

Anyone Can Enter

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Western Piedmont To Hold Canoe Races

MORGANTON — You don't have to be a college student, or even college age, to compete in the second annual Southeastern Intercollegiate Canoe Races, sponsored the first Saturday in October by Western Piedmont Community College.

If you are at least 12 years old, can swim, and have had some white water experience, you can enter the junior or open competition October 6 and compete for a trophy, at the same time that the intercollegiate events are held.

Pairs of canoeists aged 12 through 15 will compete in a special class event at 10 a.m. Competitors aged 16 and up are eligible to enter the open competition event for soloists at 10 a.m. and also the open tandem event at 2 p.m. If there are more than three mixed couples registered, separate competition for mixed couples will also be scheduled.

The races will be held on the Catawba River west of Morganton, beginning just below Lake James at the Bridgewater Power Plant. The registration desk at the starting point will close at 9:30 a.m., one half an hour before the start of the first event. Late registrants will be signed up from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Advance registration blanks will be mailed on request from the Office of Student Services, Western Piedmont Community College, and telephone requests (437-8688, extension 70) will be accepted.

Trophies will be awarded to the first three teams in each class following a barbecue supper on the college campus at 6:15 p.m. to which all con-

testants are invited as guests of the college. An area of the campus will also be provided as a campsite for the use of contestants both Friday and Saturday nights.

The entry fee for juniors is \$1.50. For older entrants, the fee for one event is \$2.50, and \$1 additional to enter a second event. Events for which there are less than three entries by 9:30 a.m. on the day of the race will be canceled.

Ground rules for all classes of events are simple:

—Competition is limited to open canoes, with no restrictions on size.

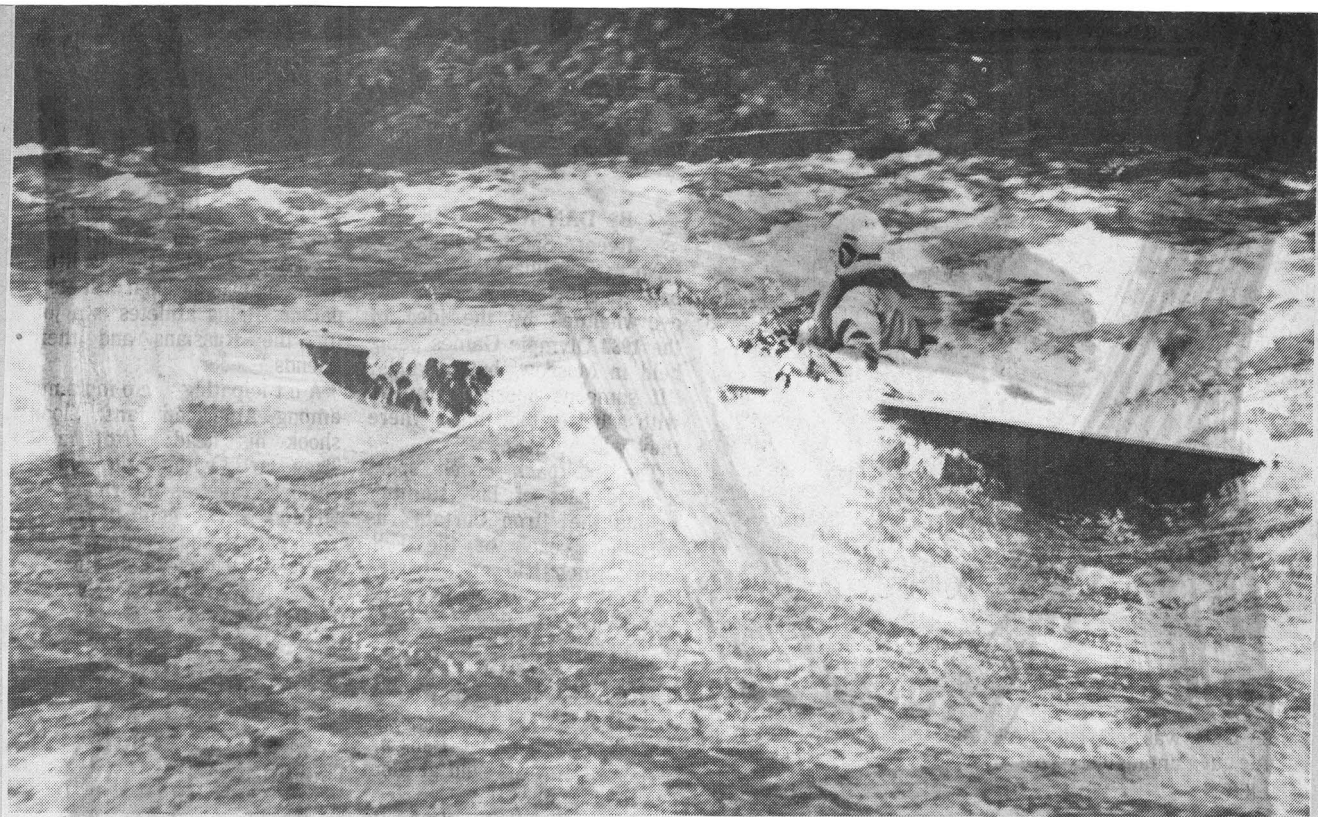
—Canoes must have grab loops or painters at each end.

—All boats must have adequate flotation; a maximum of three feet of styrofoam or other flotation material is allowed per canoe.

—All paddlers are required to wear life jackets throughout the race.

—Contestants under 18 years of age must have written consent of parent or guardian to enter the race.

To get to the starting point of the race, take Highway 40 westbound from Morganton through Glen Alpine and the new railroad bridge, and turn left across the bridge, following the signs to Lake James. Cross the next two bridges and look for the parking lot at left of the second bridge, which is located about a quarter of a mile below the Bridgewater Power Plant dam.



Canoe Races Can Be Aptly Described As Rough And Wet
Intercollegiate Event Is Set Saturday On The Catawba River

(Photo by Garvin Hughes)