

# STV: Putting UNC on the Air

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Walking by 309 Bingham Hall on any given Monday night, one might think he has peeked inside an insane asylum.

One is likely to see people swaying like a tree, dancing like a monkey, serving as a love slave or anything else beyond imagination.

One also might hear such a unique phrase as "Will you ride my bologna pony?"

However, there is no need to worry. This is just a typical meeting of "Off the Cuff," the longest-running Student Television show on campus.

The show consists of a series of sketches that STV participants write, act in and direct. This format sometimes leads to unpredictability.

After 30 minutes of bedlam, the room transforms from an improvisation stage to a meeting room full of students. The topic of discussion turns to recent scripts, upcoming events, new episodes and the assigning of parts — just a typical night at STV.

STV began in the early 1980s when UNC student John Wilson learned about media production from John Hensen of Hensen Productions. Wilson helped develop STV to allow students

to gain first-hand experience in video experience. Wilson currently works for the station.

The first show, titled "This Is It," was the predecessor to "Off the Cuff." Since the show's beginnings, the entirely student-run organization had added 11 different student-produced shows to the lineup.

STV's shows are different from each other, attempting to appeal to broad audiences. STV-News covers campus and Chapel Hill events in a news format, complete with news anchors.

Sports X-tra airs in-depth interviews held with UNC athletes. Suite Life is a show devoted to following a group of South campus residents through certain misadventures.

Those shows, along with Center Ring, Not Quite Midnight and STV-PD are broadcast from 5 p.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday, on Channel 22 on campus and Channel 4 on Chapel Hill's cable system.

The station serves as a 24-hour community bulletin on days when the shows do not air.

All of the writing, directing, producing, filming, editing and acting roles are filled by students. While the organization is mostly made up of communications or journalism majors, the programs are available to all student.

The organization advertises in the Pit and offers a general information meeting each semester for interested students.

Most shows have a limit of people they need for production, but several have not reached their maximum capacity for this year.

"People join (STV) for different reasons," said James Khanlarian, producer of "Off the Cuff." "Some people just want the technical aspects. Others join just for the acting. It just depends on the person."

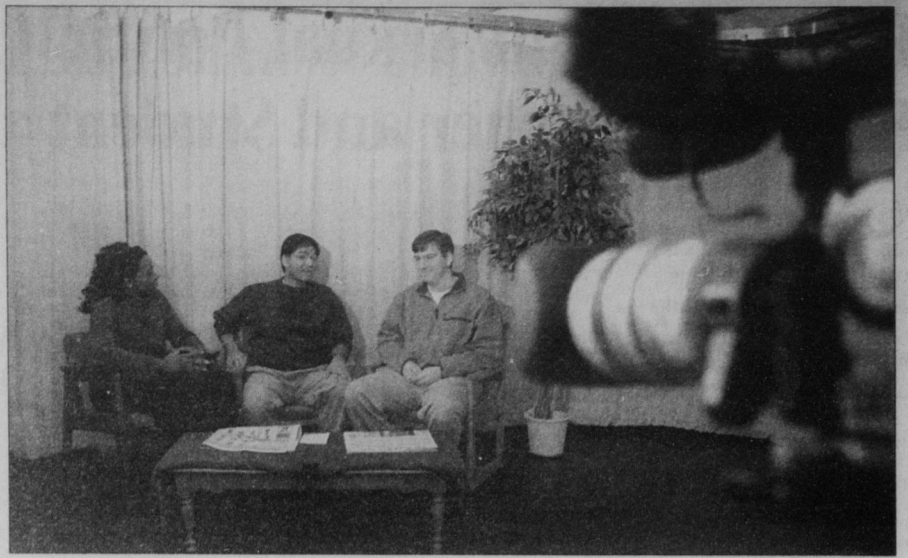
Khanlarian and Station Manager Clarissa Shepard said they dedicated many hours to STV because they were interested in pursuing television careers.

"I have always wanted to be on Saturday Night Live," said Shepard, who became interested in acting during high school.

Khanlarian said student television was the best way to get experience in field.

Because STV is an extracurricular activity, members can contribute as much time to the station as they can fit into their schedules. Students spend anywhere between two and 20 hours a week at STV.

Acting parts are assigned during the weekly meetings, and auditions are



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During a live show on Student Television on Wednesday night, alumnus Morayo Orija, former Student Body President Mo Nathan and senior Brad Morrison talk about current issues and answer calls.

usually not held unless many people want the same part in a show.

Shooting generally takes place on the weekends, depending on the availability of the students involved.

Some students have found that STV created a foundation for people who have found success in the field.

Actor Dan Cortese, who appears on NBC's "Veronica's Closet" and had a show on MTV, Nickelodeon's Kristen Skula, actress and model Michelle Lawler and numerous local news reporters all once worked for STV.

Despite the various reasons for joining STV, most find the activity an

enjoyable learning experience. "Off the Cuff" star Meredith Perry said, "I treat STV as a fun activity that will simply provide me with more experience in the field I enjoy."

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## TRIAL

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During closing arguments before midnight Thursday, plaintiff counsel David Neal stressed that students must have the opportunity to vote on student referendums.

He said there was no provision in the constitution that specified Congress must pass a referendum by two-thirds vote.

But Kleinschmidt and his defense counsel Drew Haywood, student attorney general, said the plaintiff's interpretation of the constitution would increase the power of the legislative branch exponentially.

The constitution reads, "amendments to the constitution shall become valid when passed by a simple majority, provided that at least 2.5 percent of the student body votes on the amendment, of those voting in campus elections conducted by the Elections Board at the direction of Student Congress."

The plaintiffs intended to argue Wednesday night that the constitution, student government's supreme ruling

law, allowed the referendum to be left on the ballot.

Corye Barbour, a plaintiff and member of Congress, said Congress operated under the common understanding that only a simple majority was needed.

"My reading of the constitution and discussions (with other members) gave me the understanding that (the referendum) needed a simple majority."

Earlier in the evening, Kleinschmidt confidently said Congress members followed the usual course for voting on referendums and that nothing out of the ordinary ensued.

Kleinschmidt said members debated the referendum at great length before passing it with the understanding that a simple majority would be needed to place the referendum on the ballot.

He looked at Neal and said he stood confident in his earlier decision to remove the referendum. "I don't have any dispute as to what I did," he said. "As speaker, I have to follow the law. I had to follow (the Code) and that's what I did."

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## FIRE

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Freshman Patrice High said she evacuated the residence hall to avoid being fined, although she initially thought the fire was a false alarm. "I could see the smoke coming out from my side of the building and I was like 'Oh, God, I hope

my stuff's not on fire."

Assistant Director of University Housing Al Calarco, Jones and Poarch met with resident assistants Wednesday afternoon to discuss ways for residents and officials to work together to improve fire safety.

Calarco asked the RAs to supply a list of names of residents who failed to evacuate during fire alarms.

## DRUGS

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from seeking medical help, Associate Student Attorney General Taylor Lea said.

The new policy will be sent to both the Student Congress and the Faculty Council for approval. If passed, the chancellor will give the final approval, Foster said.

She said that if approved, the changes would be included in next year's Instrument of Student Judicial Governance.

Changes were proposed after the Board of Trustees noted UNC-CH's relatively low numbers of drug violations compared to other system schools.

During the 1998-99 school year, UNC-CH had 12 drug violations while Appalachian State totaled 119, ECU tallied 77 and N.C. State amassed 78.

Many University officials have said the school's drug policy was too lenient. Those feelings might have led to the inclusion of more definitive wording that ultimately makes it easier to charge students with drug violations.

Student Attorney General Drew Haywood said UNC had been working for more than a year to clarify the drug policy. "[The change] makes it easier to understand and eliminates ambiguity."

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# Student Protest in Mexico Takes Violent Turn

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Students opposed to the 9-month-old strike at Latin America's largest university threw rocks and bottles at classmates occupying the campus of a university-affiliated high school. Thirty-seven people were injured, four seriously.

Brandishing poles and pipes, the two groups battled most of Tuesday at the

Justo Sierra high school, which is part of the National Autonomous University of Mexico. Strikers remained in control of the university's main campus.

"This has been a day of profound sadness for the university," said Rector Juan Ramon de la Fuente. "Violence is the antithesis of the university."

Interior Secretary Diodoro Carraso said on Wednesday that a report that one person had been killed was untrue.

Ambulance driver Antonio Ramirez said Tuesday night that a man was killed by stab wounds to the chest. It was not possible to reach Ramirez immediately Wednesday.

Police arrested 251 people on the campus of the high school, three of them for possessing explosive materials. The rest were booked for disorderly and riotous conduct.

The skirmish began early Tuesday

when 200 students opposed to the strike forced their way onto the campus of the high school. Tossing rocks and waving sticks, they forced the strikers to abandon the high school, which they have held and barricaded since April 20.

Soon after, 150 adults — who de la Fuente said were members of the university's security force — arrived in two buses in an apparent effort to help the anti-strikers defend the campus.

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Summer 2000 students will be accompanied by Amy McNichols, a Ph.D. candidate in Latin American literature from the UNC-CH Department of Romance Languages & Literatures. While on-site, Ms. McNichols will advise and tutor students, as well as serve as the Resident Coordinator in Taxco during the program. A group flight will be available, and the orientation will take place in Mexico City prior to the beginning of courses in Taxco.

**The dates:** The summer 2000 program runs from June 16 to August 4, 2000.

**The cost:** Total billed cost \$1,451.

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