

# And now featuring...

If you are a senior here at S&M, then you probably know who the two guys are outside skateboarding every day. If you are still a junior, you may not be as familiar with the guys I just mentioned. Regardless of grade, though, you may wonder what exactly they are doing and why. Recently, I talked with them to find out about their sport of choice: Skateboarding.

Seniors Jason Cade and Jordan Johnston are seen around campus daily perfecting various jumps and moves on their skateboards. Both began skating back in the small towns from where they originate simply because there was not much else to do. After learning that they have been skating for at least four years, I was curious as to why they are still interested in the sport. Jason and Jordan each had numerous answers including the thrill of accomplishment from learning something new, and the overall challenge to progress, to the feeling of going fast. "Another thing," Jason added, "is that you can do it anywhere...in the world. There's not always a football field...but there's always pavement..."

Next I wanted to know about some good and bad memories that Jason and Jordan had from skating over the years. Jason recalled one particular accident when "I was skating and my board came up and hit me in the cheek. [It] put a hole in my cheek and went all the way through so that I could put water in my mouth...and shoot [it] out of the side of my mouth." Jordan's reply was a bit more 'tongue-in-cheek':

"I never get hurt. I get everything perfect the first time."

One good memory they shared was the SPW project they worked on together last spring. For the entire week Jason and Jordan skated all around Durham and Raleigh, sometimes for eleven hours a day. Throughout the week they used the equipment from the media center to make a skateboarding video. For Jason, one definite advantage to filming is that "...you can bail something twenty times and not land it. Then, when you land it and put it [on film] and watch it back...you don't remember not landing it."

Currently, Jason and Jordan are starting a club named "Roll." The club will also include roller blading and roller skating. Essentially, they want to provide people who participate in any of the sports an opportunity to get together and go to roller rinks and other places to which it would normally be difficult to go. Anyone wanting to join does not need experience, and some equipment is being located for those who do not already own it.

Finally, I questioned the two about their ultimate goals for skating. Both Jason and Jordan had the same basic goal: to have fun skating and enjoy it.

The sport serves as a great release of all the stress and pressure that build up, especially at a school like S&M. Out of all the positive aspects of the sport emerges the primary objective: to be able to do it for as long as possible.

Kim Shankle



Jason and Jordan have turned skating into both as a release and for a SPW project.

## On the lighter side:

### Dear Raquel

The "Dear Raquel" column is a new feature to the *Stentorian*. But it can only survive through your letters. So if you want this to be a regular feature, send your letters to B360. These letters can be about relationships, beauty tips, eating habits, big painted buses, the easiest way to get to the park, and anything else you may have a question about, but are afraid to ask in person.

Please, no indecency, explicit sexual connotations, profanity, or anything my mother wouldn't approve of. I apologize, but due to various extenuating circumstances, not all letters will be printed. Thank you for your support.

Dear Raquel,

Since you must be such a cool beauty ...then I am sure that you will be able to help me with this most serious problem. I have a pimple (A ZIT!) right behind my ear. And, I have just recently become good friends (if you know what I mean) with this lady Janis...so, if we get intimate, I really don't want to be hindered by this mama of a balloon. But (here my dilemma gets really thick), I am afraid to pop it because someone told me my face would explode. Is this true?

yours truly,  
Alfred

Dear Alfred,

Thank you for the compliment, but it really isn't so. How in the world did you get a pimple behind your ear? Anyway, your face will NOT explode if you pop it. However, by popping a pimple, you could be doing more harm than good because you could push it in and get germs inside of it, and all that good stuff. If you really must get rid of it, apply toothpaste before going to bed each night. But is Janis really worth it?

Your faithful advisor,  
Raquel

Dear Raquel,

I am in a bind. Late at night when I really

should be sleeping, I find myself thinking about the guy that sits across from me in Embryology. I start thinking about how this guy twirls his Scripto erasable pen. Do you think that I am just finding new ways to tell myself that everything in life is reversible?

-Hyperactive Hormones

Dear Hyper,

**No, I don't think this experience is telling you that everything you do is reversible. How can you reverse running over your pet cat Fluffy with your brand new Mazda? I believe you should go talk to this guy and get to know him, so that you don't feel so self-conscious when you see him with his Scripto. And, pay attention in class...you're here to learn, remember? Good luck!**

Raquel

Dearest Darling Raquel,

Would you still love me if I was bald? I am afraid that male pattern baldness has set in already, even though I am a girl. And, I am really afraid that I will never get a date....Who wants to go out with a bald woman with a flat chest?

Ms. Clean

Dear Ms. Clean,

I don't love you because I don't know you. But if you let people get to know you, then appearances shouldn't really matter. Maybe you'll start a new fad. But...Have you seen your doctor? There are all sorts of products and methods to treat this problem. Have you ever seen the Hair Club for Men commercials? And wigs are always an option. Come see me, I'll give you the number of a good wig shop.

## Seeking Privacy-A few of S&M's Best Havens Exposed

Everyone knows how difficult it is to find a quiet place to do homework, read, or just be alone. Even during study hours a roommate's quiet shuffles scream sometimes and you want out!out!out! Since escaping campus is such a hassle, I've scoured S&M for private little niches that offer the rare pleasure of being alone and for the most part, undisturbed.

First, start with the nifty, clean, and virtually hidden bathrooms around campus. The ones on Ground and Second Watts are usually very clean and untouched except during the weekdays. After about 8 PM the bathrooms beside the cafeteria are also deserted, and this area is probably the quietest on campus. These do not, however, offer the comforting and stimulating surroundings of the campus's best restrooms--the ones on First Bryan, just beyond the lobby. The guy's toilet here, I've been told, is a masterpiece, and the ladies' room is equipped with lockers. Who knows why, but they provide a welcome change of scenery.

Graduating from bathroom ventures, I began to seek places without the characteristic public institution odors that remind you you're never really alone here. This meant exploring outside refuges. For those of you who haven't yet realized it, the benches on front Watts are not private and it requires a little more effort to uncover a hiding place outdoors. Everyone is pretty much aware of the front porch of Wyche and the stairs of the old maintenance building. These are kind of nice because you can see people, but unless they're looking for you, you won't be noticed. There is also a 'dugout' stairwell from Ground Watts to outside that provides cozy quarters. Another outside escape place is the platform between the First Watts breezeway and the outside stairs of Watts. This spacious rockbed is ideal for star gazing and is completely hidden from everywhere except the roof of the building.

Time alone is precious and hard to find at Science and Math, but with a little investigation the solaces of the campus can be uncovered. Needless to say, I saved the best 'private spots for myself.

Allison Roof

## Did You Know?

Did you know that the daughter of an African chief is enrolled at NCSSM? Amma Anyane-Ntow is the daughter of Dr. Kwabena Anyane-Ntow who is an accounting professor at NCCU. On June 8, 1992, Dr. Anyane-Ntow was pronounced the Adontehene (chief) of Anum in Ghana.

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