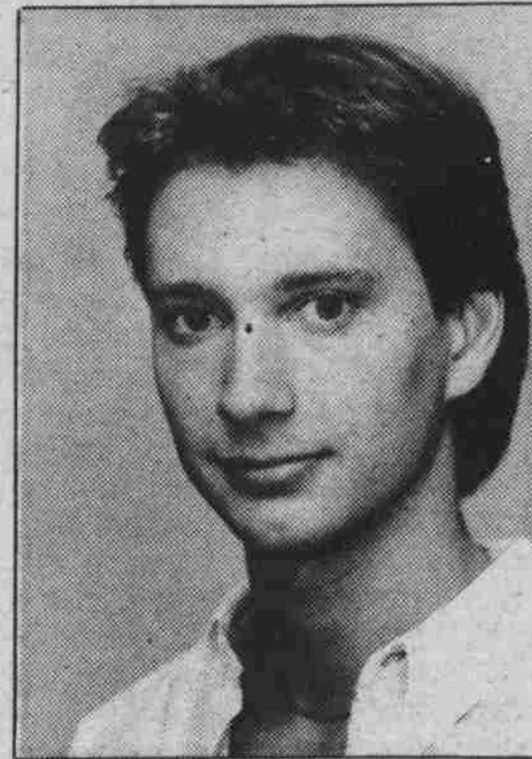


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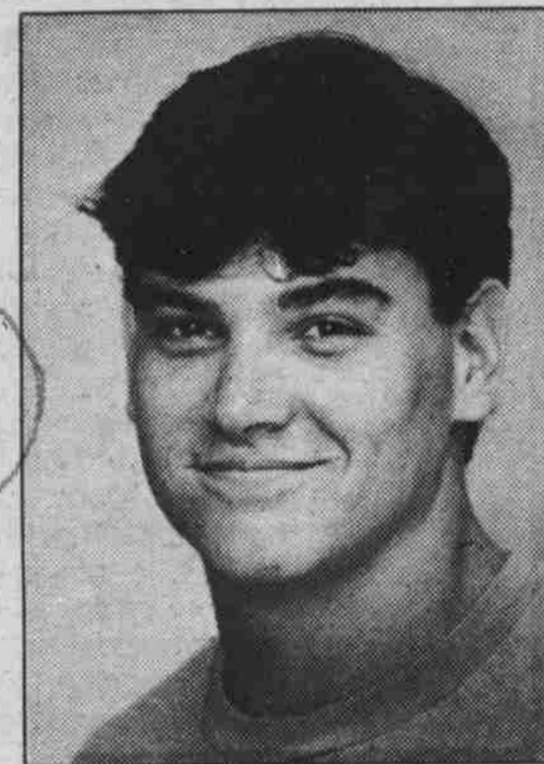
Kirk Clayborne played by Michael Worthington
Kirk's budding romance with Paige is causing tension in their band — Billy has already left because of her. Kirk is an enigma. He's just too quiet and nice to be true. The upcoming season will reveal if he's really all he seems to be.



Jason Matthews played by Billy Crudup
Poor Jason is a confused young man. Last year he was mixed up in a love quadrangle where he was involved with Paige, Meg (roommates, no less) and a guy named Steve. Unfortunately, they all found out about each other and all left Jason by his lonesome. His life has calmed down considerably since then, but he still has a reputation to live down.



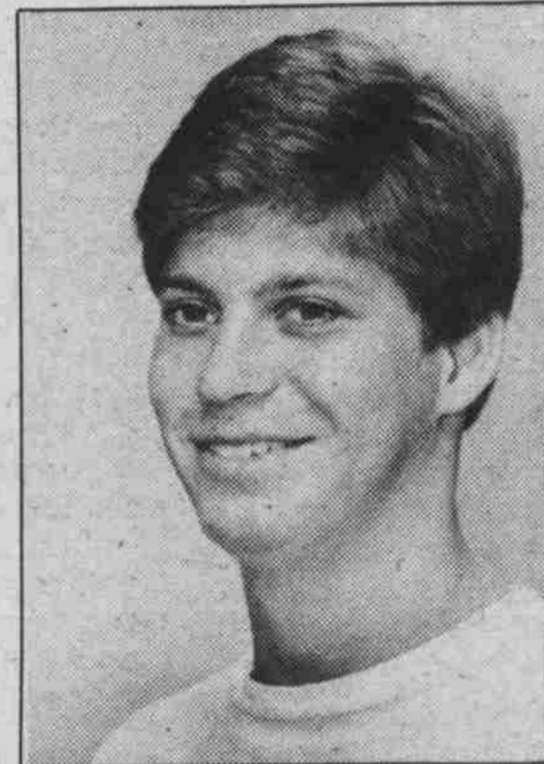
Courtney Daniels played by Michele White
Once Anne's partner in the coke scene, Courtney decided to kick the habit. When she tries to get Anne out too, she finds that Anne isn't interested in her advice or, it seems, her friendship. Courtney is the nice girl who stays nice.



Brendan Crasty played by Tom Crasty
Brendan is a good Catholic boy who married his pregnant girlfriend Mary Catherine last year. All is not well, however, as Mary Catherine collapsed after the wedding and may have lost the baby or even her life. They were the perfect couple before the pregnancy, but now everything is uncertain.



Tessa Davenport played by Kristine Watt
As the ultimate hostess, the final Davenport sister makes sure her party guests have everything they need. Tessa shares her sisters' interest in trouble and is always a willing accomplice to Trisha's schemes. Who raised these girls, anyway?



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It's sleazy. It's cheesy. It's gossip, scandal and trauma. It's real-life problems and hot romances. It's a soap, but it's hardly squeaky clean. It's Student Television's "General College" and it's right here on campus.

Students have a long-standing love affair with the soaps. Who else can afford to spend two or three hours in the middle of the day parked in front of the tube? Who else has the patience to piece together 20 storylines with five characters each? Besides, "All My Children" will always be more entertaining than the history of the United States since 1865.

With that in mind, senior Adam Reist came up with an idea for a soap opera written, produced, directed and acted all by students — a soap opera about students, for students. He based it loosely on the lives and the problems of his friends.

Since the spring of 1987, Adam has directed and produced 17 episodes of "General College" with the help of assistant director and assistant producer

Jason Lyon and an ever-increasing cast of student actors.

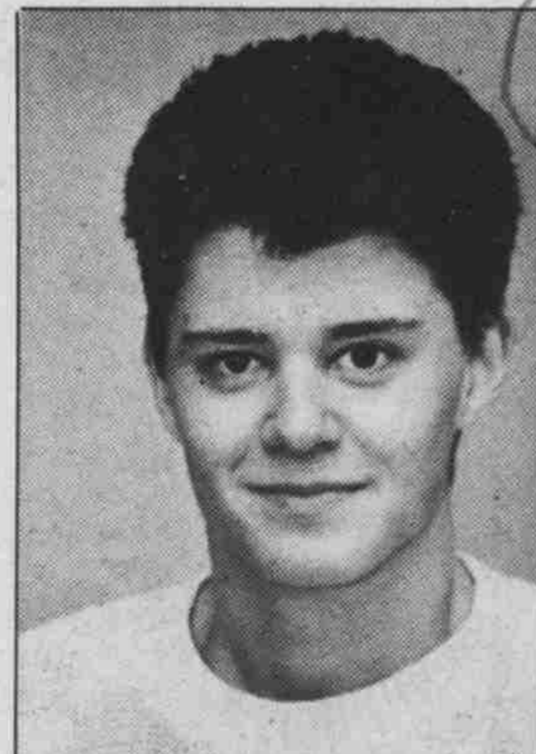
Since that first episode, the characters of "General College" have been falling in and out of love, stabbing each other in the back, getting into trouble and sleeping around. Just like real life, right?

"It's really a combination of what the audience wants, like drama and mystery, and what campus problems we can deal with," Reist said. "It's a college campus with college characters."

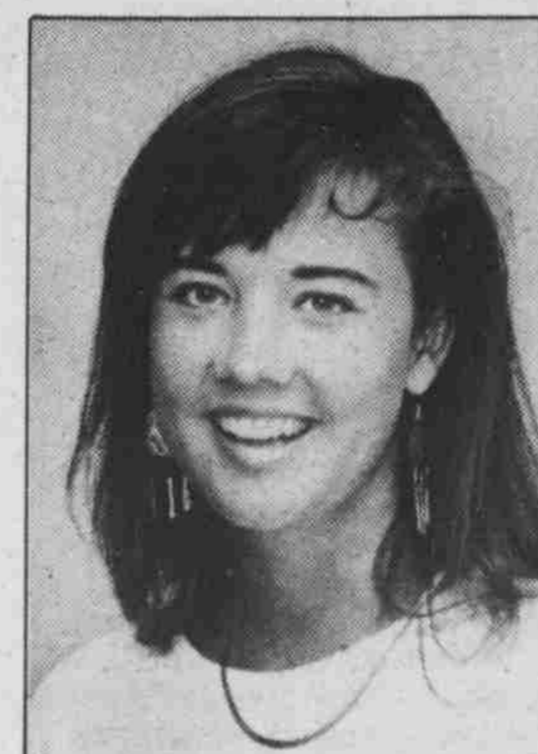
The writers of the show make an effort to dramatize problems that real students have, Lyon said. Last season it was teen pregnancy, homosexuality, drug abuse and rape. This season, the show will cover eating disorders, interracial relationships and problems confronting student athletes.

Don't worry, it's not as depressing as it sounds. After all, other people's problems are always more fun than your own.

"General College" airs at 11 p.m. on Carolina Cable channel 11. If you don't have cable, you can catch it at Pizza Hut or any of the Granville lounges.



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Paige Ryan played by Sonya Rokes
Aerobics babe and new lead singer for Lower East Side. She and her roommate Meg both dated, then left, Jason last year. After a brief spat, they vowed never to let a man come between them again. Paige is now seeing Kirk Clayborne — a relationship which might just break that promise.



Chris Campbell played by Deborah Hill
Chris was a bad sport when she lost her teacher/lover Joseph Kingsley to Sarah, another one of his students. She attempted to press charges of sexual harassment on Kingsley, but was "talked out of it" by Sarah. Now that Sarah's been blinded in a car accident that may have involved foul play, Chris, hateful tramp that she is, is a prime suspect.



Meg Phillips played by Rhetta Wiley
Meg doesn't have much luck with men: she's betrayed by Jason, badgered by Ken and raped by a stranger with a stocking on his head. After keeping the rape a secret and freaking out in private, she finally gets help. Time will tell if she will ever get over it, or just keep walking around in sweats with no makeup on.



Ken Bullock played by Tristan Bishop
Ken's a small-town boy from Waxhaw who transferred to UNC from Davidson College. He was Meg's long-distance squeeze until she called it off last season — he must be better on the phone than in person. He's still pursuing Meg, but she's somewhat preoccupied these days. Not a bad guy, just a little socially underdeveloped.



Darrell Weber played by Sterling Hayden
Courtney's study ex. He wanted to slow down their relationship; she wanted to end it. Now it seems he wants to win her back, but that may not be as easy as he thinks.



Trisha Davenport played by Natalie Farr
As one third of the evil Davenport sisters, Trisha delights in stirring up trouble. She is currently forming a band to rival Lower East Side by stealing away Billy, former guitarist for L.E.S. She is known for crocodile tears and spiteful stares. Definitely not a nice girl.



Alex Whitney played by Debbie Rubenstein
Ultra-rich sorority girl Alex (that's Alexandra to you) had her cold heart melted by working-class Jack. Unfortunately, but predictably, her parents do not approve. They still send her money, but will they let her take him to the deb ball?