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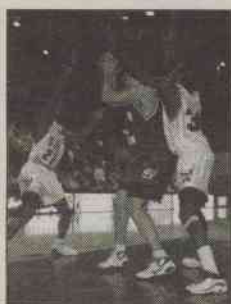
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Crossroads polling students on drug use

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Drug and alcohol use is frequently an issue on college campuses across the nation. Crossroads is polling students to raise awareness and gauge the perceptions students have about use and abuse on campus.

"We just want to find out whether it is an issue," said Sam Shover, Crossroads coordinator. "We want to get a clear picture of what's going on," Shover said.

The student polling is part of Crossroads' "In the Know" campaign. Their results will later become information that will update their campaign's posters.

"I don't think there is a drug or alcohol problem and if there is, people are being quiet about it," said Michael Clarke, freshman. "I haven't really heard of too many people getting caught."

Brandon Johnson, sophomore, agrees that drugs and alcohol are not a problem on campus.

"This is my first year here but I haven't heard of a drug problem, not to say that there isn't one," Johnson said. "But with any college there will be alcohol and marijuana use, and I've heard that ecstasy is the most popular drug at UNCW."

"What we've seen is not significantly different from past years, so I couldn't say if there is a problem or not," said Captain David Donaldson of the university police.

The UNCW Police Department does not have statistics from last year, but the statistics for the years of 1997-1999 show some increases in the drug and alcohol violations.

During these three years, the number of alcohol violations increased from 150 to 216, and finally



Drug use sparks concern across college campuses.

to 233 violations in 1999, while drug violations rose from 62 to 74 and to 109 violations in 1999. The largest statistical increase comes from drug arrests made during these years, which dropped slightly from 16 to 14 arrests made in 1997 and 1998. But in 1999, the number

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Dawson's Creek may be leaving UNCW

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For nearly three years, UNC Wilmington has had an exciting and fulfilling relationship with the hit Warner Brothers network television show "Dawson's Creek." However, the possibility exists that the relationship may soon be coming to an end.

The show's main characters are in their senior year of high school and are set to graduate at the conclusion of this season. Because it is not clear how the show plans to adjust, the future of "Dawson's Creek" at UNCW is uncertain.

David Hartley, one of the show's producers, said, "It's possible, but we don't know for sure." He said that the show may be set in Boston next year, but mentioned several possible locations for filming. "It's really up in the air," he said.

When the show shoots on campus, Alderman Hall is transformed into the fictitious Capeside High School,

where the characters of "Dawson's Creek" go to school. The show has filmed on various other locations on campus, such as Randall Library, Hanover Gym and Greene Track and Field, among others.

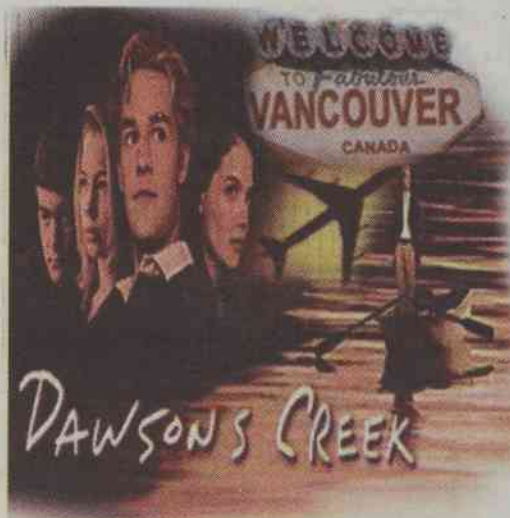


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"It's been great for us because we've been associated with Dawson's Creek," said Mimi Cunningham, assistant vice chancellor for university relations.

The show's presence has become a fixture on campus. Because of its relationship with the television show, the university has gained an increasing amount of national publicity. The school's name has found its way to nationwide magazines, newspapers and national television, as it appears on the Dawson's Creek credits.

Since the university has played an integral part in the show's taping, Cunningham said she has occasionally noticed "kids walking around with cameras." More often than not, they are visiting, hoping to find a glimpse of the show's stars on campus, she said.

"It's given us a little notoriety," said Dick Scott, assistant vice chancellor of business affairs.

Scott is the school's main liaison for "Dawson's Creek." He is primarily in charge of setting up dates and locations for on-campus shoots. His main objective when scheduling the show's shoots is to ensure that it does not interfere with

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