BCC Moving Into Auditorium For Two Days So '93 Graduation Can Proceed As Planned BY SUSAN USHER

Graduates To Hear Craven

May Craven, a well-known inspirational speaker, trainer and teach-

Brunswick Community College will take temporary possession of the Odell Williamson Auditorium so the Class of '93 can graduate from the facility as planned Friday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

College trustees met in special session Monday afternoon to decide whether the program would have to be held elsewhere, since completion of the auditorium is still behind schedule. Originally the facility was to have been completed in fall 1992.

After meeting for an hour behind closed doors to discuss "possible, pending or potential litigation" with board attorney James Prevatte Jr. and architect Ken Phelps of Boney & Associates, the board unanimously agreed to take temporary possession of the auditorium for two days only-Aug. 19 and 20, for rehearsal and graduation.

Then, according to the motion made by Trustee Jamie Milliken "on behalf of the graduating class of 1993," the building will be returned to the contractor for completion.

"We came extremely close to finishing the auditorium and using it as owners. Instead we will be using it as tenants," said Chairman Dave Kelly. "This was not the way we wanted to do that, but it's a way to

allow this class to be the first class to graduate there as planned."

Kelly said the college checked with both the State Office of Construction and the Attorney General's Office on the legality of the temporary possession.

Any damage done while the college has temporary occupancy will be considered "normal wear and tear" on the building and the contractor won't be expected to repair

mencement.

Service Award.

the National Tour Association.

Meanwhile, the general contractor, Hatcher Construction of Fayetteville, and subcontractors are working their way through a 40page architect's punch list.

'It's a lot of little things, nothing really major and nothing structural. It's mostly cosmetic stuff, but it's time-consuming for a building that size," said Kelly. Typical items include removing paint and repairing individual ceiling tiles.

The State Office of Construction will inspect the facility prior to BCC taking temporary occupancy, primarily from a safety standpoint. Once crews have completed the architect's punchlist, the state office will also run its own final inspection

Kelly said, "I was told that with adequate crews working on the site it can be done in three weeks."

But "adequate crew" is subject to interpretation, he acknowledged, citing variations in the number of people on the job site from day to day. "It's a term we're learning a lot about."

At the board's July 21 meeting, for example, Phelps had advised that with adequate personnel on the job, Hatcher should have the auditorium completed in time for graduation.

Approximately 300 graduates are eligible to participate in BCC's 13th commencement, said BCC Registrar Lynn Morgan, including 176 candidates for curriculum degrees or diplomas and 121 General Education Development (GED) graduates.

An audience of approximately 1,000 friends, family members and BCC employees is expected. The event is open to the public.



in America," Craven has presented motivational speeches to interna-

tional companies and organizations that include the American Society

of Trainers and Developers, Siemmens, National Association of

Accountants, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, True Value Hardware and

A native of Ellerbe, she recently married Gene Kye of Winnabow.

You may never have heard of her, but your debris might well have caused her death.

Last December a young sperm whale came ashore at Wrightsville Beach and soon died. When authorities did a post mortem examination of the 28-foot, 10-ton creature, they found her stomach almost half-filled with plastic.

Several plastic jugs, a plastic garbage bag, 50 feet of nylon rope, a big chunk of unrefined rubber, plastic sheeting and a large float were found in the whale's stomach. One plastic jug had covered the opening from the whale's stomach to her intestines, preventing her from absorbing food.

According to Andy Wood, educational curator with the N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher, the whale was emaciated and dehydrated. "She just wasn't getting food," said Wood. Wood said the whale probably didn't starve to death, but its inability to of plastic debris.

absorb nutrients weakened it, leaving it open to infections.

Wood says it isn't unusual to find manmade items in the stomachs of marine mammals. Of the 20 post-mortem examinations he's made in the past eight years, about half the animals showed some sign of having tangled with man's creations. "Before the whale, there was a bottlenosed dolphin with a gill net lodged in its throat," he said. These are species found in the open oceans. The last thing you expect to find in their stomachs is a potato chip bag, but it's fairly common.'

Wood has saved the debris taken from the Wrightsville Beach whale. He plans to use to to teach aquarium-goers about what trash can do to marine life. The aquarium already does quite a bit of that; it has one program called, "An Ocean of Plastic" that talks specifically about the dangers

"That's our message too," said Susan Bartholomew, executive director of Big Sweep, North Carolina's annual waterway litter cleanup. When someone tosses out a chip bag or a plastic jug, they need to know that it can kill."

The N.C. Big Sweep is currently producing a pamphlet with the whale on its cover. "The message will be that you could have contributed to the whale's death," Bartholomew said. "We hope it makes people think before they toss something in the water.'

"We pick up a tremendous amount of trash on that one day, but our real goal is to change behavior. We hope that someday Big Sweep will be obsolete.

Local beach communities will be participating in the program Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Last year, more than 12,000 volunteers picked up 256 tons of waterway litter.

Agencies Urge Getting Childhood Immunizations Early

Two area health care providers are joining efforts to remind parents of the benefits of getting childhood immunizations early.

The Brunswick County Health Department and The Brunswick Hospital are jointly sponsoring Brunswick County Immunization Awareness Week Aug. 16-20 to call childhood immunization. as a means hood illnesses.

of health care, we educate Brunswick County residents on the lifelong benefits of preventive medicine," said Earl Tamar, chief executive officer of The Brunswick Hospital. "Proper immunization is an important part of every child's total health care."

increase the immunization rate of children ages birth to 2 so that it is as high as that of 5-year-olds." Generally childhood immuniza-

tion schedules must be completed before students begin school, but ideally should begin much sooner for the child's own benefit. Infant immunization should begin shortly ly provide maximum protection

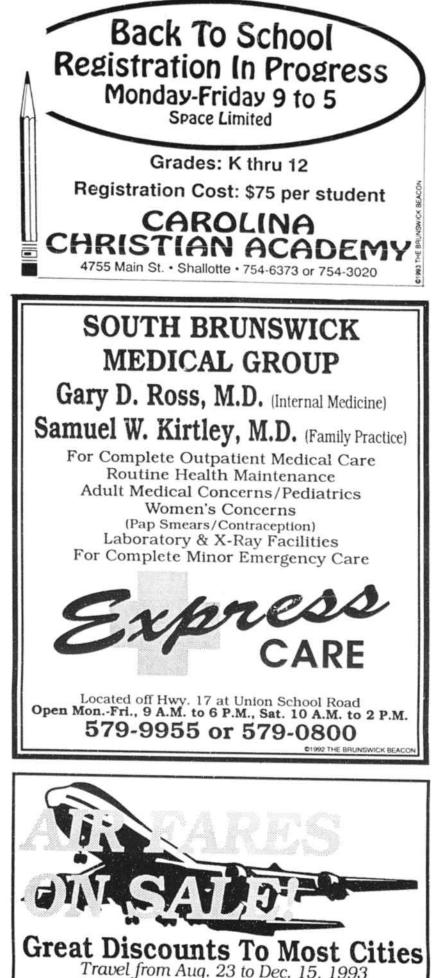
available during general clinic hours from the Brunswick County Health Department, which is located at the Brunswick County Government Center at Bolivia. General clinic hours are Monday through Friday

All childhood immunizations are from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., except the first Thursday of each month, when hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Clinic hours will also be extended

from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19.



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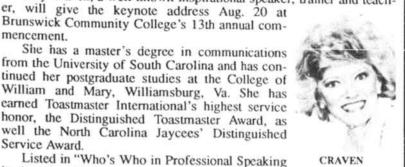
and many, many more cities!

New York.....\$170*

Boston\$198*

Chicago\$232*

Los Angeles\San Francisco.....\$376*



proper immunization is more susceptible to illnesses which can cause pain, fever, rashes, coughs, sore throats, hearing loss, blindness, brain damage, and possibly death.

the North Carolina children birth through age 2 were properly immunized, said Brunswick County Health Director Michael Rhodes.

