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SCC students enjoy free food, socializing, and listening to Todd Zilla and Scott Richards' D.J. music on Student Appreciation Day, May 13. It was a day for students to relax, forget classes and have fun with the various sports and talent events. For more information see story and pictures, pages 2 and 3.

## SCC expands with new building

By Dawn Niten

For many years teachers and students have coped with small classrooms and below average accommodations that are needed in such programs as computers and electronics.

As Clyde Johnson, Vice-President for Administrative Services, explains, the computer labs were not adequate, electronics classrooms were not adequately arranged, and the overall physical arrangement was insufficient. Because of these three essential reasons, a plan for constructing a facility that would meet these needs was set into motion last year and by March 10, 1988, construction was completed at the cost of \$969,000.

On April 4, the electronics classes and instructors began moving into the new electronics/computer science/community service building (E-building), and on April 11, students returned from spring break to the new facility. As Susan Johnson, secretary to SCC President Swanson Richards stated, "This is a larger, well-equipped, and better lit building that was badly needed in order for space to be adequate."

By April 25 computer classes were also in full operation with a much bigger area provided in which to work. Compared to the area that computer classes had in their previous location, the new building has almost three times as much space, indicated Clyde Johnson.

In addition to computer and electronics classes, the building has a conference room with seating for up to 18 people and a small business center which is soon to be in operation. The center will also be used to promote the start and growth of small businesses and industries in the community.

Along with all these features, there are also offices for instructors of electronics (Guy Tolbert, Joe Sloop, and Steve Bucham), computer science instructors (Dianne Johnson, Jerry Eller), and various other staff members (Anne Hennis, Renee Hutchins, and Bob Comer).

The addition gives Surry Community College a total of 10 buildings, excluding the greenhouse.

## Chorus concludes with concert

By Marsha Shaw

The SCC Chorus, under the direction of Benny Younger, completed its schedule of performances with a spring concert on Saturday evening, May 21, with an appearance at Salem Methodist Church, Mt. Airy.

The schedule included performances at Galax Seventh Day Adventist Church on Thursday evening, May 17, and their annual spring concert on the SCC campus on Thursday evening, May 19.

## Balloons mark 25th anniversary

By Marsha Shaw

SCC's Student Government Association headed by Tina Bell of Elkin was in charge of the local balloon release.

A teleconference at SCC on May 16 featured views by Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation For the Advancement of Teaching on the outlook for community colleges over the next 25 years. The teleconference began at 10:30 a.m. The public was invited to this event and to the balloon release May 17.

On Tuesday, May 17, the Student Government Association, headed by Tina Bell of Elkin, participated with 57 other campuses in a state-wide balloon release commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the North Carolina Community College System.

SCC's own 25th Anniversary will begin on Sunday, August 7 with a luncheon, public open house, tours and the formal opening of the new computer science/electronics/community services building. Other events will follow into 1989.

Surry Community College came into being when the State Board of Education approved Dobson as the site of a college to serve Surry and Yadkin counties in January 1964.

## Graduation held May 27

By Kathy Ingram

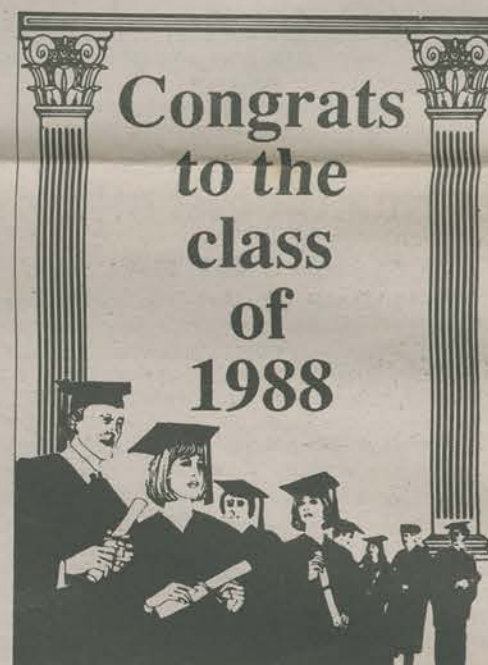
On Friday, May 27, Surry Community College held graduation ceremonies at 6:30 P.M.

A total of 214 graduates received degrees; 137 of these are in Associate in Applied Science, 63 are in Associate in Arts; 10 vocational degrees, and 4 Associate in Science degrees.

The speaker was Robert Chilton, superintendent of Mount Airy City Schools. Chilton was the first academic dean after the founding of Surry Community College in 1964.

Dr. Swanson Richards, President of SCC addressed the graduates and conferred degrees upon them. Vice-President of Student Services, Dr. James Reeves, extended the welcome and introduced special guests. Dr. Jan Crawford, Dean of Instruction, presented the diplomas.

The graduate services were open to the public, and families, and friends. The President's reception followed the graduation ceremonies.



## Cram gives final recital

News Release

Beth Cram, visiting artist at Surry Community College, gave her final solo recital of the school year at 8 p.m. on May 20 at First Baptist Church in Mount Airy.

Her program was, basically, a recital of American 20th century composers: Selections from Six Poems by Emily Dickinson, by John Duke: "Good Morning, Midnight"; "Heart! We Will Forget Him!"; "Nobody Knows This Little Rose"; and "Bee! I'm Expecting You."

Three songs by Samuel Barber: "Now Have I Fed and Eaten Up the Rose"; "A Green Lowland of Pianos"; and "O Boundless, Boundless Evening."

"Ain't It a Pretty Night?" by Carlisle Floyd. Selections by Thomas Pasatierilk: "Boundaries"; "Instead of Words"; "Winter's Child" and "Vocal Modesty." R. Michael Daugherty's Passages: "In Place"; "All In a Dream"; "Canzone"; and "On My Shining Hour."

Cram was accompanied by William Chapman-Nyaho, visiting artist at Davidson Community College.

## Emory and Henry president gives lecture

By Jane Owens

Dr. Charles W. Sydnor, Jr., president of Emory & Henry College in Emory, Va., delivered two lectures at 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the Holocaust at SCC May 17.

The public was invited to attend the lectures, which were sponsored by the SCC Faculty Association. Conrad Holcomb, Jr., chairman of the Association, introduced Sydnor.

Sydnor is married and has four children. He was named president of Emory & Henry in 1984. Prior to that time he had served as executive assistant to the Virginia Governor's Office; was earlier an independent writer and project producer for Central Virginia Educational Television; was an instructor in history at Ohio State University; received his MA and PhD from Vanderbilt University; did graduate work at Albert-Ludwig University in West Germany; and did German language studies in the Goethe Institute there. He earned his undergraduate degree at Emory & Henry in 1965.

Sydnor is a recognized expert and published author in the field of German-Jewish relations prior to and during World War II, and has worked actively in promoting awareness of the Nazi atrocities against Jews and other races during that period. He currently serves as chairman of the Virginia-Israel Commission's Subcommittee on Holocaust Education.

Among his writing credits are the book 'Soldiers of Destruction: The SS Death's Head Division, 1933-1945,' published in 1977, and extensive television research and writing, including the script for "Adolph Hitler: 1889-1945," a 90-minute documentary made for public television in 1976-77.

During the 12:30 lecture at SCC, Sydnor spoke of how Hitler greatly desired war mainly because he wanted to destroy the Jewish race. Hitler felt they were the weaker, less important race. He believed in Darwin's theory, "survival of the fittest." Therefore, believing the Jews were the least fit, he felt he should eliminate their survival.

Sydnor described "death lists" which consisted of the names of Polish clergy, faculty members of Polish universi-

ties, and a mass of Jews in general, and he vividly explained the scene of Hitler's soldiers photographing Jews as they were being shot down.

To win followers such as these, Hitler had used modern technology in a way no other politician had before. He gave raging and emotional speeches on a microphone, and also on radio, he used films to touch the lives of everyone, and thousands of photographs of Hitler were displayed to the world.

Another aspect of Sydnor's speech was how, in 1941, Hitler decided there were too many Jews and not enough bullets. So, by 1942, Hitler had built "killing complexes," which were in full operation. Train loads of Jews were brought to these "permanent killing centers" and put to death in gas chambers. The trains on which they arrived to these centers were even labeled "death trains."

Sydnor also gave some shocking death tolls. He stated that before the war in Poland, 3 1/2 million Jews existed. After the war only 200,000 Jews remained. In Germany, the Jewish pre-war count was 600,000. Post-war, only 5,000 remained.

Writing in the 'Chronicle of Higher Education' last September, Sydnor said, "I am a 44-year-old American Protestant, born in the South in the midst of the Second World War. On the day I was born, August 26, 1943, Auschwitz, Belzec, Chelmno, and Sobibor were running to capacity, destroying human life. The revolt in Treblinka, after the murder of nearly one million Jews, had occurred three weeks earlier; the heroic uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto had been suppressed three months before. The deportations from all over Europe were continuing apace, and the destruction of Hungarian Jewry was still 10 months away."

Sydnor also said, "To the people who ask me, 'How can you bear to study the Holocaust?' I can only reply, 'How can we not?'"

He describes the Nazi atrocities as "the greatest deliberate process of human destruction in the lifetime of man... the subject (Holocaust) itself is one of the most important, if not the most important, event in the 20th century... It carries an inherently useful warning."

## Dermatologist offers solutions to acne problems

By Joseph P. Bark, M.D.

Zits, goobers, pimples, pizza face — no matter what you call them, they're acne. We've all seen it, either on ourselves or our friends. In fact, 80 percent of us have had acne at some time in our lives. And left alone without proper treatment or attention, acne can mark your skin for a lifetime. And that's unnecessary.

But just what is this troublesome disease, anyway?

Acne is a disease in which sebaceous (oil) glands become plugged and then swollen, sore or inflamed. Research dermatologists have traced the development of acne to the biological changes that take place as young people mature from childhood to adolescence. Rising hormone levels produce changes in the development of young bodies. In the case of acne, sebaceous glands become enlarged and produce more oil or sebum.

In most cases, the sebum empties onto the skin through pores and produces oily looking skin. When the pores become plugged, a blackhead forms. Blackheads are the mildest form of acne.

Pimples or whiteheads form when the plugged material breaks through the wall of the sebaceous gland.

The most severe form of acne occurs when whiteheads, lacking a large opening to break through to the skin surface, rupture and cause inflamed sores to develop.

There is no lack of myths and folk tales about the causes of complexion problems. It should go without saying that the following have nothing whatsoever to do with acne: sex of the acne sufferer (both boys and girls get acne, and nothing can be said about who gets it more frequently), sex practices and food (experts pretty much agree that diet has been over-emphasized in the past).

But some things you've heard about acne may indeed be true. Dermatologists know a lot about things which aggravate acne. Among these are cosmetics, certain habits (hand-leaning), certain sports equipment (chin straps, shoulder pads and helmet bands), menstrual periods and even excess sun exposure.

Treatments for acne are many and varied.

As we have discussed, acne isn't caused by dirt, but it is important to wash at least twice a day with soap and warm water. Be sure to wash thoroughly enough to clean the skin,

yet gently enough to avoid irritating.

Over the years various over-the-counter products and drying agents have been used, such as sulfur lotions and creams, benzoyl peroxide preparations, soaps, scrubbing pads and devices and many others. Some of these work quite well in

managing mild forms of acne.

Antibiotics help acne in two ways. First, they decrease the amount of bacteria inside oil glands. These bacteria secrete a substance that causes oil to break down and actually "rot" inside the oil gland itself. Secondly, antibiotics attack the actual substance itself to stop it from breaking down more oil.

Antibiotics that are applied to the skin are safe and effective when used regularly. Patients avoid some minor side effects of internal antibiotics such as upset stomachs and antibiotics can be used as long as tendency toward acne is present.

Internal antibiotics are also effective in acne. They've been used for many years, and some patients have taken them for years at a time to keep their acne under control.

Some people experience complications when taking antibiotics, and you should definitely talk to your physician about these when given a prescription.

A new medicine which clears even the most difficult cases of acne in most patients is called Accutane, a modified form of vitamin A. It is usually taken for several months. The side effects can be severe. Accutane cannot ever be taken in pregnancy or by sexually active women because it can cause birth defects. When a teenager takes the drug, he or she must be closely followed by a dermatologist.

Acne is mostly a nuisance to a majority of teenagers. They can rely on over-the-counter products to deal with the occasional pimple or blackhead. If your acne persists for more than two weeks or if pimples develop into large cysts, see the school nurse. He or she can assess your problem and may refer you to a dermatologist, a physician who specializes in treating problems of the skin, hair and nails.

For more information send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the American Academy of Dermatology, P.O. Box 3116, Evanston, IL 60204-3116.



Dobson Elementary students take a stand against drugs and drunk driving as they march through the SCC campus on Student Appreciation Day with balloons and signs declaring their cause. (Staff Photo)

## Student Appreciation Day is success

By Benny Nichols

Friday the thirteenth — a day to expect the unexpected, a day for unusual things to happen, a day to make people do things out-of-the ordinary, a perfect day for the annual Student Appreciation Day. And what a day it was indeed! Free ice cream and food for students and faculty: boy, that is unusual!

It was a day for everybody at SCC. Anyone could participate in the sack race, dunk their favorite (or least favorite as the case may be) instructor in the dunking booth. Disc jockey Todd Zilla entertained the crowd with his wit and music.

For the "refined" there was the Rook tournament which Bill Goins and the author won by the way. Goins was quoted as saying, after it was all over, "I knew we could do it, and the funniest thing is we didn't even cheat, not even a little."

The talent show featured everything from true talent to mere stupidity. But, of course, it was all for fun. The winner was Michelle Goodson, and Jason Brady captured the second place slot.

Then, of course, who could forget the food? And bunches of it! Students, instructors, and staff members gorged themselves with hot dogs and hamburgers and were then treated to ice cream. One student swore up and down that "the meal was worth ever cent."

A motivational speech was given in the gym by Gerry Vaillancourt, Sales and Promotion Representative for Converse. Afterwards, Dr. Reeves, Tony Searcy, and other faculty members presented several awards to deserving students. Also, Sue Jarvis was surprised and delighted to learn that the 1987-88 'Lancer' is dedicated to her.

To conclude the full day's activities a semi-formal dance was sponsored by the SGA. It was a "Beach Party." (I really don't know why because no one ever goes semi-formal to the beach.) Music of yesterday and today was played by V.I.P., a video disc-jockey who entertained.

Finally, the 13th was over; but as fate will have it, Student Appreciation Day will be followed by final exams next week which will be the true reflection of appreciation. As SCC student Bill Goins states, "Thanks, faculty, but next time let's keep the free food and activities and forget the exams!"



An SCC student sighs in relief as Tony Searcy misses the trigger and leaves him high and dry for a few more minutes. (Staff Photo)

## North Carolina state laws crack down on DWI

By Wendy Watts

Far too many accidents are caused by people who drive while (or after) drinking. A drinker may say, "I'm fine. I only had a few beers." Such misinformation is all too often deadly. Maybe that's why 50 percent of all driving fatalities are caused by drunk drivers, and two-thirds of all those arrested for DWI "just had a few beers."

According to the governor's highway safety program for the year 1986, one American dies in an alcohol-related traffic accident every 35 minutes nationwide. County officers and state highway patrol officers made 77,020 DWI arrests statewide in 1986, resulting in an 11 percent increase over 1985. The State Highway Patrol alone made 44,318 arrests statewide in 1986, an 18 percent increase over 1985.

Statistics show that 1,645 people were killed in traffic accidents in North Carolina, a 10 percent increase over 1985; 113,195 people were in traffic accidents statewide in 1986, an 8 percent increase over 1985; 19,242 people were injured in DWI-related crashes in 1986, an 8 percent increase over 1985; 707 people were killed in DWI-related crashes in 1986, a 10 percent increase over 1985; 92 teenagers (15-19 years of age) were killed in DWI-related crashes in N.C. and 3,512 teenagers (15-19 years of age) were injured.

Before you get behind the wheel of a car you need to think of what you may lose. Driving is a privilege that can and will be taken away if you are caught driving while intoxicated.

A first offense will result in the loss of license for one year with the possibility of driving privileges that have definite restrictions and limitations. For a second offense, the driver loses his license for four years with no driving privileges. The driver may have a hearing after two years; plus if the first offense is seven years prior to the second offense, the latter will count as a first offense. A third offense results in a permanent suspension of license with little likelihood of having one's license returned.

If you're going to drink, use these tips that have been provided by the New York-based Will Rogers Institute:

\* Eat something — never drink on an empty stomach. Eat before you go to a party, and eat while you're there. Solid food like cheese can slow down the alcohol absorption rate. If you're throwing a party, serve lots of munchies and plenty of mixers.

\* Don't be pushed into drinking more than you can handle and don't pressure your friends to keep up with you. Everyone has an individual tolerance. Let your friends pace themselves.

\* Keep a watchful eye if you're mixing your own drink; use a shot glass to measure the liquor. A cocktail should contain no more than 1 1/4 ounces of distilled spirits which is equal to 5 ounces of wine which is equal to a 12 ounce serving of beer. According to The Will Rogers Institute, "A drink is a drink, is a drink. No matter what you drink."

\* Have a designated driver. Pick someone out of the group who will not drink and drive. If there is no one, stay over night.

Last week a Kentucky man was very drunk and this man chose to drive home. The man, not knowing what he was doing, headed down the wrong side of Interstate 71 and ran head-on into a church bus that was carrying a youth group. This man has to live with the fact that he has killed twenty-seven young kids, and nothing that man can do will make up for that loss.

If you are going to drink, please don't drive; you may lose more than your license; you may lose your life or take someone else's.

\*\*\* All information comes from The Will Rogers Institute, White Plains, N.Y., Governor's Highway Safety Program, N.C., and the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.



SCC Counselor Tony Searcy takes a shot at his victim in the dunking booth which was only one of the various events to take part in on Student Appreciation Day. (Staff Photo)

## Golf team finishes season; four to return next year

"We have a really young team," said Coach Paul Hinshaw, SCC golf team coach, "but they have shown much improvement during the season." This statement explains the hard work that golf team members Burton Christie, Dean Clement, Kevin Collins, Greg Magaraci, Marty Taylor, and Brian Waller have exerted during the season against intercollegiate teams they've encountered this year.

Since most of the team consists of first-year students, most will be returning next year to render the Knights what should be a pretty good season.

Christie is majoring in marketing/retailing and is a second-year student here at Surry. His hobbies include golf and basketball. His favorite academic subjects are advertising and marketing, and his favorite professional golfer is Tom Watson. Christie's best golf score this year was 82, a score with which any other two-year golfer would be most pleased.

Clement plans to pursue a drafting and design career. He too has attended Surry for two years, although he has joined the golf team only this year. His favorite professional golfer is "The Shark" himself, Greg Norman, and apparently Clement's idol has motivated this golfer of one year. His best score during the season was 93 — not bad for a beginner, huh? Most golfers who have played for several years would be pleased with such a score. Clement said, "I (especially) enjoyed playing all the free golf."

Kevin Collins has been playing golf for four years, three of which were played prior to his enrollment at Surry last fall. Collins is a college transfer student whose favorite courses of study are math and history. He said Greg Norman is his favorite golfer, and his best score this year was 93. Collins commented, "I really enjoyed playing golf for SCC this year, and I thank Mr. Hinshaw for coaching and helping us this season." Collins' other interests include softball and tennis.

Magaraci is a college transfer student who has been playing golf for two years. His best score this season was 96, and he says he really enjoyed playing golf for SCC. "It's good to have healthy competition," said Magaraci. "The school gave us a great deal of money for eating. They also were able to get Cross Creek Country Club for us to play on for free." Magaraci is a first-year student who favorite subjects include business, science, and statistics. In addition to playing golf, he says he likes baseball, playing cards, and "I like old music (Rock 92)." His favorite golfer is Greg Norman.

Taylor is a first-year college parallel student also. His hobbies include golf, football, baseball, wrestling, basketball, and tennis. Taylor's favorite course of study is math, and his favorite pro golfer is Chi Chi Rodriguez, a senior player who dominated the senior tour in 1986. Taylor's best score was 96 this season, and he has been playing the sport for four years.

Waller is also a first-year student at SCC, and he is enrolled in the college transfer program at SCC. His favorite course of study is speech, and his hobbies include basketball and golf. His other interests, he says, are speech and English. Waller commented, "What can you do?" when asked about this year's season. Apparently he was a little disappointed with the season, but for a five-year player, a score of 82 is nothing to be ignored. The team members are sure to improve in the year to come. His favorite amateur golfer he says is teammate Marty Taylor.

## Knights capture championship softball title

By Jane Owens

The Knights lassoed the Mustangs Wed., May 18, during the SCC intramural softball tournament with a score of 9 to 5.

The early innings of the game were very competitive with the lead switching constantly. However, Manager Joseph Hylton's team, the Knights, bravely took the lead in the fifth inning with three runs and finished up the game with three more runs in the seventh inning. The Knights' leading hitters were Jody Rotenizer with four hits and three runs, and Patrick Spence with three hits. Manager Mitch Whitener's team, the Mustangs, was led by Junior Horton with three hits and two

runs.

Knights team members include Joseph Hylton (team captain and manager), Jody Rotenizer, Sheri Beach, Patrick Spence, Todd Ingram, Beth Needham, Jerry Parker, Dwayne Nixon, Greg McCormick, Kent Tucker, and Mark Blaylock. They ended the season with a win-loss record of 7-1 and all members will receive trophies Mon., May 23.

Tony Searcy, SCC counselor who assisted Paul Hinshaw in coordinating this year's softball intramural program, stated, "This was a fun season; everyone played well, and we hope to have even more softball intramural teams next year."

## SGA acquires knowledge during Raleigh trip last month

By Jane Owens

Members of Surry Community College's Student Government Association attended the conference of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4C SGA) in Raleigh last month to develop new skills and share experiences and knowledge with other SGA's in order to unite community colleges throughout North Carolina. This conference was dedicated to Charles A. Holcombe, Financial Aid Officer and SGA Advisor from Isothermal Community College, who recently passed away.

The SGA advisor at SCC, Tony Searcy, and most of the SGA members traveled to Raleigh Thursday morning, April 28, in Searcy's van and arrived at the Quality Inn Mission Valley Hotel around noon. Because of a morning meeting, Glenda Weatherholt (vice-president) and Sharon Grizzel

(secretary) arrived earlier by car acting as president and vice-president of SCC's SGA because the current president, Tina Bell, wasn't able to attend the trip.

Various workshops were held on new ideas for fund-raising, management, and delegation responsibilities to SGA members and committees; AIDS; SGA transition at the local level; and what to expect when transferring to a four-year institution. Division meetings of the eastern, western, and central divisions, along with advisors' meetings, SGA presidents' meetings, and several committee meetings were also held.

During the formal and very informative meetings held throughout the day (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, SGA officers and representatives from each school voted as a group on new laws to be proposed by next

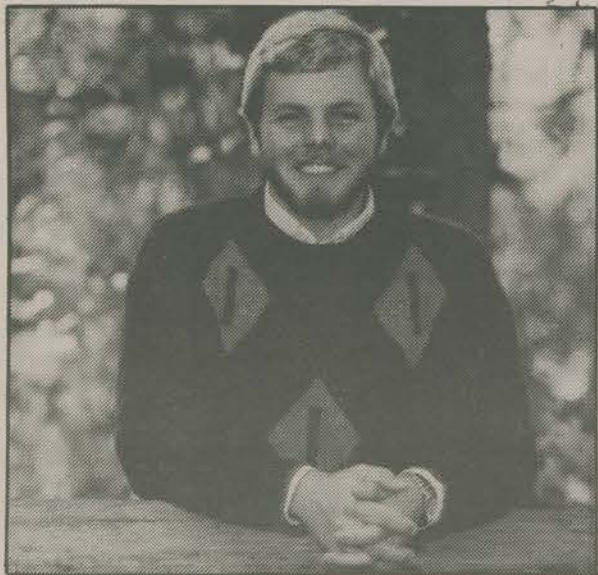
fall for N.C.'s community colleges. They also elected a new Executive Council consisting of SGA community college students who represent all community colleges in North Carolina.

Other than the luncheon buffet Thursday and the banquet dinner Friday night, SGA members ate lunch and dinner at Darrell's or Rock-Ola Cafe. Friday night's entertainment included a dance with a video disc jockey and a lip synchronization contest.

Saturday morning, April 30, all unfinished business was completed and SGA members headed home. SGA secretary Sharon Grizzel, SCC's acting vice-president in Raleigh, stated, "Meeting new people from other colleges and learning about procedures and techniques of other community colleges' SGA's" made the conference a most enjoyable and educational experience.

Commentary

# Vacationers: I don't understand them!



Benny Nichols is a second-year student at SCC planning to transfer to ASU to major in foreign languages. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, and coin collecting. Benny's most ambitious goal, he says, is to work as an interpreter for the CIA.

Why do they do it? What's wrong with staying home for a week with the television set, or rental movies? I know I had rather watch the Duke in a movie I have already seen about three dozen times than to sunburn four layers of skin on my nose; but I guess when you really think about it, the Duke never wore that embarrassing nose cream that is as white as your legs. I guess that is why everybody burns himself or herself. Ya know what I mean, Pilgrim?

Well, back to the main motif or central theme of this editorial, which is vacationers.

They come in everything from a Yugo to a Lincoln. But, on the average, it's the family station wagon. They come in herds — each with the fake paneling on the side, the top laden with luggage, boxes, crates, and then more luggage, which are all tied on top with yellow rope. Then two or three bicycles are chained on the front or to the back door. And one of them will always have a kiddie seat complete with a seat belt. Why do they do that? I mean, who has the time to ride a bicycle on their vacation? Or, who would want to? In my most humble opinion, riding a bicycle is work. Why don't they go to the museums, or the mall, or play putt-putt for a few hours? Who is going to feel like riding a bicycle after all this excitement? Not me.

Maybe they just bring them for looks; maybe they know that they will not have time to ride a bicycle and they just want other people to think they're energetic. Why don't they just get a bumper sticker that says: "I like to pretend I enjoy riding bicycles." Sounds a little wordy, but I couldn't think of anything better.

I'll never, never figure tourists out.

And those clothes! Where do tourists get those clothes? A "blue-light special" at the Goodwill, perhaps? Please someone tell me why they wear those clothes (on their vacations) — clothes in which they would not be caught dead at any other time of the year! You know, you've seen those loud Hawaiian shirts that never match, the Bermude shorts that go down well below the knees. And those floppy hats they wear; they look like something Boy Scouts sleep in.

Well, while I'm on the subject I'd better mention the cameras. What wardrobe could be complete without at least one camera? Vacationers strap 'em on around their necks and sometimes along with binoculars. And they've suddenly acquired these super egos as if they're the man of steel — proud to be tourists. Upon seeing the typical American tour-

ist, which I have attempted to point out to you, I am instantly reminded of Marlin Perkins after he has "gracefully" wrestled a 40-foot boa constrictor with 25 African pygmies in the Congo River basin where he stands proudly, half-drowned beside Jim and boastfully exclaims, "Ah, we've got him now!"

You know, by the way, I believe that was the very first time I ever saw Marlin actually do anything on that show. You know he usually stays back at the camp with the pygmy women and drinks margaritas while Jim is out riding a rhino. Well, I've drifted off the subject a bit; maybe next time I'll do a tribute to Marlin. Back to vacationers.

Why does the United States contain a state named Ohio? I mean it. Why is there an Ohio? Ohio doesn't need to exist because all the people from Ohio come to North Carolina. I bet the governor of Ohio is lonelier than the Maytag repairman. People from Ohio, better known as "Buckeyes," migrate here like Moslems to Mecca — in flocks. Everywhere you go, you can see someone with Ohio license plates. Do they not have jobs up there? Who's going to tend to the corn crop? Wait; that's Iowa, isn't it? Never mind.

Tomorrow I'm writing the President about dropping Ohio from our roster of states. Or maybe we could make the entire state of Ohio a place for tourists to hold conventions. Think about it! Seminars on how to dress like a true American tourist, or the right way to take out-of-focus pictures, or the proper way to sight-see on your bicycle are just a few examples of the workshops we could offer.

Speaking of sight-seeing, some people right here in N.C. (who are not from Ohio) really need to attend that seminar on sight-seeing. You know the type: you pull onto Hwy. 601 and you're lucky enough to get behind someone who is driving along at maybe 35 miles per hour. He or she is probably listening to classical music and singing along with Pavarotti.

By the way, do people really listen to that stuff? I've often wondered because, each time I hear it, I have a sudden urge to howl at the moon. Oh well, that's beside the point.

Anyway, those slow public nuisances who are traveling just short of warp speed (ha) at 35 mph look at everything! They go slowly so they won't miss a thing, and at 35, it would be difficult not to see everything.

Well, Pilgrim, I need a vacation. I think I'll go fishing with the governor of Ohio. He could probably use some company by now.

## A Special Child

By Dawn Niten

### Dedicated to Tabitha

Why must I be the one  
Who holds this little seed?  
I know the day may come  
When this seed may be a tree.

They say it may not grow  
As tall as it should be.  
It may not blossom out,  
Or it may just fill with leaves.

Should I decide its fate  
When no one really knows?  
Should I throw it away,  
Or see if it will grow?

I can't believe my eyes;  
A sprout begins to show;  
I'm not the one to decide  
If this little seed will grow.

I soon begin to help it  
And nourish it along  
Then soon before my eyes  
This little seed has grown.



Although it's not a regular tree  
As someone else might say.  
This tree is filled with colors  
That one can't get from shade.

It lightens up the scenery  
And brightens up the day.  
People's lives are changed by it  
In a special, loving way.

A seed can be a tree  
Although it doesn't grow  
As big, as great, as healthy,  
As long, as tall, as strong.

My choice was one of many  
But the best without a doubt,  
As I begin to see my tree  
Struggling to blossom out.

## Classes offered at SCC

By Kathy Ingram

Summer school at Surry Community College will begin June 7. Full session will last through August 24 and first session will last through July 15.

Various courses will be offered during this time. They range from agriculture, automotive and business courses to the fundamental English, math, and science courses.

The last day to register for first session and full session is June 6.

The summer classes are an excellent opportunity for students who want to make-up classes they were not able to take during the regular quarters for various reasons.

Summer classes are also an advantage for those people who are residents of this area who attend a larger college or university but need credits they can transfer.

## APA seeks poetry students

News Release

The American Poetry Association is sponsoring a new poetry contest that awards \$10,000 worth of prizes to undiscovered poets. The Grand Prize winner gets \$1,000.00, and 150 other winning poets will receive cash, certificate, and book awards. The deadline for entry is June 30. Entry is free.

"Two of our recent winners were students," said John Frost, Chief Editor of the Association. "After school is closed students will still have plenty of time to send us poems by June 30th. We enjoy seeing their work so we have a deadline they can easily meet."

Interested poets may send up to five poems of no more than 20 lines each, with name and address on each page to American Poetry Association, Dept. CN-57, 250 A Potrero Street, P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-1803. Poems mailed by June 30 are eligible to win, prizes awarded by August 31. Another contest begins July 1, ends December 31, prizes by February 28.

Poems are judged on originality and sincerity, and every poem is also considered for publication.

In the last six years the American Poetry Association has sponsored 25 contests and awarded over \$87,000 00 in prizes to more than 2,400 winning poets.

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## SCC introduces new courses for industry

News Release

Dobson, N.C. — In response to a recent survey showing that local industry has an immediate need of 50 trained employees, Surry Community College has introduced two new programs in the Day Curriculum — Industrial Maintenance and Electrical Installation and Maintenance — effective with the fall quarter. Registration is now open for both programs, which are offered on a full-time basis.

Each program awards a one-year vocational diploma; high school completion is recommended but not mandatory to enroll; and students may finish GED (high school equivalency) while enrolled if necessary.

The Industrial Maintenance program prepares students to repair and maintain machinery, electrical wiring and fixtures, as well as hydraulic and pneumatic devices found in industry.

Electrical Installation and Maintenance is designed to provide a training program in the basic knowledge, fundamentals, and practices involved in the electrical trades. A large segment of the program is laboratory and shop instruction to give the student practical knowledge and application experience in the fundamentals.