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Printers' Group Honors Teacher From DeKalb

Doug Thomas, graphic arts instructor at DeKalb Occupational Education Center-North, was named the Graphic Arts Educator of the Year for 1988 by the Printing Association of Georgia Educational Foundation.

The award was presented at the Trade and Industrial General Session meeting of the Georgia Vocational Association state in-service held Thursday, Aug. 11. Randy Camp, president of Walton Press in Monroe, presented Thomas a metal, a plaque and a \$1,000 check in recognition for outstanding achievement as a graphic arts teacher in Georgia.

Thomas has been teaching graphics since 1977. He has been at DeKalb O.E.C. North since 1980. He received his bachelor of science in printing management from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1969, a masters in education from Georgia State University in 1980 and an education specialist degree from Georgia State University in 1983.



Thomas

Health Educators Name Manus Ga.'s Top Classroom Instructor

Joyce Manus, a faculty member of the DeKalb School System's Occupational Education Center, South, is Georgia's "Most Outstanding Classroom Instructor of the Year."

The honor was recently accorded her by the Health Occupational Educators Association.

By secret ballot the health occupational teachers of Georgia chose Mrs. Manus as most outstanding in her field statewide. Announcement of their selection was made by HOEA President Lucy Davis during a mid-August annual conference in Atlanta. It was an announcement about which Joyce Manus says, "It just made me feel so good."

Mrs. Manus works with approximately 40 students at a time, 20 per class, in an exploratory nursing course at OEC, South. She considers every day a challenge to interest young people in a health-centered career. She has designed for her students an internship pro-

gram at DeKalb General Hospital and at Harvest Heights Baptist Nursing Center. Graduates of the internship are prepared for job entry-level as nursing assistants, but many continue further study to become practical or registered nurses.



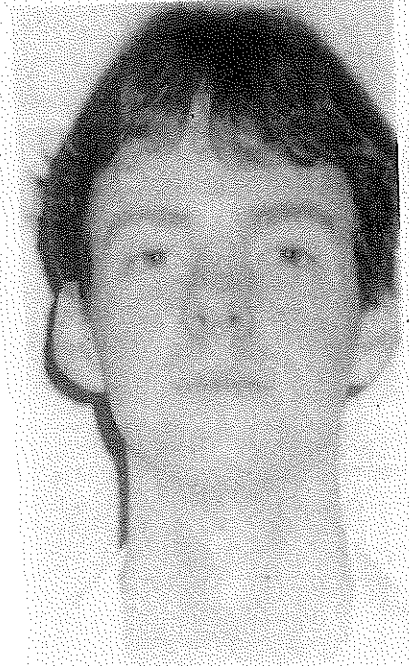
Joyce Manus

CHARLES SHELL, an OEC counselor who recruits vocational students from nine DeKalb high schools, terms Joyce Manus well deserving of her Georgia title. "Enthusiastic," he says, "you'd better believe it — and right on target. Joyce is a fine teacher, an excellent disciplinarian who really gets her students ready for the work world. And they love her for it. What's more, as sponsor of the OEC Chapter of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, she has trained two VICA contestants who went to national-level competition in the past two years."

"I try to use different methods in my teaching lab and at the hospital," Mrs. Manus says.

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**DeKalb's Keel
Wins 1st Place** *file*

Andy Keels of DeKalb's Occupational Education Center - North (OEC-North), recently won first place in the electronics products servicing contest of the Georgia Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Skill Olympics. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Keels, he is a senior at Dunwoody High School and a student in the electronics class at OEC-North. He will represent the state of Georgia at National Competition this summer in Tulsa, Okla.

The graphic arts program at O.E.C. North was one of 10 pilot programs throughout the state which worked for the past two years with the Printing Association of Georgia to develop an industry certification program. This program was the first to be certified in the state in June of this year.

Thomas served on the Vocational Writing Activities Manual committee which developed a graphics writing component for the graphic arts curriculum and is working on the committee which is revising the entire curriculum for Georgia. He was one of 36 teachers from around the country to be chosen to help write a curriculum for computer aided publishing which will be available next year.

He is serving his second year as president of the Georgia Association of Graphic Arts Educators. This organization is committed to providing support and skills update for its members.

Thomas and his wife, Betty, live in Roswell with their three children; Jeff, 19, a sophomore at the University of Georgia, Kirk, 17, a senior at Crestwood High School, and Ann Marie, 7, a second grader at Esther Jackson Elementary School.

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