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DUGOUT CLUB AWARD WINNERS

At the recent Atlanta Dugout Club Awards banquet, three DeKalb County high-school performers were honored. Ronnie Pearce (left to right), a pitcher for Gordon, accepts his

award from Georgia Tech baseball coach Jim Luck as other award winners, pitcher Scott McGlamory of Sequoyah and outfielder Butch Davis of Columbia, look on.

Draper Gets School Post In DeKalb

James Draper, former assistant principal at Gordon High School, has been appointed as supervisor of instruction for DeKalb County Schools.

Draper has also served as choral director at Gordon High School and previously taught for three years in the Nashville, Tenn., public school system.

He is a member of the DeKalb Association of Educators, the Georgia Association of Educators, the Georgia Music Education Association and the Music Educators National Conference.

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Westminster Next For Gordon Girls

By GERRY OVERTON

Maybe Gordon's girls will find some competition Saturday at the Westminster Relays. Maybe not.

The defending champions of AAA track had little trouble running off with last Saturday's Woodland Relays, scoring 54 team points to 33 for runnerup Brookwood. Considering that coach Isabelle Holston lost only one senior, quartermiler Kim Mobley, from last year's team could be a factor.

"You have to look beyond who you've been competing against," says Holston, already looking down the road. "Westminster is in our classification this year, so we'll have to compete."

Gordon also won the state cross country title last fall, and Holston has a full stable of runners for every occasion. At the Woodland Relays, the team of Serena Gundy, Wanda Carmichael, Vonda Cain and Loreen White won the distance medley relay in 13:42.0. Cain, Carmichael, White and Ketchia Smith combined to win

the sprint medley relay in 4:23.8.

Jackie Jones and Kathy Favors teamed with Smith and Gundy to take second in the two-mile relay (10:57.6), and Gordon added a second in the mile relay and a third in the 440 relay.

Edith Dennis, who scored in three events at last year's state meet, won the high jump at 5-0 and took third in the long jump with a 16-5.

Gordon's marks weren't impressive, but neither was the weather.

"The times may not look so good," said Holston, "but they were good considering what our girls had to go through. We had to run the 440 relay three times, and Edith was in five events. We've beaten all these times in duals."

Columbia took fourth in the girls team standings at Woodland as Gwen Torrence won the 100-yard dash in :11.3 and the mile relay team won with a time of 4:11.6.

Lakeside finished sixth overall after placing third in the distance and sprint medleys and getting a third from Sherry Gould in the high jump.

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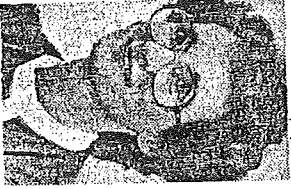
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Gordon High Earns Keep America

BEAUTIFUL AWARDS
Congratulations go to Gordon High School for being awarded a Distinguished Service Citation in the 1983 Keep America Beautiful Inc. national awards competi-

tion. Gordon was selected to receive the citation from 40 entries submitted nationwide. Barbara Smith, teacher-sponsor of the 4H Club at the school, has worked with the students in a number of community activities. Tracy Lattimer is the past student chairman; Chandra Allen is the current chairman.



Projects included participation in the Litterthon for Leukemia; assisting a visually-impaired 4H Club in a beautification project; and a school and community clean-up drive.

The competition is sponsored by DeKalb Clean and Beautiful Inc. and the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce. The citation will be presented at the Keep America Beautiful National Awards luncheon in Washington, D.C. Dec. 8.

The Southeast's largest street carnival is being held today on Main Street in Stone Mountain.

The 52nd annual Stone Mountain Elementary Halloween Carnival, sponsored by the PTA, invades Main Street from 1

to 7 p.m. with games, prizes and activities for all ages. Local merchants are blocking off two blocks of the main thoroughfare for all the ghouls and goblins expected to arrive by broom stick and pumpkin coach. Festivities begin at 1 p.m. for pre-schoolers and at 2:40 p.m. the elementary school children will march from the school to Main Street.

DeKalb New Era
March 12, 1987

Merged Gordon And Walker Schools Are Named For Black Astronaut

By SPENCER RAGSDALE

The DeKalb Board of Education has voted unanimously to name the new junior high and senior high in south DeKalb for black astronaut Ron McNair who was among the seven killed in the Challenger explosion 14 months ago.

The existing Gordon and Walker High Schools will be merged and the enrollment divided into junior and senior high schools next year. With the change to the junior high structure, the buildings will also get a new name.

Board member Phil McGregor reported Monday night that a committee from the two schools had considered a number of new names for the two buildings, but had reached a consensus that both the junior and senior highs should have the same name, and that the name be Ronald E. McNair Senior High and Ronald E. McNair Junior High.

Student advisor to the board Chance McColl told the board that there was no objection to naming a school for Ronald McNair, but there are a number of people who disagree with obliterating the name of General Walker, "an important figure in DeKalb history."

Major General W.H.T. Walker was commanding cavalry in the defense of Atlanta when he was shot in the back by a federal sniper on July 22, 1864 and died on the spot that is near the intersection of Glenwood Ave. and Wilkinson Dr. in DeKalb County.

Board member Donna Wagner said the change would, "not completely obliterate the past and history," that a plaque would be placed in each school indicating the previous name.

Mr. McGregor said that he had received only one call objecting to removing the name Walker and, "the committee represents the broader community..."

In related action the board accepted the bid of Stanbury Uniforms Inc. of \$28,481.70 to pur-

chase 180 band uniforms and two drum major uniforms for the senior high school in the Gordon-Walker area.

Board Chairman Norma Bergman ask that the board consider a policy on how the names of schools will be chosen and if both the junior and senior highs in the same area will have the same name. She said a decision must be reached in the next few months on a name for the merged Dunwoody and Peachtree High Schools.

In other action the board approved a calendar for the coming year. Calendar 'A' proposed by the staff was amended to provide an additional teacher preparation day on March 11 by eliminating the May 30 Memorial Day holiday. Johnese Threadcraft, the president of ODE, said she was very pleased "the board was responsive to the needs of the teachers."

The board approved new gym bleachers for Avondale, Chamblee and Towers high schools. The low bid of Georgia School Equipment of \$134,200 was accepted by the board for the removal of the old bleachers and installation of the new equipment.

Sagamore Elementary School will get a new roof following board action to accept the low bid of Fulton Roofing Co. in the amount of \$138,720 for the work.

Jerry L. Johnson and Associates was the winning bidder in the amount of \$123,749 for computer room modifications at the central office.

The school system will proceed with its plan to issue photo ID cards to students and staff and accepted the bid of Microscope Service and Repair Inc. for \$71,523 for 27 cameras and related equipment as well as film and laminate to produce 1,500 student and staff IDs per unit.

New equipment was authorized for the school system's printing plant. Low bids accepted were: Didde Graphic Systems Corp. for \$192,056 for a web press; Itek Graphics for \$9,790 for a camera system; Heidelberg Eastern for \$88,000 for a collator.

Avondale High will get 160 band uniforms with the acceptance by the board of the bid of Stanbury Uniforms Inc. for \$25,800.

Associate Superintendent Wilburn Adams reported to the board that the sale of the former Skyland School has been completed. The building was sold for \$650,000 and five acres of land at the school was sold for \$945,463. The board retains eight acres of the former elementary school site. The purchaser was the state of Georgia, Department of Human Resources.