

Symposium focuses on 'Island Earth'

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N.C. House of Representatives since 1980 (replacing James E. Ezzell, Jr.) and its speaker since 1989, Mavretic has developed a reputation as a relentless questioner armed with a wealth of information on a vast variety of subjects.

After Mavretic retired from the Marine Corps in 1977 as a lieutenant colonel, he moved to Edgecombe County, and became involved in politics. He has an experimental farm in Edgecombe County on which he experiments with growing alternative crops for North Carolina.

The Use and Abuse of Our National Rivers and Estuaries will be discussed by Dr. Quinton White, an alumnus of North Carolina Wesleyan. In 1978, as a member of the faculty at Jacksonville University, he established the major in marine science, and currently serves as head of the marine science program in the department of biology and marine science.

He has been active in marine science education, having received five National Science Foundation grants to conduct marine science workshops for teachers. Also, he has been active in research concerning the St. John's River and the impact of man on marine ecosystems.

His marine science research

Calligraphic art now on display

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been employed as a fireman, teacher, fisherman, cattlerancher, and as a translator and guide during his travels in Europe.

Along the way, Podesta studied at art institutes in Mexico City, San Francisco, and Florence, Italy.

Podesta has been recognized in *International Calligraphy Today*, and his work is displayed in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and at the Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. His studio is located in Carrolton, Va.

The exhibit at Wesleyan includes about 60 prints and many card designs. The prints are also available matted and framed. Catalogs are available in the library for those who wish to purchase his designs.

The exhibit will be on display in the Browsing Room of the Library throughout the month of February.

has taken him to China, South America, the Galapagos Islands, and the Bahamas. While most of his research is done on the surface of the sea, he has traveled downward to 1,500 feet in the Johnson-Sea Link submersible to conduct research on deep sea crabs.

Dr. Linda W. Little, executive director of the North Carolina Governor's Waste Management Board, will lead the symposium section entitled *Opportunities for Citizens Sharing Responsibilities for Waste Management*.

From 1974-1983, Little was a part-time administrative judge on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, in which capacity she served as one of the three judges who conducted hearings on the restart of Three Mile Island Unit 1. Dr. Little has over 20 years of teaching, research, and consulting experience in the areas of environmental biology and industrial waste management.

Dr. Bernard E. Kane, Jr., professor and graduate coordinator in the department of environmental health at East Carolina University, will present *Risk Benefits of Managing the Pamlico-Tar River Basin*.

His environmental perspectives were strongly influenced by his childhood in rural Florida, "witnessing the destruction of natural habitats of that state by the combined forces of rapid population growth, a powerful tourism commission, and a rapacious electorate that lacked an education in fundamental environmental protection."

Kane once worked as a microbiologist for the state of Florida in their shellfish sanitation program, monitoring the effects of pollution on the sanitary quality of shellfish. Impressed by the many forces involved in estuarine protection programs, he again became concerned with the need for improved understanding of environmental protection issues, not only by the general populace, but also by the personnel, both political and professional, who were responsible for the environmental programs.

Dr. Malcolm Gillis, professor of public policy and economics at Duke University, will present *Economics, Ecology and Ethics - Mending the Broken Circle in Tropical Forests*, on Wednesday.

Gillis spent 15 years at Harvard, where he was Institute Fellow in the Harvard Institute for

International Development. His research and advisory activities have taken him to numerous countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

He organized and directed a team of 28 expatriates who provided, over the period 1981-1984, the framework for an entirely new tax system in Indonesia. This tax system has been in operation since 1984. Gillis has also worked in Thailand, Pakistan, the Phillipines, and Bangladesh. Gillis is co-author of the widely used textbook *Economics of Development*.

Edmund B. Welch will present *Environmental Problems, Corrective Actions, and the Role of the Federal Government*.

Welch has served as chief counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries in Washington, D.C. since May 1981. He makes policy recommendations to the 40 members of his committee on issues such as merchant marine, shipping, defense sealift, Coast Guard, Panama Canal, outer continental shelf resource development, fisheries, wildlife, and ocean and coastal environmental protection.

A native of North Carolina and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of North Carolina Law School, Welch began his career in Washington as legislative assistant to Walter B. Jones (D-N.C.). He has been a panelist on environmental concerns from east to west coast and from Mexico to Jamaica to Geneva.

R.J. "Dick" Hargitt is area manager for health and environmental affairs at E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc. in Kinston. His topic is *Positive Corporate Stewardship to our Eastern North Carolina Environment*.

He has worked with DuPont for 29 years, in environmental engineering, process engineering, process engineering management, manufacturing management, and corporate planning. He is a commissioner on the N.C. Emergency Response Commission and is on the executive committee for the N.C. Chemical Industry Council.

To Till It and to Keep It: Human Responsibility for the Earth will be presented by Dr. Gayle Felton, a native of Pinebluffs who was educated in the

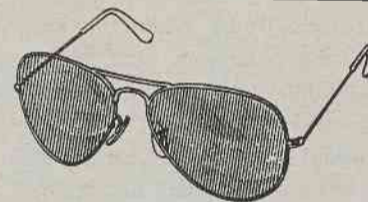
public schools of Edgecombe County, and graduated summa cum laude with a degree in history in the first graduating class of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

She taught social studies and English at South Edgecombe High School from 1964-1979, received the master of divinity degree from Duke Divinity School in 1982, and was then ordained into the ministry of the United Methodist Church.

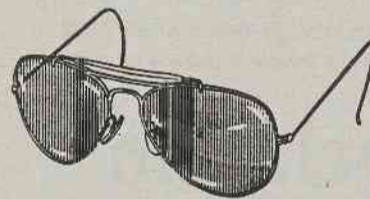
After being awarded a Gurney Harriss Kearns Fellowship for graduate study in religion at Duke, she both took classes and worked as teaching assistant and instructor at Duke Divinity School, receiving the Ph.D. degree in History of Christianity in 1987.

The community is invited to participate in the three-day annual event, which focuses on a different topic each year. Last year's symposium highlighted the cultures of Eastern North Carolina and was well-attended by the Nash-Edgecombe community.

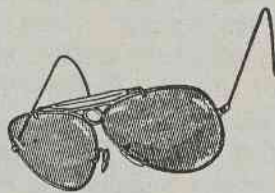
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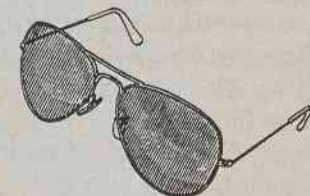
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