

Summer research kicks up at UNC Spoon sells out the Cradle

Allows for data interpretation

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While most students head home during summer for home-cooked meals and weekend trips to the beach, University research doesn't take a vacation.

The summer provides much-needed time for the University's research programs to conduct research that would be impossible to complete during the academic year.

Steve Whalen, assistant professor in the environmental sciences and engineering department, will travel to Alaska this summer to continue his research of the area's algae.

Following a year-long hiatus, Whalen and a team of researchers will revisit a project that examines the landscape and drainage ecosystems of arctic lakes.

Whalen's research team traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska in the summers of 2002 and 2003. After taking a helicopter to the site, the team hiked from lake to lake, collecting data.

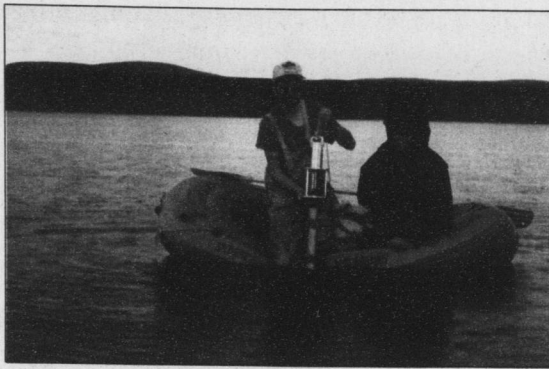
Whalen and his group will continue to focus their efforts on researching algae in the arctic lakes.

"Bacteria doesn't take a vacation," he said.

Whalen plans to return to the Fairbanks area to further his research in late June.

But his summer research will take him to more places than Alaska.

Other projects Whalen is involved with include a study



Steve Whalen, left, collects bacteria samples from a lake near Fairbanks, Alaska. His research will focus on bacteria and its effect on ecosystems.

on factors affecting methane exchange between forests and the atmosphere. The project, which is being conducted at Duke Forest, began about a year ago.

Whalen also regularly travels to Morehead City during the summer to check the progress of a study of precision agriculture in northern North Carolina.

Other professors who remain on campus during the summer said they are able to be more efficient when students leave campus.

"Even though our research is ongoing, summer provides time to analyze and interpret the data collected throughout the year," said Karen Gil, chairwoman of the psychology department.

Gil said she is focused on an ongoing effort to track symptoms of cancer survivors. Her subjects record their physical and mental symptoms through electronic diaries.

"The only downside of summer is the lack of student subjects for more testing," she said.

For Jonathan Hartlyn, chairman of the political science department, summer provides time to focus on international matters.

One of Hartlyn's projects deals with the relationship between the political culture and democratic attitude in the Dominican Republic.

"I work on all my projects year-round, but summer allows it to become more detailed and intense," he said.

For Whalen, summer research is a win-win situation.

"We are always busy throughout the school year with class, but summer research allows professors to stay busy once the students are gone," he said.

"And it keeps the bills paid."

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Spoon puts on an enjoyable show if you go in knowing what you should and should not expect.

Don't expect anything at all different from what you've heard before on all the albums.

Do expect, however, the classic Spoon sound that has gathered them a devoted cult following.

The most notable aspect of Spoon's music is Britt Daniel's catchy and endearing vocals, which go hand-in-hand with repetitive pop guitar and bass riffs. Add some soft keyboard melodies and a steady beat, and you've got Spoon's everlasting formula.

But Spoon has never claimed to be an experimental group, and they don't disappoint fans by changing their sound. They stayed true to their style when they released *Gimme Fiction* earlier this year.

Spoon's beautiful simplicity has kept them charming over the years. The ability to sing along with a song and nod your head goes a long way, but in a live show their simplicity can leave something to be desired.

That missing element is a little more energy. While it was obvious that most everyone was enjoying the show, the crowd was not particularly excited or energized. There seemed to be hesitations among the crowd, an unwillingness to let loose.

Their songs didn't entice most of the crowd enough to actually dance, but rather left them subtly nodding their heads.

Maybe after listening to the albums with friends or while



Spoon frontman Britt Daniel croons to a sold-out crowd, the first of the tour, Thursday night at Cat's Cradle in support of their latest album.

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cruising in the car, standing in the crowded concert venue wasn't quite the same.

The most crowd response came when the band played songs from 2001's *Girls Can Tell*, which has a more diverse and less formulaic sound than their newer releases. That is not to say that *Kill the Moonlight* and *Gimme Fiction* are not strong releases.

These albums have gained Spoon quite a bit of popularity. Spoon's lead singer addressed the band's growing following: "This is the first show of the tour that sold out."

Spoon didn't rely only on their new album for their set list. They made sure everyone got what they wanted by playing songs from nearly every one of their five full-length albums.

Songs like "Everything Hits at Once" and "The Way We Get By" were favorites that got the crowd going.

Yet Spoon sold out the Cradle far in advance — why?

Perhaps it's because people find Spoon's music relatable and easy to connect with. The band seems to be able to create albums that make people nostalgic for a certain point in their lives. When people can identify with a band or a particular style, that's when concert venues get sold out consistently.

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ASSAULT

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said he still feels comfortable in Chapel Hill but hasn't had an opportunity to go out at night since the assault.

If police determine that the act was racially motivated, it would not be the first hate crime in Chapel Hill involving someone of Indian descent.

On March 27, 2004, Gagandeep Bindra, then a UNC senior and a native of India, was assaulted on Franklin Street by three men who called him al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

The attackers eventually were charged with ethnic intimidation and served jail time.

Anyone with information about the recent crime is encouraged to call the Chapel Hill Police

Department at 968-2760 or Crimestoppers at 942-7515.

Crimestoppers may provide up to \$1,200 for information leading to an arrest.

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REPUBLICANS

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moving to the same old song and dance of politics.

"I'll have a press conference tomorrow to tell you about all of my bills that haven't been heard," said Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, in an interview

Tuesday. "You have to remember that the legislature is a political body. It's just politics — and that's OK."

Majority leaders attributed the lack of votes that took place in the legislative building to the need for the governing body to pass a budget for the coming year. They also noted that GOP-spon-

sored bills were not the only bills that weren't passed.

"A lot of democratic bills got overlooked too," said House Majority Leader Joe Hackney, D-Orange.

But Sen. Minority Leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, said the topics the bills target are too important to lay dormant for two years.

"The people of North Carolina have a right to have those measures heard," Berger said.

Rand maintained that the budget is the General Assembly's most pressing concern.

"The most important thing we can do now is to get a budget passed," he said.

"Then we can worry about these other things."

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ZONING

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ity. "We haven't had much discussion on this."

Gage said she was concerned about how the provision would change relations between the universities and the towns surrounding them. "It certainly gives them more control."

"We often have difficulties with the University properties," said Mark Kleinschmidt, a Chapel Hill Town Council member.

But these problems are often not with the campus or the looming Carolina North project, UNC's proposed satellite campus, he said. Most of the town and University disagreements center on land use.

Kleinschmidt said the local government has no desire to control UNC-Chapel Hill projects, just assess the effects the projects could have on the surrounding community. "It just seems like a no-brainer."

He said he was not surprised the General Assembly was supporting the university system, who is a big contributor to political coffers.

"Sounds like they're getting their money's worth," he said.

Kleinschmidt said he could not think of any other state property in Chapel Hill besides UNC-CH that would be impacted by this particular law. "It's not like the local government can stop the state."

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BUDGET

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of the finance committee.

Finance committee officials said the package helped to balance the \$1 billion shortfall.

Hill said the passed proposal involved a \$560 million tax package that helped to make up some of the difference. No set plan has been formulated to balance the remaining \$400 million.

Luebke said the package extended a tax on those making more than \$200,000 a year, as well as keeping a 5-cent sales tax.

Whether the package gains proper support in the House could determine if the budget will soon be finished.

"I think we're trying to come up with a finance package that will garner 61 votes," said Rep. Maggie Jeffus, D-Guilford. "I think that's part, if not the entire problem."

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THE Daily Crossword

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- 1 Charged particles
 - 5 Sugar source
 - 9 Supports
 - 14 Happy starter?
 - 15 Dieter's word
 - 16 Hank of baseball
 - 17 Volcanic outflow
 - 18 Chills and fevers
 - 19 Light olive brown
 - 20 Start of quote by astronaut David Wolf from Mir
 - 23 Vietnamese holiday
 - 24 Places at the table
 - 25 Theater employees
 - 27 Homer's sea
 - 30 Division word
 - 31 Managed
 - 32 Part 2 of quote
 - 38 Lawn makeup
 - 41 19th letter
 - 42 Scandinavian
 - 43 Part 3 of quote
 - 46 Hardened
 - 47 Holliman of "Police Woman"
 - 48 Off the boat
 - 51 Kind of hat
 - 54 Colorful tropical fish
 - 56 Pers. pension
 - 57 End of quote
 - 62 Roast host
 - 64 Scottish Gaelic

- 65 Pouting grimace
- 66 Apple centers
- 67 Salacious stare
- 68 Water vessel
- 69 Put up
- 70 Fewer
- 71 Unit cost

- 21 Vote of endorsement
- 22 Sticky stuff
- 26 King of the road
- 27 Jason's ship
- 28 Deserve
- 29 Itsy-bitsy biter
- 30 Part of MIT
- 33 Make well
- 34 Neighbor of Syr.
- 35 Approximately
- 36 PC operator
- 37 Beret filler
- 39 Mets stadium
- 40 Most sordid
- 44 Notable times
- 45 Danbury madmen?
- 49 Lanka
- 50 "If I Had a ..."
- 51 Cake cut
- 52 Knight's outfit
- 53 Mother-of-pearl
- 54 Mile Island
- 55 Comforts
- 58 In good health
- 59 Hawkeye State
- 60 Tallow source
- 61 Parched
- 63 Common Market abbr.

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- 2 Norwegian saint
- 3 Church part
- 4 Meager
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- 6 "___ Days a Week"
- 7 Needle cases
- 8 Adolescent
- 9 Neighbor of Iran
- 10 Collegiate cheer
- 11 Sermonize
- 12 Hearth implement
- 13 States of agitation

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