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and negotiations, to attempt to attain its goal of democracy in Burma.
"Even though we have been declared enemies of the state, we don't believe in revenge," Hla-Tint said. "Our goal is to find a political solution through dialogue and reconciliation."
Hla-Tint emphasized that there are important steps that U.S. citizens can take to help the Burmese, noting that more

than 100 colleges already have organizations working toward their goal. "The first thing I want you to do is write a letter to your senator about Burma," he said.
Audrey Williams, a graduate student at N.C. State University, said she cares deeply about the issue because her mother is from Burma.
"I had no idea how corrupt the military regime is," she said. "I had no idea there was such student support."

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said. "But at the same time, people should be reading books because they enjoy beautiful language and human nature in general. They should read to enjoy and not as a guidebook for another culture."
Speaking of her own sense of identity, Mori said she definitely considers herself an Asian American more than a Japanese woman living in America.

"So much of my two worlds have melded," she said.
Margaret McEndarfer, a freshman from Asheville, said she read one of Mori's books for a seminar class. "I thought that she was more upbeat and positive than I imagined from reading her work," she said. "The thing that amazed me most about her is that she doesn't see herself in restricted terms that many other people see themselves."
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Jesse Rutledge, spokesman for the N.C. Center for Voter Education, said the state would benefit from this new policy regardless of who is in power — the Democrats or the Republicans.
But the bills could divide the legislature along partisan lines as Democrats control both chambers of the General Assembly. And, as a result, hold a majority on the redistricting committees.

Rutledge said the Democratic majority party does not want to change the current system because it would lose power, but the Republicans favor the revision to neutralize power.
Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, and redistricting committee member opposes an independent commission.
"I think the N.C. Constitution assigns the General Assembly to do the job of redistricting, and I think we should do it."
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years, the program has grown into a monthlong series of exhibits, plays, concerts, lectures and discussions — mostly on her watch.
She has initiated "Arts Carolina," a 16-page guide to campus arts events that comes out every semester.
Brannock's path to her current position dates all the way back to "age zero" when she started banging on her grandmother's piano. "When I was 8, she gave us her piano," she said. "I started taking piano lessons and never stopped."
She graduated from UNC in 1978 with a music education degree and went on to direct public school choral groups in Chatham and Pender counties.
But she was not ready to settle down.

"It was a little lonely," she said, adding that she learned to fish in her free time.
Brannock's fishing career might have died, but only to be replaced by more prestigious jobs.
After earning a master's degree in public administration from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, she worked for the National Endowment for the Arts and several North Carolina-based arts councils before ending up at UNC. "I kind of made the transition from my own teaching to helping others facilitate that," she said.
Now, Brannock considers her ability to facilitate collaboration between people one of her main assets. "I think I have a knack for getting people together and taking them through a process of what they want to accomplish," she said.
But helping people accomplish their goals is no simple task. Brannock's eight-

to 12-hour day begins when she checks her messages while enjoying Tension Tamer tea. Her daily tasks include publicizing events, attending meetings, updating calendars and raising funds.
What makes it all worth it?
Last Sunday's jazz concert at the Morehead Planetarium, she said.
"It was amazing, we turned 100 people away," she said. "This job is so much fun — sitting in the Star Theater in Morehead Planetarium seeing so many people enjoy that performance."
Her long-term vision is to publicize the arts at UNC both locally and nationally. But in the meantime, Brannock will still be doing everything from answering phones to writing articles or even bouncing around on a big blue ball.
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BALL BOYS
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the clock at games. Reginald Farrow, father of ball boys Rashard and Reggie Farrow, serves as an usher.
The fathers said they appreciate the excitement the position gives their sons.
"He absolutely lives for it," Gary said of Stephen. "He's ready three, four hours ahead of the game, dressed with his sneakers laced up."

Gary said he realizes being a ball boy is a positive experience. "(The players) are all great guys, good role models. They treat (Stephen) well," he said.
While the fathers and sons come to watch the players hustle, the boys' dedication doesn't go unnoticed by the team.
"They work very hard, as if they are ready to play themselves," Haywood said. "They have a lot of energy and are fun to be around."
Warm-up presents a chance for ball boys to test their basketball skills.

"They have a competitive side to them," Lang said. "They want to play us one-on-one to get us warmed up."
Regardless of who triumphs in the one-on-one games, the ball boys keep coming back for more.
Ball boy Reggie, 17, has held his post under the goal for eight years.
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