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IS major spending year on international study tour

BY ERISHA LIPFORD
Reporter

Virginia Lee, a junior Indisciplinary Studies major with a concentration in Emerging Culture Studies: Philosophy, Religion and Art, from Philadelphia is spending this academic year on an international study tour. She will make her rounds in Japan, Thailand, Bombay, Bangalore, India and Israel. Her tour is funded by The Friends World Tour Scholarship Program.

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Adrienne Bailey, a 1998 graduate from Columbus, Ohio is a 1998 Summer UTK McNair Fellow. She attended the Ronald McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program at the University of Tennessee where she partici-

pated in summer research.

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Shaneik Issac, a junior majoring in music education from Washington, D.C. toured Russia and the Baltic states for six weeks this summer as a member of the United Methodist Youth Chorale 1998. She will return this month to New York to complete a recording with her ensemble.

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Dorthea Taylor, a senior music education major from Marshville, NC served as an intern for the Bennett College-Greensboro Opera Camp for Middle Schoolers this past summer. The program coordinated music for the Humanities Summer Institute and conducted a workshop in Winston-Salem for members of her denomina-

tion this summer. She won a prize from a radio station for her singing during Fun Fourth.

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Jennifer Boone, a 1998 graduate participated as a vocalist in the Marilyn Hickey Crusade and the Rev. R.W. Shambach crusade. She sang with Alvin Slaughter Ministries to Brazil August 9-29, performing in the cities of Bel Horizonte, Rio de Janeiro, and Sao Paulo.

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Naima Barbour, a senior mass communications major from Fort Washington, Md is the 1998-99 recipient of the Triad Black Media Professionals scholarship. She will be honored at the annual banquet, Oct. 10.

The 411 about body piercing

BY DEANNA HARRIS
Staff Reporter

Throughout the years there have been many fads. The latest fad is not only hard to keep up with, but it is also painful.

Holes are now being placed in the various body parts such as tongues, navels, noses, eyebrows, nipples and the genital areas.

According to "A Parent's Guide to Body Piercing," an article about body piercing in the September 1996 issue of *Forbes Magazine*, people who come from different ethnic, social and economic backgrounds get body piercing.

"I wanted to get my tongue pierced, but my grandmother would kill me," said Aiyana Sledge, a sophomore mass communications major from Stanford, Conn.

Brandi Bradshaw, a sophomore psychology major from Brooklyn, said body piercing is okay as long as it is not being done to follow what everyone else is doing.

Six of the eight tattoos shops in Greensboro have technicians who specialize in body piercing.

Bam bam, a body piercing specialist at Backwoods Tattoo on McConnell Road says that the basic procedure for a tongue piercing is that you sign a consent form. "Then what I'll do is clamp your tongue, pierce it with a sterilized piercing needle, put the ring in and screw the barbell to the bottom and have you rinse afterwards." He

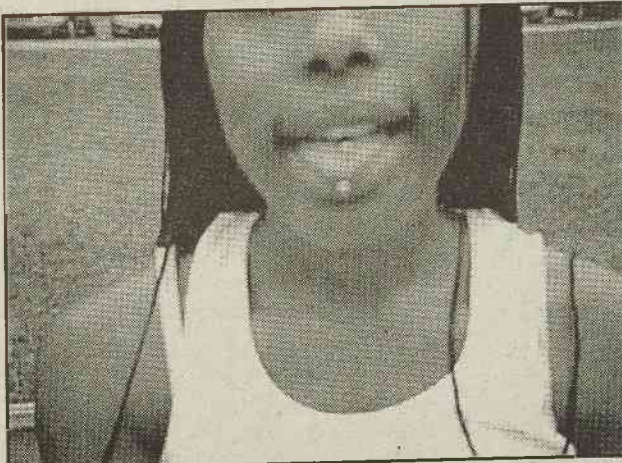
marks the area and pierces it with an 18-gauge needle. Terry said the whole process takes about three minutes and about six months for the piercing to fully heal.

The prices for a navel piercing can range from \$30 to \$35. Eyebrow piercing depending on the stud (gold or silver) used for piercing range from \$45 to \$60. Tongue piercing costs range from \$45 to \$65, and nose piercing prices range from \$35 to \$40.

The person doing the piercing should always wear gloves, according to "Body Piercing/ Now Infection is the Latest Trend" an article in *Forbes* May 1997.

The writer also suggests that the person piercing use sterilized needles and jewelry,

and make sure the gloves and needles are thrown away immediately after the procedure is completed. Body piercing involves the insertion of a needle into body parts supplied by major blood vessels and nerve endings. Therefore improper procedures can lead to serious health problems.



Shani Albert, a junior mass communications major from Los Angeles got her tongue pierced five years ago. Photo by Marie Smith, staff photographer.

said healing usually takes about six weeks for a tongue that has been pierced. For the first two weeks, he advises the patron to use a mouth wash after smoking, eating and kissing.

Terry, a tattoo artist at "Forever Yours," on South Elm Street said that in a navel piercing, the techni-



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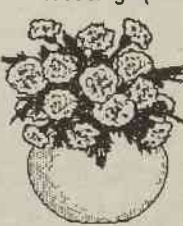
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