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44 days to go until 2000

NEWS BRIEFS

The Pirates will take on the NCSU Wolfpack for the first time in Greenville this Saturday. Kick-off is at noon at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Educational opportunities

ECU's Study Abroad program in Belize will be described at an information session at 5 p.m. tonight in Room 1021 of the General Classroom Building. The "Discover Belize: Catch the Adventure" program is open to anyone. For more information contact Dr. Tope Bello at 328-4856 or Dr. Seodial Deena at 328-6683.

Any student interested in the North Carolina State Government Internship program should attend an informational meeting with internship coordinator Karen Bass at 3 p.m. today in GCB Room 1024.

As part of Geography Awareness Week there will be a special open house from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. on Friday at the Department of Geography's Spatial Analysis Lab in Brewster Room D-212. A computer presentation will be displayed to show the uses of the Geographic Information System (GIS) and TV meteorologist Phillip Williams of WNCT-TV will discuss how GIS keeps track of the latest weather developments.

Fine arts presentations

The popular Jazz at Night program begins at 8 p.m. on Friday in Mendenhall Student Center.

"Alice in Wonderland" will be the Family Fare performance at 2 p.m. Saturday in Wright Auditorium. Public tickets are \$9 at the door. Call the Central Ticket Office at 328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS for information.

The Don Cossacks Song and Dance Ensemble will appear at 8 p.m. tonight in Wright Auditorium. The group, first formed in 1936, demonstrates the culture of a region along Russia's Don River. The people there are known for their songs and dance steps that commemorate weddings, holidays, calls to war and an end to long work days. Tickets at the door are \$30. For more information call the ECU Central Ticket Office at 328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

The ECU Opera Theatre will present Mozart's "Così fan tutte" at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sunday in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. The show will be sung in English and the set and costumes will be reminiscent of Greenville at the turn-of-the-century. Public tickets are \$6. Tickets for students and seniors are \$3. Tickets are available at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall by calling 328-4788. The show continues evenings through Tuesday.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers who are interested in knitting or crocheting hats are needed by the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center's "Hats with Hugs" program. The hats are donated to cancer patients who have lost their hair. No previous knitting or crocheting experience is necessary. The group will meet from noon-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30 in the Surgical Conference Room on the second floor of the Cancer Center. For more information call 816-7867.

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) is looking for people to donate their used cars to be sold at auction or for parts. Of the proceeds collected, 70 percent will go to support programs in research, patient services, organ donation and public education. Donations are eligible for tax deduction. For more information call 1-800-488-CARS (1-800-488-2277).

ONLINE SURVEY

Would you tear down the goalposts if the Pirates won?

Vote online at tec.ecu.edu

The results of last week's question:
Did you register for classes online?
66% YES 34% NO

Cashier's Office prepares to change location

New site convenient to Central Campus

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The Cashier's Office will be closed from Dec. 2-3 to facilitate their move to a new location. The Cashier's Office will be moving to the backside of the Old Cafeteria Complex, where University Printing once was.

The office will reopen on Monday, Dec. 6, and will resume normal business hours.

All fax and phone numbers will remain unchanged. For those departments that have to make deposits to the Cashier's Office during those two days, Sherry Speight at the Financial



The Cashier's Office will soon be located in the Old Cafeteria Complex behind the office of Student Financial Aid. (photo by Emily Richardson)

Services Building on Second and Reade Street will serve as the contact person. All other business for the Cashier's Office will be handled on Dec. 6.

The move is being done in order to provide a centralized location for financial services. According to Dan Bishop, comptroller, the new office space "provides much more room, so students can wait inside during inclement weather."

The Cashier's Office is the last nonadministrative office to move from the Spillman Building. Spillman already contains the chancellor's and vice chancellor's offices.

"This move has been looked at for the last fifteen years," said Michael Balko, Jr., cashier.

According to Balko, the move was delayed due to problems relocating of the vault.

The timing of the move was planned so it would hit during a time when traffic is normally slow.

The Cashier's Office handles affairs such as payment for tuition and fees, and all other fees. Also, it gives interdepartmental receipts.

"[The Cashier's Office] is a central point of collection of all monies collected by ECU," said Dan Bishop, comptroller.

ECU is in the process of moving all non-essential offices off campus. The campus encompasses 40 acres, which, according to Balko, is not much.

"ECU is trying to best allocate our facilities to the maximum," Balko said.

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West Campus receives free papers as part of pilot program

Senior Deric Brady enjoys a complimentary USA Today in Clement Hall. (photo by Patrick Ravlet)

USA Today, Daily Reflector, Housing work together

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University Housing Services, along with the *Daily Reflector*, hopes to bring the news closer to students. The program, which is now in its testing stage, provides students at various residence halls access to two newspapers, the *Daily Reflector* and *USA Today*.

This program originated at Pennsylvania State University after studies revealed that students still value news print over all other forms of informative sources, including the Internet and television.

"It is a lot more convenient," said Sharon Evans, student. "You can read a paper when you have downtime between classes and when you don't have access to a news network."

The papers can be picked up at Belk, Tyler, Garrett and Fletcher. These four residence halls were specially selected; they determine an accurate cross section of students from different sexes and class ranks.

In its second week running this program, the *Daily Reflector* has tabulated a daily usage rate of approximately 50 percent.

Brandy Hatchett, student, was surprised when she discovered the program.

"One day the papers were just there," Hatchett said. "It was a nice surprise being able to get such an asset free of charge."

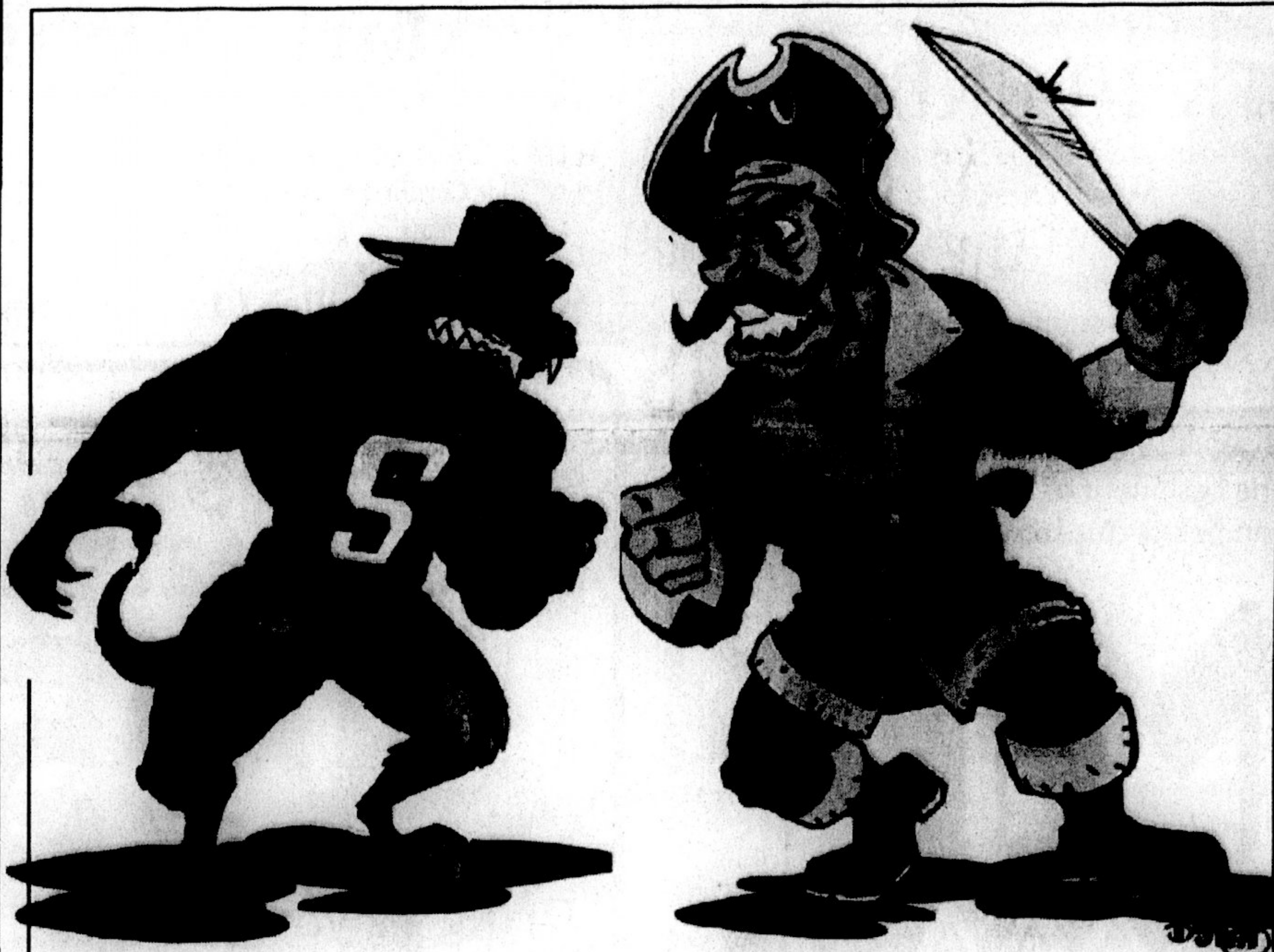
The pilot period is expected to last until January. At that time a decision will be made to either bring the project to its full scale or to terminate it. Currently the papers are compliments of both the *Daily Reflector* and *USA Today*. However, if the program is successful, the university will take on the costs at a reduced rate.

"It's a great program for college students," said Asa Doolittle, freshman. "Often there is this misconception that we're uninterested in the news, but it's not true."

"To be honest, I never cared about actually reading the paper before," said sophomore Lisa Dozier, "but now I like the fact that it's right there, and I really do look at it more than I ever did before."

Barbara Kuemeyer, circulation sales manager for the *Daily Reflector*, said that their paper encourages students to get involved and correspond with their office. They want to hear student feedback. For example, the paper is delivered on the campus five days a week, but if students would like to have weekend issues, the paper would comply.

"[This program] is exceptional for university students because it gives them access not only world concerns, but also community issues that



Pack vs. Pirates

Down East Showdown

State & ECU renew their rivalry for the 22nd time Saturday

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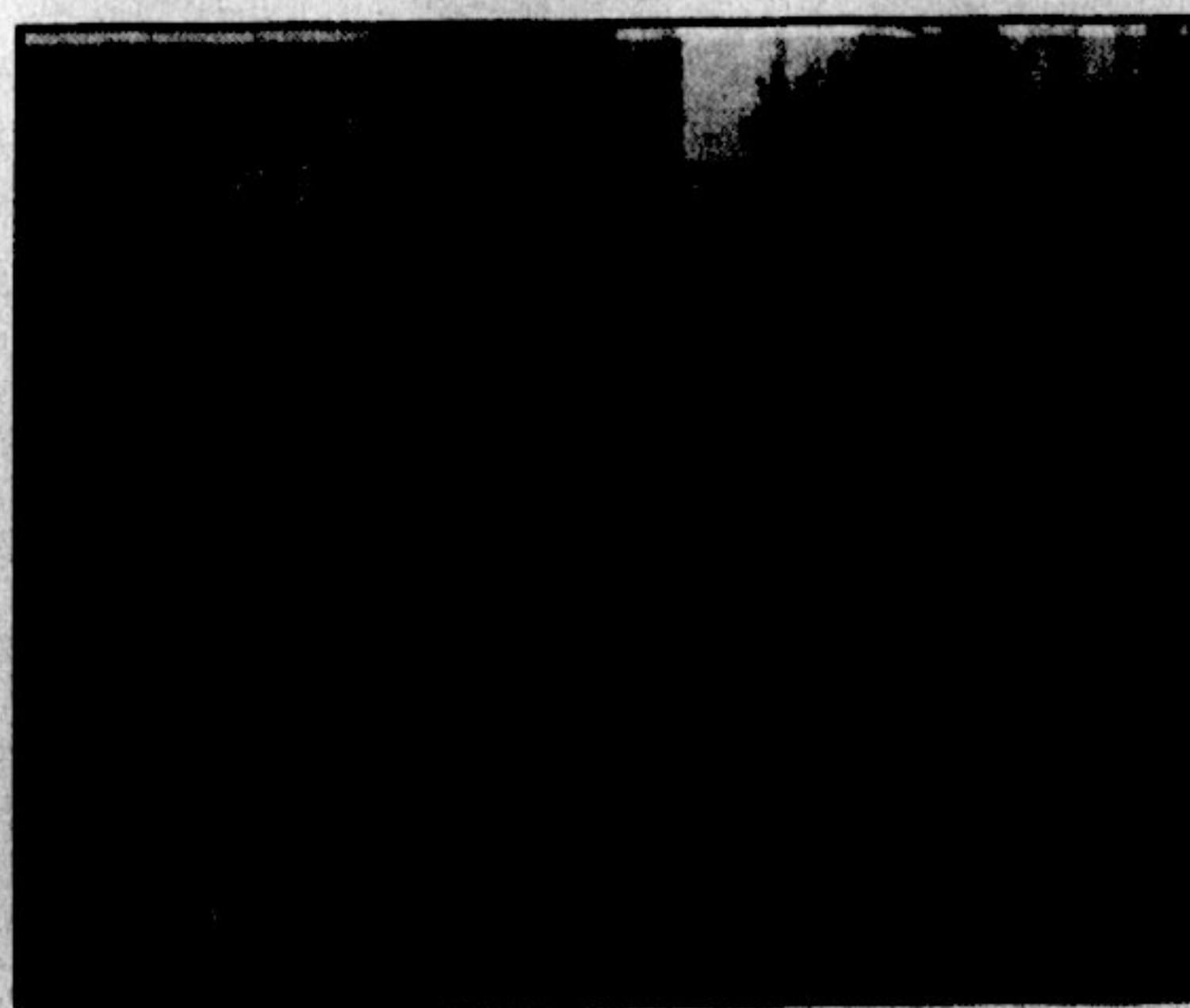
Belk, Tyler residents frustrated by phone difficulties

Problems vary from room to room

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For the past three weeks, many residents of Belk and Tyler residence halls have been experiencing flickering phone service.

"Sometimes we'll pick up the phone and we won't hear anything, not even a dial tone," said Carol Smith of Belk Hall. "Other times people will call us and we won't hear the phone



Sophomore Lauren Colbert (right) and freshman Crystal Driessen (left) relax outside of Tyler Hall, the site of several phone problems. (photo by Emily Richardson.)

ring but we'll get a voice mail message."

The problem seems to be inconsistent in every way, sometimes affecting whole floors and suites while other times only one room experiences difficulties.

"The phone will just go dead while I'm talking to someone," said freshman and Tyler resident Latonja Moore, "I'll unplug it and plug it in again, nothing works. When it goes out, nobody's phone works on the whole floor. It is really frustrating."

Other residents in the same

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