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Northeast Louisiana University

That million-dollar baby

Northeast Louisiana University is a \$100 million industry in Ouachita Parish.

That is the conclusion of researchers here who found that NLU has an impact on the community as much or more than any other industry in the Monroe-West Monroe Metropolitan Area.

Dr. Charles O. Bettinger, director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, and Gwen Guillory, an assistant in the bureau, developed a study to measure the total dollar impact of expenditures by faculty, staff, students and visitors from the university.

Conclusions

Their conclusions are:

--An estimated total of \$10.9 million is attributed to the direct and indirect expenditures of the university as a consumer of goods and services.

--Expenditures by the faculty and staff account for \$18.2 million in business volume in the metropolitan area.

--Students have the largest impact, \$67.5 million in direct and indirect effect, upon the community.

--Visitors account for a conservative estimate of \$2.5 million in expenditures.

The direct expenditures by students, faculty, and staff represent a "first-

round estimate" economic impact of \$49.5 million within the community.

Expenditures

Bettinger explained that as each expenditure by a student or other consumer is made at a local business, a portion of that amount is recycled through the economy of other businesses. For example, out of every dollar spent, about 35 cents is income to the business and 65 cents must be spent to generate that amount of business volume. That 65 cents (out of every dollar) is either spent with other local businessmen or non-local businesses, and a portion of that amount is also spent for taxes.

"The portion that is spent with other local businessmen generates additional income for those businesses," he said. "As the process continues, the original income resulting from the initial expenditure is multiplied--hence an income multiplier."

For a metropolitan area equivalent to Ouachita Parish, an anticipated multiplier would be between 2.0 and 2.5, Bettinger explained. Utilizing the income multiplier of 2.0 on direct expenditures produces an estimate of both direct and indirect total university-related volume on the community of \$99,127,856 during the 1978-79 school year.

He said, however, that the largest impact which is easily measured, but which is not included in an expenditure model, is the "value-added concept," or "What is the value of a year's education to the college student?" "Based on national norms of differences in earning capacity between those with and those without college educations, one year of education for the 8,872 students enrolled at NLU last fall was estimated to be a total of \$736 million over the remaining lifetime of the student," Bettinger said. "NLU could, therefore, be considered as a billion-dollar local enterprise," he said.

Other specific impacts of the university on the community include: an increase of bank debits of \$95 million in 1978; an increase of \$2.1 million in bank deposits; and 9,289 additional jobs.

"To estimate the value of one student to the business community, most entrepreneurs and government officials would be shocked to make the simple calculation of the impact per student," Bettinger said. For each student enrolled at NLU, the business community experiences an increase in business volume in excess of \$11,000 per year.

"For every 100 students who leave the area to attend another institution, the local business community loses \$1 million in business volume," Bettinger concluded.



Easin' on

Photographer John Jones found this youngster escorting his new balloon home after a visit to Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo.



Shaping up

Although it may not look like much now, this fire station on Clay Street in West Monroe will soon be renovated to provide area senior citizens with their own recreation center. According to West Monroe Mayor Dave Nor-

ris, the center will be a multi-purpose structure housing game and meeting rooms. Adult education courses are also being planned and will be taught at the center. Photo by Kim Miller.

Center to be renovated for area senior citizens

What started as just an idea early last fall will soon be shaping up into reality for senior citizens living in West Ouachita Parish.

With the relocation of the city's central fire station from Clay Street to McMillan and Thomas Roads plans are being made to renovate the old building for the use of area senior citizens exclusively.

West Monroe Mayor Dave Norris explained that the structure will be given

Funds

its "face lift" through \$42,000 of HEW fund, \$25,000 in state funds and \$15,000 of matching funds and contributions for the city.

We hope to combine the use of this building with the North 7th Street recreation center to provide a well-rounded recreation program for senior citizens," he stated.

Upon completion, the center will be a multipurpose structure housing meeting and conference rooms, offices and a television and game room complete with game tables and stereo. The total heated area will be about 3,400 square feet, Norris said. A screened, open-air pavilion and hothouse are also being planned.

Norris stated that all types of adult education classes are being proposed in connection with the facility, one of them

being horticulture. "We want to give people the opportunity to learn to grow things," he added, "I will be talking to them about the programs they are most interested in."

Norris is also looking into church participation. "I would hope churches would use their vans to transport members to the facility. This would give more persons access to the program."

Staffing of the center is not yet final. "It depends on some of my plans," Norris stated. "I'm working with the parish school board on that matter. I've had several meetings with different supervisors in the school system, but none of the programs have been formalized."

According to Norris state Representative Shady Wall was instrumental in securing state funds for the project. "Strong support" was also given by the city planning commission and North Delta Research Center.

Completion

Norris estimated the completion date of the center to be three or four months from the beginning of construction. However, the starting date for the renovation has not yet been set.

When the structure is remodeled, Norris said he felt the people will be "proud of it. I'm sure. I'll be glad to see it finished."

Ruston-Dr. Roy Schubert, a La. Tech bio-medical engineering professor has received a federal grant of \$148,186 to study the presence of oxygen in the human heart and its relationship to stress. The research is an extension of work done by Schubert at St. Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland and at Case Western Reserve University. He has established micro-electrodes capable of measuring oxygen distribution in the heart. During the same study, the professor developed a mathematical model to predict oxygen quality and associated blood flow. According to Schubert the research could lead to long range consideration of more effective care of heart attack victims.

AP-New Jersey officials say rustlers have stolen at least 24 horses since last fall to be sold for slaughter and used for human consumption. The demand for horsemeat, which can be legally sold as long as it is government inspected, has increased substantially in recent months due to the rising beef prices. According to Glenn D. Chaplin, head of a private agency for protection of horseowners, rustlers can earn up to \$500 per horse.

kaleidoscope

News notes from around the country

Malibu, Ca.--Dr. Pete Warden of the Natural Science Division at Pepperdine University recently set free a diamondback rattlesnake in the hills near Malibu. The reptile had been held in captivity at the university until a lack of space forced authorities to dispose of it. Officials originally planned to kill and stuff the snake, but students at Pepperdine sympathetic towards the plight of the "pet," called "Slithery" circulated a petition to prevent its extermination. Warden said he felt the same way as the students, adding that he did not want "Slithery" to leave hungry so he fed the reptile three mice before letting it go free.

One year ago-Sherry Dunkin became the school's first female all-American when she was named to the U.S. Tennis Association's women's intercollegiate all-America tennis team, but saw her team go down in defeat in the AIAW nationals.

Fort Worth--Designer Jane Graves recently unveiled plans to market an inflatable doll she calls "Silent Partner." The doll, which is fashioned after a man with a beard and mustache, is intended to ward off would-be attackers for women who fear being alone. Graves says the doll can be propped up in front of a window at home or placed in the passenger seat of a car at night. The designer got the idea for the doll because her daily drive to work is one hour each way. The item sells for \$12.50, clothes not included.

Beersheba, Israel--After three years of research, Israeli scientist Moshe Trop has developed and patented a formula for instant yogurt. Trop's process involves the mixing of a powder that contains a fermenting ingredient, fruit flavoring, dehydrated milk and a fast-acting bacteria with milk or water. The solution changes into yogurt in about an hour. Though the scientist's patent could bring him considerable riches, he claims the reason he began his research was because his liking for yogurt was so strong he wanted to be able to take the dairy product along on camping trips.

Art exhibits set

Summer sessions gallery schedules of Bry Art Gallery and other locations dependent upon university student and faculty art work have been announced by NLU Art Exhibitions Chairman Robert G. Ward, associate professor of art.

Bry Art Gallery will show a group exhibition of paintings, drawings, sculpture, advertising art, photographs, weaving and ceramics by the NLU studio art faculty through Aug. 17. Also on display in Bry Hall are student drawings and original prints. Bry Art Gallery is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Wesley Foundation Art Gallery will display a summer-long exhibition of paintings by W. Marion Alford of Winnsboro, a senior art education major.

PREP

Freshmen enrolled in the first summer session will have the opportunity to attend a PREP orientation, said Patsy Rials, counselor for School Services.

The session which is June 28, begins at 1:00 p.m. with students checking in at the SUB lobby. The program concludes at 3:30 p.m.

All freshmen who are interested should register as soon as possible at Alumni and School Services, Harris Hall - North, or call 342-4080. Cost is \$12.00.

CLEP deadline

Today is the last day to file applications to take College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests that will be administered on July 21.

CLEP is a nationwide pro-

campus

gram of credit - by - examination. Each university participating in the program determines which examinations it will accept and the amount of credit to be awarded. At Northeast, over two dozen CLEP Subject Examinations have been approved for college credit.

CLEP tests may be taken by anyone who feels he knows the subject concerned. Credit - by - examination may be used to help a student graduate from college early, or to enrich a college education by allowing a student time to take additional courses which are not required or usually taken in his regular course of study.

Up to one - third of the number of hours required for graduation at NLU may be given for credit - by - examination for credit earned from military service experiences, and for correspondence and extension courses taken through accredited extension divisions of other colleges and universities.

A 1978 - 79 CLEP Registration Guide, which includes a list of CLEP Subject Examinations acceptable for credit at Northeast, is available from Testing and Guidance, Administration Building 1-12.

NTE

Prospective teachers who plan to take the National

Teacher Examinations on July 21, here are reminded that they have less than two weeks to register with Educational Testing Service (ETS) of Princeton, NJ.

Dr. Jack E. Kimball, Director of Testing and Guidance, said registrations must be mailed in time to reach ETS no later than June 28. Registration forms and instructions may be obtained from Testing and Guidance, Administration 1-12 or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Box 911, Princeton, NJ 08540. On-the-spot registration is not permitted.

During the one-day testing session, a registrant may take the Common Examinations, which include tests in professional and general education, plus one of the 26 area examinations designed to measure knowledge of particular subject matter and teaching methods. Teacher Education graduates from Northeast are required to take the Common and Teaching Area Examinations during their senior year.

Once registered, each candidate will receive an admission ticket and notification of the exact location of the center at which to report. Those taking the Common Examinations will report at 8:30 a.m., and finish at about 12:30 p.m., Dr. Kimball said. Teaching Area Examinations are scheduled from 1:30 to about 4:15 p.m.

KNLU resumes campus broadcast

After a two week absence for the semester break, the stereo rock sound of radio station KNLU-89, located at 88.7 MHz on the FM dial, is back on the air.

Programming at KNLU features album-oriented rock, which a recent survey indicated is preferred by the majority of the students on the NLU campus," said program director Jay Meredith. Meredith added that the station also provides a valuable community service with programs such as "Job Market" and "Swap Shop," besides enlightening information concerning activities on the Northeast campus.

KNLU also features special-interest programs to appeal to students with different musical tastes. Every evening from 6 to

7 p.m. "Concert Miniature" is aired. This program features the latest in contemporary classical music.

Each Thursday night features the "Soul Show," which spotlights the best in black music. This program runs from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday night broadcasts are highlighted by "The Friday Night Disco Party" from 7 to 9 p.m.

Another programming feature of KNLU is the only 15 minute newscast in the Monroe area. Campus, local, state and national news is aired each afternoon at 5 p.m. In addition, headlines are given on the half-hour.

Summer broadcast hours for KNLU are from 1 p.m. to midnight daily. "We intend to be a station that the university can be proud of," said Meredith.

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UB approves three bands

by Mike Hoyem
Copy editor

At a meeting held June 12 the Student Union Board unanimously approved a motion to contract "The Earth Band", "James Craig and the Great Southern Rock Band", "Papa Jo and Riverboat", and "Magenta" to perform at various student activities scheduled for the summer sessions.

"James Craig and the Great Southern Rock Band" will provide the entertainment at the ice cream party on June 28 behind Hudson Hall from 4 - 8 p.m. "Earth", "Papa Jo", and "Magenta" are being contracted, but the activities at which they are to perform have yet to be determined. A discussion of possibilities included a "disco party" which could be held at the Monroe or West Monroe Civic Center, a watermelon feast on the banks of Bayou DeSiard, a coffee house presentation, and a riverboat "River-Rock" event on the Ouachita River.

According to UB Summer Chairman Jeff Winters, the SGA and the UB normally co-sponsor several summer student activities. Determination of the exact events for which each group will be used will

come after consultation with SGA members and decisions on the matter will be announced at a later date. The housing office and the UB are co-sponsoring the ice cream party. The UB will provide the entertainment while housing will contribute the ice cream and door prizes.

After lengthy discussion and a vote by show of hands, Winters was named to serve as UB Chairman for the summer sessions in the absence of regular chairman Mark Rosenthal. Rosenthal is not attending school during the summer.

Winters had tied for the position with the only other nominee, Phillip Givens, with each candidate receiving four votes. UB advisor Charles McDonald suggested a co-chairmanship in light of the draw and the UB members endorsed the proposal, but Givens bowed out of the running. "No group needs two leaders," said Givens, who then pledged his support and services as a consultant to Winters. Givens has served as UB chairman in the past.

In other business, the UB noted that the time for the movies that are shown periodically at the cost of fifty cents to students in the lobby of Sherouse Hall has been changed to

8 p.m. According to UB member Mark Smith the change comes because when the films were originally scheduled for 7 p.m. it was assumed that there were still curtains in the lobby. According to Smith the curtains were recently removed and at the latest movie showing sunlight prevented the earlier projection of the film.

A motion by Givens to pay twenty - five percent of the cost of an answering service secretary was then approved. The secretary is to answer calls for the UB and the SGA, among others.

Motions concerning several members who volunteered to serve the board in various capacities were also approved. Chairman Jeff Winters volunteered to serve as UB representative on the "Prep" staff. Donald Broadnax volunteered to serve as Recreation Chairman. The new Press Relations Chairman is Bud Courson and serving as secretary is Rosalind Johnson.

New policy set for financial aid

A new policy has been set for persons receiving financial assistance from the university, according to Dr. Charles R. McDonald, director of counseling, placement and financial aid.

In the past, a student's financial aid was terminated when his grade point average dropped below a certain level of achievement regardless of whether he was eligible to remain enrolled at Northeast or not. Under the new policy, any financial aid student who is accepted to NLU can receive financial assistance.

The new policy basically just makes the GPA requirements for the financial aid program and the Board of Trustees compatible," said McDonald. "This way we will not have students attending Northeast who are eligible for financial aid that can not get it."

According to McDonald, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare allows universities to set their own guidelines concerning academic achievement for students who apply for financial assistance. The new policy became effective on June 4.

Act guarantees student's privacy

Many students are unaware of the rights guaranteed to them under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act. The Act provides for the release of only information designated "directory information."

If a student wishes the directory information to remain confidential, he or she must state this request in writing and must file the request form in the Registrar's Office by June 29.

Directory information

The following is considered to be directory information during the 1979 NLU summer session. Student's name, address, telephone number, social security number, sex, marital status, spouse or parent, date and place of birth, religious preference.

Deadline for filing request for privacy is next Friday.

prior education, awards received, classification, college, curriculum, dates of attendance, degrees and date received, President's List, participation in recognized activities and current schedule of classes, and cumulative grade point averages (released only to campus organizations who have a legitimate interest in determining eligibility for membership).

Weight and height of members of athletic teams are also considered to be directory information.

Releases

The following releases of information are authorized by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act without the consent of the student: To any organization providing financial aid; to accrediting organizations; to parents of dependent students; for health and safety emergencies; to other institutions in which students are enrolled or plan to enroll; to NLU administrators, instructors or staff members; to the Comptroller General of the United States; the Secretary HEW; the Commissioner of Education; the Director of the National Institute of education; state educational authorities; to organizations conducting studies for or on behalf of NLU or other educational agencies; and in compliance with judicial orders or pursuant to any lawfully issued subpoenas.

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When will they ever learn?

Where have all the flowers gone? Berkeley's "Street People," earth people, flower children, hippies, yuppies. What has become of the "flowers" carried during college life in the 1960's?

The aftershock of the 60's is perceived in many different ways, the most popular being that American college students were on the verge of social and political revolution. The country suffered from the radical activities of those who "dropped out," a suffering which is slowly healing after a return to the books and the "end" of the Vietnam conflict.

In spite of the numerable conflicts of the decade, surely the genuine concern voiced by students of the age is more desirable than the overwhelming sense of apathy typifying the majority of today's students.

Thus, the period in question can be viewed in more favorable light. While the Age of Aquarius did not completely come to pass, neither did it fail to produce results.

Peter and Brigitte Berger's socioeconomic studies state that revolutions almost never fully attain their goals, but many have provided strong foundations

for new social structures.

At a glance, one sees the influences of the 60's by the current "back-to-the-land" trends of Congressional acts and ecology groups. The popularity of health foods, jogging and other athletics, and antismoking, conservation and human rights campaigns is widespread. These are all outgrowths of "free love" and "making your own kind of music."

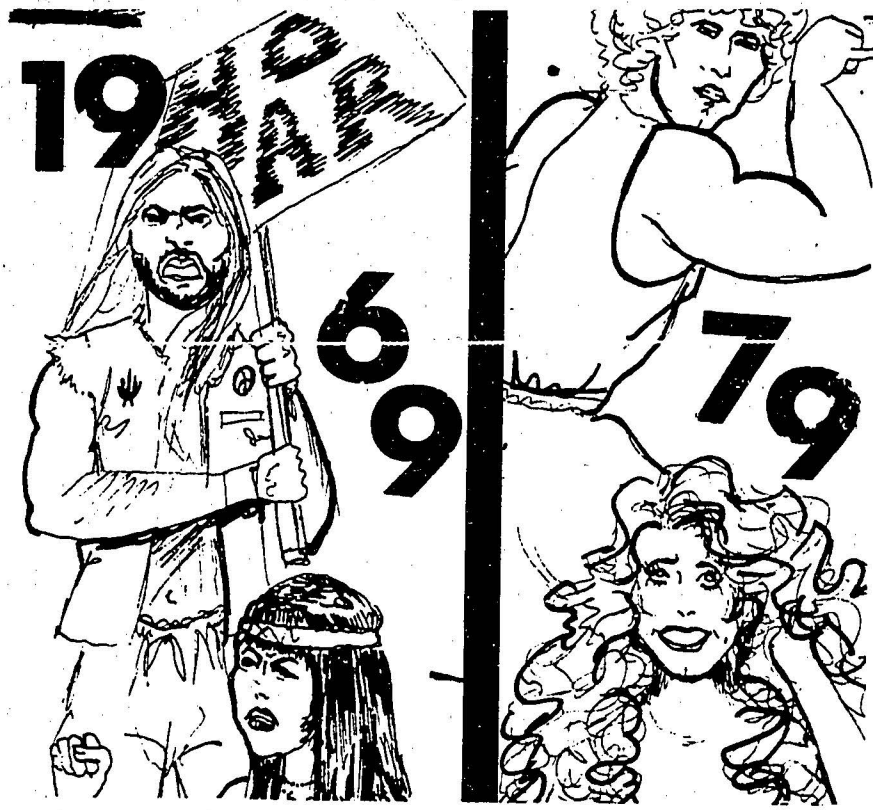
The more liberal codes of the 60's have greatly influenced today's standards of dress, language, drugs and sex.

In fact, the Berger study indicates that the majority of students who supported the codes of the 60's did not "drop out," but remained in school paving the way for more women and minorities to further their educations.

Have the 1970's been a time of healing after the 60's?

No, they have not. We have reaped the harvest of the "radicals" a decade past and been given a new freedom.

The next question to ask then, would be what foundations have we laid for the students of the 80's? Long time passing.



Stranglehold continues

by John Bradshaw
Guest editorial

Louisiana legislative committees continue their stranglehold on the ERA and refuse to allow the amendment even to come to vote. This fact combined with the legislature's unwillingness to present the Louisiana citizens with a much needed sex education bill.

None of the arguments against a sex education bill even vaguely fit into the category of reason. The same is true about the reasons given against the ratification of the ERA. The facts which

mandate a sex education bill a painfully obvious—Louisiana has one of the highest VD rates in the country as well as one of the highest teen-pregnancy rates.

The ERA states simply that women should receive equal protection under the law. Reason and justice demand the passage of the amendment.

It should become apparent at this point that the Louisiana Legislature is unfamiliar with the tool reason in the making of laws. Perhaps it is time to vote in some new representatives.

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Speeders waste fuel

by Tami Wilson
Managing editor

Since its passage in the early 1970's, the law requiring motorists to travel a maximum of 55 miles per hour has been a topic of some debate.

Original purpose

Originally, the purpose of the limit was to conserve fuel. Yet, in addition to saving fuel, this limit has also saved lives.

In fact, "it has saved 9,000 lives each year that it has been in effect," said Gen. Ben Davis,

Personal Representative, Secretary of Transportation, in an article appearing in U.S. News and World Report.

Regardless of these figures, some individuals refuse to accept this reduced speed limit.

Opponents

Opponents debate that this reduction does not save fuel in some cases. An example often cited is that of the large diesel trucks. Some argue that such trucks are often more fuel efficient at speeds above 55.

Still another argument used against the 55 mph speed limit is that in an attempt to save fuel, man wastes valuable time when observing this limit by taking longer to reach his destination.

In a hurry

It seems as if this is a poor

argument. In this busy, fast-paced world, everyone appears to be in a hurry.

Perhaps it is the person who does not obey the 55 mph speed limit who has actually wasted time. In his rush to reach a particular place, he may have missed some of the beauty along the way.

Although this speed limit is oftentimes an inconvenience, it is necessary. After taking into consideration the lives plus the fuel it saves, its advantages can be seen.

Conservation

To the critics who say that the fuel saved by this limit is only a small amount, perhaps they have not heard the old familiar cliché "every little bit helps."

Helping to conserve this fuel will hopefully aid in relieving the crunch of the energy crisis.



Tami Wilson

Students discuss gas crisis

by Steven Tharpe
Copy editor

Every day, front page headlines in newspapers talk about the ever increasing problems concerning gas shortages. The gas crisis has affected nearly every part of the country. Whether it be with the lack of gas, long lines at gas stations or even the unavailability of certain products due to the truckers strike.



Julia Cordry

This week we asked some students around campus their views on the ever increasing gas crisis and if they thought it was real.

Julie Cordry, West Monroe accounting junior stated that she did not think the gas shortage is for real. "I believe

that the oil companies are stockpiling the gas to create a shortage."

Lloyd Belton, Monroe sophomore majoring in law enforcement disagreed, saying, "A lot of people think the oil companies are holding back to a certain extent. Carter needs to take off the decontrols and not give the oil companies windfall profits."

"I don't think so. They say they have plenty of gas coming in but nobody is refining it," said Robert Wooldridge, Ft. Neccessity senior. He added, "The Arabs are selling the gas as fast as they are getting it."



Loyd Belton

Cindy Smith, Forest fresh-



Cindy Smith

your opinion

man said, "Yes, the gas shortage sure is for real."

"No, they are just trying to raise the prices for profits. It is not really as bad as they say it is," said Kim Robinson, West Monroe Corrections freshman.

Terri Hillman, Epps sophomore, majoring in nursing said, "It's not necessarily a gas shortage. The foreign countries are holding back the gas reserves. The gas shortage is not as serious as the gas companies try to lead us to believe." She

adds, "But, it could get that way." Jamie Carter, a Ferriday marketing senior said, "Yes, I think the gas shortage is real because at some point we will be consuming more resources than we are replenishing."

"No, I think the major oil companies are trying to undermine the independent oil companies," said Terri Matheny, a Shreveport senior. She also added, "I hope it gets them in the pocketbooks."



Kim Robinson

Heritage festival depicts history

by Mike Hoyem
Copy editor

Final preparations are being made for the opening of Monroe's Louisiana Legend Heritage Festival, scheduled to get under way July 4.

According to festival Public Relations Director John Beezley, this year's celebration includes a list of activities and exhibitions far surpassing previous years.

A food festival, tours of historic sights in the northeast Louisiana area, riverboat cruises, and the staging of a Louisiana history oriented outdoor drama highlight the event.

The Louisiana Legend Heritage Festival annually commemorates the diverse history and customs of the state. The City of Monroe and various local civic and social organizations join forces to stage the event.

The festival will kick off with the opening of the outdoor drama "Evangeline-The True Story," at 8:30 p.m. at the Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo.

The play was written by Joseph Riehl, a native of Lafayette. Based on Longfellow's romantic cajun epic, the story tells of the settling of Acadiana by the original cajuns and the sad tale of the lovers Emmeline and Louis.

"Evangeline" was selected for use by the festival board from a number of plays submitted by Louisiana natives. As a rule, the work of a Louisiana native is used each year. Past productions have included "The Nightriders," "The Jean Lafitte Story," and "Peace on the Ouachita." After the July 4th premiere, the drama will be presented every Friday night through Aug. 3.

On July 8, the Heritage Festival Board, in conjunction with the Northeast Louisiana Restaurant Association, will host a Louisiana Food Festival at the West Monroe Convention Center. The event will feature many tantalizing dishes that have become Louisiana specialties from 12 noon until 8 p.m.

The Ft. Miro Chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution will sponsor historic tours on July 8, 15, 22, and 29. Tours will take sightseers to different historic locations in the northeast Louisiana area.

Monroe's 260 passenger riverboat, the "Twin City Queen" will embark on pleasure cruises complete with music and dancing on July 14, 22, and 28. Boarding time for the trips down the Ouachita River will be 6:00 p.m.

Persons interested in obtaining tickets for these activities should contact Sheryl Salter at 388-2711 ext. 241, or go by the DAR Chapter House located on St. John St.

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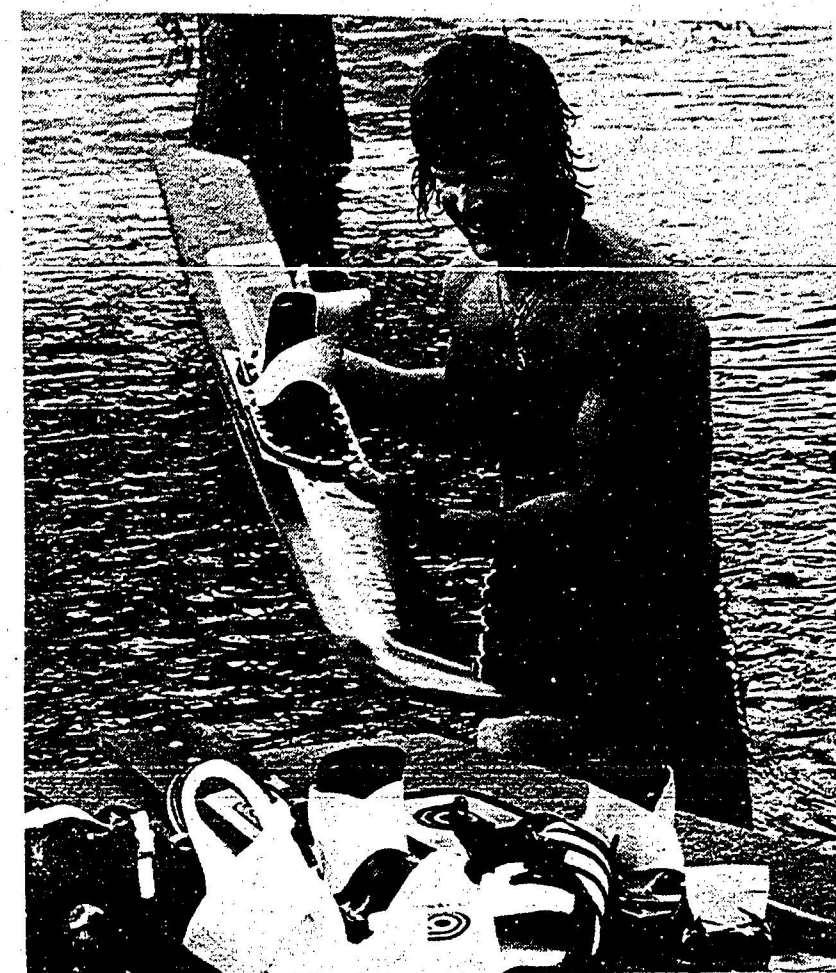
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NLU's water skiing team trains for national championship



'At the end of my rope'-- Mike Adams hangs on during an early-morning practice.



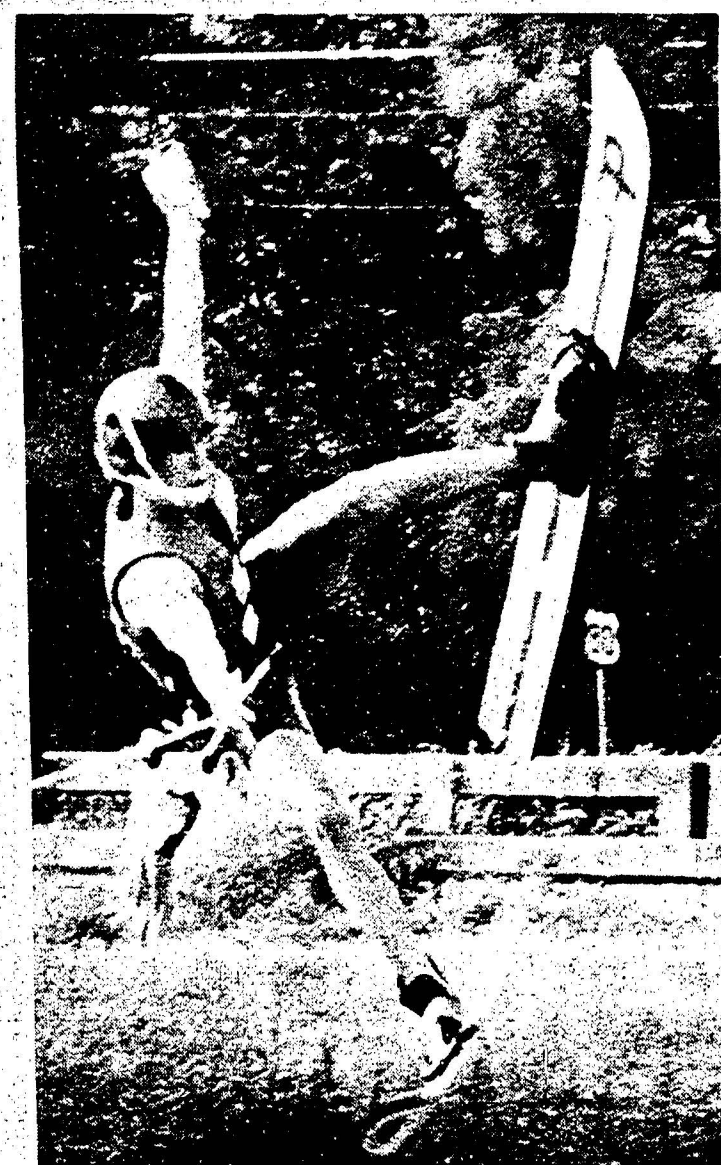
One size fits all

NLU waterskiers are now preparing for the National Intercollegiate water skiing championships to be held in Georgia this October.

Members of the team were selected to represent a five state area in recent all star competition held in California. Of the 22 member team, eight were from Northeast.

Until this year, the 30 member NLU squad has been almost completely self-sufficient. The university is now contributing some travel expenses and financial help in the way of scholarships.

**Photos by
John Jones**



Which way is up?



Water Ballet



Ready for take off!

'Youtheatre' prepares to open

by Mike Hoyem
Copy editor

As any drama major will unhesitatingly confirm, getting a theatrical production from the manuscript to the stage can be hectic at times. But preparations and rehearsals for Northeast's upcoming presentation have been more hectic than most.

The reason? "All American," a comedy musical adapted for the theatre by author-producer-comedian Mel Brooks, is being staged by a group of individuals ranging in age from 14 to 19 years old. The production is part of a campus youth program called "Youtheatre '79," sponsored by NLU, the Louisiana State Division of the Arts and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

Frenzy

According to Dr. George Brian, "Youtheatre" director, the average age of the group members is 17. Mix the natural exuberance and excitability of teenagers with the fact that many of them have never been on a stage before and the sheer hilarity of "All American" and the result is the kind of frenzy the likes of which Brown Auditorium has probably never seen.

At times, the going - on in Brown look more like a playground than a play. But according to the director the majority of the enthusiasm and commotion is being channeled into what promises to be a lively and highly entertaining interpretation of the Broadway hit. "Working with the youngsters can be hectic at times, but the play is coming along quite well," says Brian.

In fact, as of last week the rehearsals were right on schedule to make the showtime dates of July 4, 6 and 7.

The success is not that re-

markable, though. Brian is a veteran of 26 years with NLU's drama department. He is more accustomed to working with older and more experienced college students as well as the many stars (like John Carradine and Rosemary Prinz, for example) who have acted at Northeast, but has had a good share of coaching the "younger set" too. This is Brian's third year as director of the "Youtheatre" program. In 1977, Brian staged "Li'l Abner" and last year's group presented "Once Upon A Mattress." Both of the past productions were put on at an open-air theatre constructed especially for the "Youtheatre" program at Cheniere Lake.

But credit for the good progress of this year's musical cannot rest on Brian's shoulders entirely. He is the first to point out that besides the superiority of the musical itself, a more-than-capable "Youtheatre" staff and a very talented group of youngsters are contributing equally to ensuring the show's success.

"All American" was adapted from Robert Lewis Taylor's book, "Professor Fordorski." The musical score was contributed by the team of Charles Strouse and Lee Adams, whose other Broadway triumphs include the scores to "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Applause." Besides a whole list of other delightful tunes, "American" boasts what is probably one of the most beautiful songs in modern musical comedy, "Once Upon A Time."

Cast

A brother-sister duo of Chuck and Becky Tomlinson head up the cast as the professor and the dean of SBIT College, respectively. Becky starred in the production of "Li'l Abner" in 1977 for Brian and several productions at West Monroe High School over the past few

years. She recently received a scholarship to Northwestern Louisiana University where she will study speech and music.

Brother Chuck is somewhat less experienced as an actor/singer, but is no less as promising. As "Fordorski," he is tackling his first role as a leading man in a musical production.

According to participants in "Youtheatre '79," what it all adds up to is fun, fun, fun. As Jay "Hulk" Buford puts it, "It is a blast. The classes are great and the instructors are fantastic. But the best thing about it is that while we are having such a good time we are learning a lot too."

Leading Lady Becky Tomlinson echoes Buford's remarks, with great emphasis on her director's contributions. "We all love him," says Becky. "He motivates us and really stays involved every minute, showing us how to move or how to say our lines. He is so energetic it is unbelievable."

Little wonder then, that there is such an air of "exuberance" in Brown Auditorium this week if Brian's enthusiasm is great enough to amaze his youthful cast. According to Tomlinson, the pitch of her own personal excitement depends upon when one drops in on rehearsal. "When you've been working all day long sometimes you just have to let the tension out," she says.



'All American'

Becky and Chuck Tomlinson of West Monroe rehearse a scene from the "Youtheatre '79" production. Photo by John Jones.

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'Cavalier' to open

"Louisiana Cavalier" will be in its fourth consecutive season when it opens June 28. It is presented in the outdoor amphitheatre located at Grand Ecure just outside Natchitoches on the bluffs of the Red River.

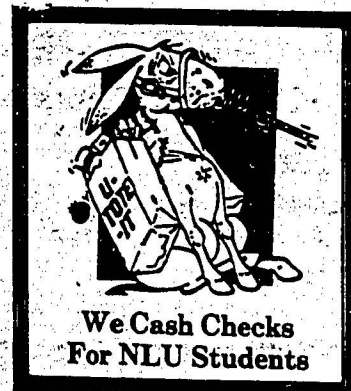
The production depicts the founding of the first settlement in the Louisiana Purchase by Louis Juchereau de St. Denis and his establishing trade between the French and Spanish colonists.

Some fifty-five persons have been assembled from the various central Louisiana communities and cast in the roles of colonists, Indians, Spaniards, and the many other interesting characters which people the Paul Green script. Now in the second week of staging rehearsals, the cast is polishing songs, dialogue, and battle sequences.

The new season will feature

many interesting changes which have been instituted by stage director Marc Pettaway, as well as new dialogue from the author. Scenes have been reinstated, trimmed, shifted, new segments have been written, and new action sequences added. In addition, the music has been expanded and special dance has been choreographed.

Performances are on Thurs., Fri., and Sat. evenings starting June 28-Aug. 18 at 8:30 p.m. In order to make reservations write P.O. Box 1714 Natchitoches, La. 71457 or call (318) 357-1714.



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OCU captures 1st TAAC title

The Trans America Athletic Conference certified Oklahoma City University as its first All-Sports Champion and opened the door for expansion in its first Spring meeting at Samford University May 22-23.

Oklahoma City, which won the TAAC tennis tournament, edged Northeast Louisiana University, the basketball champion, by a single point (17 1/2 to 16 1/2) in the formula to declare the eight-team conference's first overall champion. Also figuring into the formula were conference tournaments in golf, won by Centenary College, and baseball, won by Mercer University.

The TAAC unanimously adopted a formal procedure by which applications for membership could be received and

considered. Several schools have indicated an interest in joining the Division I basketball-oriented conference formed last Fall, according to league president Dr. Jesse Fletcher, president of Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene, Tex.

amendment which will require each member to enter all conference tournaments in which the members fields a varsity team.

Newly-named TAAC Commissioner Bob Vanatta, who will establish the league office in

sports

"Sentiment exists for the league to expand to 10 and even 12 members," Dr. Fletcher added.

In other business, the conference adopted a constitutional

Shreveport, La., on July 1, attended the meeting as an observer. Vanatta is winding up a four-year stint as Commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference.



Wilson Campbell

Campbell assumes post

Former NLU tennis star Wilson Campbell has been appointed men's tennis coach at Northeast Louisiana University to replace Johnny Robinson, who has resigned.

John David Crow, Northeast athletic director and head football coach, announced the change two weeks ago. Robinson, the Indian coach for four years, said he was undecided on his future plans but "will probably stay in the ministry full time."

Campbell played on nationally ranked teams at Northeast and graduated in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education. He was the graduate assistant another year, then was pro at Chauvin Racquet Club in Monroe for another year before joining the Northeast health and physical education faculty last fall. He will continue to teach as well as coach the tennis team.

"We're sorry to see a person of Johnny Robin-

son's background and character leave Northeast but we respect his religious commitment and wish him the best," Crow said. "We're fortunate to have a person with Wilson's experience and contacts to be able to step in and take over our tennis program."

Originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland, Campbell was a NAIA all-American at East Texas State as a freshman, where one of his top victories was a win over NLU all-American Terry Moor, and then played his final three years of college tennis at Northeast, helping the Indians compile a 37-12 dual match record from 1974 through 1976 and twice rank in the top 20 in the NCAA tournament.

Before coming to the United States, Campbell was a member of the Irish Davis Cup squad, represented Ireland in the Junior Wimbledon tournament and was the Irish junior champion.

Football camp scheduled

Head Football Coach and Athletic Director John David Crow and the Northeast Louisiana University football coaching staff has announced the dates of final registration for the Indian Football Camp.

Applications will be accepted through the 15th of July, however, the staff encourages campers to register as early as possible.

Campers should report to the front of Ewing Coliseum on the NLU campus for check-in and completion of registration from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., July 15. Camp will end on Friday, July 20, at noon.

Additional information on the camp can be obtained at the new Indian football stadium or by calling 342-3100 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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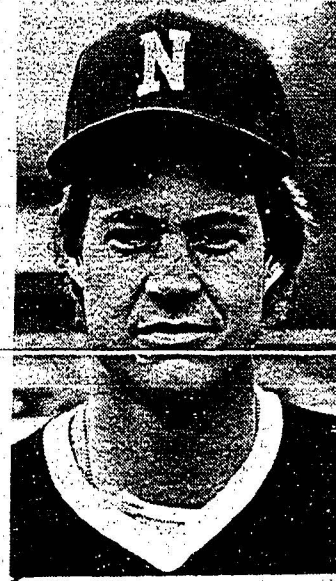
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Wood picked by Oakland



Robert Wood

Robert Wood, the Northeast Louisiana University pitcher who was picked by the Oakland Athletics in the free agent draft, has agreed to terms and will report to a minor league farm team next week.

Wood, a senior from West Monroe, was selected by the Oakland Athletics in the 12th round of last week's major league baseball draft. Earlier this year Northeast wide receiver John Floyd was chosen in the fourth round of the National Football League draft and Indian basketball star Calvin Natt is considered a sure bet to be among the first players selected in the National Basketball Association draft June 25.

Wood said he had agreed to contract terms in a telephone conversation with A's official Norm Kostelka and expected to formally sign with the American League team early next

week. He left Monday to report to the Medford, Oregon, farm team.

Contract terms were not announced but the West Monroe hurler said he was satisfied with the agreement.

"I'm excited about it," he said. "I've always thought about playing pro baseball and I am going to give it my best shot. I've been running and playing a little semi-pro baseball since the Northeast season ended and I'm looking forward to playing with Medford."

Wood, a 6-3, 200-pounder, had a 4-2 record under NLU Coach Lou St. Amant this spring. As a junior, he had a 2-3 record and led the team in strikeouts. He played prep baseball at Ridgedale Academy in West Monroe and attended Panola, Tex., Junior College before coming to Northeast.

Basketball camps held

by Steve Ivanyisky
Copy editor

About 120 high school students from Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi will wind up the latest edition of the Northeast Louisiana University Basketball camp tomorrow with final competition between the eight through eleventh grade teams being held from 9:30 to 10:15 p.m.

This was the second session of the camp this summer, along with a week-long day camp held earlier in the summer for younger boys. In all, about 340 boys have attended the three camps, according to coach Benny Hollis.

The NLU camp is the oldest in the state, instituted in 1959 by coaches Lenny Fant and Benny Hollis. According to Hollis the camp is good for the school because it "provides use for idle dorms and cafeterias during the summer, along with being a useful tool for student recruitment." Hollis said most participants in the camp have a good first impression with NLU when they see the excellent facilities available here. During their free time the campers are allowed to enjoy the Natatorium swimming pools and the SUB game room, along with free use of the basketball courts

in the coliseum.

Coach Hollis stated administrators of the camp try to limit the number of participants to about 120 to allow more personal instruction to the boys. There are 12 coaches in the camp and the boys are organized into groups, allowing approximately 10 players per coach.

The camp has proven a success to coach Hollis, "Basketball camps have really intensified across the country in the past few years, and you feel really good when your's works out," said Hollis.

Greg Dismuke of Bernice and Carlton Tucker of Sikes took top honors in last week's session of the basketball camp. Dismuke was named "Most Complete Player" and won the rebound award in the ABA division while Tucker took the

MCP and rebound awards in the NBA division.

In the ABA division Greg Crook of Oak Grove won the free throw award and Mark Evans of Minden won the defensive award. Members of the ABA all-star team were Barry Sylvester of Napoleonville, James Brown of Kilbourne, Bobby Tickner of Monroe, and Chuck Bardwell and Scott McClure, both of Baton Rouge.

Tim Harp of Sunshine won the NBA free throw award and Ben Earl Johnson of Sikes won the defensive award. NBA all stars were Don Redden of Monroe, Bennie Andrews of Bernice, Freddie Brown of Kilbourne, Allen McClure of Baton Rouge and Jimmy Turner of Bernice.

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'Rocky II': Another big winner

by Steve Tharpe
Copy editor

When was the last time you attended a movie and left the theatre with a feeling of triumph, a feeling that could make you cheer, cry, and even applaud at the end of the picture.

True, it is not often that such a movie is able to capture the audience's emotion such as this. However, one movie, "Rocky II," now showing at the Eastgate Cinema in Monroe, provides this area with an opportunity to see a film capable of this.

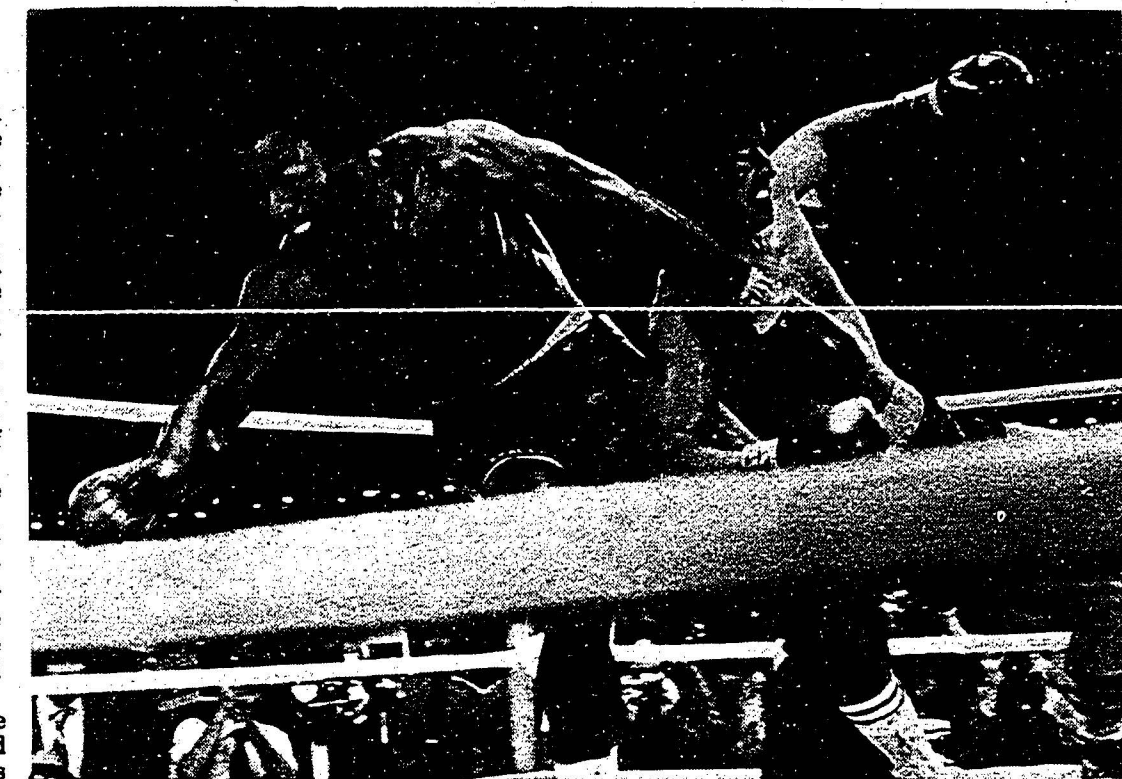
Once again Sylvester Stallone has proven that he could write, direct and act as he successfully recreated his role of Rocky Balboa, a second-rate fighter who gets a title shot at the heavyweight champion of the world, Apollo Creed, as played by Carl Weathers.

Talia Shire recreates her role as Adrian, Rocky's girlfriend and Burgess Meredith recreates his Oscar winning performance as Mickey, Rocky's trainer.

The film begins with the last couple of rounds from the first fight. When the fight is over and the champ won, Apollo is not content over just winning the decision over such a low rated fighter. After the fight, both fighters are taken to the hospital where Creed declares that he wants to fight Rocky again. Instead of accepting, Rocky states he is retiring from the ring.

Marriage

After getting out of the hospital, he marries Adrian. With the money he won from the fight plus the money he is scheduled to receive from product promotions, they go out and buy a car and a house. Never having money before, he splurges and blows most of the money. Rocky turns out to be a flop at commercials, doing ads for such products as Beast



'Rocky II' Review

Aftershave—"It will make you smell like a man"—and even plans for a Rocky doll were made. They planned to sell it with the slogan, "Kids can kick it...it can take a beating..."

Finally after failing to get a job in the business world because of lack of education, he takes a job at the meat packing plant where he used to train.

Surprise package

In the meantime, Rocky and Adrian find out they are expecting a baby. In order to help make ends meet, she goes back to work in a pet shop. Rocky is soon laid off from his job at the meat packing plant and goes to Mickey, begging him for a job at the gym where he used to

Both fighters appear to be headed for the canvas as Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers) and Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) battle for the heavyweight championship in "Rocky II."

train. Mickey agrees to this and Rocky, now with dreams of once again fighting Apollo for the title, gets the chance to be close to the ring. Meanwhile, Apollo is being plagued by loads of mail saying that he did not actually win the fight. Apollo's pride gets the best of him and he publicly demands a rematch with Rocky.

The challenge

Rocky accepts the challenge

for a rematch despite the reluctance of Adrian for him to go back into the ring. Rocky senses this and really begins preparing for the fight only half-heartedly until she has the baby prematurely and lapses into a coma. When she awakens from the coma, they see the baby together for the first time and name it, what else...Rocky Jr...Adrian can now see how much Rocky wants to fight again so she simply tells him to win.

Apollo takes this fight very seriously. He has trained so hard that he is in the best fighting condition of his career.

Once again there are spectacular scenes of the pre-fight preparations as Rocky gets into shape for his second shot at the title. Instead of pounding beef, as he did in the original "Rocky," he goes to the junk yard and beats on junk with a sledge hammer. His training schedule also includes one handed push-ups, one handed pull-ups.

There is once again the famous running through the streets of Philadelphia scenes, set to the "Gonna Fly Now" song with nearly 1,000 kids following him.

Grand finale

Now the stage is set for the finale of the picture, the rematch. The fight sequences are incredible with the acoustics of the movie theatre putting you at ring side to witness one of the most amazing fights ever brought forth on the screen.

Once again, Bill Conti has come up with some new musical scores as well as improve on some of the older ones to keep the viewer constantly immersed in the picture.

According to an article by movie critic Gene Shalit, the movie "Jaws II" was the most watched sequel in the history of film.

But, at the rate "Rocky II" is going, it should easily surpass this record if it continues at the present pace it is packing the people into the theatres.

The Academy Awards had better watch out for this film. It could well take top honors again at next year's ceremony.

Tennis camp held

Six awards were made to divisional singles winners in the two tennis camps held at Northeast Louisiana University.


Named divisional singles winners for the first camp held June 3-9 were Trey Woods, Grant Ethridge, Corinne Blanchard and Jeff Smith, all of Monroe. Second week winners were Robbie Adams of Tallulah and Scott Schneider of Lake Providence.

Jeff Smith of Monroe and Scott Shields of Rayville were given the Most Improved Play-

er awards. Kim Larrison of Wilmet, Ark., won the Sportsmanship Award.

More than 50 persons attended the two one-week camps, the first of their kind to be held in this area. Instructors included Wilson Campbell, tennis coach at NLU, Brad Langevad, a professional player from Australia; Paul Rothwell, a high school coach; and Mary Swanson, Jeff Boren, and Greg Jones, NLU tennis players.


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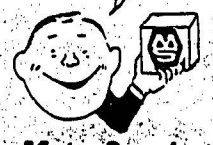

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