

# CAMPUS LIFE

## Problems with *The Technician*

Jillian Curtis, Staff Writer

N.C. State's college newspaper, *The Technician*, recently lost both its editor-in-chief and its managing editor. Currently, no students are willing to step up and run the paper – and if the staff cannot find replacements soon, *The Technician* may not survive. Meredith English professor Dr. Rebecca Duncan commented on the issue in an interview:

**Q:** The *Technician* is in need of a new editor-in-chief because the previous editor had to resign due to poor grades, which he attributes to his inability to juggle duties for the paper and academics. Is the position of editor-in-chief such a demanding position that it would really jeopardize the student's grades?

**A:** Editing a daily paper—even a campus paper—is an enormous responsibility. Some student editors take reduced course loads so they can handle all of the work and responsibility.

**Q:** Why do you think the popularity of student newspapers is decreasing?

**A:** Many students have grown up without newspapers in the home, so they don't have the habit of seeking out a newspaper and reading it. It's possible that Facebook serves as their news source.



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**Q:** What do you think needs to be done in order to get *The Technician* up and running again?

**A:** I don't know if *The Technician* positions are paid, but a good stipend would be a good way to attract talent. I also believe it's time to think about a collaborative newspaper for multiple campuses in the area.

**Q:** Do you think the student body at N.C. State would suffer without a newspaper?

**A:** NCSU will absolutely suffer without the newspaper. Of course, they also have an online version,

and I understand that there is good readership of both print and electronic versions.

**Q:** What do you think a college publication needs to do to be successful?

**A:** A campus newspaper should have an online version. It should be updated regularly, and the print newspaper should have breaking news. And, of course, it should be well-written and edited. If the demands of a newspaper are too much, then a news magazine is another possibility.

## Upcoming Events

gathered by Kristen Gallagher

- April 2 – Tennis vs. Peace
- April 10 – Spring Fling
- April 10 - Experience Meredith
- April 12 – ACP Drop in Resume Clinic all day
- April 15 - STUNT
- April 16-17 President's Retreat
- April 17 – Carolina Psychology Conference
- April 20 - Freshmen Fire & Water Dinner
- April 22 – Celebrating Student Achievement Day
- April 23-25 - DanceWorks

Club Leaders: Please send us your calendars for next year! We'll put your dates here!  
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## Campus Announcements

A new step team is forming on campus called "Wings of Rhythm." In charge are the following: Raven Burney is majoring in Business and Computer Science. Past experiences provide the drive that she has to create the team. Angela Lyons is majoring in Music with a minor in History. She believes that a step team would give the opportunity for people to become more open, more creative, and more aware of the significance of art and music. Brittany Smith, a psychology major, wants to be involved with the step team to help bring diversity to Meredith! There is the need for an advisor. ALL are welcomed its inclusive. If anyone is interested to advise or join, please contact Raven at [burneyra@meredith.edu](mailto:burneyra@meredith.edu). Help spread the word!

## Inspiring Parent to Motivate Graduating Class

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There's no place like home, there's no time like the present, and there's nothing like a mother's love. Meredith Alumna Gretchen Holt Witt serves as proof of the latter with her fight to prevent pediatric cancer from affecting children and their families. Witt's son Liam was two years old when she was told he had a fatal form of pediatric cancer known as Neuroblastoma and that his chances of survival were shockingly slim. In the midst of grasping such news, Witt founded Cookies for Kids' Cancer in an effort to save her son as well as others faced with this battle.

Cookies for Kids' Cancer is an endeavor that organizes bake sales to increase aware-

ness and money for pediatric cancer research which has not been conducted nearly enough within the past twenty years. The treatments that most children are given today were meant for adults and risks of children's use of them have not been completely rejected. Witt uses the bake sales to offer encouragement to families and individuals to help the fight against pediatric cancer and inform those who are unaware of its seriousness how much can be done with their simple efforts. It began as a fight to save one child and grew into something more powerful than anyone could have hoped. People from all around the nation have offered their support and the number of those wanting

to help increases every day. Liam is all the motivation Witt needs to continue driving others as she sees a very strong person in her son and says, "Liam's my hero. He gives me strength, not the other way around."

Gretchen Holt Witt has gained attention from Oprah Magazine and several other publications as well as recognition on the CBS Evening News for her inspirational battle against this disease. She will present the 2010 commencement speech at Meredith College on Sunday, May 9th.