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looking at as a projection, and what we've been finding with HIV is the projections have been way off," Atkins said.

The recent announcement of the Australian basketball team's intention to boycott the Olympic Games if Magic Johnson is allowed to play on the American team, has focused attention on the possibility of transmission of the HIV virus through athletic competition. Atkins said he believed it was remotely possible to transmit the disease that way.

He used the example of an HIV-infected basketball player elbowing another player in the mouth. If the uninfected player's teeth cut the infected player's arm

and the uninfected player's lip is also cut, there is a remote possibility of the infection entering the other player's system.

"I don't think people should overreact to it, but I think at the same time, we've got to look at all of those possibilities," Atkins said. He said people need to understand how they can and cannot get the virus so they can decide whether to take the risk.

"Even if it's one in ten million, do you want to take that risk?" Atkins said. "I guess someone would say you do that everyday when you get into your car and drive to work."

Although Atkins will be leaving Elon, he said he will always have strong ties to the

campus. "In particular, I will provide AIDS education and work with some of the classes, and provide the educational support needed for this area," Atkins said.

Atkins will work evenings as assistant dean of student affairs until March 31.

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she attended as student activities director, with one big change: instead of shopping for comedians, she will sell them.

"I know what directors of student activities want from a performer," Kern said. "Hopefully,

I can carry that over into this job."

The Comedy Zone is a national company based out of Charlotte. It was organized about 10 years ago and has hundreds of franchises throughout the country, Kern said.

The three Comedy Zone clubs in Charlotte are popular. Kern said since her arrival, "every show has been sold out for every night." Each club has a seating capacity of 400. One club does three shows a night and the others do two.

The newest club opened just last week and features all black comedians, Kern said. "They thought it was a market that really needed a boost."

As far as the college market is concerned, Kern said that many colleges are having monthly comedy clubs on campus. The Comedy Zone has a package

available to colleges that features an emcee, a feature act and a headliner.

The company doesn't miss a punchline. Weekend matinees called Kid's Zone, feature magicians, clowns and finger foods for children.

The innovative ideas the company has and the thirst for comedy around the country should keep Kern busy. She said she and her staff spend a lot of time on the phone booking comedians.

"The higher your phone bill, the bigger your smile" is an office saying, Kern said. "It's the perfect job for me."

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