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Green Harvest Extends Reach to SA

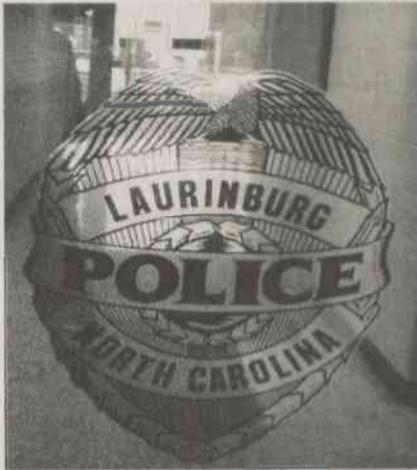
Matthew Stucke
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At 6 a.m. on November 24, 2003, approximately 12 police officers readied themselves to arrest 15 local drug-dealers. By 5 p.m., 12 of the 15 arrests were made as part of the 2-3 month sting operation known as Harvest Fest; 3 of which were made at St. Andrews.

During the raids, officers found marijuana, hydrocodone (a powerful prescription painkiller), LSD, and cocaine, though no cocaine was found on the St.

Andrews campus. The three St. Andrews' students arrested were, according to college rules, expelled from school.

The jailbonds for the 12 arrestees ranged from 5,000-30,000 dollars. The expenses for the arrested individuals, and their families, however do not stop there; for the next 1-2 years,



monthly probation and court fees will follow.

Detective Dean Murphy was the head of the Laurinburg section of Harvest Fest. After the raid took place, Murphy was quoted in the Laurinburg Exchange, saying,

"It went real smooth. We executed all three raids at the same time. To arrest 12 of 15 people within six

hours (of beginning the operation) is really a success. I am really happy with the way things went today."

St. Andrews was brought into the sting when one of its students was observed interacting with one of the houses being watched.

While the arrests prove that St. Andrews does have drug users, Murphy said that he has noticed a "hundred percent change around" in the past years. He maintains that the present administration is much more concerned with the welfare

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Edward Gomez displays his citation for the Sam Ragan Awards as Dean Robert Hopkins looks on.

Ragan Awards: Gomez's Stimulating, Political Angle

April Link
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There's a lot of fancy award dinners that happen at this school. Most of us don't know exactly what is going on except that there's an unusually large population of older people hanging out around Belk and that someone is getting better food than we are in SAGA. Sometimes a few students are allowed to attend these events. I was invited to the Ragan Awards to read some of Sam Ragan's poems. It basically went as usual with some amusing Ron Bayes remarks followed by a one-quality-notch-higher-than-SAGA dinner spent trying to have as good a time as possible considering I had to dress up. Then Edward Gomez got up to speak.

I've been in two of Mr. Gomez's week-long, one-credit courses here at SA, so I had an idea of the kind of work he does. He's an accomplished writer, artist, political activist, journalist, teacher, etc. He started an environmentally focused newspaper, The Hudson River Herald and is a contributing writer for The New York Times. Point is: he's extremely active and involved. He cares a lot for the arts, environment and education and he actually does something about it.

These things make Gomez an ideal recipient of the Sam Ragan Award, which acknowledges people who have done exceptional work for the arts in North Carolina. This year he was the only recipient, which

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Upcoming Campus Events

March 13, 2004
Country-Western Dance
Sponsored by Therapeutic
Horsemanship Club

March 19, 2004
"Two Skinny Dorks"
Sponsored by Student Activities
Union

March 26, 2004
Awards Convocation

March 26-28, 2004
Family Weekend

April 2-4, 2004
GANZA

April 14-17, 2004
Arsenic and Old Lace

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