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## It's Spring <sup>and</sup> SMC is on the MOVE!



The soccer team gave its all before bowing to Miss Birch's alma mater.



Robin Bullard fought her way to a hard-earned victory over her Meredith opponent.

### Consequence Severe for Using Fake ID

Most Americans are anxious for their 21st birthday. Some are so anxious that they try to speed up the process by obtaining a false identification. Fake IDs are easy to obtain and can be gotten locally or through the mail. Many college students have them, but many do not realize the consequences of being caught with one.

The North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division (ALE) puts many clerks, bartenders, and bouncers through a rigid course, training them to recognize fake IDs. They also have undercover officers in and around many of Raleigh's bars, night-clubs, convenience and grocery stores.

Consequences of being caught:

1. A first-time offender (on possession of alcohol charges) can enter a community service program to clear his record, but only if no fake ID was used.
2. Purchasing, or attempting to purchase (alcohol) brings all those 18 and under a misdemeanor charge and loss of their driver's license for a year.
3. A 19- or 20-year-old caught with a fake ID and alcohol will get a misdemeanor charge and lose his license for a year, while a 19- to 20-year-old with alcohol but without a fake ID gets a \$10 fine and nothing on his record.
5. Those 21 and over who purchase for those under 21 can receive a \$2,000 fine, while the minor receives a \$500 fine.

-Lora Elder

### Hall Counselors: unsung heroines

By Carla Cherry

You may hear a hall counselor say, "Hey, you guys quiet down," or "Hurry up; it's almost time for lights-out," but you don't always get to see their work behind the scenes.

Time is something big that these girls devote to their jobs. They balance their time with attending hall meetings, serving parlor duty, planning hall socials, or ordering T-shirts. Hall counselors must constantly quiet down their halls or make sure that the rules are taken seriously.

There are several difficult experiences a counselor must face. A few of these may be to intermediate between a classmate and an adult, give advice at odd times, or write up a best

friend. Junior Leah McCotter claims, "Being a hall counselor and a friend has been one of my hardest challenges."

For their hard work, hall counselors receive numerous rewards in their hearts. They receive satisfaction after helping someone with a problem or when their halls have fun at a social planned by the counselors. One of the best rewards to senior Lindsay Luxton is "knowing that you're willing to do all that you can."

Hall counselors may feel sometimes that their hard work goes unnoticed, but that is not the case. Everyone recognizes their good attitudes and the effort they put forth. Without them, dorm life would be utter chaos.

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