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FAA Recruits for air traffic controllers

News Release

The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Allan McArtor, announced today that FAA plans to hire approximately 3,000 men and women over this year and train them for careers as air traffic control (ATC) specialists.

McArtor said, "The hiring of the new recruits will enable FAA to keep pace with the projected growth of aviation by maintaining the current pipeline of trained personnel to fill newly established ATC specialist positions as well as positions vacated through retirements, transfers, promotions and other personnel moves."

All new hires receive their initial ATC training as paid employees at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City. Most are hired at a base salary of \$18,726. Those who successfully complete the Academy course — which runs three or four months, depending on the option — then will be assigned to a field facility where the on-the-job training will begin.

Academy graduates may go to one of three different types of facilities: (1) airport control towers, which direct take offs and landings and handle flights in the immediate terminal area; (2) air route traffic control centers, which control aircraft operating under instrument flight rules between airports; and (3) flight service stations, which provide pilots

with a variety of services such as briefings on weather and flight conditions.

Overall, FAA operates approximately 328 airport control towers, 24 air route traffic control centers and 275 flight service stations in the United States and its territories.

Depending on their assignment, career progression and other factors, controllers can move up to non-supervisory positions that pay a base salary in the \$46,000 to \$56,000 range, or even more with overtime and various differentials. Unlike most other government employees, controllers also are eligible for retirement after 20 years.

No previous aviation experience is required of persons applying for these positions. Those who pass the test and meet other qualifications will have their names added to the list of persons eligible for controller jobs.

Each applicant must have three years of work experience, a college degree, or a combination of work and college experience. There also is an upper age limit for those hired to work in control towers and centers. They cannot be more than 30 years of age at the time of appointment. There is no age limit for specialists assigned to flight service stations.

Additional information can be obtained from Shirley Gerard at 301-859-3733.

Clark stimulates SCC with motivational address

By Kathy Ingram

Dan Clark, who has written four books including the best-seller 'Champions,' was the center of attention for much of the student body, faculty, and staff of Surry Community College on Wednesday, April 13.

The major focus of Clark's message was that in order to succeed we must all learn to get up again after we fall. He used Mary Lou Rhetton's success story to illustrate his point. "Living life to its fullest." Had Rhetton not kept trying to conquer the uneven bars, she might never have been an Olympic champion. "We aren't born; we're made," said Clark.

Communication was another highlight of the speech. What people say to each other, claims Clark, is very important in the way people project themselves. Clark stated, "Words rule the world." Accordingly, he said that the three most powerful words are not "I love you," but rather "I need you." Attitude, he added, is the key.

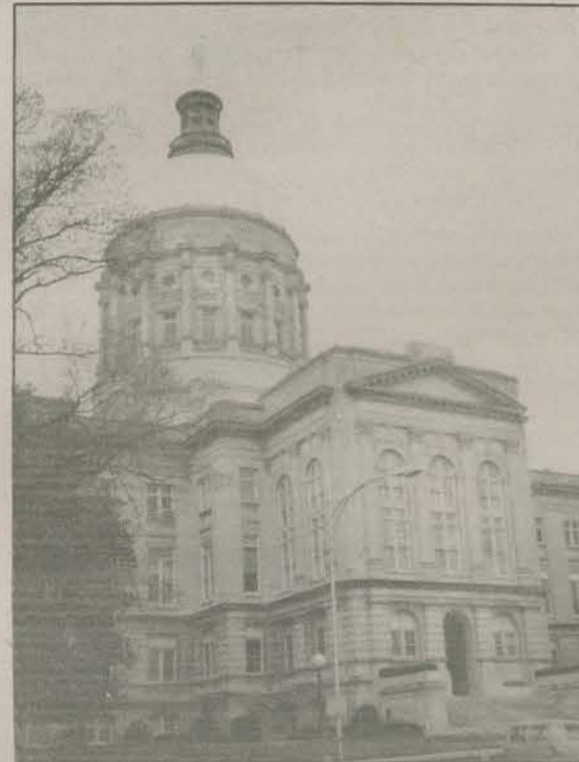
Drafted for the L.A. Raiders even after a serious physical handicap, Dan Clark is himself an example of what he calls self-competition. This is the idea that one must compete against oneself before competing with others.

Clark stressed the need for people, as individuals and on a whole, to "become better today than you were yesterday."

When asked what he would say to those who did not have the opportunity to hear him, Clark said, "It's what you do when the coach (or teacher, or boss, or authority) isn't around that makes the difference."



Dan Clark entertains SCC students, faculty and staff with address on self-motivation (Staff photo)



Recent LEO trip allows time for sight-seeing and picture-taking in downtown Atlanta (Photo submitted)

LEO travels to Atlanta

By Dawn Niten

Eleven members of the SCC Law Enforcement Organization (LEO) and advisor J.T. Henson took a trip to Atlanta and Forsyth County, Georgia, March 24-27 to tour the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

The students spent Thursday night in Forsyth County, Georgia and Friday morning they toured the training center which is set up to meet the needed requirements of many agencies: EMT workers, firefighters, investigators, law enforcement officers, and various others.

Classrooms are equipped with the newest advanced technology, each having its own audio visual concept. Also, they are set up so the hands-on approach (which goes along with the many different skills that are needed) can be experienced and learned. Students who attend the center for training are able to experience the means by which evidence can be obtained, whether through breathalizers, from fingerprints, from dragging a lake for bodies, or from weapons.

Facilities are set up at the center, such as the indoor pool, which is equipped with a system that allows spectators to view underwater divers as they dramatize a mock rescue of a person trapped inside a submerged vehicle. Also, a specially constructed building allows people training in firefighting to experience saving a person and to extinguish a blazing building in a safe, proper, and fast manner. Other activities include firearms training, high speed driving, and courtroom conduct which are only a few of the many courses taught at the training center.

Thus, whatever the problem may be, these centers can equip people for experiences faced in one's line of duty. Meanwhile, the public can rest assured that these public servants are well-trained and educated to protect everyone.

Friday evening, following the tour of the center, the students went to Atlanta where they stayed until Sunday. During their stay in Atlanta, several students went to Stone Mountain and saw a sculpture that measured one acre long and an unbelievable 40 feet in depth. They saw the tallest hotel and the longest escalator in the United States, and they also dined at Pitypat's Porch, which is only one of the finest restaurants in Atlanta.

SCC Foundation announces scholarships

News Release

The Surry Community College Foundation announced last week that, beginning with the 1988 spring graduating classes, it will offer \$250 scholarships to the top five graduates at each of the high schools in Surry and Yadkin Counties of North Carolina and Carroll and Patrick Counties in Virginia.

In addition, the Foundation is extending the same scholarship offer to the top five graduates of the College's GED (high school equivalency) program.

Dr. Swanson Richards, college president, said the intent is to encourage the top academic achievers to attend Surry

Community College. Richards said, "This effort is in addition to our ongoing program of providing financial assistance to students on the basis of need. This will continue and in fact be expanded. For example, the Foundation is receptive to helping Virginia students who now face high out-of-state tuition costs because of action by the North Carolina General Assembly. We want these and other students to know that where financial need exists, the Foundation can provide assistance."

The SCC Foundation is also making efforts to broaden the base of support, especially by industry and business.

Dermatologist says sun is not safe

By David S. Drentreich, M.D.

Possessing a rich tan has gone in and out of fashion over the centuries. In times past, pale skin was prized by members of the upper class as a symbol of their station in life since only peasants and laborers who toiled outdoors became deeply tanned. Today a deep tan is valued as a symbol of youth, health, and glamour.

But the new badge of a lifetime spent in the sun is skin cancer. Sun exposure prematurely ages the skin and promotes skin cancer as surely as cigarette smoking is associated with lung cancer.

A tan is actually the body's reaction to damage by the sun. The skin darkens by producing more pigment called melanin as a way of protecting the body from the sun's ultraviolet rays.

The sun produces two kinds of ultraviolet light that affect the skin. UVA light causes darkening of the melanin in your skin within 12 hours. UVB is mainly responsible for sunburn redness and causes a more delayed increase in darkening.

A reaction caused by the sun's light can cause changes inside skin cells. The changes produce wrinkles, loss of skin elasticity, mottling of color, growth and enlargement of small blood vessels and development of precancerous and cancerous skin growths.

Skin damage is time related. A dose of sunlight is more damaging to young skin because young skin cells multiply more rapidly and over a long life span, meaning that sunlight-induced errors are amplified. The long term effects of sunlight may take up to 25 years to appear.

Dermatologists have divided humans into six skin types according to their reactions to sun light. Type 1 always burns and never tans, Type 2 always burns and tans minimally, Type 3 burns moderately and tans gradually and uniformly, Type 4 burns minimally and always tans well, Type 5 rarely burns and Type 6 never burns.

To protect against the burning rays of the sun, you should always apply a sunscreen with the appropriate SPF or sun protection factor. The higher the SPF number, the greater the protection. For example, an application of the sunscreen with SPF 3 allows you to stay in the sun three times longer than you normally could without burning. Sunscreens should be applied 30 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied after sweating, exercise, swimming or drying off with a towel.

Conditions such as high altitudes, low latitudes, snow, sand or water and high winds require sunscreens with higher SPF numbers.

If you do get a sunburn, saturating the skin with moisturizers will help with surface dryness, but does not reverse cellular damage. Applying a moisturizer before sunbathing actually increases the effect of ultraviolet light. You should only moisturize your skin with a sunscreen before going outdoors.

Avoid tanning parlors. Although these parlors use mainly UVA, it may burn people with sensitive skin and adds to UVB light damage and to premature aging of the skin.

By taking these simple precautions, you can keep your skin healthy and youthful appearing for many years to come.

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



Esta señorita muestra un costumbre a la fiesta de lenguas extranjero (Fotografía regala)

Students and faculty protest INF Treaty

News Release

United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM) held the fifth annual university lobby days April 14-16 in Washington, D.C., to lobby for arms control and in a direct action against General Electric for its role in fueling the arms race.

Prior to the lobby day student and faculty activists organized high-visibility events throughout the semester to provoke awareness of the Reagan administration's unbalanced budget policy and the need for immediate action. Petitions calling for swift Senate approval of the treaty as the first step toward total nuclear disarmament were circulated by UCAM members as part of informing concerned parties.

Around March 23, the fifth anniversary of Reagan's announcement of the Strategic Defense Initiative, colleges nationwide participated in the successful "Star Wars No More: A Campus Day of Action" to protest what many scientists consider the ill-conceived space weapons system. As part of this program, campus-based groups sponsored events ranging from informative speakers and workshops to demonstrations dramatizing the high cost of SDI and its potential for escalating the arms race. At schools where faculty members receive funds for SDI research, campus activists are investigating military involvement in the colleges.

The Spring Actions culminated in April, when hundreds of activists headed for Washington for three days of action and empowerment. The fifth annual lobby day, April 14, allowed students and faculty to lobby their Senators and Representa-

tives directly, on a testing moratorium, a reduction in Star Wars funding and federal spending priorities. UCAM attempts to get as many students involved as possible, since citizens have a direct responsibility to press for bolder arms control measures than covered in the INF Treaty.

On Friday, April 15 — the day attention was focused on taxes-UCAM and INFAC (which sponsored the successful Nestle boycott) held a sidewalk press conference and rally at G.E.'s Washington lobby headquarters, to protest its involvement in the nuclear arms industry. Members of UCAM and INFAC hand delivered boycott pledges from citizens around the country throughout the day. The Spring Actions concluded April 16 with the Leadership Development Training Program, a day of skill-building workshops that enabled students to build and maintain effective organizations on their campuses.

Fairfield University student activist Marcella Palmieri noted that "UCAM's Spring Actions are what students are saying: We must rearrange the distorted priorities produced by the military-industrial complex and come up with a national agenda based on human need and not paranoia."

Students and faculty are encouraged to contact UCAM at (202)543-1505 or write to its national headquarters at 309 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20003. UCAM is the only North American organization specifically working to build the campus-based disarmament movement. Organized in 1982, UCAM has grown to include 90 chapters and has activists on over 800 campuses.

Change leads to success for indecisive students

By Jane Owens

Research concerning college students' probability of graduating was completed and presented to the North Carolina Association for Research in Education on February 18 in Raleigh by Dr. Bert Goldman, a professor and acting chairperson of the Department of Educational Administration, Higher Education and Education Research at UNC-G and by Dr. Jacqueline Gillis, a former research associate in the Office of Institutional Research also at UNC-G.

The research concluded that students who changed majors, full-time/part-time status, housing situations, and who had a good grade-point average during the first semester were more likely to stay in school and graduate within five years.

Goldman and Gillis followed two freshman classes in 1980 and 1981 at UNC-G. They found, concerning the change of majors, the highest percentage of dropouts (42 percent) consisted of students who had never changed majors. Non-changing major students also had the lowest percentage of graduation (36 percent). Students who had changed majors four times were the group which had the highest percentage of graduation (67 percent).

Expectations are that continual full-time students are more likely to graduate (at least within five years) than continual part-time students. However, Goldman and Gillis' research revealed that the highest percentage of graduates (67 percent) consisted of the group who were first full-time, then switched to part-time with more full-time semesters completed.

The event of change also had a positive effect on students' effort to graduate concerning housing situations. Students who made a move during their college years (whether moving off campus or on campus or vice versa) had graduation rates ranging from 52 to 67 percent. Students who lived on campus throughout their college years had a graduation rate of 45 percent and students who lived off campus throughout college had a graduation rate of 32 percent.

Another aspect noted by Goldman and Gillis concerning graduation within five years was that students with a good first-semester grade-point average were more likely to graduate as opposed to students with a low first-semester grade-point average. For example, only six percent of the students

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Appreciation Day set in motion

By Marsha Shaw

Spring fever will soar on the SCC campus May 13, 1988 when the SGA sponsors the annual Student Appreciation Day. Students will be dismissed from class at 10:30 a.m. to attend the scheduled events.

The day's activities will include an awards presentation by club advisors, counselors, and administrators; volleyball; a dunking booth; a talent show; tug of war; rook tournament; a free picnic luncheon for SCC students and personnel; and more.

Music for the day will be provided by Winston-Salem WKZL's disc jockeys Scott Richards and Todd Zilla.

The day will end with "Beach Party," the Spring Semi-Formal Dance. V.I.P., one of the hottest video D.J.s in the Southeast, will provide the music.

As SGA advisor Tony Searcy explained, "We will also have a motivational guest speaker who will discuss the job outlook for our graduates. There will be plenty of food and ice cream; so, we want students to eat all the food they can hold and eat all the ice cream they want." Searcy also said that he hopes students won't just go home once they are dismissed. He added, "The day will offer plenty of prizes and lots of fun."

Benny Nichols, second-year student, said, "I am honored to have Student Appreciation Day on the day I chose to celebrate my birthday." (Nichols' birthday is actually May 25.)

"Personally, I can't wait to dunk Miss Ring and Tony Searcy in the dunking booth," said first-year student, Jerry Parker.

"Student Appreciation Day is an opportunity for SCC to say thank you to its students," said Sue Jarvis. "I'd like to encourage all of our students to participate in the festivities and to enjoy a break from their classes. It will be a fun day for all of us."

Seafood: A healthy alternative

News Release

A look at the role of seafood in the diet, including samples of seafood dishes prepared by a specialist, was featured on April 21 in the "Thursday Night at the College" program at SCC in the Teaching Auditorium.

Joyce Taylor, Seafood Education Specialist at the NCSU Seafood Laboratory in Morehead City, was the featured speaker. She discussed dietary values of seafood, as well as healthy ways to prepare various seafood dishes which were shared by the audience.

Subjects for discussion included the debated question of cholesterol in shell fish, the protein content, and other beneficial elements of all seafood if prepared properly. The program was sponsored by the Surry County Agricultural Extension Service.



Above: A high school group presents "Church Chat" featuring the church lady from Saturday Night Live as performed in Latin on Wed., April 20, during the drama competition of the Foreign Language Festival (Photo submitted)

Foreign Language Festival offers cultural variety

By Benny Nichols

Spring has sprung at Surry Community College. It is evident not only by the blossoming dogwoods and azaleas, but also by the arrival of the Annual Foreign Language Festival. Sharon Gates, Spanish and French instructor here at Surry, organized the annual event after many weeks and hours of preparations and planning. Gates says the purpose of the event is to promote foreign language and give students other dimensions of language study outside the traditional classroom study.

The festival, in its eighth year, was a record — if not for the 1100 plus participants, then for the talent that was displayed.

Students from 14 local intermediate and high schools competed for trophies and ribbons in vocal and instrumental music, dance, drama, costume, dramatic reading, extemporaneous speaking, and various projects ranging from paintings to pinatas, from sketches and drawings to maps and flags and just about everything else imaginable.

Each participating school was assigned a booth which was also a competitive category. The booths became places of international cuisines this year. Passersby could sample foods from ancient Rome, Mexico, France, Spain, and other foreign countries. The dishes were authentic, too; but, sorry, no snails! Spanish booths were located in the Technical building, Latin in the Vocational building, and French in the L and C buildings.

Over 1100 students represented Surry Central, North Surry, East Surry, Mt. Airy High School, Elkin High, Alleghany High School, Carroll County High, Patrick County High, Fries High, Independence High, Radford High, St. Paul Intermediate, Woodlawn Intermediate, and Vaughn

Intermediate.

The festival was an all-day event which began at 10:30 with a welcome by Tony Searcy, emcee, in the gym followed by the talent and dance competitions. Simultaneously, in the teaching auditorium, Benny Nichols served as the emcee for the drama and costume competition in the respective languages: Spanish, French and Latin. Extemporaneous speaking and dramatic reading were held in the library. While the participants were on campus during the festival they had a chance to tour all campus facilities.

For the students who attend SCC it looked like D-Day on the beaches of Normandy with all the sombreros, togas, and models of the Eiffel Tower everywhere. "I caught myself imagining that I had on one of those 'Caesar gowns' while wearing a beret and eating a burrito," said one SCC observer. "It was hard to fight the urge to shout 'Ole' while browsing around," said another.

The students were required to create their own skits for the talent competition, so all was original material. The presentations included everything from "Win, Lose, or Draw" (in French) to "Gilligan's Island" (in Spanish) to the "Church Lady" (in Latin); from a parody on a recent movie "Three Women and an Old Man" (in French) to a Spanish version of "Hee Haw." One could witness a Hispanic wedding, a French dating game, or the sacrifice of a Mayan Indian. "La Bamba" could be heard as well as other more traditional Spanish songs. Dances like "Tambourin" and "La Conga" all made this year's festival a truly cultural experience. Of course the festival's success is attributable to more than the dances, songs, skits, and projects; it was the special people who spent long hard hours practicing and making their projects — the participants.

Softball springs into action for faculty, students

By Jane Owens

The swing of a bat slices the clean spring air to meet a spinning softball with a pop and sends it hurling across a field of red dust and green grass. At that moment, zealous yelling and cheering begins as every mind is filled with anticipation and everybody moves into action whether in offense or defense. These are the sights and sounds that fill the air at SCC at 3:30 and 4:30 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

It's any team's ballgame when any two of SCC's four intramural teams hit the field. The teams consist of nine to 15 players (including managers). They are the Monsoons, managed by Susan Crissman; the Mustangs, managed by Mitch Whitener; the Knights, managed by Joe Hylton; and the Has Beens, SCC's faculty team, managed by Tom Watts.

The teams follow regular slow-pitch softball rules; each

team must have two women playing at all times; and all players must be students attending classes with a minimum of six quarter hours. Each team must furnish one umpire for the other game being played that day, and unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a player's dismissal from the intramural program.

A previously postponed game will be played on Monday, May 9. On Wednesday, May 11, a single elimination tournament consisting of all four teams will be played with the winning team members receiving trophies.

Win-loss records for this softball season at SCC as of May 2 are as follows: the Knights, 3-1; the Mustangs, 2-1; the Monsoons, 2-2; and the Has Beens, 0-3.

Early detection of testicular cancer requires regular self-examinations

Submitted by SCC
Nursing Department

Actively taking care of one's health is sometimes thought of as being for those over 30 years of age, but there are certain responsibilities which young men must assume. Diseases, especially cancer, are not just for older folks. Testicular cancer affects young men, but can be detected early, if regular self-examinations are performed.

Cancer of the testicle is the most common form of cancer in men aged 15-35 and the second most common form of cancer in men aged 25-34. If detected early, it has a 90-100 percent cure rate. However, if left untreated, death normally occurs within two to three years.

Guys should check their testicles once a month from puberty through age 50. It is best done while in the shower since the warm water causes the scrotal skin to relax. Examine each testicle gently with both hands. Place the index and little fingers underneath the testicle with the thumbs on top of the testicle. Then roll the testicle gently between the thumbs and fingers. It should feel smooth, egg-shaped, and firm to touch. There will be a cord or rope-like structure on the top and back of each testicle (the epididymis) which is normal. Do not confuse this structure with a lump. Lumps are mostly found in the front or side of the testicle and are about the size of a pea. They are usually painless. Then stand in front of a mirror and look for any swelling in the skin of the scrotum or any unusual contours in the groin. (Remember, the left side normally hangs lower than the right.)

As mentioned earlier, the most common warning sign is the appearance of a small, hard, painless lump (about the size of a pea) on the front or side of the testicle. Other symptoms may include: a feeling of heaviness in the testicle; enlargement of the testicle; a change in the consistency of the testicle; a sudden accumulation of fluid or blood in the scrotum; a dull ache in the groin; or a swelling or tenderness in the groin, breast, or neck. PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE ANY OF THESE WARNING SIGNS. Go see your doctor or go to the local health department if any of these symptoms occur.

Some guys are at higher risk for this type of cancer than others. Some of the factors which place men in this category would be: those who had either undescended or partially descended testes at birth; those who reach puberty very early; those with a family history of testicular cancer; those whose mothers and/or sisters had breast cancer; and those who may have had mononucleosis at an early age. Testicular cancer is also seen more often in obese men and those who live in rural rather than urban areas.

At one time, testicular cancer meant a death certificate, but now it is readily treatable — IF DETECTED AND TREATED EARLY. Surgery and chemotherapy have become a mainstay for testicular cancer. Men can enjoy a normal life after treatment because the other testicle will then secrete an adequate amount of hormones and sperm. This information should also be made available to one's brothers, friends, etc.

Testicular self-examination for men is just as important as breast self-examination is for women. People do not know this, however, because the topic is so private and just not discussed as it should be. Above all, remember: if you have any of the above mentioned symptoms, go see a doctor!

Indecisive students

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with a first-semester grade-point average below 1.0 graduated within five years, whereas 66 percent of the students with a first-semester grade-point average of 3.0 to 3.49 graduated within that time period.

Because of these percentages, academic advisors should take note of students' first-semester grade-point averages and warn them in an effort to increase graduation rates.

Overall, the research provides a very good idea of the graduation-prone college student. Goldman encourages students who are undecided about their majors to "...go ahead and change." Students who are not of full-time status throughout college also have no need for worry. A change to part-time status for a while seems to give a brighter outlook toward graduation as well as a change in housing situations.

Goldman and Gillis' conclusions can be supported with a quote by Thomas Carlyle: "In Change...lies...the very essence of our lot and life in this world. Today is not yesterday; we ourselves change, how can our Works and Thoughts, if they are always to be the fittest, continue always the same? Change indeed, is painful; yet ever needful."

Commentary

Ultimate offense is privacy invasion

By Benny Nichols



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.

Business seminar on hiring and firing slated for May 19

News Release

The pleasant experiences of hiring and the not-so-pleasant task of firing will be discussed in a one-day seminar at Surry Community College May 19, especially for first-line supervisors.

Dick Richardson, faculty member at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte and experienced personnel relations strategist, will conduct the seminar, which is sponsored by SCC's Industry Training Program.

The cost of the seminar is \$5, which includes lunch. Those interested should contact Anne Hennis, Director of Industry Training, Surry Community College, Box 304, Dobson, NC 27017, or telephone 386-8121.

Privacy: doesn't that sound good? Everybody wants it, but not always do they get it. Wouldn't it be nice to have some privacy? Say it to yourself — privacy. P-r-i-v-a-c-y.

In my opinion, privacy is staying where you belong. Privacy is tranquil, mellow, and nice. But you know what perturbs me? It's the invasion of one's privacy. We, as humans, have all experienced a time when we would like a little time to ourselves. For instance, when you're running your bath water — not too hot, not too cold, but just right. You've got the towel and the washcloth placed in their prospective locales. You've shed down to nothing but your water-resistant watch and a smile as big as Texas from just thinking about the rejuvenation process that is about to occur. You ever-so-gently slip into the water with your ducky and Mr. Bubble. You stretch out and close your eyes to absorb the privacy you have built around yourself. Then it happens. It is about as predictable as the coming of the swallows to San Juan Capistrano each year.

Of course you have guessed what I'm referring to. The phone rings! So now that you're totally submerged in your "fountain of youth" and the phone rings, what do you do? You probably do what I do. I pretend I didn't hear it. Then it rings again. I pretend it was the wind. Again it rings; maybe it was my ducky. Nope, it rings again. So I get up, grab the newspaper that is beside the throne, drip to the phone and try to sound like a good-natured person only to find that no one is there. That person just called to get me out of my bath. Is this frustrating or what? Some people have no respect for others' privacy.

My luck it was Ed MacMahan, calling to tell me that I need to claim my million. But even still, my private time with Mr. Bubble is worth more than a million. No it isn't.

The following is a list of other types of "invasions" of privacy:

— People who are lost and stop to ask questions and take up my time looking for their Aunt Martha who sells "tupper-

ware": I'm sorry but I would just go backhome if I were you. Not that I have never been lost, but who's writing this commentary anyway? You get your own column.

— Men selling vacuum cleaners or other household items: Sure my house gets dirty from time to time, but don't these people think I have enough sense to go buy a vacuum cleaner myself? After all, I do not have to wait for Harris Teeter to come to my house to bring my groceries.

— Obese people in the produce section at the grocery store: Who do they think they're fooling by putting two heads of lettuce in their cart? Just wait until they hit the cookie aisle. But I'd never say anything to an obese woman at Food Lion; after all, she may hit me with her melons — no pun intended.

— People on bicycles: What's the matter with them; can't they take the taxi or the bus? People on bicycles are an invasion of privacy because you have to swerve to miss them, or do you? After all, this ain't England.

— Relatives whom you have not seen in years, except at Christmas: These people have a lot of nerve. They'll come when it is convenient for them. They can do that since they are family. At least they could bring their own food and clean up after their dog.

— The neighbor's dog that barks everytime the rooster crows: I have some roosters that start crowing at around 3:00 each morning. Those stupid birds. They're an invasion of privacy, too. No wonder Colonel Sanders kicked the bucket.

— Telephone polls: How many times have you been interrupted by Alex Bell's invention by someone who wants to know what kind of refrigerator you own? Now boy, I know that must be some kind of wonderful job! Calling people to ask such redundant questions as that, they must be really depressed about their lives. And the list goes on and on.

I hope Ed McMahan calls soon, but I need to go to the grocery store for some melons. Then I may take a long bath with the phone off the hook.

Small business seminar to be held May 10

News Release

A seminar at Surry Community College, May 10, will provide answers to many of the questions facing would-be entrepreneurs from experts in the field.

Speakers will include Bob Comer, Executive Director of the Surry County Economic Development Commission and Committee of 100; W.R. Dowe, Director of the Northern Piedmont Region, N.C. Small Business and Technology Development Center in Winston-Salem; and Anne Hennis, Director of Industrial Training Center at SCC.

Comer will discuss industrial and business development factors including site location, utility requirements, labor force requirements, taxation, and transportation.

Dowe will concentrate on planning for a successful business, and business practices necessary for success, including cash flow analysis and pro forma balance sheets.

Hennis will present resources provided for new businesses by the College through industrial Training and Continuing Education.

The seminar is offered as a public service to residents of Surry and Yadkin Counties. It will be held at the college beginning at 6 p.m. with no registration required. All who are interested are invited.

SCC students express themselves

You're Special

By Terry Wayne Dalton

(Dedicated to T. Smith and every broken relationship)

Everytime I get around you for just a while,
Something happens inside me that makes me smile.
And I can't get away,
There's something I gotta say:
You're special, so special,
In most every way;
And even though we're apart,
We're still together, heart to heart.
I still love you
And I hope you do, too,
Because nothing is gonna change my love for you.
When there is love,
It comes from God above.
We've shared the dream.
Although it may seem
It could never end,
You're still my best friend.
We've shed the tears
But now our greatest fear
Is that it might be over.
We've had a great time together,
And I hoped it would last forever.
Even though I must let you go,
There's something I just want you to know.
You are my dream come true!
And whatever you may do,
Just remember:
I will always love you!



The One I Love

By Jane Owens

This morning I awoke
Thinking of your embrace;
And in my mind's eye
I could see your face.

On my way to start
My hectic routine,
Your love warmed my heart
Like the rising sun's gleam.

During the day, shared thoughts
And cute words made me laugh
As we hugged and tugged, walking
Down our usual path.

So much my life with you
Fits my heart like a glove
And I believe it's apparent;
You're the one I love.

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