud Lor and Lindsey Nicole Willis.

North Surry graduates receiving scholarships were: James Utt, Myra Jane Parsons, Devin Thomas, Will Angel, China Tickle, Thomas Gwoyo, Jami Snow and Stapham Ut.

Surry Central scholarship recipients were: Mary Margaret Falk, Kasey Cosby, Genesis Leonard, Kevin Hutchins, Grady Mitchell, Amanda Collins, April Hubert, John Bowman and Lauren Adams.

Edward M. Armfield, a native of Asheboro, North Carolina, graduated from Davidson College in 1937. While attending Davidson, he was actively involved in athletics and various campus organizations. In 1952, he was inducted into the Davidson College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Armfield founded his own textile company at the age of 30 and successfully operated it until his retirement in 1986. Because of his belief in the value of education and his concern for individuals with financial need, he established the Edward M. Armfield, Sr. Foundation, Incorporated.

SCC announces Rippin pool scholarship 6/5/03

Marion Venable, executive director of the Surry Community College Foundation, announces the establishment of the Hugh Chatham Aquatic Center Wellness Pool Scholarship. This endowment fund, established by the Chatham Foundation, will be used for scholarships to cover the cost of tuition for adults who wish to participate in the Aquatic Exercise Program offered through the Hugh Chatham Aquatic Center and are in need of financial assistance.

The Hugh Chatham Aquatic Center is located at 700 Chatham Medical Park in Elkin.

Surry Community College manages the Aquatic Exercise Program which features a variety of aquatic exercises designed to increase strength, flexibility and stamina and enhance overall health and well-being. Current sessions include high-energy exercise, fluid movement exercise for physical infirmities and regular aquatic exercise.

Sessions are offered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Individuals who are 16 years of age or older may enter

the program at any time. The cost of a series of 24 sessions is \$65. Fees are pro-rated, and scholarships are available for participants who are in need of financial assistance.

The Surry Community College Foundation welcomes contributions from individuals, businesses and civic groups to fund existing scholarships or to establish new ones.

For more information on the Foundation or on the Aquatic Exercise Program, contact Marion Venable by telephone at 386-3269 or by e-mail at venablem@surry.cc.nc.us.

■ This week, Surry Community College's continuing-education division will present Notary Public Education and Basic Bookkeeping for Business, on the campus. A free seminar, Customer Service Tips for Service Providers, will be held this week in the Surry County Government Center, 118 Hamby Road, Dobson. Next week, Understanding Polyroll will be held on the campus. Call 386-3211.



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Flat Rock High School alumni, from left, David Hatcher, Charlie Shelton and Jim Reeves are pictured with Marion Venable, second from right, the executive director of the Surry Community College Foundation.

Flat Rock High School alumni establish SCC scholarship

FLAT ROCK — Friends of Flat Rock High School recently contributed \$10,000 to the Surry Community College Foundation for the creation of the Flat Rock High School Alumni Scholarship.

The scholarship is the product of a reunion of former students and teachers of the school. When the group met to celebrate fond memories of their experiences at Flat Rock High School, they decided to do something positive for the community by creating a scholarship fund for Surry Community College students.

Each year, a financial award of a maximum of \$500 will be available for a student who attended Flat Rock Elementary School, who has potential for future community leadership based on academic and extracurricular activities in high school, and who has demonstrated financial need.

Individuals who are interested in applying for the Flat Rock High School Scholarship may obtain an application from Jamie Childress, director of Financial Aid for Surry Community College.

Contributions to the scholarship fund can be made by contacting Marion Venable, executive director of the Surry Community College Foundation.



David Hatcher, Charlie Shelton and Jim Reeves, Flat Rock High School alumni, present Marion Venable, executive director of the Surry Community College Foundation, with funds for the SCC Flat Rock High School Alumni Scholarship.

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SCC Phi Beta Lambda students who participated in the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in Charlotte. Pictured from left to right are: Deborah Woods, Shawn Senter, Andrea McLaughlin, Andy Spicer, Amanda Tise, Terri Collins, Scotty Parker, Ashley Hayes, Katrina McCann, Jeremy Branch, Amanda Douglas, Jessica Dickerson, Delba Groce, Tim Peacock, Connie Clippard, Steven Kennedy, Gall Carter and Ruth King.

Surry Community College's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter wins state awards

DOBSON — The Surry Community College chapter of Phi Beta Lambda brought home numerous awards from the State Leadership Conference held in Charlotte on April 3-6.

Phi Beta Lambda is a national business club dedicated to preparing students of higher education in business, entrepreneurial, or business-related fields.

The Surry Community College Chapter has 35 student members and 10 professional division members. Debbie Branch and Donna Harbour, Surry Community College instructors and Phi Beta Lambda advisers, accompanied students to the conference.

Debbie Branch commented on the awards by saying, "Our students excelled in a variety of individual, team, and chapter competitive events. We are very proud of each one of them and their accomplishments, especially when you consider that our students were competing against 30 other colleges, both two-year community colleges and four-year universities. Many of these students now qualify to compete in the National Leadership Conference to be held in Dallas, Texas, June 28-July 2 of this year."

First place winners of competitive events were: Amanda Douglas, Impromptu Speaking; Connie Clippard, Finance;

Amanda Douglas, International Business; Andy Spicer, Quantitative Methods.

Second place winners were: Ashley Hayes, C++ Programming; Scotty Parker, Impromptu Speaking; Steven Kennedy, Java Programming; and Deborah Woods, Hospitality Management.

Third place winners were: Connie Clippard, Business Law; Jessica Dickerson, Business Principles; Jeremy Branch, Economics; Tim Peacock, Quantitative Methods; and Steven Kennedy, Telecommunications.

Additional winners include: Tim Peacock, fourth place, Computer Concepts; Delba Groce, sixth place, Word Processing; Ruth King, sixth place, Finance; Terri Collins, seventh place, Business Communications; Katrina McCann, eighth place, Accounting for Professionals; and Andrea McLaughlin, eighth place, Computer Applications.

In team competitive events, Andrea McLaughlin and Amanda Tise received second place in Emerging Business Issues; Jeremy Branch, Jessica Dickerson, and Scotty Parker placed third in Business Decision Making; and Katrina McCann and Terri Collins placed third in Business Plan.

Amanda Douglas and Ash-

ley Hayes received the "Who's Who in NCPBL" award, which was given to the top 2 percent of members who have made outstanding contributions to Phi Beta Lambda. Connie Clippard was one of two students in North Carolina to receive the NCPBL scholarship of \$650.

Also, the SCC chapter received the Blue Ribbon Award for projects and accomplishments, and finally, the Gold Seal Chapter Award for outstanding projects and programs, a recognition given to only three PBL chapters in North Carolina.

Students eligible to compete in the National PBL Conference in Dallas, Texas, this summer are: Amanda Douglas, Connie Clippard, Andy Spicer, Ashley Hayes, Deborah Woods, Steven Kennedy, Scotty Parker, Tim Peacock, and Jeremy Branch.

Donna Harbour remarked "The students' accomplishments are rewarding for not only the advisers, but are reflective of the teaching capabilities of all their instructors, and the effort put forth by the students to learn and advance their knowledge and skills. They are to be admired, and we celebrate their successes right along with them."



Danube Presbyterian to host SCC Chorus concert

Danube Presbyterian Church will host one of eight spring concerts the Surry Community College Chorus began presenting early last month. Saturday's concert, May 10, at 7 p.m., is the third performance the Dobsen, N.C., chorus has presented in the Kibler Valley congregation's sanctuary.

A covered dish supper will follow for the chorus and audience in the Charlie Roy Ayers Jr., Memorial Fellowship Hall.

The 45-voice chorus will be directed and accompanied by Benny D. Younger, who heads the college music department in addition to teaching chorus, piano, and music appreciation. Younger has directed the chorus for 20 of the group's 25 years.

Chorus students and singers come from many communities, including Patrick County, which is represented this year by Eva Vaught, a Stuart area resident and acute care nurse at R.J. Reynolds-Patriek County Memorial

Hospital. "We seldom get everyone for a concert," Younger said, "but we usually have 20 or more whose personal schedules permit their presence at each performance."

Spring 2003 Repertoire is scheduled to open with "Amazing Grace" and "Pachelbel's Canon."

"We feel this is one of our better and more versatile concerts," Younger said. "We will offer religious titles and content, as well as seasonal spring and Broadway show tunes. Something for everyone," the director added.

The concert will conclude with "Words of Spring," written by Shelby M. Forrest, Faye Tanner Cool, and Else Holmelund Minarik. Mark Daniel Merritt, one of six chorus tenors, wrote the music. Merritt also is one of five soloists in this year's chorus, which also features 21 sopranos, nine altos, and six basses.

Following the Danube performance, the chorus will sing the following day

at White Plains Friends Meeting at 7 p.m. The spring concert series will conclude with a performance at Flat Rock Baptist Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m.

Danube, Saturday's host church, will celebrate 100 years of Presbyterian presence in Kibler Valley during special services June 8, beginning at 10:30 a.m., which is expected to conclude with the planting and dedication of a Centennial Tree(s).

The congregation is extending special invitations to former pastors and former members, as well as to members and friends in area Presbyterian or other churches.

SCC announces honor students

Surry Community College has announced its spring semester president's and dean's lists.

To qualify for the president's list, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain a 3.75 grade point average and no final grade lower than a "C." Students on the president's list also qualify for the dean's list.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain a 3.25 grade point average and no final grade lower than a "C."

Patrick County High School graduates named to the president's list include Christina Townes Angeles, Kimberley Renee Bishop, Jennifer Michelle Cain and

Kristy Rachels Smith. PCHS graduates named to the dean's list include Sherry Rene Allen, Marsha Denise Bowman, Michael

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Denise Bowman, Michael Paul Coleman, Jessica Lynn Cox, Arlene Elizabeth Daniel, Kristine Amanda Hawks and Amber Nicole Marshall.

SCC to hold notary public class in Aug.

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a Notary Public class on Tuesday and Thursday, August 12 and 14.

The class will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in Room C-101 in the Continuing Education Building on the Dobsen, N.C., campus. The cost for the class is \$50 plus a textbook fee of approximately \$15.50.

Dennis "Bud" Cameron will be the instructor.

Additional fees will be required upon successful completion of the course. These fees are the responsibility of the student and payable to the following agencies: application fee: \$50 payable to the Secretary of State of North Carolina; oath of office: \$10 payable to the Surry County Register of Deeds Office; and notary seal: \$30 or more to any office supply company.

For more information call (336) 386-3211.

Surry Community College plans wastewater treatment classes

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a 78-hour Wastewater Treatment course on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from August 19 through November 6.

The class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room C-201 in the Continuing Education Building on the Dobsen, N.C., campus.

The tuition is \$60. Delmas Overby will be the instructor.

The course is designed to assist in preparation for the N.C. Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission

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Grade I and II examinations.

Those persons wishing to take the course should be present for registration and the first class meeting on Tuesday, August 19. For more information call (336) 386-3211.

Former Surry businessman's legacy lives on through scholarships

By BEN SILVESTER
STAFF REPORTER

Tribune 4-16-03

DOBSON — For the second year, Surry County students will be receiving a total of more than \$200,000 in college scholarships due to the generosity of a local businessman.

During a ceremony, Wednesday at Surry Community College's dining hall, 45 students from Elkin, Mount Airy, county high schools and the community college received scholarships from the Edward M. Armfield Sr. Foundation.

The four Elkin students

earning scholarships are Dacia Haymore, Wesley Jones, Deanna Faulkner and Alex Barfield.

Surry Central's winners are Mary Fulk, Kasey Cosby, Genesis Funk, Kevin Hutchins, Grady Mitchell, Amanda Collins, April Hubert, John Bowman and Lauren Adams.

Armfield was a businessman who owned manufacturing plants in Surry County and across the globe. Following his death in 1999, the scholarships were set up for students of Surry County to be able to go the colleges of their choice, hopefully to re-

turn. "He felt like this was a way he could give back to the community who gave him so much," said his widow, Adair Armfield. "This comes at a time in a county that needs to have a lot of children going to college. Hopefully, the students will bring back those

skills and contribute to the economy where they grew up."

Born in 1915 in Asheboro, Armfield graduated from Davidson College in 1937 and began his career in the textile industry. By 30 he had

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founded his own textile company, Armtex, in Surry County which he operated until his retirement in 1986. He also owned TWP Inc., an electronics company in New Jersey and TWP Inc., International with facilities in Mexico, Spain, England, Sweden and China.

Armfield was a strong supporter of higher education and during his lifetime assisted many with financing their continued education.

"It's a remarkable benefit for the students of Surry County," said Marsha Bledsoe, superintendent of Surry County Schools. "These are high achievers and very deserving. This (scholarship) makes it possible for these youngsters to attend the college of their choice."

Scholarship awards range from \$4,000 per academic year for most in-state, public institutions and as much as \$7,500 per year for out-of-state, private schools.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for the young people to fulfill their dreams," said Hal Gatewood, Elkin High School principal. "These young people are determined to go to college one way or another. A lot of them could get some smaller scholarships, but nothing that pays this much."

The selection process involves creating screening committees at each school made up of their own personnel. Each of the screening committees review the applications and submit two finalist applications to the Armfield Foundation's selection committee. Following a review of all the candidates, the selection committee votes and ranks the finalists.

Marion Venable, director of the Surry Community College Foundation, said scholarship opportunities for transfer students becomes more limited as they move away from high school and the Armfield Scholarships are great opportunity for the community college's students.

"It's really critical in terms of our students going on," she said.

As many sat in quiet anticipation waiting to hear their college careers would be almost entirely paid for; Surry County's graduating seniors and college transfers had nothing but praise and "thank you's" to say to the Armfield Foundation representatives.

"I'm honored the Armfield Foundation chose me to be a recipient," said Elkin High School's Alex Barfield. "I applied for several scholarships and this is what I got."

Barfield will be attending N.C. State University and



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The recipients of the Edward M. Armfield Sr. Scholarship received their certificates during a reception Wednesday at Surry Community College. The scholarship provides at least \$4,000 per academic year for each student provided they keep a minimum GPA of 3.0.

will be studying engineering.

"I'm very excited and I'm sure this will help my educational career at UNCG," said April Hubert, a Surry Central High School student. "I'd just like to say thank you to the foundation."

Jody Bowman, an SCC transfer student will be attending UNCG to major in Spanish.

"I feel really honored to get it," he said. "I worked really hard to get it."

Surry Community College

scholarship winners are Audrey Riggs, Tabitha Jenkins, Jody Bowman, Amanda Sparks, Joseph Edwards, Joshua Gibson, Dawn Hodges, Matthew Richardson, Kevin Masten and Jennifer Caudle.



Surry Community College's Phi Beta Lambda students won seven national awards from the national leadership conference. Students attending the conference were Jeremy Branch, Connie Clippard, Jessica Dickerson, Amanda Douglas, Ashley Hayes, Steven Kennedy, Scotty Parker, Andy Spicer and Deborah Woods. Also attending were Debbie Branch and Dr. Donna Harbour, Surry Community College instructors in Business Technologies.



TRIBUNE/Ben Silvester

Graduates of Surry Community College file out of the Knights' Grill to begin the graduation ceremony in the campus' gymnasium.



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Pomp & circumstance

Surry Community College graduate Tammy Spicer of Traphill hugs Darlene Harrold of Hays at the college's graduation ceremony Friday.

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Electronics Engineering
General Occupational
Horticulture
Industrial Systems
Information Systems

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Nursing: Associate Degree Nursing
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Surry Community College graduates 367

DOBSON — Three hundred and sixty-seven adults received a certificate, diploma or an associate's degree during the 36th graduation ceremony of Surry Community College held on the main campus May 17.

Some graduates are traditional college students in the 18- to 22-year-old age group; others are older adults. Some are recent high school graduates who enrolled in college to gain knowledge and skills for entry into the world of work. Others are experienced workers whose jobs changed or were eliminated due to downsizing or plant closings and they pursued college to build new skills for reentry into the workforce.

Mike McHone, vice-president for student services, said, "These graduates will make a positive impact on the workforce of North Carolina. Graduates of the career technologies programs are equipped with skills for immediate employment and many already have already begun work in their field of study. Others are transferring to a university or four-year college to pursue a bachelor's degree, with many of these preparing for careers in education, health care and other areas in which the demand for workers is strong."

The 2003 Surry Community College graduation coincides with the 40th anniversary of the North Carolina Community College System formed May 17, 1963. The North Carolina General Assembly passed legislation that merged the state's industrial education centers and fledgling community colleges into one comprehensive system. In the four decades since the system was formed, it has grown from 20 industrial education centers and six community colleges to 59 community colleges. During the current academic year, 800,000 students studied in the N.C. Community College System.

Surry Community College was chartered in 1964. It opened its doors to students that year, offering programs for college transfer, business, secretarial science, drafting, agriculture, electronics, adult basic education and general educational development (GED). The new



Theresa Klier/The Mount Airy News
Surry Community College students walk to their graduation ceremony. The college awarded 367 degrees.

college had its first graduation ceremony in 1968 with 55 students receiving degrees.

The class of 2003 is comprised of students who completed one or more of the 33 career technologies programs or the college transfer program.

The May 2003 graduates from Surry Community College, listed by hometown, with degree (AA=Associate in Arts; AS=Associate in Science; AAS=Associate in Applied Science; D=Diploma) and area of concentration, are:

Advance, N.C.
Janie Carter Brown, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.

Aranit, N.C.
Lisa Tilley Ferguson, AAS, Nursing.
Joshua Patrick Gibson, AA.
Carla Shinauld Lynch, AAS, Nursing.

Stacey Todd Osborne, AA.
Andrea Lynn Tilley, AA.
Doris Richardson Tilley, D, General Occupational Technology.
Brandy L. Bowman Gammons, D, Cosmetology.
Johanna Hunt Smith, AA.

Boonville, N.C.
Lynette Ann King Adair, AAS,

Paralegal Technology, and AAS, Office Systems Technology.
Crista Brown Cave, AAS, Office Systems Technology.
Teresa Gilmore Crouse, AAS, Nursing.

Richard Lynn Dixon, AAS, Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology.
Tasha Dawn Dobbins, D, General Occupational Technology.
Crystal Dubree, AA.

Katrina Michel McCann, AAS, Accounting, and AAS, General Occupational Technology.
Patrick A. Smith, AAS, Machining Technology.
Leander Jeffrey Swain, AAS, Information Systems.

Cana, Va.
Kathy L. Brown, AAS, Nursing.
Misty Cornell, D, General Occupational Technology.
Crystal Lee Edwards, AAS, Office Systems Technology.
John Foster Middleton, AAS, Electrical/Maintenance Mechanic.
Franklin Snow, AAS, Nursing.

Claudeville, Va.
Michael Paul Coleman, AGE, and AAS, Business Administration; and AAS, Accounting.

Danbury, N.C.
Dianna Karen Mabe, AAS, Livestock and Poultry Technology, and AAS, Agribusiness Technology.

Dobson, N.C.
Kelly Dawn Akers, AA.
Vanessa Long Baker, AA.
Scotty W. Beck, AAS, Accounting.

Phyllis Kidd Biggs, AAS, Business Administration.
Joseph Alger Blackburn Jr., AAS, Information Systems, and Certificate, Information Systems; Networking Administration and Support Concentration.
Melisha Lynn Bledsoe, AAS, Nursing.

Jeremy Shepherd Branch, AS.
Kimberly G. Brown, AAS, Cosmetology.
Dannette Marion Davis, Certificate, Office Systems Technology.
Faith-Marie Ehmman, AAS, Business Administration.
Bailey K. Elmore Jr., D, Electrical/Electronics Technology, and AAS, Industrial Systems Technology.

Anna Marie Garrison, AAS, Nursing.
Atalo L. Gonzalez, Certificate, Welding Technology.
Tahira Wendy Jenkins, AA.
Kara Lynn Martin, AS.
Shelley R. Opsal, AAS, Criminal Justice Technology.

Nursing.
Diane Brown, AAS, Computer Programming.

Daniel Wayne Culhoun, AAS, Information Systems.
Barry Grey Cleary, AAS, Industrial Systems Technology.
Joseph Payton Day, AGE, and AA.

Christie Barber Dobson, AAS, Nursing.
Amy H. Gullidge, AAS, Computer Programming.
Amanda Leigh Hege, AA.
Deborah Lynn Holder, D, Cosmetology.

Larry L. Johnson, Sr., AAS, Computer Engineering Technology.
Jennifer Cockerham Linsville, AA.

Bradley Matthew Lyles, AA.
Melissa A. Mickle, AAS, Office Systems Technology; Medical Concentration, and AAS, Business Administration.

Kristy Rae Miller, AAS, General Occupational Technology.
Monica Kay Mitchell, AA.
Mary Edna Moxley, AA.
Delbert D. Norman, AAS, Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology.
Jennifer Michelle Norman, AAS, Nursing.
Alma Elisa Ontiveros, AAS, Accounting.

Andrea Michelle Reece, AAS, Nursing.
Nathan Lee Seiber, AAS, Computer Programming.
Lisa Ann Sexton, AAS, Accounting.

Ginger Wyatt Smith, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.
Brian C. Wilson, AA.
Misti Amber York, AA.

Ennice, N.C.
Cynthia R. Choate, AA.
Derrick Stephen Galyen, AAS, Electrical/Maintenance Mechanic.
Dawn B. Villarruel, AAS, Information Systems.

Fancy Gap, Va.
Patrick Talbert, D, Construction Technology; Carpentry.

Galax, Va.
Susan Lynette Hoch, AA.
Charlotte A. Jones, AAS, Cosmetology.
Nicholas Adam Jones, D, Construction Technology; Carpentry.

Germanton, N.C.
Aleta Smith Lilly, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.

legal Technology.
Kimberly Rishi, Certificate, Information Systems.

Jonesville, N.C.
Timothy Earl Cummings, AAS, Electronics Engineering Technology.

Charles Dale Bowen, AAS, Industrial Systems Technology.
Brenda Dockery Byrd, AAS, Office Systems Technology.
Carrie Lynn Caloway, AAS, Nursing.

Kristy Leann Childress, AAS, Business Administration.
Amy Catherine Guyer, Certificate, Business Administration.
Erica Edwards Kelly, AAS, Office Systems Technology; Medical Concentration.

Pamela Laughter-Kissiah, AAS, Machining Technology.
Elias Simental, AAS, Advertising & Graphic Design Technology.
James Otha Smith II, AAS, Business Administration.

Walter Lee Southard, AAS, Business Administration, and AAS, Accounting.
Amanda Roberts Walters, AAS, Nursing.
David Scott Woodall, Associate in General Education.

King, N.C.
Maxie L. Brock Jr., AAS, Automotive Systems Technology.
Brian Craig Carico, AAS, Horticulture Technology.

Amy P. Harris, AA.
Bethanie Marie Luloff, AAS, Accounting.
Jason Decoster Marshall, AAS, Computer Engineering Technology.
Amy Rene Neal, AA.

Frankie Phipps, AAS, Livestock and Poultry Technology, and AAS, Agribusiness Technology.
Tracee A. Teague, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.
Douglas Cleveland Wall, AAS, Automotive Systems Technology.

Lambburg, Va.
Mary Lou McCraw, AAS, Information Systems; Networking Administration and Support Concentration.

Long Island City, N.Y.
Petar Safar, Certificate, Business Administration.

Lowgap, N.C.
Carlene Barker, AAS, General Occupational Technology.
Rhonda Glidewell, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.

Lee R. Marshall, AAS, Machining Technology.
Rebekah Faith Tilley, AAS, Information Systems; Networking Administration and Support Concentration.

Mount Airy, N.C.
Emily Combs, AAS, Paralegal Technology.
Cynthia Lynn Johnson, AAS, Business Administration.

Andra C. Montgomery, AAS, Business Administration.
Twila Brown Payne, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.
William G. Venable, AAS, Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Tech.

Frances Goins Akers, AAS, General Occupational Technology, and AAS, Information Systems; Networking Administration and Support Concentration.

Christina Townsend Angelen, AAS, Nursing.
Brandi Michelle Atkins, AAS, Business Administration.
Tonya Renee Atkins, AAS, Office Systems Technology; Medical Concentration.

Douglas D. Barker, D, Auto-body Repair.
Roman Hayden Barker, AAS, Nursing.
Lorena Hall Barneycastle, AAS, Accounting.

Carla M. Beasley, AA.

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Janet Holder Draughn, AAS, Nursing.

Darla G. Easter, AAS, Office Systems Technology; Medical Concentration.
Shannon Denise Easter, AAS, Office Systems Technology; Medical Concentration.

Christie J. Edwards, D, General Occupational Technology.
Shane L. Flippen, AAS, Computer Engineering Technology.
Johnny Ray Frye, AAS, Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology.

Joe Donald Galyean, AAS, Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology.
Todd M. Gerber, Associate in General Education.

Alicia Michelle Gertsch, AAS, Paralegal Technology.
Laura G. Goins, Certificate, Accounting, and AAS, Business Administration.

Crystal Parker Grant, AAS, Business Administration.
Rodney Cecil Gunter, D, Automotive Systems Technology.
Nica Gwyn, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.

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Donna Harris, AAS, Computer Engineering Technology.
Rhonda H. Harris, AAS, Accounting.

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Duane Paul Hawks, AAS, Electrical/Maintenance Mechanic.

James Jarrod Haymore, AA.
Melissa Dawn Hazelwood, AAS, Paralegal Technology.
Artise Strickland Hickman, AAS, Business Administration.

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Melissa Mabe Holder, AAS, Business Administration.
Joan Bowman Holt, AAS, Business Administration.

Carrie D. Jackson, AAS, Business Administration.
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Cynthia Lynn Jessup, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.

Edwin Troy Johnson, AAS, Paralegal Technology.
Janie Lynn Johnson, AAS, Paralegal Technology.
Jill Heath Johnson, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.

Margie Johnson, AAS, Office Systems Technology.
Breann Nicole Journey, AA.
Margaret McMillian Kidd, AAS, Accounting.

Billie Lee Duncan King, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.
Ruth Lee King, AAS, Accounting.

Jennifer Marie Simpson, AAS, Nursing.
Rakela Ghislaine Smith, AAS, Advertising & Graphic Design Technology.
Matthew Lee Swain, AAS, Advertising & Graphic Design Technology.
Debbie Vernon-Smith, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.
Patricia Luffman Wells, AAS, Criminal Justice Technology.
Sheena D. White, AA.

East Bend, N.C.
Leigh Ann Davis, AAS, Business Administration, and AAS, Accounting.
Kelly Linda Freeman, AAS, Information Systems.

Ashley Nikole Hayes, AAS, Computer Programming.
Kristi R. Matthews, AAS, Accounting, and AAS, Business Administration.

Elizabeth K. Shepherd, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.
Darrin Wayne Smitherman, AAS, Electronics Engineering Technology.

Elkin, N.C.
Candace Nicole Bledsoe, AAS,

Glade Valley, N.C.
Kenneth Wayne Billings, AAS, Information Systems; Networking Administration and Support Concentration.

Donna Ann Crouse, AA.
Ronda Higgins Patrick, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.

Hamptonville, N.C.
Jonathan Stephen Knotts, AAS, Electronics Engineering Technology, and AAS, Computer Engineering Technology.
Charlene C. Overcash, AAS, Nursing.

Drew Christopher Shore, AAS, Livestock and Poultry Technology, and AAS, Agribusiness Technology.

Michael Justin Stokes, AA.
Kristi Michelle Walker, D, Cosmetology.
Wendy Rebecca Weiborn, AS.

Harmony, N.C.
David Michael Fann, AAS, Horticulture Technology.

Hillsville, Va.
Jason E. Nicholson, Certificate, Information Systems; Networking Administration and Support Concentration.

Independence, Va.
Rebecca Cox Akers, AAS, Para-

Zachary Wade Bingman, AAS, Advertising & Graphic Design Technology.

Douglas Jay Bonds, AAS, Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology.
Joshua David Boyles, AAS, Electronics Engineering Technology.

Melissa I. Brown, AA.
Philisha Ann Brown, AAS, Early Childhood Associate.
Bonnie Diane Cahall, Certificate, Accounting.

Maclana Dawn Cave, AAS, Accounting.
Kristi Lynne Childress, AA, and AAS, Office Systems Technology; Medical Concentration.
Wendy Michelle Childress, AA.

Susan Mayes Chilton, AAS, Nursing.
David Mark Cockerham, AAS, Electronics Engineering Technology.

Linda Gaye Conner, AAS, Office Systems Technology; Medical Concentration.
Henry Junior Corn, AAS, Business Administration.
Steven Wayne Corn, AA.

David K. De Koning, Certificate, Information Systems; Networking Administration and Support Concentration.
Jannine S. De Koning, AAS, Business Administration.
William Douglas Dixon, AAS,

SCC to hold small business seminar

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer "Understanding Payroll," for small businesses from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. June 26 in Room C101 of the Continuing Education Building on the Dobson campus.

The workshop is sponsored by the Small Business Center. The instructor will be Jerry

Sawyers of Sawyers & Sawyers Accounting in Mount Airy. Sawyers will review withholding and reporting compliance, deadlines for tax deposits and payments, quarterly forms and avoiding penalties.

He will also address tough issues such as hiring family members, the pitfalls of using subcontractors who are really employees and the business' li-

ability for collecting and remitting state sales tax.

No fee will be charged to participants.

Those interested should contact the Continuing Education Small Business Center at 386-3211 to pre-register or pre-register on line at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schebusr/ep.htm.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The opening of the Yadkin Center for Surry Community College is truly a victorious event and a celebration of a significant accomplishment.

For many, it is the culmination of a long and challenging effort. However, it has often been observed that the greatest accomplishments were once considered impossible!

The Surry Community College Board of Trustees and administration are excited and thankful to be opening this new campus.

We are grateful for the Yadkin County commissioners, the Yadkinville town commissioners, The Yadkin Center Advisory Committee, the citizens of Yadkin County, and others who have contributed so much to making this dream come true.

With this new campus the college will be able to house the current programs offered in Yadkin



Frank Sells

County, as well as many new programs. We hope to begin offering some curriculum credit courses and programs within the coming summer session schedule.

The specific courses and pro-

grams to be offered will depend on student interest and needs. In addition, we have plans to offer some programs through Appalachian State University at the center.

In recent times the college has experienced unprecedented growth.

With the opening of the Yadkin Center, the college will continue to grow and will be able to better serve the citizens of Yadkin County and the surrounding area. I believe the SCC campus in Yadkin County will allow many more citizens to enhance their skills and further their education, and to do so in a friendly and comfortable atmosphere.

The new building (the first of what may be more buildings in the future), is a beautiful and functional facility sitting in a picturesque environment.

Its design allows flexibility in usage, enabling the college to offer

a wide variety of courses and programs. It also features the latest in educational technology environments to support these activities.

Opening the Yadkin Center of Surry Community is a giant step into the future of the college as we continue to prepare citizens for 21st century careers and brighter tomorrows.

This center will enhance the institution's success in carrying out our mission of "promoting personal growth and community development through excellence in teaching, learning and service."

We are extremely proud to welcome all those who choose to take part in the activities provided here, and look forward to expanding our programs as the center grows.

G. Frank Sells, Ed.D.
President
Surry Community College

College gets first peek at new Yadkin campus

This article appeared in the Oct. 6, 2000, Tribune.

By ANDY MATTHEWS
EDITOR

After more than three years of planning, fund raising and property negotiation, supporters of a Surry Community College satellite campus in Yadkin County got their first peek Thursday night of the proposed \$2.7 million classroom building.

The architect's colored rendering of the two-story, 25,000-square-foot building was perched on an easel next to other less spectacular blueprints.

For Wayne Matthews, the college's continuing education director in Yadkin County, it was a time to savor the moment. At last, he could finally visualize how in less than two years a pasture will be transformed into a high-tech learning center.

"I got the picture this morning in the mail, and my knees just buckled," Matthews said.



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Surry Community College President Frank Sells was equally impressed with the building's aesthetic quality and its academic potential.

"This is going to be a great asset to Yadkin County," Sells said during a meeting of the college's steering com-

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mittee.

For years, the college has tried to offer classes in Yadkin from a crowded office in the multi-purpose education center in Boonville. With the Dobson campus already squeezed to capacity with 3,100 students and no real expansion room at the Boonville location, steering committee members began planning in March 1997 for a new site.

With the help of veteran legislator George Holmes, a Republican state representative from Hamptonville, the college eventually secured \$1.5 million from the state legislature. Yadkinville committed \$300,000 to the campus. And Yadkin commissioners chipped in more than \$600,000, which included the purchase of 46 acres for the new site. Commissioners later set aside 10 acres for the Yadkin school board, which has been discussed as a possible site for a performance center.

Sells said that the Yadkin campus will receive \$541,702 if voters ap-

prove a \$3.5 billion bond package for the university and community college system. That money, Sells said, could be used for future expansion.

Floorplans call for a learning center, an automotive shop, two computer labs, two conference rooms and seven classrooms, one of which will be used for telecourses transmitted from the Dobson campus.

"We will have a broad spectrum of classes," Matthews said. "This building will really allow us to expand."

Susan N. Booth, the college's fund-raising and marketing director, said that the Yadkin campus will help relieve crowded conditions in Dobson.

"We have got to have more classrooms," Booth said. "Many of them were built when the college was built in the 1960s. . . . Some of our students are meeting in board rooms and body shops."

Though some adjoining property owners were a little leery about living next to a college campus, Booth said these fears have been allayed.

"Once we told them the average age of our student is 30, they are relieved," Booth said. "They won't be hearing loud music."

Area residents earn academic honors

DOBSON, N.C. — Surry Community College recently announced its dean's list and president's list for spring semester.

Galax High School graduates named to the dean's list include Debbie Lynn Clise, Christina Lynn Edwards and Tessa Leann Petty.

Carroll County High School graduates named to the dean's list include Kathy Amanda Cokeram, Daniel Brett Combs, Jessica Layne Dickerson, Matthew Travis Norman and Shirley Gilliam Willis.

Galax graduate Patrick Enos Talbert was named to the president's list.

Carroll County graduates named to the president's list

include Joshua David Fowler, Nancy Gale Gates, Margaret Hawks Johnson, Rhonda Payne McHone, Vicky Edwards Payne, Odell Queenberry Jr., Tanya Adams Reynolds, Teresa Ann Shelton and Rachel Leigh Wilson.

To qualify for the president's list, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain a 3.75 grade point average and no final grade lower than a "C."

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain a 3.25 grade point average and no final grade lower than a "C."

Campus is foundation for bright future, officials say

By ANDY MATTHEWS
EDITOR

The new \$3 million, 25,000-square-foot Surry Community College Yadkin campus will help lure new industry, show the county's commitment to higher education and improve the area's quality of life, officials say.

"It will certainly make an impact on uplifting the educational skills of Yadkin County," said SCC President G. Frank Sells. "It's a gorgeous building and very functional. . . . We believe it's something that will have an impact on economic development. The number one thing that employers are looking for are skilled workers. This facility can help prepare them for that."

Even though Yadkin is served by three area community colleges, the physical presence of a college campus will make a major difference when it comes time to lure a prospective industry, said Yadkin Chamber Executive Director Bobby Todd.

Companies that need workers

We believe it's something that will have an impact on economic development.

Frank Sells, SCC

who already possess or can quickly develop technical skills in a competitive work environment.

"We've always been able to rely on a community college. This shows the area's commitment," Todd said. "Having a physical location as nice as ours, rather than saying we have to send you somewhere, certainly adds merit."

County Manager Cecil Wood agreed with Todd. The new campus gives the county more prestige, he said.

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"It's certainly a convenience," Wood said. "And when potential employers ask us, we can now point to the campus and say we have that. . . . It means a lot to have a place for someone to complete a GED or get specific training instead of having to drive to Winston-Salem or Dobson."

Yadkinville Mayor Hubert Gregory said that new campus will give local students easier access to higher education.

"Students used to have to travel a long ways to get a college education," Gregory said. "I had one pastor tell me the other day that his daughter can become a schoolteacher by attending classes here and never leave the house. . . . The community college system is the best thing that ever happened to North Carolina."

Sells credited Rep. George Holmes, R-Hamptonville, with securing \$2

million in state money for the facility. Holmes was co-chairman of the powerful appropriations committee in the state House when the college first needed funding.

"That was back when we had money," Holmes joked recently.

Holmes said he pushed for state money because he realized that Yadkin needed a larger building to accommodate higher education needs.

"It makes Yadkin County look very positive toward the future," Holmes said. "Maybe our kids will not have to go so far to get an education."

Holmes and Sells both said that the college has discussed offering evening courses at the Yadkin Center through Appalachian State University.

"This came about because several people in Yadkin County had a vision," Sells said. "It happened because someone was willing to step up to the plate. . . . My hope is that at some point we can offer most of the same curriculum that we do in Dobson."

Upcoming four-year degree programs

Plans are in the works for Appalachian State University to offer a bachelor of social work degree-completion program and a bachelor of science in special education, leading to teacher license in special education in grades kindergarten-12, in January 2004 at the Surry Community College Yadkin Center.

Each program will be cohort-based, meaning that an identified group of transfer students will begin their studies in each of these programs in January 2004 and will continue through the prescribed upper-division courses required for a bachelor's degree.

Courses will be taught by Appalachian State University faculty and will typically be conducted one night per week.

For more information, contact Appalachian's office of extension and distance education at 800-355-4084.



YADKIN RIPPLE/Andy Matthews

The front two columns, made of granite, give the college a local flavor.

SCC's Yadkin campus opens new doors for higher education

By ANDY MATTHEWS
EDITOR

Wayne Matthews beams as he walks around the lobby.

"It has an impact on you as soon as you walk in the building," Matthews said recently. "It's very aesthetically pleasing."

Matthews has a reason to glow. He's preparing to dedicate the new \$3 million, 25,000-square-foot Yadkin Center of Surry Community College. The building on U.S. 601, just north of Yadkinville, is long overdue, he said.

For years Matthews and thousands of students from Yadkin have been relegated to small space and outdated facilities. All of that will change now with the opening of the two-story brick and granite building.

Several classes, including ones for emergency-medical training and general-equivalency diplomas, have already moved into the building.

More will follow, Matthews said. The new building includes a 3,000-

square-foot learning center, a 2,000-square-foot automotive shop, teleconference rooms, spacious conference rooms, and labs that accommodate 65 new computers.

"If you're sitting here using a computer, it's just like you're in Dobson," Matthews said. "That's how fast the system is."

Matthews, the college's continuing education director in Yadkin, and a host of others have labored long and hard to get to this point. Now they can point to pride in the neatly landscaped building, which serves as a northern gateway for Yadkinville.

The two granite columns on the front part of the building give it an academic feel and a local flavor, Matthews said.

"There's not anybody in education who would not want to be part of the first building," Matthews said. "Every time I walk in or drive by, I am very thankful to be a part of it. It's very good for the county where I live. We see it as an investment."

In addition to several classrooms,

the building also has an N.C. Information Highway Room, which is equipped with cameras and microphones.

"A student can talk directly to a professor in Dobson or across the state," Matthews said.

Matthews, whose green pickup truck has become a fixture at the new building in recent months, said that the community impact of the new building will be immediate and long-term. One of the large classrooms upstairs will provide plenty of space for certified nursing assistant students, whom Matthews said are in steady demand.

There is also plenty of room to train emergency medical technicians, another popular profession.

And there are plans to include other classes such as English, psychology and math that are required for two-year degrees. Matthews has also spoken with Appalachian State University about offering bachelor degrees in social work and special education in the evenings.

After earning an associate's degree, students could take two years of classes on the Yadkin campus and get a degree from Appalachian. The program should start in January 2004, according to Matthews.

Matthews said that the college has only cleared four of the 36 acres belonging to the county. There are plans for commercial truck driving classes, which could be offered on a two-acre site behind the classroom building.

Matthews credited state and local officials as the guiding forces behind the college's Yadkin Center. A study of the local labor market in 1996 showed the need for a larger facility. Yadkin Commissioners Thomas Wooten of East Bend, W.G. Dinkins of Yadkinville and the late Grady Hunter of Boonville, who served on the board when the campus was being developed, were instrumental in garnering support, Matthews said.

"A lot of those community leaders all had the same idea," Matthews said. "They saw the need."

SCC students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa

Surry Community College held the 2003 induction ceremony for the Alpha Xi Tau Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on Tuesday, April 15, on the main college campus in Dobson.

Dr. Gary Tilley, executive vice president for finance and operations, was the guest speaker for the ceremony; and Debra Bretz, instructor in the biology department, organized the event.

Phi Theta Kappa is the official academic honor society for two-year colleges and is the largest honor society in American higher education.

The Alpha Xi Tau Chapter is one of more than 1100 chapters in country.

To be eligible for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, a student must complete a minimum of twelve semester hours of associate degree course work and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Local student inducted into honor society

Larry L. Johnson Sr. was inducted into the Alpha Xi Tau Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Surry Community College on April 15.

Johnson, majoring in Computer Engineering Technology, is married to Mary Lee Johnson of Elkin.

Established in 1918 by two-year college presidents, Phi Theta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges around the world. The Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming.

Students must rank in the top 20 percent of the class to be invited to membership in Phi Theta Kappa and must maintain high academic standing during their enrollment in the two-year college.

College Vision Statement

Surry Community College will strive, through a process of continuous improvement, to exceed the expectations of the people we serve. We strive for excellence in teaching and learning as we provide quality programs and services that anticipate and respond to the needs of a changing community. We are committed to the following values: integrity, academic excellence, personal responsibility, diversity, and a lifelong love of learning. We will establish and stand by commitments which foster trust, pride, teamwork, and confidence. We will work to nurture a stimulating and productive educational environment characterized by the free exchange of ideas, effective and respectful communication, innovative approaches to instruction, and a climate of mutual support and caring among students, faculty, and staff.

COLLEGE MISSION

Institutional Description

Surry Community College is a public, community-centered, comprehensive community college with an open-door admissions policy. It is a member institution of the North Carolina Community College System with a primary service area of Surry and Yadkin counties. The College offers educational programs which lead to associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. It also offers a variety of learning opportunities and services through continuing education offerings.

Mission Statement

The mission of Surry Community College is to promote personal growth and community development through excellence in teaching, learning, and service.

Institutional Goals

To fulfill its mission, the College will:

1. offer quality educational programs that provide opportunities for excellence in learning and which meet the needs of the service area;
2. offer quality support services which enhance student growth and success;
3. improve technology resources;
4. provide facilities in order to maintain an attractive, safe, and efficient learning environment;
5. recruit, develop, and retain an excellent faculty and staff;
6. participate in cooperative educational ventures with businesses, local community agencies, and other educational institutions; and
7. employ a planning and management system which encourages innovation, continuous improvement, and the responsible use of all available resources.

sources.

Values

In planning and implementing activities to accomplish its mission, the College affirms the following values:

1. The College is committed to offering programs which allow individuals to start where they are and progress toward their educational and occupational objectives.
2. The College is committed to providing opportunities for lifelong learning and encouraging individuals to respond to such opportunities.
3. The College is committed to excellence in teaching and learning.
4. The College is committed to the concept of academic freedom in the classroom.
5. The College is committed to using emerging technologies, including distance learning technologies, to meet the training needs of students and the community.
6. The College is committed to working with other community organizations to promote the economic development of the area and to enrich the quality of community life.
7. The College is committed to providing opportunities and incentives for professional development to support a quality team of faculty, staff, and trustees unified by the mission of the college.
8. The College is committed to the development of effective ways to evaluate college programs and services; the use of results of evaluation to improve the college, and the appropriate reporting of results to the public.
9. The College is committed to making the institution a stimulating and rewarding place to work and study.

Source: Surry Community College

Dobson Farm Fest planned for June 7

DOBSON, N.C. — Surry Community College has joined hands with the town of Dobson, the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center, and local citizens to host the second annual Dobson Farm Fest on June 7, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the campus of Surry Community College in Dobson.

Anita Bullin, assistant vice-president of career services at Surry Community College and co-chair of the Farm Fest Committee, commented on Farm Fest by saying, "This will be an

opportunity to showcase the tremendously positive impact agriculture has on Surry County and to bring the community together for a fun-filled day. Education in new farm ventures, such as grape growing and winemaking, will be available, with short lectures and demonstrations by instructors in the SCC Viticulture and Enology Program and information from representatives of the NC Grape Growers Association. Health, fitness, and stress management will be addressed in workshops and in

demonstrations by a local dance company."

Jerry Weaver, local farmer and co-chairman of the Farm Fest Committee said, "The Farm Fest Committee is busily working to gather ideas and resources from the community. The day will begin with a 5K run and a family fun walk coordinated by Celena Watson of the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center.

Throughout the day, there will be various demonstrations including planting of various crops and operating farm equip-

ment. *Declaration*

There will be an antique car and truck show, live music, live coverage by Radio Station WSYD, lots of games and activities for children, and plenty of home-cooked food.

Local crafters will demonstrate their crafts and sell their wares in the gymnasium at Surry Community College.

For information on Farm Fest, contact Anita Bullin at Surry Community College at (336) 386-3268, or at bullina@surry.cc.nc.us.

SCC offering floral design classes

DOBSON — Surry Community College will offer the following Floral Design classes June 3 to Aug. 12. Judy Marshall will instruct.

Mornings: From 9 a.m. to noon at Mount Airy Learning Center, Mount Airy.

Evenings: From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Dobson Campus, room H-126

Registration fee is \$40. This fee does not include the cost of tools and flower supplies used in the class.

Pre-registration is required by calling Surry Community College at 386-3244.

Farm Fest slated June 7

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The day will begin with a 5K run and a family fun walk coordinated by Celena Watson of the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center.

Demonstrations will take place throughout the day, including planting crops and operating farm equipment. An antique car and truck show, live music, live coverage by radio station WSYD, games and activities for children, and plenty of home-cooked food will round out the day, while local crafters will demonstrate crafts and sell wares in the college gymnasium.

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'Punk' provides the spark to build firefighters' skills

By WENDY BYERLY
Staff Writer

DOBSON — One Mount Airy man has devoted his life to training firefighters in how to do their job safely and correctly, as well as how to deal with LP gas and flammable liquids.

Charles Smith, better known as "Punk" to most people in Surry County, has been working full time at the Surry Community College since November 1997. The college's Emergency Services Training Center opened the following year, and Smith now serves as director of the program.

Smith is a charter member of the Bannertown Volunteer Fire Department, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. "In the early '60s, we (Bannertown) had a bad LP gas leak. No one there knew how to handle the leak, so I decided if I was going to be a firefighter I needed to learn more about gas and flammable liquids," he explained.

"I started doing research. I called gas companies and talked to everybody I could to find out more about gas. Used to, I'd take and any gas accident that happened in the United States I would call them to find out what happened, how they handled it and what the outcome was," reported Smith.

In 1976, Smith decided that he needed to share all of the information he had gathered with other firefighters, "because what was I going to do with it?"

"I began teaching LP gas and flammable liquid classes through Surry Community College in 1978," he said.

In 1985, Smith started Fire Tech Training Consultants. Through the company, he taught emergency personnel, gas companies and the military that responded to gas and flammable liquid emergencies. "I worked as an expert witness on gas fires and explosions in several states," he added.

Smith built his own LP gas bulk storage plant just to burn for training in Buncombe County in 1988. "The reason I did that was to give the firefighters a better understanding of what they are dealing with rather than just tell them. It gives them more confidence.

"I had trained way over 10,000 firefighters before I

came to work at the college, and I was burning close to 30,000 gallons of gas a year just in training," Smith reported. "I trained gas personnel, inspec-

already for fire and rescue."

It takes 336 hours of class to get Firefighter 1 and 2 certification and 216 hours to be certified as an emergency rescue



Wendy Byerly/The Mount Airy News
Students in an ATV Search and Rescue class at the Surry Community College Emergency Services Training Center pull a "stranded" ATV rider up a steep creek bank.

tors and fire personnel from several states. My concern is safety for the firefighters."

After Smith joined the staff of SCC in 1997, the training center opened and he started scheduling classes in the spring of 1998. Prior to that, local firefighters got their training by traveling out of town or at their local fire stations.

"The number of firefighters and rescue squads that have trained here has been increasing every year that we've been here," Smith said. "We have had 306 classes since the center opened with an average of 20 people per class. That is roughly 6,000 firefighters and rescue workers."

That is a significant number of people in training, considering the first year they had very few people go through the program. "We had to just about beg people to come," he commented. "Now, we have classes scheduled through December

tech. "All local fire and rescue are doing certifications at their departments too."

"We've got a new generation of firefighters that want to be the best they can and should for self-survival, for their safety," he said. "They may train in their local department, but most come here for the hands on part of it."

The training center not only offers classes for fire and rescue, but the Basic Law Enforcement program uses the training center also, as well as the sheriff's office, park rangers, DMV, game wardens, etc. "They come here yearly to get their in-service driving through the law enforcement program at the college."

As far as overall emergency training at the center, Smith said, "We are probably the fourth largest in North Carolina for training facilities, but we are the most complete training center. We are the only college in

the eastern United States that has a course for emergency off-road four-wheel drive training, and there aren't but two other courses in the United States — one for border patrol and the other is the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

"We have also added an ATV off-road safety class for fire and rescue personnel."

"Surry County and the surrounding counties are very fortunate to have this center available to them, because Surry Community College reaches out a long ways," mentioned Smith. "Through the efforts of Howard Brim, Larry Swaim and our fire and rescue instructors, we have no place to go but to grow."

"We started out with about five acres and right now the center covers approximately 27 acres. That is due to the people coming in to it," he continued. "When we get the dust system up in the silo, there will not be another one like it in the United States. People will come in to be trained for woodworking industries and dust fires."

More information about the training center can be obtained by visiting www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/e_s_ctr/emergency_services_training_center.htm.



Wendy Byerly/The Mount Airy News
Firefighters with the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department observe a fire in the burn building at the Surry Community College Emergency Services Training Center while one of their members looks in on them.



Wendy Byerly/The Mount Airy News
A "patient" is pulled up the hill at the Surry Community College Emergency Services Training Center by using tandem pulling. Two ATVs are needed together on the steep hill.

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AREA SPORTS

Knights capture Region X regular season title

By MARK HAUSER
Special to The News
SPARTANBURG, S.C. —

The Surry Knights baseball team did exactly what it had to do this past weekend to secure the regular season Region X championship and the top seed in next week's tournament.

The wins didn't come easy for the Knights but they managed a weekend split with the second seed and nationally ranked 20th ranked Spartanburg Methodist Pioneers.

The Knights lost the first two games of the series before winning the final two games of the series to salvage the split.

The Knights began the series with Stuart Angles on the mound. Angles threw well and

kept the Pioneers off balance for a majority of the game.

While Angles was taking care of the Pioneer bats, the hitters were providing some offense behind him. Bruiser Simpson led the game off with a single to right field. Billy Wright then drove Simpson in with a double high off 400 foot center field wall.

The Knights then tacked on two more runs in the sixth inning. Coleman drew a walk and sophomore catcher Matt Keever hit a home run.

The Knights held the lead until the bottom of the seventh inning. J.D. Farrand led off with a base hit. Two outs later, Nick Bly singled and Dwayne Lynah followed with a double to clear

the bases. Walter James then tied the game with a single and Matt Stocco blasted a homer over the centerfield wall to give the Pioneers the game one win, 5-3.

"We had two outs and a runner on first, with a three run lead," said Surry head coach Mark Tucker. "You have to give Spartanburg credit, they fought back and won the game. That was a really good game for the fans but a tough game to sit through as a coach or player."

In game two, the Knights jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning off of starter Justin Bors.

Simpson scored on a Billy Wright ground out while Coleman scored on a Tripp Lockhart

single.

Lockhart then scored on a single by left fielder Ian Martin.

The Pioneers tied the game in the third inning off Surry starter Brandon Chambers. The Pioneers also added four more runs in the final three innings to give them the game two win 7-3.

In Sunday's double header both teams knew what was at stake, the Region X regular season championship. The Knights had to win both games to be the champions and Spartanburg Methodist had to win one game to be champions.

Surry jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning. Keever and Wright scored on a Lockhart double.

The Knights also added runs in the second and third innings pushing the lead to 4-0.

Freshman Nathan Hodges scattered 6 hits in his five innings of work for the Knights. Hodges only allowed 3 runs, and got credit for the win. Jeremy Branch pitched the final two innings for the Knights.

"I thought Nathan threw really well and we took advantage of some of their errors," said Tucker. "We got the breaks when we needed them and Tripp really hit the ball well, which helped us score a lot of our runs."

In game four, the Knights scored early to take a 3-0 lead. Robbie Lanham provided some early firepower hitting a tower-

ing three run home run over the left field fence off starter Mike Williams.

Down 5-4 late in the game, Coleman drilled a 1-1 pitch to tie the game. With one out in the eighth inning, Lanham hit slider over the left field wall to give the Knights a 6-5 lead. Jamie Schrock held on from there to secure the win.

"That was a huge game for both teams and we just feel fortunate to have won," said Tucker. "This was probably the best series of the year for our conference and to have it mean so much was incredible. I'm sure if we plan to win the conference tournament we will have to beat them again, and I'm sure they feel the same way."

Grand Opening

Surry Community College Yadkin Center

Friday, April 25, 2003



There will be a special keepsake edition tabloid published on April 24, in The Yadkin Ripple. For advertising information in this section call Rita at 679-2341.

Hurry, advertising deadline is Thursday, April 10.



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Domestic violence focus of seminar

By **CARRIE SIDENER**
STAFF REPORTER

What if you only had two minutes to get what you needed before a dam burst and flooded your home? Imagine you had to go to an emergency shelter and waking up with only the clothes on your back and a few essentials in a room full of

strangers. That is the example that Carla Midkiff-Frost, the former executive director of the Surry Women's Shelter, gave to illustrate what a person fleeing an abusive relationship must endure.

More than 30 members of law enforcement, shelter advocates, attorneys and concerned citizens from as

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far away as Durham attended last Friday's seminar at Surry Community College to learn how the community can work together to end domestic violence.

"My goal is that we don't have to have a shelter," Midkiff-Frost said. "Then I would be out of a job and I

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could plant flowers all day. That would make me happy."

The one-day seminar entitled "Community Policing to End Domestic Violence" discussed how the community can work together to understand the problems facing victims of domestic violence and how the community can work together to try to eliminate domestic violence.

"As humans, we like normalcy, even if normalcy is chaos," Midkiff-Frost said. "Domestic violence is any abusive or coercive behavior used to control an intimate partner."

Sgt. Richard Allsbrook, of the Greenville Police Department, said victims are in danger even when they leave the abusive situation.

"Domestic violence accounts for 30 to 50 percent of female homicides," he said.

Officer Edward Lewis, of the Elkin Police Department, spoke to the group about the concept behind community policing.

"We are talking about the entire community working together in a partnership," he said. "They are always telling us that we have to work together to reduce domestic violence ... Community policing is not soft on crime. It's not touchy, feely. It's not going against police officers' instincts. It gives us the opportunity to do our jobs even better."

Community policing is not numbers oriented, Lewis said, but instead is results oriented. Aspects of community policing include being proactive and constantly thinking of ways to help solve a problem before it happens.

"The citizens become active partners with the police to solve community issues," he said. "Police are very limited in what we can do. It will take the team approach for us to reach our stated goals."

Andrea Kurtz, managing attorney of the Legal Aid Society of Northwestern North Carolina, said community policing can only work if each department, such as police, Department of Social Services and victim advocates, learn to communicate with each other for the betterment of the victim.

"The victim knows their risk level, but may not be able to articulate it," she said. "It is important to share some information for the victim's safety."

Sometimes confidentiality ends up being a barrier for sharing information among departments that serve victims of domestic violence, Kurtz said.

It is difficult, Midkiff-Frost said, to understand the level of danger in someone's abusive relationship because only the victim knows what the abuser is capable of.

"The longer a domestic violence relationship goes on, the more the violence escalates," she said. "It takes time to get into an abusive relationship and it takes time to get out of it. Sometimes victims minimize or deny the abuse as a coping mechanism ... Always believe what she says. If she says that he will kill her, then believe it. He may not, but what if he did?"

National statistics show that women return to their abuser an average of nine times before they leave for good, Lewis said.

"Domestic violence affects people in a strange way," he said. "It is something that really grabs at you and you can't shake it. I remember each person that I have arrested for domestic violence. We want this (the community policing program) to be the genesis of something that we can do to work together to stop domestic violence."

Allsbrook said when he became a police officer, he had trouble understanding the dynamics of abuse.

"I was thinking, 'Why in the heck is this woman staying here?'" he said. "Power and control makes this relationship sustain. The abuser

uses intimidation, makes her afraid by using looks, words and gestures."

Allsbrook showed the group the wheel of abuse and described how physical, emotional and economic abuse can keep a victim in the relationship.

"Someone that is this person's significant other knows what they are capable of," he said. "Threats are not in the context of a healthy relationship. You can take any of these things and say this is why she is staying."

"She goes back, not because she enjoys getting beat, but because she is afraid that she will be killed if she doesn't go back," he said.

Shelters for victims of domestic violence only emerged in the 1970s, Midkiff-Frost said.

"The idea that it is wrong to abuse your spouse is a new phenomena, maybe no morally but legally," she said. "In most cultures, it was OK morally."

Kurtz said it is important for people to help victims of domestic violence and to give them a positive experience as when they do go back to their abuser, they will know that there is a safe place to go.

"Women need to test the waters," she said. "We are developing a coordinated community response team so that we can talk about these things and help people better."

SCC Foundation announces scholarships

Tribune 4-19-03

Marion Venable, executive director of the Surry Community College Foundation, announces the establishment of the Hugh Chatham Wellness Pool Scholarship. This endowment fund, established by the Chatham Foundation, will be used for scholarships to cover the cost of tuition for adults who wish to participate in the Aquatic Exercise Program offered through the Hugh Chatham Aquatic Center and are in need of financial assistance.

The Hugh Chatham Aquatic Center is located at 700 Chatham Medical Park in Elkin.

Surry Community College manages the Aquatic Exercise Program which features a variety of aquatic exercises designed to increase strength, flexibility and stamina and enhance overall health and well-being. Current sessions include high-energy exercise, fluid movement exercise for physical infirmities and regular aquatic exercise.

Sessions are offered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Individuals who are 16 years of age or older may enter the program at any time. The cost of a series of 24 sessions is \$65. Fees are pro-rated, and scholarships are available for participants who are in need of financial assistance.

The Surry Community College Foundation welcomes contributions from individuals, businesses and civic groups to fund existing scholarships or to establish new ones.

For more information on the Foundation or on the Aquatic Exercise Program, contact Marion Venable by

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Venable also announces the establishment of the Kari Brinkley Lahtela Memorial Scholarship by Dorothy L. Brinkley.

This endowment fund will be used for scholarships for students in the Surry Community College Compensatory Education Program. The Financial Aid Committee of Surry Community College will award the first scholarship from this fund in the fall of 2003.

The recipient of the scholarship must be a Downs Syndrome student who is a Surry County resident participating in the Compensatory Education Program.

The Compensatory

Education Program serves approximately 120 developmentally disabled adults or adults with traumatic brain injuries. The program is based on the premise that every student has potential to become a contributing member of the community and offers classes that enhance life skills and foster independence.

The Surry Community College Foundation welcomes contributions from individuals, businesses and civic groups to fund existing scholarships or to establish new ones.

For more information on the Surry Community College Foundation, contact Marion Venable by telephone at 386-3269 or by e-mail at venablem@surry.cc.nc.us.

SCC's automotive program receives national certification

Tribune 4-9-03

DOBSON — The Surry Community College Automotive Systems Technology Program is now an ASE certified training program.

"This is the highest certification an automotive technology program can receive. ASE (Automotive Service Excellence Certification) is sponsored by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, better known as NATEF," said David Weavil, lead instructor in the SCC program.

"The certification process was a lengthy, extensive evaluation of our program including a three-year, in-depth self-study of the structure and resources of the program and of the college as a whole. After the self-study was done, representatives of NATEF spent time on our campus examining the program to determine if it met or exceeded national industry-recognized standards of excellence. Our efforts paid off on Dec. 2, 2002, when we received official ASE certification."

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the job outlook for automotive technicians is favorable, particularly for technicians with one or more years of training beyond high school. The National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation has determined that today's automotive technician must have a thorough knowledge of automotive systems and components; mechanical aptitude; manual dexterity; and strong computer, communication, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

ASE certification provides assurance to students and employers that these skills are emphasized throughout the SCC program, that students are exposed to state-of-the-art equipment and that instruction is provided by qualified instructors. Each instructor in the program is ASE certified in his area of instruction.

Weavil is an ASE Master Technician. He earned this certification by successfully completing a national examination on eight different skills areas and having a minimum of two years of work experience. To maintain this master certification, he must retest every five years.

Weavil summarized benefits of ASE certification by saying, "This certification brings with it program credibility, prestige, national recognition and overall improvement. The certification process benefits schools, students, employers and the automotive service industry. Surry Community College now has a mechanism for continuous improvement of the Automotive Systems Technology program."

"Students who complete the program will be equipped with skills to enter the workforce and to pursue individual ASE certification. Employers will have a pool of well-trained entry-level technicians from which to choose, and the automotive service industry benefits from an increased level of professionalism among workers in the industry. We are proud to be one of only 13 community colleges in North Carolina to hold this certification."

Conversational Spanish class is offered

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College has scheduled a Conversational Spanish class for the summer semester on Tuesday and

Thursdays through June 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The instructor will be Hernan Torres and the class will be held in Room C202.

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Registration is \$60 for each class and textbooks are \$30. N.C. residents 65 and older may register free.

For more information, call 386-3353 or email sheltonj@surry.cc.nc.us.

Board splits on approving new SCC workforce training center

By THERESA KILEN
Staff Writer

DOBSON — In a 3-2 vote, the Surry County Board of Commissioners decided to secure a \$1.3-million loan for Surry Community College to create a state-of-the-art workforce development center in Mount Airy.

County board members over the past two months frequently debated whether to go ahead with the project. A vote to approve its financing was deadlocked April 21 due to the absence of board Chairman Jim Miller. At that time, Commissioners Craig Hunter and Jim Harrell Jr. voted for it and Commissioner Fred O'Neal of Dobson and Vice-Chairman Paul Johnson opposed it.

The two voted no again on Monday night.

O'Neal and Johnson said they do not want to commit the county to funding the project when sources of outside funding, such as grants, have yet to be pursued. They also want a financial commitment from the city of Mount Airy, because the center will be within its city limits.

The commissioners adopted a resolution accepting a total of

three financing packages from BB&T. One for \$300,000 will renovate the former courthouse. One for \$4.3 million will go toward construction of a \$5.8-million, three-story classroom building on the SCC campus. The third package is a 12-year, \$1.3-million loan to create the SCC Workforce Development Center in an existing shell building at the Surry Human Services Building on U.S. 601.

O'Neal said he "absolutely supports" the idea of the workforce center, but has reservations about whether or not the county should saddle taxpayers with the burden of paying for it. O'Neal originally conceived the idea of offering SCC the shell space for the center.

Johnson wanted the commitment from Mount Airy before the county board made a final decision.

The only thing commissioners have received is an e-mail message from Mount Airy City Manager Don Brookshire to County Manager Dennis Thompson stating that the city might consider providing a "proportional" 11 percent of the funding of the debt service payment of \$160,000 annually for

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the next 12 years. Brookshire based that number on the percentage of the county's population living in Mount Airy. The city board has not voted on the measure.

Chairman Jim Miller said the county couldn't wait. It had to make a decision to accept the financing package from BB&T before this week's deadline.

"This is our chance to borrow this money, and I don't want to miss that chance," Miller said. "I still want to pursue other funds, but I don't want to miss out on this."

Betty Taylor, assistant county manager for budget and finance, told the board that if other funds become available, BB&T will allow prepayment of the loan without penalty.

"But obtaining financing does commit us," O'Neal said, "and it certainly slims the chances of us getting grants."

Hunter replied, "The CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) study said that our workforce development training was deplorable."

SCC President Dr. Frank

Sells said the shell building will provide space for existing programs now housed at The Learning Center. In addition, the new center will house other trade courses that could prepare much of the county's recently displaced workforce for new careers.

"I foresee us having space for existing Learning Center programs like Human Resources Development, the English as a second language program and computer training classes, in addition to office space for staff from the Small Business and Focused Industrial Training Programs to service existing businesses and work with entrepreneurs who might want to start new businesses — in other words, to create a sort of 'business incubator' within that center," Sells said.

"The No. 1 ingredient for economic development and recovery is an educated workforce," the community college president continued. "This center will go a long way in helping to uplift the level of skill in our workforce."



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Surry Community College Phi Beta Lambda students who participated in the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in Charlotte are, from left, Deborah Woods, Shawn Senter, Andrea McLaughlin, Andy Spicer, Amanda Tise, Terri Collins, Scotty Parker, Ashley Hayes, Katrina McCann, Jeremy Branch, Amanda Douglas, Jessica Dickerson, Delba Groce, Tim Peacock, Connie Clippard, Steven Kennedy, Gail Carter and Ruth King.



Submitted photo

SCC Phi Beta Lambda members who are eligible to participate in Phi Beta Lambda National Competition in June are, from left, Jeremy Branch, Connie Clippard, Tim Peacock, Ashley Hayes, Jessica Dickerson, Amanda Douglas, Steven Kennedy, Deborah Woods, Andy Spicer and Scotty Parker.

New campus unveiled

• Dedication of the Yadkin Center of SCC held Friday.

By ANDY MATTHEWS
News Editor

YADKINVILLE — Frank Sells wasn't about to let a little rain dampen his enthusiasm Friday afternoon.

Sells, president of Surry Community College, beamed with the pride of a new parent during the dedication of the college's new \$3 million Yadkin Center.

"It may be a little cloudy outside," Sells said during a light drizzle. "But inside this building, the sun is shining." Sells' enthusiasm was contagious. He was followed by a series of state and local officials who heaped praise on the 25,000-square-foot facility and the people who made it happen.

Sells said that he felt a little like "Moses after making it to the Promised Land." The college had talked for years about building a Yadkin campus.

Those discussions included two of Sells' predecessors, James Reeves and Swanson Richards, both of whom were

on hand for Friday's dedication.

Construction on the Yadkin Center, which will feature a broad array of continuing education programs, began in early 2002. The campus opened earlier this month for classes. It replaces crowded and outdated facilities in Boonville.

One of those instrumental in securing state funds was Rep. George Holmes, R-Hamptonville. Holmes was co-chairman of the powerful State House appropriations committee when Surry and Yadkin leaders asked for some financial aid. Holmes was instrumental in securing \$2 million for the college's Yadkin campus.

"In our county's history, this may well be remembered as our greatest landmark," Holmes said. "This college is dedicated to the betterment of minds... Our children's education will be enhanced for many, many years."

Yadkin Commissioner Chairman Lloyd Davis of East Bend, who attended SCC in the early 1970s, said that the Yadkin Center will be a much needed instrument in improving the county's quality of life and adding economic development.

"This is an important start," Davis said. "I hope we can expand it and add more courses... Maybe we can



Wayne Matthews

keep more kids in the county and build our industrial base."

Wayne Matthews, the college's continuing education director, only recently moved his office from the old Boonville facilities to the spacious quarters at the new building on U.S. 601 just north of Yadkinville. Matthews credited three former officials who lobbied for the Yadkin Center years ago — Jimmie Hutchens, Ted Williams and Grady Hunter — all of whom died before construction began on the new building.

"I've had six years to think about what to say," Matthews said, his voice choking with emotion. "This is a great day. But Monday will be an even greater day because students will be coming to class."

SCC's Phi Beta Lambda chapter wins state awards

DOBSON — The Surry Community College chapter of Phi Beta Lambda brought home numerous awards from the State Leadership Conference held in Charlotte on April 3-6.

Phi Beta Lambda is a national business club dedicated to preparing students for higher education in business, entrepreneurial, or business-related fields. The Surry Community College Chapter has 35 student members and 10 professional division members. Debbie Branch and Donna Harbour, Surry Community College instructors and Phi Beta Lambda advisers, accompanied students to the conference.

Debbie Branch commented on the awards by saying, "Our students excelled in a variety of individual, team, and chapter competitive events. We are very proud of each one of them and their accomplishments, especially when you consider that our students were competing against 30 other colleges, both two-year community colleges and four-year universities. Many of these students now qualify to compete in the National Leadership Conference to be held in Dallas, Texas, June 28-July 2 of this year."

First place winners of competitive events were: Amanda Douglas, Impromptu Speaking; Connie Clippard, Finance; Amanda Douglas, International Business; Andy Spicer, Quantitative Methods.

Second place winners were: Ashley Hayes, C++ Programming; Scotty Parker, Impromptu Speaking; Steven Kennedy, Java Programming; and Deborah Woods, Hospitality Management.

Third place winners were: Connie Clippard, Business Law; Jessica Dickerson, Business Principles; Jeremy Branch, Economics; Tim Peacock, Quantitative Methods; and Steven Kennedy, Telecommunications.

Additional winners include: Tim Peacock, fourth place, Computer Concepts; Delba Groce, sixth place, Word Processing; Ruth King, sixth place, Finance; Terri Collins, seventh place, Business Communications; Katrina McCann, eighth place, Accounting for Professionals; and Andrea McLaughlin, eighth place, Computer Applications.

In team competitive events, Andrea McLaughlin and Amanda Tise received second place in Emerging Business Issues; Jeremy Branch, Jessica Dickerson, and Scotty Parker placed third in Business Decision Making; and Katrina McCann and Terri Collins placed third in Business Plan.

Amanda Douglas and Ashley Hayes received the "Who's Who in NCPBL" award, which was given to the top 2 percent of members who have made outstanding contributions to Phi Beta Lambda. Connie Clippard was one of two students in North Carolina to receive the NCPBL scholarship of \$650.

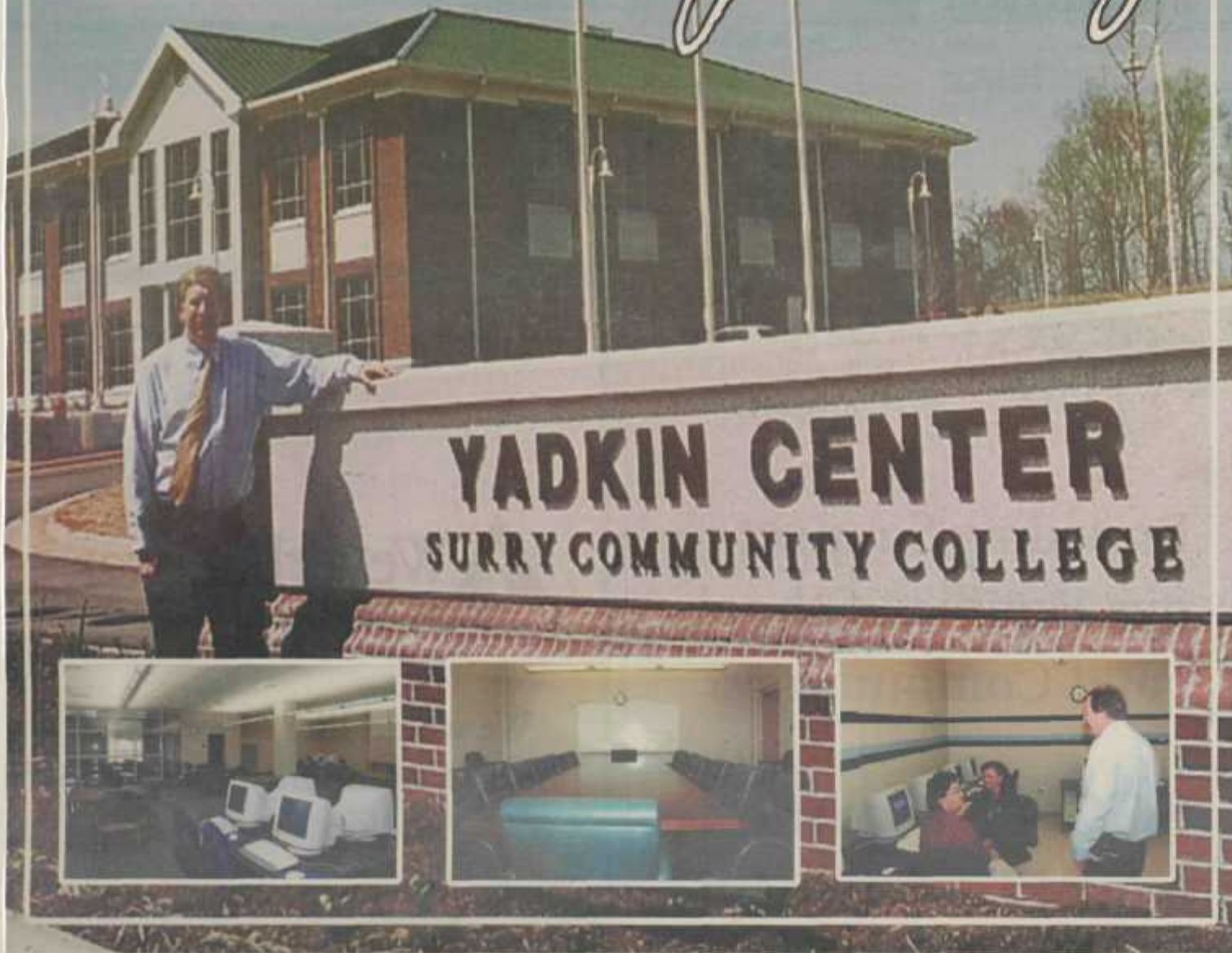
Also, the SCC chapter received the Blue Ribbon Award for projects and accomplishments, and finally, the Gold Seal Chapter Award for outstanding projects and programs, a recognition given to only three PBL chapters in North Carolina.

Students eligible to compete in the National PBL Conference in Dallas, Texas, this summer are: Amanda Douglas, Connie Clippard, Andy Spicer, Ashley Hayes, Deborah Woods, Steven Kennedy, Scotty Parker, Tim Peacock and Jeremy Branch.

Donna Harbour remarked, "The students' accomplishments are rewarding for not only the advisers, but are reflective of the teaching capabilities of all their instructors, and the effort put forth by the students to learn and advance their knowledge and skills. They are to be admired, and we celebrate their successes right along with them."

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Schools make budget requests

By WENDY BYERLY WOOD
Staff Writer

DOBSON — The three Surry County school districts and the community college made their budget presentations to the county commissioners Monday night.

Elkin and Surry County schools both requested \$1,000 per child for local current expense budgets and \$115 per child for capital expenses. The Mount Airy City Schools requested \$1,100 per child for local current expenses and \$115 for capital expenses.

Surry County Schools does not have a supplemental tax, so there was no chance it would ask to increase one. Elkin requested no increase in its supplemental tax, but Mount Airy did ask the commissioners to increase its supplemental tax rate from 11.5 cents to 12.5 cents.

All included anticipated state-mandated increases in salaries and insurance costs.

Elkin interim Superintendent Dr. Joe Sinclair said, "We tried to be as conservative as we know how to and maintain the same level of education. One positive note is the General Assembly continues to stay farther along in their budget process than they have been in past years."

Elkin did not present any special requests.

Surry County Superintendent Dr. Marsha Bledsoe said, "The only special capital bud-

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get request we have is for you to continue the lease of mobile classes. Thirty-three of 48 are leased for a cost of \$115,121.

"Where we will have the greatest need will be in support services: school counselors, school social workers, programs that help youngsters with emotional and behavioral issues. That is where we are woefully short. We will not be expanding any programs or increasing library books and other things. We are proposing to hold them at the current level."

Mount Airy City Schools plans on expanding some of its programming.

"We are aware of the magnitude of problems you face. We know you have hard choices to face. However we are also aware of our responsibility to the children of the Mount Airy City School system," said Superintendent Dr. Bill Church.

He said that with the addition of the No Child Left Behind Act, "we feel a sincere need to enhance remediation programs. We are planning to

Jackson to speak on history of Dobson

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DOBSON — Hester Jackson will speak about the history of "Dobson, the county seat of Surry County" at the Surry County Genealogical Association meeting at 7 p.m. on May 12 in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

Jackson is a noted genealogist, as well as a historian, and loves to research and meet newcomers to Surry County looking for their roots. Jackson's intelligence and humor on many subjects are most enjoyable and appreciated by the local researchers and residents of Surry County.

Jackson has been a columnist for the local newspaper, *The Mount Airy News*, for many years, and writer and editor of several books enjoyed by many.

Everyone is invited to hear Jackson talk on the town of Dobson which she has come to love as her own hometown and the people that made Dobson what it is today.

expand summer school to include kindergarten through second grade. We plan to expand before-and-after-school to serve 75 students."

The district also may employ two reading teachers — one at Tharrington Primary School and one at Jones Intermediate School — and purchase two software packages to help reading. All of those add \$163,000 to the district's budget request.

Mount Airy sought funding for two special requests: \$12,500 to help supplement what it will cost to remove a gas tank — the district has had problems with it since 1989 — and new lighting on the high school's football field.

The existing lighting system has been in place for 25 years, Church said. The total cost for replacing poles, lights and wiring will be \$88,000.

Surry Community College does not request funding on a per-student basis. Instead, it breaks down requests into categories and then requests an overall total budget.

College President Dr. Frank Sells asked for \$1,572,881 from the county commissioners. That

is a 27.2 percent increase over the final 2002-03 budget (\$1.24 million), but Sells said it is only 14.8 percent over the budget two years ago.

Sells reminded the commissioners how much the budget was cut last year due to state budget woes that were passed down to the county.

Increases in the SCC's budget include \$60,000 for instructional salaries. In the past, SCC requested no salary funding from the commissioners, but Sells said it will help cover the college's expenses while it waits for state revenues. When funds from the state are received, the money can be repaid.

There is a \$55,000 increase in salaries for maintenance and janitorial staff, because the college anticipates adding staff for new buildings it plans to build.

A \$25,000 increase covers renovation of property rented in Mount Airy and there is a \$18,000 increase for equipment replacement.

The capital budget was not increased at all over last year's \$54,000.

Continuing education program offers a variety of opportunities

Surry Community College's Continuing Education Program offers classes in over 100 locations throughout the two county service area of Surry and Yadkin Counties.

Through occupational courses students can learn skills that prepare them for certification/licensing in fields such as law enforcement, nursing assistant, emergency medicine, real estate, pharmacy technician, and various trades. The Basic Skills Program provides instruction for high school completion, adult basic education, English for speakers of other languages, compensatory education, and family literacy. In HRD classes students learn the job seeking and keeping skills necessary to be competitive in the workplace.

Course categories in this division include arts and crafts, automotive, computer science, insurance, languages, law enforcement, fire/rescue, medical, real estate, recreation, teaching, and trades. In addition, the Basic Skills Programs (ABE, GED, ESL, CED, Family Literacy), the Human Resources Development Program (HRD), the Focused Industrial Training Program (FIT), the Small Business Center (SBC), and the Emergency Services Training Center are a part of

this division.

On-line courses are available for students to take in the comfort of their homes. Many of these classes are computer related. However, courses are also available in other areas including accounting, administrative assistant fundamentals, speed Spanish, GRE preparation, genealogy, grant writing, and medical terminology. For a complete listing visit the on-line classes section of the web page. También hay algunas clases en español. (Para una lista completa de las clases disponibles, visite la lista de on-line classes en nuestra página web.)

Please visit the continuing education personnel directory section of the web site to look at the detailed listing of courses/programs each director/coordinator has responsibility for administering. To see the current list of classes, please click on the schedule of courses button. Because of the flexibility and variety of courses offered, this list is updated daily.

Through the Continuing Education Division you can prepare for a new career in one of our licensing/certification programs, enhance your work skills for current employment, earn your high

school diploma (GED), learn a trade, or take a class for fun and personal enrichment.

Registration & Attendance

Continuing Education students register at the first class session unless noted as "pre-registration required" in the course information. To pre-register, please call (336) 386-3280.

Any person eighteen years of age or older may be admitted to a Continuing Education class. Surry Community College provides educational opportunities without regard to race, sex, creed, national origin, or disability.

Students are encouraged to attend all classes. Those who attend at least 80 percent of the classes and complete course requirements will be awarded a satisfactory grade and CEUs where applicable.

Continuing Education classes may be cancelled if a sufficient number of persons do not register at the first class meeting.

Fees & Refunds

Continuing Education Fee Schedule: (Effective August 1, 1999)

All Basic Skills (ABE, GED, ESL,

CED, Family Literacy) classes are offered tuition free.

Course Hours

Tuition Charge

- 0 - 10 hours — \$50.00
 - 11 - 30 hours — \$55.00
 - 31 - 100 hours — \$60.00
 - 101+ hours — \$65.00
- Community Service Classes \$40.00

North Carolina residents age 65 years of age and older may register free of charge except for Self-Supporting courses. Registration and tuition fees are set by the North Carolina General Assembly and may change. Any person repeating an Occupational course for the third time will be charged an additional fee.

A student who wishes to withdraw from a Continuing Education course must contact the Continuing Education office prior to or on the 10% point of the scheduled hours of the class to be eligible for a refund. A 75% refund will be given if the student requests the refund in a timely manner.

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Pictured L-R (front) Lloyd Davis, Cecil Wood & Johnny Myers,
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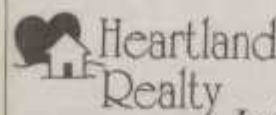
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Breaking new ground in education

Step-by-step progress of the Yadkin Center of Surry Community College



Contractors prepare to turn this pasture area into the site of a new Surry Community College classroom.

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Yadkin Center of Surry Community College, The Yadkin Ripple, April 24, 2003 — Page 11



Workers begin to lay the foundation for the new Yadkin campus, which has been in the planning stages since 1996.

Photo courtesy of SCC

Community college dedicates new \$3 million Yadkin Center

Yadkin Ripple - 5-1-03

By ANDY MATTHEWS
EDITOR

Frank Sells wasn't about to let a little rain dampen his enthusiasm last Friday afternoon.

Sells, president of Surry Community College, beamed with the pride of a new parent during the dedication of the college's new \$3 million Yadkin Center.

"It may be a little cloudy outside," Sells said during a light drizzle. "But inside this building, the sun is shining."

Sells' enthusiasm was contagious. He was followed by a series of state

and local officials who heaped praise on the 25,000-square-foot facility and the people who made it happen.

Sells said that he felt a little like "Moses after making it to the Promised Land." The college had talked for years about building a Yadkin campus.

Those discussions included two of Sells' predecessors, James Reeves and Swanson Richards, both of whom were on hand for Friday's dedication.

Construction on the Yadkin Center, which will feature a broad array of continuing education programs, began in early 2002. The campus opened earlier this month for

classes. It replaces crowded and outdated facilities in Boonville.

One of those instrumental in securing state funds was Rep. George Holmes, R-Hamptonville. Holmes was co-chairman of the powerful state House appropriations committee when Surry and Yadkin leaders asked for some financial aid. Holmes was instrumental in securing \$2 million for the college's Yadkin campus.

"In our county's history, this may well be remembered as our greatest landmark," Holmes said. "This college is dedicated to the betterment of minds . . . Our children's education will be enhanced for many, many

years." Yadkin Commissioner Chairman Lloyd Davis of East Bend, who attended SCC in the early 1970s, said that the Yadkin Center will be a much needed instrument in improving the county's quality of life and adding economic development.

"This is an important start," Davis said. "I hope we can expand it and add more courses . . . Maybe we can keep more kids in the county and build our industrial base."

Wayne Matthews, the college's continuing education director, only

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Getting acquainted

A hamster stares down Anthony Swiney Saturday morning at Surry Community College at the petting zoo set up during the SCC Pet Show.

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College

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recently moved his office from the old Boonville facilities to the spacious quarters at the new building on U.S. 601 just north of Yadkinville. Matthews credited three former officials who lobbied for the Yadkin Center years ago

— Jimmie Hutchens, Ted Williams and Grady Hunter — all of whom died before construction began on the new building.

"I've had six years to think about what to say," Matthews said, his voice choking with emotion. "This is a great day. But Monday will be an even greater day because students will be coming to class."



Photo courtesy of SCC

The two-story building begins to take shape in the middle of last year.



Photo courtesy of SCC

Construction moves forward as John S. Clark of Mount Airy, the general contractor, moves more dirt and lays the brick for the college's first new building outside Surry County.

SCC offering floral design classes

DOBSON — Surry Community College will offer floral design classes June 3 to Aug. 12. Judy Marshall will instruct from 9 a.m. to noon at the Mount Airy Learning Center and from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Dobson campus in room H-126.

Registration fee is \$40. This fee does not include the cost of tools and flower supplies used in the class.

Pre-registration is required by calling Surry Community College at 386-3244.

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The 5k run will begin at 8 a.m. Pre-registration, before June 2, entrance fee is \$10. On race-day the fee will be \$15.

Trophies and prize money for 5K will go to the top three male and female overall finishers. Prizes are: First: \$100; second: \$75; third: \$50.

Trophies for the top finisher in each division, male and female (no duplicate awards) and medallions given to second and third place finishers in each division.

For more information, log on to www.surry.com or www.surry.cc.nc.us (look under "Events") or contact Celenia Watson at 401-8477 or e-mail watsonce@co.surry.nc.us.

Farm Fest and family fun run slated June 7

DOBSON — The Dobson Farm Fest 5k run and the 1-mile family fun run will be held June 7 in Dobson.

The 1-Mile Family Fun Run will begin at 7:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$5 for adults and children 12 and

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Course for small businesses looks at basic bookkeeping

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer "Basic Bookkeeping for Business," a program for small businesses, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. June 19 in Room C101 at the Continuing Education Building on the Dobson campus.

The workshop is sponsored by the Small Business Center. The instructor will be Jerry Sawyers of Sawyers & Sawyers Accounting in Mount Airy.

Topics will include cleaning up record systems, use of computerized accounting, double- vs. single-entry bookkeeping and whether to use in-house staff or an outside accountant.

No fee will be charged to participants. However, those interested should contact the Continuing Education Small Business Center at 386-3211 to pre-register or pre-register on line at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schbus/ccep.htm.



Drivers by can now see the building taking shape, serving as the northern gateway for Yadkinville.

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Windows now in place, workers prepare to landscape the grounds and wait for furniture to arrive.

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YADKIN RIPPLE/Andy Matthews
This spacious conference room on the second floor can be used for faculty, staff and even board of trustee meetings.

College's Yadkin campus has a rich history

By ANDY MATTHEWS
EDITOR

It began with an idea.

In December 1996, the late Jimmie R. Hutchens started talking up the idea of a Yadkin campus for Surry Community College.

For years, the college had operated its continuing education programs out of a crowded office in the multi-purpose education center in Boonville.

Space had always been tight. Hutchens knew that. His executive director's office at Yadkin Valley Economic Development District Inc. was just up the hall in the old school building.

College officials wanted to expand their course offerings. But it would take leadership on both sides of the Yadkin River to make the deal come together.

Soon a steering committee was formed. And three months after Hutchens put some thoughts down on paper, the committee began to look for a new site. It had to be centrally located with access to Yadkin's major thoroughfares.

The group finally settled on a 46-acre tract on U.S. 601, just north of Yadkinville. In January 1999, Yadkin commissioners agreed to pay \$408,000 for 46 acres of pastures and woods. Eventually, county commissioners would commit up to \$600,000 to the new campus. And Yadkinville chipped in \$300,000, including the extension of sewer lines to the proper-



YADKIN RIPPLE/Andy Matthews

The new Yadkin center has about 65 computers, including several in this 3,000-square-foot learning center.

Hutchens' memo was starting to take form. And Wayne Matthews, the college's continuing education director in Yadkin, began to envision a new look for the college's Yadkin campus.

Soon, passersby noticed a large white sign in the

pasture along U.S. 601 advertising the new Surry Community College building planned for the site.

With the help of veteran legislator George Holmes, a Republican state representative from Hamptonville, the college eventually secured \$1.5 million from the state legislature.

The Yadkin campus also received \$541,702 in November 2000 from a \$3.5 billion bond package voters approved for the university and community college system.

That same month Matthews and college officials got their first peek of the proposed \$3 million two-story classroom building. The architect's colored rendering was perched on an easel next to other less spectacular blueprints.

"I got the picture this morning in the mail, and my knees just buckled," Matthews said at the time.

Bids for the Yadkin campus were approved in the fall of 2001. John S. Clark of Mount Airy began work as the general contractor. Construction continued throughout last year as builders began to lay a foundation for the 25,000-square-foot facility.

As spring slowly pushed back a ferocious winter, landscapers put the final touches recently on the brick and granite building.

And Matthews is still awed with his new surroundings.

"It's very inviting," he said recently. "This is what you want for people coming back to school."



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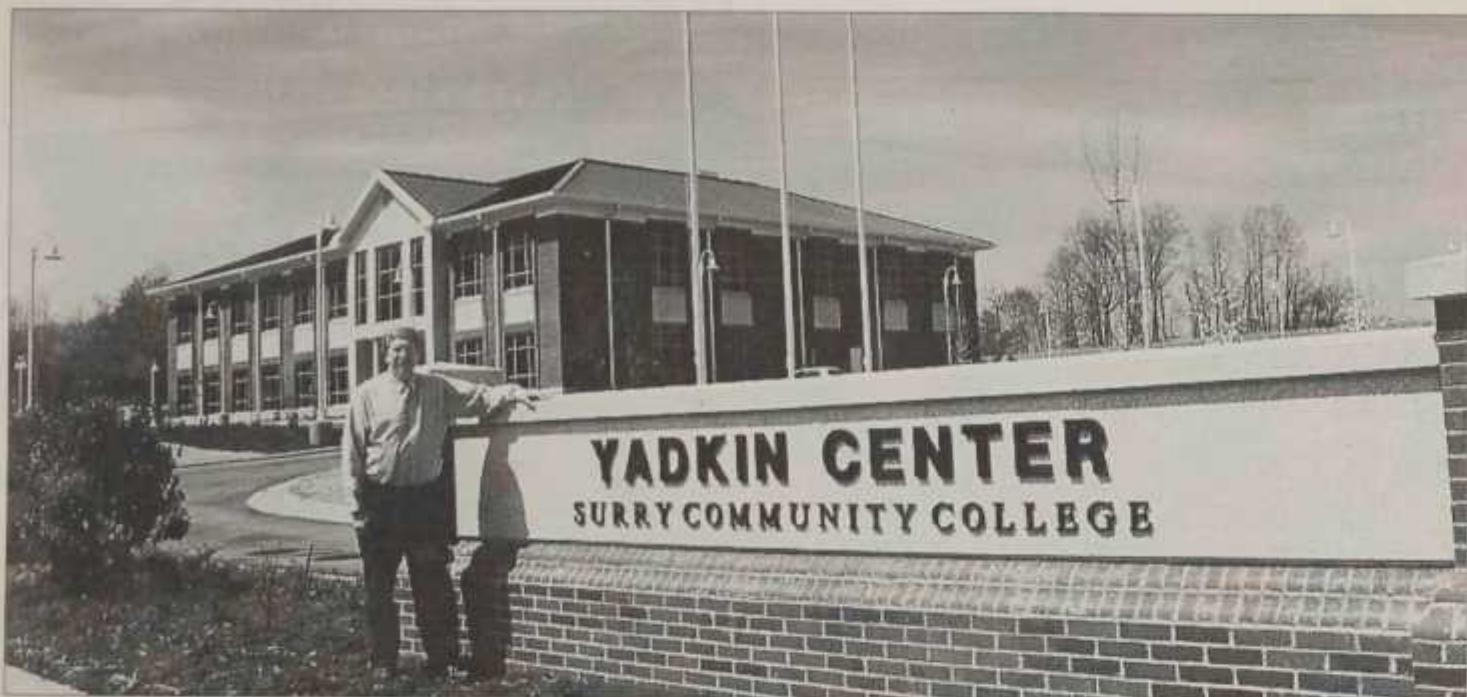
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Wayne Matthews, the college's continuing education director in Yadkin, stands in front of the new \$3 million, 25,000-square-foot Yadkin Center of Surry Community College.

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YADKIN RIPPLE/Andy Matthews
Wayne Matthews talks with two computer technicians from Surry Community College. The new building, which has about 65 computers, features a N.C. Information Highway Room.



YADKIN RIPPLE/Andy Matthews
Students and faculty can gaze out large windows to a neatly-landscaped campus, pastureland and a large wooded area.



Theresa Klein/The Mount Airy News

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Happy day

Surry Community College students file in to the graduation ceremony Friday evening in Dobson. In all, 367 students received a certificate, diploma or an associate's degree during the 36th graduation ceremony held at SCC. The class of 2003 is comprised of students who completed one or more of the 33 career technologies programs or the college transfer program.

SCC takes Doubleheader from Southeastern

By THOMAS LESTER

Sports Writer
WHITEVILLE — The Surry Community College Knights swept a doubleheader with Southeastern Community College on March 16, securing their first back-to-back contests on the road. The Knights took the first contest 6-1, and held off the Rams in the nightcap 6-3.

The Knights and Southeastern C.C. were originally scheduled to take the field on Saturday, but the weather didn't cooperate, so the team had a one-night layover in Whiteville.

"I was worried that we would be a little tight on Sunday," head coach Mark Tucker said. "We were in a hotel for three straight days and then to have to go out on Sunday and play makes it tough."

The Rams started their offense early, jumping out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first off of SCC starter Cody Dickens.

Dickens, a 50th round draft choice of the Anaheim Angels, has been clocked this year at 95 mph according to some sources.

"Cody usually pitches around 91-93, but today it seemed like he was really getting it up there in a hurry," said Tucker. "Maybe it was our angle from the dugout but he seemed like he may have had more than his usual amount of velocity on the ball."

Dickens allowed one run, which was not earned, on three hits while striking out eight.

Surry's offense started slow. Despite early scoring opportunities, the Knights' bats were held at bay by Ram starter Fielding Hammond. The lanky right-hander enjoyed smooth sailing until the fourth inning. Then, the Knights' bats came

alive. Surry put one run on the board in the fourth to tie the game 1-1, but took the lead in the fifth when third baseman Robbie Lanham took Hammond deep for a solo home run, his third of the year. The Knights then cushioned the lead in seventh when Lanham hit a double and scored on Gary Tilley's single. Bruiser Simpson also reached base safely on a walk.

Tilley and Simpson scored on Brad Matthews' triple to give the Knights a 5-1 lead. Matthews later scored on a wild pitch for the Knights final run.

"That last inning was huge for our offense," said assistant coach Mark Hauser. "If we don't score there it may change how we play the bottom half of the inning which could have changed the entire game."

Game two of the twinbill started much like the first. Nathan Hodges took the mound for the Knights. Hodges, who hadn't allowed a run this season, retired the first two Ram hitters before being hit for two runs which was started by a bloop single. Hodges struck out the final batter of the inning to escape further damage.

Hodges was relieved by sophomore Matt Swift in the second inning. Swift was very effective as he struck out two of the six hitters he faced. Brandon Chambers came on in relief of Swift in the fourth inning for damage control.

Chambers fared well against the Rams, allowing only one run in the sixth inning. Chambers secured the win for the Knights by striking out five and only allowing three hits in four innings of work.

"Nathan just didn't have his best stuff today," Tucker said. "He's going to be fine. He just

couldn't find the spots today and that happens as a pitcher. Thankfully for us, Swift and Chambers had two good performances and that allowed us to win the game."

The Knight offense stalled early before catching fire in the fifth inning. With the Rams leading 2-0 and cruising behind left-hander Jason Boves, Knights' 15-game winning streak was in jeopardy.

Randy Adkins reached base on an error by Ram third baseman Mike Maffucci and Gary Tilley took full advantage of the error by blasting a home run to right field to tie the game 2-2.

The Knight bats stayed hot in the sixth inning as Matt Keverer was hit by a pitch and sophomore Billy Wright stepped to the plate.

Wright, who had been in a daylight hitting slump, emerged from his funk in a big way. Wright blasted a 2-0 fastball over the scoreboard in centerfield to give the Knights a 4-2 lead.

"That ball was hit really well," said Hauser. "It was obvious when that ball was hit it was going to leave the park."

Robbie Lanham then homered for the Knights, his second of the day, to push the lead to 5-2. In the bottom part of the frame Southeastern put up a run cutting the lead to 5-3 but Surry answered with a run of their own in the sixth. Chambers then got two fly outs in the seventh before striking out Ram

first baseman Matt Tripp to end the game.

The two wins push the Knights record to 16-0 overall and 10-0 in Region X play.

With Lenoir losing twice on Saturday to Louisburg Community College, the Knights have moved into first place in the conference.

"Southeastern is probably as good as any team we have faced so far," said Tucker. "They are

really tough. We just feel fortunate to come away with two wins today, now we have to direct our attention towards next week and weekend."

The Knights hosted Wingate March 20 before hitting the road again on last weekend to square off against Louisburg College.

"I haven't heard much about them this year other than from the same guys they had last

year," said Hauser of Louisburg. "I feel confident that if we go up there and play our game, which means we pitch well, we hit and score some runs, we'll be fine. We've still got some injuries nagging us, although we haven't been 100 percent all season. If we can get everyone healthy we can go as far as we want. But, even with the injuries, I'll take our team against anyone."

SIMPLE PLEASURES

APRIL, 2003

Surry Genealogical group leads search for roots

DOBSON — In 1980, Carlos Surratt, evening dean at Surry Community College and instructor of local history courses at the college, taught a genealogy class. During this time several of the ones who were interested in genealogy research discussed the possibility of forming a Surry County Genealogical Association. Then on March 3, 1981, a meeting was held and the group discussed the short and long-range goals of the association.

It was decided that the purpose of this association is to trace family roots, and preserve records from churches, cemeteries, and other items of historical importance that would help one learn more about his or her ancestors and the history of the county. The group decided it would be called "The Surry County Genealogical Association."

The first public meeting of the association was held on Monday, May 18, 1981. It was very successful. Fifty people attended the meeting, and many became members.

When they elected officers for the first year they elected Carlos Surratt and Dennis "Bud" Cameron as advisors, and they still hold these positions today. They started with a bookcase of research books and now they have a genealogy room, "The Carlos Surratt Room," which is in the library at Surry Community College at Dobson with family histories, census records, cemeteries, a computer and 200 of The Family Tree Maker disks to go on it.

Twenty years later the association has around 300 members in all locations.

The association has a meeting the second Monday night of each month. The remaining meetings for the



Bernie Flippin/Simple Pleasures

This log cabin on N.C. 89 East in the Bannertown community boasts a dusting of snow during one of the winter's many storms.

year are:

- 14 April, DAR- Jonathan Hunt Chapter- Elkin.
- 12 May, Hester Jackson-History of Dobson, Our County Seat.

- 9 June, The Surry County Genealogical Association, will have its annual picnic and visit Laurel Hill-The JEB Stuart Homeplace.

- 14 July, Pat Boyles- History of The Lawson Family.

- 11 August, the annual visit to The Register of Deeds Office at Dobson.

- 8 September, Tom Perry- His New Book.

- 13 October, Genealogy Forum: Questions and Answers.

- 10 November, John Candillo- Native American.

- 8 December, SCGA- Christmas Party.

These meetings are free and open to the public. The fee for membership is \$15 individual or \$17 a year for family. The membership entitles the members to four quarterly journals a year put out by the association.

The group has published two Surry County Heritage Books, and has just published a pictorial history book of Surry County. This book, entitled "Images of America" Surry County, has 128 pages. The pictures tell about life in Surry County before 1940. It sells for \$20 plus \$2 postage. They can be bought by contacting the Surry County Genealogical Association, P.O. Box 997, Dobson, N.C. 27017. For more information call (336) 786-2545.

Surry Community College Viticulture / Enology Upcoming Events

Open to the Public - Free of charge

Tuesday, April 15, 2003—7:00 pm
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Dr. Gary Main of the University of Arkansas will present a lecture on @How to Grow and Make Wine from Cynthiana/Norton Grapes@. Norton is a native grape with possible advantages of our area. Dr. Main received his BS, MS and Ph.D in Food Science from the University of Arkansas. He has responsibility for the viticultural activities in Food Science and wine making program. He has participated in viticultural research that encom-

passes the areas of rootstocks, growth tubes, cultivar evaluation, canopy management and mechanization. Postharvest and enological research areas have included wine oxidation, fining and filtration, ion exchange, high alcohol wine production, wine style studies, effect of yeast strain, and macerating enzymes on wine composition. This research has resulted in 35 publications and 45 presentations. He has worked with Cynthiana/Norton grapes for 20 years.

Dedication slated for new college building

State and local officials will meet Friday to dedicate the new \$3 million Yadkin Center of Surry Community College.

The 25,000-square-foot classroom building was opened to classes earlier this month. The facility is the college's first building venture outside Dobson.

The Yadkin Center includes a spacious learning center, an automotive shop, a N.C. Highway Information Room, and more than 80 computers.

The building was funded with state, local dollars and private contributions. John S. Clark of Mount Airy was the general contractor.

The dedication ceremony begins at 5 p.m. The Yadkin Center is just north of the Yadkinville town limits on U.S. 601.

Surry Community College Viticulture / Enology Program

In the heart of the Yadkin Valley region is a first class opportunity to learn to grow grapes and produce wines from them. Surry Community College's two-year viticulture and enology program in Dobson is the only such program available on the East Coast.

Dr. Bob McRitchie has grown this program significantly in the past three years. His students planted the first vines in the college vineyard last year. The college vineyard will support a winery handling 20,000 pounds of grapes. Students get experience laying out the vineyard in half acre parcels, and get hands on experience working with the grapes in all areas, from planting to harvesting the fruit.

These courses are part of Surry Community College's continuing education program. Students may

choose the level of study in which they are most interested. A certificate in viticulture and enology can be earned in two semesters and is the most basic of the courses offered. A year long program diploma includes two semesters and work in the vineyard during summer months. The degree program includes four semesters and a summer in the vineyard and winery.

Students come from diverse backgrounds and geographic areas. The common link is their interest in growing grapes and producing wines that will drive home the fact that the Yadkin Valley Wine Growing Region is uniquely suited for such activities.

For more information about these programs, contact Surry Community College at 336-386-8121.

SCC to sponsor seminar

The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor a seminar titled "Sources of Business Financing" on April 10.

The session will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the SCC Campus in room C101.

The seminar leader will be Tony Johnson of the North

Carolina Small Business and Technology Development Center.

In this session, participants will learn about funding sources available to existing or would-be business owners, and the information that lenders require when loan proposals are made. Specific governmental programs will also be covered (e.g.

Micro-Enterprise Lending Program, U.S. Small Business Administration).

This workshop is free. Pre-registration is required by calling Renee Hutchins at (336) 386-3211 or registration on-line at www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schabus/cep.htm.



Knights are national JUCO contenders

Surry Community College pitcher Matt Swift (4) is one of the main reasons the Knights are 19-3 and anticipating a possible spot in the NJCAA World Series.

SCC looks to improve on best start in school history

By ALLEN WORRELL

Sports Writer

DOBSON — While it may still be too early to make reservations for Grand Junction, Co., the Surry Community College baseball team is making a strong case to be a National Junior College Baseball Division I World Series contender.

The Knights started the season with the best start in school history — a 16-0 mark — thanks to a strong and consistent pitching staff, good defense and great hitting. While head coach Mark Tucker says one of the Knights' strengths is not looking ahead, Surry's total package has the team thinking about a trip to junior college's grandest stage.

"There's no excuse why we shouldn't go this year with the pitching we've got and the players we've got," former North Surry star Matt Swift said.

"We've got a great defense, probably the best pitching staff Surry's ever had, and just the total package," former Surry Central standout Jeremy Branch added. "We still have people coming off injuries, so I think we will just improve throughout the season."

With a 19-3 overall record, Surry has been playing at a record-setting pace. The Knights suffered their three losses at the hands of Louisburg (N.C.) Junior College, the No. 4-ranked JUCO team in the nation.

The Knights' well-rounded pitching staff is one of the big reasons for the team's success.

Led by freshman Cody Dickens, a former Forbush sensation, the Knights have baffled opposing hitters to the tune of a 1.60 team ERA. Through Wednesday's action, Dickens sported a 4-0 record with a 0.40 ERA.

Swift has been outstanding in a variety of situations for the Knights, compiling a 3-1 record with a 0.93 ERA as a closer and starter. Other local standouts like Branch and North Surry's Nathan Hodges have combined with imports like Brandon Chambers among others to make up what Tucker says is probably the strongest overall pitching staff he has had at Surry.

"I'd say top-to-bottom this is the best pitching staff we've had. If you look at it, we have gotten a lot of contributions

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TALKING SPORTS

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Knights look forward to clash with Warthogs

Since when does an exhibition game mean almost as much as a regular season contest?

Usually never, but Surry Community College's baseball exhibition on Wednesday does. That's when the highly successful Knights will get a chance to take on the Winston-Salem Warthogs, the Class A minor league affiliate of the Chicago White Sox, at 6 p.m. at Ernie Shore Field.

The Knights will have played 30 games before the first pitch Wednesday, but even though this one won't count in the standings, it is one that Surry players won't soon forget.

"Playing a professional team is the thrill of a lifetime for these kids. When we released our schedule this year it was never when are playing this conference rival, when are we playing that conference rival? It was when are we playing the Warthogs?" Surry head coach Mark Tucker said. "It's one of the best things our program can do and we appreciate the opportunity."

It is not just the opportunity to be seen by White Sox scouts that makes the game big for Surry. The Knights are accustomed to that, having 22 scouts on hand in a game against Potomac State earlier this season. It is the chance to see how they compare against professionals that makes the exhibition so exhilarating for Surry's players.

"It is real exciting. You get to see how good you really are and face the best," former North Surry and current Knights' star Matt Swift said.

"It is a real good level of competition for us," added former Surry Central standout Jeremy Branch. "It makes you feel good to know that a college pitcher can go out and strike out their hitters, and we can also hit off of them."

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from a lot of people," Tucker said. "Most of the time when you have a good team, especially in college with the way your schedule is, you've got to have consistency out of your pitchers. I think that has probably been our biggest thing."

Of course, having the two leading hitters in the Western Tarheel Conference doesn't hurt either. Billy Wright currently leads the conference in batting average (.471) and RBIs (36). Wright has six home runs on the season and sports an impressive .871 slugging percentage.

Wright's teammate Matt Keever is right on his heels with a .464 batting average. Keever also has six dingers and 24 RBIs to his credit thus far. Tripp Lockhart (.431) and Brent Simpson (.403) are both

hitting above .400 and the Knights have a total of eight players with batting averages over .300.

"With our pitching staff, we feel like if we can score five or six runs we have a real good chance to win," Tucker said. "We've had some guys that have definitely been swinging the bats well. We've gotten a lot of contributions from different guys in key situations. Gary Tilley is a kid that bats ninth for us and he has gotten a lot of big hits for us, so I feel like our lineup has been really solid from top to bottom."

Surry made the NJCAA World Series in 1998, when the Knights were Division III team. Surry followed that season's performance with 41-13 record the following year, a school record for victories, and the

Knights have continued to compete at a high level.

In addition to great hitting and pitching, Surry has good speed, some power and a strong bench. While most coaches don't like to look ahead, Tucker feels like the Knights have a good shot to make it back to the World Series, this time as a Division I team.

"That is our team's goal and our coaching staff's goal," Tucker said. "It is going to take continually getting better and better as a team, just trying to improve throughout the season."

One of the things that has helped the Knights build such a strong baseball program since it began eight years ago is an outstanding coaching staff that features Roy Vernon and Mark Hauser. Vernon has been with

Tucker since day one and Hauser has helped run the show the past three seasons.

Coaching stability, combined with Surry's top-rate facilities and growing reputation, have helped the Knights bring in top-notch recruiting classes as they continue to build for the future.

"We don't have the tradition as say a Duke or (North) Carolina in basketball," Tucker said. "But I think what is happening is kids are seeing that first of all we have a great program. They see our facilities, they see our coaches and they see the type of players we have. So I think kids know when they hear about Surry, they immediately identify a good baseball program with that."

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Besides that, the game gives the Surry program a venue to show that it can compete with the big boys. The two teams played for the first time last year and Surry fought to a scoreless tie heading into the seventh inning before eventually losing 7-0.

The Knights were off to their best start in school history as of Wednesday with a 19-3 record. Still, it is only natural to think that a professional team would have little trouble with a junior college program.

It is a common perception to think that the hierarchy of college baseball goes from major Division I, down to Division II, Division III, NAIA and then junior college baseball.

Obviously professional baseball would be above that, but Surry assistant head coach Mark Hauser says that can be misleading as the Knights proved last year.

"A junior college program such as ourselves can play with some pretty good teams. When

we go down there and play so close with a professional team — this is a high level of pro baseball and we are keeping them tied more than halfway through the game. That shows the kind of programs that are here," Hauser said. "And we lose on the junior college level, so there are teams that are just as good or better than us on any given day."

Besides a chance to see the Knights make the switch from aluminum bats to wood, it also gives fans an opportunity to see a very good brand of baseball. The Warthogs open the season two days later on April 4th at Kinston, so the game should benefit both parties equally.

"The match-up gives our players a chance to get ready for the season against a competitive college team," said Peter Fisch, vice president and general manager of the Warthogs. "Last year's game was a great experience for both sides, so we're excited to play again."

Dedication for Yadkin campus of SCC Friday

YADKINVILLE — State and local officials will meet Friday to dedicate the new \$3 million Yadkin Center of Surry Community College.

The 25,000-square-foot classroom building was opened to classes earlier this month. The facility is the college's first building venture outside Dobson.

The Yadkin Center includes a spacious learning center, an automotive shop, a N.C. Highway Information room, and more than 60 computers.

The building was funded with state, local dollars and private contributions. John S. Clark of Mount Airy was the general contractor.

The dedication ceremony begins at 5 p.m. The Yadkin Center is just north of the Yadkinville town limits on U.S. 601.

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Warthogs win joust with SCC

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From Staff Reports

WINSTON-SALEM — The Winston-Salem Warthogs used a five-run third inning to spark a comeback in a 10-1 win over Surry Community College at Ernie Shore Field on Wednesday night.

Byeong Hak An earned the win for the Warthogs, tossing five innings, giving up just one run on two hits, while striking out seven.

Surry took the first lead of the night in the top of the second when Billy Wright connected for a leadoff home run, putting the Knights up 1-0. Winston-Salem came back and took control of the game with a five-run third inning.

Eric Storey walked and advanced to second on Ruddy Yan's infield single. Mike Spidale then tripled in Storey and Yan to put the Warthogs up 2-1.

Jeremy Reed then reached on an error. Then, Casey Rogowski hit a three-run opposite field home run over the left field wall to extend the Warthogs' lead to 5-1.

In the fourth, Ruddy Yan led

off with a solo home run. Normand Martel followed with a double and would eventually score on a Casey Rogowski ground ball.

Winston-Salem was up 7-1 in the sixth when Jeremy Reed doubled. Reed scored on an Eric Welsh double. The Warthogs closed out the scoring with two runs in the eighth.

Jeremy Reed walked and scored on a Darren Ciraco double. Ciraco scored on a Welsh single. On the night, nine different Warthogs had hits. Of the twelve hits, seven went for extra bases. Casey Rogowski had three RBI, while Mike Spidale and Eric each had two RBI.

For Winston-Salem in relief, Aaron Kirkland, Ryan Meaux, Brandon O'Neal, and Josh Fields each tossed one scoreless inning.

Winston-Salem will begin its record 59th consecutive season in the Carolina League on Friday in Kinston at 7 p.m.

Surry will be back in action Saturday with a home double-header against Rockingham. Game time is set for 1 p.m.

SCC students' tournament also collects food for pantry

DOBSON — The Latter-Day Saints Student Association, a student organization at Surry Community College, sponsored an all-day basketball tournament and food drive in the college gymnasium.

Quentin Harris, student president, coordinated the efforts of group members who helped with score- and time-keeping throughout the day.

More than 150 young people, ages 12-18, participated from area units of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salisbury, High Point, Winston-Salem, Pilot Mountain, Mount Airy, Dobson and

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Participants and supporters brought canned food to a collection point set up in the gymnasium lobby. The association collected 750 pounds of canned food for Foothills Food Pantry in Dobson.

Pantry Coordinator Glenda Robbins expressed gratitude to local churches, businesses, and individuals whose efforts enable the pantry to keep its doors open.

"We get no state or county funding," Robbins said. "Without community support, our shelves would soon be bare."

Surry Community College Small Business Seminars

Chamber Apr. / May 03

1) "Como Empezar Su Propio Negocio" (How to Start a Small Business - spoken in Spanish)
 Presentador: Alberto Florez (Presenter: Alberto Flores)
 Cuando: Jueves 3 de Abril, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
 (Time: Thursday, April 3, 6:30 - 9:30 pm)
 Lugar: SCC, Salon C-101 (Location: SCC Rm C-101)
 Costo: Gratis (Cost: Free)

2) "Sources of Business Financing"
 Date: Thursday, April 10, 2003, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
 Location: SCC, Room C-101
 Cost: Free

In this session, learn about funding sources available to existing or would-be business owners, and the information that lenders require when

loan proposals are made. Specific governmental programs will also be covered (e.g. Micro-Enterprise Lending Program, U.S. Small Business Administration).

3) "The Professional Women: Image, Attitude, & Success"

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2003, 1:30 - 4:30 pm
 Location: SCC, Room C-101
 Cost: Free

This is a session you AND your boss will be glad you attended! Learn how others see you and how to improve your image. Get great ideas on how

to be more effective at work and in your personal life. Receive tips on communication, time management and stress reduction. Dynamic presenter

Denise Ryan will keep you laughing AND learning. **In honor of Administrative Assistant's week, refreshments will be provided.

4) "Business Bookkeeping"

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2003, 6:30 - 9:30pm
 Instructor: Jerry Sawyers
 Location: SCC Campus - Room C101
 Cost: Free of Charge

Don't miss this thorough review...withholding & reporting compliance deadlines for tax deposits and payments, filing of quarterly forms, avoiding penalties, etc... maybe address some tough issues like hiring family members, the pitfalls of "subcontractors" who are really employees. Your liability for collecting and remitting sales tax.

5) "Understanding Payroll"

Thursday, May 8, 2003, 6:30 - 9:30pm
 Instructor: Jerry Sawyers
 Location: SCC Campus - Room C101
 Cost: Free of Charge

Don't miss this thorough review...withholding & reporting compliance deadlines for tax deposits and payments, filing of quarterly forms, avoiding penalties, etc... maybe address some tough issues like hiring family members, the pitfalls of "subcontractors" who are really employees. Your liability for collecting and remitting sales tax.

Farm Fest slated June 7

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DOBSON, N.C. — Surry Community College will join with the town of Dobson, the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center, and local citizens to host the second annual Dobson Farm Fest from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 7, on the campus.

The event will include education in new farm ventures, such as grape growing and winemaking, with short lectures and demonstrations by instructors in the SCC Viticulture and Enology Program and information from representatives of the N.C. Grape Growers Association. Health, fitness, and stress management will be addressed in workshops and in demonstrations by a local dance company.

The day will begin with a 5K run and a family fun walk coordinated by Celena Watson of the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center.

Demonstrations will take place throughout the day, including planting crops and operating farm equipment. An antique car and truck show, live music, live coverage by radio station WSYD, games and activities for children, and plenty of home-cooked food will round out the day, while local crafters will demonstrate crafts and sell wares in the college gymnasium.

For information on Farm Fest, contact Anita Bullin at Surry Community College at (336) 386-3268, or at bullina@surry.cc.nc.us.

Surry Community College opens building in Yadkin

By Theo Helm
 JOURNAL REPORTER

YADKINVILLE

After more than a year of construction, the Yadkin Center of Surry Community College opened its doors to students this week.

The \$3 million, 25,000-square-foot building on U.S. 601 just north of Yadkinville will allow the college to take its Yadkin classes out of elementary schools, churches and senior centers scattered around the county.

"We've got a state-of-the-art modern facility that is built for the adult student," said Wayne Matthews, the Yadkin Center co-

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 ordinator and director of occupational programs.

About 25 percent of the students at the college's main campus in Dobson are from Yadkin County, and the college has been teaching about 200 classes for about 3,000 students each year in Yadkin County, he said.

Several classes, including ones for emergency-medical training and general-equivalency diplomas, moved into the building this week. More will follow, Matthews said.

"We're near the end of our semester," he said. "We won't be what I consider to be full-throttle until the fall."

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Matthews said that the number of classes offered in Yadkin County should double in the first year. "We'll be able to offer classes we weren't able to offer before — especially from a day-time point of view."

That will include such classes as English, psychology and math that are required for two-year degrees — something that hasn't been offered before in Yadkin, said Steve Atkins, the college's vice president and chief academic officer.

Matthews said that the college is also working with Appalachian State University to offer four-year degrees in social

work and special education. After earning an associate's degree, students could take two

years of classes on the Yadkin campus and get a degree from Appalachian. The program should start in January 2004, he said. Continuing-education classes will also be offered, which will help attract businesses to the county, said Bobby Todd, the director of the Yadkin County Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber helped raise money for the building after it did a survey in 1996 that showed that Yadkin companies wanted a community-college center.

About \$300,000 in private donations were combined with \$2 million in state money, \$300,000 from the town of Yadkinville and \$400,000 from Yadkin County to pay for the build-

ing. The county also bought the land for the building.

When recruiting businesses in the past, Todd said he used the Dobson campus as an attraction. "Now we can point to a place that's much more impressive," he said.

The building has a large shop room that could be used for industrial training. It also has a learning center, two computer labs, several classrooms and an N.C. Information Highway Room, which is equipped with cameras and microphones.

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Surry Community College sweeps Pitt

DOBSON — The Surry Community College baseball team Knights swept a Region X weekend series from visiting Pitt Community College on Saturday and Sunday to remain in sole possession of first place in the conference.

The Knights (30-6, 19-5 Region X) have two weekend series remaining before the final seedings are announced for the Region X tournament at Fleming Stadium in Wilson.

In game one on Saturday, Stuart Angles (5-1) pitched a complete game five-hitter to limit the Bulldogs to two runs, both unearned, while the Knights cruised to a 7-2 win. Angles only walked one batter.

The Surry offense started out strong, scoring five runs in the second inning while adding insurance runs in the fourth and sixth innings. The offense was led by Tripp Lockhart, who went 1-for-2 with a home run, two runs scored and an RBI.

The Knights' defense was the only soft spot as they made



Mark Tucker

three errors in the contest that led to the only two runs Pitt could score.

Pitching once again led the way for the Knights in game two as Brandon Chambers (5-1) pitched another complete game for the Knights. The Knights won the game 8-4, with all four runs being earned. Chambers struck out eight Bulldog hitters while only allowing two free passes.

The offense started quickly

for the Knights by jumping out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first before Pitt would take their only lead of the weekend in the fifth inning. Pitt scored a run in the second inning and added three in the fifth to lead 4-2, but the Knights answered back immediately.

In the bottom half of the fifth inning the Knights got their first two runners on base and sophomore Matt Coleman blasted a three-run home run to give the lead back to the Knights at 5-4. Following two quick outs the Knights' Tripp Lockhart reached after an error on Pitt's third baseman. Sophomore Robbie Lanham then launched a home run to left field that cushioned the Knights lead to 7-4. The Knights added an insurance run in the sixth inning on a double by Coleman to push the lead to 8-4.

"Matt played a great game on Saturday," Surry head coach Mark Tucker said. "He came through with two huge hits that scored four runs, with the home

run being the biggest run because it gave us the lead back." Coleman was a triple short of the cycle after going 3-for-4 with a home run, a single and a double. He also added 4 RBI.

Game three saw the Knights jump on Pitt starter Roy Hopkins early and hold on to win 7-2.

Nathan Hodges (3-1) got the win for the Knights by throwing 6 2/3 innings, striking out four while allowing only two runs, both of which were unearned. The Knights scored six runs in the second inning and added a run in the fourth inning. Pitt scored their two runs in the fifth inning.

Robbie Lanham led the Knight offense going 1-for-3 with a two-run single in the second inning. Jeremy Branch came on in the seventh to record the save by striking out Jeremy Egan to end the late Pitt threat.

In the series finale the Knights put all Bulldog hopes of winning a game to rest as the

offense and defense finally joined the Knight pitching in combining to play what could have been the most complete game by the Knights all season.

The Knights won game four by a score of 9-3. Lanham and Lockhart provided almost all the Knights' firepower as Lockhart was 3-for-4 with two runs scored and 3 RBI. Lanham was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and 2 RBI. Both of Lanham's hits were monstrous home runs to left-centerfield. The two homers push Lanham's career home run mark to 21.

The Knight offense banged out 10 hits while scoring nine runs.

Five of the 10 hits were for extra bases. Josh Steelman (2-1, one save) got the win for the Knights as he pitched five innings, giving up all three runs. Paul Balco came in to pitch the sixth and seventh innings. Balco didn't give up a hit and struck out three.

"I felt this was one of our more complete games all sea-

son," Tucker said.

"We played good defensively and we put the bat on the ball, which makes us very successful."

The Knights will face Pfeiffer on Tuesday at home before a big Region X series with Blue Ridge Community College on Friday and Saturday. This weekend's games have been moved forward due to the Easter holiday.

"We have to be ready for Blue Ridge," Tucker said. "They have a good ball club and this series means a lot to us and them as far as standings go. I believe if we play together as a team, as we did in the last game (Sunday), we will be successful not only this weekend but during the remaining part of the year. We just have to keep getting better day-by-day and be ready to play each time we step out there."

Game time for Tuesday's double header is 1:30 p.m. while Friday and Saturday's games will begin at 1 p.m.



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Ready to show her stuff

Mackenzie Yountz, 2, plays with her Maltese dog Suzie before the competition starts at the Surry Community College Pet Show Saturday morning. *NA 5.4.03*

SCC hosts Business/Career Expo



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North Surry High School students Sarah Collins, left, and Ashley Nichols discuss career possibilities with Nurse Manager Randy Collins of Northern Hospital of Surry County at the Business/Career Expo Thursday at Surry Community College in Dobson.



Theresa Kilen/The Mount Airy News

Trooper M.W. Whitener of the N.C. State Highway Patrol discusses the ins and outs of his job in law enforcement with Surry Community College student Justin Wagener and Mount Airy High School student Chastity Faw.



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Tyler Johnson, a student at North Surry High School, tries his hand at driving screws with a gun for John S. Clark Vice President of Human Resources and Safety Ken Klamforth.



Theresa Kilen/The Mount Airy News

SFC Chuck Ketter of the National Guard talks to David Gutierrez, a student at Surry Central High School, about career opportunities with the National Guard. The booth was one of the most popular at the Business/Career Expo.



Mondee Tilley/The Mount Airy News

Nancy Stone accepts an award from Dr. Frank Sells during the wrap-up luncheon for the United Fund held Thursday at First Baptist Church.

United Fund celebrates successful campaign

By MONDEE TILLEY

Staff Writer

MOUNT AIRY — The United Fund wrapped up its 2002-03 campaign Thursday during a luncheon held at the First Baptist Church.

Dr. Frank Sells, chairman for the campaign, announced that the campaign missed the goal of raising \$400,000 by \$89,05.

"I congratulate everyone in this room for your contributions to making this year's campaign successful," said Sells.

The division chairs were honored during the ceremony.

They included Business I, Larry Hopkins; Business II, Tracy Greenwood and Arnold Doby; Business III, Hattie Brintle; Chaires division, David Taylor; Special Gifts, Judy Key; Attorney's category, Carroll Gardner; Accountant's division, Luke Horton; Doctor's division, Tamas Balogh; Hospital division, Bill Hancock; Public Employees division, Dr. Bill Church; Retirement and Nursing Homes division, Lanie Johnson; and the Chairman's division, Dr. Frank Sells and Melissa White.

The Above and Beyond Awards were also given out. Melissa White was announced as chairman of the 2003-04 campaign. Her co-chair will be John Priddy with BB&T.

"John and I are looking forward to a great campaign in the fall. We know it will be very successful because we are going to have the support of everybody here in this room. Your efforts and hard work will pay off," White said.

Anyone interested in joining the campaign can call Priddy at BB&T or White at Workforce Carolina.

SCC announces scholarship

Marion Venable, executive director of the Surry Community Foundation, announces the establishment of the Kari Brinkley Lahtela Memorial Scholarship by Dorothy L. Brinkley.

This endowment fund will be used for scholarships for students in the Surry Community College Compensatory Education Program. The Financial Aid Committee of Surry Community College will award the first scholarship from this fund in the fall of 2003.

The recipient of the scholarship must be a Downs Syndrome student who is a Surry County resident participating in the Compensatory Education Program.

The Compensatory Education Program serves approximately 120 developmentally disabled adults or adults with traumatic brain injuries. The program is based on the premise that every student has potential to become a contributing member of the community and offers classes that enhance life skills and foster independence.

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SCC students to display designs

DOBSON — Surry Community College students who will graduate with an associate in applied science degree in advertising and graphic design technology will present their portfolios from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. May 7 in the President's Dining Room, "A" Building, on the main college campus in Dobson.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Susan McLeod, instructor in advertising and graphic arts technology, at (336) 386-3329 or by e-mail at mcleods@surry.cc.nc.us.

Preregistration required for upcoming classes

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor several technical courses this summer.

Courses, dates, times, locations and descriptions are:

■ "Introduction to Computer-Aided Design/Drafting," May 28-Aug. 4, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-8:30 p.m. in the SCC campus in room T-111 (Technical Building). Jim Henderson will introduce the basic concepts of computer-aided design and drafting. Upon completion of the course, students should be able to use Autocad to complete a set of working drawings of a building or a mechanical assembly.

■ "Blueprint Reading,"

May 29-July 24, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8:30 p.m. in room T-111 (Technical Building). Jim Henderson will introduce students to geometric dimensioning, tolerancing and engineering drawings and documents using ANSYS 14.5 as a standard.

■ "Small Gas Engine Repair," June 2-Aug. 6, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Auto Mechanics Shop. The instructor is Bernays White.

The tuition cost for these courses is \$60.

Pre-registration is required. Call (336) 386-3265 or (336) 386-3211 for more information or to register.

Appalachian State University

Bachelor of Science Degree in Special Education in Yadkinville at the Yadkin Center of Surry Community College

Appalachian State University is proposing a degree-completion program for college transfer students wishing to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education. The program would begin in January 2004 with classes held at the Yadkin Center of Surry Community College. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend an information session:

Monday, April 28th, 2003 at 6:30 pm
Room 216, at the SCC Yadkin Center

(located in Yadkinville on Hwy. 601, approx. 3 miles north of Hwy. 421)

Appalachian faculty and administrative staff members will discuss how a college transfer student with the freshman and sophomore years of coursework (included in the A.A. or A.S. degree offerings) may complete the junior and senior-level courses leading to the BS degree in Special Education during the evening hours at the Yadkin Center of Surry Community College. Courses in Appalachian's off-campus programs are typically taught two nights per week (an average of 6 semester hours per term), and the projected tuition rate for the 2003-04 academic year is \$55 per credit hour for an in-state student.

For more information please call
Appalachian's Office of Extension and Distance Education at
800/355-4084

SCC pet show to raise money for spaying, neutering

By WENDY BYERLY
Staff Writer

DOBSON — Students from Surry Community College Animal Rescue will present their third annual SCCAR Pet Show on May 3. "We have already had a good response," reported Peggy Haynes, SCCAR advisor. "This year we are doing a little petting zoo. We will have a monkey, a llama, rabbits and goats for the children to feed and pet." A clown also will travel through the crowd and paint kids' faces.

Haynes said the event is free except for a \$5 entry fee for those who wish to enter their pets into competitions.

The contests for small and large dogs include cutest puppy, unusual pet tricks, best dressed, best-looking dog, ugliest dog and best personality.

The cat competitions include cutest kitten, unusual pet tricks, best dressed, best-looking cat, ugliest cat and best personality.

Anyone wanting to enter a pet can register early by calling Haynes at 386-8121, ext. 3356, or they can register Saturday morning. Prize winners will receive ribbons and plaques.

The pet show will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the SCC gymnasium.

The annual event raises money for SCCAR's spaying and neutering program.

"We actually take the animals to the vets' offices," Haynes said. "It is for people who can't afford it otherwise."

Those interested in the free spaying and neutering program can apply at a website, www.surry.cc.nc.us/SCCAR/, or register in a booth set up at the pet show.

"We hope it helps clean up Surry County, because there are so many animals put to sleep it's unbelievable," said Haynes.

The veterinarians' offices involved in the program are Mount Airy Veterinarian Hospital, Foothills Pet Healthcare Clinic and Animal Medical Services.

In addition to the pets' competition, there will also be raffles and grab bags. Donations came from Tractor Supply, Robby's, Surry Humane Society, Surry Animal Rescue and Larvish Puppy Pet Salon. Haynes said York Oil also donated Peanut Butter Delights and Burger King donated biscuits for the morning.

SCCAR has about 13 members. Club officers for 2003 are Shirley Baker, president; Jan Ashburn, vice president; Kay Roberts, secretary; and Bethany Watson, treasurer. Haynes said membership is open to anyone who wishes to become involved in helping animals.



Submitted photo
Some of the Surry Community College students recognized as "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

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Surry Community College students winning Academic Excellence awards, are, from left, Dinah Jennings, Helen Dollyhite, Treva Smith and Audrey Riggs; second row, Emma Jenkins, Rickmon Logan and Robin S. Thomas; not pictured are Joshua Price and Robb Matheson.

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College placed tenth in the U.S. southeast region's Mathematics League competition. The American Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges sponsored the national mathematics contest. Joey Edwards placed eighth individually in the southeast region. Atkins also presented a cash award of \$125 to Edwards for being the first-place winner in the Surry Community College Math Competition, \$75 to Jessica Page for finishing second and \$50 to Kara Martin for placing third.

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Students receiving math awards are, from left, Kara Martin, Joey Edwards and Jessica Page.



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The Early Childhood Academic Achievement Award was bestowed on Aleta Lilly.

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Sunday, May 4th
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A free choral concert by the Surry Community College
directed by: Benny Younger

SCC to offer summer conversational Spanish

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer a 36-hour conversational Spanish class this summer. Classes will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 6 through June 12 in Surry Community College room C202. Hernan Torres will be the instructor. There is a \$60 fee and a \$30 textbook charge.

N.C. residents 65 and older may register without charge. Interested persons should plan to register at the first class. For further information, contact the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-3353 or 386-3261 or e-mail Jeanne Shelton at sheltonj@surry.cc.nc.us.

Bookkeeping workshop set May 1

DOBSON, N.C. — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer a "Basic Bookkeeping for Business" workshop May 1. The free class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room C101. Topics will include "cleaning up" record systems, use of computerized accounting, double entry vs. single entry bookkeeping, and whether to use in-house staff or an accountant. The college also will offer "Understanding Payroll" from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. May 8, in the same location. The free workshop

will include a review of withholding and reporting compliance, deadlines for tax deposits and payments, quarterly forms and avoiding penalties. The class may also address the issues like hiring family members, the pitfalls of "subcontractors" who are really employees, and a business's liability for collecting and remitting state sales tax. Contact the Continuing Education Small Business Center at (336) 386-3211 to pre-register, or pre-register online at www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/sch_ebusr/ccp.htm.

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COLLEGIATE NEWS



Photo courtesy of Surry Arts Council

Jan Atkins Lucas poses with "Bob's Barns," her painting that won the \$150 "best in show" award in ArtShow 2003. The painting and other entries will be on exhibit through May 16 at Mount Airy Public Library.

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Lucas wins top prize in ArtShow

MOUNT AIRY — Jan Atkins Lucas won the \$150 prize for best in show with her entry, "Bob's Barns," in ArtShow 2003.

"Wow!" was Judge William Sanders' one-word evaluation of the depiction of an old, weathered barn and its unique framing.

Sponsored by the Surry Arts Council in conjunction with Surry Community College, ArtShow is a juried exhibition of work by artists 18 and older. Their work will be on exhibit through May 16 at the Mount Airy Public Library.

Sanders, the show's judge, is retired from Surry Community College, where he taught history, art and theater. He works primarily in oil and has specialized in portraits for the last few years.

Sanders awarded \$100 to Arlene Daniels' "Bird Island II" for best oil and/or acrylic work, \$50 (second place) to Shirley Clark's "Cottage by the Sea" and \$25 (third place) to Myra Youngquist's "Morning Vacation." Honorable mention in the category went to Clarice Threlkeld's "American Eagle" and Gale Spaine's "Moonlight Fisherman."

Greg Arens' "Near the End of the Woods" won first place and \$100 in the watermedia category. Fifty dollars and second went to Peggy Garrison's "Light." \$25 to Paula Melton's "Peacefully Waiting" and honorable mention to Ed Eaton's "Natural Bridge."

The \$100, first-place winner

in drawing is Willard Gayheart's "It's a Graf." The \$50 second-place winner is Dolly Bates' "Rugs for Sale," \$25 and third is Minnie Martin's "In Control" and honorable mention goes to Ricky Whitaker's "Mabry Mill."

Katherine Loafman's "Black Cat" won \$100 in mixed media. Linda M. Hill's "Tulips" won second place and \$50. Andrea Morrison's "Toward Tomorrow" won third and \$25 and Andrea Yow's "Walking with Spirit" receives honorable mention.

The Grumbacher Medallion Award went to Celeste Davis' "A Feathered Peace." Paula Melton's "Sunflowers" received the "People's Choice" Award.

Danajean Mabry is the Surry Arts Council's visual arts chairman, as well as chairman of Surry Community College's art department.

She thanked Mary Botkin and Jane Britt, who prepared homemade refreshments and an arrangement of fresh flowers for the ArtShow reception April 13.

For more information about Surry Arts Council's visual arts activities, visit the web site at <http://www.surryarts.org>.



William Sanders



Math Award recipients Kara Martin, Joey Edwards and Jessica Page.

✓ SCC honors academic excellence

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seventh-place winners - Terri S. Collins; eighth-place winners - Katrina McCann and Andrea McLaughlin, winners in team events: Jeremy Branch, Jessica Dickerson, Scotty Parker, Katrina McCann, Terri Collins, Andrea McLaughlin, Amanda Tise. Chapter Events: Connie Clippard, Deborah Woods, Jeremy Branch, Amanda Douglas, Terri Collins.

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SCC Nominees for Academic Excellence Award (left to right, front row) Dinah Jennings, Helen Dollyhite, Treva Smith, Audrey Riggs; (second row) Emma Jenkins, Rickmon Logan, Robin S. Thomas. Not pictured: Joshua Price.

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Scott Wilson, Coordinator of Transfer Advising, recognized the 2002-03 Surry Community College Ambassadors—Audrey Riggs, Joe Galyean, Amanda Sparks, and Susan Lawson.

Tony Searcy concluded the ceremony by recognizing recipients of the "Who's Who



Computer Science and Electronics Award recipients Helen Dollyhite, Rachel Wilson and Carolyn Turpin.

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Surry Community College President's and Dean's List

DOBSON—Surry Community College has announced the Fall 2002 rosters of students who have been named to the President's and Dean's Lists. In order to qualify for the President's List, a student must have a 3.75 grade point average and to qualify for the Dean's List students must have a 3.25 average with no grade less than a "C" and must be enrolled for at least twelve semester hours credit.

Those named to the President's List are: Lynette King Adair, Rebecca Cox Akers, Jeny Yarbrough Anderson, Loreta Yarbrough Andrews, Brandi Michelle Atkins, Jonathan Baird Atkins, John Christopher Ayers, Pamela Michelle Ayers, Sherry Fishburn Ball, Stacy White Bard, Scotty William Beck, Ryan Nelson Bennett, Jamie Renae Bess, Kenneth Wayne Billings, Kimberley Renee Bishop, Katie Marie Boles, Meagan Jannine Boles, Charles Dale Bowen, Jason Ross Bowen, Jody Bernard Bowman, Marsha Denise Bowman, Shelly Draught Boyd, Garrett Wayne Brown, Lori Parks Bryant, Joseph Levi Bullin, Tyler Scott Bullington, Shane Dee Burgess, Brittany Dawn Burton, Jenna D. Byrd, Kevin Jay Campbell, Donald Gray Cassidy, Christopher J. Cassstevens, Jennifer Jane Caudle, Christa Brown Cave, Autumn Beth Check, Wendy Michelle Childress, Brian Gray Chilton, Linda Brim Cincos, Christopher ray Clark, Angela Wagner Cline, Connie Lassiter Clippard, Michael Paul Coleman, Christopher S. Coleson, Susan Bass Collins, Henry Junior Corn, Jessica Lynn Cox, Joshua Dale Craig, Britta Kidd Crissman, David Anderson Cromer, Rhonda Joyce Crumley, Whitney Leigh Crump, Cody Dick Darnell, Susan Ann Darnell, Chancie Danyette Davis, Sarah Rae DeHart, Susan Bennett DeJesus, David Keith DeKoning, Tonya Marie Dillard, Magen Dodds, Sarah Leean Dollybigh, Helen Dollybigh, Amanda Michelle Douglas, Jeffrey Steven Douglas, Duncan, Carmen Dixon, Adam Lee East, Crystal Starr Easter, Kevin Daniel Edwards, Mandy

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Knights sweep Montreat

From Staff Reports

DOBSON — The Surry Knights (Overall 8-0, Region X 4-0) swept Montreat's jayvee team on Monday by scores of 8-1 in game one and 7-2 in the nightcap.

Surry once again showed why they have one of the top pitching staffs in North Carolina when they sent sophomore Matt Swift (2-0) to the hill. The 6-3 righty shut down the Cavaliers pitching a complete game three-hitter. Swift struck out a career high 14 batters on the day without giving up an earned run. Montreat scored their one run on one of many fielding errors by the Knights.

"This is by far the worst we've played defensively all year," said Knights Head Coach Mark Tucker. "I just don't think we were very focused in the first game."

Surry was led offensively once again by catcher Matt Keever. Keever was 3-3 in the opener, while blasting a 2 run homerun in the first inning to spot the Knights a 2-0 lead. Also staying hot at the plate was sophomore Billy Wright. Wright was 2-3 also adding a homerun, his third of the season.

In the second game of the doubleheader the Knights used three different pitchers to keep the Cavaliers off balance. Freshman Josh Steelman (1-0) made his first collegiate start and lasted 3 1/3 innings before giving way to freshman Paul Balco. Steelman struck out three, while giving up two hits. Steelman did not allow a run.

"I thought Josh threw really well today," said Tucker. "He was moving his fastball around and it was real effective."

Balco relieved Steelman in the 3rd inning. Balco lasted only 1 1/3 innings but did not allow a hit. He did give up 2 runs, but both were unearned.

Jamie Schrock completely shut down the Cavaliers in the final 2 1/3 innings to collect his first save of the season.

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Schrock struck out four and did not give up a run or a hit.

"Jamie has been throwing really well so far this season," Tucker said. "I believe he has the ability to be a special pitcher, and he is showing why so far this season."

The offense in Game Two was a little slow to get started. Keith Benton scored on a passed ball in the second inning giving the Knights a 1-0 lead.

The Knight bats were then silenced for a while until the 4th inning when Kevin Massien got things started with a walk. Matt Cofling and Matt Coleman both reached safely load-

ing the bases.

With two outs, Simpson laced a line drive triple into the right field corner scoring all three runners on base.

The Knights tacked on two more runs in the fifth and one in the sixth to reach the final margin of victory.

"Briener's hit was the hit of the day," said Tucker. "If he doesn't get that hit it changes a lot of things for our offense and defense. It adds pressure and makes things that much more difficult."

Simpson was 2-4 on the day with three RBIs. Keith Benton also swung the bat well going 1-3 with two runs scored. Gary Tilley also added two hits for the Knights.

The Knights will play at home again on Wednesday hosting New River Community College.

The Knights will continue Region X play on Saturday and Sunday at home versus USC-Salkehatchie.

The games on Wednesday begin at 1:30 p.m., with Saturday's game having a 1:00 p.m. start time. Sunday's game will begin at Noon.

Wine class scheduled for SCC

DOBSON — Surry Community College will offer a wine appreciation class from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning April 15 in room H-330 on the SCC campus.

George Denka will instruct the 12-hour course, which is intended for anyone wishing to enhance his or her appreciation of wine. Time will be devoted to methods of tasting and evaluating wine. Attention will be given to wine selection and service.

Cost is \$60 and includes tuition and supplies. Class size limited to 24 persons.

Pre-registration for these classes is required. Interested persons must call 386-3244 to pre-register.

Tanning operator class scheduled

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer a tanning operator training class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 22 in Room C-101 at the SCC campus.

The class prepares students, who must be 18 or older, wishing to be certified as tanning operators.

A minimum number of students is required for the class.

A fee of \$50 per person includes instruction, reference manual and exam. It is payable by check, cash, money order or credit card.

The reference manual is pro-

vided at the first class meeting. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 386-3244 or 386-3202 by Tuesday.

Surry will offer computer class

The small business center of Surry Community College will sponsor a seminar entitled "Creating Effective Internet Web Pages" on March 22 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The workshop will be held in room E144.

Participants in the lecture and lab seminar will use step-by-step exercises to learn how to build effective web pages containing text, graphics and hyperlinks. Strategies for selecting an Internet provider and managing web space will also be discussed.

This class is tuition free, however, a textbook/CD charge of \$25

should be made payable to instructor Glen Christopher. Pre-registration is required by calling 386-3211.

Surry will offer Spanish class beginning March 4

The continuing education division of Surry Community College has scheduled a conversational Spanish class this spring.

The 36-hour class will be held

Tuesday and Thursday evenings from March 4 through April 10 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in room C202.

The registration fee will be \$60 plus a \$30 textbook fee. Registration

will be held during the first class meeting.

For further information, contact the continuing education division at 386-8121, extension 353 or 261.

Colleges say education will spur recovery

By THERESA KILEN
Staff Writer

DOBSON — "It's about economic recovery, stupid," was the catchphrase of the day Wednesday at Surry Community College in Dobson during the 15th annual meeting of the North Carolina Education Governing Boards and their program entitled "The Role of Education in Economic Recovery."

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At a time when industries are moving south and unemployment is nearly eight percent in Surry County — according to the most recent statistics from the North Carolina Employment Security Commission — the local community college, as is the case with

other institutions of higher learning across the state, is serious about the role it will play in future economic development and recovery.

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Surry baseball to face #22 Potomac State this weekend

From Staff Reports

DOBSON — Weather has dampened the spirits of the Surry Knights' team so far this spring, but this weekend could signal a changing of sorts.

The Knights are scheduled to face perennial Junior College power and nationally-ranked Potomac State (W. Va.) Cata-mours.

"We are getting a bit ansy

around here lately with the way the weather has been affecting us," Surry head coach Mark Tucker said.

The original home opener was scheduled for this past weekend, which was eventually canceled due to the inclement weather. Tuesday's road game versus Wingate was also postponed due to the weather.

"I can't wait to get the season

started. I know I am tired of practicing, and the players are tired of practicing, so we're waiting for the weather to cooperate with us," Tucker said. "But as I told the team, we can't control the weather, so we'll just have to do what we can until we can play."

The weather forecast for this weekend is once again calling

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for precipitation, but this time it will be just rain.

"We've been monitoring the weather and it says right now that it will be near 60 degrees with a chance of rain, so hopefully it will hold off. But I have talked with Coach Little (from Potomac State) and he says they can stick around a few days if the need arises," Tucker said.

Potomac State is also digging out of a snow storm too as reports have snowfall amounts in Keyser, W. Va. near the 30-inch mark.

"I'm just glad we're not in their situation," Tucker said.

Potomac State will bring a strong team with them on the long journey from Keyser and they will be looking for a little

revenge after being swept by the Knights last season. Despite losing several key members from their 35-16 team from a year ago, they return several experienced sophomores. Potomac State will also be seeing many familiar faces when they come to Dobson as well, as a few players currently on the Knights' roster hail from West Virginia.

Leading the group of West Virginia natives will be Saturday's game 2 starter Tony Harris. Harris was heavily recruited by Surry as well as Potomac State, but eventually chose the Knights. Game one starter for the Knights will be freshman Cody Dickens, from Forbush High School. Rounding out the series starters will be redshirt

freshman Stuart Angles, a transfer from William & Mary University, an NCAA Division I team.

"I am very optimistic that we will be able to play this weekend," Tucker said. "We'll work on the field until it is in the condition to play, whether that be on Saturday and Sunday or Sunday and Monday."

Game time on Saturday is scheduled for noon and the opening pitch Sunday is slated for 1 p.m.

Free business seminar slated

DOBSON — The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor "Best Businesses to Start Right Now" on March 31 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Mount Airy Public Library.

Participants will learn from business expert Mike Collins about entrepreneurial opportunities available in today's financial climate, and how to decide on one that is right.

The seminar is free. Pre-registration is required by calling (336) 386-3211 or pre-register on-line at www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schebusi/ceep.htm.

CCHS grads make President's, Dean's Lists at Surry College

Surry Community College announces its fall semester 2002 President's and Dean's Lists of students who formerly attended Carroll County High School.

To qualify for the President's List, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain a 3.75 grade point average and no final grade lower than a "C." Students on the President's List also qualify for the Dean's List.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain a 3.25 grade point average and no final grade lower than a "C."

President's List: Pamela Ayers, Charcie Davis, Helen Dollynite, Margaret Johnson, Rhonda McHone, Matthew Norman, Vicky Payne, Odell Quisenberry Jr., Rachel Wilson.
Dean's List: Daniel Combs, Jessica Dickerson, Joshua Fowler, Nancy Gates, Carrie Jackson, Jamie Shouse, Shirley Willis.

County board to hear program updates, tourism report

By THERESA KILEN
Staff Writer

DOBSON — Updates on two of the county's programs, presentations on local tourism and work force training and a special recognition session are on the agenda for tonight's meeting of the Surry County Board of Commissioners.

The board's first regularly scheduled March meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room of the Surry County Government Center in Dobson.

After approval of its consent agenda the board will have an open forum during which the public is welcome to address the board. At 6:30 p.m., Director Robin Testerman of Surry SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now), will present the board with the Community Child Protection Team's annual report. At 6:45, Department of Social Services Director Barbara Anderson will give commissioners an update on the county's Workfirst Program.

At 7 p.m., Ann Vaughn of the Mount Airy Visitor's Center will give a 30-minute presentation, "The Surry County Economy: Tourism," to the board and its guests. This presentation is part of a series of four that also includes a talk at 8 p.m. by Dr. Frank Sells, president of Surry Community College, who will outline operations of the campus Workforce and Technology Training Center. Sells' presentation has been rescheduled from the commissioner's Feb. 17 meeting that was canceled due to inclement weather.

At 7:30 p.m., Executive Director Ray Anderson of The Children's Center of Surry will recognize Surry County Emergency Medical Services and members of his own staff for providing training that allowed his staff to recently save the life of a child in their care.

At 8:30 p.m., County Manager Dennis Thompson will present items on his general county business agenda.

Commissioners then will meet for a closed session with Jan Critz, vice president of the Surry Economic Development Partnership, to review the status of a potential industrial development.

There are no public hearings scheduled for tonight's meeting. The Surry County Government Center is located at 118 Hamby Road in Dobson.

Viticulture/enology lectures set for Surry Community

DOBSON — Dr. Jim Laws of Linden Vineyards in Linden, Va., will speak on "The Art of Managing a Young Vineyard" on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall, Room 125 in the "T" Building, on the main campus of Surry Community College.

Laws has been successful in building a vineyard/winery operation which is similar to those being developed in the Yadkin Valley region. The lecture is open to the public and free of charge.

Jeanette Smith of VineSmith Inc., Vineyard Services in Leesburg, Va., will speak on "Pest and Disease Control for the Vineyard" on March 28, at 6 p.m., in the Teaching Auditorium, Room 121 in the "A" Building of the main campus of SCC.

Smith began working in vineyards in 1981 and has been involved in planning, managing, and maintaining winegrape vineyards in New York, North Carolina and Virginia. The lecture is open to the public and free of charge.

SCC offers work-related Spanish classes

DOBSON, N.C. — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College has scheduled a series of work-related Spanish classes for spring semester.

They include:
• emergency Spanish for firefighters — Mondays and Wednesdays, March 10-19 from 9 a.m. to noon on the SCC campus in room C201.
• Spanish for nursing —

Mondays and Wednesdays, March 17-17, 6-9 p.m., on the SCC campus in room C211.

• Spanish for the physician's office — Mondays and Wednesdays, March 31-April 14, 6-9 p.m., on the SCC campus in room C202.

• Survival Spanish for school personnel — Mondays and Wednesdays, March 10-24, 6-9 p.m., on the SCC campus in room C202; and Mondays and

Wednesdays, March 31-April 14, 9 a.m. to noon, on the SCC campus in room C201.

Registration is \$55 per class. The textbook fee is \$40.75. The instructors will be Maura Rios, Jeanne Shelton, Herman Torres, and Rosa Torres.

Register at the first class. For more information, contact the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-3353 or (336) 386-3261.

Meet your neighbors: Dr. and Mrs. Bob McRitchie enjoy residing in Mount Airy

By Patsy Bradley
Guest Writer

Dr. Bob McRitchie and his wife Maria are pleased to be in an area where they are in the beginnings of a new business. He is here to teach wine making at Surry Community College. When they came two and a half years ago, there were 19 wineries in the state of North Carolina and now there are 25 and growing. Their son, Sean, came here first to work at Shelton Vineyards where he is vice president and general manager.

This attractive couple has lived and traveled extensively. Maria had an interesting situation at birth. She was born just across the border from Mexico in Arizona. Her mother put her in an orphanage and left right away. Maria has had no contact with her. She was adopted by a Mexican couple who adopted two other children. Her name before she was married was Maria Dora Ahasta. In their home nothing but Spanish was spoken. Maria's career has had to do with relations between Spanish speaking people and Americans. She has participated in sports activities such as line dancing and tai chi for her own physical fitness. When they lived in New York City she took up painting with water colors and sculpture, she still enjoys that.

She and Bob were married in 1954. He was a sailor at the time of the Korean war. They met on a blind date. They have been married 48 years and have four children — two girls and two boys — Robin, Melissa, Sean and Joseph.

To pick up Bob's story, he was born in Wadsworth, Ohio. His father was a dentist and his mother was a dental hygienist. Bob says that they lived and worked together happily for many years — quite an accomplishment! Bob had two and a half years at Ohio Wesleyan College in Delaware, Ohio before he went into the Navy for four years. This was when he and Maria met and were married.

The two of them went back to Ohio Wesleyan College where Bob received a B.S. degree in biology. Bob wanted to pursue his education and they moved to Nashville, Tenn. where he got his master's degree. Here their first child, a daughter, Robin was born. They moved to Winston-Salem where Bob taught for a year. They left for Houston, Texas where Bob got a Ph.D. in comparative physiology. Their second child, a daughter Melissa, was born in Winston-Salem and their third child and first son, Sean, was born in Houston.

Dr. McRitchie got a job as director of a research lab at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. The lab was set up to study immunological disorders in chim-

panzees for N.Y.U. Medical School. Here their last child and second son, Joseph, was born in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

It's hard to keep up with this couple and their family. I believe they moved to N.Y. City where Bob joined a research project at N.Y.U. Here is where Marie picked up an interest in painting with water colors and her interest in sculpture. Then they moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where Bob taught at the U. of Wisconsin.

The wine industry caught his fancy. 1970 found them back in California. In 1972 they moved to Northern California and then to Oregon where they stayed for 20 years. In the area where they lived and worked there were 17 wineries, at first, which grew to 200. The place where they lived got so busy that it took a half hour to get out of their driveway.

In Mount Airy they have found excitement in his being on the ground floor of the new wine industry. Surry Community College has been very supportive. Bob appreciates the Mount Airy History Museum here. He plays the banjo and guitar and fits in with the musical culture of this area. Maria pursues her interest in art and also in the growing Spanish culture. They are a real addition to the Mount Airy vicinity.



Dr. and Mrs. McRitchie

Surry Community College helps retrain workers

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By MONDEE TILLEY
Staff Writer

DOBSON — With the unemployment rate near an all-time high in Surry County, Surry Community College is helping those who have lost their jobs learn new skills in order to move into a new field.

Workers who suddenly leave manufacturing jobs they may have held for 20 years or more have to have retraining to find new employment. Judy Riggs, dean of continuing education, explains how SCC comes to the rescue in these circumstances.

"The very first step is for those people who have not had the opportunity to complete high school, to come into our GED (general educational development) program. Then once they have their diploma, then they have a choice of taking curriculum classes that are approved depending on the type of benefits package that they leave the job with. Some of them have qualified for NAFTA (North American Free Trade Act) funds, some of them have qualified for Workforce Investment Act money, some for vocational rehab. So it depends on their individual situation as to what kind of financial assistance is available to them," Riggs said.

Then it is up to the student to decide what kinds of career path he or she would like to pursue, Riggs said. Some pursue diplomas, some take continuing-education courses that later lead to being certified or licensed in a certain field.

She said the medical programs are all popular. Under that heading, a lot of students have been pursuing certified nursing certificates or training in phlebotomy. Just last year, the college also began offering pharmacy technician courses.

Many choose the basic law enforcement training at SCC.

"There are just a wide variety of things that we have to offer. A lot of the students are taking computer classes, because that something that can be used in a lot of different career fields," she said. "Our trade courses are also popular."

some of our really big success stories come from our students that have gone on to start their own businesses. There were the two ladies that lost their jobs at Cross Creek Apparel. They have their own business now and it's thriving. There was the gentleman in the Elkin area who lost his job, he opened up a rental place and is very successful. One young man has developed a web page about the Blue Ridge Parkway. So really there are a variety of things that people have gone into and been successful.

"A lot of these students said to us when they lost their jobs that they were devastated by it, but this window of opportunity opened up to them through education. It enabled them to start pursuing some dreams that they had for years, but maybe they forgot about."

"Sometimes when we are shaken out of our comfort zone, we do things that maybe we wouldn't have otherwise," Riggs explained.

"Some of them say that this is the best thing that's ever happened to them," Riggs continued. Many people who have been laid off get new training and end up in more satisfying and higher-paying jobs, she added.

Since 2000, the college's Occupational Extension has grown a total of 54 percent. The basic-skills program, which is the preparation for high school graduation, increased 15 percent.

Riggs said the viticulture (grape-growing) program also has grown in popularity, in part because of changes in agriculture in North Carolina, especially the decline of tobacco.

"A lot of farmers are transitioning to that or a lot of people from other professions who are maybe approaching retirement age are pursuing that," Riggs said.

The college works very closely with local economic development committees to ensure that they are providing the proper training for industries who may be considering relocation into the area.

"The community college system in the State of North Carolina is really an avenue for economic recovery," Riggs said. "The kind of growth for the continuing education program that Surry Community College has seen is not unique to us. It is statewide and really prevalent in the rural areas where textile jobs did disappear."

"I truly feel like we are the primary source of hope for a lot of these people. Especially if we can get into that industry as it's closing and work with the people and make them aware of the choices they do have."

Riggs does not have a way to track how many students are placed in jobs following their training at Surry Community College, but she said that graduates in the medical field have had no trouble finding employment. Law enforcement graduates also have very good luck in finding a place to work.

"It doesn't always mean staying here. In the medical field, Winston-Salem is a magnet. They can always find work down there. We've had law enforcement students get jobs in places like Cary. Although some are willing to move, most find jobs locally," Riggs said.

She reported that the Focused Industrial Training Center at Surry Community College also makes a difference for local employers who need to retrain employees to work at their facilities.

"If they need retraining because of the nature of moving from one job to another, the Focused Industrial Training Center is working with those industries with those sorts of things," said Riggs.

Benny Harris is the director of Focused Industrial Training. "With any of those industries that are left, if they need any specialized training, we're here to do it," Riggs said.

Industries looking to expand have a resource at the college as well.

"If there is an industry that is interesting in expanding, if we know in advance, then we can assist," Riggs explained.

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CAREER AND BUSINESS EXPO
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SCC to host career, business expo

MA 3-30-03

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Surry's small business center will sponsor seminar

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The workshops will meet on the SCC campus in room C101 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

During this comprehensive seminar, participants will learn the fundamentals of how to buy or build a home. During the session, home acquisition information will be shared by a realtor, a banker, an attorney, a builder, a home inspections expert and a pest control representative.

This seminar is offered free of charge, however, pre-registration is required.

For additional information or to pre-register for this program, call 386-3211 or via the Internet at the site www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schebus/cep.htm.



Surry Community College's Gary Tilley (19) pops one up as an opposing catcher gets a jump on things in this file photo. The Knights split a pair of games this weekend with Lenoir.

Knights split with Lenoir

MA 4-1-03

From Staff Reports

KINSTON — Surry Community College's baseball team split a pair of low-scoring games with the Lenoir Lancers on Saturday.

Surry won the first game 2-1 while Lenoir survived a late 7th-inning rally by the Knights to win game two by a score of 6-4. Sunday's games were canceled due to rain.

The win and loss moves the Knights' record to 22-4 overall with a Region X record of 12-4, good enough for at least a tie for first in the conference standings.

Game one on Saturday was a pitching duel by default as the Knights and Lancers both battled the wind to muster as many runs as possible. Surry starter Brandon Chambers won the battle as he pitched a complete game for the Knights. Chambers struck out only one Lancer hitter, but he only allowed 5 hits, all of which found holes in the Knights' defense.

Brad Nelson took the loss for the Lancers as Surry held a brief one game lead in the Region X standings. Surry was led at the plate by Tripp Lockhart, who stayed hot by going 2-for-3.

Game two of the doubleheader was filled with questionable calls, which benefited neither team as the Knights and Lancers battled through the wind to see who would lead the conference standings at the end of the weekend.

A Knight win would move the Knights into a two-game conference lead, while a Knight loss would once again knot the conference lead.

Lenoir took the lead early off Surry starter Nathan Hodges, and never looked back. Lenoir led 6-4 in the top of the seventh and the Knights got the first two runners on base to bring the leading run to the plate. Surry attempted a bunt, but the catcher misplayed the ball, allowing the Knights to have runners on second and third with no outs.

The Lancers held the Knights there and ended the hopes of a comeback win.

"We just didn't put the ball in play like we needed to," Surry head coach Mark Tacker said. "If we would have just put the ball in play we could have scored two runs there and I like our chances in extra innings. We have to be a better team at producing runs."

The Knights will play again today against Walters State. The doubleheader begins at 1:30 p.m. On Wednesday, the Knights will travel to Ernie Shore Field to play an exhibition game with the Winston-Salem Warthogs, the Class A minor league affiliate of the Chicago White Sox, at 6 p.m. Former Surry Knight Chad Durham, a 14th round selection in 1997, played with the Warthogs some last season before being promoted to AA Birmingham.

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SCC viticulture program trains next generation of winemakers; college to become area's next bonded winery this spring

By THERESA KILEN

Staff Writer

DOBSON — The only degree program of its kind in the southeastern United States, Surry Community College's viticulture and enology program is a two-year course in grape growing and wine making.

State legislation expanded its scope last year. Now 120 students can receive hands-on experience in the manufacturing and bottling of wine. SCC could do neither for the first two years after the program began.

The college now is poised to become the area's next bonded winery.

Rep. Rex Baker, R-District 91, who worked toward passage of the bill that allows SCC to manufacture wine on its campus for about three months, said the bill began as an item buried deep within the state's budget. Members of the then newly formed Old North State Winegrower's Cooperative in Mount Airy had their first grapes coming in and had to contract with other wineries to get their manufacturing done. Because of the time constraints involved, the measure was pulled out of the state's budget and crafted into a bill.

SCC President Frank Sells went to Raleigh personally and lobbied for passage of the bill that allows a "state holder of a viticulture/enology course authorization to manufacture, possess and sell wine for certain limited purposes as part of a community college's or college's viticulture/enology program."

Said Sells at the time, "The action that was taken on this is just unprecedented. It was done very quickly. Had they not gotten it loose from the budget piece, it might never have been passed.

"This is the General Assembly authorization of our full program that we needed in order to seek permits from the state ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) and federal ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) boards, which will enable our students to get hands-on experience learning the entire process of making wine, from growing to bottling."

Both Sells and Baker said that because the co-op's winery was not yet ready to handle manufacturing and bottling in time for last year's harvest, it was a perfect opportunity for the students at SCC to get involved. SCC already had the equipment to accommodate the grower's crops, but lacked only the approval and licensing to begin.

Baker said the process of separating the authorization from the state's budget and drafting it into a bill began in June with a call from a member of The Old North State Winegrowers Cooperative Association Inc. who wanted to know if the process could somehow be expedited.

"The area's dry weather sped up the growers' harvest time and the grapes were ready before we were," Sells said when he received word of the bill's passage. "They were looking for alternatives. We need the grapes and they need a winery. We've been working in haste so that our students could

get in on this before the harvesting season is over and we expect that by the time they get to their later harvests, we'll be able to help them."

And they did. Students acquired grapes from the harvested crops of several area grape growers and got valuable hands-on experience crushing the grapes, separating the juices and taking the product through the fermentation process.

Sells said that the college should receive its permits from the ATF and ABC during the next six to eight weeks in its effort to become a bonded winery.

"We're still in that process right now," he said, "but it has really moved pretty quickly for us."

Less than 50 yards off the college campus, SCC leases five acres of land from the Surry County Board of Education. Students have planted grape vines — one acre so far — and this spring students will plant another. Sells said the college plans to allow each class to plant its own crop as part of the curriculum that now enables students to learn the grape-growing and wine-making process on campus from beginning to end.

Fifth District Congressman Richard Burr said recently that the value of having this particular program in an area that is in the process of establishing itself as a world-class wine region and tourist destination is invaluable in both promoting the industry and supporting it locally.

"We've got a jump on everybody else. We've got a vision that is held by a number of peo-

ple and is catching on," Burr said. "We've been able to realize that you've got to have something underneath an in-

dustry to support it and that's people coming in familiar and trained to go into that industry. SCC will bring a strong pool of

kids that are trained to know a little bit more about this business."



The rustic SCC Vineyard marker designates the area of campus now devoted to the study of the growing of grapes and the manufacturing of wine.

Theresa Kilen/The Mount Airy News

SCC expansion will create new buildings on campus

By THERESA KILEN
Staff Writer

DOBSON — Because Surry Community College is experiencing an average 13 percent increase in student enrollment each year, the college is gearing up to begin construction of two new buildings on its campus.

Bids for the new buildings and a bid on a renovation of two existing structures will be taken this spring. Construction is scheduled to begin in late June or early July.

College President Frank Sells said recently that while the creation of on-line and televised courses bought SCC some time, the college is offering more courses and serving more students this year than ever before and needs more physical space. Community college enrollment is up by about 10 percent across the state and rising, but SCC is experiencing between a 12 to 15 percent increase, largely due to the recent influx of displaced workers seeking training for new careers.

"We're tight, but we're managing," Sells. "I don't think we'll have to eliminate classes due to space; however, we may have classes meeting in less than desirable space depending upon class size. That's the reason we're making this our priority."

College officials are hoping the first of the buildings, a proposed 45,000-square-foot, three-story structure that will cost about \$5.8 million over the next two years, will help prevent over-crowding. The building between the E and H buildings on the north side of the campus will provide both classroom and office space. Funding for that par-

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ticular project is largely dependent on the county. Beginning Jan. 1 and over the course of the next two fiscal years, the county will pay \$4.3 million of the project's total cost — money that that county is required to match in order to receive its \$8.9-million share of a \$600-million state bond issue.

"There are several other projects the bond money is being used for," said Gary Tilley, SCC vice president of finance and operations. "They include the Yadkin satellite campus (completed in January), the parking lot project which was completed last fall, as well as a new Engineering Technology Building and several renovation projects that we plan to do in the future, but this building is our premier project, as our primary need is classroom space."

The proposed Engineering Technology Building, which is to be located near the lower ten-

nis court area just below the library, will be a one-story, 23,000-square-foot structure costing about \$2 million.

"The building will house things like the HVAC program, technical drafting, industrial maintenance systems program, the electrical engineering program, light construction, carpentry and a few others," Tilley said.

No county funds are needed to finance the Engineering Technology Building, because the county's match for the bond funds will be met with the \$4.3 million for the new classroom building. Construction is scheduled to begin on the Engineering Technology Building in late June and should be completed by July 2004.

A companion project to the new building construction is the renovation of the science labs in the T Building and the construction of an elevator in the A building to better accommodate hand-

icapped students who for years have had to reach the top two floors of the building from the outside.

"The bond money will also cover this renovation that is scheduled to begin this summer and be completed by January 2004," Tilley said. "If the bid is reasonable enough, along with the elevator we may do some renovations to the business office."

"The second floor of the T — or Science — Building will get a much-needed makeover that will include acid-resistant plumbing, conditioned air in the corridors, new casework in the labs and of course, an upgrade of the labs themselves to make them much more functional."

County commissioners approved the project last fall with a dual purpose in mind. Voting to sink the entirety of its state match into the project now not only allows the college to begin construction sooner than had been anticipated. Also, obtaining one loan instead of taking out

SCC to host real estate class

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a 67-hour course, "Real Estate Fundamentals," from April 7 to June 25.

Class will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays on the SCC campus in room H-123 (the Richards Health-Science Building). The instructor is Joyce Lawrence.

The cost is \$60 plus a textbook fee. Registration will be completed at the first class meeting.

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A prerequisite to enrollment is a minimum scaled score of 550 on the mathematics section of the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE). The math section is comprised of 40 questions and can, on average, be completed in 55 minutes.

This test can be administered free to prospective "Real Estate Fundamentals" students between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Surry Community College Learning Center.

Free one-on-one tutoring in mathematics also is available in the Learning Center.

For more information, call 386-8121, ext. 3211 or 3309.

Surry Community College plans career expo

for April 10 *Atkins 3-27-03*

On April 10, Surry Community College will host the Career and Business Expo 2003.

This annual event provides opportunities for business representatives to display products, promote services, and discuss employment opportunities with prospective applicants. It affords approximately 500 area high school students an opportunity to gather firsthand information on various career fields and on knowledge and skills needed for the workplace. Soon-to-be SCC

graduates and other adults seeking employment will be able to distribute resumes and talk with employers.

The Career and Business Expo will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the gymnasium on the main campus of Surry Community College in Dobson. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

For more information, contact Anita Bullin, Vice-President for Career Services, Surry Community College, 336-386-3268.



Submitted art

This is Martin Boal Anthony & Johnson Architecture's conception of the new Engineering Technology Building planned for Surry Community College's campus in Dobson.

multiple loans over time for different projects, will save the county thousands of dollars in legal and processing fees — a savings of \$50,000 to \$60,000 per loan. In addition, taking advantage of current low interest rates may save the county thousands more over the 10- to 12-year term of the loan — an impor-

tant point in a time of economic difficulty.

"The board has been very supportive of the bond and realized over a year ago that they would have to allow for a local match," Sells said just after commissioners approved the project. "We're very pleased to be able to get started."



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The Surry Community College vineyard was planted by students in the viticulture/enology program. Each class will plant an acre of its own during the spring.



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The T Building on the campus of Surry Community College now houses outdated laboratories and equipment. It will get an interior overhaul and equipment upgrades this year.



TRIBUNE/Carrie Sidener

Meghan Babcock, Katelyn Babcock, Carolyn Babcock, Michael Babcock, Amy Sudal, and Michael Sudal, all of Winston-Salem, demonstrate early American dance for students from Dobson Elementary.

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Heritage Days

Tyler Johnson, 9, of Dobson (right) plays with a 19th century child's toy, constructed of string and a button, at Surry Community College's Heritage Days. The college hosted a number of programs and displays to show children and adults what life was like in the 1700 and 1800's. Demonstrations included Cherokee Indian storytelling, early American dance, children's toys, farming exhibits and crafts.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Jim Booth

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2-7-03
Author to sign books Saturday

Jim Booth of Advance, author of "The New Southern Gentleman," will be at Diana's Bookstore in downtown Elkin from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday to sign copies of his book.

Having his novel published is the "most amazing thing in the world," Booth said. "You've done it. You've believed you were a writer in your heart of hearts, and now you are a writer."

Booth is a former instructor at Surry Community College and was director of the college's Writing Center. He now directs the University of Maryland's Effective Writing Program.

The novel was Booth's dissertation at the University at Albany, where he earned a doctorate in writing and the teaching of writing. The manuscript was shelved for years and went through a rewrite before being published.

Booth said the subtitle of the novel is "Manners and Morals in the New Decade."

The characters in his book are well polished in their Southern manners, but their morals are questionable, at best. The book, he said, appeals to Xers who see their parents in the story's characters.

SCC to host Cameron Kent book signing on Thursday *7A*
2-9-03

DOBSON — The Learning Resources Center of Surry Community College will host a "Meet the Artist" event from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday in the Learning Resources Center on the main campus in Dobson.

The featured artist will be Cameron Kent who will sign copies of his latest novel, *When the Ravens Die*. Cameron Kent is the Emmy award winning nightly news anchor for WXII

News Channel 12 in Winston-Salem. He is a resident of Winston-Salem and a graduate of Wake Forest University.

In addition to his work in television, Kent is actively involved with the Winston-Salem Police Department, coordinating "Crime Stoppers." He has received the "Crime Stoppers Media Person of the Year" award for the Southeast region and the international award three times. He is also involved in March of Dimes, Samaritan Ministries and Habitat for Humanity. He enjoys creative writing and has written movies which were produced by NBC, HBO and the American Film Institute.

He has written two novels, *Make Me Disappear* and *When the Ravens Die*.

ADULT BASIC SKILLS PROGRAMS

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College offers adult basic education classes at no charge. Classes are designed for students 18 years of age and over who have not received their high school diploma. The Adult Basic Education (ABE) course is designed for adults who need basic reading and math skills. The General Education Development (GED) program is designed for adults who would like to complete the

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necessary requirements for obtaining a high school equivalency diploma. The following schedule will be in place until the Yadkin Center is completed: Day classes will be held at the Boonville Learning Center, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. Evening classes will be held at Yadkinville Elementary School, Monday-Thursday, 6-9 p.m. Register at any class time. For more information, call 367-7562.

Small business seminar set at SCC *7A*
2-27-03

DOBSON — The Surry Community College Small Business Center will sponsor a seminar entitled "My Plate is Full" meeting on Wednesday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The seminar will be held on the SCC Campus in Room C101. An informative (and entertaining) seminar led by consultant, Tim Dannelly, who will show participants how to better manage themselves and their time.

- Topics will include:
- Replacing activity with accomplishment
 - Goal setting in the real world

ON-LINE COMPUTER COURSES

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer on-line computer courses. Each course will run for six weeks for a total of 24 hours. The tuition charge per each course will be \$55. A variety of classes will be offered, including Windows File and Disk Management, Introduction to Microsoft Word, Introduction to QuickBooks, Introduction to PowerPoint, Introduction to the Internet and Microsoft Publisher. Register by mail. For more information pertaining to on-line courses, log in to www.surry.cc.nc.us and click "Continuing Education." Then click the "New! On-Line Computer Courses" button. Questions may be directed to Renee Hutchins at 336-386-8121, ext. 211, or hutchinsr@surry.cc.nc.us or Ray Hall at 336-8121, ext. 238 or hallr@surry.cc.nc.us.

Financial seminar set at SCC *7A*
2-11-03

DOBSON, N.C. — The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor "Financial Issues for Small Business Owners" on March 3 and 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room C-101.

The seminar leader will be Paul Bunke.

Topics include:

- March 3 — employee incentive/retention options including retirement plan options (401K, profit sharing, tax incentives); insurance options (health, life, disability, long term care); and no-cost employee benefit options.
- March 6 — protecting yourself and your business, including diversification, legal liability, buy/sell agreements, "key man" arrangements, business valuation, selling a business, choosing an accountant and analyzing cash flow.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required by calling (336) 386-3211 or pre-register on-line at www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/sch_ebus/cep.htm.

Seminar to cover buying home tips *7A*
2-13-03

DOBSON, N.C. — The Surry Community College Small Business Center will sponsor "New Home 101" on March 24, 27, and 31, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room C-101.

The facilitator will be Jenny Triplett.

Would-be business heads can get start-up grants *7A*
2-9-03

By THERESA KILEN
Staff Writer

DOBSON — Potential Surry County entrepreneurs now have a chance locally to win advertising, office space and other services with which to start a business as the county's chambers of commerce, Surry Community College and the Surry County Economic Development Partnership announce the first Surry County Business Plan Competition.

According to David Bradley, president of the Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce, the competition is

designed similar to the Regional Business Plan Competition sponsored by Piedmont Entrepreneurial Network and advertised on LaunchPad, The Triad Entrepreneurial Initiative website, and is sponsored in conjunction with local businesses.

"Surry County residents are eligible and encouraged to submit a business plan to this competition as well as to the regional competition," Bradley said. "In fact, the Old North State Winegrowers Cooperative Association is a past winner of that competition. With the regional plan, the money is

significantly greater, but our hope is that we can spark someone to apply in both competitions."

The regional competition offers 18 different cash prizes totaling \$125,000, while the local competition has \$20,000 that it will award to three finalists to pay for advertising, banking services, office space and website design in addition to "Chamber Checks" to be used for local goods and services to help further establish their businesses.

Jan Critz, interim president of the Surry County Economic Development

Partnership, said Friday that the first place winner will receive \$7,000 in services and \$4,000 in Chamber Checks, the second place winner will receive \$500 in telecommunications services, \$500 in advertising and \$2,000 in Chamber Checks, and the third place winner would receive \$500 in advertising and \$1,000 in Chamber Checks. Awards will be announced and issued by June 30.

Business plans must include an executive summary, a description of the product, service or business model, management team profile, market

analysis, a marketing plan, a timeline and financial information to include capital and start-up costs and cash-flow projections.

While the prospect of writing a business plan might sound daunting to those who have no previous experience, contestants will receive professional guidance through the process.

"The Small Business Center at Surry Community College will play a huge role in this competition," Critz said. "Its director, Dennis Lowe, will be assisting contestants by not only

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providing business plan packets, but also by working with contestants on developing and writing their business plans."

Unlike the Piedmont Entrepreneurial Network competition, which is open to residents of all 12 of the counties that comprise the Piedmont-Triad Area, this competition is exclusively for Surry County residents who plan to start a business within the next year.

"Through this, in conjunction with the competition in Winston-Salem, we're trying to groom people to compete. The idea of the competition is to help spur the entrepreneurial spirit here at home. That entre-

preneurial spirit will help invigorate our economy," Bradley said.

"Anyone who is interested should call us or the chamber for a list of rules and regulations and an application," Critz said.

For more information, contact the Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce at 786-6116, the Elkin Jonesville Chamber of Commerce at 526-1111, the Surry Community College Small Business Center at 386-3309, or the Surry County Economic Development Partnership at 386-4781.

The deadline for applications and business plans is April 30.

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Area students earn academic honors at SCC *7A*
2-13-03

DOBSON, N.C. — Surry Community College recently announced its dean's list and president's list for the fall semester.

Dean's list students who graduated from Carroll County High School include Daniel Brett Combs, Jessica Layne Dickerson, Joshua David Fowler, Nancy Gale Gates, Carne Denise Jackson, Jamie Leigh Shouse, and Shiley Gaulliam Willis.

Charlotte Joiner, who graduated from Galax High School, also was named to the dean's list.

President's list students who graduated from Carroll County High School include Pamela Michelle Ayers, Chancie Danyette Davis, Helen Dollyhite, Margaret Hawks Johnson, Rhonda Payne McHone, Matthew Travis

Norman, Vicky Edwards Payne, Odell C. Quesenberry Jr., and Rachel Leigh Wilson.

President's list students who graduated from Galax High School include Nicholas Adam Jones and Patrick Enos Talbert.

Class on employment law enforcement set *7A*
2-16-03

DOBSON, N.C. — The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor "Employment Laws Enforced by the EEOC" on March 6 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in room C101.

The workshop leader will be Kara Haden. Participants will learn about Equal Employment Opportunity Commission legislation (including civil rights, sexual and ethnic harassment,

Americans with Disabilities Act, age discrimination and equal pay discriminations) and procedures such as charges and investigations from an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission representative.

The seminar is free. Pre-registration is required by calling (336) 386-3211 or pre-register on-line at www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/sch_ebus/cep.htm.

Variety of Spanish classes to be offered

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College has announced the Fall 2002 rosters of students who have been named to the President's and Dean's Lists. In order to qualify for the President's List, a student must have a 3.75 grade point average and to qualify for the Dean's List students must have a 3.25 average with no grade less than a "C" and must be enrolled for at least twelve semester hours credit.

The **Conversational Spanish** (36 hours) class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, March 4-April 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. in SCC Room C-202. The instructor is Hernan Torres.

Registration fee will be \$60 for each class plus textbook \$30. N.C. residents 65 and older may register free of charge.

Interested persons should plan to attend the registration/first class meeting. For further information, contact the Continuing Education Division at 386-8121, extension 353 or 261 or e-mail Jeanne Shelton at sheltonj@surry.cc.nc.us.

The work-related classes are as follows:

■ **Emergency Spanish for Firefighters** — Monday and Wednesday, March 10-19, 9 a.m.-12 noon, SCC Room C-201

■ **Spanish for Industry** — Wednesday, March 26-April 23; 6-9 p.m., Yadkin Center Room 201.*

■ **Spanish for Nursing** — Monday and Wednesday, March 17; 6-9 p.m., SCC Room C-211.

■ **Spanish for the Physician's Office** — Monday and Wednesday, March 31-April 14; 6-9 p.m., SCC Room C-202.

■ **Survival Spanish for School Personnel** — Monday and Wednesday, March 10 — March 24; 6-9 p.m., SCC Room C-202.

■ **Survival Spanish for School Personnel** — Monday and Wednesday, March 31 — April 14; 9 a.m. - noon, SCC Room C-201.

*NOTE: If the Yadkin Center is not yet open, only evening classes will be held at the Yadkinville Elementary School on the same schedule shown here.

Each session will be \$55 registration fee plus \$40.75 textbook fee. The instructors will be Maura Rios, Jeanne Shelton, Hernan Torres, and Rosa Torres.

Those interested should plan to meet in the appropriate classroom either on the SCC campus or the Yadkin Center on the first day of class. N.C. residents 65 and older may register free of charge.

For further information, contact the Continuing Education Division at 386-3261.

SCC PRESIDENT'S/DEAN'S LISTS

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President's List

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Keith DeKoning, Tonya Marie Dillard, Magen Dodds, Sarah Leeann Dollyhigh, Helen Dolyhyite, Amanda Michelle Douglas, Jeffrey Steven Douglas, Duncan, Carmen Dixon, Adam Lee East, Crystal Starr Easter, Kevin Daniel Edwards, Mandy Spencer Edwards, Miranda Bare Edwards, Bailey Kinsey Elmore, Jason Brad Felts, Yvonne Garcia Fernandez, Kelly Linda Freeman, Johnny Ray Frye, Derrick Stephen Galyen, Joshua Patrick Gibson, Kenneth Eugene Gordon, Raymond Alexander Greene, LaShonda Penna Griffith, Stephony Colvard Grubbs, Patricia Nelson Gunter, Maria Jo Hall, Cassandra Marie Hammons, Pat-sy Leigh Harrison, Jessica Stacy Hart, Amy Gwyn Hawks, Duane Paul Hawks, Jennifer Dawn Hawks, Kathy Hope Hemric, Sherry Williams Henley, Ronald Gray Hennings, Maria Hernandez, Miranda Lea Hiatt, Neldia White Hiatt, Aimee Jean Hiner, Holly Renee Hodges, Debbie Watson Hold-er, Joseph Sanders Holt III, Erin Catherine Hughes, Misty Lynn Hughes, Daymon Reid Inman, Cassandra Janoski, Kellie Nicole Jarrell, Emma Hodges Jenkins, Tabitha Wendy Jenkins, Dinah Starnes Jennings, Jill Heath Johnson, Larry L. Johnson, Margaret Hawks Johnson, Michael Brandon Johnson, Samuel Steven Johnson, Nicholas Adam Jones, James Ray Jordan, Breann Nicole Journey, Misty Dawn Kimmel, Samantha Leann Lawson, Serina Layell, Ashlie Nichole Leonard, Leslie Stroupe Leonard, Aleta Smith Lilly, Rickmon Oliver Logan, Randy ee Lovill Jr., Sherry Nixon Lowe, Billy Joe Lowry, Amanda Nicole Lyons, Teresa Hitchens Mabe, Alisha Marie Marshall, Ann Champion Marshall, Bradley Scott Marshall, Lee Roy Marshall, Rebecca Guy Martin, Yvonne Mikolay Mauldin, Teresa Gaye

McBride, Katrina Savage McCann, Rhonda Payne McHone, Gilbert S. McMillian, Sonia Marie Mesa, Amanda Leigh Miles, William H. Montgomery, Randy Gray Moore, Celena Mechele Moorison, Kerri Jean Myers, Steven Justin Nichols, Jason Gray Norman, Matthew Travis Norman, Jeffrey Olin Nunn, Mitiz Benfield O'Hare, Glenda Lowery Oak-ley, Larry Lynn Padgett, Jessica L. Page, Adam Dean Pardue, Amanda Beth Pardue, Stephanie McMillian Pardue, Phillaw Parker, Jessica L. Payne, Vicki Edwards Payne, Timothy Matthew Peacock, Seles-te Perez, Joshua Raymond Price, Meagan Elizabeth Puck-ett, Odell C. Quesenberry Jr., Shaunda Rae Randleman, Jason Ray Reed, Matthew Eric Reeves, Margaret Claire Renegar, Matthew Scott Richardson, Audrey Kirkman Riggs, Garrett Lee Riggs, Amy Byrd Riley, Tam Trent Roberts, Kay John-son Roberts, Tanya Duncan Robertson, William Nicholas Robson, Amy Rogers Rodgers, Dawn Campbell Sechrist, Terri Vance Short, Susan Lyons Sim-mons, Joan Reece Smith, Lind-say Paige Smith, Patrick Ander-son Smith, Sarah A. Smith, Tre-va Nichols Smith, Deborah Jes-sup Snow, Shauna Nicole Snow, Amanda Sexton Sparks, Karen Upright Spicer, Joanna Lorie Spillman, Charles Ed-ward Stevens, Justin Michael Stirewalt, Jeremy Daniel Stok-er, Bonnie S. Stone, Jimmie Cecil Stone, Lynn Dunning Stout, Renee Drouillard Stowers, Shirelle N. Strickland, Janna L. Sturgill, Amber Elaine Sudol, Terri Dawn Swaim, Wesley Scott Swaim, Patrick Enos Tal-ber, Tammy Tucker Tate, Casey Ray Thomas, Robin Smith Thomas, William A. Thompson Jr., Linda Marie Tilley, Rachel Elisabeth Tilley, Amanda Nicole Tise, Carolyn Turpin, Richard Edward Ven-able Ut, Kimberly C. Van No-ord, Debbie Kay Vernon-Smith, Amanda Lynn Vestal, Diana Ray Vogler, Jessica Erin Wag-ner, Kenneth Dale Walker, Deanne Michelle Watson, Michael Jason Webb, Wendy Rebecca Welborn, Michelle Lynn West, Heydy Julieta Whitt, Mark Steven Williams, Amanda Dawn Wilson, Rachel Leigh Wilson, April Shores Wood, Matthew Zachary Wood,

Sara Joyce Wooten.

Dean's List

Elizabeth D. Adams, Frances Ann Akers, Teresa Clemons Al-berston, Kerry Ann Allivato, Chastity Dawn Anders, Erich Charles Atkins, Jason Henry Ataway, Shirley Ann Baker, Vanessa Long Baker, Carlene Gregory Barker, Shawn Kirk Bauguess, Darlene Shore Bed-saul, Nicole Denise Bennett, Timothy Paul Benton, Joseph A. Blackburn Jr., Vicki Eller Blevins, Patrick A. Boisson-neau, Emily Rene Bowman, Sabrina Lynn Bowman, Billie Jo Boyd, William McKendree Boyd, Jeremy Shepherd Branch, Nancy H. Brannock, Jeannette Ramos Bray, Daniel Nicholas Brindle, Jennifer Lynn Brindle, Maxie L. Brock Jr., Di-ane DeYoung Brown, Kimberly Goins Brown, William Earl Brown, Craig David Bullins, Hannah Lacey Bullock, Jen-nifer Michelle Cain, Daniel Wayne Calhoun, Brian Craig Carico, Randy Dean Caudle, Marlana Dawn Cave, Tyler Daniel Chilton, Lisa Stouch Cline, Holly Marie Colbert, Alania Dianne Collins, Franda Gail Collins, Daniel Brett Combs, Linda Gaye Conner, Sherri Lawson Conrad, Jessica Cook, Steven Gregory Cook, Amanda Fay Cox, Angela Denise Cox, Joshua Anderson Craig, Keista Vonne Cropps, James Henry Crossingham, Donna Ann Crouse, Sherry Cox Crouse, Lou Crum, Heather Dawn Davis, Leigh Ann Davis, Justin Lee Dearmin, Justin Wayne Delph, Nichole Failin Diacumski, Jessica Layne Dickerson, Tisha Dawn Dob-bins, Jonathan H. Dockery, Emily Nicole Draughn, Natalie Draughn, Christopher Jason Dudley, John Raymond Du-plisea, David W. Duplisea Jr., Darla Goins Easter, Vivian Hawks Easter, Steven Andrew Edmonds, Christie Joyce Ed-wards, Erica Nicole Edwards, Kelly Aaron Edwards, Mark Aaron Edwards, Paula Martin Eller, Amanda Louise Faulkner, Fink, Laura Marie Shane Lee Flippin, Sherrie Amber Flippin, Dana Rae Floyd, Lindsey M. Formanczyk, Joshua David Fowler, Deanna Leigh Free-man, Brandy Lynn Gammons, Nancy Gale Gates, Alicia Michelle Gertsch, Amanda Goode, Clinton Ray Graham,

Christa Lynn Groce, David Allen Grubbs, Steven Grue-shaber, Alisha Brooke Hall, Jef-fery Scott Hall, Jerry Camden Hall, Karen Lynn Hall, Stephanie Alison Hall, Susie M. Hall, Carl Dewayne Hanlin, James Allen Hardin, Valerie Denise Harding, Ashley Brooke Hardy, Chase Justin Hardy, Ed-die R. Hardy, Mattie Rebecca Hargrove, Jennifer Diane Harold, Kendra Maureen Har-ris, Quentin Edward Harris, Wendy Winters Harris, Heather Lynn Harrison, LaTonya Michelle Hutcher, Kristine Amanda Hawks, Ashley Nikole Hayes, James Jarrod Haymore, Sabrina Gilliam Haynes, Keely Caudle Hensley, Eva Marie Hi-att, Katie Charissa Holt, Steven Van Hooker, Brandon Richard Hunt, Denise Lyons Hutchens, Melissa Brown Hutchens, Betty Ut Jackson, Carrie Denise Jackson, Debbie Simmons Jen-nings, Cynthia Lynn Jessup, Misty Dawn Jessup, Brian Casey Johnson, Christopher M. Johnson, Edwin Troy Johnson, Jamie Lynn Johnson, Charlotte Joines, Cory Christopher Kassen, Erica Edwards Kelly, Gloria Denean Kelly, Jessica Rae King, Joanna King, Linda Moore Kirkman, Joseph Michael Lane, Pamela Rae Lang, Emily Ann Lawson, Kimberly Dawn Lawson, Mary Ann Lawson, William Matthew Lee, Thomas Edward Liles, Carrie Amanda Lineberry, Bethanie Marie Luloff, Christo-pher Calver Lynch, Crystal Mae Lyons, Christopher James Mabe, Diana Karen Mabe, Eliza-abeth Anne Manuel, Joshua Brian Marion, Jessica Renee Marks, Charlotte Marshall, Cynthia Barfield Marvin, Kristi Rynn Matthews, Valerie Matthews, Mary Catherine Mc-Cormick, Verna Joyce Mc-Fowler, Janice Hutchison Mc-Grady, Ashley Nicole McKee, Matthew Allan Medley, Gabriel Alexander Miller, Ronald Montgomery, Michelle L. Moorefield, Mary Edna Mox-ley, Laurie Anne Murray, Brad Hassell Myers, Jordan Ryan Neal, Melonie Norman, Derek Matthew Oakes, Julia Elizabeth Oliver, Tonya Suzanne Oliver, Heather Denise Overby, Joshua William Pack, Tara Danielle Pardue, Corie Elizabeth Parigi, Brian Keith Parker, Miranda Jones Payne, Jose Manuel Perez, Angela Creel Peyton,

Knights drop Region X title game

From Staff Reports

DOBSON — The home-court advantage was not quite enough for Surry Community College's basketball team Saturday in the Region X Championships.

The Knights, the Western Tarheel Conference regular season champions, dropped the championship game at home to Caldwell Community College 75-74.

Surry had a one-point lead and the ball with 35 seconds to play, but a pair of missed free throws kept Caldwell alive.

The Knights played solid defense on the ensuing possession but Caldwell connected on a running one-handed shot with two seconds left to earn the region title.

"We got a good shot off at the buzzer, but came up just a little bit short," Surry head coach Tony Searcy said. "We looked to spread the court with the lead, but they fouled us with 15 seconds left and we missed a pair of free throws."

Walt Baxley led Surry with 15 points, while Brian Greer, Brian Norris and Wallace George each added 10 points. Surry finished the season 15-7 after the loss.

"We had a good season. We hate to lose some good sophomores, but we will have some good young players coming back," Searcy said.

It was the last game in a Surry uniform for Greer, George, Norris, Anthony Joyce, Frank Washington and Antwan McCrimmon.

"Caldwell will represent us well in the districts and hopefully they will go back to the nationals in New York," Searcy said.

Course to cover contractor licensing

DOBSON — The Surry Community College Continuing Education Division will offer a 48-hour general contractor's licensing preparation course beginning on March 18.

The class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in room C-203 of the Continuing Education Building. The instructors are Richard Collins and Jeff Hall.

This course examines the licensing process and reviews and explains information pertinent to building trades.

There will be a \$60 registration fee plus a textbook charge. Before the first class session, students should order the Application Packet for General Contractors from the N.C. Licensing Board for General Contractors, P.O. Box 17187, Raleigh, NC 27619 (the cost is \$6).

For more class information, call Renee Hutchins at the college at 1-336-386-3211.

ADULT BASIC SKILLS PROGRAMS

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College offers adult basic education classes at no charge. Classes are designed

for students 18 years of age and over who have not received their high school diploma. The Adult Basic Education (ABE) course is designed for adults who need basic reading and math skills. The General Education Development (GED) program is designed for adults who would like to complete the necessary requirements for obtaining a high school equivalency diploma. The following schedule will be in place until the Yadkin Center is completed: Day classes will be held at the Boonville Learning Center, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.

Golf class set

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College is offering a golf class on Mondays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting March 24 and continuing through May 19 at Triangle Pines Driving Range.

Tom Pendergraft will instruct up to 12 students.

All students must pre-register by calling the college at 386-3331.

There will be a \$40 tuition fee collected at the first class meeting. It does not include golf balls or greens fees.

Evening classes will be held at Yadkinville Elementary School, Monday-Thursday, 6-9 p.m. Register at any class time. For more information, call 387-7562.

Training set for tanning operator

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer a Tanning Operator Training class from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on March 22 at the SCC Campus in Room C-101

Surry to host Region X basketball championships

From Staff Reports

DOBSON — Surry Community College's basketball team will play in the Region X Championship game at home Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Knights will host the winner of Friday's semifinal contest between Caldwell Community College and Central Carolina. Caldwell and Central will play that game at 6 p.m. Friday in Dobson.

The Knights were supposed to have played Forsyth Tech on Friday in the semifinals, but moved on to the championship game because Forsyth couldn't field a full team due to player suspensions.

SCC (15-6) earned the championship date by virtue of winning the Western Tarheel Conference and placing first in Region X during the reg-

ular season.

"We are happy to be in the championship game. We feel pretty good about our chances because we beat Caldwell twice during the regular season and we beat Central Carolina in our last home game pretty convincingly," Surry Community College head coach Tony Searcy said. "I feel like our chances are pretty good. We've had good practices and our kids are enthusiastic about it. I hope we can have a good crowd on hand Saturday."

If Surry wins the region championship game, they would move on to the district championship game against the Region 20 winner.

A victory over the Region 20 winner would earn the Knights a berth in the nationals in New York.

SCC students serve as college ambassadors

Tribune 1-22-03

When more than 3,000 students arrived on the campus of Surry Community College to begin spring semester classes, many of them were greeted by smiling adults, clad in professional navy-blue blazers adorned with the college emblem.

These adults, some of the college's finest students, are members of the Surry Community College Ambassador Program. They were on hand to direct new students to appropriate personnel, help them interpret their schedules, answer their questions and help them feel comfortable.

Scott Wilson, coordinator of College Transfer Advising and sponsor of the Surry Community College Ambassador Program, said, "Ambassadors are carefully selected and trained to serve as official hosts to guests who visit our campus, to assist new students make the adjustment to college life, and to represent the college and the SCC Foundation at various community events. They are vital to both our public relations and student services efforts."

Current ambassadors represent a cross section of the student body in terms of age, background and program of study. Joe Gaylean, a dislocated worker with 39 years of experience with Proctor-Sixes, is now retraining in air conditioning, heating and refrigeration technology. Audrey Riggs, who worked as a buyer for Cross Creek Apparel for 32 years, decided to turn her job layoff into an opportunity to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming an elementary education teacher. She is currently enrolled in the Early Childhood Associate Program with plans to transfer to Lees-McRae University. Susan Lawson, who is studying advertising and graphic arts, is an experienced worker and an active community volunteer. Joshua Price, a recent graduate of North Stokes High School, is completing the College Transfer Program, with plans to transfer to North Carolina State University to become a mechanical engineer.

Amanda Sparks, a gradu-



Susan Lawson, Joshua Price, Joe Gaylean, Amanda Douglas, Audrey Riggs and Amanda Sparks are participants in the Surry Community College Ambassador Program.

ate of North Surry High School and student in the College Transfer Program, plans to graduate this year and transfer to the University of North Carolina at Asheville to prepare to be a middle school mathematics teacher.

Amanda Douglas, who is also enrolled in the College Transfer Program, graduated from Forbush High School in 2001 and plans to transfer to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to pursue a degree in business administration.

To qualify for the Surry Community College Ambassador Program, these students were required to have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, a recommendation from a college instructor, excellent written and spoken communication skills, an interest in serving others and a willingness to complete the required training course — Humanities 230, Leadership Development. They were chosen by a selection committee comprised of a member of the SCC Board of Trustees, a representative of the Surry Community College Foundation and a faculty or staff member. This year, ambassadors have hosted more than 600 students from area middle and high schools, visited local high schools to make presentations on the benefits of higher education, made numerous telephone calls to

ador Program has given me an excellent opportunity to put my years of experience in the workplace and my leadership skills to good use helping others, particularly young people who are striving to make important life decisions. As ambassadors, we adopted the motto, "Can Do and Will Do," and we are working hard to demonstrate that commitment," he said.

Susan Lawson summed up the feelings of the group by saying, "Being a Surry Community College ambassador helps each of us understand and strengthen the connections that bind us to one another and to our communities. Services we provide help our fellow man and foster our own personal growth."



Amanda Douglas
Yadkin 1-23-03
Rotary awards
two scholarships

The Yadkinville Rotary Club recently awarded scholarships to two Surry Community College students.

Amanda Douglas of Yadkinville received \$350 for her studies in the College Transfer Program. Douglas is a 2001 graduate of Forbush High School. She is a member of the Surry Community College Rotaract Club and serves as student ambassador.

Samantha Poplin Sizemore of Yadkinville received \$350 to apply toward her studies in pre-nursing. She is the wife of Danny Sizemore and mother of sons Brandon and Denver. She is a 1988 graduate of Starmount High School. Her plans are to complete the licensed practical nursing program, become employed and eventually return to Surry Community College to complete the associate degree nursing program.

The Rotary Club of Yadkinville established the scholarship for residents of Yadkin County who attend Surry Community College and earn a grade point average of 3.0 ("B" average) or higher.

prospective students and alumni, helped coordinate the College Fair for Surry and Yadkin counties, and represented SCC at special community events such as Mayberry Days and the Autumn Leaves Festival.

Although they are required to spend 15 hours per week working as ambassadors and are compensated for that time with free tuition, most of these students devote additional time to the program and reap personal benefits. Audrey Riggs commented on the benefits of the program by saying, "Since I was part of the workforce for more than 30 years, I have a variety of experiences I can share with young people and other adults who are striving to make good career decisions. The Ambassadors Program has given me the opportunity to share these experiences with prospective and current students, and it has provided an avenue for me to practice and hone my public relations, communication and leadership skills. Surry Community College has made a positive difference in my life, and this program provides a way for me to share my good fortune, a way for me to "give back" by doing something good for the college and the community.

Joe Gaylean shared similar feelings. "The Ambass-

Locals on honor lists at Surry

Blagden 2-13-03

Surry Community College recently announced its fall semester 2002 president's list and dean's list qualifiers.

Local students included on the president's list are Kenneth Wayne Billings, Tonya Marie Dillard, Carmen Dixon Duncan, Miranda Baise Edwards, Derrick Stephen Gaylen, Jessica Stacy Hart, Amanda Leigh Miles, Adam Trent Roberts and Janna L. Sturgill.

Those students who qualified for the dean's list include Teresa Clemons Albertson, Craig David

Bullins, Donna Ann Crouse, Sherry Cox Crouse, James Allen Hardin, Pamela Rae Lang, Tonya Suzanne Olivier, Angela Sheets and Tonya Killon Todd.

To qualify for the president's list, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain a 3.75 grade point average and no final grade lower than a 'C.' For dean's list honors, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of credit and attain a 3.25 grade point average with no grade lower than a 'C.'

Retraining offers unemployed best options for future

By THERESA KILEN
Staff Writer

NA 1-29-03

MOUNT AIRY — As the news sinks in that one of the area's oldest and largest employers will be closing its doors in Mount Airy during the next 30 days, displaced employees will be faced with the choice of either seeking new employment immediately or enrolling in job retraining programs. While the former may provide a solution for right now, the latter may prove to be a wise investment for the future.

Jan Critz, vice president of the Surry County Economic Development Partnership, who also is serving as its interim president, said Tuesday that because Pine State Knitwear employees qualify for benefits under the provisions of the Trade Adjustment Act, it is an opportunity for them to take advantage of federally-funded job retraining that, once completed, could make a marked difference in the kinds of jobs they will be qualified for when the economy begins to rebound, as well as increase their future earnings potential.

"The impact on these people is huge — massive," Critz said, "but, thankfully, it is covered under NAFTA. These 303 people will be able to draw unemployment and at the same time, the benefits that go along with that will allow them to retrain for new careers by building skills for the future. I sincerely hope that all of them take advantage of the benefits that are available to them during this time."

The employees of Pine State Knitwear are the first in Surry County to experience a mass layoff so far this year. Last year, from August to December, Pine State laid off 89 of its workers, the official announcement coming just one month after Chatham Inc. in Elkin, laid off 70 of its employees in November.

A total of 625 people in Surry County lost their jobs as a result of closings and lay-offs in 2002. While that number is down slightly from 2000 (707 people) and 2001 (774 people), 2,409 people have lost jobs in Surry County in the last three years.

Critz said a couple of local industries have absorbed some of those

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workers as operations have picked up.

"Those who work in human resources across the county will call other industries who they know are hiring in an effort to get employees who have been laid off back to work," she said. "Kentucky Derby Hosiery and Renfro have been two of the companies that have reabsorbed some of these workers as things have picked back up some."

Many, however, remain unemployed and are either looking for work or training through programs at Surry Community College for a new career.

Mike McHone, vice president of Student Services for SCC, said that right now there are between 125 and 150 people who are active in retraining programs at the college through NAFTA, in addition to many more who do not receive federal benefits. About 3,500 are now enrolled in spring semester classes at SCC.

"Enrollment has increased tremendously here and it isn't all students just out of high school," McHone said. "It's wonderful because people are getting job training that is enabling them to go back into the work force, get better jobs and perhaps make more money. We're getting a lot of inquiries now and it is so important to help the labor surplus get back to work."

McHone said because many workers only have a two-year time frame in which to complete job retraining before their benefits expire, for the past several years SCC has initiated mid-semester classes for groups of people who have suddenly found themselves out of work due to cutbacks and closings.

"Once classes have already started, these people can't wait another three months for the next semester to start," he said. "So, we set up mid-semester classes that are universal to all

programs, such as English, psychology and computers, that are set to run for eight weeks. The students can then plug into the other regular schedule classes when they start again. We've been doing that for about 10 to 12 years.

"When you start out of sequence or you're going back after being out of school for a long time, it takes longer and it's a slower process. But, some of our best students have come out of these programs and for some of them, I'm sure it was the best thing that ever happened to them. It's always difficult at first, but it is an opportunity to learn new job skills and prepare for a better job with better pay."

The SCC will conduct a rapid response career counseling day for employees at Pine State Knitwear later this week.

Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce President David Bradley said Tuesday that as he tries to absorb the news of the latest closing, he is also doing his best to find a silver lining for those employees who by the end of February will find themselves without jobs — the silver lining, he said, is job retraining.

"Right now we have 303 more people whose lifestyle will change markedly because of this," he said. "Change is never easy and in this case, it isn't good. The impact will be severe and the need for assistance will be greater than ever, but because we have been dealing with these kinds of situations we are better prepared than we have ever been to provide retraining and career-counseling opportunities."

"In the long run, we all hope that the national economy is already starting to turn, but, because we are based largely in the tobacco and textiles industries, it will take a little bit longer for us to see it. However, when we do see it begin to turn there will be businesses that will be looking to move and those businesses will be looking for available land and an available skilled labor force, and we've got them."

Farming exhibit

illustrates past

DOBSON — Do kids today really know how hard it once was to get a gallon of milk or a loaf of bread without going to the local grocery store? No, according to David Haynes with the Surry County Farm Bureau. But he's hoping through an exhibit at Surry Community College, they will soon learn how hard it was for their ancestors to survive.

The exhibit that will soon be a part of Heritage Day at the college's Dobson campus officially opened earlier this week. Called, "Working the Land," the exhibit was organized by officials at Surry Community College, Surry County Farm Bureau and by Peter Koch with the Mountain Heritage Center with Western Carolina University.

The traveling exhibit is in its second year. This is the most eastern and northern the project has traveled, Koch said.

Local farmers and collectors of antique farm tools added local flair to the community college exhibit by providing area artifacts and old photographs depicting farming.

"Farming has changed tremendously over the years. It's certainly not what it used to be. In those days, they had to make do with what they had. If they didn't have metal to make tools with, they used wood," Haynes said.

Heritage Days will be held for those grades for schools in six surrounding counties on Feb. 3-4. The exhibit is open to the public in the T-building of Surry Community College. It will be available for viewing any time the college is open day or night. *Tribune 1-31-03*

Creating effective Web pages class slated

Blagden 2-14-03

DOBSON, N.C. — The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor "Creating Effective Internet Web Pages" on March 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room E144.

The workshop leader will be Glen Christopher.

Participants will use step-by-step exercises to learn how to build effective Web pages containing text, graphics, and hyperlinks.

Strategies for selecting an Internet provider and managing Web space will also be discussed.

The class is free, however students should buy a textbook/CD for \$25.

Checks should be payable to Glen Christopher.

Pre-registration is required by calling (336) 386-3211 or pre-register on-line at www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schabus/cep.htm.

Knights knock off Caldwell

MA 1-30-03

From Staff Reports
DOBSON — Surry Community College got a measure of revenge dating back to last season and remained in the Western Tarheel Conference race with an 85-76 win over Caldwell Community College on Wednesday.
"That was a big win for us," Surry head coach Tony Searcy said. "Caldwell beat us in the regional tournament last year so we got a bit of redemption."
The win also kept the Knights tied for first with Central Carolina.

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Searcy felt the team picked up the pace in the second half to put Caldwell away.
"We stepped it up in the second half," he said. "We weren't playing with enough intensity to get it done in the first half. We came out with fire in the second half. We got a lot of three-point plays to get us over the hump."

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Walt Baxley paced Surry with 26 points on some inside looks.
"He's a big time scorer," Searcy said. "He's really been carrying us the last few games."
Searcy was also pleased with the game of Mount Airy product Anthony Joyce. He scored 14 points and nabbed eight rebounds in addition to defending

one of Caldwell's better players.

Brian Norris added 12 while Brian Greer was good for 10. Former Surry Central standout Wallace George added seven.

The Knights (12-6, 2-1) visit Forsyth Tech on Saturday before hosting Central Carolina on Thursday.

OSHA class set at Surry

W. H. H. 1-23-03

The focused industrial training center of Surry Community College will sponsor a four-hour class entitled "OSHA National Flagger Certification" meeting on Feb. 6 from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. in Room C101.
Participants will receive a national certification in flagger operations with the successful completion of this course.
There will be a tuition charge of \$50, payable to SCC, plus a textbook fee of \$15, payable to Lloyd Hicks, instructor. Pre-registration is required by calling 386-3211.

Craft classes begin Thursday

TRA 2-19-03

DOBSON — Surry Community College's Christmas and Beadwork classes taught by Marilyn Leonard begin Thursday at Calvary Baptist Church on Franklin Road.
Classes meet for three hours each Thursday for 10 weeks. They are open to anyone age 16 and up.
The day class from 1 until 4 p.m. is free for seniors age 65 and older. The evening class from 6 until 9 p.m. costs \$40, the same as the day class for everyone except seniors.
Registration takes place at the first meeting of each class. For more information, call the college at 386-3244.

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Surry Community College invites you to Career & Business Expo 2003

The Mt. Airy, Yadkin, and Elkin/Jonesville Chambers of Commerce, Surry Community College's (SCC) Student Employment Center and Business/Industrial Training Center, and the SYSTEM JobReady/Tech Prep Partnership are pleased to invite you to participate in Career & Business Expo 2003 on Thursday, April 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the SCC gymnasium (located on College Circle just off Business 601 in Dobson). Business leaders and employers are encouraged to display their products/services, network with other business representatives, and recruit candidates for

employment. Presenters are also invited to attend a free seminar from 1:30 - 3:30 PM (SCC room C-101) entitled Sources of Business Financing. In the gym, participants will have a curtained presentation area of approximately 8' X 9' which will contain one table (including table cover) and two chairs. The general public, SCC students, and approximately 400 students from ten area high schools will attend (high school students will be admitted to the gymnasium in groups of approximately 100 at 9:10, 9:50, 10:30, and 11:10 a.m.) To increase attendance, press releases will issue invitations to the general public and SCC

instructors will be encouraged to release students from classes throughout that morning.
The gymnasium will be opened for set-up at 7:45 a.m. For convenience, a parking area near the gymnasium will be reserved for participants, and refreshments will be available from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
The size of our facility limits the number of display areas; therefore participant selection is based on a "first come, first served" basis. To reserve a booth at Career & Business Expo 2003, please complete and return (by Friday, March 21) the included form with a check or money order (\$55 for area chamber of com-

merce members, \$65 for non-chamber members) to:
Surry Community College
Attn: Anita Bullin
P.O. Box 304
Dobson, NC 27017.
Confirmations will be sent to participants during the week of March 24th. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Anita Bullin, Assistant Vice-President
Dennis Lowe, Director
SCC Career Services
SCC Business Center

SCC to offer best business class

The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor a seminar entitled "Best Businesses to Start Right Now" on Monday, March 31. The workshop will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Mount Airy Public Library, Mount Airy, N.C.

Mike Collins, a respected (and published) business expert, will be the instructor.

Students will learn about great, often low-cost entrepreneurial opportunities available in today's financial climate and how to

decide on one that is right for them.

The seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required. Pre-register by calling (336) 386-3211 or register on-line at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schbus/cep.htm.

Conversational Spanish to be offered at SCC

DOBSON, N.C. — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College has scheduled a conversational Spanish class this spring semester.
The class will be offered from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 4-April 10, on the SCC campus in room C202.
Instructor is Herman Torres. Registration will be \$60. The textbook is \$30. Register at the first class.
For more information, contact the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-8121, ext. 353 or 261 or e-mail Jeanne Shelton at sheltonj@surry.cc.nc.us.

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Registration takes place at the first meeting of each class. For more information, call the college at 386-3244.

Seminar set at Surry Community College

The small business center of Surry Community College will sponsor a seminar entitled "Employment Laws Enforced by the EEOC" on March 6 in room C101 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
This seminar is offered free of charge and pre-registration is required by calling 386-3211.

Surry Community College Small Business Center Business Seminars and Workshops

ABC's of Investing

Presenter: Doug Draughn
Time: Tuesdays, February 18-March 11:6:30-8:45 pm
Location: SCC, Room C-208
Cost: Free (optional \$10.00 workbook)
A series covering the ABC's of investing. Topics include: tax free investments, retirement accounts, estate planning, mutual funds and common stocks.

How to Start a Successful Business

Presenter: Holly Hargett
Time: Tuesdays, February 18-March 18, 6:30-9:30 pm
Location: SCC Room C-101
Cost: Free

Problem Solving & Decision Making

Presenter: Louise Knox
Time: Tuesday, February 11, 1:30-4:30 pm
Location: Yadkin Center, Room 303
Cost: Free
Co-sponsored by the Yadkin County Chamber of Commerce

Learn about tools and techniques you can use to work through problematic situations and make quality decisions.

The Performance Appraisal Process

Instructor: Garry Moore
Time/Date: Thursday, Feb 20, 3:00-5:30 pm
Location: SCC, Room C-211
Cost: Free
A seminar for anyone responsible for appraising the performance of others.

Professionalism in the Workplace

Presenter: Louise Knox
Time: Wednesday, March 5, 1:30-4:30pm
Location: Comfort Inn-Jonesville
Cost: Free to Elkin Jonesville Chamber of Commerce Members (\$10.00 to non-chamber members)

Co-Sponsored by the Elkin Jonesville Chamber of Commerce

A fast-paced seminar designed to help professionals improve themselves and their business environments. Subjects to be covered include: creating a professional image, maintaining a positive attitude, managing time and priorities, communicating efficiently and effectively and improving co-worker cooperation.

Financial Issues for Small Business Owners

Presenter: Paul Bunke
Time/Date: Mon/Thursday, March 3 & 6, 6:30-9:30 pm
Location: SCC, Room C-101
Cost: Free
A two evening series dealing with important financial issues pertaining to business.

Let's FISH! (Catch the Energy; Release the Potential)

Presenter: Hayes Ratledge

Time: Wednesday, March 19, 1:30-4:00pm
Location: Cross Creek Country Club
Cost: \$10.00 (payable to Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce)
Co-sponsored by Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce

Creating Effective Internet Web Pages

Presenter: Glen Christopher
Time: Saturday, March 22, 9:30 am-4:00 pm
Location: SCC, Room E-144
Cost: Tuition is free, Textbook/CDL \$25.00 (payable to Glen Christopher)

Participants in this lecture/lab seminar will use step-by-step exercises to learn how to build effective web pages containing text, graphics and hyperlinks. Strategies for choosing an Internet provider and managing web space will also be discussed.

My Plate is Full

Presenter: Tim Danelly
Time: Wednesday, February 26, 1:30-4:30 pm
Location: SCC, Room C-101
Cost: Free

An informative (and entertaining) seminar led by a respected consultant who can show you how to better manage yourself and your time.

Employment Laws Enforced by EEOC

Presenter: Kara Haden
Time: Thursday, March 6, 1:30-4:30
Location: SCC, Room C-101
Cost: Free
A learning opportunity for all employers.

Best Small Businesses to Start Right Now

Presenter: Mike Collins
Time: Monday, March 31, 6:30-9:30 pm
Location: Mount Airy Public Library
Cost: Free
Come and learn from a respected business expert about great, often low-cost entrepreneurial opportunities available in today's financial climate, and how to decide on one that is right for you.

Building Great Teams

Presenter: Larry Andrews
Time: Wed/Thursday, January 20 & 30, 1:30-4:30 pm
Location: Elkin Public Library
Cost: Free
A two-part seminar on the creation of productive work teams.

The Business Side of Operating the Church

Presenter: Sam Gore
Time: Thursday, February 20, 6:30-9:30pm
Location: SCC-Room C-101
Cost: Free
A seminar covering important business issues that church administrators should understand.

Church business class set

To be held Feb. 20

DOBSON, N.C. — The free seminar "The Business Side of Operating the Church" will be offered Feb. 20 at Surry Community College.
Hours are 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room C101.
The workshop will cover business issues that church adminis-

trators should understand, including accounting, accountability, designated funds, IRS rules for reporting, payroll for ministers and staff, and W-2 and 1099 forms.
Pre-registration is required. For additional information or to pre-register call (336) 386-3211, or see www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schbus/cep.htm.



Girl Scouts stay busy

(Left) Susan Thomas and Lisa Hawks, co-managers of Girl Scout Service Unit 100; Dianne Culler, a member of the North Carolina Board of Nursing, and Janet Draughn, president of Surry Community College's Student Nursing Association, pose with toys the Girl Scouts donated to Brenner's Childrens Hospital. Girl Scouts from Troop 300 of Mount Airy show off "blood" while they pose with a skeleton and student nurses at Surry Community College after learning about the heart.



Wendy Byerly/The Mount Airy News

County's architectural history to be discussed

DOBSON — Marion Venable will speak on "Our Disappearing Architectural Heritage" in the teaching auditorium at Surry Community College at 7 p.m. today.

She will show pictures of buildings of historical significance in Surry County that have been destroyed in the last 25 years through fire, neglect or removal. She will also address the future of historic preservation in the county and positive measures that are now underway.

With extensive knowledge

of the history of the area, Venable is a frequent speaker at schools and civic clubs. Her publications include the 1981 Surry County Cemetery Survey and "Historic Sites of Surry County," a bicentennial booklet that she co-authored with Ruth Minick. She was the editor and historical researcher for *Simple Treasures*, the architectural inventory of Surry County.

The public is invited to the program, which is sponsored by the Surry County Historical Society. There is no charge to attend.

Student art exhibit to begin

DOBSON — Surry Community College, in cooperation with the Surry Arts Council, will present its fourth annual Youth Art Festival starting Monday and continuing through Friday on the main campus of Surry Community College.

The festival is a juried exhibition of works in sculpture and ceramics, painting, drawing and printmaking. Entries are coming from students at Mount Airy High School, Elkin High School, North Surry High School, Surry Central High School, East Surry High School, Meadowview Middle School, Geary Middle School, Central Middle School, Mount Airy Middle School and Elkin Middle School.

First, second and third-place ribbons will be awarded in each category.

The exhibition will be open during regular campus hours: 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday.

Works will be displayed in the "F" Building (gymnasium), "T" Building, "A" Building (Reeves Administration Building) and the "R" Building (Learning Resources Center).



Wendy Byerly/The Mount Airy News

Girl Scouts from Troop 274 of Mount Airy look at nutrition items while earning their Nursing Exploration Patch at Surry Community College on Saturday morning.

Girl Scouts explore nursing

By WENDY BYERLY
Staff Writer

DOBSON — A large number of local Girl Scouts spent Saturday learning about the nursing profession from those who are learning to go into the field themselves.

The 168 scouts, first graders through high school seniors, came from 22 troops in Mount Airy, Pilot Mountain and Elkin. To earn the Nursing Exploration Patch, they went through six stations: nutrition, video, technology, visit, hand washing and heart.

The pamphlet describing the patch program says the U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services predicts a shortfall of 635,000 to 1,754,000 nurses by 2020. In response, the North Carolina Association of Nursing Students, the North Carolina Center for Nursing and the North Carolina Nurses Association developed and implemented the nursing-exploration program as a recruitment and educational tool.

All of the Girl Scouts who participated in Saturday's program will receive a patch.

"People in the public had asked me about the program," explained Dianne Culler, who serves on the N.C. Board of Nursing. "I got in touch with Sandy Smith, a long-time Girl Scout volun-

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Spanish classes planned

Dates 5-1-03

DOBSON, N.C. — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College has scheduled a conversational Spanish class Tuesday and Thursday evenings, May 6 - June 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the SCC campus in room C202. Instructor is Hernan Torres.

Registration is \$60; the textbook is \$30. Interested persons should attend the first class meeting.

For more information, contact the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-3353 or 386-3261 or e-mail Jeannie Shelton at sheltonj@surry.cc.nc.us.



Wendy Byerly/The Mount Airy News

Learning about IVs

Loretta Bolin, a nursing student at Surry Community College, shows Girl Scout Senior Cadets from Troop 1092 of Mount Airy and two young Brownies from Elkin how IVs go into the hand and why.

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teer, registered nurse and Lamaze educator, and she put me in touch with Sharon Johnson."

Johnson said, "Thirty student nurses (first- and second-year associate degree nursing students) are volunteering their time today." The field executive for the area's Girl Scouts, Johnson continued, "This is the first collaboration between Surry Community College and the Girl Scouts."

Three Girl Scout service units were represented — 100, 101 and 170.

"I think the response was

great," commented Culler.

Neighbors and Pepsi both made contributions for the event and SCC President Frank Sells stopped by to visit and show his support early in the day.

SCC has about 150 nursing students enrolled in five programs.

Culler said the college can extend the program to other groups — 4-H, Boy Scouts, other Girl Scouts, church groups, etc. — who develop and encourage their members' interest in nursing.

"There is a major nursing shortage right now," she stressed, "and that is why the patch program was developed."



SCC Student Nurse Christina Angeles takes Girl Scout Senior Cadet Lesley East's blood pressure during the Nursing Exploration Patch program at the college Saturday morning.

NAME: Dean R. Gordon
AGE: 49
HOMETOWN: Pinnacle
FAMILY: Wife, Becky; daughter, Georgia Esther; son, Bert Gordon; and grandson, Shaffer Esther, 7
EDUCATION: A.A. in Criminal Justice and A.A. in Corrections Technology from Surry Community College; B.S. in Criminal Justice from Gardner-Webb University; M.A. in Higher Education Administration from Appalachian State University; nearing completion of Ed.S. in Adult Education at Appalachian State University
OCCUPATION: Director of Law Enforcement Programs at Surry Community College
HOBBIES: Education, hiking, outdoor activities, NASCAR
FAV FOOD: Mexican
FAV MOVIE: The Silence of the Lambs

MA 3-27-03

Dedicated educator credits SCC instructors for inspiration

By **THERESA KILEN**
 Staff Writer

DOBSON — At a time when more and more people are turning to community colleges for education and retraining opportunities, law enforcement officer and educator Dean Gordon credits the programs and instructors at Surry Community College for enabling and encouraging him to move forward with his own education.

Now, more than 30 years after Gordon took his first course at SCC in 1971, he is the college's Director of Law Enforcement Programs — a job that keeps him on campus more than 50 hours a week and that he calls his "favorite hobby."

Gordon, who over the years has served as a police officer for the Pilot Mountain Police Department, the Walnut Cove Police Department on its drug task force, as 1st Sergeant with the King Police Department and as a detective with the Stokes County Sheriff's Office (where he is still sworn as a reserve deputy), said he chose law enforcement "to make a difference."

"I'm extroverted and very people-oriented," Gordon said. "I had a desire to make a difference and felt it was a way that I could help mankind. I still feel that way.

Officers can become hardened from the things they encounter and from being in stressful situations, but different people react in different ways. Those who really want to make a career of it will still have that desire to do good and help humanity. Those who don't have gotten into it for the wrong reasons."

Gordon said that some people go into law enforcement because they have a preconceived, and often incorrect, notion of what the job entails.

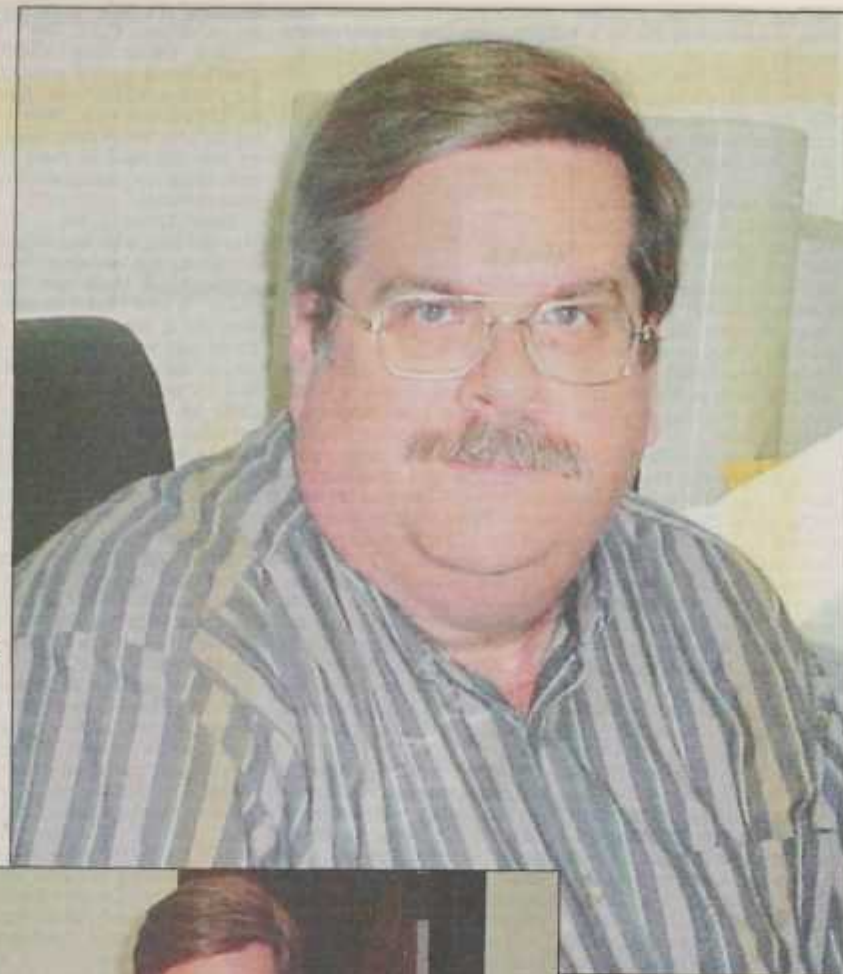
"Television dramatizes law enforcement as crime-fighting and shootouts — typical things that you see on T.V. are things that many officers never see. Shows like CSI get into more stuff in one hour than most of us see in a lifetime," he smiled. "I don't mean that rural counties don't have their problems just like urban areas have problems. We still have problems with drugs and other things, and sometimes it's even harder in areas like ours because you have fewer officers per capita than places like Winston-Salem do. So, in some ways, we may be more involved because of that, but television can give people the wrong perspective of what it is they are getting into."

Gordon began as an officer

in Pilot Mountain in the early 80s, after having come



through the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program



Gordon said. "If not for Surry Community College and if it weren't for instructors like Margaret Shepherd, Conrad Holcomb (who is now deceased) and Jim Fink — people who pushed their students to believe they could succeed — I probably wouldn't have any formal education. Surry Community College is full of those type of people."

Gordon joined the staff at SCC in 1994 teaching part-time in the BLET program and, in 1997, accepted a full-time position teaching curriculum courses at night. In 2000, when the state mandated a new BLET program, the college selected Gordon to be its Director of Law Enforcement Programs.

"This is an intensive program where 100-percent attendance is required. It's definitely a real commitment, and I'd put this program against any program in North Carolina," Gordon said. "It is a high-quality program, and our officers go all over the

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state and to Virginia. Virtually all of them who are seeking full- or part-time employment have somewhere to go once they are certified. We have a reputation for having a really good program, so it isn't hard for our students to find jobs."

Gordon is in the process of completing his fifth college degree — an Ed.S. from Appalachian State University — in addition to the 50-plus

hours he spends at SCC each week, days and nights, both administrating the program and teaching. After 10 years, he remains just as dedicated to promoting higher education as he expects the students in his program to be to achieving their goals.

"If I can help a student achieve what they want to achieve, then I feel like I am fulfilling my job here," Gordon said. "If they become

good officers, then I feel like I've done what I should be doing. I had a student once tell me — and I now tell this to all of my students — that the only limitation to success is the mindset to succeed. I try to get my students to understand that they can achieve it no matter what it is, if they have the right mindset. I take a lot of pride in what we do here — I really do."

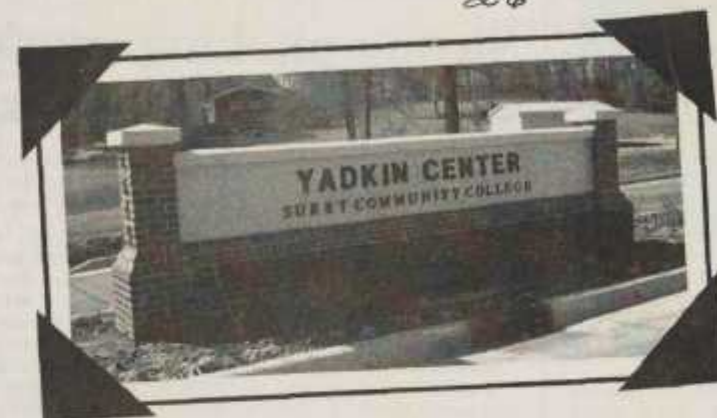
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Saturday, April 25, 2003

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There will be a special keepsake edition tabloid published on April 24, in The Yadkin Ripple. For advertising information in this section call Rita at 679-2341.

Hurry, advertising deadline is Thursday, April 10.



Surry baseball team sweeps #22 Potomac St.

MA 2-26-03

From Staff Reports
 DOBSON — Surry Community College's baseball team finally opened the season on Monday and wasted no time creating excitement for the young season.

The Knights (1-0) pulled out a game one nail-biter over #22 Potomac State on a bases-loaded single by freshman Gary Tilley in the bottom of the ninth inning for a 1-0 victory.

Game 2 of the twinbill was called during the fourth inning due to darkness. The Knights were trailing the second game 5-2 when it was called.

After a slow date at the plate on Monday, the Knights wasted little time on Tuesday, jumping to an early 11-3 lead and going on to demolish Potomac State 17-5 in the series finale. The series sweep of Potomac State marks the second year in a row that the Knights have swept the Catamounts.

"We were real pleased with the way we played today," said Surry Head Coach Mark Tucker. "I thought we played with a lot of heart and enthusiasm, which helped us overcome an early deficit."

In the first contest, which was played in front of 21 scouts and many fans, the Knights handed the ball to talented freshman Cody Dickens. Dickens responded by throwing five innings of shutout baseball. He gave up three hits while fanning five batters.

Sophomore Matt Swift came on in the sixth and picked up right where Dickens left off. Swift (1-0) pitched the final 4 innings, giving up only 1 hit, while striking out six and without allowing a run. Swift was credited with the win.

The game was tied all the way through with neither team able to push across a run. Surry put the game away in the ninth when sophomore Billy Wright led off the inning with a walk. Following a strikeout, Ian Martin was walked leaving runners at first and second base.

Javier Diaz then hit a line drive sharply at the shortstop, who bobbled the ball allowing all the runners to advance. Potomac State was able to retire the next batter by strikeout but Tilley delivered the game-winning hit to right field in the next at bat.

"You hate to see anyone lose that type of game. It was a well-fought game on both sides of the field, but we were fortunate to come out on top," Surry assistant coach Mark Hauser said. "This was a good game for the fans."

Surry dug itself in a hole early Tuesday in the second game of the series when starting pitcher Ryan Jennings had trouble finding the strike zone. The Catamounts took advantage of the early free passes by scoring three runs in the first inning.

Jennings was relieved by southpaw Nathan Hodges, who

came in and dominated immediately. Hodges gave up an early double that scored two runs, but then settled in to strike out seven of the 13 hitters he faced. Hodges was relieved in the fourth inning by sophomore Jamie Schrock (1-0), who took over right where Hodges left off.

Schrock, who picked up the win in relief, pitched four innings, giving up two earned runs.

"I thought Schrock threw the best today that I have seen him throw in the two years he's been here," said Tucker.

Schrock was relieved in the 8th inning by former West Virginia Gatorade Player of the Year Brandon Chambers. Chambers threw two innings without giving up a run against his home state team.

While the pitchers were continuing to shut down the Catamounts, the offense was putting on a show themselves. After being held scoreless in the first inning, the Knights offense exploded to score eight runs in the next four innings, giving the Knights an 8-3 cushion they would never relinquish.

The offense was led by Billy Wright. His 2-RBI double to left plated the go-ahead runs in the third inning. Wright finished the day going 3 for 6 with a double, 2 runs scored and 2 RBI. Also having a big day at the plate was sophomore Rob-

Surry Community College asks commissioners for help

By THERESA KILEN
 Staff Writer

DOBSON — In trying to keep up with the demands of displaced workers who require job retraining and skills with which to find new jobs in a struggling economy, Surry Community College is asking for the county's help.

During a presentation before the Surry County Board of Commissioners last night, SCC President Frank Sells asked the county for help with \$1.3 million that is needed to create a workforce training center in vacant shell space that exists at the county's Human Services Building on U.S. 601 in Mount Airy.

Due to a 13-percent increase in student enrollment for the last two years, SCC is finding itself short on space, most especially at its Learning Center facility in Mount Airy.

"During the last three semesters we've had 1,369 students served at that center," Sells said. "The Learning Center assesses student needs. We have a lot of students over there who are completing GED programs,

we are teaching computer skills, ESL (English as a Second Language) and also have a HRD (Human Resource Development) program there that helps people with building a resume and seminars for displaced workers. We have run out of space in that building to do those things."

"The vacant space at the Human Services building would be a great location for a Workforce Development Center and would make a great facility for that center. The indicators are that Surry County needs to position itself for the eventual economic upswing that we all hope is coming. If we are going to accomplish what we need to accomplish, then it seems that we would need to build a highly skilled, technologically savvy workforce by providing more entrepreneurial and technological based instruction," he said.

To create a Workforce Development Center in the building would take money that the county currently does not have funds to commit. The \$1.3 million estimate was provided by the architectural firm of Martin,

Boles, Anthony and Johnson of Raleigh, the firm that is currently working on plans for a new building on the SCC campus — a 45,000 square-foot, multi-story building that would cost about \$5.8 million over the next two years. The building is to provide both classroom and office space.

Funding for that project is largely on the shoulders of the county. Beginning this year, and over the course of the next two fiscal years, the county will be paying out \$4.3 million (75 percent) of the project's total cost — money that the county

is required to match in order to receive its \$8.9 million share of the \$600 million state bond referendum passed by the legislature in 2000.

"It sounds like a great idea," Commissioner Fred O'Neal of Dobson said, "but we would need to find creative ways to fund something like that."

The board delayed a vote on the proposal until its next meeting on March 17 to give board members and college officials two weeks in which to investigate alternative sources of funding for the project.

Floral design class Tuesday

DOBSON — Surry Community College will offer a Floral Design class on from 6:30 to 9:30 on March 11 at

the Dobson Campus in room H-332. Judy Marshall will be instructing.

Registration fee is \$40.00. This fee does not include the cost of tools and flower supplies used in the class.

For further information, please contact Greg Smith, Director of Community Service and Occupational Programs at 386-3331.

Second Dobson Farm Fest set for June at SCC

DOBSON — Surry Community College has joined hands with the town of Dobson, the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center, and local citizens to host the second annual Dobson Farm Fest on June 7, from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on the campus of Surry Community College in Dobson.

Anita Bullin, assistant vice

president of career services at Surry Community College and co-chair of the Farm Fest Committee, commented on Farm Fest by saying, "This will be an opportunity to showcase the tremendously positive impact agriculture has on Surry County and to bring the community together for a fun-filled day."

"Education in new farm ventures, such as grape growing and winemaking, will be available with short lectures and demonstrations by instructors in the SCC Viticulture and Enology Program and information from representatives of the N.C. Grape Growers Association.

"Health, fitness and stress management will be addressed in workshops and in demonstrations by a local dance company."

Jerry Weaver, local farmer and co-chairman of the Farm Fest Committee said, "The Farm Fest Committee is busily

working to gather ideas and resources from the community. The day will begin with a 5K run and a family fun walk coordinated by Celena Watson of the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center. Throughout the day, there will be various demonstrations including planting of various crops and operating farm equipment. We will have an antique car and truck show, live music, live coverage by Radio Station WSYD, lots of games and activities for children and plenty of good home-cooked food. Local crafts will demonstrate their crafts and sell their wares in the college gymnasium. Farming is, and will continue to be, an integral part of life in Surry County. Farm Fest will be a day to celebrate the best of the best."

For information on Farm Fest, contact Anita Bullin at Surry Community College at 336-386-3268, or at bullina@surry.cc.nc.us.

Knights remain undefeated

From Staff Reports

DOBSON — Surry Community College's baseball team put on an offensive show to remain undefeated Wednesday afternoon in front of a large crowd enjoying temperatures near 70 degrees.

The Knights took advantage of the beautiful day in Dobson to score a combined 39 runs in only 10 innings to dispose of New River Community College (N.C.). In game one, the Knights took advantage of some early New River miscues to score six runs in the first inning. The Knights cruised on to win 15-4 in 5 innings.

Surry remains undefeated on the season, with a record of 10-0 overall and 4-0 in Region X play.

The Knights were led at the plate by sophomore Billy Wright, who was 2 for 3 in the opener with a RBI. Matt Coffing and Keith Benton had productive days as well. Coffing scored two runs and drove in two more. Benton scored three runs and had one RBI.

Ryan Jennings (1-0), Brett Thompson, and Ryan Freeman combined to limit New River to two hits while giving up four runs and striking out six.

"I think we should be playing better defense than we are right now," Surry assistant coach Mark Hauser said. "We are making too many errors defensively, which we'll address in practice before this weekend."

In game two the Knights exploded to score 19 runs in the first 3 innings en route to a 24-0 blowout in five innings.

Surry starter Jeremy Branch (1-0) threw 3 innings of shutout baseball before handing the ball to sophomore Daniel Rutter. Branch gave up only two hits while striking out three. Rutter struck out two while giving up only one hit in his two innings.

The Knights' offense was lethal in pounding out 22 hits and producing 19 RBI. Leading the way was Bruiser Simpson, going 4 for 5 with three runs and 7 RBI.

Tripp Lockhart and Billy Wright also contributed heavily for the Knights. Lockhart was 4 for 5 with five runs scored and 3 RBI while Wright was 4 for 5 with 5 RBI.

"Today was a good day for us to get some guys some playing time that haven't had a lot of

Motorcycle safety classes will continue

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will be offering several three-day, 22-hour motorcycle safety classes during March and April at the SCC Emergency Service Training Center in Dobson.

N.C. Motorcycle Safety: Riding and Street Skills will be offered March 14-16 and 28-30, April 11-13 and 25-27. Times are Friday evenings, 6-10 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This course is appropriate for beginning or current riders. Successful completion will waive the DMV skills test. Many insurance carriers recognize the course as well.

Registration fee is \$100. Interested persons should

call SCC to pre-register. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

For further information, contact the Continuing Education Division at 386-3244.

Knights

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innings so far," Surry head coach Mark Tucker said. "We also had a good chance to work in some things you can't do in practice which will help us this weekend when we return to conference play against USC-Salkehatchie."

The Knights close out their home stand this weekend with four games scheduled against conference foe USC-Salkehatchie.

"Salkehatchie will be ready to play. They are well-coached and should provide us with a good test," Tucker said. "Hopefully, though, we can be 14-0 after Sunday."

Game time for Saturday's doubleheader will be 1 p.m. and Sunday's twinbill will begin at noon.

A change of pace

With temperatures reaching 70 Sunday afternoon in Mount Airy, area residents were eager to get outdoors and enjoy an early taste of spring. (Above) Players in a pick-up basketball game watch to see if Jeff Allen's shot will go through the hoops at Riverside Park. (Right) Warm temperatures made shoes optional for this girl on the playground at Riverside Park. (Below) Cody Simpson and other tennis lovers caught some sun and exercise at the courts at Surry Community College in Dobson.



SCC offering dance classes at civic center in Pilot Mountain

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College is offering ballroom dancing classes from 7 to 8:35 p.m. on Thursdays from March 20 through May 8 at the E.A. Civic Center, 837 Old Bypass, Pilot Mountain.

Bill and Carol Bryant will teach the eight 16-hour classes designed for beginners and people wanting to practice steps to swing music, foxtrots and waltz.

Registration fee is \$30. Call the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-3244 for required pre-registration.

SURRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPRING MID-SEMESTER CLASSES

Mid-Semester Class Schedule Classes Begin March 10

BLIS 110	Intro to Business	MW	12:00-02:50pm	YC3
CAB 111A	Cabinetmaking I	TTH	05:00-09:50pm	V108
CIS 110	Intro to Computers	TTH	02:00-05:50pm	TBA
CIS 110	Intro to Computers	MW	06:00-09:50pm	E146
CIS 110	Intro to Computers	TTH	12:00-03:50pm	YC224
EDU 112	Early Child Care II	M	06:00-09:50pm	A205
ENG 080	Writing Found	M-F	02:00-03:50pm	H258
ENG 090	Camp Strategies	MW	01:00-03:50pm	H250A
ENG 111	Expository Writing	MW	01:00-03:50pm	H250A
MAT 060	Essential Math	M-F	04:00-05:50pm	H121
MAT 070	Intro Algebra	M-F	04:00-05:50pm	H121
OST 080	Keyboarding Lit	MW	12:00-02:50pm	V107
OST 131	Keyboarding	MW	12:00-02:50pm	V107
PED 111	Phys Fit I	MTH	04:00-05:25pm	P109
PED 111	Phys Fit I	MTH	04:00-05:25pm	P109
PED 112	Phys Fit II	M-F	09:00-10:00am	P111
PED 112	Phys Fit II	M-F	01:00-02:00pm	P111
PED 112	Phys Fit II	MTH	04:00-05:25pm	P109
PED 117	Weight Train I	M-F	09:00-10:00am	P111
PED 117	Weight Train I	MTH	04:00-05:25pm	P109
PED 118	Weight Train II	M-F	09:00-10:00am	P111
PED 118	Weight Train II	M-F	12:00-01:00pm	P111
PED 118	Weight Train II	M-F	01:00-02:00pm	P111
PED 118	Weight Train II	MTH	04:00-05:25pm	P109
PED 130	Tennis-Beg	TTH	10:00-11:50am	P111
PED 131	Tennis-Inter	TTH	10:00-11:50am	P111
PSY 150	Gen Psychology	TTH	07:00-09:50pm	A202
REA 201	Intro Inc Prop App G-1	T	06:00-09:50pm	H149
REL 212	Intro to New Test	MMF	10:30-12:20am	C202

DISLOCATED WORKERS:

If you are a dislocated worker and are interested in retraining, these courses are for you. Contact the Employment Security Commission to determine if you qualify for financial assistance for retraining.

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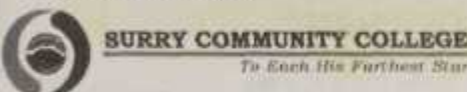
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Surry baseball team off to best start in school history at 14-0

From Staff Reports

DOBSON — The Surry Community College baseball team survived a game one scare from visiting USC-Salkehatchie on Sunday, then cruised on to demolish the Indians in game two to remain undefeated (14-0 overall, 8-0 Region X) on the season.

The Knights, off to their best start in school history, won game one by a score of 4-2 and game two by a score of 13-3, giving the Knights four wins over the Indians in two days. Surry also beat Salkehatchie by scores of 10-0 twice on Saturday.

Sunday's game two was ended in the fifth inning due to the mercy rule. The fifth inning stoppage was the fifth time in six games, and the seventh time in the past ten games that the Knights have beaten their opponent by ten runs or more.

Game one of Sunday's twinbill left right off where the Knights last stopped on Saturday.

Bruiser Simpson led off the bottom of the first with a single and Brad Matthews reached safely on an Indian error. Matt Keever then bunted both runners over and Billy Wright hit a sacrifice fly to score Simpson.

Tripp Lochart then doubled to bring in Matthews, giving the Knights an early 2-0 lead. Freshman Gary Tilley added two more runs for the Knights when he homered in the

second inning.

Tilley's two-run shot pushed the Knights lead to 4-0, but Salkehatchie would not be turned away. Salkehatchie scored two runs in the fourth off of Surry starter Brandon Chambers to cut the lead to 4-2.

"I thought in the first couple of innings that we were going to put them away, but they (Salkehatchie) wouldn't quit," Surry assistant coach Mark Hauser said.

"When they scored the two runs we knew Brandon needed to come out so we went with Swift. I can't give Salkehatchie enough credit, they came out and fought hard and made us earn two wins."

The Knights then handed the ball to Swift, the closer, who shut down the Indian bats to record his first save of the season. Chambers (2-0) pitched five innings, giving up two earned runs while striking out 10 Indians.

Swift earned the save by pitching the sixth and seventh innings, striking out four batters and not allowing a run.

The Knights were led at the plate by Simpson who was 3 for 3 with a triple and a run scored.

Sunday's game two saw the Indians continue to give the Knights a scare as they jumped out to an early 3-1 lead midway through the third inning. The Knights' bats then came alive as they managed to score 12

runs over the next three innings to end the game early due to the 10-run rule.

"I was wondering if we were going to score anymore, but in the third we finally came alive," said Hauser. "We were a little worried to begin with, but our guys settled down to put them away."

Simpson once again led the Knights at the plate with a 2 for 4 performance and two runs scored.

Matthews also had a big game, going 2 for 4 with three runs scored.

Keever, who had a 12-game hitting streak snapped in game one, went 3 for 3 with two runs scored.

Stuart Angles (2-0) earned the win for the Knights by pitching 3 2/3 innings, striking out five but giving up three earned runs.

Angles was lifted in the fourth inning and Jamie Schrock continued throwing the ball well. Schrock earned his second save of the season by pitching 1 1/3 innings of shutout baseball while not giving up a hit and striking out one.

"Stuart didn't have a very good day today and that's expected," Knights head coach Mark Tucker said.

"That's the advantage of having one of the best pitching staffs in the country. When one guy isn't on we can replace him with someone just as good and give us a great shot to win. As a pitcher you are going to

have at least one bad outing, so you have to learn from it and come back next time."

Surry was hot on Saturday as well, rolling over Salkehatchie 10-0 in the first two games of the four-game set. Saturday's two games ended early, setting the school record for the most games in a row ended due to the mercy rule at four.

"We are hitting pretty well right now," Surry assistant coach Roy Vernon said. "I still don't think we are hitting it as well as we are capable, but we are definitely improving with each game. We are going to be really dangerous when we start getting it all together."

Surry starting pitcher Cody Dickens showed why he was worthy of a draft pick in last season's amateur baseball draft. Dickens (2-0) pitched all five innings giving up only two hits. He also struck out six and walked just one.

"All of our pitchers are throwing well right now," Tucker said.

"I thought pitching would be the strength of our team this season and so far it has shown exactly that. They aren't giving up many runs which, takes a lot of pressure off our offense, which happens to be putting up a lot of runs themselves."

Leading the offensive charge in game one was Keever. The sophomore catcher was 2 for 2 with two runs scored and a pair of RBI. Lock-

hart was 2 for 3 with a run scored and Billy Wright was 2 for 3 with a run scored and 3 RBI.

Wright's two-run double provided the 10th run in the fifth to give the Knights the win.

"I thought Keever, Lockhart and Wright swung the bat with some authority," said Vernon.

"Gary Tilley also did a heck of a job getting down two sacrifice bunts which helped produce a few runs."

Game two showed much of the same as game one as freshman Nathan Hodges came out and dominated the Indian hitters. Hodges (2-0) pitched all five innings for the Knights, striking out eight batters while surrendering only one hit.

The eight whiffs for Hodges brings him to 26 strikeouts on the year and he has yet to allow an earned run.

"I think Hodges is throwing better now than he probably ever has," said Tucker.

"He is doing a tremendous job, especially as a freshman."

The Knights have all week to practice and rest before returning to action this weekend against Region X foe Southeastern Community College.

The Knights and Rams are scheduled for a doubleheader on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's contest will begin 1 p.m. and action will pick up Sunday at noon.

County to help finance Workforce Training Center

7KA-3-18-03

By THERESA KILEN
Staff Writer

DOBSON — The Surry County Board of Commissioners on Monday voted to provide both space and financial support to create a state-of-the-art center to train a new work force and retrain the county's growing population of displaced workers.

The board approved Surry Community College's \$1.3-million request to create the SCC Workforce Training Center in vacant shell space that exists at the county's Human Services Building on EMS Drive off U.S. 601 in Mount Airy.

However, the agreement is still subject to negotiation, because debt service for this particular project will cost the county about \$175,000 per year on a 10-year repayment sched-

ule. This project is one component of a larger program that includes a \$300,000 renovation of the former county courthouse and up to \$4.3 million for constructing a \$5.8-million, multi-story classroom building.

The commissioners' resolution authorizes County Manager Dennis Thompson and Assistant County Manager Betty Taylor "to pursue the most reasonable and lowest-cost means to satisfy the cash-flow needs of the projects, which may include but is not limited to installment financing."

"Time is of the essence if the financing for these projects is to be obtained before the end of the 2002-03 fiscal year. The resolution allows Taylor to begin the process of gathering quotes and entertaining bids for

the project. Commissioner Fred O'Neal of Dobson last year conceived the idea of offering the shell building to Surry Community College for use as a workforce center. When the matter first came before the board, he said the county should try first to finance the project with grant funds that the state has set aside specifically for job-retraining projects.

The board delayed a vote on the proposal during its March 3 meeting to give board members, Thompson and college officials time to investigate alternative funding sources of financing.

Although O'Neal was unable to attend last night's meeting, Commissioners Paul John-

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son of Pilot Mountain and Jim Harrell Jr. of Elkin echoed his sentiments.

"I'd like to see this proceed, but if it boils down to \$175,000 a year, I don't want to do it," Harrell said.

Johnson said he didn't see how the county could manage the financial obligation, because it is heading into the 2003-04 fiscal year facing at least a \$900,000 shortfall.

Thompson said he has spoken to representatives of state and federal commissions, such as the Economic Development Administration, and discovered that there are some sources of grant funding that provide for capital projects. Applications will be submitted for consideration.

Commissioner Craig Hunter of Mount Airy suggested that Surry Community College officials play a more active role in the acquisition of funding.

"I'd like to see SCC also present this to the city of Mount Airy and explain to them how it will help them economically," Hunter said. "This is an economic development tool that they will have in their city limits. The college also has clout with the Golden L.E.A.F. Foundation and I think they should take the lead and sell this proj-

ect to them, too, since we are an economically distressed area that has been affected by NAFTA."

"The easiest thing is for them to come to us and ask for money. They need to put some of their own effort and elbow grease into it."

The college has long outgrown its current facility, the Learning Center on South Street in Mount Airy.

According to SCC President Dr. Frank Sells, The Learning Center served about 1,400 students during the last three semesters. It provides student needs assessments, GED programs, ESL (English as a second language) classes and computer skills courses. In addition, the center also houses a human resource development program that helps people seeking employment with tasks such as building a resume. It also conducts seminars for displaced workers.

"We have run out of space in that building to do those things," Sells told the board on March 3. "The vacant space at the Human Services Building would be a great location for a Workforce Development Center and would make a great facility for that center."

Dobson Farm Fest set for June

3-12-03
Surry Community College has joined hands with the town of Dobson, the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center and local citizens to host the second annual Dobson Farm Fest on Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on the campus of Surry Community College in Dobson.

Anita Bullin, Assistant Vice-president of Career Services at Surry Community College and Co-chair of the Farm Fest Committee, commented on Farm Fest by saying, "This will be an opportunity to showcase the tremendously positive impact agriculture has on Surry County and to bring the community together for a fun-filled day."

Education in new farm ventures, such as grape growing and winemaking, will be available, with short lectures and demonstrations by instructors in the SCC Viticulture and Enology Program and information from representatives of the N. C. Grape Growers Association. Health, fitness and stress management will be addressed in workshops and in demonstrations by a local dance company.

Jerry Weaver, local farmer and Co-chair of the Farm Fest Committee said, "The Farm Fest Committee is busily working to gather ideas and resources from the community. The day will begin with a 5K run and a family fun walk coordinated by Celena Watson of the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center. Throughout the day, there will be various demonstrations including planting of various crops and operating farm equipment. We will have an antique car and truck show, live music, live coverage by Radio Station WSYD, lots of games and activities for children, and plenty of good home cooked food. Local crafters will demonstrate their crafts and sell their wares in the college gymnasium. Farming is, and will continue to be, an integral part of life in Surry County. Farm Fest will be a day to celebrate the best of the best."

For information on Farm Fest, contact Anita Bullin at Surry Community College at 386-3268, or a bullina@surry.cc.nc.us.

Farm Fest planned

3-16-03
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The day will begin with a 5K run and a family fun walk coordinated by Celena Watson of the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center.

Demonstrations will take place throughout the day, including planting crops and operating farm equipment.

An antique car and truck show, live music, live coverage by Radio Station WSYD, games and activities for children, and plenty of home-cooked food will round out the day, while local crafters will demonstrate crafts and sell wares in the college gymnasium.

For information on Farm Fest, contact Anita Bullin at Surry Community College at (336) 386-3268, or at bullina@surry.cc.nc.us.



Submitted photo

Hearing her heartbeat

Recently two nursing students from Surry Community College visited the kindergarten classes at Millennium Charter Academy. They talked with the students about how to have a Healthy Heart and gave each student an opportunity to hear their own heartbeat. The students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation.

College's Yadkin Center to open soon

Yadkin 3-13-03

By ANDY MATTHEWS
EDITOR

More than four years after state legislators approved the first round of money for Yadkin's first community college satellite campus, the \$3 million classroom building is almost ready to open its doors.

Wayne Matthews, Surry Community College's continuing education director in Yadkin, told county commissioners last Thursday that the two-story, 25,000-square-foot facility is nearing the final stages of construction.

"We just have a couple of local and state inspections to pass," Matthews said.

The exterior of the Georgia-style brick building began taking shape a year ago. Now, construction workers are putting on the final touches with some landscaping as Matthews waits for the final furniture shipment to arrive.

Already, Matthews said that the Yadkin Center — which was built on a 36-acre tract on U.S. 601 just north of the Yadkinville town limits — has drawn visitors from Ap-



YADKIN RIPPLE/Andy Matthews

Construction is almost complete on this \$3 million Surry Community College Yadkin satellite campus.

palachian State University.

"They were very impressed with the facility," Matthews said.

So impressed, he said, that ASU is talking about providing some evening programs at the Yadkin Center. The university has discussed offering undergraduate degrees in nursing, social work and special education, Matthews said.

"All of that interest has come about since construction began," he said.

The college's Yadkin campus will include a learning center, an automotive shop, two computer labs, two conference rooms and seven classrooms, one of which will be used for telecourses transmitted from the Dobson campus.

The new campus will replace a crowded office in the multi-purpose education center in Boonville.

College steering committee members began planning in March 1997 for a new site.

Rep. George Holmes, R-Hamptonville, secured \$1.5 million for the Yadkin campus. Yadkinville committed \$300,000 to the project. And Yadkin commissioners chipped in more than \$600,000, which included the purchase of 46 acres for the new site.

The Yadkin campus received an additional \$541,702 as part of the November 2000 \$3.5 billion bond package for the university and community college system.

Truck-driving course hits a speed bump

Yadkin 5-13-03

By ANDY MATTHEWS
EDITOR

Surry Community College's plans for a truck-driving course at its new Yadkin Center have hit a slight roadblock.

Yadkin commissioners questioned last Thursday the cost of the program and whether other counties would be willing to pitch in with the start up and maintenance costs.

Wayne Matthews, Surry Community College's continuing education director in Yadkin, told commissioners that truck-driving students would enroll at the college, staying at local motels during their training.

SAGE Corp., based in Camp Hill, Pa., would offer instruction programs through the community college.

"We look at it as a workforce development issue," Matthews said. "And we also see it as benefiting the local economy. These students, while they are in school,

would be staying at local motels and hotels."

Matthews said that he visited the SAGE facilities, adding that the truck-driving courses are popular at other community colleges across the state. An estimated 150 students enroll each year in the program at Isothermal Community College in Rutherford County.

"We've had an increasing number of phone calls," Matthews said. "I just talked to a potential student in Virginia the other day. If he comes, he plans to stay here while he's in class."

Matthews said that the college began thinking about the program after some inquiries and realizing they had some money left over in the construction of the new \$3 million classroom building. Initially, Matthews said that the college thought there would be enough money to pay for the construction of a driving course on a two-acre tract at the college.

Yadkin was picked,

Matthews said, because of its proximity to U.S. 421 and Interstate 77.

"We thought we could do it under the confines of the money we had in place. We haven't had a lot of change orders," Matthews said. "Some contractors got us some bids on the site and they came back with some prices that were higher than anticipated."

Now, Matthews said that the college needs another \$75,000 to make the project work.

But commissioners weren't quite ready to cut a check.

"How much are surrounding counties willing to put into the program?" Commissioner Josh Baity of Yadkinville asked.

"What is the upkeep?" Commissioner Chairman Lloyd Davis of East Bend inquired.

Matthews acknowledged the county would be responsible for the maintenance of the gravel driving range.

"There is an expense to it," he said. "I'm not going to sit

here and tell you there's not an expense. But we will have additional students coming to the college. And that's an economic impact to the community."

Commissioners took no action on Matthews' request. Baity did suggest that the college apply to the Golden Leaf, a non-profit organization created in 1999, which distributes money from a settlement agreement with tobacco companies.

To qualify, a county must be economically distressed or tobacco-dependent. Yadkin, which generates an estimated \$10 million a year in tobacco sales, has yet to receive any money from the foundation.

"If they can give money to Hoke County to start a horse park, surely we can get some money here," Baity said.

Golden Leaf has allocated \$200,000 to The Sandhills Equestrian Conservancy, which is developing a 250-acre park with a steeplechase track and cross-country courses.

HVAC class scheduled at Surry C.C.

Enterprise 3-12-03

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor an 18-hour HVAC Advanced Air Conditioning course beginning on Tuesday, April 22. The class will meet each Tuesday and from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday through May 8 on the Dobson, N.C., campus in room E-165 (Electronics/Computers Building).

Mark Evans will be the instructor.

Tuition for this class will be \$55. Pre-registration is required. Class size will be limited to 15 students. Call Renee Hutchins at (336) 386-3211 to pre-register.

Ballroom dancing classes to be offered at Civic center

Pilot 3-9-03

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College is offering ballroom dancing classes on Thursday nights beginning March 20 through May 8, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Armfield Civic Center in Pilot Mountain.

Instructors for the classes, which are designed for beginners and people wanting to practice steps to swing music, foxtrots and waltz, are Bill and Carol Bryant.

Registration fee is \$30. Call the Continuing Education Division at 386-3244 for further information and to preregister.

Woltz to be featured artist at SCC program April 14

4-3-03

DOBSON — Pat Gwyn Woltz will be the featured artist during the Surry Community College "Meet the Artist" program from 2 to 4 p.m. on April 15 in the Learning Resources Center on the main campus in Dobson.

Pat Gwyn Woltz, a visual artist, was born in Asheville, and grew up in neighboring Waynesville. Yet, Surry and Yadkin counties were familiar to her since the Gwyn side of her family had a long heritage of community involvement in this area.

Pat graduated from Randolph Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Virginia, with a bachelor's degree in economics. She met her future husband, John Woltz of Mount Airy, the week he returned to the University of Virginia after having

served in World War II. Pat and John were married and moved to Mount Airy where they reared their five children and built a life of active involvement in the community. John was President and CEO of Quality Mills which he later sold to Russell Corporation.

Pat used her artistic talents to entertain her children, particularly on rainy days. On a winter day in 1966, she painted a snow scene which caught John's eye, and he decided to use it for a Christmas card to send to employees, customers, and suppliers of Quality Mills. She continued to design a card each Christmas until 1979.

In 1983, after having received numerous requests for her works, Pat began selling her paintings, note cards, and Lim-

ited Edition prints at art shows and in various shops. Since she had never had an art lesson, her success as an artist and as a businesswoman came as a surprise to her. She credits her success to local people who have been supportive of her efforts from the early days through today.

Pat continues to be actively involved in Central United Methodist Church and in various community betterment activities. Presently, one of her most enjoyable activities is serving on the Surry Community College Foundation Board. In that capacity, she enjoys helping organize the Surry Community College Foundation Golf Tournament, a major fundraiser which is held each spring.

Surry will offer business course

Woburn 3-27-03

The small business center of Surry Community College will sponsor a free seminar entitled "Sources of Business Financing" on April 10.

The session will meet from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in room C-101.

During the seminar, participants will learn about funding sources

available to existing or would-be business owners, and the information that lenders require when loan proposals are made. Specific governmental programs will also be covered.

Pre-registration is required by calling Renee Hutchins at 386-3211.



Surry Community College President Dr. Frank Sells and his wife, Amanda, talk with Marjorie Holcomb. YKA 4-3-03

SCC will offer course

Woburn 3-27-03

Surry Community College will offer "Survival Spanish for School Personnel" on Mondays and Wednesdays, March 31 through April 14. The class will meet from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. in room C201.

The registration fee is \$55 with a textbook cost of \$40.75.

To register or for more information, call 386-3353 or 386-3261.

College outlines plans for new training center

By THERESA KILEN

Staff Writer

DOBSON — As local officials work with Surry County Economic Development Partnership to recruit new business and industries to the area, Surry Community College in Dobson is proposing a plan to aid Surry's economic recovery from within.

The proposed Surry Community College Workforce Training/Development Center would be created inside a vacant shell building at the Surry County Human Resource Center on U.S. 601 in Mount Airy. The plan has won tentative approval from the county commissioners, but due to the county's anticipated financial shortfall, final approval of the \$1.3-million project could be contingent on the availability of outside funding sources.

The question is, can Surry County afford not to fund this project?

"The No. 1 ingredient for economic development and recovery is an educated workforce," SCC President Frank Sells said. "This center will go a long way in helping to uplift the level of skill in our workforce."

Education of the available workforce is increasingly important in a struggling economy that is becoming more and more competitive. Lo-

cal officials and educators have stressed for years that in order to attract new business and industry to Surry County, emphasis must be placed on the education and job skills training of its workforce.

The college has long outgrown its current facility: the Learning Center on South Street in Mount Airy. During the last three semesters, the Learning Center has served about 1,400 students. It provides student needs assessments, general-educational development (GED) programs, English as a second language classes and computer skills courses. In addition, the center also houses a Human Resource Development program that assists those who are seeking employment with tasks such as building a resume. The program also routinely conducts seminars for displaced workers.

Judy Riggs, dean of continuing education at SCC, said that the overcrowded conditions at The Learning Center have students working literally "elbow to elbow."

"Overcrowding is definitely a problem, but it is also a matter of not having adequate space to conduct the kinds of programs students, especially displaced workers, need," Riggs said. "Even on the college campus, we are so crowded that there are programs that we need to offer and can't

Surry Community College Foundation announces scholarship

DOBSON — Marion Venable, executive director of the Surry Community College Foundation, has announced the establishment of the Hugh Chatham Wellness Pool Scholarship.

This endowment fund, established by the Chatham Foundation, will be used for scholarships to cover the cost of tuition for adults who wish to participate in the Aquatic Exercise Program offered through the Hugh Chatham Aquatic Center, 700 Chatham Medical Park, Elkin, and who need financial assistance. Surry Community College manages the Aquatic Exercise Program which features a variety of aquatic exercises designed to increase strength, flexibility, and stamina and enhance overall health and well-being.

Current sessions include high-energy exercise, fluid movement exercise for physical infirmities and regular aquatic exercise. Sessions are offered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Individuals who are 16 or older may enter the program at any time.

The cost of a series of 24 sessions is \$65. Fees are pro-rated, and scholarships are available for participants who are in need of financial assistance.

The Surry Community College Foundation welcomes contributions from individuals, businesses and civic groups to fund existing scholarships or to establish new ones.

For more information on the Foundation or on the Aquatic Exercise Program, contact Marion Venable by telephone at 336-386-3269 or by e-mail at venablem@surry.cc.nc.us.

Real estate class slated

DOBSON, N.C. — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a 67-hour course titled "Real Estate Fundamentals" from April 7 to June 25.

The class will meet on Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. on the SCC campus in room H-123. The instructor will be Joyce Lawrence. Tuition is \$60 plus a textbook fee.

Prerequisite is a minimum scaled score of 550 on the mathematics section of the Tests of Adult Basic Education.

The test is free for prospective students in the Surry Community College Learning Center from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The test takes 55 minutes.

Free one-on-one tutoring in mathematics also is available in the Learning Center for those needing assistance.

For more information, call (336) 386-8121, ext. 3211 or 3309.

Alpha Xi Tau holds induction at SCC

DOBSON — Surry Community College recently held the 2003 induction ceremony for the Alpha Xi Tau Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on the main college campus in Dobson. Gary Tilley, Ph.D., executive vice president for Finance and Operations, was the guest speaker for the ceremony, and Debra Bretz, instructor in the Biology Department, organized the event.

Phi Theta Kappa is the official academic honor society for two-year colleges and is the largest honor society in American higher education. The Alpha Xi Tau Chapter is one of more than 1,100 chapters in country.

To be eligible for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, a student must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours of associate degree course work and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The following Surry Community College students were inducted into the society:

From Mount Airy: Frances Ann Akers, Susan McCraw Ammann, Jenny Yarborough Anderson, Marlana Dawn Cave, Linda Gaye Conner, David Keith DeKoning, Helen King Doolywhite, Vivian H. Easter, Duane Paul Hawks, Jill Heath Johnson, Amanda Nicole Lyons, Ann Champion Marshall, Bradley Scott Marshall, Kristi Marion Massey, Rhonda Annette McHone, Miranda Jones Payne, Vicky Lynn Payne, Audrey Kirkman Riggs, Susan Lyons Simmons, Lynn Marie Stout and Shannon Marie Watson.

From Surry County: Scotty William Beck, Bailey Kinsey Elmore and Phillaw Parker, all of Dobson; Kevin Scott Masten of Ararat N.C.; Dinah Starnes Jennings, Joshua Raymond Price and Rachel Elisabeth Tilley, all of Pilot Mountain; Amy Rene Neal and Renee Marie Stowers, both of Pinnacle; Rebekah Faith Tilley of Lowgap; Larry L. Johnson Sr. and Misti Amber York, both of Elkin.

From outside Surry County: Lynette Adair and Chris James Mabe, both of Boonville; Ashley Nikole Hayes and Steven Justin Nichols, both of East Bend; Derrick Stephen Galyen of Ennice; Aleta Smith Lilly of Germanton; Glenda Lowery Oakley and Sonia Marie Whiddon-Messa, both of North Wilkesboro; Marty Glenn Wood of Roaring River; and Patsy Leigh Harrison, Ronald Gray Hennings, Christina Lee Page, Celeste Perez and Marcelina Joy Zimmerman, all of Yadkinville.

From Virginia: Amy Gwyn Hawks of Ararat.

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Center

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because we don't have the room — trade skills such as plumbing, electrical flooring and dry-wall installation. We had to stop offering masonry some time ago because we just ran out of space. We had such a high demand for our auto-body-repair program that we had no choice but to eliminate masonry.

"The potential for this center is tremendous. There is just so much that could be done with it. The main building would house offices; learning center; a 'clean' shop area for upholstery, wallpaper, etc.; and classrooms for nursing assistant, emergency medicine and computer science courses. A multi-purpose classroom and conference room are also planned for this facility, as well as a much-needed location for classes and seminars for prospective and existing small-business owners."

Sells said that the shell building would provide space for existing programs now housed at The Learning Center, in addition to a host of other trade courses that, once completed, could prepare much of the county's recently displaced workforce for new careers.

"I foresee us having space

for existing Learning Center programs like Human Resources Development, the English as a second language program and computer training classes, in addition to office space for staff from the Small Business and Focused Industrial Training Programs to service existing businesses and work with entrepreneurs who might want to start new businesses — in other words, to create a sort of 'business incubator' within that center," he said.

Part of the proposed plan for the center includes the use of a metal building that once housed lumber operations for Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, which formerly occupied the site.

"That outside building could provide space for us to offer trades courses like light construction, small engine repair, welding, masonry, cabinetmaking, residential framing and a host of other trades and skilled labor programs," Sells said.

"We would also continue to offer the GED program and basic computer skills and we've also talked about doing more high-tech things relating to technology — as far as computer certification programs and other high-tech kinds of programs — while providing the most high-quality instructors

from our faculty and from the local business community."

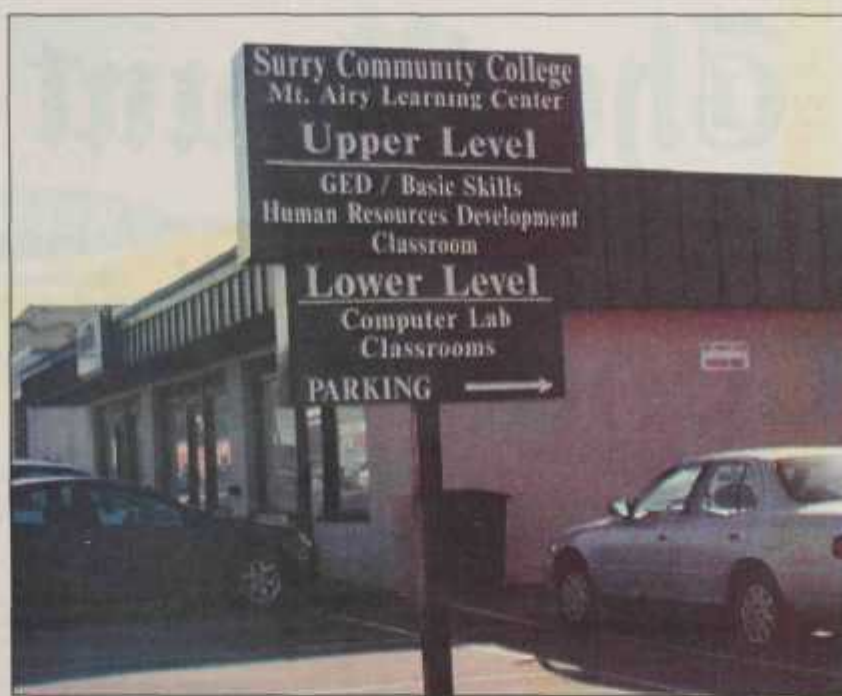
In addition, the new Training Center would work in tandem with both existing industries and future industries to provide job-specific, on-site training.

"We will be readily available to serve the educational and training needs of businesses and industries," Riggs said. "Our director of focused industrial training will have office space available to meet with industry representatives to plan for any training needs they might have. We can provide training and re-training for current employees through the Focus Industrial Training Program and provide instruction for employees of any new or expanding industry through our New and Expanding Industry Program."

"Typically, this kind of training takes place at the worksite. However, if there is a new or expanding industry with training needs that occur before a facility is completed, we could accommodate their needs with the space available at this site," she said.

Sells said that he envisions "a lot of flexibility to design programs that will meet the needs of existing and future industries."

"There is always the potential to modify and to expand as



Mondee Tilley/The Mount Airy News

Surry Community College's learning center in Mount Airy may be replaced by an expanded facility at the Surry County Human Resource Center, if the county can help the school find funding for the project.

needed," he said. "Each of those programs can be as big as the numbers and/or interest it generates. This center could certainly add a boost to our economic recovery and to grow as necessary in order to continue that."

Sells and County Manager Dennis Thompson are investi-

gating alternative sources of funding for the project.

"Since it is still unknown what the county would be able to do in the way of funding, we are continuing to search out grant possibilities," Sells said. "There is a lot of money available for programs, but there is not a lot of money out there for

brick-and-mortar projects such as this.

"I truly believe that every member of our county board is interested in and supportive of this project and would like to see it become a reality. We're going to do everything we can to make that happen."

Youth art festival being held at Surry Community

DOBSON — The fourth annual Youth Art Festival is being held on the main campus of Surry Community College in Dobson.

The festival is a juried exhibition of works in sculpture and ceramics, painting, drawing, and printmaking. First, second, and third-place ribbons will be awarded in each category. The exhibition will be open during regular campus operating hours, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. today and Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Works will be displayed in the "P" Building (Gymnasium), "T" Building, "A" Building (Reeves Administration Building), and the "R" Building (Learning Resources Center).

Artistic creations of students in the following schools will be displayed: Mount Airy High School, Elkin High School, North Surry High School, Surry Central High School, East Surry High School, Meadowview Middle School, Gentry Middle School, Central Middle School, Mount Airy Middle School and Elkin Middle School.

Colleges say education needed to turn economy around

By Theresa Kilen
Mid-South News Service

Surry

DOBSON — "It's about economic recovery, stupid," was the catchphrase of the day last Wednesday at Surry Community College in Dobson during the 15th annual meeting of the North Carolina Education in Economic Recovery.

"The reality in North Carolina is that there have been tremendous job losses and the unemployment rate is one of the highest in the nation," State Board of Community Colleges Chairman James Woody Jr. said. "The community college system is meeting the needs of those unemployed workers and are training people for the emerging bio-technology industry and many others."

The numbers agree. Four-year and community college enrollment are at an all-time high across the state, in part due to the influx of displaced workers who are taking advantage of the opportunities afforded them to train for new careers — training that Woody and others agree

would prove a boon to the area and its subsequent economic recovery in years to come.

At a time when industries are moving south and unemployment is nearly 8 percent in Surry County — according to the most recent statistics from the North Carolina Employment Security Commission — the local community college, as is the case with other institutions of higher learning across the state, is taking the role it will play in future economic development and recovery seriously.

"In the last decade we have lost 120,000 jobs in North Carolina — many of them just in the last year," Molly Corbett Broad, president of the 16-campus University of North Carolina, said. "Those low-skill, high-wage jobs we once had are gone forever. If we want to replace those jobs with other high-wage jobs, we have to create a highly skilled workforce. Innovation fuels itself and creates expansion and expansion creates opportuni-

ty." A recent update on the state's economy from The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center in Raleigh shows that currently there are 129,000 rural North Carolinians out of work; 10 of the state's 100 counties have unemployment rates of 10 percent or higher; and 135,000 residents exhausted their state unemployment benefits in 2002 — almost twice the number of people who exhausted benefits during the previous year.

The majority of the jobs that have been lost (more than 87,000 of them) were in textiles, apparel and furniture — industries that for decades were the backbone of the local economy.

According to a 1997-98 study by the NCEES, laid off manufacturing workers earned less when reemployed, especially when making the switch to retail trade jobs, and only 74 percent of those who lost their jobs were reemployed in the state after two years.

What, then, is the answer? Billy Ray Hall, keynote speaker at the summit and founding president of the Rural Economic Develop-

ment Center, said the answer lies not so much in a county being able to offer tax and other incentives to prospective industrial clients, but rather the education skill level of its labor force.

"First and foremost, we need you to teach our children well. We can talk about economic models and groundbreaking strategies and jobs for the new millennium until the cows come home, but not one of those things comes close to the importance of giving every child in rural North Carolina a chance to succeed in life."

"The good news is, we are making progress. Dropout

rates are going down, rates of graduation are going up and an increasingly larger percentage of rural students are going on to colleges and universities."

Hall explained that a "renewed focus on entrepreneurship" must be created within the state's educational institutions in addition to training a workforce that is both skilled and educated.

"If rural North Carolina is to have the jobs it needs in the future, most of those jobs will have to be created by rural North Carolinians themselves," he said. "They have been crafting opportunities for themselves and others for over two centuries, but, as you well know, being successful in business today requires an understanding of finance and markets and a range of sophisticated skills that go beyond anything our grandfathers could have imagined."

Hall added that another challenge that must be faced is the retraining of the existing rural workforce.

"North Carolina now has the seventh highest unemployment rate in the country," he said. "The responsi-

bility for retraining falls largely on the shoulders of the community college system. We must find ways to reach out to these workers where they live and ease their transition into the training process."

The word is getting out about the importance of higher education and job retraining as evidenced in the 15 percent increase SCC experienced in enrollment last year. This year, the numbers are expected to rise even higher.

SCC President Dr. Frank Sells said last Wednesday that the summit was an affirmation of the how the public school, college and community college systems are working together toward finding real long-term solutions for a generation of displaced workers and future generations to follow.

"It has been good to hear about the ways in which we are all working together for economic recovery and it has been good to hear from each other what is going on right now across the state," Sells said. "From that, we will find ways to work even more closely together to improve our economy."

New campus to open soon

By Andy Matthews
News Editor

Yadkin

YADKINVILLE — More than four years after state legislators approved the first round of money for Yadkin's first community college satellite campus, the \$3 million classroom building is almost ready to open its doors.

Wayne Matthews, Surry Community College's continuing education director in Yadkin, told county commissioners last Thursday that the two-story, 25,000-square-foot facility is nearing the final stages of construction.

"We just have a couple of local and state inspections to pass," Matthews said.

The exterior of the Georgia-style brick building began taking shape a year ago. Now, construction workers are putting on the final touches with some landscaping as Matthews waits for the final furniture shipment to arrive.

Already, Matthews said that the Yadkin Center —

which was built on a 36-acre tract on U.S. 601 just north of the Yadkinville town limits — has drawn visitors from Appalachian State University.

"They were very impressed with the facility," Matthews said.

So impressed, he said, that ASU is talking about providing some evening programs at the Yadkin Center. The university has discussed offering undergraduate degrees in nursing, social work and special education, Matthews said.

"All of that interest has come about since construction began," he said.

The college's Yadkin campus will include a learning center, an automotive shop, two computer labs, two conference rooms and seven classrooms, one of which will

be used for telecourses transmitted from the Dobson campus.

Campus

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The new campus will replace a crowded office in the multi-purpose education center in Boonville.

College steering committee members began planning in March 1997 for a new site.

Rep. George Holmes, R-Hamptonville, secured \$1.5 million for the Yadkin campus. Yadkinville committed \$300,000 to the project. And Yadkin commissioners chipped in more than \$600,000, which included the purchase of 46 acres for the new site.

The Yadkin campus received an additional \$541,702 as part of the November 2000 \$3.5 billion bond package for the university and community college system.

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Construction is almost complete on this \$3 million Surry Community College Yadkin satellite campus.

Financing workshop slated

DOBSON — The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor a seminar entitled "Sources of Business Financing" on April 10, 2003. The session will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the SCC campus in room C101 (Continuing Education Building).

The seminar leader will be Mr. Tony Johnson of the North Carolina Small Business and Technology Development Center.

In this session, learn about funding sources available to existing or would-be business owners, and the information that lenders require when loan proposals are made. Specific governmental programs will also be covered (e.g. Micro-Enterprise Lending Program, U.S. Small Business Administration).

This workshop is free of charge. However, pre-registration is required. Call Renee Hutchins at 386-3211 or you may pre-register on-line at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schbus/ccep.htm.

Spanish business class is offered

DOBSON — Surry Community College will be offering the following course spoken in Spanish:

Como Empezar Su Propio Negocio (How to Start a Small Business)

Presentador: Alberto Flores (Presenter: Alberto Flores)

Cuando: Jueves 3 de Abril, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

(Time: April 3, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.)

Lugar: SCC, Salon C-101 (Location: SCC Rm C-101)

Costo: Gratis (Cost: Free)

■ Cuales son los pasos basicos

■ Las ventajas y desventajas

■ Cuenta con los instrumentos necesarios para conducir su propio negocio

■ Como hacer un analisis de mercado

■ Como hacer una buena eleccion de la estructura de su negocio

■ Como planear y tener exito en su pequeño negocio

■ Que requisitos legales tiene que cumplir (federal, estatal y local)

■ Como obtener financiamiento

Seminar set for professionals

DOBSON — The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor a seminar entitled "The Professional Woman: Image, Attitude & Success" on April 24. The session will meet from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the SCC campus in room T125 (Technical Building-Science Lecture Room).

The seminar leader will be Ms. Denise Ryan of Firestar Presentations.

In honor of Administrative Assistant's week, refreshments will be provided.

This workshop is free of charge. However, pre-registration is required...call Renee Hutchins at 386-3211 or you may pre-register on-line at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schbus/ccep.htm.

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DISLOCATED WORKERS:

If you are a dislocated worker and are interested in retraining, these courses are for you. Contact the Employment Security Commission to determine if you qualify for financial assistance for retraining.

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If you are ready to improve your basic skills, acquire computer skills, or take courses for personal enrichment, these courses are for you.

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Sign up NOW through March 7.
Classes Begin March 10.

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For complete information on these classes, call 336-386-3218 or 386-3264.

Mid-Semester Class Schedule Classes Begin March 10

BUS 110	Intro to Business	MW	12:00-02:50pm	YC3
CAB 111A	Cabinetmaking I	TH	05:00-09:50pm	V108
CIS 110	Intro to Computers	TH	02:00-05:50pm	TBA
CIS 110	Intro to Computers	MW	06:00-09:50pm	E146
CIS 110	Intro to Computers	TH	12:00-03:50pm	YC224
EDU 112	Early Child Care II	M	06:00-09:50pm	A205
ENG 080	Writing Found	M-F	02:00-03:50pm	H258
ENG 090	Comp Strategies	MW	01:00-03:50pm	H250A
ENG 111	Expository Writing	MW	01:00-03:50pm	H250A
MAT 060	Essential Math	M-F	04:00-05:50pm	H121
MAT 070	Intro Algebra	M-F	04:00-05:50pm	H121
OIS 080	Keyboarding Lit	MW	12:00-02:50pm	V107
OST 131	Keyboarding	MW	12:00-02:50pm	V107
PED 111	Phys Fit I	M-F	09:00-10:00am	P111
PED 111	Phys Fit I	M-TH	04:00-05:20pm	P109
PED 112	Phys Fit II	M-F	09:00-10:00am	P111
PED 112	Phys Fit II	M-F	01:00-02:00pm	P111
PED 112	Phys Fit II	M-TH	04:00-05:20pm	P109
PED 117	Weight Train I	M-F	09:00-10:00am	P111
PED 117	Weight Train I	M-TH	04:00-05:20pm	P109
PED 118	Weight Train II	M-F	09:00-10:00am	P111
PED 118	Weight Train II	M-F	12:00-01:00pm	P111
PED 118	Weight Train II	M-F	01:00-02:00pm	P111
PED 118	Weight Train II	M-TH	04:00-05:20pm	P109
PED 130	Tennis-Beg	TH	10:00-11:50am	P111
PED 131	Tennis-Inter	TH	10:00-11:50am	P111
PSY 150	Gen Psychology	TH	07:00-09:50pm	A202
REA 201	Intro Inc Prop App G-1	T	06:00-09:50pm	H149
REL 212	Intro to New Test	MWF	10:30-12:20am	C202

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SCC plans two viticulture events

DOBSON — Surry Community College has announced two viticulture lectures will be held, one this month and one in April. Both lectures are free of charge and open to the public.

Jeanette Smith of VineSmith Incorporated in Leesburg, Va., will speak on "Pest and Disease Control for the Vineyard" at Surry Community College on March 28. The lecture will be held at 6 p.m. in the Teaching Auditorium (Room A-121) of the Reeves Administration Building on the main campus in Dobson.

Smith earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Her background in viticulture includes work in planning, managing and maintaining winegrape vineyards in New York, North Carolina and Virginia and serving as an agriculture extension agent and consultant. She organized the Loudoun Winegrowers Association in Northern Virginia of which she is the current president.

Dr. Gary Main of the University of Arkansas will lecture on "How to Grow and Make Wine from Cynthiana/Norton Grapes" on April 15. The lecture will be held at 7 p.m. in the Teaching Auditorium (Room A121) of the Reeves Administration Building on the main campus in Dobson.

Main received a Bachelor of Science degree, Master of Science and Doctorate in Food Science and Technology from the University of Arkansas. His current work at the university includes overseeing all viticulture activities in the Department of Food Science and Technology.

He has worked with Cynthiana/Norton grapes for 20 years and has participated in viticulture research on various aspects of grape production including rootstocks, growth tubes, cultivar evaluation, canopy management and mechanization.

Additionally, he has conducted research in enology including wine oxidation, fining and filtration, ion exchange, high-alcohol wine production and wine styles. His work has been featured in 35 publications and 45 presentations.

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Getting the basics

Students attending this year's first motorcycle safety class get hands-on experience Saturday in the basics of motorcycle riding and safety from instructor Ray Anderson. Successful completion of this course enables students to waive the driving portion of the state test required for a motorcycle license. Surry Community College offers the Basic Riders Class in cooperation with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Seven more weekend sessions are scheduled: March 14-16, and 28-30; April 11-13 and 25-27; and May 2-4, 9-11 and May 30-June 1. One-day courses for experienced riders will be announced as they are scheduled. To register or for more information, please call Greg Smith or Sandy Wall at SCC's Department of Continuing Education at (336) 386-3331.

Women's seminar set

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The session will meet from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the SCC campus in room T125.

The seminar leader will be Denise Ryan of Firestar Presentations.

Participants will learn how others see them and how to improve their image to be more effective at work and in their personal life. They will get tips on communication, time management and stress

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Refreshments will be provided.

This workshop is free. Pre-registration is required by calling Renee Hutchins at (336) 386-3211 or registration on-line at www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/sch_ebusr/cep.htm

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Three at SCC among Who's Who

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DOBSON — Surry Community College recognized three local students during the Academic Awards Ceremony held on April 10. Recipients of the Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges awards were Tonia Marie Dillard, Detrick Steven Galyen and Ricky Dean Johnson, Jr.

Rescue squad plans golf tournament to raise funds for local scholarship

By MONDEE TILLEY
Staff Writer

MOUNT AIRY — There's nothing like playing a round of golf on a beautiful sunny day, except maybe being able to do just that while raising money for a good cause.

The Mount Airy Rescue Squad is gearing up for its third annual benefit golf tournament that will provide funding for its college scholarship.

The scholarship is provided by the membership of the Mount Airy Rescue Squad to students who wish to go into the medical, dental, pharmaceutical or nursing industry as a career. The scholarship was named after the late Barry V. Gates, a former past president of the board of directors.

The March 29 tournament will be held at White Pines Country Club.

Rescue Squad board member Melvin Jackson

explained that none of the money for the scholarship will come from the funds the rescue squad receives from the United Fund of Greater Mount Airy.

"We just want everyone to come out and play golf to help us raise money for this very worthy cause," Jackson said.

The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. and the cost is \$30 per person. Four players will make up each team. The first prize will be \$300, second place will receive \$200 and third place will bring \$100. There will also be prizes given for the closest to the pin, longest drive and any holes-in-one.

In order to receive the scholarship, the student must be a graduate of a high school in the Mount Airy Rescue Squad service area. This includes Mount Airy High School and North Surry High School.

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Students wishing to apply for the scholarship should fill out the application and prepare a one-page, personal essay about their plans for a career in the medical field. The high school guidance counselor should complete the application and mail it to the Mount Airy Rescue Squad Board of Directors at 499 Jackson Road, Mount Airy, N.C. 27030 in care of Melvin T. Jackson. The application deadline is April 1, each year.

The scholarship will be awarded by May 1.

For more information about the golf tournament or the scholarship, call Jackson at 786-9834, Pinky Shelton at 719-3300, Gary Gant at 374-3010 or David Speight at 783-0039 or email them at mars-wae@earthlink.net. The rain date for the tournament will be April 5.

Region's wines awarded Yadkin Valley designation

By THERESA KILEN
Staff Writer

DOBSON — After many months of anticipation, on Tuesday local wine growers received the news they have waited nearly two years to hear: Effective Feb. 7, all or part of seven counties in the northwestern region of North Carolina, will be officially known as the Yadkin Valley American Viticulture Area (AVA).

The appellation — a geographical name under which a wine grower is authorized to identify and market wine — is the first designation of its kind in the state.

Patricia McRitchie, Shelton Vineyards' vice president of Compliance, filed the petition on behalf of the vineyard to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms requesting the designation of the Yadkin Valley as an AVA in January of 2001.

"For an appellation process, this has moved rather quickly," she said recently.

Wade Nichols, vice chairman and public relations specialist for the The Old North State Winegrowers Association Inc. — a cooperative formed in 2000 to provide reliable sales channels for the region's grape growers and a means by which independent growers may bottle their wines — said that McRitchie deserves much of the credit for obtaining the designation so quickly.

"Patti, and all of the other people who worked to get this together, really

did a lot of homework ahead of time, so that when federal officials reviewed the application there were not a lot of unanswered questions," he said. "They did a great job."

Association Chairman C. Fred Jones Jr. said Tuesday that the designation "is an important step for our area."

"We are really very happy and excited about this," he said. "There are only 150 wine growing regions, or appellations, in this country, and this gives us our own region. It says that our area, our climate and our soil is conducive to producing good quality grapes and wines. Also, if a buyer is looking for a particular wine from this region, the appellation identifies all of our vineyards. That in itself is a really good, positive thing for our area."

Shelton Vineyards owners Ed and Charlie Shelton, whose vineyard in the last two years has amassed dozens of awards and accolades for its wines, couldn't be more pleased.

"We are very excited that the Yadkin Valley AVA has been approved. It has been a long process, but we are happy with the outcome," Ed Shelton said.

Brother and business partner Charlie Shelton agrees, adding, "The Yadkin Valley is unique in climate and soil. We think the wines produced from grapes grown in the Yadkin Valley are distinctive and being able to put Yadkin Valley on our labels will help the consumer better identify the wines they purchase."

The newly-created Yadkin Valley region encompasses a total of 1,416,000 acres, including all of Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties, as well as portions of Stokes, Davie, Davidson and Forsyth counties.

"This appellation is an extremely important means by which the wine growers and wine makers of this region will distinguish themselves in a crowded market," Nichols said.

"Yadkin Valley is a name unique to this region, and we hope to see it describe a taste and style of winemaking that characterizes this beautiful region and our grapes. The Yadkin Valley has distinctive soils and climate conditions, and we have a terrific farming heritage that is rapidly bringing our wine industry into the spotlight."

"The challenge before us now is to develop a coherent marketing and communications effort within the industry of the new Yadkin Valley viticultural area. We now want to shift our attention to ensuring that consumers know the name, and we believe this can be a great tool for building a strong demand for our wines in the coming years," he said.

There are currently six wineries and more than 400 acres devoted to vineyards in the Yadkin Valley. Several more wineries are planned or are currently being constructed in the area. In addition, local Surry Community College in Dobson, has the only viticulture and enology degree program on the east coast.



Photo by Mondee Tilley

Alex Young, general manager of Midkiff's Restaurant on Main Street, stands near a display of Shelton Vineyards wine featured in the restaurant's foyer. Young said Tuesday that Shelton wines, and other local wines such as those from the Westband Vineyard, "sell very well" at Midkiff's. "We actually suggest these local wines to our customers and the Shelton Vineyards Chardonnay is one of our best sellers."

Learning from the past

Students from Yadkin County get a close-up look of raw wool just sheared from a sheep during Heritage Days at Surry Community College. The program featured basketmakers, beekeepers and toy makers who explained to the children how early Surry County settlers lived.

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College holding 'Heritage Days'

DOBSON — Surry Community College is hosting a two-day exhibit called Heritage Days today and Tuesday at the college.

Presenters will include a Cherokee story teller and local

story teller Freeman Owls and Mike Lows, music by Ken Bloom and demonstrators for 18th century dance. Other demonstrations will include spinning, weaving, tin smithing, candlemaking, canning, basketweaving, butter making, corn shuck doll making and a honey bee exhibit.

The exhibit, "Working the Land," will explore the past and future of farming in western North Carolina and is sponsored in part by North Carolina Farm Bureau.

For more information, contact Oz Prim at 386-3308 or Charles Boles at 386-3263.

College Foundation honors Floyd 'Flip' Rees

DOBSON — The Surry Community College Foundation has presented its "Patron of Education" award to Floyd E. "Flip" Rees, a Mount Airy businessman and community leader.

Marion Venable, executive director of the Surry Community College Foundation, said Rees' leadership in post-secondary education actually began during a family vacation in 1960. While vacationing with his family in Wilmington, he noticed a new store-front college established to provide convenient, reasonably priced post-secondary

education and occupational training for the local community. Rees returned to Mount Airy with enthusiasm for a similar college for Surry County and immediately took the idea to the Mount Airy Lions Club. From his presentation to the club, a committee was formed to study the feasibility of a local college. Rees, John Hamilton, Bruce Tharrington and Will Monday served on the committee. Following many presentations and meetings at the state and local levels, Surry Community College was chartered in 1964. In the fall of 1965,

the newly established college opened its doors to the first class of 181 students.

In 1983, Gov. Jim Hunt appointed Rees to the Surry Community College Board of Trustees and Venables said he continues to serve as a faithful, active member. Currently, he is a member of the Facilities Committee of the board which is overseeing the construction of two new buildings on the main campus in Dobson.

Rees received the foundation's award during a gala held at Cross Creek Country Club. Family and friends, members of the Surry Community College Foundation Board of Directors, local educators and other community leaders gathered to honor Rees and celebrate his contributions to the college's success. (See photos on next page.)

College President Frank Sells updated guests on Surry Community College. He said there are 3,400 students in curriculum programs and more than 10,000 adults in continuing-education courses. The college is retraining dislocated workers in Surry and Yadkin counties. It has added curriculum programs in viticulture and enology and advertising and graphic arts. Ninety-six percent of its graduates from the Associate Degree Nursing Program passed their licensing exam. Three hundred adults completed high school last year through SCC's GED Program. The college award-

ed 209 scholarships for the fall semester of this year, totaling \$59,292 in financial assistance to students.

Marion Venable said, "Successes like these don't just happen. It takes strong leadership to move an institution forward. ... One of the leaders who helped make Surry Community College a reality (is) Floyd E. Rees."

After Venable's presentation, there were additional tributes by Bob Comer, chairman of the Surry Community College Board of Trustees; Gary York, Surry County commissioner; Swanson Richards, former Surry Community College president; and Gene Rees, youngest child of Floyd and Marjorie Rees.

"Flip" Rees, a native of Greensboro, attended Guilford College and Louisburg College and served as a major in the U.S. Army. While he was stationed at Fort Bragg, he met Marjorie Murdock from Troutman and they were married in 1942. During his five years of service in the Army Field Artillery, Rees fought in the Normandy invasion and received the Croix de Guerre for bravery in combat.

In 1946, Rees and his young wife moved to Mount Airy and opened Rees Clothing Store on Main Street. The couple reared three children, Susan, John, and Gene; built the clothing business; and became actively involved in the community.

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Flip Rees receives award from President Frank Sells.



Lee and Judy Mills and John and Marjorie Rees.



Flip and Marjorie Rees.



Marion Venable and Flip Rees.



Guests enjoy the buffet line at Cross Creek Country Club.



Floyd Rees, Mount Airy Mayor Jack Loftis and Jim Frye.

SCC will sponsor seminar at Elkin library

ELKIN — The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor a two-part seminar titled "Building Great Teams" on Wednesday, Jan. 29 and Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003.

The workshop will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Elkin Public Library. The seminar leader will be Larry Andrews.

The topic is the creation of productive work teams. Using activities designed to be insightful, challenging and fun, a certified profes-

sional development trainer will teach attendees how to respond positively and proactively to various situations in the development of a team.

Topics include clarifying team roles, team balance, assessing the need for team building, goal setting, team self-assessment techniques, team building activities and appraising performance.

There is no charge. However, pre-registration is required by calling 386-3211.

Real estate brokerage class to begin at SCC

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a 60-hour course entitled "Real Estate Brokerage" beginning on Monday, January 13, 2003. The class will meet from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. on the SCC campus in room H-123.

The instructor for this course will be Ms. Joyce Lawrence.

The tuition will be \$60 plus a textbook fee. Please be present for registration/first class meeting on Monday, January 13, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in room H-123 (Richards Health-Science Building).

Students who take this class must have successfully completed the Real Estate Fundamentals course.

Course set at SCC

The continuing education division of Surry Community College will sponsor a notary public class on Monday and Wednesday, Jan. 27 and 29, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in room C-101.

The cost is \$50 plus a charge of \$15.25 for the text. Additional fees will apply and are the responsibility of the student.

For more information, call (336) 386-3211.

Surry's newest winery being built at Coe farm in Stony Knoll

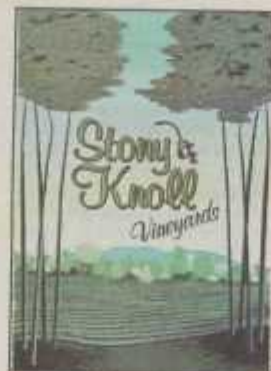
By MONDEE TILLEY
Staff Writer

DOBSON — Surry County is growing in leaps and bounds in the winery business as another vineyard, Stony Knoll, just received zoning approval that will allow construction to move forward.

Stony Knoll Vineyard owner Van Coe says opening the winery has been a life-long dream. Now he's seeing his dreams come true. The Surry County Planning Board Monday approved his request for a Conditional Use permit. The land was formerly zoned as rural agricultural, which did not allow for the production facility.

Coe plans to construct a two-story, 5,000-square-foot shell building in the spring. Coe said when production first begins, Stony Knoll will be operated by family members.

"Over time we are expecting a need for local grape growers and to hire employees," commented Coe.



The label on the Stony Knoll bottles shows what one would see looking out the front of the future wine processing facility in the Stony Knoll community.

Although he is not sure exactly what the project will cost, because it will be completed in phases, Coe is financing the

project himself.

Van and Kathy Coe created the vineyard on their Stony Knoll farm in 2001. This farm has belonged to Kathy's family since 1896 and was recently designated as a Century Family Farm by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Coe said work on the project began four years ago. The vineyard has already produced its first harvest. Testing was performed on the first crushing.

"Stony Knoll Vineyard's first harvest of cabernet sauvignon and sirah took place in the fall of 2002. Chardonnay and cabernet franc are also planted and should be ready for the next harvest. We plan to have wines available for purchase in 2004. You will be able to purchase our wines from our website, local vendors, restaurants and our winery."

The vineyard currently takes up about five and one quarter acres of Coe's 48 1/2 acre farm.

Coe's dream is to eventually produce 5,000 cases per year.

Five kinds of wine will be offered once the winery is up and running. His goal is to be able to provide moderately priced bottles of wine.

"We hope to become a world class winery. This should be a great addition to Surry County's economic base," noted Coe.

He has studied viticulture at Surry Community College for the past 2 1/2 years and is working toward a diploma in viticulture and enology.

"I want to thank Surry Community instructor Bob McRitchie. Without him I wouldn't be able to do what I'm doing now."

Coe is currently working as a member-manager at Homestead Mortgage in Dobson. He plans to continue working there until the winery becomes economically viable.

For more information on the web, check out www.stonyknoll.com/vineyard.



The recent coating of ice made for beautiful scenery at Stony Knoll Vineyards near the Rockford community. Owner Van Coe recently received the go-ahead from the Surry County Planning Board to start construction of a 5,000-square-foot winery.

Surry will offer electric code course

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will have a 66-hour course titled "National Electric Code" beginning Monday, Jan. 27, 2003.

This course is designed to prepare the student for the electrical contractor's licensing examination for the state of North Carolina.

The class will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. through April 9, 2003.

Registration is at the first class meeting, in room C203 (upstairs in the Continuing Education Building). Tuition is \$60 and the textbook fee will be about \$80.

For more information, call (336) 386-3211.



Serving through Phi Beta Lambda

Surry Community College students who are majoring in one of the programs in business technologies or have an interest in business are serving the college and the larger community through Phi Beta Lambda, a collegiate service organization. Members of the Surry Community College Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda are busy coordinating their first service project of the year, the adoption of the Children's Home of Surry County. By adopting the home, Phi Beta Lambda members are making a commitment to assist with fund-raising projects throughout the year. Members also recently attended the Fall State Leadership Conference in Wilmington. They participated in various skill-building workshops including team-building and leadership development, and they brought home the state award for the Non-Trivia Contest. Officers for the 2002-03 academic year are Ashley Hayes, president; Amanda Douglas and Kevin Fowlkes, vice presidents; Terri Swaim, secretary; Connie Clippard, treasurer; Brandi Haycox and Jessica Dickerson, historians; and Amanda Tise, reporter. Phi Beta Lambda is open to students and professionals who have an interest in business. For more information, contact Donna Harbour at Surry Community College, 386-8121, extension 2205.

Work-related Spanish classes slated at SCC

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- Emergency Spanish for Firefighters — Thursdays from Jan. 9-30 from 6 to 9 p.m., Yadin Center, room 201.

- Spanish for Child Care Facilities — Tuesday and Thursday, from Jan. 7-21 from 6 to 9 p.m., on the SCC campus in room C-203.

- Spanish for Child Care Facilities — Mondays and Wednesdays from Jan. 13-27 from 9 a.m. to noon, Yadin Center, room 203.

- Spanish for Industry — Mondays and Wednesdays from Jan. 6-22 from 6 to 9 p.m., SCC campus, room C203.

- Spanish for Nursing — Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 14-28 from 9 a.m. to noon, SCC campus, room C-201.

- Spanish for the Physician's

Office — Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 28 through Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon, Yadin Center, room 203.

- Survival Spanish for Law Enforcement — Mondays and Wednesdays from Jan. 13-29 from 9 a.m. to noon, SCC campus, room C201.

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The fee is \$55 for each session plus \$40.75 for textbook. For information call (336) 386-3353.

Also, Conversational Spanish, a 36-hour course, will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Jan. 14-Feb. 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. on the SCC campus in room C202.

Registration fee is \$60 plus \$30 for textbook.

SCC to offer Notary Public Class in January

NOTARY PUBLIC CLASS SCHEDULED

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a Notary Public class ...

Notary Public Education (6.5 hours)

Time: Monday/Wednesday, January 27 & 29, 6:00-9:30pm
Instructor: Dennis "Bud" Cameron

Location: Surry Community College, Room C-101 (Continuing Education Building)

Cost: \$50 tuition + text (approx. \$15.25)

Additional fees:
Upon successful completion of this course the following fees are the responsibility of the student and payable to the agencies listed below.

Application Fee: \$50.00 (Secretary of State of North Carolina)

Oath of Office: \$10.00 (Surry County Register of Deeds Office)

Notary Seal: \$40.00 + (Any Office Supply Company)

Page A-10 — The Tribune, Elkin-Jonesville, N.C., Wednesday, December 11, 2002

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By WENDY BYERLY
MID-SOUTH NEWS SERVICE

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process of planning the next two construction projects on campus here," Sells continued. "Both have already been approved for the first phase and are now in the architectural phase. We hope to get bids this spring with the construction beginning in late spring or early summer."

The first of the two construction projects is a three-level classroom building that will house the continuing education division and several general classrooms and faculty offices. The building will be where the three tennis courts are across the street from the back of the gymnasium.

The other new project will be an engineering and technologies building. It will house programs such as light construction; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; electrical work; and other construction-type programs.

"In addition to these two new buildings, we are also planning renovation on two buildings," said Sells. "The Reeves Building — where the business office, office for student services, Knights Grill, teaching auditorium and some classrooms are —

will be one of those buildings. It has a lot of essential offices that are utilized more than any other building. We will also be adding an elevator for handicap accessibility."

The other to be renovated and upgraded is the technical building, which houses most of the science labs.

"We will be bringing the classrooms and labs up to 21st century standards," he commented.

"That's all that's on the drawing board right now, because that's all the dollar amount will accommodate this year. The other things planned for future money coming in are additional parking lots, renovations to buildings including the bookstore building and the building that currently houses the construction programs, renovations in the resource center and better ventilation and seating in the gym," Sells said.

"We are also hoping to put money into some type of auditorium, but that will require an additional funding campaign to help. The auditorium will be something that can be helpful to

the whole county, because currently there is nowhere to gather more than 200-300 people in the county," he explained.

As far as student population growth, Sells said, in the 2001-02 school year the number of full-time students attending SCC grew by 13.2 percent from the previous year. The college has had similar growth in the 2002-03 school year.

"There are several factors contributing to the increase. Job layoffs are certainly one, but I don't think they are the biggest," emphasized Sells. "There are more high school students going to college than ever before. It is the growth in the number of high school students as well as a mindset that they must go beyond high school to succeed."

"Economic reasons have caused many of those to go to community colleges rather than universities to save money. It economically just makes sense to go to the community college first for the savings," he said. "They also come here for the more personal attention that the teachers give them."

One on One Business Counseling Available!

Contact Dennis Lowe, Small Business Center
Director to schedule an appointment.
336-386-8121, extension 3309.

2-3-03
Tribune

Class dismissed — long-time college administrator, teacher retires

Tribune 102-18-02

By Ben Silvester
Staff Reporter

DOBSON — After 33 years of dedicated service to Surry Community College its vice president for instruction will be retiring this month.

When John Kerry Collins began

his career at Surry Community College in 1969 as a drafting instructor, he had no idea he would be retiring at the end of this month as its vice president for instruction.

During his 33 years, Collins advanced five times within the college's infrastructure, moving from teaching to administration.

"Seeking out new opportunities for training programs has been sort of a constant all the way through," Collins said.

After two years as a drafting instructor, he moved to chairman of the vocational/technical division. Three years later he moved to the director's position.

In 1980, he was promoted to dean of career education, overseeing all of the college's technical divisions including nursing, business, computer, correctional and vocational/technical.

Fifteen years later, Collins stepped up as vice president for curriculum programs, coordinating all credit

instructional programs for three years before assuming his current position of vice president for instruction.

Before coming to work at SCC, the Stokes County native attended Western Carolina University in

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Submitted photo

Surry Community College ambassadors, from left, are Susan Lawson, Joshua Price, Joe Galyean, Amanda Douglas, Audrey Riggs and Amanda Sparks.

Some of SCC's finest students serve as college ambassadors

By SUE JARVIS
Special To The News

DOBSON — When more than 3,000 students arrived on the campus of Surry Community College this week to begin spring semester classes, many of them were greeted by smiling adults, clad in professional navy-blue blazers adorned with the college emblem. These adults, some of the college's finest students, are members of the Surry Community College Ambassador Program. They were on hand to direct new students to appropriate personnel, help them interpret their schedules, answer their questions, and help them feel comfortable.

Scott Wilson, Coordinator of College Transfer Advising and sponsor of the Surry Community College Ambassador Program, said, "Ambassadors are carefully selected and trained to serve as official hosts to guests who visit our campus, to assist new students make the adjustment to college life, and to represent the college and the SCC Foundation at various community events. They are vital to both our public relations and student services efforts."

Current ambassadors represent a cross section of the student body in terms of age, background, and program of study. Joe Galyean, a dislocated worker with 39 years of experience with Proctor-Silex, is now retraining in Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology.

Audrey Riggs, who worked as a buyer for Cross Creek Apparel for 32 years, decided to turn

her job layoff into an opportunity to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming an elementary education teacher. She is currently enrolled in the Early Childhood Associate Program with plans to transfer to Lees-McRae University.

Susan Lawson who is studying Advertising and Graphic Arts is an experienced worker and an active community volunteer. Joshua Price, a recent graduate of North Stokes High School, is completing the College Transfer Program with plans to transfer to North Carolina State University to become a mechanical engineer.

Amanda Sparks, a graduate of North Surry High School and student in the College Transfer Program, plans to graduate this year and transfer to the University of North Carolina at Asheville to prepare to be a middle school mathematics teacher.

Amanda Douglas who is also enrolled in the College Transfer Program graduated from Forbush High School in 2001, and plans to transfer to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to pursue a degree in business administration.

To qualify for the Surry Community College Ambassador Program, these students were required to have a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher, a recommendation from a college instructor, excellent written and spoken communication skills, an interest in serving others, and a willingness

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Cullowhee where he earned his bachelor of science degree in 1966. He earned his master of education degree from North Carolina State University in 1969.

In addition to various committee and council positions, Collins has been instrumental in enlarging the school's curriculum programs.

"Once we have determined the programs the college needs, he (Collins) has been extremely forthright in developing the proposals for the state board of community colleges," said SCC President Frank Sells.

One such example is the viticulture program at SCC, a program which is furthering the growth of what many view as the economic future of the Yadkin Valley.

"We had been looking for about 10 years for an alternative to tobacco," Collins said. "Shelton Vineyards jump started the idea. We didn't even know grapes would grow here. I presented the proposal to the state board and now we've helped start a number of vineyards."

As vice president for curriculum programs in 1996, Collins was charged with the task of re-engineering the curriculum into a statewide standard system and switching from a quarterly education period to a semester period.

"It's easier for (four-year) universities to know what classes are. It also makes it easier for students to transfer between other colleges and universities," Collins said of the curriculum re-engineering.

With 28 curriculum programs, 12 buildings, two satellite campuses — one in Mount Airy and the other in Yadkinville — and 13,400 students, the college he has helped to expand is considerably larger than at the time of Collins' beginnings in a five-program, three-building, 1,000-student community college.

MA 11/5/03



TRIBUNE/Ben Silvester

During his retirement party at Surry Community College last Wednesday, Vice President for Instruction John Collins receives a new driver from President Frank Sells.

Collins was a member of the design team for the Yadkinville campus which will be opening for the spring semester of 2003.

Throughout all of the changes Collins has seen during his tenure, one thing has not changed.

"I don't think the students have changed that much," he said. "They come because they want to. They come to learn a career. The only difference I see is there are more body piercings now and the clothing is different but the students are good and hard-working people."

Collins is looking forward to the change in lifestyle, but realizes he will miss some things about the college.

"I will take the memories of all the different friends I've worked with over the years, the students and faculty and staff and the feeling of satisfaction that I made a difference in people's lives," Collins said. "I hope I will be remembered for helping it (SCC) grow. When you leave a

place, you hope you leave something behind to be remembered by. I hope I will be remembered that way."

Collins contemplates his retirement with mixed emotions.

"I know I will miss the people and students, but on the other side I know I have more free time to do other things."

Recently appointed to the Mount Airy Planning Board, Collins plans to remain active in civic organizations, in addition to working part-time with his wife, Bobbie, at her Century 21 franchise.

He is also interested in spending more time on the golf course, working on his art and embarking on the next phase of his life — being a grandfather to his soon-to-be-born grandchild.

"I think it's going to be fun," Collins said of being a grandfather. "It's a lot of the benefits and none of the work."

Collins is the father of John Kerry Collins Jr. and Todd Collins.

Baxley leads Knights to win

MA 1-26-03
From Staff Reports

LEXINGTON, Va. — Walt Baxley had a monster game for Surry Community College, scoring 43 points as the Knights topped Southern Virginia 79-66.

Baxley was 13-17 from the field and went 14-16 from the free throw line as Surry had to rely on its inside game for the win. The 3-point shot wasn't there for the Knights, especially after an 0-11 first half from beyond the arc.

"He really came to play," Knights head coach Tony Searcy said. "Southern Virginia played a lot of zone so we decided to take it inside and he was the only player we had that would take it inside. He was really aggressive."

"When you don't shoot the 3's, you have to attack. He just put us on his back and carried us."

Brian Greer also played a pivotal role in Surry's success. He scored 14 points and also nabbed 11 rebounds.

Greer gave the Knights the lead for good late in the second half. With the score knotted at 62, Greer grabbed a rebound and put the ball back and was fouled. After the three-point play, Surry finished on a 14-4 run to close out the game.

"I thought that was the turning point," said Searcy.

Former Surry Central star Wallace George added 13 points and dished out five assists while Anthony Joyce, from Mount Airy High School, was good for six more assists with his four points. North

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Surry product Zeb Norman tossed in three points.

The Knights (10-6) have a full week ahead. On Monday, Surry hosts Forsyth Tech and Caldwell Community College comes to Dobson on Wednesday. The Knights finish up the week by traveling to Winston-Salem to meet Forsyth Tech.

Gill Giese teaches about and loves the vineyard

By Patsy Bradley
Guest Writer

Mr. Gill Giese has been here just over a year and already is an important member of the community. He teaches viticulture, or grape growing, at Surry Community College. This together with wine making taught at Surry Community by Dr. Bob McRitchie will give the economy in this area a new interest in hopes of replacing the dwindling tobacco industry.

Gill and his family, wife Kelly and 9 year old daughter Amelia, arrived here last December. They came from Fayetteville, Ark. He was born in upstate New York into a military family. He has lived in the states of New York, Virginia, Ohio and also Guam. When he was 12 his father moved the family to a small farm in Arkansas. He met his future wife Kelly when he was 15. They didn't marry until he was 23 and she was 22.

He has a BS and an MS in horticulture from the University of Arkansas and a teaching certificate from Texas A & M. When Surry Community College asked for a teacher of viticulture he applied and was accepted. Now he and his family are living on Square Road off of Springs Road.

Kelly has been working with Polly Long at the high school. She has just been accepted at Duke Divinity School and will commute there until she graduates. Amelia is in the fourth grade at J.J. Jones Elementary School. They attend Maple Grove Methodist Church, which is off Rt. 89.

Before coming here he worked at the experiment farm at the University of Arkansas. He managed the vineyards in the summer and worked at the winery in

the winter. He has also worked at seed companies in California and South Florida. In the class he is going to teach here he will teach the students to install the vineyards and grow the grapes for table grapes and juice as well for wine making. Here there were 25 wineries last year and many more now. He has never seen anything grow so fast. He observes that the people here have a strong work ethic and an intimate knowledge of their land.

A North Carolina group called The Golden Leaf Foundation was formed to distribute the money from tobacco settlements. This has helped in the transition from tobacco growing to grape growing and wine making. This group helps with the program at Surry Community College and at The Old North State Winery Co-op on North Main Street in Mount Airy. He explained to me that co-ops are formed to help market a new product, to give it a presence.

Gill goes on to say that wine is a food that is part of a well-balanced diet. This is what the French people believe. The "French paradox" describes the French way of eating. They eat rich food but do not suffer as much from heart disease as we do. It is a fact that this is because of the red wine they drink with their meals. It is the same with dark grape juice.

Vineyards add aesthetic and economic value to the countryside. "What could be



Kevin Campbell, on the right, looks at grape vines along with Mr. Gill Giese.

prettier than a countryside covered with vineyards!" he exclaims.

Last year a well-known grape grower and wine maker from Australia gave a lecture at the community college. His name

is Dr. Richard Smart. About 100 grape growers attended. Dr. Smart said that he has never known a grape growing region to fail. Individual growers may fail but never a region.

Surry will offer OSHA course Feb. 6

The focused industrial training center of Surry Community College will sponsor a four-hour class entitled "OSHA National Flagging Certification."

The class will meet on Feb. 6 from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. in Room C101.

This course allows participants both classroom and hands-on training. It will teach the proper procedures

to control traffic in a slow and safe manner in and through a work zone. Participants will receive a national certification in flagger operations with the successful completion of this course.

There will be a tuition charge of \$50, payable to SCC, plus a textbook fee of \$15, payable to Lloyd Hicks, instructor.

Pre-registration is required by

calling 386-3211.

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State's education leaders will meet in Dobson to discuss role in recovery

DOBSON — The 15th annual meeting of the North Carolina Education Governing Boards will bring some of the state's top leaders in education, as well as Gov. Mike Easley, to Surry Community College for a conference Feb. 19.

The meeting's theme is "The Role of Education in Economic Recovery."

Prior to the general session, the Governor's Education Cabinet will have a two-hour meeting starting at 10 a.m. The cabinet is comprised of the heads of the university system, the community college system, the pre-K-12 system and the independent colleges and universities.

Starting at 1 p.m., James J. Woody, chairman of the State Board of Community Colleges, and Dr. Frank Sells, president of Surry Community College, will welcome the distinguished guests.

Gov. Easley will give the group his perspectives on the role of education in economic recovery.

Following Easley's remarks, J.B. Buxton, senior education advisor in the governor's office, will lead a panel discussion on

how the various school systems' leaders see their facilities' role in economic recovery. On the panel are James J. Woody, chairman of the State Board of Community Colleges; H. Martin Lancaster, president of the North Carolina Community College System; J. Bradley Wilson, chairman of the Board of Governors; Molly Broad, president of the University of North Carolina; Phillip J. Kirk Jr., chairman of the State Board of Education; Mike Ward, superintendent of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction; and Dr. Julianne Still Thrift and Dr. Hope Williams, chair and president, respectively, of the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities.

After a mid-afternoon break, Billy Ray Hall will give the session's keynote speech. Hall is president of the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center Inc.

Following Hall's speech will be a series of case studies from various educators on their schools' roles in economic recovery. H. Martin Lancaster, president of North Carolina

Community College, will facilitate the discussion.

Sells will talk about Surry Community College's viticulture (grape growing) and oenology (wine making) programs and the college's association with Shelton Winery.

Dr. Russ Lea, vice president, University of North Carolina General Administration, will speak on "Knowledge Transfer as an Economic Engine."

The Caldwell County Career Center will be described by Tom McNeel, superintendent of Caldwell County Schools; Ken Boham, president of Caldwell Community College, and Carol Wright, director of the career center.

Dr. Thrift will talk about partnerships between undergraduate colleges and the biotech industry. The president of Salem College will use her own institution's experience as an example.

After a brief question-and-answer session, the meeting will be adjourned to the Shelton Winery for a tour, reception and hors d'oeuvres.

SCC plans various Spanish classes

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College has scheduled another series of work-related Spanish classes to start this spring semester.

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Room C201
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■ Survival Spanish for School Personnel: Wednesday,

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Feb. 19 to March 19, 6-9 p.m., Yadkinville Elementary School.

Each session will be \$55 registration fee plus \$40.75 textbook fee. The instructors will be Maura Rios, Jeanne Shelton, Hernan Torres and Rosa Torres.

Choose the session you would like to attend and plan

to meet in the appropriate classroom either on the SCC campus or the Yadkin Center on the first day of class. North Carolina residents 65 and older may register free of charge.

For further information, contact the Continuing Education Division at 386-3353 or 386-3261.

Sewing classes begin tomorrow

DOBSON — Surry Community College will offer a sewing class from 9 a.m. to

noon on Feb. 5-April 9 at the Mount Airy Learning Center, Room C, lower level. Lydia Taylor will be the instructor.

The registration fee is \$40, but the class is free to seniors age 65 and older.

For additional information, call 386-3244.



Submitted photo
Dennis Lowe, director of the Small Business Center at Surry Community College, will accept the 2002 Small Business Center Network Award for Excellence for the Western region of North Carolina on behalf of the college Friday in Raleigh.

SCC Small Business Center wins award

DOBSON — The Small Business Center of Surry Community College is the winner of the 2002 Small Business Center Network Award for Excellence for the Western region of North Carolina.

Dennis Lowe, director of Small Business Center, will accept the award in Raleigh on Friday when the official presentation is made during the meeting of the State Board of the North Carolina Community College System.

The award was based on a site evaluation conducted by Gayle Harvey, director of the Small Business Center Network, and performance data obtained from the annual report of the Small Business Center.

Lowe commented on the award by saying, "I think Surry's Small Business Center was chosen for the 2002 Award for Excellence because of several factors, including a continued increase in consultations and seminar attendance over the past three years, a high rate of satisfaction from individuals participating in these events, the addition of business classes offered over the Internet, the center's involvement in the establishment of the Multi-Cultural Business Council of the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce and successes of our clients."

The number of consultations with prospective owners of small businesses increased 35 percent from 1999 to 2002. Attendance in seminars sponsored by the Surry Community Small Business Center also increased during that period, with 1,039 individuals attending in 2002. Participants in both consultations and seminars indicated a high rate of satisfaction with services, with evaluations averaging 4.5, "Very Good," on a scale with 5 being the highest rating.

The Small Business Center offered a number of Internet courses during the past year, including "How to Start and Operate Your Own Home-Based Business" and "Building an On-Line Business."

"An important measure of success of the Small Business Center is the success of our clients. We were happy to share an example of client success by posting a success story on the website of the

any to pursue their dreams of business ownership. They are owners of Mayberry Embroidery, which opened in Mount Airy in 2002," said Lowe.

Services of the Small Business Center are available to residents of Surry and Yadkin counties. Lowe can be reached by telephone at 386-3309 or by e-mail at lowed@surry.cc.nc.us.

Auto inspection class to be offered

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer several Auto Safety Inspection courses as follows: Feb. 15, Apr. 19, May 17, July 19, Sept. 20 and Nov. 15.

The class time for each course will be from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in room V-110 on the college campus. A registration fee of \$50 will be charged. North Carolina residents age 65 and older may register free of charge.

Interested persons must pre-register by calling the Continuing Education Division at 386-3202. Class size is limited.

SCC's Swift signs with UNC-Pembroke

Braves happy to pick up former SCC, North Surry star pitcher

By THOMAS LESTER
Sports Writer

DOBSON — The coaching staff at UNC-Pembroke must like the job Surry Community College baseball coach Mark Tucker is doing.

Last year, the Braves picked up the Knights' Matt Scott. Now, they have acquired hard-throwing pitcher Matt Swift.

In his first year of playing for Surry, Swift compiled a 6-3 record with two saves and a 3.07 ERA. He also struck out 63 batters in 44 innings of work while only allowing 25 hits.

He pitched 16 innings this fall while only surrendering one hit.

Swift's fastball has also topped 90 miles per hour, and it consistently registers in the high 80's.

Pembroke assistant coach Ray Hedrick is pleased to add a fireballer to the Braves' staff.

"We're very excited to have a pitcher of Matt's caliber to choose our school," he said. "He's going to be a major impact player for us."

"Matt certainly has the ability to be a legitimate pitcher in our league. He's a good quality person from a great JUCO program."

Swift is being looked at as a possible weekend starter for the

Braves, something he looks forward to.

"I'd rather start because I would work more innings and get a few more looks by pro scouts," he said.

While coaching Swift, Tucker has seen the former North Surry star come into his own on the mound and in the classroom.

"He's matured a lot as a person and a player," Tucker said. "He takes school a lot more seriously and he's done the same as far as baseball. He's gotten stronger and he's gained more self-confidence."

Swift has also relished his time pitching for the Knights.

"I've really enjoyed it," he said. "I would advise anybody who wants to go to a good baseball program to come here for their first two years."

The Braves play in the Peach Belt Conference, considered by many to be the elite NCAA Division II league around.

Tucker believes the heightened competition will only help Swift elevate his game.

"It's a good situation with him going there," he said. "It seems like they're an up-and-coming program. Coach (Paul) O'Neil and coach Hedrick do a

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Surry Community College's Matt Swift (center) signs his letter of intent to play baseball for the University of North Carolina-Pembroke on Wednesday. Looking on are his parents, Sue and Jack Swift, and SCC baseball coach Mark Tucker (back).

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Swift

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good job. It's going to be a good challenge for Matt."

Adjusting to a new location will be made a little easier for Swift because of a former teammate, Matt Scott, who starred for Surry Central, played with Swift on the Surry Pride American Legion baseball team.

Scott gave Swift a positive assessment of life at Pembroke.

"He told me it would be a good place to go," Swift said. "He liked it."

That and a chance for quality playing time swayed Swift's decision to the Braves. Pembroke beat out N.C. State, Catawba, Francis Marion, Elon, High Point, Lenoir-Rhyne and Pfeiffer, among others.

With Scott and Swift in tow, Hedrick would like to see the Braves dip into SCC's

ranks for future players.

"Hopefully we'll be able to bring in more players," he said. "Coach Tucker is a highly-respected coach. It's a good situation for us."

"We would like to widen that pipeline even more. I've seen all the JUCO teams in the region and he (Tucker) has some of the best talent I've seen."

And while the Pembroke would like to get more talented Knights, one is hoping to parlay the move into a professional career.

"I'm working for it," he said. "That's what I'm hoping for."

And Tucker believes it is a possibility.

"It's hard to teach a 90 mph fastball," he said. "If he can improve on his breaking ball, there's a good chance he could get drafted."

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SCC making improvements

By Wendy Bryan
Mid-South News Service

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SCC Fund Raiser

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Surry will sponsor real estate program

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SCC Chorus to sing at Danube Presbyterian

The Surry Community College Chorus will present a concert of Christmas and seasonal music at Danube Presbyterian Church, in Kibler Valley, Saturday, December 14, at 7 p.m. Danube's performance will be the fourth in the 43-voice chorus' fall series of nine scheduled concerts.

Chorus and congregation will be hosted at supper in the Charlie Roy Ayers Jr. Memorial Fellowship Hall following the concert.

According to Prof. Benny D. Younger, director and

piano accompanist of the Surry chorus, the concert will consist "mostly of Christmas carols and hymns, except for a medley of seasonal secular music. Due to personal scheduling conflicts, we seldom get everyone to a performance," Younger added, "but chorus members are very loyal, and all of them sing in as many concerts as possible."

Eva Vaught and her daughter, Melissa, residents of Patrick County's Five Forks area, expect to sing in Danube's Saturday evening concert. "We call Benny 'the stress reliever,'" Mrs. Vaught said, explaining that the director "makes singing so much fun and so enjoyable that everyone forgets to be stressed out during the busy Christmas season."

Younger, who heads SCC's music department, teaches piano and music appreciation, in addition to chorus. A SCC faculty member for 20 of the chorus' 25-year history, Younger holds an undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University and a music masters from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. During last year's sabbatical, he sang or acted in some New York plays.

The professor was among performers who traveled to the LaComedia Dinner Theater in Springboro, Oh. He also played Louie in a recent Mount Airy, N.C., performance of *Lost in Yonkers*.

This year's fall series also scheduled concerts in the North Carolina Counties of Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin. The spring concerts, featuring both religious and secular or popular music, will

begin around Easter 2003. Chorus members are registered SCC students, ranging from late teens to post-retirement years. Around 10 male voices are usually in each chorus.

SCC students can participate in chorus for four semesters, and they can earn an hour of college credit each semester. Registered students also can train and sing with the chorus as non-credit participants.

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'Meet the artist' set for today at SCC

DOBSON — The Learning Resources Center of Surry Community College will host a "Meet the Artist" event today, from 2 to 4 p.m. on the main campus in Dobson.

John Furches, visual artist from Elkin who specializes in watercolors, will be on hand to display some of his works and meet the public. Limited edition prints, etching, and other works will be available for purchase.

The event is free and open to the public. *DA 1-16-03*

Bus driver training classes slated

DOBSON — Surry County Schools will hold Bus Driver Training classwork Jan 28-30 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Surry County Schools Apple Center, located behind the Surry County Schools Administrative Office, 209 N. Crutchfield St., Dobson.

Anyone with questions or seeking more information, please call 386-8211. *DA 1-16-03*

governing businesses and industry.

The session will be held in the President's Dining Room, A Building, at Surry Community College on January 22, 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. When you arrive, you are welcome to purchase your lunch through the cafeteria line and dine during the presentation. The seminar is free and open to the public. To ensure adequate seating is available, it is recommended that attendees pre-register by calling 386-3211.

Remember to mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you.

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The instructor for this course will be Ms. Joyce Lawrence.

The tuition will be \$60 plus a textbook fee. Please be present for registration/first class meeting on Monday, January 13, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in room H-123 (Richards Health-Science Building).

Students who take this class must have successfully completed the Real Estate Fundamentals course.

SCC to offer advanced Excel class

DOBSON — Surry Community College's Small Business Center will offer a free seminar, "Advanced Spreadsheet Functions" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 24 in the Mount Airy Learning Center.

The seminar contains advanced information for people with previous Microsoft Excel experience. Students will learn the best ways to sort, analyze data and perform "what if" functions. Topics will include financial functions, data lists, pivot tables, "if" statements and templates.

Preregistration is required because seating is limited. Call 386-3237. *DA 1-19-03*



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Surry knocks off Oxford

From Staff Reports

DOBSON — Nearly a month-long layoff didn't keep Surry Community College's basketball team from beating Oxford 68-57 Thursday.

Walt Baxley scored a team-high 13 points and former Mount Airy star Anthony Joyce added 11 as the Knights improved to 8-5. Antwain McCrimmons added nine points while Rickman Logan and Brian Greer each chipped in with eight.

"It was our first game since December 19 and it showed. We showed a lot of rust but we needed

to get back on the floor," Surry Community College head coach Tony Searcy said. "This was a good game to show us what we were lacking due to rust. We need to get our defensive intensity back."

The victory was especially big for SCC considering it was missing starting point guard Corente Dozier.

"It showed that we didn't have our point guard and team leader," Searcy added.

Surry will be back in action Saturday when it travels to Virginia Western.

Supervisory course set at Surry

The continuing education division of Surry Community College will offer a management and supervisory series in February.

The first class in the series, "The

Supervisor's Role in Safety," will be held Feb. 3 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in Room C-101.

For more information or to register, call 386-3265.

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Church operations seminar offered by SCC on Feb. 20

The Surry Community College Small Business Center will sponsor a seminar entitled "The Business Side of Operating the Church" on Thursday, February 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The seminar will be in Room C101 on the Dobson, N.C., campus.

The workshop leader will be Sam Gore.

This seminar covers important business issues that church administrators should understand, including accounting, accountability, designated funds,

IRS rules for reporting, payroll for ministers and staff, W-2s, 1099s, etc.

There will be no charge for the seminar, but pre-registration will be required to attend. Contact the Small Business Center at (336) 386-3211 or pre-register on-line at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/sch_ebusr/cep.htm.

How to operate a church

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Hours are 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room C101.

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Investing seminar planned

DOBSON, N.C. — The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor the free seminar "ABC's of Investing" in February.

Topics include tax-free investments, retirement accounts, estate planning, mutual funds, and common stocks.

The seminar will be on Tuesdays, Feb. 18-March 11, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. in room C-203. An optional \$10 workbook is available.

To pre-register, contact (336) 386-3211 or www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/sch_ebusr/cep.htm.

Spanish classes planned at SCC

DOBSON, N.C. — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College has scheduled another series of work-related Spanish classes to start this spring semester.

Doing Business in Latin America will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 4-20 from 9 a.m. to noon on the SCC campus in room C201.

Survival Spanish for Law Enforcement will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 10-26 from 6 to 9 p.m. on the SCC campus in room C202.

Survival Spanish for Paramedics and EMT's will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 10-26 from 9 a.m. to noon on the SCC campus in room C201.

Each session will be \$55 registration fee plus \$40.75 textbook fee. The instructors will be Maura Rios, Jeanne Shelton, Hernan Torres, and Rosa Torres.

For more information, contact the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-3353 or (336) 386-3261.

Small business development seminar slated March 18

To be held at SCC

DOBSON, N.C. — A free seminar series about small business development will be offered Tuesday evenings during Feb. 18-

March 18 at Surry Community College.

Workshops will be 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room C101.

This seminar will cover the steps to business ownership.

Topics will include clarifying your business idea, analyzing the market and competition, organizing a formal plan, predicting costs, and protecting your business idea.

The public may attend any number of the sessions. Pre-registration is required by contacting (336) 386-3211 or www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/sch_ebusr/cep.htm.

Management classes slated

DOBSON, N.C. — Surry Community College will offer a series of classes in management and supervisory development during February.

"The Supervisor's Role in Safety" will be Feb. 3. Learn the role of supervisor in safety training, accident prevention, and proper reporting of accidents and injuries in the workplace.

"Administrating and Documenting Constructive Discipline" will be Feb. 10.

Explore the skills needed to identify unacceptable behavior in the workplace and then change that behavior through constructive counseling. Also to be discussed are proper methods to document discipline.

"Time Management" will be Feb. 17. Learn the causes of wasted time and inefficient days as you learn to manage your time more wisely and prevent others from stealing your time at work.

"Nuts and Bolts of New Hire Orientation" will be Feb. 24.

Each class will be from 6 to 9 p.m. in room C101.

For more information call (336) 386-3265.

Two auto dealer license renewal classes offered

Surry Community College (SCC) will be offering a six-hour class Auto Dealer Continuing Education for license renewal two times (in two separate locations) during spring semester. This class has been approved by the Carolinas Independent Auto Dealers Association for the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, and attendees will be awarded six hours toward renewal of license.

The two sessions are as follows: Monday and Tuesday, February 24 and 25, 6-9 p.m. in room A-121 on the college campus; and Monday and Tuesday, March 17 and 18, 6-9 p.m. in room 216 SCC Yadkin Center.

Tuition is \$50 for each session and the instructor is Wayne Whitener.

Anyone wishing to attend should preregister by contacting 386-3211 or 367-7562 (leave name, work phone number and identify the session desired). Questions about the class can be directed to 386-3309 or 386-3211.



Pictured are Kevin Hawks, resource manager of Weyerhaeuser Company in Elkin; Judy Riggs, dean of Continuing Education, Surry Community College; Tommy Glisson, unit general manager, Weyerhaeuser Company; Charles Smith, director of the Emergency Services Training Center, Surry Community College; and John Collins, vice president for Curriculum, Surry Community College. Also present for the presentation of the grant but not pictured was Donna S. Walker, human resources manager, Weyerhaeuser Company.

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Weyerhaeuser donates \$10k to SCC training center

The Surry Community College Emergency Services Training Center is using a \$10,000 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Company in Elkin to expand training to include preventing and extinguishing dust-bin fires.

Currently, there is no such training available in the country.

Charles Smith, director of the Emergency Services Training Center, commented on the grant by saying, "Because of the generosity of Weyerhaeuser, by early 2003, we will have an on-campus simulated work-working manufacturing plant. Using the simulated plant, we will train workers to prevent and extinguish dust-bin fires, the most dangerous of fire hazards. A unique feature of the training is the variety of personnel involved. We will train management, maintenance, fire brigades, local fire departments and rescue workers."

Smith indicated that the \$10,000 from Weyerhaeuser will be used to reassemble a dust silo donated by Vaughan-Bassett Furniture, also located in Elkin. The dust silo will be the main component of the simulated manufacturing plant. Management personnel will be trained on the selection of various fire-protection systems, and maintenance workers will learn how to service the equipment. In-house fire brigades which serve as first responders in most wood-working industries will learn how to spot fire hazards and how to extinguish dust-bin fires. Local fire departments will learn fire-fighting techniques for dust-bin fires, and rescue workers will learn how to rescue individuals trapped in dust-collection systems.

When the simulated environment is complete, fire management systems in Denver will participate in the training by donating electronic monitoring equipment and instructional materials and by sponsoring and co-teaching related seminars.

"I cannot overestimate the value of participation of the business community in educational efforts," Smith said. "Acquiring the dust silo was the first step. Now, with these funds, we are reassembling the dust silo and establishing a one-of-a-kind training facility that will provide specific training for wood-working industries and emergency services personnel throughout North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia."

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Phi Beta Lambda officers, from left to right, are Connie Clippard, treasurer; Terri Swaim, secretary; Kevin Fowlkes, vice president; Ashley Hayes, president; Amanda Douglas, vice president; Amanda Tise, reporter; and Brandi Haycox and Jessica Dick

Students serve community through Phi Beta Lambda

DOBSON — Surry Community College students majoring in one of the business technologies programs or who have an interest in business are serving the college and the larger community through Phi Beta Lambda, a collegiate service organization.

Members of the Surry Community College Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda are busy coordinating their first service project of the year — the adoption of the Children's Home of Surry County. By adopting the home, Phi Beta Lambda members are making a commitment to assist with fund-raising projects throughout the year.

Members also recently attended the Fall State Leadership Conference in Wilmington. They participated in various skill-building workshops including team-building and leadership development. They brought home the state award for the Non-Trivia Contest.

Officers for the 2002-03 academic year are Ashley Hayes, president; Amanda Douglas and Kevin Fowlkes, vice-presidents; Terri Swaim, secretary; Connie Clippard, treasurer; Brandi Haycox and Jessica Dickerson, historians; and Amanda Tise, reporter.

Phi Beta Lambda is open to students and professionals who have an interest in business. For more information, contact Surry Community College at 386-8121.



Theresa Klem/The Mount Airy News

Singers share music for the season

The Surry Community College Choir, under the direction of Benny Younger, performs a program of traditional holiday music Sunday afternoon at the Andy Griffith Playhouse. The Holiday Music Festival, which was presented by The Surry Arts Council, also included a performance by regional choral ensemble, "Voice", conducted by Sandy Beam.

Small Business Seminar "Communication and Power for Women"

The Elkin Jonesville Chamber of Commerce and Surry Community College co-sponsored a seminar on November 6th at Comfort Inn Jonesville.

More than 30 women from member businesses attended a free (for chamber members) seminar that addressed issues related to women in the workplace. Presenter Denise Ryan motivated and enlightened the group about how better to use their communication skills and understand working relationships.

Look for the next seminar, "Professionalism in the Workplace", which will be held March 5th from 1:30-4:30 pm at the Comfort Inn in Jonesville.

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Surry Community College Small Business Center Classes

Environmental Law Update for Business & Industry

(Co-sponsored by Surry EDP)
Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2003
Time: 12:30 - 1:15 pm
Location: SCC - President's Dining Room
Cost: Free

Spend your lunch hour with a North Carolina Department of Commerce expert learning about current environmental concerns and new legislation governing businesses and industry.

"Building Great Teams"

Date: Wed/Thurs, January 29 & 30, 2003
Time: 1:30 - 4:30 pm
Location: Elkin Public Library
Cost: Free

A two-part seminar on the creation of productive work teams. Using activities that are insightful, challeng-

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ing, and fun, attendees will learn from a certified Professional Development Trainer how to respond positively and proactively to various situations in the evolution of a team's life. Topics will include: clarifying team roles, team balance, assessing the need for teambuilding, goal setting, team self-assessment techniques, teambuilding activities, and appraising performance.

Two Notary Public classes:

"Notary Public Education"
Mon/Wed, December 2 and 4, 6:00 - 9:30 pm at SCC (room C-101)

and
Mon/Wed, January 27 and 29, 6:00 - 9:30 pm at SCC (room C-101)

Instructor: Dennis Cameron
Cost: \$50 tuition, \$15.25 text



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Surry Community College Concert Chorus announces holiday schedule

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The college chorus is a diverse group of students and members of local communities who represent a variety of ages, professions, and musical backgrounds.

The performance schedule for the holiday seasons includes:

• Dec. 1 — Andy Griffith Playhouse, Mount Airy, 3 p.m.
(The Ensemble only will perform. Admission is \$7. The performance is part of the Surry Arts Council's Holiday Music Festival. Tickets are on sale now through the Surry County Arts Council and will be available at the door.)
• Dec. 5 — Old Rockford Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

(Ensemble only.)

• Dec. 8 — Flat Rock Baptist Church, 7 p.m.

• Dec. 10 — Lobby of "A" Building Surry Community

College, 8 p.m.

• Dec. 13 — Calvary Wesleyan Church in Elkin, 7:30 p.m.

• Dec. 14 — Danube Presbyterian Church in Virginia, 7

p.m.

• Dec. 15 — White Plains Friends Meeting, 7 p.m.

• Dec. 17 — Ridgecrest Retirement Community, 7 p.m.

For more information, contact

Benny Younger at Surry Community College at (336) 386-

3323, or by e-mail at youngerb@surry.cc.nc.us.

Surry Community College wishes all area basketball teams a great season!



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SCC gears up for two big events

On Friday, December 6 at 7 p.m., the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Surry Community College is sponsoring a free concert featuring contemporary music and free refreshments.

The concert will be held in the college auditorium. Admission is by donation of any canned food item and everyone is invited to attend.

Then, on Saturday, December 7, the Surry Community College Rotaract Club is sponsoring its Annual Fiddler's Convention, also to be held in the college auditorium. Competition begins at 6 p.m. and will include old-time fiddle, old-time banjo, bluegrass fiddle, bluegrass banjo, guitar, mandolin, bass, dobro, vocal, fold instrument, bluegrass band, old-time band, children's fiddle, children's banjo, children's mandolin, children's guitar and children's vocal.

Admission is \$5. Children (noncompetitive) under 12 years old are admitted free. Proceeds go to the Surry Community College Scholarship Fund.

Refreshments will be served.

Surry Community College to host exhibit on 'Working the Land'

A special Heritage Day will be held on February 3-4. The public is also welcome to attend this event. Presenters include Cherokee storyteller and local storytellers Freeman Owle and Mike Lowe, music by Ken Bloom, and demonstrations of the 18th century dance. Demonstrations include spinning, weaving, tin smithing, candle making, canning, basket weaving, butter making, corn shuck doll making and a honey bee exhibit.

The exhibit explores the past, present and future of farming in

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Bond referendum funds allowing Surry Community College to complete projects

By WENDY BYERLY
Staff Writer

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"Our share was about \$9 million. The county had to match about \$4.5 million of that," said SCC President Frank Sells. "The monies are distributed over a six-year period and we are in the second year of it."

The college was in the process of getting together money for its Yadkin County Center before the bond referendum. After the issue was passed, SCC was able to use

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Collins ending 33 year career in education

By WENDY BYERLY
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DOBSON — Soon a man who has been at Surry Community College since 1969 will be finding new ways to spend his time — as a retiree.

John Collins began his career as an instructor teaching at a small school on the campus of Western Carolina University while getting his bachelor of science. Little did he know that would lead him to a lifetime career in education.

"I had some good teachers in high school at Francisco High School, I had some excellent teachers there, and I thought I would like to be a teacher and work in the education setting."

"I taught for six months in 1965 on campus at Western Carolina, but I had professors observing and helping me," remembered Collins, who is now the vice president for instruction at SCC. "then taught in Raleigh Public Schools (while getting a masters in



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Collins started at SCC in 1969 as an instructor. "I liked it so well I stayed," he commented.

"I guess, I was particularly interested in working in technical/industrial-type areas, like metal working, drafting and woodworking," Collins said. "Drafting was my favorite to teach."

He said, when he came to SCC in 1965, he first taught drafting, college math, physical science, machine shop, woodworking and blueprint reading.

In 1980, Collins got his first solely administrative position as Dean of Career Education. "The rewards are all in teaching," he emphasized. "The main reason I like teaching so much is because I like working with people, especially students, and I especially like being involved in finding new ways of doing things."

"The reward is seeing someone light up when they understand something and seeing the satisfaction of someone making something they have never made before."

In 1995, he became the Vice President for Curriculum Programs, before being promoted to Vice President for Instruction in 1998, the position from which he will retire.

"I will probably work some in private business," Collins commented on his future plans. "I will volunteer some and get involved in civic groups. I will probably be involved in real estate some, since my wife Bobbi owns Century 21 in Mount Airy."

Collins official retirement date is Jan. 1, but his last day of work is Dec. 18 due to the Christmas break.

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Living history

At Surry Community College's second annual Indian Heritage Day, Freeman Owle of the Cherokee tribe tells stories to visiting area school students. The day was part of the school's tribute to Native American Month.

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Surry will offer training course

The Surry Community College Industrial Training Center and Emergency Services Training Center will sponsor a free workshop entitled 'Confined Spaces' on Dec. 2.

The seminar will meet from 8

a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Emergency Services Training Center on the college campus.

Seating is limited, therefore, pre-registration is required.

To enroll for the course, call 386-3211.

College receives 'vineyard' grant

BY CARRIE SIDENER
STAFF REPORTER

DOBSON — If wine is the future of the Yadkin Valley region, then it got a big boost last week as Surry Community College received a grant to help train people in how to operate a vineyard and winery.

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"We heard about the impact that the program has had on the burgeoning [wine] industry," Mike Sorrells, vice president of programs for the foundation, said Friday. "When we first started looking at it, there were 19 vineyards in the state and now there are 25 in the Yadkin Valley alone."

Frank Sells, SCC's president, said the college has not received official word that it has received the grant, but



YADKIN RIPPLE/Carrrie Sidener

The experimental vineyard at Surry Community College is home to a number of varieties that students of the viticulture and enology program tend. The college received a grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation to help fund the operation and expansion of the program.

"We are very happy that we are the recipients of the Golden LEAF foundation [grant]."

"I am very positive about the future of wine industry and I believe it will have a real impact on the region," he said.

More than \$10 million has been invested in transitioning farms from tobacco to vineyards, Sorrells said. The shift has also helped other businesses such as farm suppliers, hotels and other tourism industries, he said.

"We see this as one of the seeds that can transition the Yadkin River Valley into a new era," he said. "It is one of the only community colleges in the nation that has a full viticulture and enology pro-

gram. We are very excited about what it can do for the state of the economy."

Sorrells said now that the region has received its designation from the federal government that allows vineyards producing in the Yadkin Valley to bottle their wines under with labels that designate that it was produced in the Yadkin Valley, he expects great things from the region.

"We are very pleased with the results of the community college on the region," he said.

This is the third cycle of grants made from monies collected from the tobacco settlement.

Surry Community College received a grant of \$130,000

in 2000 to help fund the beginning of the program. The Old North State Wine Growers Co-operative also received a grant in 2000 from the Golden LEAF Foundation in the amount of \$45,000.

"We had funded the viticulture and enology program in the first cycle," Sorrells said. "We thought it was a sound program that is good for the economy. It is right in line with what we want to do."

Sells said the money from the first grant was used to help start the program, paying for general things like equipment and instructors. Some of this year's grant, he said, will continue to pay for the basics of the program.

"We are a building program," Sells said. "We had a vineyard planted last spring. We have gotten our enology lab actually operating so we can manufacture and process our grapes. We have also gotten the authority to manufacture wines."

Sells said the program has an experimental permit issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms that allows the college to produce wines, but not for sale or distribution. The college is pursuing a permanent permit so that the college could sell the wines to other vineyards.

"We are extremely excited about it," he said. "We have a tremendous interest in the program. It (the degree program) has been an experiment for us. We've got to build a plane before we can

fly. We have 100 students enrolled in the curriculum program. We have another 200 to 300 that are involved in taking a course through the curriculum education."

Courses began in the fall of 1999 and a degree program started the next year.

"It has grown significantly," he said. "At this point, it is predictable to think that we can be a very good wine region and recognized worldwide. It has good climate and good soil that is right to grow quality grapes and produce quality wines."

"Our people, in some cases, are farmers who have been farming tobacco and have a great interest in it," he said. "We have people that have a good work ethic and know how to put their education and work ethic together to create a good product. We have people who know a lot about the industry and can teach."

The foundation received 394 grant applications for this year's awards, the largest number of requests in its three-year history. It approved the grants at its Nov. 7 meeting.

"From our two previous rounds of grants, we have seen thousands of jobs created and the tax bases of local communities strengthened," Valeria Lee, president of the Foundation, said in a press release. "Perhaps more importantly, we have helped farmers remain on the farm, growing new crops, and displaced workers obtain skills required for their jobs in new and developing industries."

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SCC educator receives state award

Anita Bullin, director of career services of Surry Community College, is the recipient of the Jon A. Young Service Award, the most prestigious award presented by the North Carolina Cooperative Education Association.

The award was presented during a statewide conference of the association, which was held on the campus of Surry Community College in October. Bullin was recognized for the outstanding contributions she has made to cooperative education during the past 10 years. She received a plaque and gift of \$100.

The group also presented a check for \$100 to the Surry Community College Walden Scholarship Fund, which is designated for a student in cooperative education. Bullin began the Cooperative Education Program in 1993 with funding from a grant proposal she submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. The program provides a means for students to earn college credits for work experience related to their programs of study.

The program has grown from 29 students enrolled in the fall of 1993 to 96 enrolled fall semester, 2002. Bullin's tenure with the college began

in 1972, when she graduated from Surry Central High School and began work as secretary for the academic dean. While working in that position and later moving to purchasing agent for the college, she earned an associate in applied science degree in executive secretarial science and a degree in business administration from Gardner Webb University and a master's of business administration from Appalachian State University and became an instructor in the Human Resource Development Program.

She became the first director of the Cooperative Education Program in 1993 and later moved to director of Career Services.

Mike McHone, vice president for Student Services, commented on the value of the program and on Bullin's contributions by saying, "This program is definitely a 'win-win' arrangement. Students gain valuable work experience, and employers have an opportunity to evaluate students' skills and attitudes prior to making an investment in a full-time worker. The college and the community have definitely benefited from Anita Bullin's vision and her commitment to the development of educational opportunities for residents of Surry and Yadkin counties."



Anita Bullin

College chorus to perform Sunday

The Surry Community College Chorus will perform in concert at the State Road Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4106 Pleasant Ridge Road, on Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

The chorus will be performing concerts throughout the community during the Christmas season.

For more information, contact Benny Younger at Surry Community College at 386-3322 or youngerb@surry.cc.nc.us



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Surry Community College hosts Native American Heritage Day

(Above) Kim Miller, the basket weaving instructor at Surry Community College, shows students from Surry County Schools how Native Americans wove baskets during Native American Heritage Day at the college Monday. (Left) Native Cherokee Cloud Dancer talks to students about the various uses of fur by Native Americans.



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Arrowheads on display

Surry Community College Chorus concert schedule for Christmas 2002

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DOBSON - The Surry Community College Chorus will spread good cheer during the holiday season with a series of Christmas concerts.

The college chorus is a diverse group of students and other people from area communities who represent a variety of ages, professions and musical backgrounds.

The performance schedule for the holiday seasons is:

* Nov. 24, State Road Holiness Church, 7:30 p.m.

* Dec. 1, Andy Griffith Playhouse, 3 p.m. (Only the Ensemble will perform, and there will be a charge of \$7 since the performance is part of the Surry Arts Council's Holiday Music Festival. Tickets are on sale now through the Surry County Arts Council and will be available at the door.)

* Dec. 5, Old Rockford Methodist Church, 7 p.m. (only the ensemble will perform.)

* Dec. 8, Flat Rock Baptist

Church, 7 p.m.

* Dec. 10, Lobby of "A" Building Surry Community College, 8 p.m.

* Dec. 13, Calvary Wesleyan Church in Elkin, 7:30 p.m.

* Dec. 14, Danube Presbyterian Church in Virginia, 7 p.m.

* Dec. 15, White Plains Friends Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Rob Blevins of the Ashe County Rescue Squad helps Todd Gunter (on stretcher) of the Dobson Rescue Squad across a ravine.

Learning by Doing

Fire-and-rescue squads are taught techniques of mountain rescue

By Theo Helm
JOURNAL REPORTER

PILOT MOUNTAIN

Todd Gunter lay comfortably with his hands folded in his lap as five people worked to strap him into a metal basket, steps away from a 50-foot drop.

If he was nervous about being hauled across a ravine, held by just a few ropes, he didn't look it—especially considering the people strapping him in were learning how to do it.

Gunter is a member of the Dobson Rescue Squad. He was one of about 70 fire-and-rescue-squad members who came to Pilot Mountain this weekend for instruction in rescuing people from cliffs or steep ravines.

The high-angle training sessions are conducted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal every November and are the second and third steps of a four-step process. The first and fourth parts are taught every March at Stone Mountain.

Students receive credit from Surry Community College and high-angle rescue certification from the N.C. Fire and Rescue Commission, said Mike Callaway, the director of Medical and Fire/Rescue Programs at Surry Community College.

Friday night was "ground school," where instructors discussed knots, rigging and rescue procedures, Callaway said. Then students got up early yesterday morning to practice climbing and lowering themselves on the rock faces. They also raised and lowered victims in baskets and escorted victims on a line across the ravine.

Today there will be more training and testing. Once they pass Level 3, students will work with maps and compasses in Level 4.

The training drew students from across the state. Tim Bradley, the senior deputy commissioner of the N.C. Department



Members of the Mebane Fire Department and Stanly County EMS rappel down a cliff at Pilot Mountain during mountain-rescue training.

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Surry Community College to hold real estate/elective class today

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College has scheduled the Real Estate Update/Elective class for today. The update and elective class will satisfy the eight hours of continuing education credit required by the N.C. Real Estate Commission.

There is a \$50 registration fee.

The real estate mandatory update course will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. taught by Roy

Anderson in Room C-101 of the Continuing Education Building. The textbook costs \$2.50 payable to Anderson Real Estate School. Students should arrive at 8:45 a.m. for registration.

Anderson also will teach the elective, "And the Commission Says," from 2 to 6 p.m. in Room C-101 of the Continuing Education Building. The textbook costs \$3.50 payable to Anderson Real Estate School. Students should arrive at 1:45

p.m. for registration.

Each course satisfies four hours of continuing education credit from the Real Estate Commission. Students should bring their current pocket renewal card. Providing a license number is a condition of registering and receiving credit for each course.

Registration fees will be collected at the time of the courses.

A minimum of 10 students is required to offer a class.

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of insurance, said that the skills learned on Pilot Mountain could be applied to almost any rescue—not just in the mountains. The fire marshal's office is part of the insurance department.

"In a city situation, it could be from one building to another," he said. "You could use it even on the coast, where you have observation towers."

Besides building rescue skills, the training also builds camaraderie. Mark Cook, a member of the Blowing Rock Rescue Squad, had scarcely made it across the ravine in the metal basket before he started joking.

When others strapped him into the basket in Level 1, he said, he would wonder if they did it right. "Now, I feel a little more comfortable."

Someone immediately shouted from afar that they should break Cook's leg to make the training more realistic. Someone else suggested that they should break Cook's jaw so he would stop whining.

But most said that little complaining was done in an environment that felt more like camping than training.

"It's fun. I like anything that's risky," said Heather Terhune, a member of the Mebane Fire Department. "I guess that's why they call us adrenaline junkies."

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SCC receives high marks

Surry Community College met or exceeded 10 of the 12 performance measures set by the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges and the North Carolina General Assembly for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

The performance measures were put in place in 1999 to ensure public accountability of state monies spent and to ensure that important aspects of the mission of the North Carolina Community College System are met.

The North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges established 12 performance measures for all 59 community colleges throughout the state, with six of the 12 measures selected to be performance-funding standards which carry the potential for monetary rewards. Colleges that met or exceeded five of the six performance-funding standards received an overall "superior" rating and the potential for additional reward funding. Surry Community College received a "superior" rating for the 2000-01 fiscal year for meeting five of the six performance-funding measures and 10

of the 12 overall performance measures.

Performance-funding measures on which the college exceeded the state standard include passing rates on licensure and certification exams, goal completion of program completers, employment status of graduates, performance of college transfer students and satisfaction of program completers and non-completers.

The college also met or

exceeded the state standard in five additional performance measures for which the potential for additional funding is not attached. Those performance measures are passing rates of students in developmental courses, success of developmental students in subsequent courses, curriculum student retention and graduation, employer satisfaction and client satisfaction with customized training.

Web-site marketing class set

The Surry Community College Small Business Center will sponsor a seminar entitled "Web-Site Marketing I & II" on Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

This workshop will be held on the SCC campus in room E144. The seminar leader will be Glen Christopher.

Got a web-site, but no visitors? This session can help you overcome that obstacle by showing you the top strategies for attracting visitors to your web site.

In Part I, you will learn about different types of search engines and how they work. You will also learn about banner ads and how to build/manage a banner ad program.

Tips on using e-mail to market your web site will be shared. Other best practices will also be revealed.

Part II: While having a good, functional web site is important, it is critical to create a site that will appear in the first 20 matches when an Internet "search" is done.

The second part of this seminar is a hands-on session that will introduce you to Web Position Gold and give you a plan for getting your web site in the top ten for site matches.

This seminar is tuition free.

No preregistration is required. Seating first-come, first-served.

SCC offering class

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer the following certification class:

■ EPA Refrigerant Recovery/Recycling Certification (also known as CFC/Freon Certification) program for persons needing certification to handle Freon. The class will meet Nov. 14, 19 and 21 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The test will be given on Nov. 21 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The class will meet in room H-335 (Richards Health Science Building) on the college campus.

Interested persons must contact the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-3211 or (336) 386-3265 to pre-register by 4 p.m. on Nov. 1. Also, we

must have each person's Social Security Number and the type of test you will need when you call in to pre-register. Although you may have spoken with someone in Continuing Education already, please call us again by Nov. 1 so that we can check to see if we have your Social Security Number.

The cost of the course will be \$50. North Carolina residents age 65 or older may register free of charge. The textbook for the course will cost approximately \$4.

Each student taking the Type I, II, III, or Universal exam will need to send a \$25 application fee to the State Board of Refrigeration Examiners on Nov. 21 with their completed test at the end of the course.

American Indian celebration set for SCC

DOBSON — Surry Community College is celebrating Native American Month by hosting an American Indian celebration on Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and again from 6 to 8 p.m. Featured storyteller will be Freeman Owle from the Eastern band of the Cherokee.

There will also be dancing, drumming, flute music by Chief Lone Eagle and exhibits by the Metis Indian Band. There will be archeological exhibits from Wake Forest, an Indian artifact exhibit, corn shuck doll making, quilling, tanning of leather, bead exhibit, dream-catcher making, herbal medicine, pottery making and corn grinding in our gymnasium. Outside will be a teepee, a dog and a travois demonstration.

All students will find this educational and enjoyable.

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Lady Lions scholarships

The Mount Airy Lady Lions has awarded scholarships to two area students, Drew Beasley and Teresa White. Drew (left) is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Beasley, 286 Cletus Moser Trail, Mount Airy. He is in his sophomore year and plans to transfer to a four-year college next year to become a history teacher. Teresa (center) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky White, 173 White Stone Trail, Pilot Mountain. She also is in her sophomore year at Surry Community College and plans to transfer to a four-year college for a career in veterinary medicine. Peggy Smith, chairman of the scholarship committee, congratulates the recipients.

'Zodiak Business Simulation' course planned

The Surry Community College Small Business Center will sponsor a seminar entitled "Zodiak Business Simulation" on Thursday, November 7.

There will be two sessions: Class 1 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and Class 2 from 6-10 p.m. Classes will be held in Room C102 on the college campus.

The workshop leaders will be Ms. Jeanne Shelton and Mr.

Kirk Smith. This is your chance to follow the lead of Fortune 500 companies into the Zodiak experience, four hours of simulation that have proven effective with employees and managers at every level. During this simulation, a facilitator will guide you into the buying of the fictitious company, Zodiak Industries. You will invest money, attract other investors,

and sign for a bank loan. Then you will spend years (actually four hours) engrossed in manufacturing, delivering products, collecting receivables and tackling various business problems. "Money" will flow from customers into the company, and from the company's treasury to suppliers, employees, the bank, and the "tax man". You will make strategic decisions regarding the company and at

the same time learn first-hand about cash flow, return on equity, working capital, cost of goods sold, and assets. Don't miss this hands-on opportunity to "buy and operate" a business.

This seminar is free of charge. Preregistration is required. Call (336) 386-3211.

SCHOOL SCENE

SYSTEM JobReady/Tech Prep Partnership receives national award

Surry County medical professionals and educators were recognized during the National Tech Prep Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Oct. 2 for providing outstanding learning experiences for high school students.

Foothills Pet Healthcare in Mount Airy received the National Employer Award.

Dr. H.G. Mark Strauss, his wife, Brenda Strauss, Greta Martin, office manager, and her husband, Danny Martin, were present to receive the award during the awards luncheon of the National Tech Prep Leadership Forum.

Also present were Jane Taylor, representing Surry County Schools, and Anita Bullin and Sue Jarvis, representing Surry Community College. Plaques of recognition were presented to Foothills Pet Healthcare, Surry County Schools and the SYSTEM JobReady/Tech Prep Partnership.

The SYSTEM Partnership is comprised of Surry Community College, Surry County Schools, Yadkin County Schools and Elkin and Mount Airy city schools. The purpose of the partnership is the development of a stronger workforce through career development, rigorous academic courses, education beyond high school, partnerships among educational institutions and the business community, and opportunities for students to gain on-the-job learning experiences.

Jane Taylor, career development specialist for Surry County Schools, and Anita Bullin, director of career



H.G. Mark Strauss and officer manager Greta Martin are pictured with the award.

services for Surry Community College and director of the SYSTEM JobReady/Tech Prep Partnership, nominated Foothills Pet Healthcare for the award. Taylor commented on the contribution Foothills has, and is, making to educational efforts throughout the county by

saying, "Foothills Pet Healthcare is definitely a model business-education partnership. The five full-time employees give freely of their time and expertise to host students who job shadow, provide a full-semester learning experience for students in the high school internship program, serve as

tutors for students with special needs, participate in career days and classroom presentations, and conduct workshops on special topics.

"All of these activities expand the walls of the classroom into the medical community so that high school students get a realistic picture of the medical profession in rural areas. These valuable responsibility skills taught by medical professionals. When the community cares about education, opportunities for learning increase; and students definitely benefit. Foothills Pet Healthcare is a perfect example of a business that cares," Taylor said.

Taylor went on to say that employees of Foothills Pet Healthcare teach high school students important "soft" skills, such as responsibility, teamwork, respect and professionalism. She indicated that Dr. Strauss wrote an employer model for the high school internship program and assisted in writing the Mentor Training Manual. He also provided materials and funding to establish a construction program at East Surry High School which provides hands-on learning experiences for students who are interested in the building trades.

Dr. Strauss indicated that the partnership with local schools is a "win-win" situation. He said, "Every small business in Surry County should consider having an internship program. It is good for the student, good for the schools, and good for the business."

Ken Sevier, principal of East Surry High School, said

of the internship program. "Our business partnerships are vital when it comes to providing opportunities for students. Dr. Strauss and his colleagues have made

enormous contributions to the students at East Surry High School. He and his staff are most deserving of the National Employer Tech Prep award."



Surry Community College students join IAAP

The Winston-Salem Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) is proud to sponsor the newly installed Surry Community College Student Chapter.

The October 22 installation ceremony was conducted by Jo A. Peavy, IAAP International Vice-president; Janet Linville, President of the Winston-Salem Chapter, and Barbara Berry, Winston-Salem Student Chapter Director. Eighteen students were installed as new members.

The 2002-2003 student officers for the Surry Community College Student Chapter are: President-Dinah Jennings; Vice president-Shannon Watson; Secretary-Margie Johnson; Treasurer-Michelle West. The faculty advisors are Hilda Hall and Vicki York.

IAAP supports the efforts of students in business education with student membership in our association and sponsors student organizations at the collegiate and high school levels. IAAP oversees these programs and services dedicated to fostering career growth and professionalism.

The Winston-Salem Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will meet Tuesday, November 12 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel on University Parkway, beginning at 5:45 p.m.

All those interested in learning about what IAAP has to offer are encouraged to attend. To make a reservation, call Jennifer Barber at (336) 773-6356.

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SCC gets second Gold LEAF grant for wine program

By CARRIE SIDENER
MidSouth News Service

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Additional fees, upon successful completion of this course, are the responsibility of the student and payable to the agencies listed: Application Fee: \$50 (Secretary of State of North Carolina); Oath of Office: \$10 (Surry County Register of Deeds Office); Notary Seal: \$40 plus (any office supply company). *Filet 11-27-02*

For more information, call 336-386-3211.

Auto safety inspection course set

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The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer an Auto Safety Inspection course on Saturday, November 16. This eight-hour course will meet in room V-110 starting at 8 a.m. on the Dobson, N.C., campus.

A registration fee of \$50 will be charged. North Carolina residents age 65 and older may register free of charge.

Interested persons must pre-register by calling the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-3202. Class size is limited.

On-line computer course starting today

Pilot 10-16-02
The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor on-line computer courses beginning October 16. Each course will run for six weeks for a total of 24 hours.

The tuition charge per each course will be \$55. A variety of classes will be offered including Adobe Acrobat 5 (introductory); Advanced Web Pages; Intermediate Web Pages; Computer Skills for the Workplace; Creating Web Graphics; Creating Web Pages; Dreamweaver 4.0 (Introductory); Flash 5 (Introductory); Getting Organized with Outlook; Intro to the Internet; Java Script for the Web (Introductory); Keyboarding; MS Access (Introductory); MS Access (Intermediate); MS Excel (Introductory); MS Excel (Intermediate); MS FrontPage; MS Powerpoint; MS Publisher; MS Windows 2000 Professional; MS Word (Introductory); MS Word (Intermediate); MS Word (Advanced); MS Works (Word Processing); MS Works (Spreadsheets); Networking (Introductory); Networking (Intermediate); Oracle (Introductory); Payroll in Quickbooks; PC Troubleshooting; Photoshop 5.0/5.5; Photoshop 6 Beginner; Photoshop 6 (Introductory); Quickbooks (Introductory); Quicken for Windows; SQL; Visual Basic 6.0 (Introductory); Windows File and Disk Management; Windows 2000 Professional; Windows XP (Introductory); XML (Intro).

You may register by mail.

For more information pertaining to on-line courses log on to www.surry.cc.nc.us and click Continuing Education, then click the New! On-Line Computer Courses button.

Questions may be directed to Joy Smith at (336) 386-8121, extension 244 or e-mail at smithj@surry.cc.nc.us; or to Ray Hill at (336) 386-8121, extension 237 or e-mail at hallr@surry.cc.nc.us.

Lecture on growth of eastern viticulture slated tonight at SCC

TNA 10-23-02
DOBSON - Justin Morris, Ph.D., professor of Food Science and Director of the Institute of Food Science and Engineering at the University of Arkansas, will lecture at Surry Community College on "Viticulture in the Eastern United States" today.

The lecture is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Teaching Auditorium, Room A-121 of the Reeves Administration Building, and it is free and open to the public.

In addition to teaching in the University of Arkansas, Morris has conducted extensive research in food science. He received national and international recognition for his research efforts directed toward the development of processing, handling and mechanical harvesting of grapes and other fruits. The results of his research are found in more than 300 articles in research and trade publications, 18 book chapters and one textbook.

Morris has received numerous awards for his research and leadership in the food industry. In the past five years alone, he has received several lifetime achievement awards presented by the food industry, including the Leadership and Service Award, the Spitzer Land-Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence, the American Society for Enology and Viticulture Merit Award, the American Wine Society Award of Merit, the Pioneer Award of the Midwest Grape and Wine Association and the University of Arkansas Faculty Distinguished Achievement for Research and Public Service.

Morris has trained or assisted in the training of 57 graduate students in Food Science, most of whom are working in the food service industry, and he is a Fellow of the American Society of Horticulture Science and the Institute of Food Technologists.

For more information on the lecture, contact Marion Venable by telephone at 386-3269 or by e-mail at venablem@surry.cc.nc.us.

SCC notary public class set

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Dennis "Bud" Cameron will be the instructor.

There is a \$50 tuition charge and a textbook charge of approximately \$15.25.

Upon successful completion of the course, the following fees are required: application fee of \$50, payable to the Secretary of

State of North Carolina; oath of office, \$10, payable to Surry County, N.C., Registrar of Deeds Office; and a notary seal, approximately \$40, available at any office supply company.

For information call (336) 386-3211 *Entrepreneur 11-13-02*

AQUATIC EXERCISE CLASSES

Yadkin 11-14-02
Surry Community College is beginning a new series of aquatic exercise classes at the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Wellness Pool. One-hour classes meet on a Monday-Wednesday-Friday or a Tuesday-Thursday schedule, with classes scheduled throughout the day. Each class offers 21 hours of instruction for \$50. A variety of classes are offered. Call 386-8121, ext. 269, to pre-register, or for more information.



Wendy Bysrly/The Mount Airy News

Getting in the spirit

TNA 10-29-02
Dylan Terry (above) tries his luck at the apple bobbing game at the Surry Community College Fall Festival. (Left) Dressed as a ghost, Kyle Preston bowls for a prize at the festival. The event was sponsored by Social Sciences, Student Government Association, Rotaract and Ecology clubs to raise money for the Food Pantry.

EPA refrigeration certification class planned next month

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer the EPA Refrigerant Recovery/Recycling Certification (also known as CFC/Freon Certification) program for persons needing certification to handle Freon.

The class will meet Nov. 14, 19 and 21 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The test will be given on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The class will meet in room H-335 on the college campus.

Interested persons must contact the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-3211 or (336) 386-3265 to preregister by 4 p.m. on November 1. Also, we must have each person's Social Security Number and the type of test you will need when you call to preregister. Although you may have spoken with someone in Continuing Education already, please call us again by November 1 so that we can check to see if we have your Social Security number. The cost of the will be \$50. North Carolina residents age 65 or older may register free of charge. The textbook for the course will cost approximately \$4. Each student taking the Type I, II, III, or Universal exam will need to send a \$25 application fee to the State Board of Refrigeration Examiners on Thursday, November 21 with their completed test at the end of the course.

Types of CFC/Freon Certification Exams:
Type I-Small Appliances 5 lbs. of pressure or less
Type II-Low Pressure Machinery
Type III-High Pressure Machinery

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Universal - Combination of I, II and III
There is a \$25 testing fee for each certification exam.

Students are advised to take the Universal exam which is broken into sections, but can certify

for all three levels. Students may pass any one of the three sections while taking the full exam.

Please be sure to call the number above on or before November 1 to verify that you are registered for this course. *Pilot 10-23-02*

E-business Expo to discuss 'Opportunities on the web'

The Surry Community College Small Business Center is working jointly with the Rural Internet Access Authority, area Chambers of Commerce and the Small Business Centers of Davidson, Forsyth, and Guilford Community Colleges to provide a day long, E-business expo entitled, "Small Business and the Internet: Exploring Opportunities on the Web."

The event will take place on Friday, November 1 at the Grady P. Swisher Center (satellite of Forsyth Tech) in Kernersville from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Those attending the expo will learn about how to start an internet business via presentations from current owners of successful E-businesses; seminars relating to starting an "E-business"; displays/information from business assistance groups and networking opportunities with other entrepreneurs.

There is a \$20 advance registration fee for the event that includes access to all presentation and seminars, an E-business handbook (Using Technology to Build Successful Businesses), refreshments and lunch.

For more information about Small Business and the Internet: Exploring Opportunities on the Web, contact Dennis Lowe of Surry Community College at 386-3309. *Pilot 10-23-02*

Confined spaces workshop planned

DOBSON - The Surry Community College Industrial Training Center and the Emergency Services Training Center will sponsor a workshop entitled "Confined Spaces" on Dec. 2. The seminar will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Emergency Service Training Center on the campus of Surry Community College.

This workshop is free of charge. Pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Call (336) 386-3211 to enroll. *TNA 11-14-02*

SCC stops Pfeiffer JVs

TNA 11-14-02
From Staff Reports
DOBSON - Surry Community College's basketball team is off to a fast start.

Five players scored in double figures Tuesday as the Knights beat the Pfeiffer University junior varsity team 100-87 to improve to 2-0.

Walt Baxley led SCC with 32 points, while Brian Greer pumped in 21 points and seven rebounds. Surry Central graduate Wallace George contributed 14 points, while Antwan McCrimmon added 11. Rickman Logan scored 10 and Corente Dozier chipped in eight points and eight assists.

The Knights shot the ball extremely well Tuesday, making good on 40 of 64 attempts from

the floor.

"So far we've done real well. We're not very big, but we have good quickness," SCC head coach Tony Searey said. "We've shot the ball real well. We have a good number of players back from last year, which is good at this level."

Surry beat Louisburg College 88-64 on Nov. 2 to start the season. The Knights will be back in action this weekend at the Louisburg Classic. SCC will take on Louisburg on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and then play Hargrave Military Academy at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Surry will wrap the tournament up Sunday with 1 p.m. date with Monroe Community College.

SCC will offer real estate courses

Albany 10-31-02
The continuing education division of Surry Community College has scheduled a real estate update/elective class for Nov. 7.

Real Estate Mandatory Update Course will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. with registration at 8:45 a.m. The textbook will cost \$2.50.

The elective course, "And the Commission Says," will be held from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. with registration at 1:45 p.m. The textbook will cost \$3.50.

Both courses will be held in room C-101 and textbooks are payable to Anderson Real Estate School.

A registration fee of \$50 will be collected and will cover one or both of the courses.

The update and elective class will satisfy the eight hours of continuing education credit required by the N.C. Real Estate Commission. Students should bring a current pocket renewal card, providing license number which is a condition of registering and receiving credit for each course.

Registration fees will be collected at the time of the course and no refunds will be offered. A minimum of 10 students will be required to offer a class.

To pre-register, contact the continuing education division at 386-3211 or 386-3309.



The SCC student chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) *J Tribune 11-8-02*

SCC students installed in IAAP

Eighteen Surry Community College students were recently installed as members of the newly formed SCC student chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP).

The 2002-2003 student officers for the SCC student chapter are: president, Dinah Jennings; vice president, Shannon Watson; secretary, Marge Johnson; and treasurer, Michelle West. Faculty advisors are Hilda Hall and Vicki York.

The Oct. 22 installation ceremony was conducted by Jo A. Peay, IAAP international vice president; Janet Linville, president of the Winston-Salem chapter; and Barbara Berry, Winston-Salem Student Chapter director.

The SCC chapter is sponsored by the Winston-Salem Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals.

IAAP supports the efforts of students in business education with student membership and sponsors student organizations at the collegiate and high school levels. IAAP oversees those programs and services dedicated to fostering career growth and professionalism.

Local work, school partnership receives national recognition

DOBSON — Surry County medical professionals and educators were recognized during the National Tech Prep Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Oct. 2, for providing outstanding learning experiences for

high school students. Foothills Pet Healthcare in Mount Airy received the "National Employer Award."

Dr. H.G. Mark Strauss, his wife Brenda Strauss, along with Greta Martin, office manager,

and her husband Danny Martin, were present to receive the award during the awards luncheon of the National Tech Prep Leadership Forum. Also present were Jane Taylor, representing

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College to host business at home seminar

The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor a workshop entitled "Business Use of Your Home" meeting Monday, October 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the college campus in room C-203.

Doris Jones will be the seminar leader. Topics in this session include qualifying your home for taxable deductions; expenses you can deduct, what records you should keep; how to claim deductions; and changes in IRS regulations. This seminar is free. Pre-registration is required. You may call at 336-386-3211 or you may pre-register online at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schbusr/cep.htm. *Pilot 11-6-02*

Notary class set

Blowing Rock 11-17-02
The Continuing Education Department of Wilkes Community College will offer a notary public class on Nov. 18 and 19 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in Room 1112 of the Student Learning Center.

Registration fee for the class is \$50 and pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Dena Wiles at 838-6210.

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Dr. H.G. Mark Strauss, left, and office manager Greta Martin accept the National Employer Award on behalf of Foothills Pet Healthcare. Foothills received the award for providing outstanding learning experiences for local students.



Thomas Lester/The Mount Airy News

The Surry Community College volleyball team won the Western Tarheel Conference's regular season and tournament titles as well as the Region X Tournament. The Lady Knights will be competing in a tournament in Allentown, Penn. for a chance to go to the National Championships. Team members are, front row, from left: Kattie Boles, Randee Wood, Leah Helton. Back row: Angie Sheets, Santana Wright, Sarah Dollyhigh, Meagan Boles and coach Tina Slate. Not pictured: Jessica Snow.

Knights aiming for national volleyball crown

By THOMAS LESTER
Sports Writer

DOBSON — Once again, the regular season proved to be a warmup for Surry Community College's annual quest for a national volleyball championship.

The Lady Knights went undefeated through the Western Tarheel Conference and captured its tournament. Surry then added the Region X crown to its trophy case and will head to Allentown, Penn. for the District H Championship against Lehigh Carbon Community College.

Sarah Dollyhigh, Angie Sheets, Leah Helton, Santana Wright and Kattie Boles earned all-regional honors while Sheets, Meagan Boles, Helton and Dollyhigh were named to the all-tournament team.

Surry coach Tina Slate and

former East Surry star Kattie Boles picked up Region X's Coach and Player of the Year awards.

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates," Boles said. "You have to have a good pass and a good set to be able to put the ball down. Everybody helped me."

The Knights effectively combined seasoned veterans such as Boles with newcomers like Surry Central's Dollyhigh.

For Dollyhigh, the biggest change has been adapting to the increased level of competition.

"It's a lot different," she said. "The conference is a lot stronger. There's been a lot of outside support and I appreciate people coming back and watching from my high school years."

The stronger conference and tougher opponents made the team come together when it

counted.

"We've improved a lot," Boles said. "We have better communication. Our passing and serving is improved and we've learned to play together, which is key in volleyball."

You could ask just about any of the Knights' vanquished foes how much they've improved but the Surry players are more concerned with bringing home another championship.

"I'm excited," said Dollyhigh. "I didn't play much out of state until this year. I'm looking forward to the competition."

Boles has been there before and wants to complete the journey this time.

"We have to be ready for the girls," she said.

"We've got to have some really good passes from our hitters. We've got to have some big blocks and make sure we're down on defense."

'Zodiak Business Simulation' course planned

The Surry Community College Small Business Center will sponsor a seminar entitled "Zodiak Business Simulation" on Thursday, November 7.

There will be two sessions: Class 1 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and Class 2 from 6-10 p.m. Classes will be held in Room C102 on the college campus.

The workshop leaders will be Ms. Jeanne Shelton and Mr. Kirk Smith.

This is your chance to follow the lead of Fortune 500 companies into the Zodiak experience,

four hours of simulation that have proven effective with employees and managers at every level.

During this simulation, a facilitator will guide you into the buying of the fictitious company, Zodiak Industries.

Participants will invest money, attract other investors, and sign for a bank loan.

Then you will spend years (actually four hours) engrossed in manufacturing, delivering products, collecting receivables and tackling various business problems. "Money" will flow

from customers into the company, and from the company's treasury to suppliers, employees, the bank, and the "tax man."

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SCC gets 'wine' grant

By CARRIE SIDNER
STAFF REPORTER

DOBSON — If wine is the future of the Yadkin Valley region, then it got a big boost last week as Surry Community College received a grant to help train people in how to operate a vineyard and winery.

The Golden LEAF Foundation announced Friday that it will provide a \$150,000 grant, its second to SCC, for the Viticulture and Enology program.

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SCC Chorus announces Christmas concert schedule

DOBSON — The Surry Community College Chorus will spread good cheer during the holiday season with a series of Christmas concerts.

The college chorus is a diverse group of students and other people from area communities who represent a variety of ages, professions and musical backgrounds.

The performance schedule for the holiday seasons is:

- Nov. 24, State Road Holiness Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 1, Andy Griffith Playhouse, 3 p.m. (Only the Ensemble will perform, and there will be a charge of \$7 since the performance is part of the Surry Arts Council's Holiday Music Festival. Tickets are on sale now through the Surry County Arts Council and will be available at the door.)
- Dec. 5, Old Rockford Methodist Church, 7 p.m. (only the ensemble will perform)
- Dec. 8, Flat Rock Baptist Church, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 10, Lobby of "A" Building Surry Community College, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 13, Calvary Wesleyan Church in Elkin, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14, Danube Presbyterian Church in Virginia, 7 p.m.

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Pilot 10-30-02

Shelton Cheeses brings new distinction to area

By Theresa Kilen
Mid-South News Service

DOBSON — North Carolina is not typically known as a cheese-producing state, that however, is about to change.

"When you think of cheeses, you think of Vermont, Wisconsin and California," Shelton Cheeses Manager Cindy Beaman said last Wednesday. "We are hoping that will not always be the case."

Just as Shelton Vineyards wines are making a splash across the state — its 2000 Chardonnay won best in show in Raleigh last October — Bryan Anderson, head cheese maker at Shelton Cheeses, has brought a new honor to the Shelton name.

Three of Anderson's cheeses took home awards at the prestigious 19th Annual American Cheese Society Competition in Washington, D.C., that was held July 31 and Aug. 1. No small achievement for a company barely out of its infancy.

Shelton Cheeses took home a second place award in the category of Aged Goat's Milk Cheeses for its unique "Blue Ridge Round," a vegetable ash ripened, aged Chevre; a second place honor in the Soft Ripened Cheese: Goat and Sheep's Milk category for its "Twin Oaks Brie;" and in the category of American-Made International Style Cheese, received another second place honor for its "Shelton Estate Tomme," the house cheese of Shelton Cheeses, made from Jersey cow milk.

Shelton Cheeses opened its doors March 19, 2001, under the direction of former Head Cheesemaker Laura Doerr. At the time, Doerr had been with the vineyard for about a year preparing for cheese production and the opening of the new shop, which was to coincide with the release of the first of Shelton Vineyards North Carolina-produced wines.

Doerr spent part of that year touring small cheese-making facilities in Vermont, California and Wisconsin, doing extensive research into the processes of making a



Norma Schoffstall blends herbs and other ingredients to create the many custom-made Chevre cheeses at the shop.



Bryan Anderson, head cheese maker, and Cindy Beaman, Shelton Cheese manager, are pleased that Shelton took home awards at the prestigious 19th Annual American Cheese Society Competition in Washington, D.C.

variety of cheeses, reading and taking classes to prepare herself for the task of creating the winery's cheeses.

"Cheese and wine are natural companions," Doerr said just after the shop's opening. "Also, tobacco is a dying commodity in this area. Ed and Charlie Shelton wanted to get into new agribusinesses in an effort to help the area grow and to move in other directions."

As time went on and Doerr found it difficult to manage cheese production and the management of the shop by herself, she put an advertise-

ment in the newspaper for an apprentice cheesemaker.

Anderson, of Elkin, was working as a chef at The Elevator Cafe on Main Street in Elkin when he noticed the advertisement.

"I was intrigued by the idea," he said. "It sounded like something I thought I'd like to do."

Anderson was hired — Doerr had no idea she had just employed the young man who would bring national recognition to the fledgling business.

When Doerr left in December to pursue another

start-up opportunity on the West Coast, Anderson took over.

"Bryan had a background in food and an understanding of how different flavors and foods work together, but he had no formal training in cheese making," Beaman said. "He learned much of what he knows from Laura and, too, he has a natural talent."

"Many of the people who won these awards have been perfecting their technique for ten or twelve years, or more. We're only a year-and-a-half old. He pulled out these award-winning cheeses and didn't even expect to."

Ironically, none of the three people who comprise the Shelton Cheeses staff — Anderson, Beaman and Norma Schoffstall, who blends herbs and other ingredients to create the many custom-made Chevre cheeses at the shop — imagined their products would place, much less win.

"None of us even attended the competition," Beaman said. "We sent our cheeses to them by mail. We found out that we had won through someone who works our Whole Foods Market account in Chapel Hill."

The account representative broke the news during a telephone call to the shop to congratulate Anderson on his win.

"It was a complete surprise to us," Beaman said. "When I told Bryan, he just kept saying, 'Get out of here!' It took a little while for it to sink in, I think."

Anderson said that he is now "experimenting" with new cheese creations that he hopes will bring further honors not only to the Shelton Cheeses name, but also to North Carolina. He added that next year the cheeses he will enter in the competition would not arrive to judges by mail.

"Next year, I plan on winning first place, and," he smiled, "I plan to be there when it happens."

Shelton Cheeses is located on the grounds of Shelton Vineyards, on Twin Oaks Road southwest of Dobson, off Interstate 77. The 383-acre

estate has 200 acres of premium vinifera grapes and offers daily tours and tastings at both its winery and cheese shop.

Orders may also be placed at the Shelton Cheeses website at www.sheltoncheeses.com, or at the Shelton Vineyards website at www.sheltonvineyards.com.

Health fair at SCC scheduled Thursday

DOBSON — Surry Community College will host a health fair in the gymnasium from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday.

A variety of services will be available, including blood pressure checks, body fat and bone density screenings, chiropractic and massage therapy, vision screenings and many others.

The health fair is free, and no registration is required.

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Small Business center offering sales seminar

The Surry Community College Small Business Center will sponsor a seminar entitled "Secrets of Successful Salespeople" on Thursday, Oct. 10, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. The workshop will be held on the SCC campus in room C101 (Continuing Education Building).

The seminar leader will be Tim Dannelly.

Successful salespeople make it easy for buyers to purchase as much as they want, as soon as possible. In this informative presentation you will learn about proven sales strategies that will result in happy customers who will pay more for your product/service and only buy from you. A powerful seminar designed to benefit both the sales "rookie" and the seasoned professional.

This seminar is free. Preregistration is required. You may call at 336-386-3211 or you may preregister online at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schbusr/cep.htm

Surry Community College adds cable television Channel

Surry Community College in Dobson recently added cable television station Channel 2 on Time Warner Cable to its educational delivery system.

One provision in the vision statement of Surry Community College addresses a commitment to providing innovation approaches to instruction, approaches that fit the different learning styles of students and make student access to courses as convenient as possible.

As lifestyles have changed to keep up with today's fast-paced world and as technology has become more sophisticated, the educational delivery system of the college has also changed to meet the needs of students.

Not too many years ago, SCC delivered most of its instructional services in a traditional classroom setting which included an instructor and a group of students. This setting required that students leave their homes and travel to the college.

While many students in Surry and Yadkin counties still prefer a traditional classroom setting, many others are completing courses through the Surry Community College distance education system, which includes Internet, telecourses and teleweb courses. The addition of Channel 2, on Time Warner Cable, expands the distance education system and provides another means of delivering courses, presenting special programming and keeping the public informed of events of the college. Channel 2, dedicated solely to SCC, can be accessed by cable customers in Surry and Yadkin counties and parts of Stokes County.

Buck Yarborough, director of governmental and public affairs for Time Warner Cable, commented on the company's donation of Channel 2 and on its commitment to Surry Community College by saying, "Time Warner Cable is proud of our longstanding partnership with Surry Community College and is pleased to support the college's efforts to provide quality educational programming and distance learning opportunities to its students and to residents of the Surry County area."

Folks who tune in to Channel 2 on Time Warner Cable will find a variety of educational programs coordinated by Josh Nixon, director of video productions for the college. Current programming includes "The President's Corner," which is a monthly interview with the college president, Dr. Frank Sells; telecourses offered through the University of North Carolina Television; an information center/bulletin board with current information on events of the college; and special segments on various academic programs and services.

Popular programs that were available to viewers over the past few months were "Restoration of Antique Cars," featuring Jeff Boles; "Gardening Tips," featuring Charles Boles; "Surry County

History," featuring Marion Venable, a local historian, who is also the director of the Surry Community College Foundation; and "Surry Community College Remembers September 11."

Nixon indicated the college has ambitious plans for Channel 2, and he appears to be well equipped to coordinate those plans. He is a graduate of Campbell University with a bachelor of arts degree in communication with a concentration in radio broadcasting. He is a Surry Central High School graduate and a Surry County native. His work experience includes broadcasting for radio stations WIFM in Elkin and WSYD and WPAQ in Mount Airy.

Nixon commented on the television station by saying, "I have a love for communications and a love for Surry and surrounding counties, so this work is a perfect fit for me. We began on-air programming on Channel 2 in March of this year. This is an important venture for the college, because it provides yet another way to deliver educational programs and services, and it gives residents of this area an easy, convenient means of becoming acquainted with the college. Our goal is to provide the best non-commercial, educational programming in the area. We are off to a good start and will expand current offerings to include more college courses, interviews with members of the Surry Community College family, information on the many services provided by various divisions of the college, up-to-date information on schedule changes due to inclement weather, upcoming events and coverage of athletic events."

John Collins, vice president for instruction for Surry Community College, voiced his enthusiasm over the cable television station by saying, "Surry Community has always strived to stay aware of the needs of our current and prospective students and to make every effort to fill those needs. This television station provides another avenue for delivery of educational services. We are excited about the possibilities associated with it, and we hope viewers will take advantage of the current programming and will stay tuned as we increase our offerings."

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SCC to offer plumbing codes class

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a 48-hour "Plumbing Codes Review" class beginning Tuesday, October 1. The class will meet each Tuesday through November 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the Dobson, N.C., campus in room H335 (Richards Health Science Building).

Dale Goins and Gene Kimble will be the instructors.

The course is designed to prepare an individual to become a licensed plumbing contractor. This is an in-depth study of the plumbing code minimum requirements and principles involved in the designing of a plumbing system.

The tuition will be \$60 plus a textbook fee. Students should be present for the first class meeting and registration on October 1.

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Unique small business class set

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Come and learn about great, low-cost entrepreneurial opportunities from a respected (and published) business expert.

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Area high school

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9-20-02
Allison McCarn, Maggie Renegar, Amanda Harris, and Shawn Weisner, seniors at Forbush High School, are moving forward with their college and career plans and saving money by enrolling in college courses offered on their high school campus.

These students are among 299 high school seniors in Surry and Yadkin counties who are taking college courses during their regular school day. The courses are offered by Surry Community College through an articulation agreement with Surry and Yadkin County Schools and Mount Airy and Elkin City Schools. The basis of the agreement is the Huskins Bill which was passed by the General Assembly in 1983 as a tool for the enrichment of the high school curriculum by providing academic, technical and advanced vocational courses not otherwise available to high school students. High school seniors who enroll in the courses must complete a college placement test and meet the same entrance requirements as other community college students.

According to Maggie Renegar, enrolling in college courses was the next logical step for her. She indicated she chose the most rigorous course selection in the ninth grade and followed that plan for the next two years. "It seemed wise to me to continue on the path I began in ninth grade and to make full use of my senior year. I had the choice of taking less demanding courses, but I chose to continue on the more challenging track which included college courses," she said.

Shawn Weisner, Amanda Harris, and Allison McCarn agreed with Maggie and indicated they believe that completing college courses during their senior year of high school will help prepare them for the demanding college schedule they will face when they enroll as full-time college freshmen. Too, they believe college admissions officers will look favorably upon the fact that they will have completed the most advanced academic courses available at their high school. Some of the institutions to which they are applying are the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Charlotte, and Greensboro; North Carolina State University, Western Carolina University, Wake Forest University, and Duke University.

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Surry Community College will offer on-line course

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Questions may be directed to Joy Smith at (336) 386-3244 or smithj@surry.cc.nc.us.

Music classes being offered at SCC

Surry Community College will offer the following music classes:

- * Banjo, Old Time Beginning - Wednesday evenings, September 4-November 6, 6-9 p.m. Johnny Gentry, instructor
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 - * Fiddle, Old Time Beginning - Wednesday evenings, September 4-November 6, 6-9 p.m. Instructor, Johnny Gentry.
- Registration fee is \$40. Interested persons should plan to attend the first class meeting to register. For further information, contact the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-3331 or 386-3244.

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Insurance license renewal courses slated to begin Wednesday at SCC

DOBSON — Surry Community College has announced it will be offering renewal courses for licensed life and health insurance agents. The tuition for these classes will be \$55 per class plus a textbook fee of \$7 per three-hour class. The following classes will be offered:

(#14328), Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon

■ Wealth and Estate Planning (#14441), Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Preregistration is required by Sept. 5. Call 386-3211 or 386-3309. Textbook orders will be based on preregistration numbers.

■ Long Term Care Primer

Private pesticide applicator training set

DOBSON — Pesticide certification and/or recertification will be held for private pesticide applicators on Sept. 18. A private pesticide applicator license is required for anyone who would like to purchase restricted use pesticides for use in his or her own property. Until Oct. 1, the initial certification training is a four-hour class. After Oct. 1, anyone who wishes to obtain a private pesticide license will be required to pass an examination.

Training will begin at 3 p.m., break for dinner at 5 p.m. and resume training at 6 p.m. for the final two hours. Recertification training will be held in conjunction with the final two hours of the certification training from 6 to 8 p.m.

Training will be held at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, Surry County Center located in Dobson. To register (required) or if you have any questions, please call Joanna Radford at 401-8025.

'Successful Investing' meeting set

The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor a seminar entitled "Successful Investing" meeting on Tuesdays, September 17-October 8 from 6:30-8:45 p.m.

The workshop will meet on the SCC campus in room C-203 (upstairs-Continuing Education Building).

The seminar leader will be Doug Draughn of Edward Jones Investments.

A series covering the ABC's of investing, topics will include: tax-free investments, retirement accounts, estate planning, mutual funds and common stocks.

Persons interested should call the Business Center at 336-386-3211 to preregister or you may preregister on-line at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schabus/cep.htm.

Oil painting class set

Surry Community College will offer the following Oil Painting class Tuesday evenings, September 17-November 19, 6-9 p.m.

The instructor for this class will be Linda Berth. They will be held in the Charles H. Stone Memorial Library in Pilot Mountain.

Registration fee is \$40 for all students. Interested persons should plan to attend the first class meeting to register.

For further information, contact the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-3244 or 386-3331.

Golf class offered

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College is offering a golf class on Monday evenings, September 16-November 4, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Triangle Pines Driving Range with instructor Tom Pendergraft.

Class space is limited to 12 students.

All students must preregister by calling the college at (336) 386-3331.

There will be a \$40 tuition fee collected at the first class meeting.

This fee does not include golf balls or green fees.

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SCC to offer on-line courses

On-line computer classes

DOBSON, N.C. — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor on-line computer courses beginning Sept. 18.

Each course will run for six weeks. Tuition is \$55 per course.

Classes include Adobe Acrobat 5 (introductory), advanced Web pages, intermediate Web pages, computer skills for the workplace, creating Web graphics, creating Web pages, Dreamweaver 4.0 (introductory), Flash 5 (introductory), and getting organized with Outlook.

Also, intro to the Internet, Java Script for the Web (introductory), keyboarding, MS Access (introductory), MS Access (intermediate), MS Excel (introductory), MS Excel (intermediate), MS FrontPage, MS PowerPoint, MS Publisher, MS Windows 2000 professional, MS Word (introductory) and MS Word (intermediate).

Also, MS Word (advanced), MS Works (word processing), MS Works (spreadsheets), networking (introductory), networking (intermediate), Oracle (introductory), payroll in Quickbooks, PC troubleshooting, Photoshop 5.0/5.5, Photoshop 6 beginner and Photoshop 6 (introductory).

Also, Quickbooks (introductory), Quicken for Windows, SQL, Visual Basic 6.0 (introductory), Windows file and disk management, Windows 2000 professional, Windows XP (introductory) and XML (intro).

Interested persons may register by mail. For more information pertaining to on-line courses, logon to www.surry.cc.nc.us and click "continuing education," then click the "New! On-Line Computer Courses" button.

Questions may be directed to Joy Smith at (336) 386-8121, ext. 244, smithj@surry.cc.nc.us; or Ray Hall at (336) 386-8121, ext. 237, hallr@surry.cc.nc.us.

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The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor an on-line course, "High Powered Communication," beginning Sept. 18.

This course will run for six weeks for a total of 24 hours. The tuition charge for this class will be \$55.

This course focuses on five critical factors of highly effective communication used by all skilled communicators. Participants will discover the fascinating ways these factors influence their interactions with others and they will explore their own natural communication preferences.

Then, individuals will learn

how to tap into the communication power that lies within them to achieve even greater personal and professional effectiveness.

They will also discover how to reach their peak communication potential by learning how to skillfully project power and precision, manage interpersonal conflict, and minimize stress.

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Surry College schedules business-related classes

DOBSON, N.C. — The Small Business Center of Surry Community College will sponsor a series of business-related classes this fall.

For details about registration or locations for any class listed below, call the center at (336) 386-3211.

"Business use of your home" will meet Oct. 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The seminar is free.

"Customer service tips for service providers" will meet Oct. 9 at the Mount Airy JobLink Center, with morning and evening sessions. Free.

"E-Commerce Concepts and Strategies" will meet Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free; \$25 book fee.

"Web site marketing 1 and II" will meet Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

"Conducting effective meet-

ings" will meet Oct. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. Free.

"Protecting your church from lawsuits" will meet Oct. 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Free.

"Secrets of successful salespeople" will meet Oct. 10 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free.

SCC offers online course

DOBSON, N.C. — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor an online course, "How to Start and Operate a Homebased

Business" beginning Sept. 18. This course will run for six weeks. Tuition is \$55.

Interested persons may register by mail.

For more information pertaining to online courses, logon to www.surry.edu and click "Continuing Education," then click the "Online Courses" button.

Questions may be directed to Renee Hutchins at (336) 386-3211 or e-mail at hutchinsr@surry.cc.nc.us.

Surry Community College to offer music classes

DOBSON — Surry Community College will offer be offering three music classes on the Surry Community College Campus in the President's Dining Room.

■ Banjo - Old Time Beginnings, Instructor: Johnny Gen-try Sept. 4 - Nov. 6, Wednes-

days, from 6 to 9 p.m. ■ Banjo - Blue Grass Beginnings, Instructor: Bruce Mosley Sept. 24 - Nov. 26, Tues-

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Basics to building an online business

DOBSON - Want to start an online business but don't know where to begin? This class is for you. From conducting initial research to launching your web site, we will discuss all of

the start-up issues an online business owner will face and all of the tasks that must be completed in the pursuit of self-employment and online success.

The Continuing Education

Division of Surry Community College will sponsor an on-line course, "Basics to Building an On-Line Business" beginning Sept. 18. This course will run for six weeks for a total of 24 hours. The tuition charge for this class will be \$55.

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'Small businesses you can start for under \$200' seminar set for September 30 in Dobson

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Businesses You Can Start for Under \$200" on Sept. 30.

The workshop will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the SCC

campus in room C101.

Participants will learn about low-cost entrepreneurial opportunities from a business expert.

Pro-registration is required. Call (336) 386-3211 or register online at www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schabus/cep.htm

Winemaking finally coming to the college campus

Surry Community College, which has the only viticulture curriculum on the East Coast, is finally going to get to make some wine.

A couple of weeks ago the General Assembly passed a special bill allowing the college to establish its own winery, and it would allow it to be used for a couple of years to produce wines for others.

Unfortunately, the authorization came too late to help out the Old North State Winegrowers Co-op, which had been hoping SCC could bail it out of a jam.

While the legislature has passed the bill, all necessary permits from federal and state agencies still haven't been issued, and with the grape harvest well under way the only service SCC can provide the co-op is crushing the grapes. Then they have to be sent elsewhere to be made into wine.

Westbend Vineyards is providing that service.

The first permit the school will get will only allow "experimental" winemaking. Any wine made under that permit couldn't be used for commercial purposes, or even given away.

Over the long haul though, the college will eventually be able to make wine from five acres of adjacent vines its students are planting.

Frank Sells, SCC's president, said once the permanent permits are in place viticulture students will be able to get "the full experience in winemaking," from planting, cultivating and harvesting the grapes, to making and bottling the wine.

As it turns out, the bill passed by the legislature actually would only allow SCC to help out the co-op with next year's harvest. After

Rebel Good Rebelations



June 30, 2004, the college can only make wines from its own vineyards, which are limited by the law to five acres.

Also on the local wine front, RagApple Lassie Vineyards east of Boonville is getting ready to open its new winery to the public.

The facility was designed by architecture students at UNC-Charlotte.

RagApple Lassie hired its first winemaker, Linda King, several months ago. Their first vintages should be ready at next year's Yadkin Valley Wine Festival, set for Saturday, May 17, at Elkin Municipal Park.

A Surry County vineyard is also hoping to have its first commercial wines available at the festival.

Round Peak Vineyards, near Lowgap, is having its wines made by RayLen Vineyards in Davis County.

George Little, Round Peak's owner, said he hopes his chardonnay will be available at the festival. He also is having three red wines, which take longer to develop, made from the current harvest, a merlot, a cabernet franc

Rebelation

and a sangiovese. Little said Round Peak's current harvest from its nine acres should yield about 400 cases, and perhaps three times that next year as the vines mature and become more bountiful.

A Rebelation: Sure, Elkin High School was within the law when it watered its football field last week. Restrictions brought about by the drought conditions don't prevent the school from using its irrigation system, which drafts water from Big Elkin Creek well below the intake for the Town of Elkin's system.

But just because it can doesn't mean it should. There's a matter of perception here. When your neighbors are in need, you don't flaunt your wealth.

'Project management' to be offered at Surry

DOBSON, N.C. — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor an on-line course, "Project Management," beginning Sept. 18. This course will run for six weeks for a total of 24 hours. The tuition charge for this class will be \$55.

This course offers a breakthrough model for dealing with the realities of managing projects at supersonic speeds.

Participants will learn to meet and win the challenges of truncated timelines, short-staffed project teams, skimpy budgets and crippling risks.

Interested persons may register by mail.

For more information pertaining to on-line courses, go to www.surry.edu and click Continuing Education, then click the On-Line Courses button.

Questions may be directed to Joy Smith at (336) 386-3244; or e-mail at smithj@surry.cc.nc.us.

SCC online course offered

The continuing education division of Surry Community College will sponsor an online course entitled "Accounting Fundamentals" beginning Sept. 18. This course will run for six weeks for a total of 24 hours. Topics include double-entry bookkeeping, how to analyze and record financial transactions and how to prepare various financial reports at the end of the fiscal period. Accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll procedures, sales taxes and various common banking activities will be discussed. Tuition for the course is \$55.

For more information, contact Renee Hutchins at 386-3211.

SCC to offer confined space awareness class

DOBSON — Surry Community College and Safety-Net, Inc. will offer a 8-hour confined space awareness class on Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Surry Community College Emergency Services Training Center.

This class will include general requirements to identify your confined spaces at your facility.

Identify all the training requirements for entry into confined spaces.

Teach you how to properly monitor employees or contractors working in your confined spaces.

This class will also include lecture and practical stations set up to ensure recognition of proper equipment used by the contractors.

Anyone interested in this 8-hour course must preregister by calling the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-3202. Class size is limited.



Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) students stand at attention during the ceremony.



A group of SCC students, faculty and staff prepare for the ceremony.

SCC commemorates first anniversary of attack on America

Surry Community College students, faculty, and staff joined their fellow Americans on Sept. 11 to commemorate the first anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the United States.

The ceremony, held on the main campus in Dobson, was coordinated by Tony Searcy, director of student activities. Searcy led the group in singing "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful."

Tom Parker, an instructor in business technologies, delivered the invocation, and Dr. Gary Tilley shared reflections on the tragedy.

Ashley Hayes, a sophomore in computer programming technology, presented, "A Nation of Survivors," a poem which was written by Jack Foshee Jr. on Sept. 12, 2001.

A group of students in the Basic Law Enforcement Training, dressed in training uniforms, stood as a group and represented law enforcement during the ceremony. Members of the Electronics Club distributed commemorative cards and American flag pins.

At the conclusion of the program and the playing of



Tim Patrick, public safety officer, prepares to salute the flag.

the National Anthem, students released an array of colorful balloons.

Mike McHone, vice-president for Students Services, commented on the program by saying, "Like people all over the country, we continue to experience the effects of that dark day. This was

our way to remember those whose lives were taken and to appreciate all the emergency responders and volunteers who continue to play such an important role in the healing of the country. This was our way to say we are proud to be Americans."

One on One Business Counseling Available
Contact Dennis Lowe, Small Business Center Director to schedule an appointment.
336-386-8121, extension 309

Customer service seminar offered through SCC

Surry Community College's Small Business Center is offering a free, two-hour seminar entitled "Customer Service Tips for Service Providers" on Wednesday, October 9 in the Mount Airy JobLink Center (corner of West Pine and South Street).

The seminar will be held twice, giving participants the option of attending a morning (9-11 a.m.) or afternoon session (1-3 p.m.). Preregistration for either session is required as space is limited. Questions about the session or preregistration should be directed to 386-3211. Topics to be covered include proper phone etiquette; meeting and exceeding customer expectations; creative customer service solutions; and dealing with unhappy customers.

Small business center offering unique course

The Surry Community College Small Business Center will sponsor a seminar entitled "Protecting Your Church (and Its Members) from Lawsuits" on Thursday, October 10, 6:30-9:30 p.m. The workshop will be held on the SCC campus in room A121.

The seminar leader will be Sam Gore.

Changes in "charitable immunity" policy, plus the increasing number of church activities put many religious organizations at a high risk of litigation. Churches that provide programs for children/youth, provide food service, or operate buses/vans are at a very high risk. In this seminar, participants will learn the benefits of developing (or revising) by-laws, articles of incorporation and policy manuals and how these work to limit liability and protect the church (and its members) from devastating lawsuits.

This seminar is free. Preregistration is required. You may call 336-386-3211 or you may preregister on line at <http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/content/schbusn/cep.htm>.



Fred and Lynn Jones fill bins with "must" — the end product of the crushing process (a pulp of grape, skin, seeds and juice).

TRIBUNE/Ben Silvester
Lynn Jones, a Surry Community College viticulture student and independent viticulturist, with her husband, Fred Jones in the background, tastes her batch of grapes before they are run through the school's crusher.



While monitoring the crusher's pump speed, student Pete Bachert glances up to ensure grapes are still going in.

The big squeeze

Viticulture students at SCC got their first taste of grape crushing Tuesday. Student Lynn Jones brought her harvest of the French hybrid Chambourcin grapes to the college. The crushed product was then taken to RagApple Lassie Vineyards in Yadkinville to be processed into wine.

303 students earn GEDs from SCC

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Three hundred and three adults from Surry and surrounding counties earned a high school diploma this year through the Surry Community College GED Program. The graduation ceremony for these students was held on Sept. 15, on the main campus of the college located in Dobson.

To qualify to receive the high school diploma, students must pass the Tests of General Educational Development. Preparation for these tests is provided through the Surry Community College Basic Skills Program offered in Surry and Yadkin Counties.

Virginia Shaw, director of the Basic Skills Program, welcomed graduates and guests. Musical selections for the ceremony were presented by Patti Fulk of Surry County Schools and Ginger Collins, Ph.D., of Yadkin County Schools. Penny Ruble, director of Surry Community College Basic Skills and Community Service Programs in Yadkin County, delivered the invocation. John Collins, vice president for instruction, was the featured

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Class planned

DOBSON — Surry Community College will offer a National Board Certification class from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 12-Dec. 12, in room H-260.

The registration fee is \$55. Interested persons should plan to attend the first class to register.

For information, call the Continuing Education Division at (336) 386-3244 or 386-3331.

Seminar to address small business on the Internet

DOBSON — The Surry Community College Small Business Center is working jointly with the Rural Internet Access Authority, area Chambers of Commerce, and the Small Business Centers of Davidson, Forsyth, and Guilford Community Colleges to provide a day long, E-business expo entitled, "Small Business and the Internet: Exploring Opportunities on the Web."

The event will take place on Nov. 1 at the Grady P. Swisher Center (satellite of Forsyth Tech) in Kernersville from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

There is a \$20 advance registration fee for the event that includes: access to all presentations and seminars, an E-business handbook (Using Technology to Build Successful Businesses), refreshments and lunch.

For more information about Small Business and the Internet: Exploring Opportunities on the Web; contact Dennis Lowe of Surry Community College at 386-3309.

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speaker and Frank Sells, Ph.D., president, presented the graduation certificates.

Virginia Shaw opened the ceremony by congratulating graduates and telling them that they are part of the largest high school graduating class in the county, with GED graduates accounting for approximately one-fourth of all high school completers in Surry County. She said the fact that many adults make the initial contact with the GED Program on the "buddy" system, and recognized students who began the program with a relative or friend. She congratulated Barbara Mills, 67, the oldest member of the class of 2002.

Shaw remembered Joshua C. Smith who completed the Basic Skills Program but was killed in an automobile accident on Oct. 6, 2001. She read a letter in which Smith's grandmother told of his death and requested that his diploma and graduation tassel be mailed to her.

Shaw also recognized Ray Cornelius Riggs and James Greene. She presented an honorary high school diploma to Ray Cornelius Riggs, a 77-year-old World War II veteran, and recognized his daughter-in-law, Susan Parsons, who is also a member of the graduating class of 2002. She called special attention to James Greene, an active member of the United States Armed Forces who received special permission to attend the graduation ceremony.

In the graduation address, Collins reminded graduates that learning is a lifelong process and recognized the fact that many members of the 2002 class have already begun education beyond high school by enrolling in a Surry Community College diploma or associate degree programs.

The following students were recognized as honor graduates: Harold Baldwin, Patricia Baldwin, Richard Beall, Carol Brown, Linda Brown, Teresa Campbell, Justin Carter, Jena Caudle, Ricky Check, Darlene Cox, Christy Creech, Rury Delgado, Melissa Epperson, Angel Freeman, Maria Gardner, Charles Gates, Jr., James Greene, Rebecca Gwyn, Mina Gwynn, Duane Hawks, Nikki Hernandez, Bradley Horton, Emmett Hunt, Michael Jesier, Lori Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Joe Jones, Karie Kimpon, Michael King, Amanda Marion, Sarah Martin, Robert McMillan, Schunda Millsaps, Kayla Moore, Michelle Moorefield, Charles Norman, Meagan Puckett, Kenneth Rayburn, Chadwick Scales, Kevin Scott, Kenneth Shanks, Gabrielle Shively, Larry Speer, Edgar Tate, Justin Thomas, LeAnn Vipperman, Anthony Walton, Derrick Warden, Richard War-

ren, Rolanda Wenger, Janice Wilson, Joshua Wolfe, Robyn Wright, Matthew Wykes, Terry Yarbom.

The following students earned a high school diploma through the GED Program this past year: Tammy Addington, Matthew Adkins, Kimberlye Alexander, Whitney Anthony, Jonathan Armstrong, Michael Asbell, Janie Ashburn, Helen Ayers, Nicole Baker, Howard Baldwin, Patricia Baldwin, Shawn Bandy, Dana Barnett, Robyn Barnette, Mary Beall, Richard Beall, Annie Beasley, Roy Berrier, Roger Blankenship, Amy Blevins, Savannah Blevins, Omega Boehmer, James Bonds, Natasha Bowling, Kaci Bowman, Joyce Boyles, Joshua Brandon, Stephanie Brewer, Brett Brim, Craig Brindle, Travis Brinkley, Amanda Brooks, Christol Brooks, Angela Brown, Carol Brown, Danny Brown, James Brown, Linda Brown, Jamie Bruce, Brittany Bruner, Heather Bryant, Stormie Buelin, Ricky Burcham, Jessica Burkhardt, Jason Burnette, Teresa Campbell, Daniel Carowan, Justin Carter, Dana Caudle, Jena Caudle, Dorothy Chappell, Ricky Check, Matthew Childress, Christopher Clark, Joseph Clement, Ralph Coe, Bonnie Collins, Bradley Collins, Elizabeth Collins, Lucy Collins, Markis Collins, Donald Cooksey, Clayton Couch, Darlene Cox, Christy Creech, Beverly Creed, Dalton Crofts, Rita Cundiff, Shelby Dalton, Jenny Davis, Tammy Davis, Christy Dawson, Rury Delgado, Dennis Dobbins, Myriah Dobson, Misty Dollyhigh, Jackie Dollywhite, Sherry Draughn, Julie Easter, Vera Edwards, Tangee Elder, Melissa Epperson, Elizabeth Fahey, Michael Finley, Angel Freeman, Falcicy Freeman, Shirley Freeman, Jennifer Gammons, Maria Gardner, Antonio Garrison, Charles Gates, Jr., Timothy Goad, Wanda Goad, Jodi Goble, Clara Goins, Roy Goins Jr., Heath Goodson, Patrick Gore, Helen Govea, Paula Grainger, Betty Grande, Bobbi Gray, James Greene, Rebecca Gwyn, Elizabeth Gwynn, Mina Gwynn, Christine Hall, William Hamblin, Amanda Harman, Derek Harp, Amanda Harris, Duane Hawks, David Hayden, Franklin Hayes, Jennifer Hayes, Lisa Hemric, Nikki Hernandez, April Hiatt, Elizabeth Hiatt, Starla Hiatt, Stephanie Hiatt, Sebastin Hicks, Eric Hodge, Jamie Holbrook, Mary Holcomb, Glenda Holyfield, Bradley Horton, Latasha Hughes, Emmett Hunt, Melissa Hunt, Johnathan Hutchens, Thomas Jackson, Michael Jesier, Jarrod Johnson, Lori Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Daniel Jones, Joe Jones,

Linda Keiger, Ashley Keith, Laverne Keith, Tommy Key, Karie Kimpon, Justin King, Michael King, Robin King, Dawn Lane, Julius Lankford, Monica Laeraga, Mary Lawson, Kellie Ledezma, Florencio Llorente, Canajoharia Long, Leslie Lord, Joshua Love, Franklin Lowe, Amanda Marion, Polly Marion, Melissa Marsh, Chris Martin, Rebecca Martin, Sarah Martin, Douglas Matthews, Anne McBride, Margo McBride, Robert McMillan, Cathy McRoberts, Jake McRoberts, Donald Meadows, Jamie Messick, Anthony Miller, Barbara Mills, Schunda Millsaps, Jennifer Mitchem, Wendy Moody, Kayla Moore, Michelle Moorefield, Brandy Morgan, Felicia Morgan, Patty Morton, Herminia Mota, Anita Mullis, Elizabeth Nance, Natasha Needham, Felicia Newman, Heather Newsome, Charles Norman, Wilma Norman, Pamela Notter, Timothy Nunn, Greta Oakley, Misty Oakley, Frances Odum, Kay Ostrum, Brian Parker, Effie Parker, Debra Parks, Susan Parsons, Peggy Peyton, Christopher Phillips, Glenda Phillips, Lisa Phillips, Lisa Phipps, Scottie Plyler, Elizabeth Potts, Jeffery Prater, Amanda Puckett, Christopher Puckett, Esther Puckett, Meagan Puckett, Kenneth Rayburn, Brenda Read, Jennifer Reavin, Rebecca Reece, Michael Reed, Shannon Roberts, Deborah Robertson, Nancy Rodriguez, Erica Rogers, James Rogers, Jose Rosales, Derek Sanderson, Chadwick Scales, Buffy Schaub, Kevin Scott, Dawn Sechrist, Teresa Secundino, Kenneth Shanks, Ashley Sheets, Misty Shelton, Jimmy Shermer, Sheila Shinault, Gabrielle Shively, Kenneth Shore, Kimber Shores, Iris Sias, Pamela Simpson, Jonathan Skeens, Faith Smith, Jennifer Smith, Joshua Smith, Mieke Smith, Wanda Smith, April Southard, Larry Speer, Isaac Sprinkle, Danny Stanley, Jana Stanley, Billy Stone, Juanita Sumner, Heather Swain, Angie Tate, April Tate, Edgar Tate, Walter Terrell, Bryan Thomas, Justin Thomas, Nicholas Todd, Susan Towe, Marisol Urioste, Rachel Van Dyke, Cynthia Vestal, LeAnn Vipperman, Stephanie Wall, Anthony Walton, Brandy Ward, Edwards, Derrick Warden, Richard Warren, Teresa Watson, Rolanda Wenger, Ruth Whitaker, Mary White, Cathy Wilkins, Terry Wilkins, Cathy Williams, Karen Williams, Clifton Willis, Chris Wilson, Janice Wilson, Synthia Wilson, Joseph Wolfe, Joshua Wolfe, Sandy Wood, Gracie Wright, Michael Wright, Robyn Wright, Matthew Wykes, Terry Yarbom.

Surry Community College Small Business Center Courses

Protecting Your Church (and its members) from Lawsuits
Instructor: Dick Wilson
Time/Date: Thurs, Oct. 10, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Location: SCC, Room A-121
Cost: Free

Secrets of Successful Salespeople
Instructor: Tim Dannelly
Time/Date: Thurs, Oct. 10, 1:30 - 4:30 PM
Location: SCC, Room C-101
Cost: Free

Survival Skills for Managers, Supervisors, and Group Leaders
Instructor: Garry Moore
Time/Date: Thurs, Oct. 17, 12:30 - 4:30 PM
Location: Elkin Public Library
Cost: Free

E-commerce Concepts and Strategies
Instructor: Glen Christopher
(lecture/lab)
Time/Date: Sat., Oct. 12, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: SCC Room E-144 first-come, first-served
Cost: Tuition free
Textbook: \$25.00 (payable to glen.christopher.net.ltd)

Web-site Marketing I & II (lecture/lab)
Instructor: Glen Christopher
Time/Date: Sat., Oct. 26, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: SCC, Room E-144 first-come, first-served
Cost: free

Put More Time in Your Life
Presenter: Hayes Ratledge
Time/Date: Thurs., Oct 24, 1:30 - 4:00 PM
Location: Cross Creek Country Club
Cost: \$20.00 (tuition & workbook)
Co-sponsored by: Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce

Business Use of the Home
Instructor: Doris Jones
Time/Date: Mon, Oct 28, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Location: SCC, Room C-203
Cost: Free

Debt Free Living
Instructor: George Lucke

Time/Date: Mon, Nov 4, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Location: SCC, Room C-101
Cost: Free (optional \$39 workbook available the night of class)

Communication and Power for Women
Instructor: Denise Ryan
Time/Date: Wed, Nov 6, 1:30 - 4:30 PM
Location: Jonesville Comfort Inn
Cost: Free
Co-sponsored by: Elkin-Jonesville Chamber of Commerce

Business Bookkeeping
Presenter: Jerry Sawyers
Time/Date: Wed, Nov 6, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Location: SCC, Room C-101
Cost: Free

Zodiac Business Simulation
Instructor: Kirk Smith/Jeanne Shelton
Time/Date: Thurs, Nov 7, 9:30 - 1:30 AM or
Time/Date: Thurs, Nov 7, 6:00 - 10:00 PM
Location: SCC, Room C-102
Cost: Free

Understanding Payroll
Presenter: Jerry Sawyers
Time/Date: Wed, Nov 13, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Location: SCC, Room C-101
Cost: Free

On-Line Course Offerings

A to Z Grantwriting
Start Dates: Oct 16 or Nov 20
Cost: \$55

Accounting Fundamentals
Start Dates: Oct. 16 or Nov 20
Cost \$55

Basics to Building an Online Business
Start Dates: Oct. 16 or Nov. 20
Cost: \$55

Start and Operate Your Own Homebased Business
Start Dates Oct. 16 or Nov. 20
Cost: \$55

Notary Public class planned

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a Notary Public class October 28 and 30, Monday and Wednesday evening, 6:00-9:30 p.m. in room C-101 of the Continuing Education Building on the college campus.

Cost will be \$50 tuition plus approximately \$15.25 for text. Upon successful completion of this course the following fees are the responsibility of

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the student and payable to the agencies listed below: Application Fee, \$30 (Secretary of State of North Carolina); Oath of Office, \$10 (Surry County Register of Deeds Office); Notary Seal, \$40 plus (may be purchased from any office supply company).

For more information call 336-386-3211. Filed 10-23-02

Certification course set

Surry Community College will offer a national board certification class on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 12 through Dec. 12. The session will meet from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in room H-260 on the Dobson campus.

Registration will be held during the first class meeting with a fee due of \$55.

For further information, contact the continuing education division at 386-3244 or 386-3331.

Payroll course to be offered at SCC

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will offer a workshop for small business Wednesday on "Understanding Payroll." The program will be sponsored by the Small Business Center.

The meeting will be 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. in Room C-101 (Continuing Education Building) on the Dobson campus. The instructor will be Jerry Sawyers of Sawyers & Sawyers Accounting in Mount Airy.

No fee will be charged to participants. Those interested should contact the Continuing Education Small Business Center at 386-3211 to pre-register or pre-register on-line at <http://www.surri.cc.nc.us/cont>

Workshop to teach how to find more time

The Surry Community College Small Business Center and the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a seminar entitled "Put More Time in Your Life" on Thursday, October 24 from 1:30-4 p.m. This workshop will be held at Cross Creek Country Club, Mount Airy.

The seminar leader will be Hayes Ratledge of Success Seminars.

There is a \$20 charge payable to the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce. Pre-registration is required. You may call at 336-386-3211 or you may pre-register online at http://www.surri.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schebus/cep.htm.

SCC 'New Home 101' seminar set

The Surry Community College Small Business Center will sponsor a seminar entitled "New Home 101" meeting on September 16, 19 and 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m. The workshop will meet on the SCC campus in room C101 (Continuing Education Building).

The facilitator for this seminar will be Jenny Triplett. During this comprehensive seminar, learn the fundamentals of how to buy or build your own home. During the session, home acquisition information will be shared by: a realtor, a banker, an attorney, a builder, a

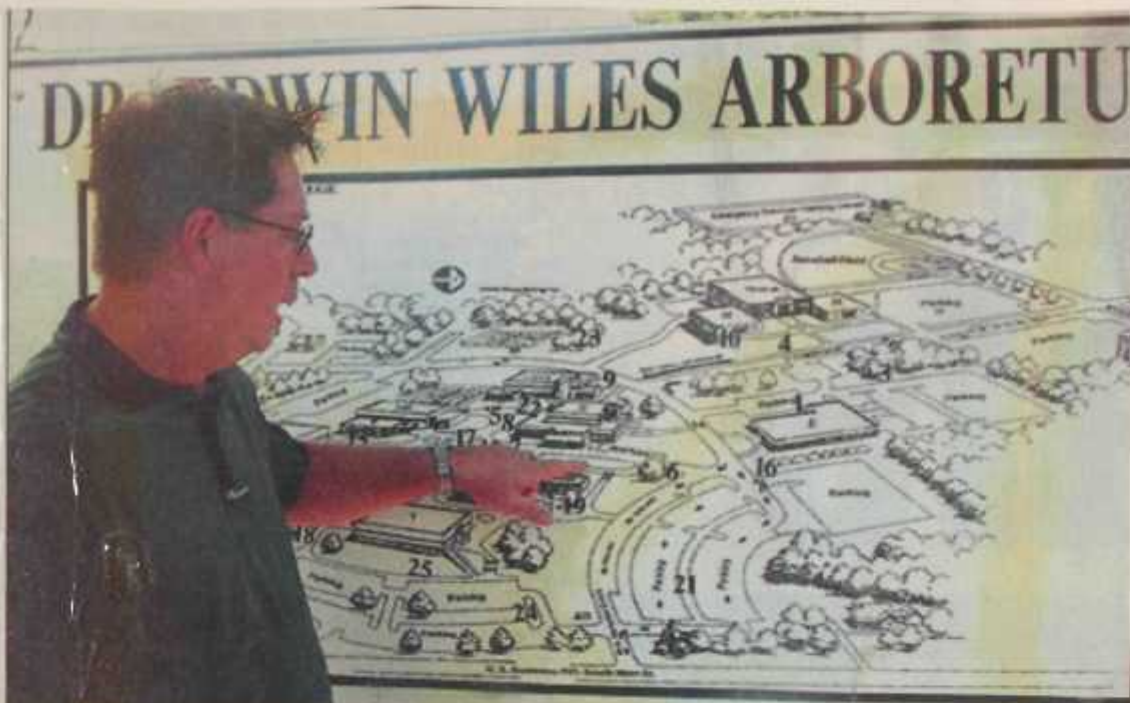
home inspections expert, and a pest control representative. This seminar is free of charge however pre-registration is required. Call (336) 386-3211 or you may pre-register on-line at http://www.surri.cc.nc.us/cont_edu/schebus/cep.htm.

Surry will offer business course

The small business center of Surry Community College will sponsor a free workshop entitled "Business Use of Your Home."

The session will be held Oct. 28 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in room C-203.

Topics in this session will include qualifying a home for taxable deductions, deductible expenses, record-keeping, deduction claims and changes in IRS regulations. Pre-registration is required by calling 386-3211.



Charles Boies, horticulture instructor at Surry Community College, points out some of the areas on the arboretum map of the campus where various types of trees are located. He said the trees are listed not only by their common name, but by their scientific names as well.



Mondee Tilley/The Mount Airy News
Charles Boies looks at the label of a Dawn redwood tree, which is a part of the Dr. Edwin Wiles Arboretum.

Grant helps transform college to arboretum

By **MONDEE TILLEY**
Staff Writer

DOBSON — Horticulture teacher Charles Boies is using grant money from the North Carolina Forestry Service to turn the Surry Community College campus into an outdoor classroom.

"We wanted to turn the whole college campus into a community arboretum," he said. "We've got a wide variety of trees anyone can come and enjoy."

"You know, maybe someone will want to find out what a certain type of tree looks like, say a Dawn redwood. All they would have to do is refer to the map and then come

right to it," explained Boies.

Each tree has a marker at its base telling what kind of tree it is. Brochures will be available soon so people can explore the arboretum with a map in hand.

The arboretum is named after a retired biology and chemistry teacher, Dr. Edwin Wiles.

"What I think is so neat about it is that this is something that will continue to grow," Boies said. "It's a project that will never end."

Boies hopes the community at large as well as students will use the arboretum as a educational tool.

Distinguished professor of food science will lecture on viticulture at SCC

Dr. Justin Morris, professor of food science and director of the Institute of Food Science and Engineering at the University of Arkansas, will lecture at Surry Community College on "Viticulture in the Eastern United States" on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

The lecture is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the teaching auditorium, Room A-121 of the Reeves Administration Building, and it is free and open to the public.

In addition to teaching in the University of Arkansas, Dr. Morris has conducted extensive research in food science. He received national and international recognition for his research efforts directed toward the development of processing, handling and mechanical harvesting of grapes and other fruits. The results of his research are found in more than 300 articles in research and trade publications, 18 book chapters and one textbook.

Dr. Morris has received numerous awards for his research and leadership in the food industry. In the past five years alone, he has received several lifetime achievement awards presented by the food industry, including the Leadership and Service Award, the Spitzer Land-Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence, the American Society for Enology and Viticulture Merit Award, the American Wine Society Award of Merit, the Pioneer Award of the Midwest Grape and Wine Association, and the University of Arkansas Faculty Distinguished Achievement for Research and Public Service.

Dr. Morris has trained or assisted in the training of 57 graduate students in food science, and he is a fellow of the American Society of Horticulture Science and the Institute of Food Technologists.

For more information on the lecture, contact Marion Venable by telephone at 336-386-8269 or by e-mail at venablem@surry.cc.nc.us.

SCC homecoming day set for Saturday

Saturday, Oct. 19, will be a big day on the main campus of Surry Community College in Dobson. It is Homecoming 2002, a day filled with fun activities for current and former students and employees.

The day will include a variety of athletic events, including Region X volleyball from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; a home run derby at 2 p.m. with opportunities for baseball "greats" to show off their batting and pitching skills; a cheerleading event at 3 p.m.; and a basketball scrimmage game at 7 p.m., with SCC taking on TRUTH, a Christian athletic team.

An open house will be held from 2-4 p.m., during which retired staff and faculty will be recognized. Following the open house will be a free concert by "Rainjacket" and a hot dog supper from 4-6 p.m.

Dr. Oz Prim, a Surry Community College history instructor and coordinator of homecoming events, commented on the day by saying, "We want to celebrate our success with everyone who made it possible."

Mike McHone, vice president for student services, said, "Homecoming is a fun way for former students and employees to come together to reminisce, reconnect with old friends and to see firsthand how the college has changed over the years. We think most people will be pleasantly surprised by the growth of the college in terms of students enrolled and programs available. In addition to numerous courses offered through the Continuing Education Division, we now have more than 40 curriculum programs, with approximately 4,000 students enrolled in these programs this semester. We are looking forward to sharing our good news with folks who have been a part of the Surry Community College family over the years."

For more information on the homecoming, call Dr. Oz Prim at 386-8121, ext. 3308.

'Understanding Payroll' workshop slated at SCC

To be held Nov. 13

DOBSON, N.C. — The free small business workshop "Understanding Payroll" will be offered Nov. 13 at Surry Community College.

The workshop will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The class will cover withholding and reporting compliance,

deadlines for tax deposits and payments, quarterly forms, avoiding penalties, the pitfalls of subcontractors who are really employees, and liability for collecting and remitting state sales tax.

Those interested should pre-register by contacting (336) 386-3211 or go on-line at http://www.surry.cc.nc.us/cont_ed/us/schebusi/cep.htm.

Surry will hold business course

The small business center of Surry Community College will sponsor a free seminar entitled "Web Site Marketing I and II" on Oct. 26. The two-part workshop will be

held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in room E144.

No pre-registration is required and seating will be done on a first-come, first-served basis.

Surry adds program

Surry Community College recently expanded programs offerings in career technologies to include another program for adults interested in a medical career.

An associate degree program in medical assisting was added for fall 2002.

The U.S. Department of Labor says employment opportunities for medical assistants are expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2008.

Advances in medicine and technology and the aging population contribute to the demand for workers in this field. Because of an increase in the number of group practices, clinics, and other health care facilities, assistants who can handle both administrative and clinical duties are in demand, particularly those with formal training and certification.

The average pay for medical assistants in North Carolina is between \$9 and \$14 per hour.

Graduates of programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs may sit for the American Association of Medical Assistants' Certification Examination to become certified medical assistants.

The college conducted an extensive study of health care providers and the general labor market in the region and found a demand for flexible workers who can perform both administrative and clinical tasks. Results showed that some health care providers prefer to hire certified medical assistants.

The two-year program includes a combination of courses designed to equip students with administrative and clinical skills, and it includes a medical clinical externship during which students develop skills in a health care facility.

Adults interested in pursuing an associate degree in medical assisting must have completed high school or the GED. They must complete the college admissions application and placement tests.

Spring semester classes begin Jan. 6, 2003; and individuals may contact Tammy Gant at (336) 386-8121, ext. 3256, or by e-mail at gantt@surry.cc.nc.us.

SCC Fall Festival to be held Saturday

DOBSON — Surry Community College and its clubs are sponsoring a fall festival on Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. in the college gymnasium.

Activities will include cake walks, face painting, pumpkin bowling and various other games and activities. There will also be a concert in the auditorium featuring Scotty Smith, Red Tape, Angry Residents and Sabrina Oakley.

Admission is \$2 per child and \$3 per adult, or five cans of food to be donated to the local food bank.

SCC hosts homecoming

Saturday, Oct. 19 will be a big day on the main campus of Surry Community College.

It is Homecoming 2002, a day filled with fun activities for current and former students and employees.

The day will include a variety of athletic events including Region X volleyball from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.; a home-run derby at 2 p.m. with opportunities for baseball "greats" to show off their batting and pitching skills; a cheerleading event at 3 p.m.; and a basketball scrimmage game at 7 p.m., with SCC taking on TRUTH, a Christian athletic team.

An open house will be held from 2-4 p.m. during which retired staff and faculty will be recognized. Following the open house will be a free concert by "Rainjacket" and hot dog supper from 4-6 p.m.

E-business expo to be hosted by SCC

The Surry Community College Small Business Center is working jointly with the Rural Internet Access Authority, area chambers of commerce, and the Small Business Centers of Davidson, Forsyth, and Guilford Community Colleges to provide a day-long E-business expo entitled "Small Business and the Internet: Exploring Opportunities on the Web."

The event will take place on Friday, November 1 at the Grady P. Swisher Center (satellite of Forsyth Tech) in Kernersville, N.C., from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Those attending the expo will learn about how to start an internet business via:

- presentations from current owners of successful E-businesses;
- seminars relating to starting an "E-business;"
- displays and information from business assistance groups; and
- networking opportunities with other entrepreneurs.

There is a \$20 advance registration fee for the event that includes: access to all presentations and seminars, an E-business handbook (*Using Technology to Build Successful Businesses*), refreshments and lunch.

For more information about the expo, contact Dennis Lowe of Surry Community College at (336) 386-3309.

Surry Community College Channel

By **SUE JARVIS**
SCC Public Relations

DOBSON — Surry Community College is using cable Channel 2 via Time Warner Cable to help meet its commitment to taking innovation approaches to instructional — approaches that fit student learning styles and make access to courses as convenient as possible.

John Collins, vice president for instruction for Surry Community College, said, "Surry Community has always strived to stay aware of the needs of our current and prospective students and to make every effort to fill those needs. This television station provides another avenue for delivery of educational services. We are excited about the possibilities associated with it and we hope viewers will take advantage of the current programming and will stay tuned as we increase our offerings."

Channel 2 is available to cable customers in Surry and Yadkin counties and parts of Stokes County. They will find a variety of educational programs coordi-

nated by Josh Nixon, the college's director of video productions.

Nixon is a graduate of Campbell University with a bachelor of arts degree in communication with a concentration in radio broadcasting. He is a Surry Central High School graduate and a Surry County native. His work experience includes broadcasting for radio stations WJFM in Elkin and WSYD and WPAQ in Mount Airy.

Nixon said, "I have a love for communications and a love for Surry and surrounding counties, so this work is a perfect fit for me."

"We began on-air programming on Channel 2 in March of this year. This is an important venture for the college, because it provides yet another way to deliver educational programs and services and it gives residents of this area an easy, convenient means of becoming acquainted with the college. Our goal is to provide the best non-commercial, educational programming in the area. We are off to a good start and will expand current offerings

to include more college courses, interviews with members of the Surry Community College family, information on the many services provided by various divisions of the college, up-to-date information on schedule changes due to inclement weather, upcoming events and coverage of athletic events."

Channel 2's current shows include "The President's Corner," a monthly interview with College President Dr. Frank Sells; telecourses offered through the University of North Carolina Television; an information center/bulletin board with current information on events of the college; and special segments on various academic programs and services.

Popular programs over the past few months were "Restoration of Antique Cars" featuring Jeff Boies; "Gardening Tips" featuring Charles Boies; "Surry County History" featuring Marion Venable, a local historian and director of the Surry Community College Foundation; and "Surry Community College Remembers" Sept. 11."

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John Brame, Director of Planning and Institutional Research for Surry Community College, commented on the accountability model and the high rating the college received by saying, "These performance measures do not look at everything Surry Community College does; yet, they are a good summary of how well we are meeting our mission. The State Board of Community Colleges planned this evaluation process by reviewing performance standards set by a national committee, which means we are measured by both state and national standards. We are committed to continuous evaluation and improvement, and I believe this process is a good way of measuring effectiveness of programs and services."

"We are particularly proud of the high rating we received on how well our college trans-

fer students performed during their junior year in a senior college or university. Eighty-five percent of Surry Community College transfer students had an overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher at the end of their junior year, compared to the state standard of 82.9 percent and the state performance average of 80.6 percent. Too, we are pleased with the employment status of graduates.

Ninety-eight percent of our graduates are employed, compared to the state standard of 95 percent and the state average of 97.7 percent. We think these results are a good reflection on our students, instructors, and programs. The "Superior" rating is excellent recognition.

Yet, because of the state budget crisis, the college will receive no monetary rewards this year. We look forward to future years when, hopefully, we will receive high marks and additional monies," Brame said.

SCC More than 300 earn GED at SCC

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Virginia Shaw opened the ceremony by congratulating graduates and telling them that they are part of the largest high school graduating class in the county, with GED graduates accounting for approximately one-fourth of all high school completers in Surry County. She commented on the fact that many adults make the initial contact with the GED Program on the "buddy" system and recognized students who began the program with a relative or friend. She congratulated Barbara Mills who is sixty-seven years old and the oldest member of the class of 2002.

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Surry Community College adds Medical Assisting program

By SUE JARVIS

SCC Public Relations

DOBSON — Surry Community College recently expanded career technologies to include another program for adults interested in a medical career.

An associate degree program in Medical Assisting was added to the curriculum for the Fall semester.

As a member of the North Carolina Community College System, Surry Community College is charged with providing high quality, accessible education and training that enables adults in its service area to acquire knowledge and skills to obtain and maintain prosperous career opportunities. Adding a program in Medical Assisting is an example of the college's efforts to fulfill that mission.

According to the North Carolina Employment Security Commission and the Occupational Outlook Handbook, a publication of the United States Department of Labor, employment opportunities for medical assistants is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2008. Advances in medicine and technology and the aging population contribute to the demand for workers in this field. Because of an increase in the number of group practices, clinics and other health care facilities, assistants who can handle both administrative and clinical duties are in demand, particularly those with formal training and certification.

The average pay for medical assistants in Surry and Yadkin counties and throughout the state is between nine and fourteen dollars per hour. Graduates of programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs may sit for the American Association of Medical Assistants' Certification Examination to become Certified Medical Assistants.

According to Tammy Gant, lead instructor in the Medical Assisting program, the college conducted an extensive study of health care

providers and the general labor market in Surry and Yadkin counties to determine if the need for medical assistants was great enough to warrant a two-year program. Results of the study indicated a demand for flexible workers who can perform both administrative and clinical tasks. Results also showed that some health care providers prefer to hire certified medical assistants.

Gant said, "We decided to add the new program to meet a need the college was not addressing. The college was, and still is, providing training for medical office assistants through the Continuing Education Division, and that training meets the needs of a good many individuals. Yet, for persons wishing to become certified medical assistants, additional training, including the completion of an accredited curriculum program is required. The two-year program includes a combination of courses designed to equip students with both administrative and clinical skills, and it includes a medical clinical externship during which students hone skills in an actual health care facility."

"The Medical Assisting Program provides another avenue to gainful employment which is important to adults in our service area, particularly dislocated workers who are seeking new career opportunities. It also creates a pool of trained workers for area health care providers. Educated workers with skills that are in demand by employers strengthen the workforce, and a strong workforce improves the quality of life in the community," she added.

Adults who are interested in pursuing an associate degree in Medical Assisting must be high school or GED completers and must complete the college admissions application and placement tests. Spring semester classes begin Jan. 6, 2003; and individuals may contact Tammy Gant now to learn more about the program. She can be reached at (336) 386-8121, Ext. 3256, or by e-mail at gant@surry.cc.nc.us.

Homecoming to be celebrated at SCC Saturday

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Surry will hold free seminar at Elkin

The small business center of Surry Community College will sponsor a free seminar entitled "Survival Skills for Managers, Supervisors and Group Leaders" on Oct. 17 at Elkin Public Library from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Topics which will be covered include skills of leadership; effective communications; coaching for improved performance; dealing with employee complaints; and delegating effectively.

Pre-registration is required by calling 386-3211.

Notary Public class planned

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a Notary Public class October 28 and 30, Monday and Wednesday evening, 6:00-9:30 p.m. in room C-101 of the Continuing Education Building on the college campus.

The instructor for this class

will be Dennis "Bud" Cameron.

Cost will be \$50 tuition plus approximately \$15.25 for text.

Upon successful completion of this course the following fees are the responsibility of the student and payable to the agencies listed below: Application Fee, \$30

(Secretary of State of North Carolina); Oath of Office, \$10 (Surry County Register of Deeds Office); Notary Seal, \$40 plus (may be purchased from any office supply company).

For more information call 336-386-3211.

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Spanish classes to begin

DOBSON — The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College has scheduled the following Spanish classes on campus this fall semester:

New Work-Related Spanish!

Spanish for Requesting Personal Info & Data (15 hours)

■ Tuesdays, Oct. 22 - Nov. 19; 6-9 p.m. Instructor: Jeanne Shelton; SCC - Room C202; Cost: \$55 tuition and \$40.75

textbook/study tapes.

Conversational Spanish (36 hours)

■ Monday and Wednesday evenings, Oct. 28 - Dec. 4; 6-9 p.m.; Rosa de Torres; SCC - Room C-202; \$60 tuition and \$30 textbook/study tapes.

Computer Basics in Spanish (36 hours)

■ Monday and Wednesday mornings, Oct. 28 - Dec. 4; 9 a.m. - noon; Hernan Torres; SCC - Room H-265; \$60 tu-

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N.C. residents 65 and older may register free of charge. Interested persons should plan to attend the registration/first class meeting. For further information, contact the Continuing Education Division at 386-3333 or e-mail Jeanne Shelton at shelton@surry.cc.nc.us.

Plumbing course to be held

The Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College will sponsor a 48-hour "Plumbing Codes Review" class beginning on Tuesday, October 1-November 21. The course will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on the college campus in room H335.

This course is designed to prepare an individual to become a licensed plumbing contractor. This is an in-depth study of the plumbing code minimum requirements and principles involved in the designing of a plumbing system.

The tuition for this course will be \$60 plus a textbook fee. Please be present for the first class meeting and registration on Tuesday, October 1.

For more information call 336-386-3211.

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SCC NEWS

SCC graduates 303 adults through high school completion program

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Shaw also recognized Ray Cornelius Riggs and James Greene. She presented an honorary high school diploma to Riggs, a 77-year-old World War II veteran, and recognized his daughter-in-law, Susan Parsons, who is also a member of the graduating class of 2002. She called special attention to James Greene, an active member of the United States Armed Forces, who received special permission to attend the graduation ceremony.

In the graduation address, John Collins reminded graduates that learning is a lifelong process and recognized the fact that many members of the 2002 class have already begun education beyond high school by enrolling in a Surry Community College diploma or associate

degree programs.

The following students were recognized as honor graduates:

Harold Baldwin, Patricia Baldwin, Richard Beall, Carol Brown, Linda Brown, Teresa Campbell, Justin Carter, Jena Caudle, Ricky Cheek, Darlene Cox, Christy Creech, Rury Delgado, Melissa Epperson, Angel Freeman, Maria Gardner, Charles Gates Jr., James Greene, Rebecca Gwyn, Mina Gwynn, Duane Hawks, Nikki Hernandez, Bradley Horton, Emmett Hunt, Michael Jester, Lori Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Joe Jones, Karie Kimpon, Michael King, Amanda Marion, Sarah Martin, Robert McMillan, Schunda Millsaps, Kayla Moore, Michelle Moorefield, Charles Norman, Meagan Puckett, Kenneth Rayburn, Chadwick Scales, Kevin Scott, Kenneth Shanks, Gabrielle Shively, Larry Speer, Edgar Tate, Justin Thomas, LeAnn Viperman, Anthony Walton, Derrick Warden, Richard Warren, Rolanda Wenger, Janice Wilson, Joshua Wolfe, Robyn Wright, Matthew Wyles, Terry Yarboro.

The following students earned a high school diploma through the GED program this past year:

Tammy Addington, Matthew Adkins, Kimberley Alexander, Whitney Anthony, Jonathan Armstrong, Michael Asbell, Janie Ashburn, Helen Ayers, Nicole Baker, Howard Baldwin, Patricia Baldwin, Shawn Bandy, Dana Barnett, Robyn Barrette, Mary Beall, Richard Beall, Annie Beasley, Roy Berrier, Roger Blankenship, Amy Blevins, Savannah Blevins, Omega Boehmer, James Bonds, Natasha Bowling, Kaci Bowman, Joyce Boyles, Joshua Brandon, Stephanie Brewer, Brett Brim, Craig Brindle, Travis Brinkley, Amanda Brooks, Christol Brooks, Angela Brown, Carol Brown, Danny Brown, James Brown, Linda Brown, Jamie Bruce, Britany Bruner, Heather Bryant, Stormie Buelin, Ricky Burcham, Jessica Burkhardt, Jason Burnett, Teresa Campbell, Daniel Carowan, Justin Carter, Dana Caudle, Jena Caudle, Dorothy Chappell, Ricky Cheek, Matthew Childress, Christopher Clark, Joseph Clement, Ralph Coe, Bonnie Collins, Bradley Collins, Elizabeth Collins, Lucy Collins, Markis Collins, Donald Cooksey, Clayton Couch, Darlene Cox, Christy Creech, Beverly Creed, Dalton Crotts, Rita Cundiff, Shelby Dalton, Jenny Davis, Tammy Davis, Christy Dawson, Rury Delgado, Dennis Dobbins, Myriah Dobson, Misty Dollyhigh, Jackie Dollyhigh, Sherry Draughn, Julie Easter, Vera Edwards, Tangee Elder, Melissa Epperson, Elizabeth Fahey, Michael Finley, Angel Freeman, Felicity Freeman, Shirley Freeman, Jennifer Gammons, Maria Gardner, Antonio Garrison, Charles Gates Jr., Timothy Goad, Wanda Goad, Jodi Gobble,



Ray Cornelius Riggs, a World War II veteran who received an honorary high school diploma, is pictured with his daughter-in-law, Susan Parsons, who received a high school diploma.

Clara Goins, Roy Goins Jr., Heath Goodson, Patrick Gore, Helen Govea, Paula Grainger, Betty Grande, Bobbi Gray, James Greene, Rebecca Gwyn, Elizabeth Gwynn, Mina Gwynn, Christine Hall, William Hamblin, Amanda Harman, Derek Harp, Amanda Harris, Duane Hawks, David Hayden, Franklin Hayes, Jennifer Hayes, Lisa Hemric, Nikki Hernandez, April Hiatt, Elizabeth Hiatt, Starla Hiatt, Stephanie Hiatt, Sebastian Hicks, Eric Hodge, Jannie Holbrook, Mary Holcomb, Glenda Holyfield, Bradley Horton, Latoshia Hughes, Emmett Hunt, Melissa Hunt, Johnathan Hutchens, Thomas Jackson, Michael

Jester, Jarrod Johnson, Lori Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Daniel Jones, Joe Jones, Linda Keiger, Ashley Keith, Laverne Keith, Tommy Key, Karie Kimpon, Justin King, Michael King, Robin King, Dawn Lane, Julius Lanford, Monica Larraga, Mary Lawson, Kellie Ledezma, Florencio Llorente, Canajoharia Long, Leslie Lord, Joshua Love, Franklin Lowe, Amanda Marion, Polly Marion, Melissa Marsh, Chris Martin, Rebecca Martin, Sarah Martin, Douglas Matthews, Anne McBride, Margo McBride, Robert McMillan, Cathy McRoberts, Jake McRoberts, Donald Meadows, Jamie Messick, Anthony Miller, Barbara Mills, Sekunda Millsaps, Jennifer Mitchem, Wendy Moody, Kayla Moore, Michelle Moorefield, Brandy Morgan, Felicia Morgan, Patty Morton, Herminia Mota, Anita Mullis, Elizabeth Nance, Natasha Needham, Felicia Newman, Heather Newsome, Charles Norman, Wilma Norman, Pamela Notter, Timothy Nunn, Gretta Oakley, Misty Oakley, Frances Odum, Kay Ostrum, Brian Parker, Effie Parker, Debra Parks, Susan Parsons, Peggy Peyton, Christopher Phillips, Glenda Phillips, Lisa Phillips, Lisa Phipps, Scottie Plyler, Elizabeth Potts, Jeffery Prater, Amanda Puckett, Christopher Puckett, Esther Puckett, Meagan Puckett, Kenneth Rayburn, Brenda Read, Jennifer Reavis, Rebecca Reece, Michael Reed, Shannon Roberts, Deborah Robertson, Nancy Rodriguez, Erica Rogers, James Rogers, Jose Rosales, Derek Sanderson, Chadwick Scales, Buffy Schaub, Kevin Scott, Dawn Sechrist, Teresa Secundino, Kenneth Shanks, Ashley Sheets, Misty Shelton, Jimmy Shermer, Sheila Shively, Gabrielle Shively, Kenneth Shore, Kimber Shores, Iris Sins, Pamela Simpson, Jonathan Skeens, Faith Smith, Jennifer Smith, Joshua Smith, Mieke Smith, Wanda Smith, April Southard, Larry Speer, Isaac Sprinkle, Danny Stanley, Jana Stanley, Billy Stone, Juanita Sumner, Heather Swaim, Angie Tate, April Tate, Edgar Tate, Walter Terrell, Bryan Thomas, Justin Thomas, Nicholas Todd, Susan Towe, Marisol Uriostegui, Rachel Van Dyke, Cynthia Vestal, LeAnn Viperman, Stephanie Wall, Anthony Walton, Brandy Ward, Richard Warren, Teresa Watson, Rolanda Wenger, Ruth Whitaker, Mary White, Carly Wilkins, Terry Wilkins, Cathy Williams, Karen Williams, Clifton Willis, Chris Wilson, Janice Wilson, Cynthia Wilson, Joseph Wolfe, Joshua Wolfe, Sandy Wood, Gracie Wright, Michael Wright, Robyn Wright, Matthew Wykes and Terry Yarboro.

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SCC celebrating Homecoming Saturday

From Staff Reports

Saturday will be a big day on the main campus of Surry Community College. It is Homecoming 2002, a day filled with fun activities for current and former students and employees.

The day will include a variety of athletic events including Region X volleyball from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.; a homerun derby at 2 p.m. with opportunities for baseball "greats" to show off their batting and pitching skills; a cheerleading event at 3 p.m.; and a basketball scrimmage game at 7 p.m., with SCC taking on TRUTH, a Christian athletic team.

An open house will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. during which retired staff and faculty

will be recognized. Following an open house, there will be a free concert by Rain-jacket and hot dog supper from 4 until 6 p.m.

Dr. Oz Prim, a Surry Community College history instructor and coordinator of homecoming events, commented on the day by saying, "We want to celebrate our success with everyone who made it possible."

Mike McHone, vice-president for Student Services, said, "Homecoming is a fun way for former students and employees to come together to reminisce, reconnect with old friends and to see firsthand how the college has changed over the years."

"We think most people will be pleasantly surprised by the growth of the college in terms of students enrolled and programs available. In addition to numerous courses offered through the Continuing Education Division, we now have more than 40 curriculum programs, with approximately 4,000 students enrolled in these programs this semester. We are looking forward to sharing our good news with folks who been a part of the Surry Community College family over the years."

For more information on the Surry Community College Homecoming 2002, contact Dr. Oz Prim at (336) 386-8121, Extension 3308.



Amanda Sells, Margaret Taylor, Dick and Betty Patterson and Dr. Frank Sells, president of Surry Community College, look at Andy Griffith memorabilia at the Mount Airy Visitors Center.



Dr. Frank Sells speaks to the crowd attending the Greater Mount Airy Area United Fund campaign kickoff at First Baptist Church Thursday.

United Fund sets \$400,000 goal; sees increased need for services

By MONDIE TILLEY
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MOUNT AIRY — At the United Fund of Greater Mount Airy's annual campaign kickoff luncheon, a goal of \$400,000 was announced for this year.

Dr. Frank Sells, chairman of the fund-raising campaign this year, said he was pleased to announce that 19 percent of the goal has been met.

"The United Fund has set a goal of \$400,000 and I think that's a realistic goal. With the economy and our local work force being negatively impacted, more people will need more of the services provided by the agencies we support. Although we are down in numbers this year, I think certainly we will be able to meet our goal this year," Sells said.

He stressed that only 6 percent of the money raised for the United Fund goes to administrative costs.

"A friend of mine once told me this phrase, 'When it comes to giving, some people will stop at nothing,'" Sells said as the crowd roared with

laughter, "but I know we will be successful because of the caliber of people in this room."

The theme of this year's campaign is, "That's what friends are for." Sells urged members of the audience to "be a friend. Let's set out to make more friends and bring them on the handwagon so we can achieve our goal."

The United Fund helps 24 agencies including the American Red Cross, Animal Rescue Squad, Blue Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad, Boy Scouts of America, The Children's Center, Cana Volunteer Rescue Squad, Dobson Rescue Squad, Girl Scouts of America, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice of Surry County, Lumberton Rescue Squad, Meals on Wheels, Mount Airy Rescue Squad, Northern Hoopoe, Reeves Community Center, The Salvation Army, the Special Needs Program, Surry Arts Council, Surry SCAN, Surry Downside Violence, Surry Friends of Youth, Surry Medical Ministries, Surry Women's Shelter, Webb-Southern Carroll Community Center and Yolo-fellow Ministry.

E-Commerce class slated

The Surry Community College Small Business Center will sponsor a seminar entitled "E-commerce Concepts and Strategies" on Saturday, Octo-

ber 12 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This workshop will be held on the SCC campus in room E144 (Electronic/Computer Building).

The seminar leader will be Glen Christopher.

In this session, learn about selling over the Internet as you perform computer exercises related to setting up a real "on-line store" (note: you can replace practice products with products from your own business and keep your practice store open for 30 days free).

Topics to be covered include establishing a web-site; moving money on-line; sources of web storefront software; how to build an on-line "store"; how to advertise and attract quality prospects; business-to-business transactions; interfacing with B2B portals (e.g. Ariba, CommerceOne).

This seminar is tuition free, however, there is a textbook charge of \$25 payable to Glen Christopher. No preregistration is required. Seating is first-come, first-served.

Insect expert to discuss pests

DOBSON — The viticulture and entology program of Surry Community College, 630 S. Main St., will host Dr. Ken Sorenson, extension entomologist from North Carolina State University, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Teaching Auditorium.

Sorenson will lecture on grape insect management with an emphasis on grape root borer and leafhoppers as vectors.

The program is free and open to the public.