

and tears, there shall arise a revolutionist who will set the captives free."

The band members' short term goals are to finish college and receive their degrees.

"I want to finish college first because I'll always have my education even if the band breaks up," said Hall.

As for their long term plans in music, the group hopes to one day receive a recording contract and become successful.

"We're going to send demo tapes to record companies like RCA, Warner Bros. and Polygram and hope that one of them likes them," said Powell.

"Doing this project helps the students improve their playing skills and teaches them to play more professionally," said Hill. "They are learning what it takes to be in an actual group and face the decisions that need to be made in a situation where different personalities and ideas need to be focused into one specific goal."

Guns found on campus

By Eric Skinner

An ECSU senior who had been suspended for possession of a firearm on campus will be allowed to graduate in May; however, the student won't be allowed to appear in graduation exercises.

Campus policemen arrested the student early Saturday morning on April 11 in the parking lot of Williams Hall Gym. A security officer found the gun in the student's pocket while "patting me down for a beer," the student told *The Compass*.

"At that time I realized I still had my friend's gun," the student said. "I'd taken it from him earlier to keep him from getting in trouble."

Arrested and charged with possession of a weapon on school grounds, the student faces a May 7 hearing in Pasquotank County District Court.

"I made a mistake and I paid for it," he said.

The student's suspension was upheld in an April 16 Student Court hearing; however, the student later appealed his case to Chancellor Jenkins.

"The Chancellor made the decision to let me back in," the student said, adding that the owner of the gun accompanied him to the hearing and testified that the gun had not belonged to the student.

Under the conditions of his readmission, the student is only allowed to attend classes and the library, he said.

Another student was suspended this month after officials found a gun in his room, according to Dr. Leon White, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. White would not discuss the terms and conditions of the students' cases, but said, "Guns have no place in a higher academic environment."



Steve Talley, percussionist for Steadi Groove, works on mixing the song in the engineering room of the University's state-of-the-art 24-track recording studio. A music Industries major, Talley plans to use his degree "to bring the quality back into music."

ECSU officials defend females' curfew, but some students say policy is unfair

By Kimberly Whitaker

Although many students believe ECSU maintains a separate curfew for men and women, no such curfew exists, according to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Leon White.

"We don't have a curfew," said White. "Because if we had a curfew and a student missed it, then she would get in trouble. The policy on that is we lock all buildings at the same time. We lock females in for safety. If something happened to them, then the parents would be calling, asking why did this happen to my daughter, because the building wasn't locked."

Although females' dorms are locked at night, males' dorms stay open 24 hours seven days a week. Freshmen dorms are locked at 12:30 a.m. on week nights. All other female dorms are locked at 1 a.m. on week nights.

"They don't lock the male's dorms because they aren't going to get raped," White said.

White said the University had no written policy regarding this issue.

"When they lock the residence halls, you get in anytime you want to," he said.

"All you have to do is wake the residence advisor up."

According to one female dorm resident, not all dorm directors are willing to be awakened when they are asleep, however.

"My dorm director tells you straight up, 'Don't come to my window all hours of the night expecting to get in,' the student said.

Some students have questioned the University's policy of locking only female dorms.

"Locking up the girls' dorm is sex discrimination" said a Wamack resident. "Why should a guy worry about sneaking in the girls' dorm when the girls can come in the males' dorm."

"It's good the doors are locked for females' protection, but it's still sex discrimination" said a Mitchell-Lewis resident. "I believe they are more worried about girls sneaking guys in. They just used the 'protection statement' as a cover-up."

"To stop confusion and sex discrimination they need to give students a key to the front door," said a resident of Doles Hall. "Students at other colleges have them."

Mr. Willie Spence, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, said the decision to lock female's dorms was "not a double standard." Spence added, "It's a security approach. Men aren't at the same security risk."

Spence said locking the female's dorms was "an administrative decision" that was made at the same time officials decided to lock all of the campus buildings.

Mrs. Jereline Lynn, director of Bias Hall, said locking the female's dorms is a good idea, because "of all the things going on today." Lynn added, "Me and my girls have an understanding. When they approach the gate, security calls me and wakes me up so I can let them in."

According to a *Compass* survey, 83 percent of the students said that the University's policy of locking female students out of dorms after curfew increases the risk of their being sexually attacked. In the same survey, 48 percent of students admitted going into off-limit dorms.

"I believe it's fair to lock the women's dorms at a certain time, for the overall safety of all the female students," said senior Chukundi Salisbury. "But then dorm directors should also be required to get up and let the late arrivals in."