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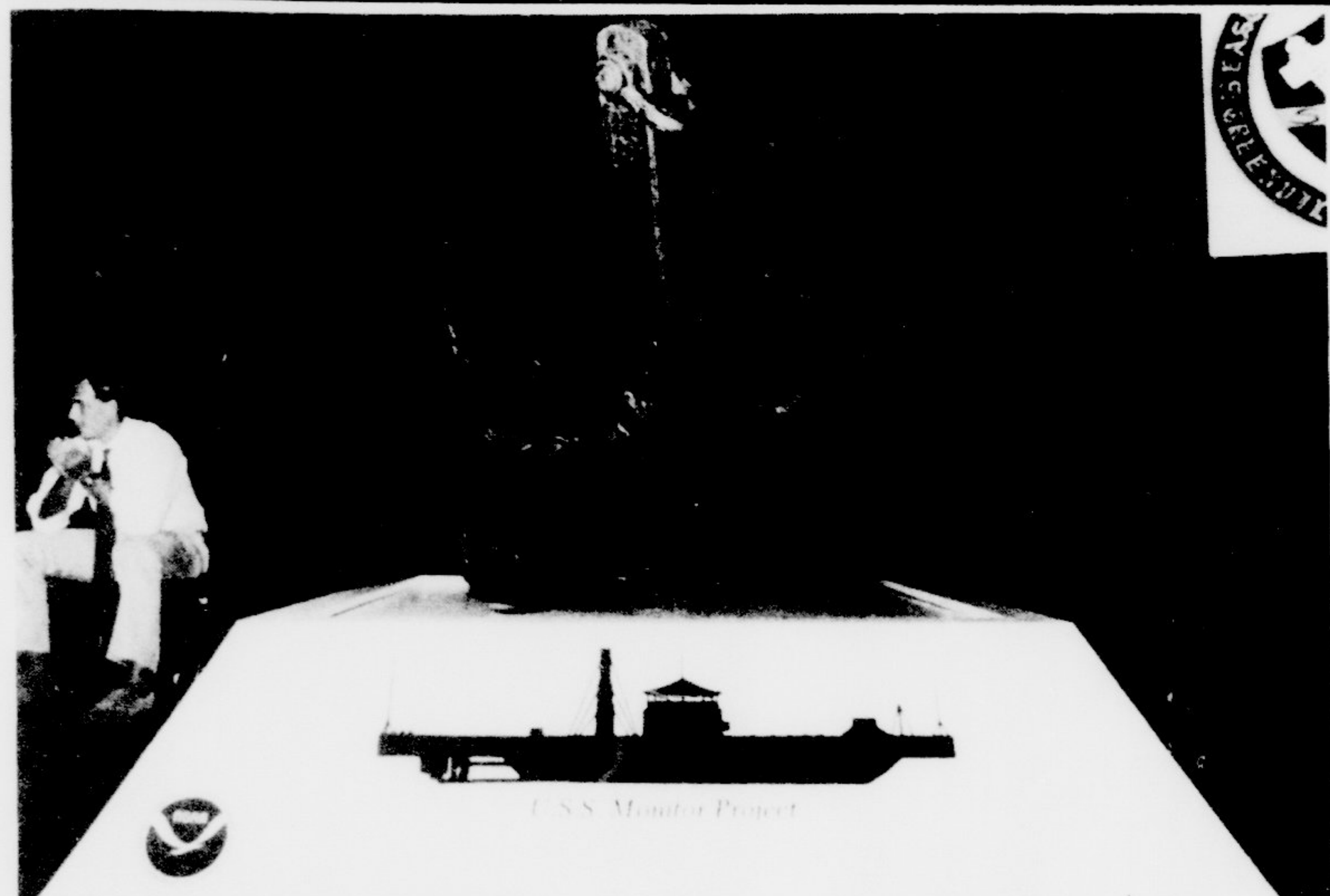
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Monitor Anchor Unveiled

Thursday marked the long awaited unveiling of the anchor belonging to the U.S.S. Monitor. The ceremony took place before more than 250 anxious guests. After the being presented to the public the anchor was moved to Washington, D.C. where it will remain until a permanent home is found. See related story page 1.

BB&T Sponsors Leadership Program

By JILL MORGAN
Staff Writer

Three years ago James Bearden, former dean of the ECU Business School and assistant to Chancellor Howell, was appointed by the Chancellor to head an innovative program to seek and train leaders among our university students.

The BB&T Center for Leadership and Development was the result. It is funded by a \$250,000 grant from the BB&T Bank of Wilson, NC. The grant will be authorized over a 5 year span in increments of \$50,000 a year.

Intrigued by the study of the phenomenon of leadership since his graduate school days at ECU Bearden was prompted to initiate a formal program based on the concept of leadership.

"The program has a host of purposes," Bearden stated, "we are attempting to focus attention on the phenomenon of leadership in our society. Traditionally universities don't focus on leadership as a general topic — by trying to give early attention to a long neglected field in higher education (if successful) we'll be way ahead of the game."

Although Bearden admits that it is still early to measure the success of the BB&T program he feels they are definitely headed in the right direction.

The program consists of an actual academic seminar for which nominated students receive one hour credit and immeasurable beneficial exposure to national leaders in fields from all walks of life.

Students are chosen by the dean of their respective department of study. One student from each professional school and three from the departments of Arts & Sciences are chosen. "The nomination is left entirely up to the deans and department chairmen," Bearden noted, "This process brings together students from various disciplines and that exposure in itself is a mutually beneficial experience."

The course these privileged students attend consists of a series of seminars in which prominent leaders in fields of business, government, and education share their ideas with the students and 12 invited local professionals in the area of expertise on which the Thought Leader is speaking. By participating

along side of the students these area professionals provide added insight.

The BB&T Center for Leadership Development appears to be on the road to success. Bearden is especially proud of *The American Thought Leader* a publication of the center that is devoted to the publication of recognized leaders. The center is also looking forward to expansion when they are able to occupy their allotted area in ECU's soon to be completed new classroom

Evidence Indicates Astronauts Knew Fate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — NASA has closed its investigation of the Challenger disaster with the startling disclosure that, although it remains uncertain exactly how the crew died, the astronauts may have been alive during the craft's fearsome drop to the ocean.

Evidence from the explosion Jan. 28 indicated at least some of the astronauts knew something had gone seriously wrong, and that three emergency air supplies were activated in a futile bid for life, the space agency said Monday.

"Uh oh..." were the ominous words heard at the moment of the explosion, NASA announced at a news conference six months to the day after Challenger's flaming demise.

The space agency, announcing

results of its investigation, said the cause of death of the Challenger Seven cannot be positively determined and that, except for some remaining administrative details, the matter was closed.

"In all effects, I think it's over," said Rear Adm. Richard Truly, chief of the shuttle program.

The space agency released transcripts of intercom recordings made of crew conversations during launch and as expected, the conversations show the astronauts were unaware of their impending doom until the moment of the explosion, 73 seconds after blastoff, when co-pilot Michael Smith made the two-word exclamation. The recorder stopped at that point.

Truly revealed the results of an analysis conducted by Joseph Kerwin, a former astronaut and director of life sciences at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"The findings are inconclusive," Kerwin said. "The impact of the crew compartment with the ocean surface was so violent that evidence of damage occurring in the seconds which followed the explosion was masked. Our final conclusions are:

"The cause of death of the Challenger astronauts cannot be positively determined; the forces to which the crew were exposed during orbiter breakup were probably not sufficient to cause death or injury, and the crew possibly, but not certainly, lost consciousness in the seconds

following orbiter breakup due to in-flight loss of crew module pressure."

Kerwin said the astronauts may have survived up to 10 seconds or longer even with decompression, and he could not rule out the possibility the shuttle fliers survived, albeit unconscious, all the way to ocean impact.

Challenger was destroyed 73 seconds after blastoff when a rupture in its right-side solid-fuel booster triggered the explosion of the shuttle's external fuel tank. Challenger was 48,000 feet high and traveling about twice the speed of sound.

Seated on the split-level crew cabin's flight deck were commander Francis "Dick" Scobee, co-pilot Smith and astronauts Judith Resnik and Ellison S. Onizuka. Below on the middeck were astronaut Ronald McNair, satellite engineer Gregory Jarvis and New Hampshire school teacher Christa McAuliffe.

Each crew member was equipped with a "personal egress air pack," for emergency use, called a "PEAP," and Kerwin said four were recovered. Of those, "there is evidence that three had been activated."

"The nonactivated PEAP was identified as the commander's, one of the others as the pilot's and the remaining ones could not be associated with any crew member," he said. "The evidence indicates that the PEAPs were not activated due to water impact."

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Hendrix Plays Host To Restored Anchor

By JILL MORGAN
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The fully restored anchor of the U.S.S. Monitor was unveiled Thursday, July 24th, at ECU's Hendrix Theater.

ECU's department of maritime history and underwater archaeology, in association with the National Marine Sanctuary Program of NOAA (The National

Oceanic Atmosphere Administration) recovered the anchor from the civil warship the U.S.S. Monitor in 1983.

The anchor was brought to ECU in 1983 for restoration and remained here until last spring when the anchor was moved to the University of South Carolina for finishing touches.

Last week the anchor was brought back to Eastern North Carolina and unveiled before a distinguished crowd of more than 250 people.

Among the guests at Hendrix Theater were State Representative Walter B. Jones Jr., Chancellor John Howell, Nancy Foster of the NOAA and conservator of the anchor Curtis Peterson of the University of South Carolina.

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Program Offers Summer Classes

By BETH WHICKER
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Over 100 students from across the state participated in the Summer Venture program held on campus through July.

The participants were rising juniors and seniors who have been recognized as being gifted and talented in the areas of math and science.

The term "gifted and talented" is used to describe students with an accelerated aptitude in one or more subjects.

Students were selected by recommendations written by their high school instructors.

The purpose of the Summer

Venture program is to give the talented students an opportunity to take classes that are not offered at their respective high schools.

Courses offered include number theory, computer classes, medical research and many others.

The students' classes began at 8:30 a.m. and continued until 3:30 p.m.

After the classes the students enjoyed planned activities including jogging, and aerobic dance classes.

"None of the students were from Greenville and most of them were here on the weekend,"

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Insurance Offered

Student Plan Recommended

By BETH WHICKER
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A new student insurance plan is now being offered to ECU students through the Student Health Service.

"Beginning next fall the SGA will no longer offer the Emergency Loan fund, the student insurance plan will cover most aspects of medical care that a student would need," said Kay Van Nortwick, administrative manager of Student Health Services.

ECU students enrolled in the fall semester will find their application for the student insurance form in the mail at their home address.

"This policy is good because it's so inexpensive because of the low costs of medical care at the Student Health Center," said

Van Nortwick.

Van Nortwick explained that student insurance pays in addition to insurance carried by a student's parents. "It's better to have an additional policy."

The insurance plan is underwritten by Lone Star Life Insurance Company in Dallas, Texas.

The insurance underwriter was chosen by bidding for the university contract.

All students who pay the health service fee are eligible to enroll in the insurance plan.

The cost of the insurance is \$114 and covers the student from August after the premium is paid until August 28th of the next year.

"If a student drops out of school or is not here for any reason when the spring semester begins the insurance is still in effect if the premium has been paid," said Van Nortwick.

Students with a spouse can insure them for an additional \$143 with the student insurance plan.

All newborn children of anyone insured are automatically covered at birth for 31 days for the same benefits as provided the insured.

After the 31 day period each child can be insured for \$97.00 per year.

An optional pregnancy benefit of \$800.00 is available to any insured person who applies for the

coverage for \$363.00 per year.

The Student Insurance Policy pays \$2,000 for the accidental death or dismemberment of the insured.

The policy covers up to \$25,000 per accident or sickness. Payment will be made for medical expenses or treatment performed within 12 months from the date of the accident or illness.

The benefits of the policy include out-patient surgery, miscellaneous hospital expense, surgical expense, anesthetist fees, nurse fees, physician's fees and ambulance fees. The policy provides for these expenses to a limit.

Out-patient expense for laboratory test for each sickness are covered to a maximum of \$50.

Out-patient expense for diagnostic x-rays are covered to \$50 for negative x-rays and \$150 for positive x-rays.

The policy covers any dental treatment necessary by injury to natural teeth. The maximum dental allowance is \$200 per tooth.

Up to \$60 is allowed for emergency room, out-patient services and supplies.

Students not receiving brochures on the student insurance plan should go by the Student Health Center to get the booklet.



Summer Ventures Pageant

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The Summer Ventures Program, in its fifth week is drawing to a successful close. High school students have participated in classroom instruction as well as planned activities such as the Mr. and Mrs. Summer Ventures pageant pictured above. For more details see related article page 1.

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To be ignorant of the past is to remain a child.

—Cicero