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Carolina's Seacoast Calls

4,500 From UNC Along The Beaches

With the end of final exams only a day away, and the prospects of a bright, hot weekend growing, Chapel Hill seems destined to become a virtual ghost town tomorrow afternoon as Carolina students head for the beach.

An estimated 4,500 exam-weary University students are expected to trade the classroom for a sandy beach, and visions of the Old Well for their favorite member of the opposite sex.

The North and South Carolina seacoasts, only a few hours away, present a close and carefree way to spend the long weekend between summer sessions. Ranging from Virginia Beach just south of Norfolk to Myrtle just below the S.C. state line the Carolinas offer some of the top surfing and boating areas in the eastern U.S.

To the north, Virginia Beach lies 225 miles from Cha-

pel Hill, and in addition to the usual beach fare presents buggy tours up the beach at low tide.

On the Outer Banks, Nags Head features the Wright Brothers Memorial, and the fine fishing waters of Oregon Inlet as well as picturesque sand dunes. Manteo has the Lost Colony Memorial and the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site as well as the summer production of "The Lost Colony" written by UNC's Paul Green.

Ocracoke, a 14 mile-long island off Hatteras, is reached by ferry and is especially noted for its driftwood and sea shell deposits along the beach. Hatteras National Seashore is the first publicly owned oceanside resort, and during June alone counted 173,511 visitors.

To the south, Carolina and Wrightsville Beaches are among the most popular with University students. Located about 175 miles from Chapel Hill, they can be reached over a new bridge and are only 20 minutes from Wilmington.

In South Carolina, Myrtle, another beach popular with UNC students, features all water sports from swimming and sailing to water skiing.

UNC's Kerr Lake Area Well-Used

More than 150 people use UNC recreation area on Kerr Lake every weekend, reports coach Walter Rabb, chairman of the area's development committee.

The recreation area, now entering its second stage of development, has facilities for boating, fishing, swimming and camping.

"You don't even have to pump your own water any more—we've just gotten an electric pump installed in the camping area," Rabb said. Other conveniences for campers include two large floodlights that come on at sundown, concrete picnic tables, cooking grills, and toilet facilities. The 30 cleared campsites overlook the lake.

beaches with gently sloping bottoms. Swimmers will find firm bottoms. The lake water around the University area has been certified by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers as safe for swimming.

The Grassy Creek area, a long, winding cove of Kerr Lake, has excellent fishing, Rabb said. Though it is some distance away from the University recreation area, it can be reached easily by boat or car.

A concrete boat launching ramp and a floating dock were constructed on the northwest cove of the area last winter. Boat fuel and other supplies are available at the Townsville landing, about four miles southwest of the area.

One area, near the tip of UNC's peninsula, is reserved for picnickers. There are picnic tables, grills, and a shelter. The area is lighted at night.

UNC obtained the area on Kerr Lake in 1955 by a special license for use from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps sets minimum standards for facilities in the area, and must approve any new projects. Currently in the planning stages is a group of cabins for rent to UNC faculty, employees, or students.

The area can be reached in an hour and a half. The shortest way to get there from Chapel Hill is to go to Townsville, just north of Henderson; the recreation area is just west of there. (Continued on Page 9)

Myrtle Beach Has All Top Water Sports

MYRTLE BEACH, S. C. — Visitors to Myrtle Beach and the 50-mile Grand Strand can enjoy all of the top water sports including swimming, sailing and water skiing.

One of the biggest sports is eating. It seems that the salt air does wonders for the appetite. This is a good place to satisfy the appetite for there are approximately 100 restaurants in the Grand Strand and all specializing in fresh seafood dinners, either fried or broiled.

Prices begin at about one dollar and go to approximately \$2.50 for the seafood which, in many cases, was caught just minutes before the order was placed.

Many visitors find that walking is a good way to build up that appetite and again Myrtle Beach and the Grand Strand fill the bill with a 50-mile beach. A few inlets do interrupt the continuity of the strand, but there is still plenty of uninterrupted white sand to walk upon.

There is a stretch of pleasant walking in Myrtle Beach that runs for eight miles, if anyone is interested.

Fishermen can take advantage (Continued on Page 8)

Ocracoke, Island Paradise Without That 'Honky-Tonk'

OCRACOKE — For those who like beaches just for the simple fact that they are beaches, Ocracoke Island is a paradise.

The whole Dare Coast-Outer Banks area is one where honky-tonk type of recreation is at a minimum. And Ocracoke is the island on the Carolina coast of which, in comparison with the others, the same statement may be made.

Only 14 miles long and about a mile wide at its southwest end where the village of Ocracoke lies, the island has, for the benefit of the vacationer, numerous motels, small hotels, restaurants and rental cottages.

And it is easier to get to than ever this year with stepped-up service on the State-operated toll-free ferry service between Hatteras Island and Ocracoke. Ferries leave Hatteras every 40 minutes from 4:30 a.m. until 5:10 p.m. and return from Ocracoke at the same interval from 6 a.m. until 6:40 p.m.

Increased accessibility is not likely to spoil this island for the fancier who likes his seashore pretty much as nature made it. Except for the village itself, virtually all of the land is within the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

Ocracoke is ideal country for beachcombing. Beachcombers seem to have become somewhat

specialized, but most of them find that a useful tool is a shep- (Continued on Page 9)



PEACEFUL and relaxing, a nice quiet weekend away from the crowded campus at one of the coast's beautiful beaches will be the answer for many UNC students this weekend. This peaceful scene will be repeated many times as exam weary Tar Heels get away from it all. —Photo by Jim Wallace