

# point of view

Editor's note: Nixon, an Edenton native, is vice-president of Parker Brothers Newspapers of Ahoskie. His column appears weekly in a number of that group's publications.

As a normal rule, I don't use comments in this column from other writers, other than an occasional short quote or humorous comment. The following comments, written by associate Kevin Braun, publisher of our Garner publication, The Garner News, are an exception.

An item that appeared in the news recently most likely struck a nerve with the general public, but it drew even more attention among members of the media - including myself.

It concerned a man in Jacksonville, Ala. who set himself on fire, reportedly to protest unemployment, in the town square. The man had asked two cameramen from a local television station if they wanted to see someone burn, so they turned on their cameras and recorded the event.

As a Newsweek article on the subject states, "The cameramen may not have wanted to see the man burn, but they were trained to record events, not prevent them." While the man sustained extensive second- and third-degree burns, the real furor over the incident arose when it was reported that men had started their camera before the first match was struck, then waited 37 seconds before one of them tried to extinguish the blaze.

One of the cameramen later said, "My job is to record events as they happen. I thought, 'The police are going to arrive. I'm going to have video of them subduing the guy.'"

The same article states local residents felt strongly that the cameramen should have been more concerned with saving a life than getting a story. I would agree with that statement. I haven't fortunately been faced with similar situation, I believe my concern for fellow man would override my journalistic instincts.

While this is an extreme example, journalists must constantly wrestle with similar internal conflicts. It made me think of times when I had to do just that.

One occurred about five years ago, when I was working with a paper in Ahoskie. It was around noon on a Friday when we got a call about a DOA (person killed in an accident) out in the country.

It's always something of a funny feeling that I go out to an accident of this nature, knowing that someone has been killed - but at least this time, it was in the middle of the day. I had previously been called out in the middle of the night.

As I approached the accident scene, what I saw made me sick to my stomach almost immediately. Lying on the side of the road, next to the crumpled remains of a bicycle, was the body of a young girl. Kneeling over the body and crying hysterically was a woman, presumably the girl's mother.

While the thought of "A picture of this would bring me a press award" came into my mind, I didn't do it. Feeling physically ill was one reason; but considering a photograph would be a massive invasion of privacy was the main reason. I waited until the mother - still understandably hysterical - was driven away and her 12-year old daughter's body covered

before taking the picture. The girl had ridden her bike into the path of a car, where she was struck.

While legal guidelines for journalists are broad, self-imposed ethical ones out of necessity should be stricter. There would have been nothing legally wrong with me taking a picture of the grieving mother and her dead daughter - but my conscience would have hounded me for a long time had I done so.

When I got back to the office, one of my colleagues reacted that I had lost a chance to get an award-winning picture by my action. But I wondered how she - or anyone else - would have reacted in that situation. You don't know until you're there.

I know there are some people who would have acted the same way I did, while others - more accustomed to scenes like that - would have taken the picture without a moment's hesitation. My point in all this is to show that journalists are human.

## Albemarle's Spring Arts Festival

Warmth, color, and the sound of music aptly describes College of The Albemarle's Spring Arts Festival that will begin on Sunday, April 10 in Elizabeth City.

This year's five-day event will emphasize the association of music with the season by featuring a musical program each evening. Each day, visual arts workshops, lectures, and exhibits have been scheduled.

Organized by Dr. Leland Chou, COA fine arts department chairman, and Clifford Tretick, visiting artist, the week of sights and sound will begin at 4 P.M. on Sunday at the First United Methodist Church. Pianists Lily Chou and Rachel Gragson will present an all-Mozart program.

The well-known local musicians will be accompanied by the Collegium musicum orchestra, composed of musicians from East Carolina and Elizabeth City State universities. A special segment of the program will be the appearance of the COA Chorus and Albemarle Community Chorus, conducted by Chou.

The second performance will take place at 8 P.M. on Monday in the COA library. A varied program will be presented by a trio composed of Sherrick Hiscock, ECSU clarinetist; Tretick, flutist; and George Peoples, bassoonist from Pennsylvania State University.

## Wachovia To Award Scholarship

Wachovia Bank and Trust Company will award a scholarship to a College of The Albemarle technical student this fall. This is the second year the bank's technical scholarship program has been in operation.

Lloyd Armstrong, student financial aid director at the community college, said that applications for the \$500 grant will be accepted through July 1. Applicants must be second-year technical students.

Wachovia established a \$250,000 trust fund in 1981 to provide 51 awards at 38 institutions in the bank's service area. Thirteen additional scholarships are disturbed according to enrollment in technical training programs at participating institutions.

Armstrong said that full-time, second-year technical students who are enrolled in any of the eight technical programs at COA may apply. He explained that applicants must have and maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, and submit the financial aid applications normally required by the college.

The scholarship is awarded on satisfactory evidence of financial need, scholastic promise, and prior performance. Recipients receive the grant in three quarterly payments.

The Canadian Falls of Niagara has carved out a "plunge basin" over 180 feet deep.

## Charles Jeffress Guest Speaker At Safety Banquet Swain Honor Roll

Assistant Commissioner of Labor, Charles Jeffress was guest speaker last Wednesday evening for the 6th Annual Safety Awards Banquet. Co-sponsored by the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce and the N.C. Department of Labor, the banquet is a recognition of area businesses who have maintained a perfect safety record during the year or recorded an occupational injury incidence rate at least 50 percent below the statewide rate for their particular industry.

Ricks Laundry & Cleaners of Edenton was given high praise as they received their 18th year consecutive award.

Other local awards were presented to Dennison Carter's, Atlantic Forest Products, P. H. Rose Store #21, Tee-Lok Corporation, Gregory Poole Equipment Co. and The Chowan Herald, Inc.

Jeffress told the business representatives that the occupational injury and illness rate declined in the state again in 1981. The rate dropped from 7.3 to 7.1 cases involving days away from work per 100 workers. Roughly 3,500 fewer North Carolinians were hurt on the job and lost work time. North Carolina's rate continues to be 15% better than the national rate and the 1981 rate was 30 percent better than our rate in 1973.

"However," said Jeffress, "the real challenge lies ahead of us. As the recession ends and our economy picks up later this year, production will start speeding up, and new inexperienced workers will be hired. Historically this is the time when accidents have shot up." He urged businesses to be especially vigilant in their safety programs over the next 12-18 months.

"Safety is good business, to," stated Jeffress. He related the story of a small business owner whose firm suffered 6 lost-time accidents last year. Direct costs of those accidents was over \$100,000, and does not include downtime for the business and equipment, lost time and cost of new employee training.

Jeffress announced two new incentive programs instituted by the Department of Labor. The first is a "program whereby companies with outstanding safety records and an ongoing safety and health program can earn an exemption from general schedule OSHA safety inspections." The second refers to "companies who invite OSHA consultants to work with them in recognizing and correcting hazards in

their workplaces" thus earning them a 1-year exemption from scheduled OSHA safety inspections. Companies interested in these programs may contact the department. As he presented the awards, Jeffress relayed the congratulations of Governor Hunt and Commissioner Brooks and encouraged attendees to keep up the good work.

## Marine Resources Center To Open

Beginning with the first weekend in April, the North Carolina Marine Resources Center/Roanoke Island will be open Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Weekend hours will be 1 to 5 P.M. with the center exhibit areas and aquarium galleries open to the public. Admission is free to the state operated marine education and research facility.

Weekday hours will remain the same with the center open from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday.

The Marine Resources Center features 14 large aquariums containing a variety of fishes and marine life native to northeastern North Carolina coastal waters. A large live animal touch table features such species as starfish, oysters, clams, and horseshoe crabs.

The center also houses exhibits on coastal natural history, coastal culture and commercial fishing.

Each afternoon at 2:30 P.M. a film is shown to the public concerning some aspect of the coastal or marine environment. A mini-theater features slide/tape presentations for the public throughout the day. A marine resources library is available to the public. Books, posters and other educational publications can be purchased in the center bookshop.

"A" Honor Roll  
4th Six Weeks  
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Tonya Bass, Wilson Busby, Deborah Creekmore, Stanley Wright, Kenneth Williams, and Lynn Jordan.

Grade 5  
Chad Johnson, Riley Kinlaw, Melissa Lawrence, and Sarah Singh.

Grade 6  
George Kauff  
"AB" Honor Roll  
4th Six Weeks  
Grade 4

Shannon Castelleo, Desi McCleave, Raymond Layton, Lori Lichtenwalner, Jennifer Castelleo, Jarret DeVine, Jonathan Ervin, Shelli Horton, Gwendolyn Marrow, Stewart Nixon, Marcie Jordan, Gina Swanner, Selena Bond, LaTanya Wilson, Todd Emmert, Ethan Blount, Kendra Bailey, and Angela Taylor.

Grade 5  
Susan Barnes, Liz Kelly, Marcia Moye, Wade Privott, Monica Sharpe, Michael Bass, Lori Berryman, Jim Blount, Kathryn Goodwin, Kristi Hardy, Sandra Parrish, John Stator, Eric Taylor, Felicia Etheridge, Robert Holley, John Keeter, Dana Winslow, Thomas Moore, and Tracie Hughes.

Grade 6  
Katy Emmert, Susan Jones, Shannon Jordan, Joanne Lowe, Peter Mitchener, Brian Rascoe, Kim Watson, Tasha Williams, Geard Morris, Jennifer Owens, Paul Ward, Heath Hughes, and Gwendolyn Holley.

## Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, gifts and visits I received while in the hospital and since my return home. I am also thankful for the many prayers and concern shown to me and my family. May God Bless all of you.

Lee Sadler & Family  
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## Weyerhaeuser Highlights

About 40 forestry employees of the Neuse Timberlands District, which covers the Southern half of the North Carolina Region, have completed First Aid training.

Dean Morris, a certified Red Cross first aid instructor and a Weyerhaeuser employee at the New Bern Pulp Mill Woodyard, conducted the course.

The purpose of the First Aid Class was to provide employees with on-the-job safety and medical training that also could be used on their private lives, if necessary, according to John M. Angst, Neuse District Forester.

Taught at the Vanceboro Volunteer Fire Department, the course was coordinated by Marion Allen, assistant woodyard superintendent at New Bern and Bob Dorchester, New Bern Safety Engineer.

Benjamin A. Daniels of Jamesville and Churchill R. Bright of Washington have announced their plans to retire effective March 31, 1983.

Daniels, a Power Department Shift Engineer in the Plymouth Fiber Group, joined the company in January of 1943. He retires with 40 years of service to the company.

Bright, a Grinderman in the Plymouth Wood Products Group, joined the company in

## Belch Graduates

Airman William T. Belch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Belch, Route 1, Edenton has graduated from the U.S. Air Force munitions maintenance course at Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.

Graduates of the course learned how to inspect, assemble and dispose of explosive munitions, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Belch will now serve at Langley Air Force Base, Va., with the 1st Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

## Capt. Wright Chosen

Air Force Capt. Linwood L. Wright, son of George A. and Mary M. Wright of Route 3, Edenton, has been chosen as outstanding logistics plans officer of the year at Zaragoza Air Base, Spain.

Wright, a logistics plans, programs and mobility officer, was selected in competition among contemporaries for professional skill, duty performance and exemplary conduct.

His wife, Christine, is the daughter of Hattie L. Alexander, Route 1, Edenton.

Wright is assigned with the 34th Strategic Squadron. He received a master's degree in 1982 from Troy State University, Ala.

## Completes Training

Pvt. William M. Rountree, son of Kay Rountree, 102 Carle Lane, Edenton, has completed one station unit training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training. The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. Completion of this course qualifies the soldier as a light weapons infantryman and as an indirect-fire crewman.

Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

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