Weather drowns Springfest in sun, then rain

For the third straight year, showers interrupted Henderson Residence College's Springfest on Saturday. Gray clouds covered the sky and bolts of lightning shimmered in the distance as PKM left the stage after an encore version of Larry Williams' "Slowdown," a song recorded by the Beatles.

The crowd was already trickling away when Mitch Easter of Let's Active announced that his headlining band would not be able to play because of the lightning. The show was over after only three of the seven scheduled acts had appeared.

Springfest Program Director Mike Beverly said he thought the decision to end the show was good, considering the lightning and that it began raining shortly afterwards. "I think it was an excellent concert," Beverly said. "Out of the four major acts, three of the four went up."

From the beginning, however, the day was marred by delays and confusion. Panic, the first band, slated to come on at noon, arrived on time; the band's equipment

Johnny White and the Elite Band were called on to open the show. The necessary equipment moves and sound checks forced the show to begin a full hour late.

Sound problems also occurred. At one point, Johnny White started a rapping introduction that suddenly faded as his microphone died.

Twenty minutes passed before the eight-piece band with horn section started playing.

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The Elite Band performed a selection of recent R&B hits, including Lionel Richie's "Running With the Night," Michael Jackson's "Beat It" and Midnight Oil's "Power and the Passion."

The band's horn section was superb, adding a mellow touch contrasted by bongos. The band's selections provided an unobtrusive R&B sound that was well-suited to

After stage changes, Panic, a new music cover band, took the stage. The sun shined through most of the band's set as the blond lead singer jumped around from the center microphone to the drums. Among the band's selections were Reflex's "The Politics of Dancing" and The Fixx's "One Thing Leads to Another."

Panic closed with Billy Idol's "Rebel Yell," a song that brought a number of people to their feet dancing in front of the stage.

The band's bass guitar seemed disproportionately emphasized, and the group is merely a cover band with some average original material. Nevertheless, Panic

With minimal delay, PKM followed. A three-piece heavy metal band from Raleigh, PKM played loudly and, as hard rock goes, well. A long-haired crowd of fans in front of the stage jerked their raised arms to the music as PKM assaulted them with driving guitars, drum solos and harsh vocals.

PKM's hit "It Don't Take Much to Keep Me Happy" was good and nearly melodic. The band's version of Eddie Cochran's "Summertime Blues" rang with the rawness it is meant to have.

Country-flavored Bruce Frey, 70s-sounding rock band Vanguard and comedian Chris Lancaster were missed because of rain. Frey later performed for HRC residents in the Connor lounge.

Since scheduling so many acts in an outdoor concert usually does not run smoothly, Beverly did not think the delays prevented Let's Active from performing. As he explained, the scheduled times were not expected to be firm, and each of the three bands that performed played shorter sets due to the imminence of rain. Bruce Frey would have performed before Let's Active anyway, Beverly added.

Springfest was six hours of fun in the blinking sun for what Residence Hall Association president Mark Stafford estimated as a crowd of more than 3,000 students, a figure double that of Director of Housing Wayne Kuncl's desired capacity and nearly three times last year's attendance.

MFA candidates' art show various styles

By ARLAINE ROCKEY Staff Writer

The Ackland Art Museum is exhibiting a selection of works by the six candidates for the Master of Fine Arts degree at UNC. A conglomeration of sculptures, paintings and prints, the show is collectively diverse; it is also evident that each artist has developed an individual style.

Howard Hastie's geometric wood sculptures are by far the most polished pieces in the show. Hastie's designs are intricately carved from oak, cherry, maple and walnut. Hastie draws from the teachings of Islam to create his sculpture.

Although the pieces have architectural structures, Hastie imposes a more philosophical meaning upon these works. "Each piece is a 'blueprint' for the idea that the composition of physical life is needed to show the composition of spiritual life," Hastie said.

Hastie interestingly uses string to connect points of his sculptures, as if to show a continuity within the dimensions of the work.

Hastie received his bachelor's degree in sculpture from the Massachusetts College of Art in 1981. He teaches basic sculpture and design at UNC and builds custom-designed furniture at Woodpecker Enterprises in Apex.

Ronnie Parks has contributed a fine selection of intaglio, silkscreen and photo-etching prints that are modern and impressionistic. As an interdisciplinary artist and a member of Chapel Hill's Holla Band Parks captures the essence of music in his prints; Holla Band Plays the Station (Aerial View) is one such print. Parks looks to portray what he called "the physical and spiritual emotion and energy of music, sound and dance."

Five painted wood carvings of stereotypical contemporary people come from William Rutherford, who received a Best in Show award in the 1981 Virginia Painting and Sculpture exhibition at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Va.

Rutherford's sculpture and attention to detail express his awareness of the contemporary scene. These long-

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legged figures range from a preppy man, dressed in khaki pants and a blue pin-striped jacket, titled South, to Harmony, a representation of a New Wave rock star complete with electric guitar.

Caroleigh H. Robinson, the youngest and only female MFA candidate, received the 1983-84 Emily Pollard Fellowship from the UNC department of art.

Robinson's large-scale sculptures suggest the skeletal shape of the pointed bow of a boat. Her Raven at the Head of Nass, for example, uses cedar wood, cheesecloth, cotton batting, graphite, rhoplex and paint to create a giant work of cheesecloth stretched like green and black skin over a round frame.

Rick Miller's oil paintings on masonite attempt to develop the relationship between figure and background. Miller's Bowl Painting is divided into three parts brought together by the color scheme of the blue of the top partition and the blue markings in the decorative bowl in the bottom partition. The center is marked with red vine markings on a green background. "I like to make a whole out of individually compelling parts," Miller said, "because it alludes to order and beauty."

For Jim Skalman, the artistic process of the creation and decreation of his large painting structures is just as much a part of the final product as what the viewer sees. Skalman, who worked as a carpenter and a cabinet maker, uses architecture as subject

The architectural influence on Skalman's Cajon Relief is readily evident, while his use of pale colors makes an interesting addition to this styrofoam, wood, paint and joint compound piece. "The narrative," Skalman said, "contained in the process of construction, demolition and reconstruction, inspires the manipulation of those surfaces."

The annual Master of Fine Arts exhibition will be open through April 23. The Ackland Art Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

For information on any of this

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Long-awaited '83 'Yack' is all it was promised to be

Skeptics may stand aside now. The 1983 Yackety Yack has arrived, and distribution begins today at 9 a.m. in room 218 of the Student Union.

As for claims made by Yack staffers about the book's quality, they are not exaggerated. If anything, they are not extravagant enough, for this Yack truly documents the student experience at UNC.

The book's introductory section gives general views of the campus. The Bell Tower is prominent here — there are views of it at sunset, in fog and by

moonlight. With "Town and Campus," a look at everyday happenings in Chapel Hill, the

Yack strengthens its already good start.

There are shots of classes meeting out-

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doors, schoolchildren touring the campus on field trips and beer trucks unloading their wares on Franklin Street. Remember the artist who spent most of last year working on a painting of South Building? He's here, too.

"Student Life" follows, with remembrances of freshman orientation, registration and classes. One particularly amusing photograph shows two students, seated in the back of a class, reading The

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"Celebrations" is a collage of Springfest, Apple Chill, Festifall and holiday celebrations, with special attention to University Day and the Beat Dook Parade. Graduation tops it all off.

Portraits of University administrators fill in the next Section, which followed by "Performances."

"Performances" covers everything from street musicians to Broadway on Tour. Graphically, these shots feature a lot of action. Occasional editorializing intrudes, however. Such captions as "Billy Graham performs in Carmichael" and "Ronald Reagan continues his performances as Chief Executive in Washington" seem out of place.

The "Athletics" section is as comprehensive as always. To single out one example, the pages on the men's and women's swimming teams capture the teams' action but also recreate the teams'

sorority members are clones. The section offers a wealth of diversity matching that found later in the "Dorms" section. Finally, there is the epilogue. From extracts of R. Buckminster Fuller's address

"Greeks" goes a long way toward

disproving the attitude that fraternity and

at the Fine Arts Festival through a year in pictures to the last page, with its photos of seniors hugging each other at graduation and of a campus policeman lowering the flag in front of South Building, this section completes an artistic circle and give the Yack a sense of completeness.

Readers who get a sense of deja vu should not be alarmed. A few of these pictures have appeared before, notably in the DTH. That may be good for the photographers involved, but it doesn't say much for originality.

That, however, is about the only complaint that can be made about the 1983 Yackety Yack. Overall, the book speaks of a creative, dedicated staff. It is a deeply felt meditation on life at Carolina.



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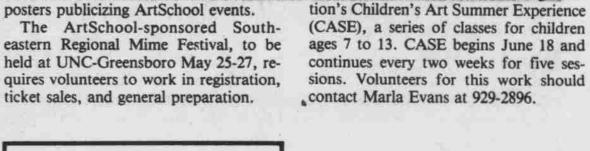
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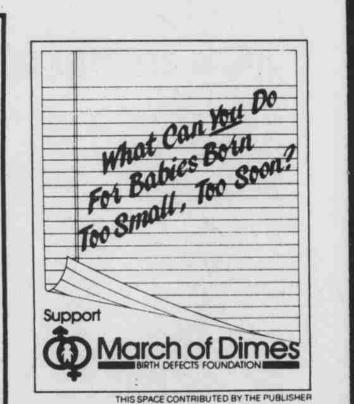
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