



## Christian singer Michael English performs on campus

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People from as far away as West Virginia and Mississippi crowded into the LYCC on Sept. 6 to hear contemporary Christian music artist Michael English.

English, who was preceded by Southern gospel group Jeff and Sheri Easter, performed for over 2,000 fans of all ages.

"It was awesome," said Jon Fields. "My favorite part was when he came into the crowd and took requests."

Although the concert was not a SEA-sponsored event, the organization purchased tickets to help reduce cost by over half for Gardner-Webb students.

"It's not very often that someone as well-known as Michael English performs on our campus, so SEA felt it was important to help offset the cost for

students interested in attending," said chairman Matt Elliott.

English is known for his vocal performances, especially the hit, "In Christ Alone."

As a boy, English performed at a small church in Wallace, N.C., with his father and brother in a family group called the Singing Samaritans.

He toured professionally with the Singing Americans after high school.

English later joined famous gospel groups The Goodmans and The Gaither Vocal Band as a background singer.

After being persuaded by fans and record executives, English decided to try singing solo.

His first solo albums, "Michael English" in 1992 and "Hope" in 1993, sent him to the top of the charts.

In 1994, English returned six Dove Awards. His success then plummeted with a public confession to an extramarital affair, which shocked



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Michael English, contemporary Christian music singer, performed at Gardner-Webb on Sept. 6. In 1994 English received six Gospel Music Association Dove Awards, and in 1996 his song "Your Love Amazes Me" topped the adult contemporary charts.

audiences everywhere.

English felt that he could no longer serve as a witness of God's grace and love through his music.

He stepped out of gospel music until 1997. During those three years (1994-1997), English toyed with opportunities in pop music and sang backup in various Christian bands.

In September of 1996, English released "Freedom," his first pop album.

It was not until May 1997 that he agreed to perform for Trinity Broadcasting Network's "Praise the Lord" program. His performance produced a torrent of letters offering testimony, encouragement, and words of prayer.

Today English continues to sing about a message of hope.

"I think the Christian community was wrong in judging and taking his music off the shelf," said Lisa Dobbins. "He messed up, but he deserves to be forgiven just like everyone else."

## Residence life improves patrol response

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This year students have returned to many new and apparent changes here on campus: new food service, advances in the University's technology and an upgraded library.

However, one advance has been made that isn't quite as noticeable--the division of the campus by Residence Life.

At the beginning of this semester, Director of Residence Life Doug Searcy, introduced an improved system of RA duty response. Unlike last year, the campus has been divided into two

divisions, north and south.

The north division contains University Commons, Campus House, Memorial Drive, H.A.P.Y., Royster, Stroup and Nanney. South sector consists of Lutz-Yelton, Mauney, Decker, Spangler and Myers.

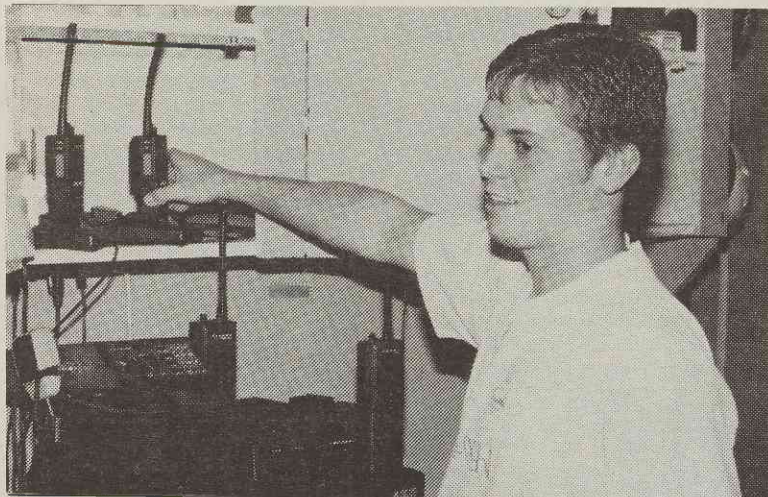
"By dividing the campus, there is more staff to respond to student issues," Searcy said.

Each night from 9:00 to midnight, two RAs are assigned to each division. However, the job doesn't end there.

"They are on call from 12 to 8 a.m., complimenting the University police. They walk through every area in each residence hall between 9 p.m. and 12 a.m. to see if there are any student needs or issues," Searcy said.

"A resident advisor is not someone who is always documenting campus policy violations, but rather an individual who is there for the students as support... as well as (to) hold one another accountable for the community environment," Searcy said.

"The goal is to build a community and allow RAs to present themselves as a helper to the students and be an individual who furthers the mission and goals of the University community," he said.



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Brad Huss, RA on Memorial Drive, picks up his radios for patrol Monday night. RAs patrol the campus each night between 8 p.m. and midnight.

## Dover Library modernizes

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With all the other improvements on campus over the summer, it may be easy to overlook the John R. Dover Library. But, rest assured, it was not forgotten. The upgrade included new carpet, a paint job, a computerized card catalog system, and many other improvements.

"We are taking a good library and making it more accessible," said Parry. "We are pleased with our results and the enthusiasm of the students, professors, and administration."

MAX is the new computer system. The official installation date of the computer programs was May 16, approximately two years from the date that planning started. "It was a very long procedure," said Library Director Valerie Parry.

There are 12 new computer workstations, and the options for the computer workstations include Proquest, a computerized card catalog, Internet access and CD-ROM programs. The computers

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