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censorship.

"They're bending around to get someone else who wouldn't be restrained by the First Amendment," Hiestand said. "Have them take the paper over so that the things that they thought weren't appropriate won't be in the paper.'

Although student staffers are exploring their legal options, they want to convince the president to abandon the buyout.

"We are hoping that the letterwriting campaign that we've started and any demonstrations or protests that we have will be well received by his office," Trujillo said.

If they go to court, Hiestand said, the students have a case if they claim First Amendment rights.

Philip Meyer, a UNC journalism professor, said students could gain from partnering with a professional news company.

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"The downside is less control by

the students and the upside is professional mentoring," Meyer said. But Trujillo is not so sure that the merger would work in their favor.

When they talked to our president, one of the things they called it was a cooperation, which in reality you and I both know that's not what it would be; it would be a takeover," Trujillo said.

Gannett owns two student news papers in Florida, including Florida State University's newspaper.

"The Colorado situation is different from ours, so it'll be interesting to see how it turns out," said Mallory Schneider, editor-in-chief of FSU's newspaper, The FSView. Schneider said that students still

control editorial content and that the merger allows them to work closely with the Tallahassee Democrat, a local paper also owned by Gannett.

While the FSView was bought separately from the Tallahassee Democrat, the CSU paper would become a branch of The Coloradoan, causing concern that students would lose their jobs and content control.

"I don't think it's gonna do student media any good to have student newspapers or any other student publications taken over on a wholesale basis by private media companies," Hiestand said.

That will cease to make student newspapers student newspapers."

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there was a strong odor in the home,

as did a repairman who came to the

house. Sapikowski told them that there had been a power outage and

that the smell was from food in the

refrigerator. The repairman later told police he had looked in the refrigera-

Chapel Hill police originally

came to the Sapikowski residence

tor and saw no spoiled food.

SAPIKOWSKI

AIR GUITAR

Van Halen's "Hot for Teacher." "I was in the shower, and that song just popped into my head, he said, discarding his Van Halen T-shirt in favor of a tank top.

'Obviously it worked out well." Few others matched the level to which McKinnon got the viewers involved. But senior Tim Chang came about as close as possible.

Chang, performing under the alias Madphatbootyliciousfreakazoid, stripped off his yellow jacket for his version of "Buddy Holly" by Weezer, accentuating the act with a high-flying jump as the selection ended.

He managed to tie McKinnon's score after the second round, where the top-three contestants performed "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" by The Darkness, with only a few minutes to prepare.

The tie brought about what Crane said is a rare event in the air guitar world - an "air-off."

"It's where the air wheat and the air chaff are separated," Crane said. Ultimately, McKinnon emerged the victor after a raucous perfor-

mance of The Sweet's "Set Me Free." But Crane, whose snarky commentary drew both laughs and groans from the audience, was quick to compliment all the performers.

"I'd say all in all, North Carolina brought it in a big way tonight," he said. "There was a lot of air in here

After entering, police discovered

the two bodies wrapped in blankets

in a downstairs bedroom, and fur-

ther searching found spent shell casings from the .410-gauge shot-

Sapikowski had killed both his

parents, cleaned much of the

blood from the scene and moved

the bodies. He then spent nearly

two weeks attending school spo-

radically, entertaining friends and

Woodall told the court that

Alison for several days.

gun used in the killing.

staying in hotels.



Madphatbootyliciousfreakazoid rocks out in Friday's air guitar competition in Gerrard Hall,

To end the night, Crane invited everyone to the main floor to tune

hosted by Bjorn Turoque.

their air guitars and play "Freebird." Crane stood in the middle of the ulsating mass, exhibiting skills that have landed him in the air guitar orld championships in Finland.

If the event becomes a tradition at UNC, Crane said, he'd gladly return, considering the excitement the competition brought about.

"I'd definitely do that," he said. "If there's air, I'll be there."

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At the end of Friday's hearing Sapikowski thanked Woodall for offering the plea arrangement.

He will return to court in Hillsborough on Friday to plead guilty to one count of secondegree murder.

Sapikowski's last words of the hearing were an apology.

"I'd just like to say to my family and everyone else involved, I'm

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DEMOCRATS

gusted by the Clinton campaign's TV ads that he recruited a friend to help him knock on doors in the affordable housing district.

"(The Clintons are) returning politics to the same dirty game,

Although many Columbia voters came to campaign events Friday seeking policy details, Gillum said he doesn't come to rallies to hear about the issues. "If I want the specifics, I'll go to his Web site."

Hearing Obama articulate the challenges facing America gives voters hope that he can solve those problems, Gillum said.

Obama's message of change has even crossed party lines, as evidenced by the registered Republicans scat-tered in the crowd at Obama's vic-

tory party Saturday night.
Juan Euvin, a Charlotte resident and former sergeant in the 82nd Airborne, said Obama's speeches remind him of his commanding officer in Afghanistan.

"This man would make you walk into a firefight ... and not regret it." Euvin said Obama has a way of connecting with voters that elevates him above all the other candidates.

"He has a way of moving people." Obama certainly has a way of moving crowds; his rallies are filled with cries of "yes, we can" and "we

love you.' During his speech Friday night Janice Willis, a volunteer from Fairfax, Va., called out, "Thank God for you, Obama."

For Willis, it's all about the intangibles. "Most importantly, he has character," she said. "And he has faith in the Almighty God."

Making experience matter

Hillary Clinton forgoes fiery appeals in favor of measured speeches that emphasize her experience

She held a Friday morning rally in a Benedict College chapel, and

while the setting inspired multiple references to her faith, her rhetoric contained none of the preacherlike

cadence of an Obama speech. But Clinton's speech did cause one

Obama supporter to reconsider.

"She addressed everything that interests me," said Columbia resident Amy Coquillard. "I think that she's a smart woman and no doubt

could do a good job."
Former New York Mayor David Dinkins, one of the New York politicians who introduced Clinton. said her pragmatism is more effective than any inspirational speech.

One can campaign in poetry, but you've got to govern in prose.

Clinton's credentials won her a easure of support at Benedict, a historically black institution that has embraced Obama.

Benedict freshman Patricia Corley said experience matters more than race. "The color of his skin is not going to help you."

Clinton's edge in experience was also cited by UNC students George Drometer and Katja Wallin, two of the Heels for Hillary students who traveled to Lancaster, S.C., to get out the vote on primary day.

What's not to love about Hillary?" Drometer asked, calling Clinton a "rock star."

Reaching out to the people

John Edwards has tried to drum up his own star appeal among young voters, making time during his last-minute campaigning for a town hall-style meeting Friday that catered to college students.

Edwards, who showed up to the town hall meeting wearing a fleece and jeans, told the crowd: "I want

to be the people's president." Coquillard, who attended the Edwards event after seeing Clinton in the morning, said she noticed a change in atmosphere. "This was much more down-home" she said This was much more accessible.

The intense campaigning in South Carolina won't be replicated in Florida on Tuesday because the Democratic National Committee stripped the state of its delegates.

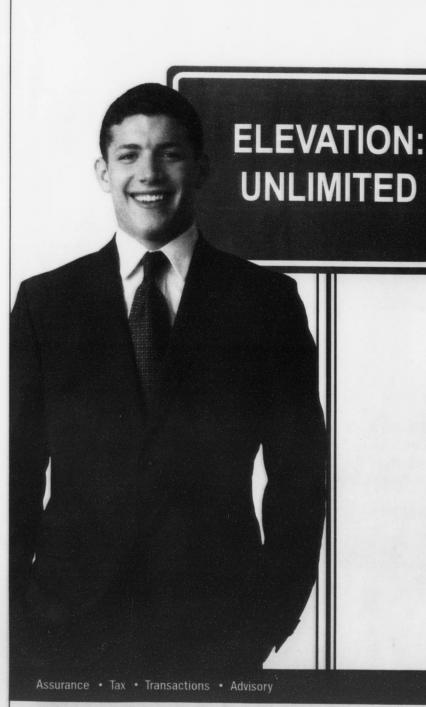
But the campaigns are already gearing up for Tsunami Tuesday on Feb. 5, when 21 states will vote, demonstrating whether Obama's message can catch on nationwide.

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