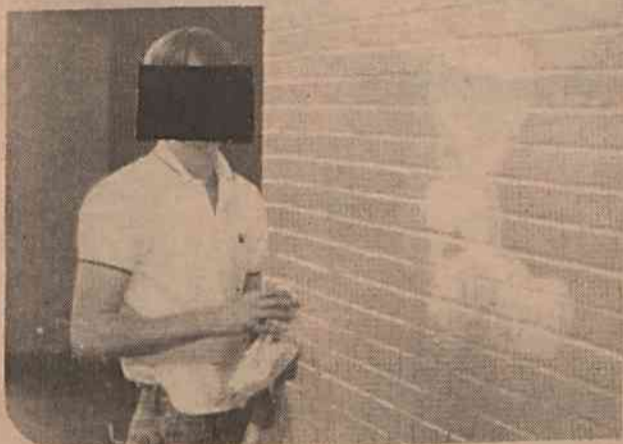




THE STARS ROOM

By Jones

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### Vandalism does not pay!

Careless graffiti leads to hours of scrubbing as one student learns from the degrading task of wall painting. Photo by Jones.

## Assassination attempts leave permanent scars

The films shown in our living rooms on March 30 were hauntingly simplistic — the exuberant crowd, the customary wave and then the senseless confusion erupting into bloodshed. Though most students are unable to recall the horror of past films, they are forever etched on older memories. In 1963 there was the slumped body of President Kennedy in an open car, and in 1968 the figure of Martin Luther King crumpled lifelessly on a Memphis Hotel balcony. Both serve as chilling reminders of the grim aspects of assassination.

When President Reagan was injured, so injured was the entire nation. Most Americans, young or old, black or white, Republican or Democrat, hoped and prayed for the successful recoveries of all those involved in the assassination attempt. This nationwide concern certainly says a lot for our nation's ability to unify in a crisis, and the unity displayed certainly played a large part in the excellent recoveries.

Perhaps by now, with the President on the road to full recovery, the attempt on his life will be old news. In a few more months it will be reduced to nothing but a small print footnote in the history books. The gun control fervor will have died down, and John Hinckley's dream of instant fame will be lost.

Fortunately, the nation was spared the bleak and frightening effects of death, as with yesteryear's gunshots. President Reagan as well as the nation have been healed, but the scars still remain.



Editor Kathryn Vaughn

## New club starts off right

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meetings have been going on now for two months and the fellowship and unity of the members is growing all the time.

The meetings begin with discussion of upcoming and past events or just general socializing. Then we sing to get everybody loosened up for the program.

Since the meetings have been held every other week, the regular programs have centered around what FCA is, and what this chapter can do with it. However, now the meetings will be held every Tuesday night so that more people will be able to attend, elections of officers can be held, and so there will be more regular programs.

FCA has had two special events and is planning another one. On March 18, Mike Ditka, tight end coach for the Dallas Cowboys spoke before a group of 100 area members after a dinner provided by Mike Barnhill, president of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International.

On Monday, April 13, Johnny Evans, punter for the Cleveland Browns spoke before a group in the school cafeteria.

Coming up on Saturday, April 25, will be FCA day in which chapters from Wilson, Northern Nash, Greenville, Tarboro, Wesleyan, and other area schools will meet out at Wesleyan. Registration will begin at 9:00 followed by 20 minute games of basketball, baseball, football, and volleyball between eight man teams. After lunch there will be 'dog patch' games. These games are similar to odd ball olympics — three-legged race, throwing an egg and other field day-like games. There will also be speakers (college students) throughout the day with the activities ending at 4:00.

Regular FCA meetings will begin again on Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 at the YMCA, after Easter break. All athletes and anyone interested in athletics are invited to attend.



Managing Editor Michele Swearingen

## Editor speaks out against prejudice

By MICHELE SWEARINGEN  
GRYPHON Managing Editor

In the past few weeks I have been appalled by a subject we are all aware of — prejudice.

We have been exposed to prejudice in all aspects of life — from race to age to sex. Yet, in our schools we have been taught that we are one country under God.

My question is a valid one — How can we be expected to live unbiased lives when we see rules applied to some but not to all?

I agree we are in desperate need of equality for all, but are those who are in authority also of this same mind? Whether it be the student body leaders or extracurricular leaders, do we always

choose those who are most qualified?

For example, in the Student Representative Assembly, we invariably always argue about the color stipulation. But do we know that the very best are being chosen? We would all like to believe that when we vote we look at the qualifications not the color of the candidate, but this would be a utopian ideal.

As it has been said before, "You can not change the laws that govern the people until you change the people themselves." I regret to say that we, as students and citizens, are a long way from this, and unless there is a drastic change in the near future we will never get there!



Seniors Hal Chambless, John Tulloss, junior Michael Suggs and seniors Tony Battle, Tom Rock and Margo Williams help with preparations

for The Twirp which was held on April 10. Photo by Jones.

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