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Many oppose crimes against nature charge

Will Ayers
Staff Writer

Since Anthony Harvath and Christy Thigpen were arrested for prostitution on campus two weeks ago, the question has lingered - should Harvath face an additional felony charge of "crimes against nature" for being a homosexual?

Student sentiment seems overwhelmingly against the charge - with 90% of students in a online Carolinian poll condemning the charge.

Rohit Singh, a junior, and Caire Smith, a sophomore, discussed the case over lunch at the EUC this week.

"[Homosexuality] shouldn't be a crime," said Singh. "Within nature, you see it in animals. How do you determine what is natural and what is not? It seems kind of ludicrous to me."

Still more students said they think laws against same-sex relations are outdated.

"There's nothing wrong with homosexual actions," said Smith. "To call it a crime against nature is inappropriate. That's an injustice to have those basic rights denied."

"I think they should drop [the charge] definitely," said Singh. "We have a strong homosexual population on campus. This charge alienates and insults them."

"I think the charges should at least be dropped to a misdemeanor," said Sam Tyson, junior. "[The law] is outdated, really. When you compare UNCG as a campus to North Carolina as a state, it's incompatible."

Regina Bagby, senior, spoke as she finished her errands in the Atrium.

"I think it's ridiculous. They're punishing [Harvath] for being gay," said Bagby. "Obviously, he should be charged with prostitution, but to be charged with a felony for his lifestyle? It's not fair."

"North Carolina is definitely behind the times," said Michael Lynch, junior. "They both committed the same crime, and they should be charged the same."

Several students also said UNCG should include sexual orientation in the University's non-discrimination clause.

"My religious views don't agree with [homosexuality]," said Sarah Cannon, freshman. "But I also

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'They lied'

Police spied on students' computer files weeks before arrest

Joe Wilbur
News Editor

When freshmen Anthony Harvath and Christy Thigpen were arrested for prostitution two weeks ago, UNCG police told students, newspapers and television the pair had been snagged shortly after they received an anonymous tip.

According to Harvath and other sources close to the investigation however, police were actually tipped by a man Thigpen refused to have sex with. After the man turned them in Harvath said police worked for weeks to orchestrate the bust - even reading the students' private Internet records without their knowledge.

"It was not an anonymous tip," said Harvath in his first interview since the arrest. "They were investigating us for about two months - going through our online chat records, and getting cooperation from the University."

One policeman close to the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed Harvath's accusation.

"It wasn't like there was just a tip and then they called them in," said the officer. "They were definitely being watched and a case was building for weeks beforehand. There was a lot of information that didn't

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Student accused of prostitution claims confession was forced

Joe Wilbur
News Editor

Anthony Harvath, one of two students charged with prostitution in Ragsdale Hall, said this week UNCG police lied to, tricked and threatened he and freshman Christy Thigpen into confessing to their crimes.

"They lied to everyone when they told how it happened," said Harvath, a freshman. "They tricked us and lied to us for weeks to build a case against us and then threatened us into confessing. They've just been lying all along."

According to Harvath he and Thigpen, longtime friends, were separated and interrogated by UNCG police, who refused their requests for lawyers.

"I asked for my lawyer at least 20 times," said Harvath. "They told me I couldn't have one - it was Friday and too late in the day. I said I wouldn't talk to them without a lawyer and they told me I couldn't leave until I talked - and that if I didn't they'd arrest me."

Harvath said the officers badgered him into writing a full confession.

"They yelled at me a lot and told me they'd been into my computer files and knew everything I'd done anyway," said Harvath. "They told me to write down everything I'd done and I did it. If I'd had a lawyer

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Growing Pains

In spite of heated meeting, delegates work to strengthen SGA

Joe Wilbur
News Editor

This week's Student Government Association meeting was marked by bickering, long speeches and much controversy. But SGA members said they hoped the meeting - which ran nearly three hours - was the first step in a new direction for SGA.

"We started off on the wrong foot this year," said Carisa Stanley, Vice President. "We want to get going in the right direction and the first step to coming together to make this a positive year is what happened here tonight. I welcome students talking and making speeches and even criticizing. I want to hear what they have to say."

Stanley had plenty to listen to this week.

The meeting opened with a student forum speech by Robert Randolph Jr., senior and former SGA Parliamentarian.



ABOVE: (From left to right) A&T Chief of Staff Jameka Pankey questions President LaToya Tate, Vice President Carisa Stanley and Parliamentarian John Rouse about the workings of SGA.

"I welcome questions and even criticism," said Stanley. "If the shoe fits, I'll wear it."

"I read some articles in the Carolinian that kind of disturbed me as to how the SGA is being run," said Randolph. "So I decided that I would come to make sure my voice is heard, as every student should."

Randolph read exten-

sively from Carolinian Opinion columns critical of SGA, praised the progress made by the group but said they do a "priority check."

Randolph was particularly critical of the SGA's decision to give the proposed UNCG tackle football club 60% of their discretionary fund for the semester and the recent insults leveled at Parliamentarian John Rouse by Kappa Delta Rho delegate.

"We have to have

honor and dignity in the utmost in student government," said Randolph.

"And that is not what I am reading about SGA and it is not what I'm seeing when I come to meetings either."

SGA delegates were divided on Randolph's speech.

"I think it's exactly what students should be doing," said a delegate who asked not to be identified. "The more students who come and tell [the SGA] what's wrong, the better the chance we're going to get something accomplished and this stuff can get cleaned up."

Jack Southard, whose

behavior in meetings Randolph criticized, felt differently.

"I thought his speech was inappropriate," said Southard. "He should not be slandering my name in his speeches or the name of the SGA."

Beyond the usual throng of UNCG delegates and students Jameka Pankey, Chief of Staff for the neighboring North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, was on hand.

"I just came to see some of the ways that UNCG was running its student government,"

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LEFT: Senior Robert E. Randolph Jr. tells SGA to operate with "honor and dignity."



Community Calendar

Thursday, November 8

3:30 pm "Evaluating a Job Offer", Career Services Center, 206 Foust Building.
8 pm *The Moving of Lilla Barton*, Broach Theatre. For more information call 378-9300.

Friday, November 9

2 pm Friday Fest, International Student Association. Phillip-Hawkins Residence Hall.
7:30 pm *Cinderella*, Weaver Education Center. For more information call 373-2974.
8 pm *The Moving of Lilla Barton*, Broach Theatre. For more information call 378-9300.

Saturday, November 10

2 pm *Cinderella*, Weaver Education Center. For more information call 373-2974.
2 and 7:30 pm *Wizard of Oz*, Community Theatre of Greensboro. For more information call 336-2605.
8 pm *The Moving of Lilla Barton*, Broach Theatre. For more information call 378-9300.

Sunday, November 11

2 pm *Cinderella*, Weaver Education Center. For more information call 373-2974.
7:30 pm George Carlin, War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro Coliseum Complex.

Monday, November 12

4 pm "Successful Interviewing", Career Services Center. 206 Foust Building.

Wednesday, November 14

11 am-2 pm Commuter Student Deli. State Room, Dining Hall.

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Objects of Contemplation: Still Life from the Permanent Collection". Weatherspoon Art Gallery. Thru March 24, 2002.

"Priceless Children: American Photography". Weatherspoon Art Gallery. Thru December 19

"Adrian Piper: A Retrospective". Weatherspoon Art Gallery. September 23-December 16.

Deadline for submissions to the Community Calendar is Friday at noon. Submissions may be shortened or omitted due to space limitations. Please send information to the Calendar Editor, Box 10, EUC, UNCG, Greensboro, NC 27412 or fax to (336)334-3518.

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Correction

In Kevin Harvey's opinion piece "Stuff Like This Still Happens" (November 11, 2001), a reference was made to an incident that happened at UNCG two years ago. Mr. Harvey wrote that the UNCG police involved beat up an African-American student. The student involved was in fact not African-American.

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SGA groups question football funding

Stephen Cook
Staff Writer

Since SGA voted to appropriate \$4,400 to a proposed football club, members of other student organizations have been talking.

"Any appropriation of money from student fees that large should provide opportunity relative to the demographic more evenly on this campus," said UNCG Pride! Representative Lisa Ellisor.

"We are an organization that seeks opportunity and equality for all persons," said Ellisor. "We do not feel that an organization that excludes 63% of the school, because of gender, is something that we feel we should support."

"We feel that it is regrettable that they would give that much money to a group that has not proved itself yet," said Robindra Debb, Amnesty International co-chair. "It's not a problem that SGA gave them money to help them get started. It's that they gave them so much money."

"I just don't think \$4,400 should go to a football club," said Spanish-American Latino Student Association president Stephanie Cuadrado. "It's a lot of money going to one source that could be better spent elsewhere."

"I feel we're being short changed," said Tristin Anderson, President of Students of Action.

"I don't feel that amount of money should have been allotted," Tykesha Sanders of the Neo-black Society.

The SGA approved the \$4,400 - more than half of its discretionary fund - by a 30-5 vote, with many dele-

gates absent or abstaining.

"No one came to me before the vote to complain," said Chris Young, Finance Committee chair. "And I'm always available to hear people's concerns."

Young said he feels students don't understand the workings of the SGA's budget, especially the discretionary fund.

"The discretionary fund is set up for students and groups on campus to help improve the campus in some way," said Young. "It's not like our entire budget, which is something like \$120,000. That's budgeted for student organizations separately."

Young explained that the discretionary budget is replenished every month by funds student groups don't use. The figure in the budget is currently a little under \$2,000.

"I can definitely see where some students wouldn't be behind club football," said Young. "But people should realize we give money to everyone, all the time and not just concentrate on this one thing. Almost every group benefits from the discretionary fund at one time or another. So why not let this group?"

Some of the comments made by members of student organizations involved the football club's inability to provide adequate proof of the student support they claim to have.

"They [club football] have in no way proven that they have commitments, beyond claiming verbal commitments from 25 guy willing to play [football]," said Debb.

"Since its such a large amount of money, I think they should have gotten

more feed back from the students," said Christina Grove, Animal Rights Group contact coordinator.

Some SGA delegates have been hearing the reactions of the students around them and are taking notice.

"I haven't heard anyone say anything positive about [club football] outside of SGA," said Amnesty International coordinator Grant Campbell.

"A lot of people around were saying that it's not fair when so many organizations are struggling," said Anderson.

Club Football president Joe Sardone responded to the comments of his fellow students.

"I can understand why people would be angry at the amount of money [appropriated by SGA]," said Sardone.

"The \$4,400 is going to two by-lines of a \$60,000 budget," said Sardone, "and one of our short term goals is to completely compensate what we took from the discretionary fund."

"10% of the total revenue of internal fund raising, any fund raising generated by student participation, goes into a fund that is strictly dedicated to the development of new and innovative clubs, organizations, and programming on campus," he added.

"There is a risk involved," said Sardone, "but it's a risk we have prepared for and feel confident we can recover from."

Sardone also said club football might benefit other student organizations and the student body as a whole.

"We can showcase other organizations," said Sardone.

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Amnesty International travels to Georgia to protest School of the Americas

Stephen Cook
Staff Writer

Amnesty International is planning to send a group of students to take part in a protest of the School of the Americas at Ft. Benning Georgia. The group is planning to attend a permitted vigil and rally on Saturday November 17, at South Columbus park.

"We are doing this because we are opposed to the US government training military officials in suppression of peaceful dissonance and sending them back to their countries, where they commit violent acts against the people," said Amnesty International co-chair Robindra Debb.

"I think it's ridiculous that we are training [military] officials from countries that are known human rights abusers," said Grant Campbell, Amnesty International's coordinator, "We're protesting the targeting of innocent civilians by military regimes."

"It's upsetting that a lot of the acts being committed [by

SOA graduates] are terrorist act," added Debb.

Amnesty has sponsored a group to make the trip every year since the organizations conception. The group will rent vans to transport students to Ft. Benning. They hope to find accommodations in one of the many churches that opens there doors to accommodate some of the over 10,000 protesters that the demonstration draws each year.

Whether or not to attend the non-permitted portions of the demonstration is a decision left to the individual students.

"We are not advocating participation in the non-permitted portions of the event," said Debb.

Sponsoring a group has been an unofficial annual tradition since the organization's conception three years ago and each year the group sent has grown. In their first year they sent 6 people to the protest, their second year they sent 14, and this year they expect to send over 20.

In the wake of the

September 11th attacks Ft. Benning is on full alert, adding extra tension to the event.

Of the two previous groups sponsored by Amnesty both had a peaceful and safe experience. Amnesty expects this trend to continue with this year's group.

"We feel that, as long as members participate in a peaceful and legal manor, things will be fine," said Debb.

Sponsored by SOA (School of the Americas) Watch, an organization dedicated to closing the school, this year's demonstration will mark the 12th demonstration of its kind. For more information about this organization and the up and coming demonstration visit the SOAW's web site at www.soaw.org.

On Thursday November 7, at 7:00pm Amnesty is showing a video entitled "School of Assassins" in the Graham building, room 108.

For information on participation in the demonstration, contact Grant Campbell at Grantgmc@aol.com.

Peace Conference draws statewide support

Will Ayers
Staff Writer

Activists across the state convened for a peace conference and panel discussion organized by the Piedmont Triad Anti-War Committee Saturday.

Over 100 people attended the conference in the Curry building, which lasted all day and closed with a panel discussion at 6. About 40 attended the discussion.

"It's been a chance for a lot of people to better educate themselves on issues surrounding the situation in Afghanistan," said Robindra Deb, co-coordinator of UNCG's Amnesty International chapter. "That's really essential to building a statewide anti-war network."

Throughout the day, several speakers held workshops on the history of Afghanistan, the war and the media, US Middle East policy, and other issues related to the war.

During the closing panel discussion, the speakers addressed their areas of expertise and fielded questions from the audience.

"This is an important event because it brings together many people from across the state, so that we can build a larger, broader [anti-war] network," said Nagesh Rao, an English professor at Wake Forest.

Jeff Jones, a history teacher at UNCG, spoke about the government's reluctance to reveal information about the war to the public.

"We need to be very skeptical of everything the government says about the current conflict," said Jones. "The suc-

cess of the anti-war movement depends on our efforts to disseminate information proving US foreign policy is based on a foundation of lies."

"The importance of being active, vocal, and visible is absolutely central," said Sherry Wolf, an editorial board member of the International Socialist Review.

"A common myth is that one of the benefits of this war would be to bring the economy from red to black," said Wolf. War is not some sort of solution to economic crisis."

Rania Masri, a board member of Peace Action, spoke about the new antiterrorism bill.

"This is a breach of our democracy; it's a breach of our due process," said Masri.

"What the bill shows is not only an erosion of our rights, but that our defense budget has failed."

At the day's end, many voiced optimism and determination.

"One of the best things to come out of this is that we are getting connected with people across the state," said Deb. "After this point, our actions will not just be in Greensboro."

"I just want to build this up as far as we can," said Sarah Gulley, senior. "We have a reason for opposing this war and we deserve to be heard."

"What we do makes all the difference in the world," said Wolf. "We have got to fight like hell, because our futures depend on it."

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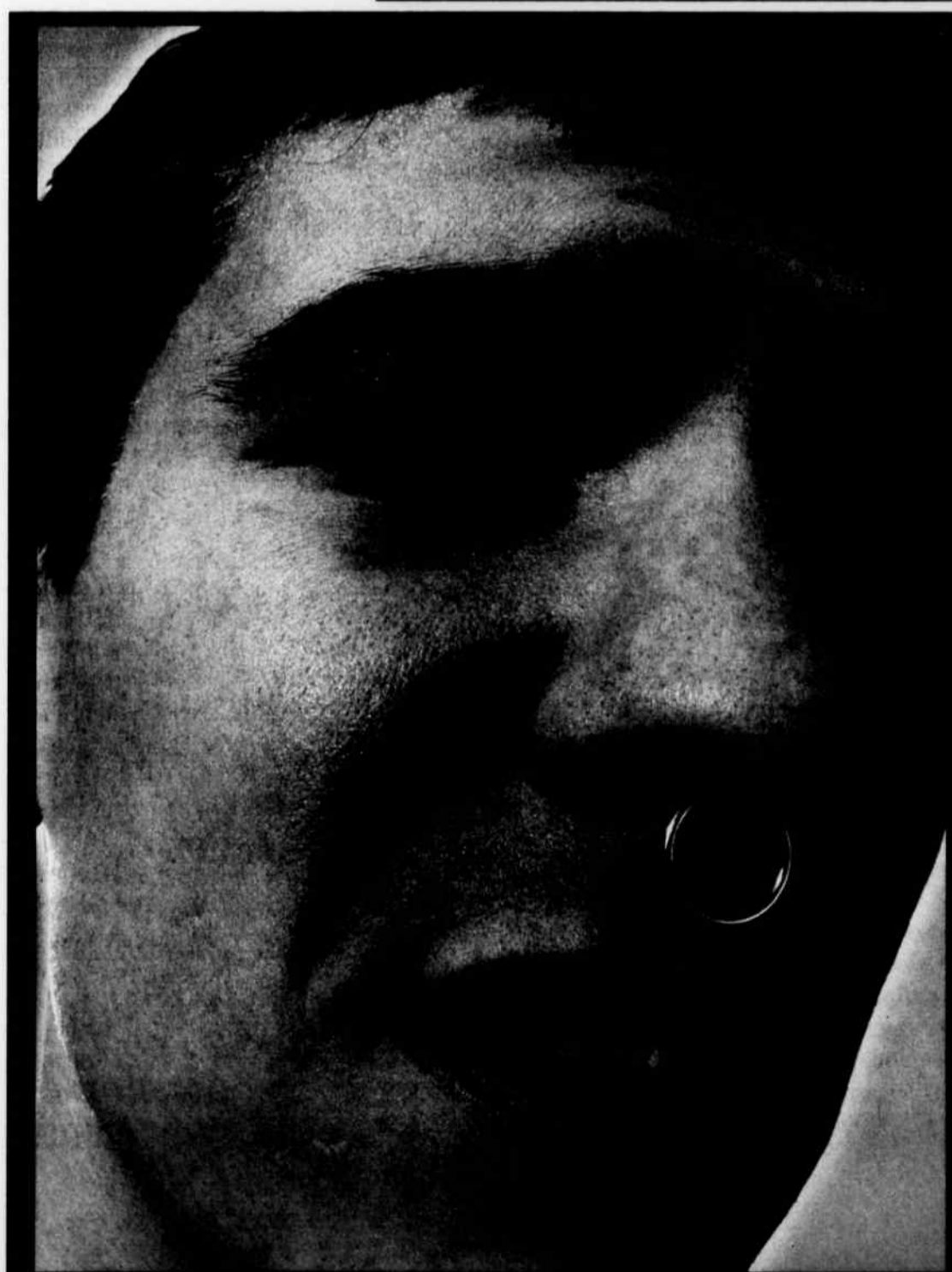
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Living at Disney World

Deanna Lambert
Guest Writer

Walt Disney World is an American symbol. Most Americans at some point in their lives will vacation at the happiest place on Earth! For some, we visit as children where the magic of Disney is most real and alive to us who believe in that indescribable magic that Disney is notorious for creating. Others visit later in life, perhaps experiencing Walt Disney World for the first time, with their own children. Even then the magic is still alive as we watch and see it through the eyes of our children.

With all the clutter and chaos of the real world, who wouldn't want to escape reality for a while and visit the Magic Kingdom? Better yet, who would like to live in this "magical bubble world" for four to seven months? If you're interested, read on. This is just the opportunity I took advantage of this past spring.

Last fall I went to an informational session about The Disney College Program held here on campus. I had heard about the experience through other friends who had done the program, but wanted to hear the information for myself. I attended the hour-long session and at the end, signed up to interview with a Disney representative the next day. I had no idea what I was about to get myself into—the best experience of my college career!

To make a long story short, I interviewed, Disney sent me an offer to work for them as an Attraction Hostess and a few months after that interview, I was driving twelve hours away from home for the first time not only to live in a new place, but also live in the happiest place on Earth!

When I arrived in Florida, I knew no one, but that

quickly changed as I went to orientation where all the other college programmers were arriving from all over the U.S. and even other countries to experience Disney firsthand. The College Program has been in existence since the 1980s and has proven to be a successful program in the past and a growing program for the future. During the College Program experience, you "live, learn and earn" Disney, as the slogans like to say.

The living component was probably my most favorite part. I had seven other roommates in a four-bedroom apartment. Yeah, sometimes this was difficult, but from this experience I learned how to compromise with others differences. The whole community of apartments was all college program kids. The hot Florida sun made the pool a popular spot during off days. Or beaches like Cocoa or Clearwater were close enough to make the drive and be back in enough time to go to Disney's nightlife attraction, Pleasure Island!

I worked at EPCOT in the Universe of Energy attraction. I had the power to push the buttons to keep the ride running or, if need be, stop it for safety reasons. I spied to shows of over 400 guests, saying the famous Disney line, "Please no eating, drinking, smoking, or use of flash photography while on this ride!" Work was always interesting. I enjoyed meeting and interacting with all kinds of guests from all over the world! It always felt nice to do something special, or as Disney says, create a "magical moment" to make a family's vacation just a little more special!

I even learned a few things while having so much

fun at Disney too! An educational component of the program is offered and I highly recommend using this feature. There are about seven different classes offered to take at Disney and UNCG has an excellent program worked out so that up to fifteen hours of credit could be received while at Disney! I took a Communications class at Disney and the first day of class we took a field trip—where else but EPCOT, where we learned about the history of communication, Disney style! Disney has so much to offer to us college kids through the program—work, a place to live, and even college credit, but not to mention all the other wonderful things you will bring back with you from Disney—the great friendships. I had an overwhelmingly great time while at Disney World and the best part about it was that I lived there and it wasn't just a vacation. If all this sounds interesting and fun to you, come visit this year Disney College Program information session this Thursday, November 8, 2001 at 6PM in the Bryan Auditorium. Disney recruiters will be present to set up interviews for the following day.

An anonymous graduate of the Spring 2001 Disney College Program once wrote to me and said, "I have asked myself many times if I knew that it was going to be this hard to leave, would I have gone? Of I course I would. I'd go every day of the week and twice on Thursdays (because that is Pleasure Island night). Although we are now all spread out among different places, in my heart I will always be in that happy place with my friend, memories, and that priceless, indescribable MAGIC!"

Free Love: Trick or Treat!

John Russell
Staff Writer

Admit it: We all know Halloween is the sexiest holiday of them all. We all look forward to it. It's what Valentine's Day should be.

However, I did not expect this year's debauchery to begin with pumpkin carving. I attended Mary Foust's annual "Pizza and Pumpkins" contest this year expecting to see kids bobbing for apples, carving pumpkins, and wolfing down the free pizza. It's that kind of family friendly event.

But this year I was pleasantly surprised to find one team getting semi-kinky with their pumpkin. Kudos to Shelly, Erin, Sheila and Co. for their design. Instead of the ubiquitous jack-o-lantern face, they rendered a scene worthy of the classiest soft-core skin rag: a strapping lad reclining on his forearms while his lady approaches him on all fours, her head about to dive between his legs. The team didn't win the grand prize, but they were awarded the special title of "Most Disturbing Pumpkin." Congrats, ladies.

The most frustrating part of Halloween is deciding exactly what to do. Franklin Street is over. Honestly, who wants to drive all the way to Chapel Hill to go around in the freezing cold amidst drunken UNC frat boys? The fact that Halloween fell on a Wednesday this year didn't really help matters. It seemed everyone was more concerned with getting to class the next morning than celebrating the holiday properly.

With no concrete plans as of Monday night, my friend Lucas decided to throw his own party. Last minute parties are always the best. Too much planning too far in advance tends to spoil the actual event. By the time the date arrives you're already sick of it. So in a day and a half Lucas threw together what was probably the best Halloween party I've ever been to.

The house was packed by 10 o'clock. Lucas said that he hoped not to know anyone who came, so he simply invited everyone he saw for two days. The only requirement was that you either wear a costume or get naked. I was disappointed to find that this rule was not strictly enforced. However, some of the costumes made up

for the lack of nudity. Here they are: the top five sexiest Halloween costumes for 2001.

It seems like there were at least 20 Tyler Durden's at the party. But coming in at number five on our list is Neil White as everyone's favorite imaginary friend. While no one will ever compare to the one and only Brad Pitt, Neil did pretty well. It was a rare treat to see him in an ultra tight polyester disco shirt that showed off his surprisingly buff physique. He even shaved his head à la post Fight Club Tyler.

Another pleasant surprise came from Gretchen Smith, whose "Disco Diva" costume was in fact a last minute decision. She had originally intended to go as Mary Tyler Moore, but instead opted for a tight halter dress with a split up the front and a very low neckline. She had a hard time getting guys to look her in the eyes that night. A pair of strappy heels and that irresistibly playful Gretchen wit completed the ensemble.

Our number three slot goes to Lisa Ellisor who arrived dressed as one of our host's tattoos. She gets points both for creativity and straight-up raunchiness. The tattoo in question is of an anime style nun in a corset, heels, and fishnets. Lisa's version included a leather bondage miniskirt and flawlessly slutty makeup.

At number two we have a pair of voluptuous ladies clothed only in plastic wrap. When my friends Sara and Chrys told me of their costumes, I must admit I was skeptical. But when I actually saw what their vision realized, I was speechless. Instead of the clear plastic mess I had envisioned, Chrys arrived in a bright blue skirt and a yellow uni-strapped top. Sara sported a tube dress that faded from deep purple into transparent rose. It was hard for the duo to move (much less get to the bathroom) but they made it work.

And finally, the number one sexiest Halloween costume goes to Lucas as the Big Bad Wolf. Maybe it's just me, but there's something about a guy in a fur coat and an evil wolf grin that makes me wanna go "Woof!" He can huff and puff and blow my house in anytime.

Book Review: Did You Call Me Honkey?

Emily Price
Staff Writer

This week's book is titled simply: Honkey. I must say that the title is predominantly what drew me to selecting the book for my article. I am actually fairly confident that if I had encountered the book in any bookstore or coffee table I would have been inclined to pick it up and skim through a few pages, just to see what it was about.

So what is Honkey about? Essentially it is a memoir of author Dalton Conley on "growing up as a white kid in a largely poor black and Hispanic Neighborhood." Conley grew up in the seventies as one of the few white kids in a housing project on the lower east side of New York City. You get a good sense for the book from the preface: "Ask any African American to list the adjectives that describe

them and they will likely put black or African American at the top of the list. Ask someone of European descent the same question and white will be far down the list, if it's there at all. Not so for me. I've studied whiteness the way I would a foreign language."

From his out-of-the-ordinary experiences growing up, he has written a slew of books, Honkey being one of them. Conley has also taught African American studies at Yale University as well as teaching at Princeton and NYU.

When asked why he decided to write the book, Conley responded, "I have a bit of the mad scientist in me as a professor. I like to do experiments and mess with my student's minds. The experiment I would really like to do is take twins and raise one in the inner city and one in the

rich suburbs. It would be better if I could have quadruplets and make two black and two white, but otherwise identical."

Conley is concerned predominantly with race and class. We can see in Conley the effects of growing up as a minority in the home of minorities. The view Conley takes is interesting and his book is well worth the read. To me it seemed like one of those books that you would be reading for a class, yet at the same time it was interesting and had you hooked. It was like an entertaining psychology book. Conley looks at where we come from as a definition of who we are, and who we become.

The book puts an interesting twist at looking at race and how it defines and shapes our lives. It's a great read and can give everyone a different look at who they are.

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The other side of the coin is that *Monsters, Inc.* doesn't have quite as much bite as previous Pixar films. *Toy Story* had that winking sarcasm of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen, and watching the love/hate relationship between those two blossom made it more palatable to adults. While *Monsters, Inc.* is certainly a good movie for anyone, it takes special care to cater to the younger set, so don't be surprised if, as a college student, you have to process more warm fuzzies than you've had to since kindergarten. This isn't a negative by any means. Contrarily, it is unbelievably comforting to see a film that can entertain any audience without one double entendre, and to know that at least one company can still make a kid's movie that kids will want to watch in 15 years.

Monsters, Inc. is playing at the Grande in Friendly Center. Call 297-0722 for more information and show times.

A Call to Action

When The Carolinian took a stand last week, denouncing Anthony Harvath's "Crimes Against Nature" charge as archaic and homophobic, the campus stood up with us.

90% of respondents to the Carolinian online poll believe that Harvath should not receive a graver charge for committing the same crime Christy Thigpen is facing based solely on his homosexuality.

Student organizations, however, have remained apallingly silent on the issue. Besides UNCG PRIDE!, no organization has made a formal denouncement - or any statement at all, for that matter.

Last year, SGA passed a resolution to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause, but this year Anthony Harvath is openly persecuted for his homosexuality without so much as a whisper.

Any group's silence on this issue should be regarded as a slap in the face to the campus' gay community and should be intolerable to any conscientious student.

This is the chance for SGA - and every member group - to take a stand on an issue of importance to the campus and to stand up for a minority organization that does more for its members than most other groups on campus - and just happens to have the largest membership of any recognized group on campus.

Write resolutions, spearhead a letter-writing campaign, pursue action on the non-discrimination clause, use president LaToya Tate's position at ASG and on our own Board of Governors to send the message that discrimination will not be tolerated at UNCG in any form.

Homophobia is just as disgusting as racism, sexism or religious discrimination and The Carolinian challenges every group to show their distaste.

Take action now to provide a tolerant environment for all students regardless of their sexual orientation. Show with your actions - and the actions of your group - that UNCG is about diversity, community and unity.

This is the first step - take it with us.

PRIDE's position statement on crimes against nature charges on Anthony Harvath

In accordance with article II sections 1 and 2 of the PRIDE constitution (which reads, in paraphrase, that we work to overcome existing phobias against our community and to promote awareness of GLBTA culture, history and issues) we wish to denounce the charges of crimes against nature imposed upon UNCG student Anthony Harvath. We feel that this charge demonstrates a violation of human rights and allows the judicial community to institute a felony charge on Mr. Harvath based on his sexual orientation or activity. We feel that it is unfair that

Harvath was charged with a felony for his actions based solely on the same sex nature of the event, while a similar event committed in a female-male encounter yields only a misdemeanor charge. We feel that the criminal "justice" system is stacking the charges against Harvath in a homophobic gesture toward the GLBTA community. These crimes against nature laws are archaic and discriminatory towards the GLBTA community and domestic partners. We feel that a progressive stance should be made against these archaic and discriminatory laws.



Students, alumni and community members who attended the November 6 SGA meeting. The only way for student government to represent the students is for the students to voice their concerns.



PRIDE! for issuing a position statement against Anthony Harvath's "crimes against nature" charge.



Anthony Harvath for coming forward with his story. Silence is death.



The Delta Sigma Phi and Beta Theta Pi chapter at Alabama's Auburn University for their racist Halloween party. Take a look at the photos at www.Tolerance.org.

Should UNCG include sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause?

Log on to www.carolinianonline.com to cast your vote

What? Is that all you've got?



Joe Wilbur
Senior Writer

"If you let them silence you, well you might as well just climb into the coffin. Silence is death. I keep talking because I'm alive and I like being alive."

- Lenny Bruce

Anthony Harvath decided to break his silence this week to talk to the Carolinian. At first I wasn't sure what would make someone who'd been through so much already go out of his way to talk to a reporter. Then I began to talk to him.

If you've read articles in the News and Record and The Carolinian about Anthony Harvath you probably have the same image of the kid I did - some twisted sex freak (perhaps a hunchback, even) cowering in a small room behind his computer, searching feverishly online for men to pleasure for money. Well - you've heard everyone's story but his, so how else would you see him?

In the end Anthony's just another kid with friends, relatives, hobbies - a life like yours or mine. Beyond checking his e-mail and talking with his friends on IM he barely touches his computer. Oh - no hunchback, either.

One night a guy IMed Anthony to tell him he liked the picture in his AOL Profile. They talked for a while and then...well...let me let Anthony tell you...

"An attractive guy offered me

\$150 to let him suck my dick," Harvath told me. "I don't know a lot of broke college students that wouldn't jump on something like that."

That's right, folks. You didn't read me wrong. \$150 to have an orgasm.

Would anybody jump on it? Surely not. But you do have to ask yourself...

Well, all right...I had to ask MYSELF.

A gorgeous girl walks up to me and says:

"Please sir, let me pleasure you...and here's a fist full of cash..."

What do I say? What do I do?

In the end I decided my only response would be:

"Do I have to hold the cash while you pleasure me? I mean - I'm going to be trying to concentrate here..."

But seriously folks - Anthony Harvath is a kid with ambitions, passions, thoughts and feelings - a real, live, breathing human being - who got caught enjoying sex and money.

And what's more he's a hell of a guy.

"I'm just like anybody else," Harvath told me. "I want to be something - I have goals. When this whole thing happened I could have dropped out of school. But I stayed. I wasn't going to let something like this derail me and where I want to go. Not everybody would have done that but it was important

to me to keep going."

I know people who can't get out of bed in the morning to go to their 11 o'clock class because they're so drunk or high or just plain lazy they'd rather lay there, stinking up their small rooms, while mommy and daddy pick up the tab.

This kid woke up one morning to be told he was a felon for being who he is - a homosexual - and have his name and picture plastered on front pages and televisions for days on end. This kid woke up to find his whole world in pieces when his parents heard their son was gay for the first time from strangers on the telephone. This kid is being gawked at and whispered about in every corner of this campus and in places far beyond. And what's he worried about? His education. His future. Moving forward.

It's enough to make you understand, in the end, why he couldn't stay silent. It's enough to make you understand why letting the world hear the cops' story wasn't enough. It's enough to make you understand why he somehow summoned the strength to come forward with all he did - even if you can't quite understand how.

Well - good job, Anthony. Sometimes when the world knocks you to your knees and spits in your face you have to smile up at it, grab it by the balls and say: "What? Is that all you've got?"

That's just what you've done.

Let's see if this campus follows suit...

Legalized Bigotry



Andrew Strickland
Staff Writer

An obsolete law, suddenly resurrected from its discriminatory and misinformed origin, was used in the Ragsdale/Mendenhall prostitution bust—the "crimes against nature" felony charge. Buried under a massive heap of literature, either on paper or in cyberspace, lies an antiquated rule when, once used, proves illogical.

But don't misconstrue my position. PROSTITUTION IS BAD. THIS IS NOT PROMOTING PROSTITUTION. Rather, I applaud the exposure of this dreadful and embarrassing crime on our campus. I believe it is morally reprehensible to treat yourself or someone else as a mere sexual means. I believe prostitution undermines the purpose of a university. I believe that prostitution poses a health threat to self and others, as walking petri dishes created by prostitution tend to do. But what I believe makes little difference in the real issue at hand, the illegitimacy of a few added charges based on irrelevant characteristics.

The prostitution

charge rests only as a misdemeanor charge for both person involved. Anthony Harvath, however, was charged with an extra felony crime, that of "crimes against nature"—one that, if convicted, likely carries with it additional jail time.

What differentiates these two crimes? What makes it more illegal to prostitute oneself to the same sex than the the opposite sex? Ah, that's right. The charge itself says it all, right? Harvath committed a crime against nature. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, the defense resigns to the prosecution—that's a damn good argument, isn't it?

Doubtful. There is a semantics problem. How do you define "nature" or "natural"? WHO defines those terms? Some contend that "natural" simply means the characteristics shared by the majority of the populous. Aren't left-handed people in the minority? How about Canadians? It's what I've suspected—left-handed Canadians are unnatural.

Makes no sense, right? Neither does the argument previously mentioned. Just because some characteristic is enjoyed by a majority does

not make it moral or immoral—there is no relation between the two.

Many often use the term "disorderly" to describe homosexuality, again a vague term that needs clarification and further understanding. Others contend that homosexuality is unhealthy. Indeed, it was previously believed that homosexuality was some form of mental illness; however, advances in psychiatric medicine have reversed that view entirely.

Let's play Devil's Advocate for a while. Let's ask the logical as it may be) that homosexuality IS immoral. Does that have any relationship to a homosexual's treatment under the law? I'm sure many would agree that infidelity in marriage IS immoral. But it's not illegal. Quite frankly, attempting to make the act illegal would likely pose a constitutional threat. What would we do, monitor private homes? The morality/immorality of some act or characteristic has no relationship to its consideration in legal proceedings. It's simple equal consideration under the United States laws. That's all I ask, and I'm sure many would agree that's not too extreme of a demand.

Last week's Poll Results

Should Anthony Harvath face the added charge of crimes against nature?

YES 10%

NO 90%

Results based on student poll at www.carolinianonline.com

SGA shows improvement despite difficult times

James Bryan

Staff Writer

You can blame SGA for a lot of things, but you can't blame them for trying. That's exactly what they were doing in their last meeting--trying to fix what media, current delegates, past delegates and everyday students all pointed to as glaring flaws. The result was a painfully long meeting full of bickering and finger pointing--but with the redeeming quality of true improvement.

The improvement came in three respects, actually doing something, empowering delegates and solid leadership. Much of the credit goes to Vice President Carisa Stanley who showed a stark difference in her chairing practices. Apologizing for mistakes in the previous week, asking for help, practicing restraint and taking control were all forms of her improvement. Her restraint, humility and knowledge show clearly her dedication to the duty and obligations she assumed with office.

A delegate workshop was the highlight of improvements. By teaching delegates their role, rights and responsibilities, the SGA leadership empowered the Assembly. Instead of letting the fate of SGA rest on their own shoulders, SGA leadership have given the Assembly the ability to know how to conduct business. A month prior to semester's end may have been horribly late for such a necessary workshop--but it was nonetheless a vast improvement.

President LaToya Tate attempted to improve as well, and did to some extent but not to the magnitude that Stanley has over the past month. In the President's Report Tate listed

SGA's accomplishments and new goals, a valid first step in leadership. What was lacking was still a sense of direction for the Assembly, rather than positions handed to them. The report was missing the liaison role that the President serves for the students. Tate should add information regarding ASG, Faculty Senate, Staff Council, Board of Trustees and various other meetings for which she serves as the student voice.

Tate did highlight a few concrete issues, although most were either reactionary or simply not great stretches from the norm. Tackling the idea of racial profiling is excellent, but should have been continued from two years ago when the Attorney General's office held campus forums on the matter. The idea of increasing SGA's funding is also valid, but the direction is all wrong.

To increase SGA's funding Tate admits the body's problems in appropriating funds, but this is inconsequential to the matter. Instead SGA should focus on the allocation of student fees, and how with increased enrollment SGA does not receive a proportionate increase in funds. The University administration uses Full Time Enrollment (FTE) as a basis for its funding, and that should be good enough for SGA as well. Tate should take a lesson from ASG, who is seeking to procure a flat \$1 fee from each of the 150,000+ UNC students. Demand \$10 per student and forget worrying about proving ourselves worthy each year--SGA's worth is proven with each organization and student it funds.

Finance is an area of improvement for SGA--where SGA needs improvement, has

improved and is still improving. Most of that comes from the Finance Chair Chris Young, who once again showed his ability to lead last meeting. Learning from the football club incident, Young has taken the initiative to invite outside presence at his upcoming committee meeting. The meeting itself is proof of improvement, as Young is spearheading a movement to reform appropriations into a numerical merit system.

SGA has had a difficult time accepting dissent in the previous month, but it now appears willing and ready to deal with such occurrences. That ability stems from a new dedication to solve problems instead of hiding them, to fix rather than make excuses. Whether it is media, past members, SG members from neighboring schools or just everyday students--SGA seems to be getting more heat. They are being tested, but with each test they gain experience and stand a better chance of actually accomplishing something.

There are three components to success in SGA: leadership, ability and action. The leadership is nearly there--with Tate reporting back information the necessary next step. The groundwork for ability was laid out with the delegate workshop--although more is needed. And action was finally taken when SGA passed their first resolution of the year. Together these three aspects are the formula for success. Indications are good that they will happen--shown when delegate Jack Southard requested a matter of personal importance be given to the Current Concerns Committee

Nuclear Weapons Not The Answer In War Against Afghanistan

**Kevin Harvey**

Staff Writer

This column is a response to a column written by one Cal Thomas of the Chicago Tribune. In order for you to fully appreciate this column, I will pause now while you find a copy last Friday's News and Record and read Mr. Thomas' column, titled U.S. Should Consider a Nuclear Strike, on page A17.

All I can say is wow. Has this guy had a history class before? Because if he has--assuming he passed it--then he must not be reading the papers he writes for.

Now since you probably haven't read this article for yourself, I'll try to give you an objective summary. I picked it up after doing a double take walking by the paper that sat open to the article on a table at a local coffee shop. Mr. Thomas begins with a statement that Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz gave warning of an eminent large-scale biological attack from Al Qaida on either America or Britain. His argument is that Bush should consider elevating the attack on Taliban forces to a nuclear level. He goes on to justify his argument with similarities between WWII Japan and the current Taliban: both hide in caves, both fight with religious fervor inspired by their leader, both use suicide bombers. Furthermore, he relates that the Taliban, like the Japan of yesteryear, started the war and will not give up without killing as many Americans ("every man, woman, and child") as they can.

Now, in case you haven't noticed it already, there is one gigantic problem with Cal's argument. We are not fighting the Taliban because they have used terrorism against us. The reason we are fighting the Taliban is

because they will not help us in searching for Osama bin Laden, the man responsible for the September 11 attacks.

Let's address his ill-drawn similarities between the Taliban and 1940s Japan. Not to put too fine of a point on it, but they're just wrong. The similarities he presents do exist between early twentieth-century Japan and the forces of Osama bin Laden. However, bin Laden's forces are not a government and have no constituency to which they have to answer. They are not representative of Afghan people, and therefore, ideologically, dropping a nuclear bomb on Taliban forces would be like nuking California to kill Charles Manson, or nuking Georgia to kill Pat Buchanan.

More generally, Mr. Thomas, throughout his article, praised President Truman for his decision to drop the bomb on Japan, and I agree with him. That choice saved a lot of American lives. However, the context of that decision has one major difference from ours: namely, the availability of weapons of mass destruction to any major country in the world. Right now, support for our efforts in Afghanistan from Middle Eastern countries is a bit shaky. When we drop our bomb and annihilate Afghanistan, who's to say that one of their allies won't return fire?

The inaccuracies within Mr. Thomas' article are quite sensational. At first they are shocking, then humorous, and finally nauseating. It is truly frightening to find such blatant disregard for fact within a newspaper article, even if it is an opinion column. I hope that if, God forbid, America actually does consider to use a nuclear weapons in Afghanistan, that they will take more care in their decision than Cal did in writing his article.

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Letters to the editor

Racial Profiling Happens

This letter is in response to the letter written by Josh Miller about his Ride-Along Program with UNCG police and how it was such a rewarding experience. I believe some of his statements were ignorant.

What did he expect while riding with the police? Were they suppose to say, "Look, there's a black person in a nice car, let's get him!" Of course not, don't be dumb!

I am very familiar with many officers on this campus and not all of them are racist, but you have a few. Those few are making the whole department look bad in my eyes. Now, whether Josh is white or black, until he has been

stopped by two racist cops at 4:00 in the morning and questioned for 45 minutes about where we were "really" coming from when there is a box of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts in plain view...Don't speak on it!

Yes, three friends and I were stopped, never asked for our IDs, but our male friends were told to get out of the car and flashlights were shined in my face and the face of my female friend. They were threatening to arrest me for "obstructing an officer" when all I was doing was questioning them like they were questioning those who were with me.

I refuse to let them scare me, which was all they were trying to do. Why question only these two young

black men?

So until all this happens to you while coming back from Krispy Kreme, or maybe something less dramatic, but still leaves you feeling like an injustice has made against you by people who are supposed to be getting the "Bad Guys" and protecting the "Good Guys," don't tell me that nothing wrong goes on in the Police Department. Don't tell me that racial profiling does not exist on this campus. If you really feel that way, Josh, then you are sadly mistaken and maybe you should walk a couple days in my shoes, or better yet, ride with me in my car.

-Patrice Featherstone

Sexual Content in Newspaper Inappropriate

After reading the recent article in the 1 November 2001 issue of the "Carolinian" I was quite shocked that a newspaper of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro would allow the article by Mr Russel depicting a sexual encounter to be published. I receive the "Wall Street Journal" and do not recall ever seeing an article of that nature in it or any other newspaper. I believe the article was in very poor taste and did not deserve to be published.

In addition I have noticed in the past couple of issues of the "Carolinian" that

there were a number of articles by more than one reporter concerning the UNCG Police Department. I am not sure that if all of these stories just happen to surface at once or if this is a personal attack against them. I believe that a newspaper is not a place to make personal attacks and Mr. Wilbur's article in the 4 October 2001 issue entitled "Cops to Black Students: Bend Over" where he called the Chief of Police a "bastard" was uncalled for. I truly think that they do an excellent job and have noticed that they are trying to get more involved with the students.

-Edward F. Parnell the IV

Football

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"Each organization can sponsor a game and raise money, maybe work security."

"[Club foot ball] gives us the chance to represent the other organizations at an intercollegiate level, instead of intramural," said Sardone.

"This gives us a chance to come together and actually accomplish something together," said Sardone, "this isn't something that will define the school, it's something that will help the school define itself."

Sardone shrugged off a recent Carolinian online poll showing that 92% of respondents disagreed with the SGA's funding of club football.


Sardone explained that the

average Carolinian reader isn't indicative of the average student.

"A normal student would not consider the Carolinian a forum for expressing their opinions," said Sardone, "the majority of people who read the paper are people who are active and involved on campus."

With no numbers to back up his group's claims of student support, however, Sardone is left to wonder if a silent majority actually supports club football.

"We're looking into taking a poll, definitely," said Sardone. "But it doesn't bother us because a majority of students isn't needed to get money from the discretionary fund."



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CRIME ALERT

From the Greensboro and UNCG Police Departments



The Greensboro and UNCG Police Departments have been investigating a large number of larcenies from motor vehicles in the area on and around the UNCG campus. While both departments are conducting surveillance and special patrols in the area, we want to take this opportunity to remind you that you are your own best protection against theft. You can assist our departments best by following the advice listed below and reporting suspicious to the police immediately.

Statistics show more thefts occur when valuables are left in plain view and from unlocked vehicles than in any other circumstances. The following list of helpful tips could prevent you or a loved one from becoming a victim:

- REMOVE ALL VALUABLES FROM YOUR VEHICLE (pocketbooks, briefcases, compact discs, cell phones)
- LOCK YOUR VEHICLES AT ALL TIMES
- PARK IN WELL-LIGHTED AND LEGAL AREAS

We also encourage you to obey all parking regulations and to report suspicious persons or activities.

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SGA

said Pankey. "I meant no disrespect but I thought it could be greatly improved."

Pankey tussled with the President, Vice President and Parliamentarian about parliamentary Procedure, SGA programs and finances and "business professionalism."

"If you want to run things professionally you do things a certain way," said Pankey. "Your Parliamentarian should be running the meeting and not the Vice President, and he should be holding that gavel. Furthermore, he should know his parliamentary procedure so he doesn't have to look into his book every time there's a question."

President Latoya Tate addressed SGA's recent problems in her Presidential Report.

Spy

come anonymously. Going into their computers was a big part of building the case."

While police are sticking to the anonymous tip story, they now admit they used a court order to read private e-mail, see Internet sites the two visited and get various other information from their computers.

"We did get a court order to see that information a few weeks before the arrest," said Lt. Paul Lester of the UNCG Police. "We read their chat files, saw their subscriber content and e-mails. As for how we found out - it might have been the man they turned away. We don't know who it was, really."

This new information calls into question the validity of the police's "anonymous tip" story, and makes Harvath wonder whether the police could look at anyone's e-mail whenever they want.

"I felt violated by it," said Harvath. "If it was an anonymous tip it could have come from anywhere and could be completely false. Anyone can say anything about anyone. Can they look through my Internet records just to be sure?"

The idea of police sifting through students' computer files before they've been charged with anything made several students uncomfortable.

"It doesn't exactly make me feel very safe as a student at UNCG," said Tadd Adcox, a sophomore. "It makes me wonder if they could do that to me if they wanted to. Could someone say something about me and they could just go onto my computer to find out?"

"It really makes me doubt the whole 'anonymous tip' thing the cops are saying," said Adcox. "I think they must have had other information."

Some said they felt disappointed UNCG let the police have free reign.

"I wonder if [the University] worked with them when I think about it," said Josh Wynne, a mem-

"We are humans and we will make mistakes," said Tate. "But we are in the process of working to build a solid foundation."

Tate outlined her group's accomplishments - from increasing visibility to working with police to end racial profiling - and also accepted the group's weaknesses.

"One of our goals has been to manage and allocate our funds consistently," said Tate. "And to be quite honest we haven't accomplished this goal. But we're researching a process to help us fix this problem."

Tate also explained the reason SGA hasn't been reaching into the community this year.

"To be quite honest we've had problems with our own house," said Tate. "How can you go into the community when you don't have

your own house in order? That's what we've been concentrating on. That's what we're doing right now."

"I want any students who have questions or concerns to contact me," said Tate. "I can't promise I'll always have all the answers, but I will work to find the answers."

In a special order speech Jay Hawkins, delegate from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., had the last word.

"I've sat through SGA meetings longer than this," said Hawkins. "We're here to take initiative and to do that we've got to start looking at our rules and watching ourselves more."

"We started off on the wrong foot this year," said Hawkins. "But now we need to start coming together to make this a positive year."

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Confession

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at the time like I kept asking for I'm sure I'd be in a lot less trouble right now."

UNCG police refuse to comment on the case and refused to confirm or deny Harvath's accusations.

"There are things that newspapers and the public have a right to know about how we handle cases," said Lt. Paul Lester. "That line of questioning is not something that falls under that. We don't discuss investigations with the press."

One officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, agreed to discuss the case.

"I don't know a lot about what happened," said the officer. "But I do know that [Harvath] asked for a lawyer when they interrogated him and he didn't get one. I know that much is true. They really shouldn't have signed anything without being given a lawyer."

When Harvath and Thigpen were arrested two weeks ago, it seemed an open and shut case. Police charged that the pair solicited men in online chat rooms and invited them to their dorm room for sex at \$100 a head.

Police said an anonymous tip led to the students being brought in for questioning, confessing and being arrested. Harvath and Thigpen didn't argue with the police's story when it hit the papers - they'd gone underground, leaving campus and refusing to talk about the case.

But in his first interview since the arrest, Harvath said the case was anything but simple.

"First of all it wasn't an anonymous tip," said Harvath. "They got their information from a guy Christy met online and wouldn't have sex with. He began to harass us and said he was going to turn us in. Then when he did [turn us in], he told us about it. We knew it was him."

According to Harvath,

Thigpen agreed to meet the man but wasn't attracted to him. When she said she wouldn't have sex with him, he refused to leave and screamed obscenities at her. Soon afterward he began harassing them constantly. Harvath said they contacted the campus police, but nothing came of it.

"When he told them what he knew they sort of shifted and began thinking about us," said Harvath. "But they told us they were investigating the case and would call us to talk about it. The whole time they were looking at our Internet files to see who we'd talked to and where we'd been and trying to get something on us."

Police now admit that for weeks before the arrest they were investigating the pair and going through their Internet records.

Word of Harvath's story disturbed some students on campus.

"I think the prostitution is small potatoes compared to the way the cops got confession out of them," said Connie Lugo, a senior. "I've always felt safe at UNCG but I'm not sure how safe I feel if we've got police officers violating peoples' rights."

Chancellor Patricia Sullivan said she had no knowledge of the police's investigation, or the interrogation of the students.

"I didn't know anything about it," said Sullivan. "It was a police investigation, so there's no reason I really would have, until the day they were arrested."

Sullivan said she just hoped that Harvath and Thigpen can put this behind them.

"I think these students realize they made a mistake," said Sullivan. "I just hope that from now on they get the help and support they need to put this behind them and move on, to get on with their lives."

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ber of UNCG PRIDE. "I think if you let the police have that kind of information whenever they want it you don't know where it's going to stop and they can know anything about us whenever they want."

According to Lester the police didn't even have to work with the University to gain entry to the students' computer files, and the investigation went on without the knowledge of UNCG administration.

"We didn't have to tell the University anything, because we ARE the University," said Lester. "Their computers were in their dorm, but their connections were through AOL and we had the authority under our court order."

Chancellor Patricia Sullivan denied any knowledge of an investigation and said her office didn't aid the police.

"The first I heard about it was the day they were arrested," said Sullivan. "I never had any knowledge of any ongoing investigation. I wouldn't have that information. The police would handle any investi-

gation."

Police refused to discuss the details of the case, but said going into computers isn't a totally uncommon procedure.

"It's something that we do at times, when we have a court order," said Lester. "It's not about spying on students. It's about protecting them."

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believe people can live the way they want to live. I think discrimination is discrimination, no matter what form it's in."

"I'm not saying I agree with homosexuality," said John Riddle, sophomore, "but getting fired for your sexual orientation is wrong."


"No one should be excluded from getting an education just because they happen to be gay," said Spencer Rhodes, junior.


Boiling the issue down to a final question, Singh seemed to have the last word.

"Why does our society fear homosexuality?" he asked. "Everybody has the basic right to be treated equally."

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