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## 1989 Student Appreciation Day sparks memories

By Tina Creed

No one really remembers exactly how long ago Student Appreciation Day began, but they do remember that it started as an idea. The idea for Student Appreciation Day was proposed during a staff meeting by Dr. James Reeves, Vice-President for Student Services.

Reeves said, "I remember saying in the meeting that we should show our students how much we appreciate them for the fine job that they were doing, not only for their grades, but for how they conducted themselves and because they respected the property of the school." All the other staff members agreed and it was decided that the Student Government Association (SGA) would be asked to organize the event.

When asked what Student Appreciation Day was like so many years ago, Reeves replied, "It's basically the same: the picnic-type lunch and the different things to participate in. There were more events back then, but I believe the quality of the day now makes up for it."

Students always look forward to Student Appreciation Day: some for the free lunch and others for the fun and games. All in all the students really appreciate Student Appreciation Day.



By Jerry Parker

This year's Student Appreciation Day was held May 11 and was planned as being the biggest ever. Starting at 10:30, classes ended and the Awards Ceremonies began. Bobby Cremins, Head Basketball Coach at Georgia Tech, was the guest speaker for the day. A free lunch was sponsored by the Alpha-Omega Club to fill the students' bellies.

After a good meal, the finals of the Rook tournament were held, volleyball was played, and a SGA sponsored legs contest was held. A dunking booth was sponsored by the LEO Club along with free ice cream from Flintstones for the students.

From 12:00 to 2:00 Rick Reynolds from 95.7 rocked SCC playing requests from students the entire day. An art exhibit was displayed by the Continuing Education Program and a SGA-sponsored talent show finished the day.

The spring dance was Saturday, May 13, 1989. It was a semi-formal event and a photographer was present for those wishing to have pictures made. The newly elected president and vice-president of SGA were announced at that time.

## Future Shoppe opens new passages to careers, offers counseling

By Dawn Niten

SCC has added a new facility to an already unique campus. The Future Shoppe (located in the administrative building, room L-205) has opened its doors to anyone needing counseling or information related to a career choice. Students currently enrolled in a field of study will also find the Shoppe a helpful guidance resource for specific information related to their career. Also, the resources available can assist those who have already chosen a career but find it less appealing and are presently searching for a

career that would be challenging with an increased chance of promotion.

The Future Shoppe is presently staffed by several counselors who include John Brame, Tony Searcy, Mike McHone, and Sue Jarvis. Also, Steven Blood, a work-study student, is available during the evening hours to assist those who may feel uncomfortable talking with counselors.

Counselor John Brame invites, as well as encourages, people to come by and use these materials that have been made available to them. Brame emphasizes, "We (counselors) are

here to encourage people to consider all their options before arriving at a definite choice. We want people to feel free to come in and browse in a relaxing atmosphere." He further points out that personnel as well as career counseling is available and that counseling at SCC is not just available for academic purposes.

Resources available other than the counselors include written materials, such as books, pamphlets, and magazines on various careers. Also files containing information on career fields cover accounting through zool-

ogy. Although most of the materials available are for primary use in the Shoppe, some may be checked out.

Interest testing is also available and is designed to help match a career with the interest revealed by the individual. The test is not designed to focus on one specific field, but instead gives a list of careers to fit an individual's characteristics. The test can be taken in a short period of time and is then mailed in order to be graded. Results of the test should be available in approximately one week.

A resource other than counselors, counseling, written materials, and interest test is the GIS computer (Guidance Information System). Brame feels that the GIS computer is the biggest and most advanced resource available. The GIS can accomplish a number of functions related to career choice, salaries, employment potentials, subjects to be taken, requirements for specific jobs, and skills needed to enter a field. Also, addresses to write and receive materials on a career are available. Over 1,000 diffe-

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## Gardner-Webb program remains in limbo

By Michelle H. Goodson

Will there be a Gardner-Webb program at SCC next year? Not according to one student who states, "If Gardner-Webb does not have enough people to enroll (in the program), then the school officials may very well refuse to bring the program to Surry, as previously supposed."

The program was established to allow students to earn additional hours toward their bachelor's degree

at the community college upon receiving an associate. Many students have voiced a preference for such an arrangement, as opposed to attending the home base of Gardner-Webb, located in Boiling Springs, N.C.

The need for this type of program became obvious to Dawn Niten, a student who graduates from SCC this May with her Associate in Applied Sciences. Niten, a criminal justice

student, says, "I have two children and a husband at home and plan to get a full-time job. The drive to Boiling Springs two nights a week for four hours would not be possible for me."

The convenience that bringing the program to SCC presents to Dawn and other students interested in this program is apparent. Some students are settled with families and jobs and would not want to move to work toward their bachelor's degrees.

If the program could be established here, then various people could further their educations.

At least a dozen of the criminal justice students attended a meeting held at SCC this fall to express interest in the program. The deadline for Gardner-Webb applications was mid-January.

In addition to this program, another program formerly offered through Gardner-Webb College, the GOAL

Program (a program to help students meet N.C. teacher certification requirements) is being discontinued at SCC after this June registration.

In regard to the Gardner-Webb program, nothing definite has been decided. The final decision may be determined by student interest. For those who may have such an interest, they should contact the Gardner-Webb admissions office or a SCC counselor as soon as possible.

## SCC welcomes new faculty secretary

By Linda Whitt

SCC's newest staff member is Virginia Nixon, a resident of Mountain Park. Gin (as she prefers to be called) comes to SCC with an impressive work background.

Nixon has been a secretary for almost nine years. Before coming to SCC, she worked as a relief secretary for Northern Hospital in Mt. Airy. She has worked for UNC-CH School of Medicine; Bayliss, Hudson & Merritt, attorneys-at-law, and for Lemoore Counseling Services in Lemoore, California, as an office manager.

Gin moved to California in 1986. She says that San Francisco is her favorite city there. She visited L.A. to see a Kings' ice hockey game and went to see several Oakland A's baseball games. Although she enjoyed going to the beach, Gin found the Pacific too cold for swimming.

Gin enjoyed living in California, but is glad to be home again. She hopes to become involved in school and community activities. Enrolled in SCC's night classes, Gin plans on taking "...anything to expand (her) horizons."

She enjoys sports, reading, cross-stitch, and gardening. Having a yard is a new experience for Gin, who has been used to apartment living.

Gin comes from an ex-Navy family, and as a result, has lived in several different countries. She lived in Puerto Rico, Morocco, Bermuda, Louisiana, and finally Surry County. "Surry



Ms. Virginia "Gin" Nixon

County is where we lived when we couldn't go with Dad," Gin explains. "It was always home."

"I am thrilled to be working in this intellectually stimulating environ-

ment. Everyone has been most helpful, and I look forward to being here a long time. Working here allows me to meet people, and I enjoy the student contact."

## This and That

By Linda Whitt

Congratulations to Jerry Eller and Dr. Joe Reece who have been granted tenure at SCC.

The Student Services Department would like to remind all students to visit the Future Shoppe. Located in Room L-106, the Future Shoppe offers testing, career counseling, or you may browse through.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile was held at SCC on May 17, 1989, from 9:30 to 2:30.

Benny Younger, SCC music instructor, now has a contemporary religious tape for purchase in the bookstore. This 30-minute tape features Benny and Fonda Younger. Fonda wrote one of the songs on the tape, which contains all original songs. The tapes are \$7 each or two for \$12.

Conrad Holcomb has a number of old textbooks in political science and history which he is giving away. See Mr. Holcomb if you are interested in any of these books.

Seventy eighth graders from Dobson Elementary toured the SCC campus on April 18. These students have recently participated in a career exploration course and toured SCC to learn about the educational opportunities available.

Several students participated in "Shadowing 1989" on April 18. This program is designed to give students an opportunity to observe firsthand a career of interest to them. Students spend the entire work day at the site indicated. The Shadowing program is sponsored by Surry Community Col-

lege and the Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce.

The American Poetry Association is sponsoring a contest to discover new poets. Poets may send up to six poems, each no more than 20 lines, name and address on each page, to American Poetry Association, Dept. CT-37, 250 A Potrero Street, P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95061. Entries should be mailed by June 30. The grand prize is \$1,000 and the first prize is \$500. Other prizes include cash, awards, and publication.

Congratulations to Sue Jarvis, who has been selected for membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. This is an honor society for women educators who have demonstrated their ability, initiative, and dedication or have evidenced a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.

Surry Community College hosted a combination business seminar-open house May 8-12. Several local businesses were represented by guest speakers, as well as guest lecturer, Mark McCormick, via satellite on the subject of "What They Don't Teach You at Harvard Business School."

The Surry Arts Council recently honored SCC by designating April 28 as "Surry Community College Night." Three SCC students, Dan Estes as "Jud Frye," Craig Hamlin as "Curly," and Laura Cannoy as "Laurie" performed in Richard Rodgers' "Oklahoma." Estes and Hamlin hold scholarships from the Arts Council.

Governor James Martin recently appointed Dallas Nance, a Distributive Education Teacher at Elkin High School, to the SCC Board of Trustees. Nance fills the unexpired term of James Everette, who resigned because of professional commitments in his law practice.

SCC's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa national honor fraternity held its spring initiation on May 5. Thirty-nine students were inducted into the fraternity and were honored with a reception.

Congratulations to Joe Maye, who was featured in the April 1989 edition of the newsletter *Lite-Invite Letter* of the International Alliance for Invitational Education.

Dr. Ralph Braibanti, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Islamic and Arabian Development Studies at Duke University, gave a public lecture at SCC May 2. Dr. Braibanti's lecture was sponsored by the SCC History Department.

Evan Thompson, Coordinator of the GOAL PROGRAM, has notified SCC that Gardner-Webb College is phasing out their Teacher Education Program pending board approval this summer. This means they will run only one more two-year cycle. Students who enroll in June will be able to complete the program and meet North Carolina teacher certification requirements. No students will be admitted after June.

## Scoop on indoor tanning: danger lurks within the walls

By Brent M. Schillinger, M.D.  
Dermatologist

The bold headline reads: "Got a Minute? Get a Tan." The smaller print goes on to say that it's one of the oldest and safest facilities of its kind.

Such is a typical advertisement for the current rage of salons promising a golden tan. These popular tanning parlors claim a single session will begin to make you look healthy, feel healthy, and soften your skin so that it becomes more "healthy." But buyer beware. If ever there was a time for an educated consumer to read between the lines, this is it.

Tanning salons first appeared several decades ago. But you could always tell a real tan from a fake one. The old tanning booths used sun lamps that produced ultraviolet B (UVB). These usually produce more of a sunburned appearance that doesn't look anything like spending a week in the Caribbean. In the past decade these tanning parlors have once again become popular as new technology has produced sunlamps that do give you a natural looking tan. And the amount of time you need to spend under the lights is a fraction of the time it would take sitting on the beach.

So far, so good? No, not so good. Dermatologists today agree that sunbathing solely to work up a nice tan is not healthy. The sun gives off dangerous ultraviolet rays that can lead to wrinkles, dry skin, and skin cancers. The indoor tanning machines produce those same ultraviolet rays and produce those same skin problems.

The people who work at the tanning salons may tell you that their rays are safer than the sun's, but it just isn't so. Many of the newer tanning lamps produce ultraviolet A (UVA) light. UVA does not in itself produce a burn. It does produce a somewhat

immediate darkening of one's pigment, resulting in a tan. If that was all UVA did, there would be no argument. But there is more to the story.

Scientists have discovered that UVA light penetrates much deeper into your skin than UVB or burning rays. This light can interfere with the body's immune system, leading to an increased chance of cancer internally as well as on the skin. The effect is cumulative; the more you use a tanning salon the greater potential there is for problems. Repeated exposure to UVA from tanning lamps also makes your skin more sensitive to the burning rays of natural sunlight. For people on certain medications UVA light can produce serious rashes.

UVA light is also harmful to your eyes. If protective goggles are not worn in the tanning beds, you will burn the cornea, which is very painful. Repeated exposure can cause cataracts and even damage to the retina. Simply closing your eyelids won't help. For one thing, the skin is so thin that much of the light still reaches the eye and the skin itself is highly sensitive to burning.

Unfortunately, these facts are usually not available to the unsuspecting person just looking to get a tan. The salons are sometimes part of a health club which associates the tanning beds with improved health. The federal government can do little to regulate lamps because they are not prescription medical devices. This may change in the near future. The Food and Drug Administration is promoting an educational program to warn the public about tanning salon dangers.

Whether or not to patronize a tanning salon is up to you. But it is important to know the risks. Remember that a tanning salon is not safer than the sun itself.

## Noted psychologist speaks about behavior

By Michelle H. Goodson

"Chronic and continuous behavior that violates the rights of others, inability to form attachments..." (Boozin and Acocella, 1984, from *Psychology Third Ed.*); these symptoms are some of the few present in the anti-social personality, a subject Appalachian's Professor of Abnormal Psychology, Dr. George Wesley, discussed in a double lecture on anti-social and paranoid personality disorders, Tuesday, April 11, here in the Teaching Auditorium at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Wesley, also an experienced counselor and evaluator for educational institutions in the field of psychology, spoke at length on the symptoms and aberrations of the two personality disorders and used as one example of an anti-social personality, the infamous Charles Manson, leader of the shocking massacre, the Tate-LaBianca murders, that received such news coverage because of the viciousness and horror of the homicides. Manson's ability to organize these

acts came, according to the psychological reports from institutions in which he had been, from learning how to ingratiate himself with others so as to take advantage of them and use them. Wesley stated that Manson could also be considered a paranoid personality because of his exaggerated mistrust and suspicion of authority, a key symptom of that disorder.

The anomalous workings of the anti-social's mind serve as a source of fascination mixed with repulsion for the general public. Wesley outlined in a concise fashion the patterns of an anti-social person's behavior and informed his audience of the motivation of power behind the anti-social and paranoid personalities.

Wesley has been a consultant to several mental health centers, departments of psychology in the school system, and rehabilitation centers throughout North Carolina. He has published 12 books and three articles and is a member of numerous organizations of educational and psychological studies.

## Album reviews

1 Shields= not worth your money.  
2 Shields= below average (has a few bright moments)  
3 Shields= worth a listen  
4 Shields= better than average  
5 Shields= a classic.

### Third time around finds The Outfield

By Darren Smith

In 1985, The Outfield released their debut album *Play Deep*, along with two hit singles "All the Love in the World" and "Your Love." This London-based trio consisting of John Spinks on guitar and vocals, Tony Lewis with bass and lead vocals, and Alan Jackman on Drums, released their second album in 1987, *Bangin'*, from which they only released one single "Since You've Been Gone."

Now in 1989 they've released their third album, *Voices of Babylon*, along with the title cut. This album inducts the now popular pop-rock sounding music, with the familiar voices of The Outfield, and the title cut seems to be doing very well on the Top 40 charts. The pop rock songs are well organized and sound excellent in "This is my Paradise," "There's No Point,"

"Taken By Surprise," and "Making Love."

*Voices of Babylon* also has moderate rhythmic sounds in "Part of Your Life," "The Night Ain't Over," and "Reach Out" that express feelings of love toward a certain person.

A couple of slow songs are even included on the intense thought of being in love. These are "How I Feel" and "Inside Your Skin."

This album covers a variety of tastes and emotions of life and reality. I was pleased with what I heard during my first listen; so for anyone who likes either of the previous albums or a couple of songs from these, I would give this album a try. You may be surprised and pleased. I'll be watching this album for later releases. It rates 5 shields for the quality of sound, mixing, and lyrics.

### Alternative music gets a listen

By Mark Hylton

Welcome to the alternative world of music. Alternative sounds are not usually accepted by the mainstream rock-n-roll listener. If you can get over some of the names of the groups — Dead Kennedys, The Cure, Sex Pistols, and even Guns and Roses (who are considered to be on the lines of alternative) — there is some really great music that is worth a listen. The spotlight this month is on Enya. Is she a water sign or what? One

listen to her U.K. No. 1 hit "Orinoco Flow" (or "Sail Away") answers that question. The album is clear, fluid, and refreshing. Enya's music washes dreamy electronics over traditional Irish melodies and up to 100 Enya harmony overdubs. A member of a musical family, she joined her siblings in the Celt-cult band clannad before going solo; the recently released *Water Mark* is her U.S. debut. Stunning stuff, this rates 3½ shields.

### New Order gets air-time on radio stations

In the Select Spins column this month we have New Order and Lou Reed.

Boy, have they got it! This is a styl-

ish leap forward (especially "Fine Time") that may require deep listening, but the dancibility of "Round and Round" alone is a must have. This rates 4 shields.

### Lou Reed makes big comeback

This Velvet Underground veteran takes a walk on the political side. Reed has an unmistakable voice and

guitar style; the message may be ugly, but the sound is beautiful. This album has been worth waiting for. *New York* gets 5 shields.

### Some singles deserve listening

A few swinging Singles worth checking out are these:

Sique Sique Spatnik - "Success" - Sporting six mixes on 12 inches of vinyl and two amazing new futuristic romps on the CD, this is hot plastic trash. 2 shields.

Jean-Paul Gaultier - "House Couture" - You think this designer's clothes are weird? Leesen to zis! 1

shield.

The Pogue - "Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah" - A Rolling Stones meet Motown stomper, surrounding a 25-second title chorus and a sterling sax. Crucial: 4 shields.

Holly Johnson - "Love Train" - Not the O'Jays classic, but a mighty, majestic romp from the former Frankie Goes to Hollywood vocalist. 2½ shields.

## Language Festival celebrates 7 years

By Darren Smith

Surry Community College hosted the seventh consecutive Foreign Language Festival on Wednesday, April 12, 1989. The festival consisted of booths, music, sculptures, dance, drama and costume, extemporaneous speaking, and dramatic reading competitions.

Fifteen schools were represented at the festival: Grayson County High, Woodlawn Intermediate, Carroll County, North Surry High, Patrick County High, East Surry High, Elkin High, Radford High, Galax High, Alleghany High, Mount Airy High, Surry Central, Independence, and

Vaughan Intermediate School in Fries, Va.

Last year the festival involved 1100 students from 13 schools. This year about 1200 attended the event. The talent competition was part vocal music, dance, and instrumental music from French, Latin, and Spanish students of the participating high schools.

Mrs. Sharon Gates, SCC instructor and coordinator of the festival program, stated, "Participation, in numbers and in quality of competition, continues to grow every year." As in previous years, this year's festival went well.

## Commentary

### Girls place second in state softball tourney

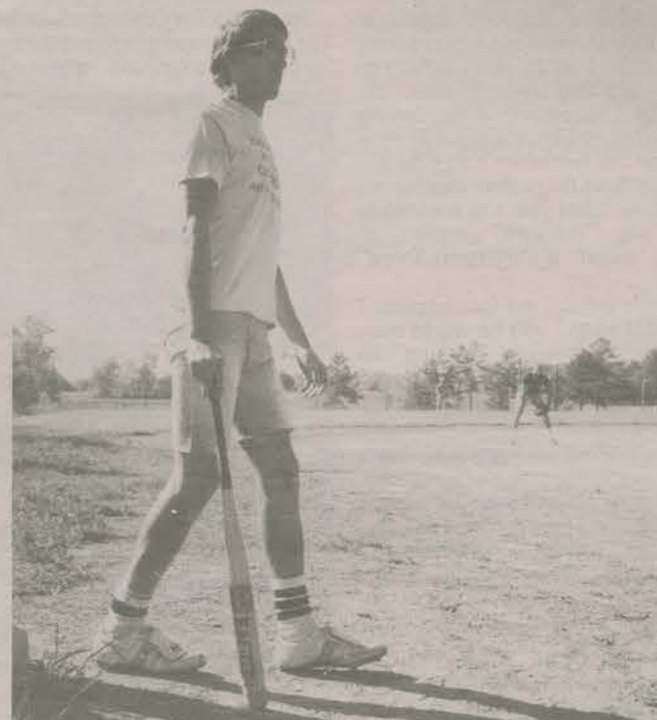
By Jerry Parker

On April 15-16, the newly formed intercollegiate softball team went to Burlington to participate in the Community College State Softball Tournament. These players should be admired for playing in such bad weather. The 40 degree temperatures and constant rain would have stopped many people from playing, but not these SCC students. The girls' team made comeback after comeback to place second in the state. The fields were practically in too bad a shape to play. (Maybe there should have been a mud-slinging contest instead.)

The members of the runner-up state champions are: Melissa Park (player-coach), Wanda Bowman, Carla Shepherd, Lori Robinson, G.G. Inman, Kim Spainhour, Laura Brintle, Kristy Smith, Michelle Goodson, Lynn McDaniel, Glenda Hinshaw, and Tracy Young. In this double elimination tournament the first game was easy for our gals. They defeated Davidson CC, 9 to 0. Melissa Park led the team to victory, going 3 for 3 with 3 runs scored. In their next game they lost to Rowan-Cabarrus, the tournament champs for the past seven years, 18 to 1. Laura Brintle led SCC with 3 hits for 3 at bats.

Sunday morning and the rain had stopped, but the outfield was still muddy. It had not warmed up very much either. The first game of the morning for this courageous bunch of girls was against Pitt CC. Our girls won 9 to 3. Carla Shepherd led SCC, 3 for 4. The next game was the most incredible game I have ever seen. Because of the weather an hour time limit had been put on each game. After four innings Surry was down 11 to 1 to Forsyth Tech. The umpires told them that this would be their last bat. Wanda Bowman's home run help lead the team back. They scored 11 runs in the last inning to win 12-11. Kristy Smith went 3 for 3 also.

After all the excitement from that game, the girls were tired. They had played 2 games in 3 hours and were starting another one in 10 minutes. They were assured of at least third place if they lost (more than any of us had expected). As if in a fairy tale, these girls came back again. Playing



Jerry Parker concentrates on heading for the plate to attempt a scoring hit in a recent softball game at Surry.

Sandhills CC for the right to play Rowan-Cabarrus in the finals, and down by 8, they came back and won. An hour time limit had also been placed on this game and in the last at bat for Surry, the rally began again. Led by Melissa Park going 2 for 2, and Wanda Bowman's second home run of the day, Surry won again, 9 to 8.

In the final game for the team, the fourth of the day, and the third one in a row, the team was defeated 17 to 7 by Rowan-Cabarrus, winning for the eighth year in a row. G.G. Inman led the girls with 2 hits for 3 at bats.

These girls should be commended for the tremendous job they did at Burlington. After making all those comebacks and playing in shoddy conditions to finish second, I say, "a job well done."

The men did not fare as well as the girls, but they played just as hard. The team members were Tommy Branch, Jerry Parker, Joseph Hylton, Howard Wimbley, Scott Riley, Rex Gregory, Dwayne Stone, Mike Lawson, and Tony Boles. The men's first game was at 10:00 a.m., the first game of the tournament. Lenior CC defeated SCC 6 to 3. Tommy Branch led the team, 3 for 3. The next game the guys played started around 9:30 p.m. The fields were in a pitiful condition, but they played on. Costal CC won 10 to 8 over Surry in a hard fought game. Rex Gregory led SCC 3 for 3 with a triple.

Special thanks are in order for Tony Searcy and the SGA. Searcy drove team members to the tournament and looked after the team. The SGA sponsored the two teams including an \$85 dollar fee for each team, and for traveling accommodations.

### Guest commentary

## Earn a two-year degree in just three years the Tim Murphy way

By Tim Murphy

An associate or two-year degree, as some workaholic students still smugly refer to it, is an accomplishment to be proud of. For those of us who like to spend three years (or more) to earn it, it is especially important. Unlike those who rush through junior college, we have earned the right to celebrate.

Contrary to the belief that two-plus year graduates are slow or lack the will to work, we are the ones who wish to learn the most. Only a hyperkinetic two-year graduate would place a required course before a chance to study the mating habits of insects in Charles Boles' classroom. (Those of you who haven't relaxed and explored the myriad opportunities at SCC should be informed that

Mr. Boles is the resident agriculture instructor and, not incidentally, my student advisor."

We long-time enrollees not only take many non-required courses, but we tend to take some over and over again. This method of retaking allows us to fully absorb the concepts presented and allows us the unparalleled pleasure of astounding neophytes with our well-versed responses to the instructor's questions.

One definite advantage to an extended stay at SCC is the ability to become well-socialized. You can't study day and night and expect to adjust socially after you graduate. These are the formative years, a couple of quarters of Psych 101 will tell you that. If you don't learn to be with

people now, you never will.

Do not mistake my intentions: I do not favor apathy toward studies. I just tend to believe that life should not be hectic. How many times have you heard your parents say, "Have your fun now because, when you grow up, you'll have to be responsible for yourself"? Listen to your parents. They expect you to have all the fun that they didn't, so do. It's not for yourself; it's for their sakes.

Although it's true that the road to a two-year degree is paved with hard work, while the road to a three-year degree is littered with beer cans, my mom will be just as proud when I cross that stage to receive my diploma — probably more so. She doubted I'd live to get it.

# Editorial

## Attending SCC makes lasting impressions

By Mike Coble

The deadline is slowly approaching, and I am void of any topics for my final article. I decide that maybe jogging will help to stimulate my thoughts. I'm running along, feeling good, when suddenly it hits me. As if someone has turned on a lightbulb, I suddenly have the perfect idea for my last article. Mind you, I'm not talking about any "ordinary" article...I'm talking about a "Pulitzer Prize" article!

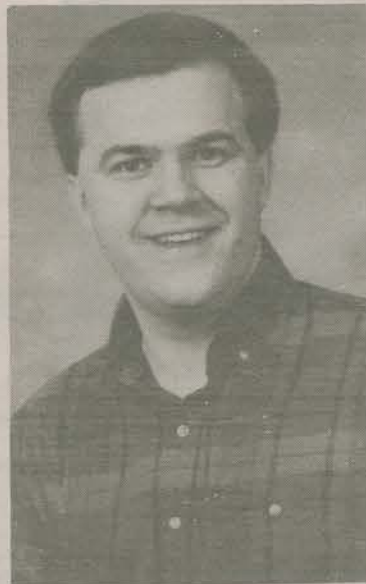
A smile crosses my face because I know that soon I will be world famous. Destiny is mine! Nothing can stop me! Nothing can get in my way! Nothing!...except my neighbor's dog.

I don't know why my neighbor's dog hates me. He is one of those half-breeds...half pit bull and half rattlesnake. Even if I could survive his savage attack, I think he probably has AIDS. Either way I look at it, I'm doomed.

"Cujo" chases me for about three miles until I finally collapse on my front lawn. I eventually awake about two days later, and to this day...I cannot remember what I was going to write about. So, for my last article, I'm going to give everyone my final reflections about Surry Community

College.

I truly can't say enough about SCC. The time I've spent here and the many friends I have met will remain a part



Mike Coble is a second-year student at SCC, planning to transfer to ASU to major in biology. His hobbies include jogging, basketball, and trivia. Mike's ambition is to be a college professor.

of me forever. Since I want to become a teacher, I am very thankful for having so many excellent professors as role models.

Going to a two-year college has its advantages; but it also demands some sacrifice. We don't have a big-time football team. We don't have the "Tobacco Road" basketball program. And being a commuting school, there isn't much of a social life when classes are over. However, I believe that academically we are equal to anyone!

Since I'm in the college transfer program, going to Surry simply makes sense to me. It's like Dr. Reece once told my Math 205 class... "At a four-year school, you could find yourself in a classroom with 150 other people being taught by a graduate student from a foreign country who can barely speak English." To me, the class size and the special attention given by our professors outweigh any negatives about two-year colleges.

Another benefit about SCC is that it offers so many other programs besides the college transfer program. We have so many diverse (and prestigious) programs...secretarial, horticulture, accounting...I could go on and on! Yes, Surry has a program for almost everyone. And, according to a

recent finding in *Gaining the Competitive Edge: The Challenge to North Carolina's Community Colleges*, "By the year 2000, the average new job will require 13.5 years of education, compared to the 12.8 years today. Of the technical, sales, and service jobs projected to register the fastest growth in North Carolina, half are expected to require over 14 years of education."

SCC is obviously part of a good system for people to gain the education they will need for the future. But it is you and I, the students, who provide the life blood to make the system work! After we leave SCC, the best thing you and I can do is let others know (both young and old) that Surry Community College is here to help them. Almost all of the four-year colleges have recruiters to go around the state to convince students to attend their institutions. Why can't we do the same and be recruiters for Surry Community College?

I'm going to step off the soapbox now. Thanks for the memories SCC...I hope I can convince others to come here and enjoy all the pleasures you have given me.

I also want to thank Ms. Ring for giving me the opportunity to write

these commentaries this year. I've tried to make these articles somewhat funny (whether I have or not is up to you). So, I'm going to go out with a "tongue-in-cheek" Top Ten List. If I haven't convinced you already, then here are the top ten reasons to attend Surry Community College:

10. You can't get a job driving Exxon tankers unless you fail the urine test.
9. Mr. Sanders' tapes make him sound like Pee Wee Herman.
8. Math classes: a real benefit when keeping score in Rook.
7. We all have plenty of time to spare until James Brown goes on tour again.
6. Extra art classes really help drawing ability for Pictionary.
5. "College Degree" looks better on a resume than "watch a lot of MTV."
4. Try to convince new students that T-building is on the "other campus" located behind Hardee's.
3. To see the expression on people's faces when they try to leave the library with a "bugged" book.
2. Morning shows of "Wheel of Fortune" are no longer interesting since Sajak left.
1. Student Appreciation Day — the one time a year when our campus grows larger than Carolina or N.C. State.

## Los Mexicanos reciben sus testimonios (certificates)!

By JoJo Vogler

In Boonville, N.C., immigrants from Forsyth, Iredell, Lewisville, and other areas attend a state-funded program, the SLIAG (State Legalization Impact Assistance Grant), in order to obtain training for an U.S. citizenship.

These immigrants go to the Boonville Learning Center twice a week to

participate in a three-hour studying session. The class basically teaches the students U.S. history, the English language, communicative skills, and other responsibilities of an U.S. citizen.

The INS (Immigration National Services) require 60 total hours of class time before the organization

grants any type of recognition. After completing this mandatorial request, the immigrants receive special certificates to acknowledge their achievements; and the Boonville groups are treated to an American cookout. These Mexicans are now liable for U.S. citizenships, which can be obtained in Charlotte, N.C.

The teaching staff consists of six individuals, who either have a bachelor's or master's degree in this specific field of training. One of the teachers, Mary Sue Barriere, comments, "The students here are really enthused about learning the U.S. culture... They seem to enjoy themselves."

One particular student, Javier Cal-

daron Rocillo, is very motivated. Originally from Guanajuato, Mexico, the 23-year-old has already visited Texas, Florida, and New York, but he plans to live in North Carolina for a while. His future goals are to attend Forsyth Technical College and to learn as much as possible about North Carolina.

### Altered by Time

Nights grew cold  
As time passed by,  
Slowly belittling efforts,  
But only for a short while.  
Grace, soft as a whisper,  
But not within the past.  
A slip through hours of anger,  
Accomplishments being the end  
That told the sobbing story  
Of a present worthless being?

Achievement through a tunnel,  
The light gleams to show the way.  
Tell not what can not be done  
But, instead, speak about what has.  
Before the helpless, hopeless phase  
Accomplishments were afar.  
But, as eyes believe, ears listen to hear  
A cause with a place.  
Success is now within a grasp  
Leaving memories to be traced

As belief within the soul  
Brings everlasting grace.  
The line of success  
Is only days away  
Because of chances given  
That no one else has offered.

SCC has changed one life  
This graduation day.

— Dawn Niten

### The Poet's Corner

### Shoppe

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rent fields are listed on the computer's data bank, including a list of two-year and four-year colleges.

There is also material related to careers within the armed forces. Details such as characteristics about one's personal preferences can be entered into the data bank which is part of another unique function the GIS computer can accomplish. The screen will then display a list of

careers to correspond with the information entered.

The Future Shoppe's hours are as follows: Monday and Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 and 1:30-3:00; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30-12:00 and 2:00-3:00; and Friday, 1:30-3:00. However, if these hours are inconvenient, an appointment can be made by contacting one of the Student Service counselors at Surry Community College.

## LEO assists MADD in recent campaigns

By Dawn Niten

Members of the Law Enforcement Organization (LEO) assisted Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), with the red ribbon campaign during Thanksgiving, through the New Year's Eve holiday. The Surry County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving distributed over 15,000 ribbons during the campaign, as stated in their Winter/Spring newsletter. One supporter points out, "One of the most exciting aspects of the campaign is that hundreds of red ribbons are still flying." The article goes on to state, "Let them fly as a constant reminder to people all year not to drink and drive."

Dolores Kelly, second vice-president, along with the members of LEO, set up an exhibit to catch the

eyes of students as they passed through the cafeteria. Kelly stated, "Through the efforts of Lamba Epsilon Omega, many red ribbons were handed out and MADD was given an opportunity to talk to individuals as they came by the table and many close bonds were established." She would especially like to thank Dr. Swanson Richards and J.T. Henson on behalf of MADD for allowing them this opportunity.

The following LEO members participated: President David Crowson, Cheryl Francis, Lisa Haynes, Vance Green, Tim Adams, Dawn Niten, Vickie Bingman, Annette Shinault, Gayna Brown, and Louise Harold.

MADD is an organization of victims, survivors and concerned citi-

zens working to decrease the number of injuries and fatalities related to drunk driving. They have programs designed in the areas of community awareness, education, victims' assistance, and advocacy programs. Pat Freiberger, president of MADD, has stated in a recent article that she has spent many hours monitoring court cases involving DWI charges. She feels that their presence is being felt as they observe decisions made in Surry District Court.

An upcoming project that MADD will be participating in is a nationwide Labor Day campaign, "Drive For Life." Motorists are urged to burn their headlights as a symbol of safe driving. As the community becomes more involved with MADD, their efforts will not go unnoticed.

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