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the biotechnology in the state," Glass said. "This is designed to appeal to school children - it's very hands-on."

For the more adventurous, bicycle stunt riders will be featured in the Sam Rand Grandstand arena. "We have a complete park course set up with six or seven

ramps," said Keith King, organizer of the bicycle stunt event, said. "We'll have about seven riders at a time from all over."

Overtone said there are 84 planned rides, including five new thrill rides such as Drop Tower and Evolution.

Overtone said, "It's going to look like a new fair."

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**DEBATE**

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were more on Bowles' turf," Guillory said.

But Munger said Bowles focused more on reasons not to vote for Dole during the debate than expressing his stance on issues.

"Bowles is behind in the polls and had to point out her negative points," he said. "People listen to negative points. If he said, 'She worships the devil and eats babies,' people would hear it."

Munger said the debate might have been futile for both candidates as many voters did not watch the poorly advertised debate.

"A lot of people might not have watched it so their opinions will not

change based on this debate," he said.

"People (still) will be more inclined to think about top national news, including the candidates' stance on Iraq. This is unfortunate for the Democratic Party, which focuses more on bread-and-butter issues."

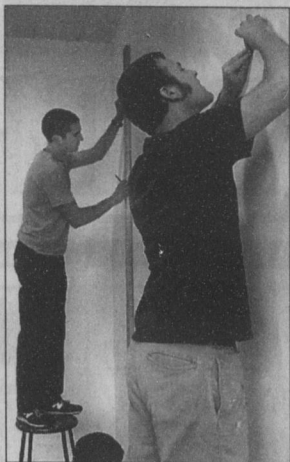
But Guillory said domestic issues will play top priority in the election because of the importance of the economic transition in North Carolina.

Beyle also said the economy will move out as the major issue in the race for the Senate seat.

"People are watching everyone lose jobs," he said. "When they think about why they are voting, they will think of the economy."

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# Gallery Hosts Exhibit of Imperfection



DITH/ANNE PHILLIPS

Christopher Gentile (left) and a UNC student draw layout lines for Gentile's exhibition, "Staking Out Expansion," in the Allcott Gallery.

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Standing from a distance, there appears to be a lesion on the wall of the Allcott Gallery in Hanes Art Center.

Various shades of red, fleshy pinks and perfectly straight lines compose the complex wound that is the eye-catcher of Christopher Gentile's exhibition, "Staking Out Expansion." The UNC alumnus has returned as a visiting artist.

But Gentile's exhibition isn't startling for its presentation alone - just days ago none of it existed at all.

Gentile's temporary mural is complex. It began as hundreds of carefully pencil-drawn lines - lines that took Gentile and a small team of art graduate students more than 60 hours to craft.

The unpainted lines of Gentile's work-in-progress resemble something more like an abstract blueprint. The finished product, covering the wall nearly from top to bottom, is Gentile's largest work so far, and in the miniature gallery the use of space is dramatic.

Gentile likes to think of the temporary painting as "recontextualizing the intention of the three-dimensional." The use of straight edges and other architectural tools is the crux of the painting.

"This work is about striving for perfection and falling short due to basic human inability," Gentile said in his artist's statement.

Closer inspection of the wall painting illustrates Gentile's message - it is indeed imperfect. Many of the painted lines are blotched though not messy. From a few steps back the viewer might not see such aberrations.

Having recently lived in the Middle Eastern country Qatar, Gentile has been greatly influenced by that region. The "falling short" of intended perfection illustrated in his art was ingrained in the culture, Gentile said.

Though color and size might draw in the viewer, the three-dimensional quality of the art demands closer inspection.

The lines have been created in such a way that they appear to move into infinite space, or perhaps a bottomless realm,

directing the viewer's eyes downward.

Gentile's other works also are intriguing, though not quite as grand. The exhibition includes paintings that hang on the wall instead of being part of it. Small white frames filled with unobtrusive designs of neutral, earthy colors were all created to approach perfection.

Gentile, who received his master's of fine arts degree from UNC in 1998, was invited by the University as a visiting artist.

He has received various awards, such as the Faculty Development Grant from the Virginia Commonwealth University, and he served as gallery coordinator from 2000-02 of VCU's satellite university in Qatar. His work also has appeared in numerous exhibitions.

Gentile's art is certainly striking, though many viewers might not realize the artist's intent. Despite this lack of communication, the paintings are still well worth a look - one doesn't always need to understand art to appreciate it.

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still need to improve."

Daum said the most significant issues still on the table for her administration are the Task Force on Tuition and the Advising Committee on Transportation, two new advisory groups on campus that are studying long-term development of tuition and parking issues, respectively.

Hiller said he thinks security on campus also needs to be increased. Daum's administration is working to improve student safety through extending the role

of the Student Safety and Security Committee. "We are taking steps to make this be the umbrella committee that coordinates the actions of all student security initiatives on campus," he said.

Daum said her biggest disappointment so far has been that two special elections have failed to fill all the seats in Student Congress; she is hoping Congress will be filled in the next election, which has yet to be announced. "Everything has gone extremely well, but we still have a lot of work to do."

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**PROFILER**

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way in which criminals travel when they commit crimes reflects where they travel when they aren't committing crimes."

He added that such profiling methods are more reliable than those related to psychology. "The most tell-tale thing is geography. With geography, you are dealing with facts."

Godwin said only an offender who knew the area's intricacies could make an escape like that executed after Monday night's shooting in a high traffic area of

Falls Church, Va., the suspect's latest attack. "You know he knows the area."

The suspect's home base likely is nearer the border of Virginia and Washington than that of Maryland and the district, Godwin said.

He attributed the initial killings in Montgomery County, Md., to a day trip outside the killer's home zone. "I would suggest he was actually up there on some other business."

Godwin said that judging from geographical data and the killer's alleged flight pattern, the shooter is likely to strike east of the last attack.

After the shooting Monday in the

Home Depot parking garage in Falls Creek, the sniper allegedly fled the scene by way of U.S. 50 East.

"They need to watch to the east," he said, adding that the killer, who is growing increasingly bold, likely will strike a more sensitive target next time. "They need to be watching out for schools."

Though he is confident in his predictions, Godwin said geographical profiling is most effectively used to zero in on a serial killer's home.

"Geographical profiling primarily tries to predict where the offender lives," he said. "People don't often use it to predict the next hit."

But Godwin said that as the killer becomes more confident, as the difficulty of his most recent target suggests he has, the attack points will edge closer to his home base. "As (serial killers) commit more crimes, they get more confident," he said. "As they get more confident, the points draw in."

The sniper's actions have become more brazen, indicating that he doesn't expect to be caught, Godwin said. "He thinks he can get by with it. He thinks he can abort at any time."

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projected at only half the amount lost when Easley withheld funds, Jacobs said it would take Orange County more than three years to replace the full \$3.1 million because the county is less industrial than others.

Commissioner Moses Carey said that he dislikes the tax as much as any consumer but that it is necessary to continue to provide services in Orange County for the benefit of its residents.

"I hate that we have to do it, but we

must because of the money the state took from us," Carey said.

The board has not officially decided where the revenue will be distributed, but Carey said it will replace the money Orange County has had to take from the budgets of various services.

Link said historically speaking, the sales tax should not affect individual profit for businesses.

"The consumer pays the extra penny," Link said.

He also said businesses will not be asked or expected to increase production or decrease prices.

Link said the new legislation will ben-

efit Orange County because it will ensure the county will not receive less funding from the new sales tax than it would have received normally from reimbursements taken by the state.

Link said the one-half cent sales tax increase, also known among local officials as the "pass-the-buck sales tax," is the best option for the board to enact for the services of the county.

Commissioner Alice Gordon quipped, "Pass-the-buck sales tax is probably as good as any."

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