

# The Hoothills View



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## Lazy July Day



## Gardner-Webb Records Record Number of Students In Summer School

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb College has enrolled a record 439 students for the first term of Summer School, which includes Day, Evening, and Graduate students, as compared to 431 in 1980. One of the major factors contributing to the record enrollment in Summer School is the growth of the Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners (GOAL) Program, and the evening baccalaureate degree program. Dr. Larry Sale, Dean of Continuing Education and Summer School, stated, "Our faculty and administration have planned very carefully in order to meet changing student needs through our Summer School. We are continuing to improve existing programs and diversifying our programs to meet the challenge of the future. We are particularly encouraged by the response to our GOAL Program and Master of Arts in Education Program. We are anticipating a significant increase in our evening enrollment for the Fall Semester."

Gardner-Webb provides a comprehensive evening program with regional centers in Boiling Springs, Dallas, Lincolnton, Morganton, Newton, Spindale, and Statesville, North Carolina. New regional centers will open in Dobson and Lexington, North Carolina, and Spartanburg, S.C., effective August, 1981. The Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners (GOAL) Program is an academic program specifically designed to meet needs of qualified graduates of two-year institutions who desire to earn a bachelor's degree in selected areas.

The Master of Arts in Education Degree Program is offered on the Gardner-Webb campus with concentrations in Early Childhood (K-3), Middle School (4-9), Reading (K-12), and Physical Education (K-12). Applications for the Fall Semester, 1981 are now being received.

On July 12, Gardner-Webb College will begin its second Summer Enrichment Experience (SEE) Program. SEE is a three week summer residential program designed to provide an enriched educational experience for gifted emerging adolescents. Academically gifted students who are currently enrolled in the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth grades are eligible to apply, upon recommendation of their schools.

Registration for the Second Term of Summer School began Monday, July 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Dover Chapel on the Gardner-Webb campus. Evening classes began July 6, and day classes began July 7. Graduation will be held on Saturday, August 8.

## County School System To Sponsor Camp

The Cleveland County School System will sponsor a 3 week summer camp for 30 county children enrolled in the Student Transition Program. The camp will be for girls and 12 boys will be taught reading and math skills, have art and swimming lessons and participate in several field trips.

The program is a federally funded program for school age children whose parents have moved into the county within the last six years and meet other qualifications for the program. In order to be eligible for the camp, the children must show a need for reading and math enhancement.

Through the combined efforts of the parents and the camp, these children will be better equipped to meet the academic challenges in the classroom in the fall.

The program is directed by Dr. Micky Church and Evelyn Chapman is coordinator.

## Beach Goers Need Not Worry About Sharks Disturbing Vacation This Year

CHAPEL HILL, It's unlikely that this summer will see a repeat of last year's high number of sharks in the waters around Bogue Banks and Shackleford Island, said one of the nation's top shark experts.

And even if it does, added Dr. Frank J. Schwartz, the odds of being bitten or killed by a shark are almost too small to mention.

A person stands a far greater risk of choking on a fish bone, being struck by lightning or dying in a boating accident.

Schwartz, professor of zoology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Institute of Marine Sciences, said the many-fold increase in the population of sharks off Bogue Banks last year resulted from a combination of factors that occur only irregularly.

"First we had an extreme heat wave in July that raised water temperatures at the coast above 85 degrees," he said. "Then there were months of prevailing southwest winds that pushed this super-heated water against Shackleford and Bogue Banks while the hook of Cape Lookout kept it from being carried up the coast."

Apparently, he said, the high temperatures drove many of the fish in the area to seek deeper, cooler water. For two or three days, the sharks gathered in record numbers looking for food and then swam away when they were unsuccessful in finding it.

In the meantime, the towns of Atlantic Beach, Pine Knoll Shores, Indian Beach and Emerald Isle prohibited swimming after Schwartz advised the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries to issue a shark alert.

Unlike the fictitious town in the book "Jaws," which fought to keep its beaches open even after several deaths, Schwartz said the N.C. towns were eager to cooperate with the state tourist board to prevent a possible tragedy.

"In every case, business was better in those towns because so many people came to the coast in hopes of seeing a shark," he said. "Shark trinkets and T-shirts sold like hot cakes."

The single group that resisted the ban were surfers who had been planning a national competition at Atlantic Beach, the scientist said. They postponed their meet when he convinced them that the danger was real.

Only four shark attacks have been authenticated in North Carolina since 1935, including one last summer at Ocean Isle. More have been reported, but Schwartz said that after investigation, those turned out to be bites from bluefish or barracuda.

"The one thing I worry about on the water is not animals, but people in boats," he said. "They'll go roaring right by you with a six or eight-foot bow and wave and not consider that their wake might swamp you."

"I was on an eight-ton, 40 foot stern trawler once that was almost turned over by a big wake."

Among sea creatures, he said, perhaps the greatest hazard comes from the Portuguese man-of-war, a colorful ballonlike creature that floats on the surface while trailing long stinging tentacles beneath it. A swimmer who accidentally touches one can wind up in the hospital.

Schwartz said persons who see a shark near them in the water should swim or move away from it as calmly as possible. Thrashing around may attract the fish which is sensitive to vibrations in the water.

And since sharks can detect a minute amount of blood

and follow it to its source like a hunting dog tracking game, it's also wise to stay out of deeper water when you have a cut.

The UNC-CH zoologist, author of "Sharks of North Carolina and Adjacent Waters," has been studying shark behavior and development for more than 25 years. Twice a month, from April through November, he sets out a three-mile-long line of baited hooks near the Beaufort Inlet to determine changes in shark population and migration patterns.

He said that some 36 of the world's approximately 400 species of sharks inhabit the coastal waters of North Carolina, including four kinds of hammerhead, the shortfin mako, the whale shark, the sand tiger, the chain dogfish and even the great white shark of "Jaws" fame.

Many live in water less than 50 feet deep. Contrary to what many people believe, he said, sharks are commercially valuable and can make a tasty meal if properly prepared. Informal polls taken at the coast indicate their flavor resembles pork chops and chicken.