

A couple dances away at last year's Springfest celebration. This year's Springfest begins Saturday morning.

To fight Spring Fever '89: "Take two parties and call me Monday morning"

Springfest: a beach invasion of bands and students

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Spring Break is over. People are still recovering from Burnout. Ugh ... but don't despair — there's more fun on the way, and it all continues with Springfest '89.

Saturday, the seventh annual Springfest will kick off at 11:45 a.m. on the lawn in front of Connor Residence Hall, better known as Connor Beach.

You'll think you are at the beach. It's a time for students to chill out, lie out and burn out.

"Bring a blanket — come to lie out and enjoy the music," said Kurt Seufert, president of Henderson Resident College.

Seufert expects a large crowd — probably 5,000 to 7,000 partygoers will show up on Connor Beach. They'll be listening to a

variety of music.

For starters, Tequila Mockingbird will entertain the crowd with a little classic rock and roll. Eric Zogry, one of the members, is a UNC student.

"It's been a tradition with the Springfest committee to have the opening band from within the University," said Bobby Cagle, president of Winston Residence Hall.

Liquid Pleasure gets on stage next to treat the crowd with the smooth sounds of their soul and funk. "Liquid Pleasure has been a mainstay band for Springfest," said Seufert.

"Everyone seems to enjoy them so we ask them back," added Cagle. "We know a good thing when we see it."

For '50s and '60s music lovers,

Doug Clark and Hot Nuts will be performing as the third band.

New Potato Caboose, the last group to play Saturday, is a band from Washington, D.C. Formed three years ago, the band plays to clubs and college campuses up and down the East Coast.

Funny name, huh? The seven-member band takes its name from a not-so-popular Grateful Dead tune. They initially received attention as a cover band for the Dead.

"When we put the band together in college, the common ground we had musically was a selection of Grateful Dead tunes. It's how we copped a groove, but now it's become a whole lot more than a bunch of cover tunes. Our original music has become an important part of our show," said guitarist Don Laux.

While you're enjoying the bands, pizza will be available to ward off

any hunger pangs you might have. Domino's, which will be selling pizza at Springfest, will donate a percentage of their sales to Henderson Residence College. This money will be given to the Inter-Faith Council (IFC).

Their success is obvious, because the band is signing a multi-record recording contract with Rykodisc, a pioneer in the compact disc industry that recently added records and cassettes to become a full-fledged format music label.

All aboard on the New Potato Caboose — come listen to their psychedelic-rock-reggae-folk-funk-jazz selections fashioned after the likes of the Dead, Little Feat, Traffic, Warren Zevon and Van Morrison.

All systems are go for Springfest '89, with just a few reminders for safe partying from the honchos.

"We stress not to bring Styrofoam or glass to Springfest," said Seufert. "We will have our staff going through the audience to check for any problems — there will also be eight to 10 police officers in check all day Saturday."

Sounds serious ... but the fun will go on. BYOB is permitted (if you're legal) — and no alcohol will be sold on the premises, of course.

About parking: it's going to be limited on South Campus and towing will be enforced if you park in residential areas, Seufert said. Choose walking — more than likely, it will be quicker and safer in the long run.

Plan to make a day of it Saturday at Springfest '89 — and you'd better make these good times worthwhile. Exams are creeping up quickly!



The unofficial sport of beer bungee will probably have an Olympic-style competition this weekend.

Beach Blast: a bit of the coast comes to Carolina campus

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Don't even think about opening that bookbag until Sunday night, because the party doesn't end with Saturday's Springfest.

Now, give in to the overwhelming spring fever that's been nagging at you in your afternoon classes, lock the books in the closet for just one more day, and enjoy

some live beach music under the sun you've been dying to get under since last week's incredible heat wave.

All the sun and fun you've been craving is promised to be served up at the second annual Carolina Beach Blast, beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday on Ehringhaus Field. The Beach Blast '89 committee has been working hard for the past

six months and chairman Mike Sullivan said he expected this year to be as successful as the first Blast in 1988.

For one thing, expect to hear beach music until you can't shag anymore, because three bands are lined up for the party. They will play nothing but your favorite beach, top 40 and R&B. The Breeze Band will begin the party at 1 p.m.

Of course, no alcoholic beverages will be served, but those of you lucky enough to be born before April 9, 1968 and recovered enough from Saturday are welcome to bring alcohol — and leave the glass containers at home.

And you are also welcome — no, expected — to consume huge amounts of pizza and Coke, since vendors will be selling both. But if you get tired of eating and drinking, there is a shag contest for those serious beach souls who have mastered the talent (or for those who are convinced they have). Chapel Hill's own WCHL is giving away — you guessed it — a beach trip for two. Sullivan said 10 couples would be chosen from the crowd. Winners will be chosen by crowd response.

Sound like one wild outdoor

fling, conjured up by the sand- and beer-loving Joe Campus? Well, actually it was discovered by Mike Sullivan, former governor of Ehringhaus Residence Hall.

Sullivan said the idea was based on the Emerald Isle Music Festival, a similar type of outdoor party held in May on the North Carolina coast.

Sullivan said he used to go to the festival from his home in nearby Swansboro. The festival is one of the biggest on the East Coast, with about 15,000 to 20,000 people attending, he said.

With this in mind, Sullivan said he talked to Ehringhaus Area Director Gary Johnson. "Since Springfest seems like it is geared for North Campus, South Campus wanted something of its own. After he gave me the okay, I gave myself a whole year to plan it."

Sullivan said he spoke with Steve Matthews and Ronnie Watson, who helped plan the Emerald Isle festival, in April 1987. He said they gave him all the references and information he needed.

"There is a lot of band and technical information you don't think about when planning this sort of thing. For example, I had to get \$500,000 of liability insurance for 10 hours to protect myself and our organization. We're not covered under University liability."

Sullivan said he then went to all South Campus and Scott Residence College residence halls and asked them to donate part of the money they would usually spend on programming to help cover the costs of the party.

"A lot of people think it only takes a month to plan this sort of thing. A good example was the North Campus Last Blast, which was probably planned very quickly. It didn't do so well because it was held the weekend after last year's big triple party. You have to look at what other events are planned around the same time frame."

Sullivan mentioned the process of getting a noise permit. He said it took about a month to petition the town council and to sell the idea to the council. "Last year went so well, though, that it was no problem this year," he said.

Security, said Thayer, was no problem last year either. "Everything went so well, we are not anticipating any problems," he said. Thayer is working with Beach Blast security, and he said five University police officers would be on hand to make sure everyone in the crowd stays offstage and doesn't get too rowdy.

Cleanup last year, according to committee member Donald Trull, also went well. After some 6,000 people had been partying in one

place, some might have thought the field would have been no less than burned. But, according to Trull, the area was cleaned an hour and a half after the bands stopped playing at 6 p.m.

If the town council was not convinced by the behavior, then it may have been swayed by the Beach Blast generosity. Sullivan said \$2,000 of the proceeds from last year's Blast went to the Ronald McDonald House, a place for out-of-town parents to stay while their children are in North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

This year, the committee went a little further and now Domino's and Coca-Cola are giving part of their profits to the home. He said he expected sponsors to donate the same amount this year.

"I just thought that since everyone is having a good time, at least it can be shared," he said.

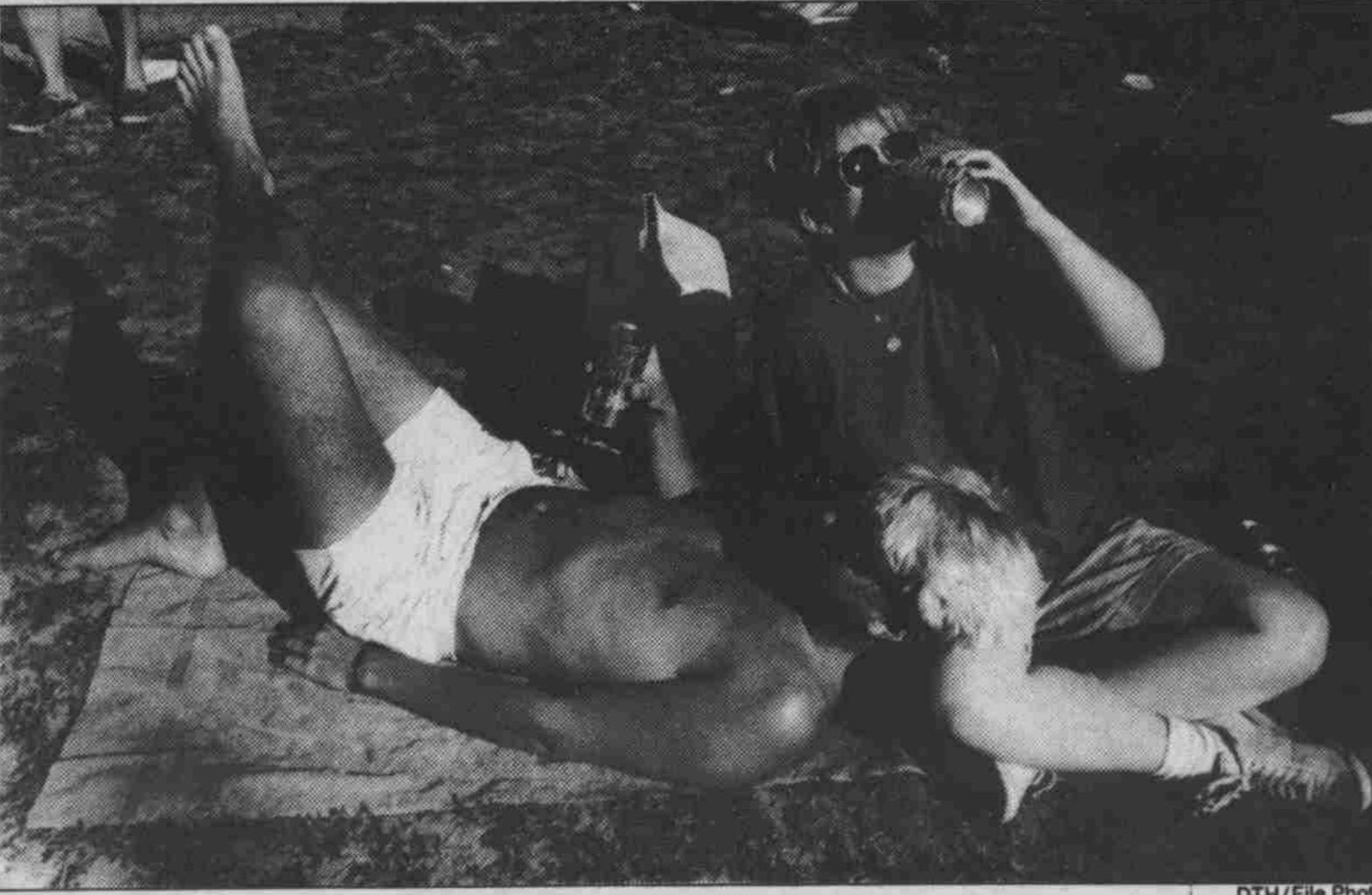
A good time can be had, but it could be hampered if it rains. Trull said that the committee didn't know as yet what would happen if there was bad weather.

"If it were to rain," said Trull, "the stage has a covering, so the band could still play. We're hoping it won't rain, but if it does, we'll see how the crowd reacts."

Rain or shine, the crowd out there should react and plan to attend Carolina Beach Blast, a good way to soak up some beach music, if not some rays.



Dancing the afternoons away can be a good way to fight Spring fever at Springfest, Beach Blast or both.



Lying out in the sun can be good, too — depending on one's sobriety level, of course.

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