

STV Hopes to Expand Programming, Reach More Students

BY AMY SWAN
STAFF WRITER

Hidden away beneath the Student Union, in a suite of monitors, cameras and edit boards, a group of about 75 students spends anywhere from 10 hours to "every waking moment outside of class" producing two hours of original programming a week.

Two hours that most students never see, due to the fact that Student Television is broadcast only on cable and none of the residence halls on campus are wired for cable.

Joe Toris, a junior who has worked at STV since his freshman year, said, "A lot of people don't even know what STV is."

"I think that if it was in the dorms, it could be a really valuable information source, on the same level as the DTH."

Cindy Seargent, a sophomore and co-producer of "Carolina News," agreed: "I think if we were seen on campus, people would be more willing to do interviews with us and people would contact us if they wanted something covered. There would just be more support."

STV is the easiest thing to join, but it takes a lot of work, Seargent said.

The station is fairly flexible with time commitments and with the type of jobs people are interested in doing, she added. "You can write, direct — whatever."

Just come by or call and leave a message about which show you're interested in, she said.

"Last year, I got involved with 'Carolina News' and had a lot of fun, so I've just continued doing it."

Her goal is to be doing live-to-tape anchor shoots by the end of the year, which means the news broadcast would be taped all at once, with no retakes for the anchors.

Toris, who has edited, acted and written in addition to producing, said: "Your imagination and your equipment are really the only limitations you have. You have a lot more opportunities to be creative."

He said his experience last year with the now-defunct "Not Quite Midnite," a late-night talk show, prepared him for his task this year with "Off the Cuff." "I think it gave me a bit of a handle on my limitations. There were a lot of things I did there that didn't work out."

Byron Thompson, who co-produces "Off the Cuff" with Toris, said the show, for example, was "whatever we feel like doing — whatever we can get people to

Student Television Schedule

STV airs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays on Carolina Cable 11

6 p.m. "Carolina News"
News focusing on student life and student activities.

6:30 p.m. "Off the Cuff"
A half-hour comedy and variety show.

7 p.m. "General College"
Originally a soap opera, now a comedy-drama about student life.

7:30 p.m. "In View"
New talk show featuring one-on-one interviews with famous people in town.

STV is hoping that this year, South Campus dormitories will have cable installed over winter break. Toris explained, "Right now, the broadband cables have been laid to the South Campus buildings,

but the buildings haven't been equipped. "The cables haven't been hooked up to access points in the dorms," he said.

The broadband is a network linking certain buildings on campus; the system encompasses satellite hookups, e-mail, and cable television.

Thompson said that if STV was broadcast on campus, "I think mostly we'd start getting a lot more feedback from students."

He said it would lead to better quality and maybe better funding.

One of the major reasons there was such a big cut in STV's budget this year was because Student Congress decided they weren't affecting the student body, Thompson said.

STV was fortunate last spring to receive a \$10,000 donation from John Wilson, a 1985 UNC graduate and one of the founding members of STV. He agreed to donate the money, provided that STV would raise matching funds.

The station managed to pull together the additional \$10,000, and staff members voted at the end of last semester on major purchases like a computer character generator, a video toaster and equipment to broadcast from the Union instead of Swain Hall.

In addition to increased monetary support, having STV in the residence halls also would attract a wider variety of people to work at the station, Toris said.

While not everyone at STV is interested in a career in broadcasting, most students working at the station are radio, television and motion pictures or journalism majors.

"I'm getting my resume tape ready right now," Thompson, a senior RTVMP major, said. "Most of my material I'll send in is from my work here at STV."

He said most of what he knew about production he learned from working at the station. When he took a production class here at the University, he found he already knew most of what was being taught.

Seargent said "Carolina News" was an especially good way for students interested in the entertainment field to learn the ropes.

"If you're interested in broadcasting experience, this is the show to work on," she said.

When asked how the dissolution of the RTVMP department would affect the station, Toris said, "In the short term, we'll probably get more people over here who are unsure of what's going on."

Thompson said, "Hopefully, more people will come over here to get work."

Club Teaches Smooth Shag Dance Steps

BY DENISE WALKER
STAFF WRITER

When most people think of UNC student organizations, they usually think of organizations such as student government or the Black Student Movement.

But one type of dance has spawned enough interest to create yet another student group — the UNC Shag Club.

The Shag Club was started five years ago and remains today as an informal club, meaning there are no dues.

Martin Scott, co-president of the Shag Club and a senior from Fair Bluff, said, "You can become a member of the Shag Club just by showing up."

"The club has approximately 10 to 15 constant members, while other members just come when they feel like dancing," Scott said.

"When the club first began, there was a large number of females and only a few males, but now the number has evened out."

He attributes the change in membership to the social aspect of the dance.

"Shagging is like a Southern culture," Scott said. "It is relaxing and anyone can do it."

Ginger Lee, co-president and a senior from Whiteville, said, "The resurgence of line dancing has attributed to the popularity of the shag."

People come to meetings not only to dance but to get instruction as well, Lee said.

"We teach all levels of the dance," she said. "There is no experience necessary."

The Shag Club has sponsored several instructional workshops on campus in the past five years.

"There was one workshop at Granville Towers that created such a huge turnout that we almost couldn't handle it," Lee said.

Scott added that the Shag Club also had taken part in a joint session with the Carolina Athletic Association.

Later this year, Shag Club officers hope to take a small group of members to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to meet with other shag clubs and to see some professional shag groups.

The Shag Club also takes regular trips to dance clubs in Chapel Hill or Durham.

The UNC Shag Club meets every Wednesday night in Women's Gym, inside Woollen Gym. All who are interested either in shagging or in learning to shag are invited to attend.

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student groups, interested alumni, members of the faculty and Chapel Hill community who will work collectively to focus on a systematic change.

"With the Foundation we have the potential to reach everyone in the community," Andrews said.

Model projects would be set up for the first five years of the endowment, he said. The community projects would exemplify the ideals of the Foundation.

A possible proposal for a model project would be having Habitat for Humanity and the senior class co-sponsor a project to build or renovate a local community center, Andrews said.

"We are against giving a physical gift," Andrews said. "Physical gifts stop giving. They end when they are built. The Foundation would keep on giving."

Former Prime Minister Releases Memoirs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Margaret Thatcher, in her memoirs released Sunday, said her relations with President Bush were "somewhat strained."

But with President Reagan the chemistry never failed — even when she chewed him out.

In "The Downing Street Years," the former prime minister said Bush shared her opposition to swift German unification, but backed off when she challenged him.

"I found myself dealing with an administration which saw Germany as its main European partner in leadership, which encouraged the integration of Europe ... and which sometimes seemed to underestimate the need for a strong nuclear defense," Thatcher, 68, wrote.

"I felt I could not always rely on American cooperation."

It was her most open acknowledgment that Bush dropped Britain in favor of Germany as the main U.S. ally after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the crumbling of communism.

Thatcher turned an Anglo-American special relationship into a major plank of foreign policy during her 11 1/2 years in power.

She was ousted in November 1990 when her Conservative Party legislators revolted, nervous because of her unpopularity and her prickly relations with Britain's partners in the 12-nation European Community. Thatcher now is a member of the unelected House of Lords.

Her 618-page book, for which publishers HarperCollins reportedly paid her the equivalent of \$5.25 million, goes on sale Monday.

However, sections of the book criticizing her successor, John Major, and others

who served in her Cabinets have been leaked for several weeks, embarrassing the Conservative government.

She said her relationship with Bush improved when he committed U.S. troops to the Gulf War.

"I had always liked George Bush. Now my respect for him soared," she wrote.

But among foreign leaders, only Reagan got unreserved praise from the Iron Lady — for everything from showing her the TelePrompTer cueing system he used for a speech in 1982 to backing down or apologizing in their two big quarrels.

The disputes the two leaders had were over Thatcher's refusal to negotiate with Argentina during the 1982 Falkland Islands war and the U.S. invasion of Grenada a year later.

In contrast, the former prime minister said she learned that Bush thought she talked too much.

She said she messaged Reagan's successor, in office nearly a year when the Berlin Wall fell Nov. 9, 1989, that German unification was "not something to be addressed at present."

"The president later telephoned me to thank me for my message with which he agreed," she said.

She put the same argument to him at a meeting at Camp David soon afterward.

"Although friendly enough, the president seemed distracted and uneasy," she wrote.

Bush questioned her pointedly about whether her position upset German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and about her attitude toward the European Community.

She said when they met again in Bermuda in May 1990 "for reasons ... (of) partly personal chemistry and partly genuine differences of policy, that relationship had become a little strained."

Freed Pilot 'in Good Spirits' Following Return to America

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Army helicopter pilot Michael Durant was glad to be home Sunday after his return from captivity in Somalia and even had a good word for Army chow.

Despite leg and back injuries, he could be walking on crutches in days and might be back in the cockpit in a year, a hospital official said.

Durant spoke briefly to television news crews Sunday at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital.

"I would just like to thank all the American people for all their fantastic support," Durant said from his hospital bed. "It's made the difference. I'm glad to be home and I'm proud to be an American."

His room was decorated only with an American flag and a stack of T-shirts he had received from admirers.

Durant's leg was raised above the bed in traction and he had a low-grade fever. But the hospital's acting commander, Lt. Col. Tom Hardy, said the soldier was in good humor.

"I asked him about the food last night and he said he would never say anything bad about Army food again after having eaten with the Somalis," Hardy said. "I

thought that was a good comment. He enjoyed his spaghetti and meatballs and seemed to be in good spirits."

Durant's wife, Lorrie Durant, spent the night at the hospital and Durant's 14-month-old son and parents visited Sunday morning, officials said.

Hardy told reporters it appeared that Michael Durant suffered no significant mental trauma during his 11-day captivity.

Durant, 32, is a chief warrant officer with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), an elite unit that gained fame and the nickname "Night Stalkers" for low-level night-flying operations.

Durant was flown back to Fort Campbell on Saturday from a U.S. military hospital in Germany, where he was placed in a back brace to help his broken lower vertebra heal. His broken left cheekbone was set and shrapnel wounds also were examined.

After his arrival at Fort Campbell, the Army post straddling the Tennessee-Kentucky line, he was carried by stretcher past 3,500 cheering, flag-waving supporters.

Durant was scheduled to undergo surgery on his broken right leg early Monday and should be walking with crutches in days.

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departments are not pursuing the same programs or goals, he said.

One way the center will try to organize activities on campus is by publishing a newsletter with a calendar of events.

Aside from merely coordinating programs, the center also will be involved with conferences and activities, such as a lecture on democracy in Africa in the spring.

Calhoun said he wanted to make the study of developing countries and Eastern Europe one of the major focuses of the center.

The parts of the world that are usually not emphasized will be supported in the center, Calhoun said.

In addition to promoting the established

programs on campus, the center also provides support to the various departments on campus that want to start new study programs, Calhoun said.

Five different programs on campus are trying to receive grants from the U.S. Department of Education funding program under the Title VI program, which focuses on foreign language and area studies.

Programs in Latin American studies and Slavic, Eurasian and East European studies already are recognized under the Title VI program and receive significant amounts of funding to improve their programs.

Calhoun said that because funding programs often involved detailed applications and lengthy processes, the center would help those programs apply for and renew their funding.

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