

## Who Needs Nametags, Anyway?

(Continued From Preceding Page) to appear like a fool at a class reunion. (Here's where you're supposed to take notes.)

When you spot a familiar face and haven't a clue to the name, the key is to eavesdrop like crazy, and when you hear someone else call the mystery person's name, you've got it made.

The next step is to walk up to that person as quickly as possible, constantly repeating the name to yourself, and start talking to them before they can figure out who you are. That makes them look like the fool.

The reunion in general was a blast, but I'd say the best thing about the whole ordeal was that it put a lot of rumors to rest.

The biggest rumor circulating was that one of my good friends in high school, Andrew Salomon, had joined the U.S. Army and had turned into a real fan of John J. Rambo.

I'm sure you remember Rambo. He's the fictional hero who went into Vietnam and single-handedly freed a whole batch of leftover war

prisoners. He also looks a little like Rocky Balboa.

Getting back to the rumor, though, it was a real tough one to believe. You see, Andrew was about five-foot-nothing in high school, and with his mild and mousy temperament, he was probably the last person you'd ever expect to see join the armed forces.

On second thought, I take that back. He would probably be one or two places in front of Dan Quayle in signing his life away to Uncle Sam.

Anyway, it turns out he's writing sports for The Washington Post, although he admits he's still little more than a peon.

There were several other rumors laid to rest during the evening, and several that were confirmed. I personally had to bury an awful rumor about myself.

A few people actually came up to me and asked where my wife was hiding. These folks honestly believed that I had gotten married.

I could not understand it. Then again, what can you expect from a bunch of Yankees?



DAMAGE from a fire at Brunswick Village Residential Care Facility in Shallotte last Wednesday afternoon was limited to the west wing room where the fire began in this chair, which firefighters set outside.

## Fire Damage Minimal At Nursing Facility

"A fire is the worst fear; this is what you prepare for," relieved Brunswick Village Administrator Tommy L. Miller Jr. said last Wednesday after a fire at the facility was outed. "By the grace of God no one was hurt."

While the Mulberry Street facility's fire alarm has sounded at local emergency agencies on numerous occasions, the fire last Wednesday in a resident's room was the first at Brunswick Village. "There's a lot of fuss about the alarm, but this is what it's all about," said Miller.

As best as he could tell Wednesday, the alarm was triggered by a cigarette fire in a patient's room, where an armchair caught on fire.

Miller said patients are not supposed to smoke in their rooms, but only in three designated public areas.

At first staff evacuated the entire building, which was at or near full capacity of approximately 65 patients, moving residents to two covered entryways where they were protected from a drizzling rainfall. After learning the location and nature of the fire, patients from the east and west wings were all returned to the east wing.

"For the most part everyone responded very professionally," said Miller.

He and Brady Little of Ash, who was visiting a family member at the facility, immediately put out the fire with extinguishers before firefighters arrived. The fire rekindled, Miller said, and Little quashed it a second time.

Miller praised the quick responses by the Shallotte Volunteer Fire Department, Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad, the town's police department and the center's employees.

Firefighters used large fans to blow smoke from the west wing and removed the burned chair, while rescue personnel checked patients.

No one was injured, Miller said. However, after the fire one 94-year-old patient with a history of heart problems complained of chest pains and was transported to The Brunswick Hospital, where she was examined and released. On the following day, Thanksgiving, she died.

The fire never burned beyond the room where it started, with smoke-related damage limited mainly to wall, floor and ceiling.

# GRAND OPENING FOR UCB BANK

## Calabash UCB Moves Just Around The Corner

At United Carolina Bank, we're really excited about opening our new office here in Calabash. In its honor, we're throwing a Grand

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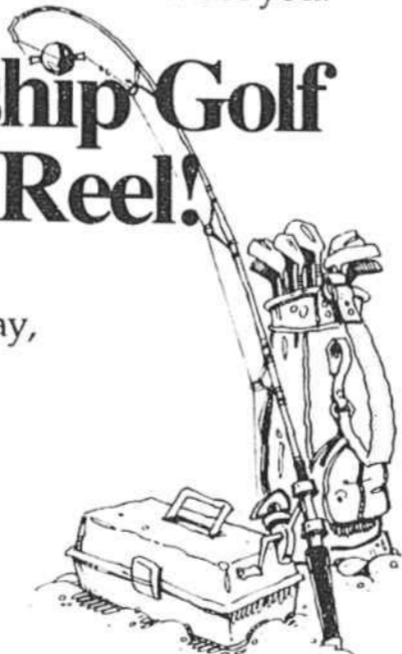
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## Ribbon Cutting, 1 pm Thursday, December 8

Be sure to drop by our ribbon cutting ceremony at 1pm on Thursday complete with free lunch. From that point on, it'll be a Grand Opening celebration like Calabash has never seen!



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