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New Marine Science Center opens soon

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On Friday, Feb. 4, 2000, the new Center for Marine Science at 5001 Masonboro Loop Road will officially open for UNCW students and faculty.

Although the original opening date was scheduled for April. 8, 1999, the scheduling was postponed due to hurricanes and other unforeseeable problems, including inspection delays.

"We are in the final flows of inspection now. We moved a considerable amount of our equipment into the new building. We are just waiting for the green light so we can transfer the rest of our materials and our staff," said Assistant Vice Chancellor of Facilities David Girardot.

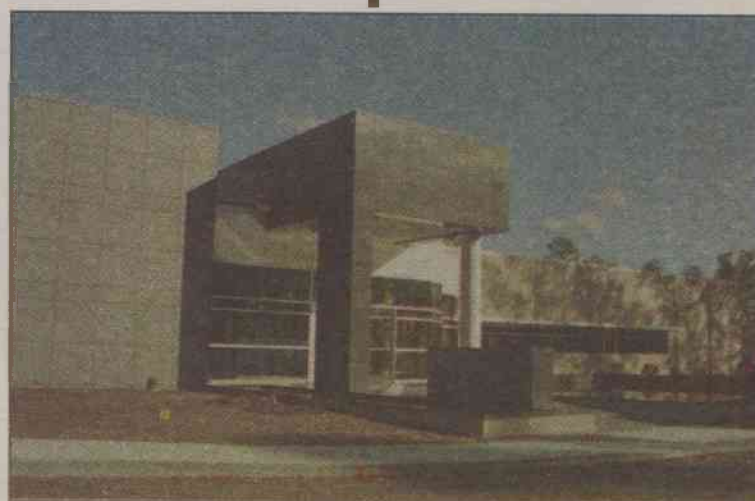
UNCW will be sharing the new building with other universities in the state. N.C. State, Western Carolina, Appalachian State, UNC Charlotte, Cape Fear and Brunswick Community Colleges and local high schools will also be conducting research and classes at the building.

"It will be the finest center for Marine Science on the East Coast," Girardot said. "The possibilities for its expansion seem as vast as the sea."

UNCW is well-known for its marine science programs which have flourished because of the university's ideal location and established staff.

"UNCW graduates make up a large percentage of our staff. They come out of school advanced and prepared," said Rich Carpenter, the district manager for the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Division.

The old facility, located on Eastwood Road, where the center was previously housed, will remain open for aquaculture-based activities like farm raising catfish and flounder. Although the site is functional, members of the Marine Biology Program are glad to be moving.



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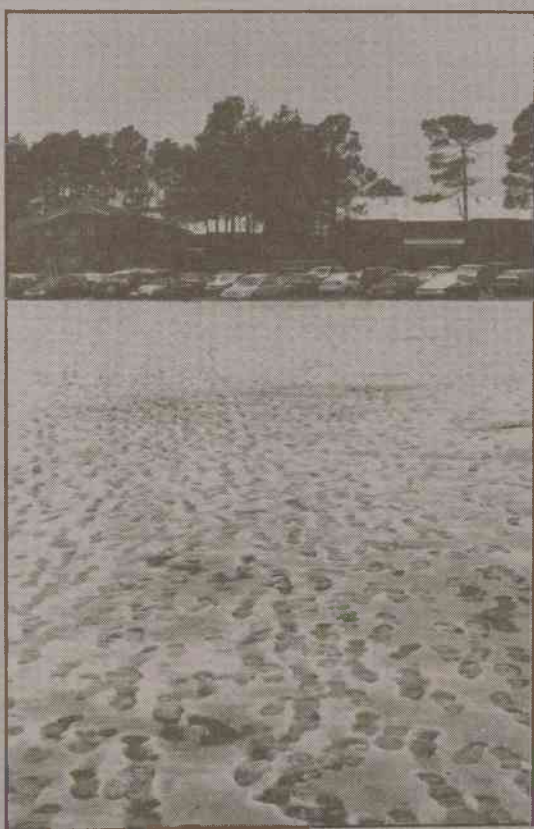
Nearly a year behind schedule, the new Center for Marine Science will officially open Feb. 4 to UNCW students and faculty.

"Now we are able to step out our back door and collect a sample as opposed to crossing a four lane highway to get to our cars and drive to the beach," said Associate Director of Marine Science James F. Merritt.

The new facilities are also better equipped to support different kinds of research.

"We will be able to investigate marine toxicology," Carper said. "Pollutants and 'red tides' are just two areas that will now be subject to intense research."

UNCW's Marine Biology Department is currently ranked among the top five nationally. Many people expect that the new Center for Marine Science will expand and improve its program and take the university to the next level in the new millennium.



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UNCW, the winter wonderland...

Classes were canceled last Tuesday in the wake of a rare snowstorm in southeastern North Carolina. The Wilmington area received less than two inches of the white stuff, which melted away by Wednesday afternoon.

"Hurricane" Carter storms through Kenan Auditorium

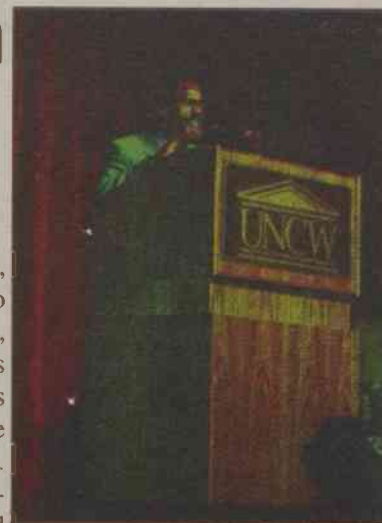
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Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, former middleweight boxer who was wrongly convicted of murder, came out on Kenan Auditorium's stage last Thursday night with as much intensity as the boxing style that earned him his nickname. Carter's speech mirrored his boxing style: graceful, to the point and in your face as he discussed issues he considered more important than his 20-year prison term or his successful boxing career—he gave lessons on life.

Known for throwing an average of 80 punches a minute, Carter's fast and furious boxing career took off quickly. He was the number one middleweight boxer in the world in the early sixties, and it seemed that nothing and no one could stop his force of nature fighting.

Carter's life came to a startling halt in 1966, when at the age of 29 he went from making \$100,000 a year to receiving three life sen



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"Hurricane" Carter visited UNCW last Thursday.

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