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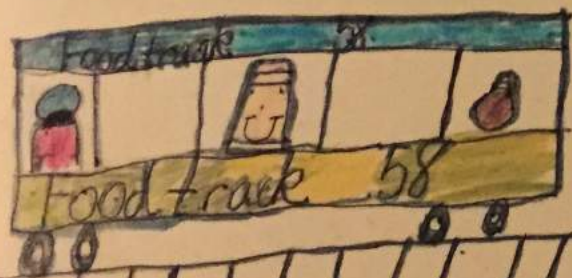


Strawberry Jam Takes A Walk



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Spinning records on Sunday mornings

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Jazz, R&B and neo-soul are favorites of the Sunday morning disc jockey at WKNC, Kristin Jeffers.

Jeffers, a senior in communication, said she has been a DJ at the student radio station since August.

Jeffers said she plays everything from jazz instrumentals to smooth R&B on her two hour program from 8-10 Sunday mornings.

"My uncle was a DJ a long time ago, and some of my friends got on staff, so I decided to try to get on staff," Jeffers said.

She said she was mainly motivated to become a DJ because of her passion for music. Jeffers writes music and dabbles in musical instruments as well.

"It's an escape that may be an avenue to a career," she said.

Over the summer, Jeffers shadowed a DJ and learned how to run the board, select songs and do air breaks.

She said she also went to class once a week to learn the manual, which is important because WKNC has a no profanity policy.

Jeffers said she likes to play music from her personal collection as well, as long as it fits within WKNC's policies.

"Jazz is the foundation of what I like," Jeffers said.

And Jeffers and her co-host share song selection.

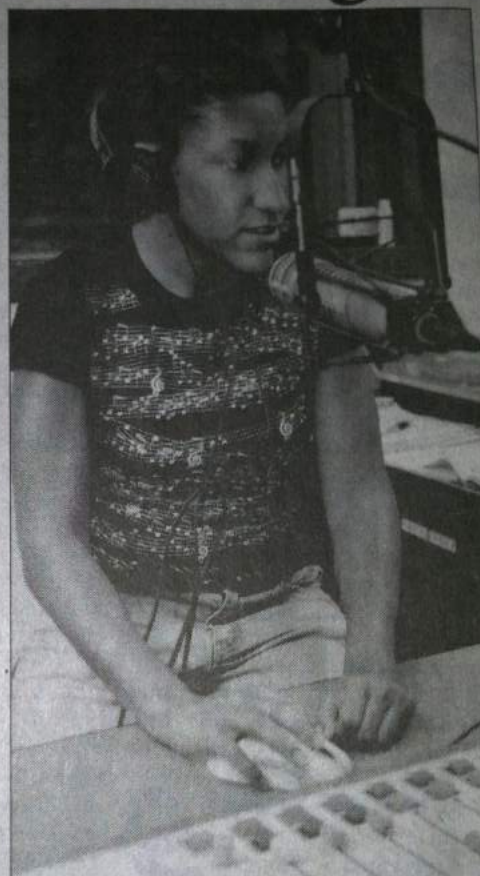
"I have just started playing Josh Nelson," Jeffers said. "Some of my favorites are Coltrane, Miles Davis and Thelonious Monk."

Jeffers said she enjoys being able to explore different artists that still fit within the genre. She has even played new popular artists such as Robin Thicke and John Legend but usually stays away from Top-40 artists.

"I play their B-side or something I liked, not a top single," Jeffers said.

WEEKEND JAZZ

Catch Kristen Jeffers on Sunday mornings from 8 to 10 a.m. on 88.1 FM WKNC.



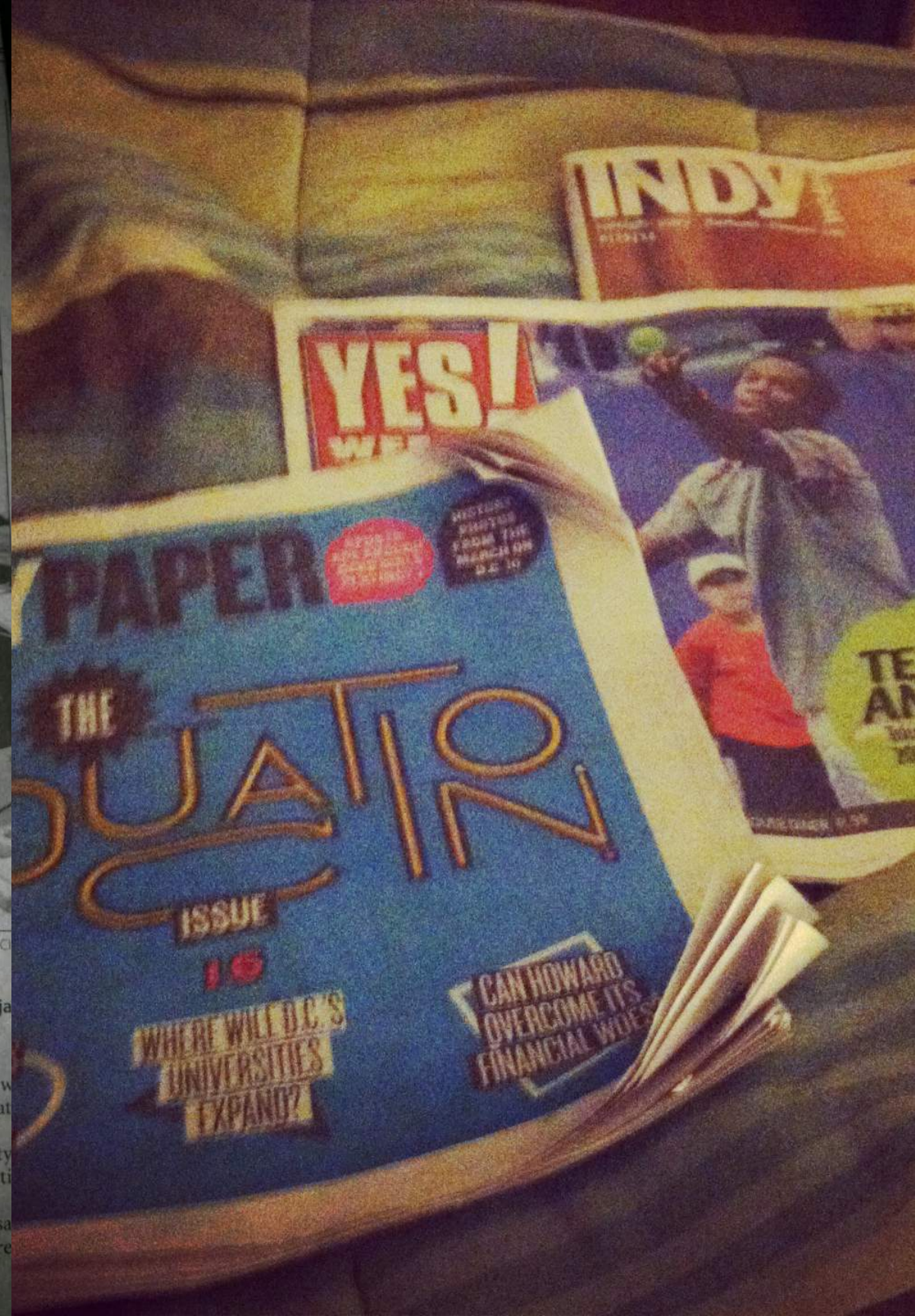
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Kristen Jeffers, a senior in communication, works in the WKNC studio. Jeffers' Sunday morning show "Laid Back" plays a variety of jazz and R&B music.

A few local bands have also made their way onto Jeffers' show like the Urban Sophisticates, a rap group with a full jazz band.

Even though Jeffers said she enjoys the type of music she plays, she would not mind getting a different time spot.

"I am hoping to change hours," Jeffers said. "It's so early in the morning; people are not awake."







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DOWNTOWN: Center city attracts the rich, the young and the homeless

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One of a wave of new apartment complexes, Greenway has filled all its 196 units in the year since opening.

"We're having to turn people away," Jones said. "There's a waiting list, but nothing's coming open."

A new phase will add 100 apartments next year and people already are clamoring for them.

Greenway's residents are a mix of graduate and law students, professors at local colleges and universities, and young professionals from companies like Lincoln Financial and VF Corp.

The apartments are a throw from the South Street Diner — a perfect nexus of the downtown and the new. Middle-aged lawyers tie into their shirts during the breakfast rush, heading to the house. But young ones with "Where The Things Are" tattoos



KRISTEN JEFFERS, 27, who works for a local nonprofit organization and runs a blog called The Black Urbanist, lives in CityView at Southside, south of the railroad tracks on Elm Street.

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DOWNTOWN'S EVOLUTION

1998: The N Club, now known as Allure Nightlife, opens on Elm Street, giving downtown night life a jump-start.

2002: M'Coul's Public House opens on West McGee Street.

2002: Triad Stage opens as a seat regional theater on Elm Street. The site, formerly Montgomery Ward, was vacant for nearly a decade before becoming the Pyrie Theater.

2004: Natty Greene's Brewing Co., named for the namesake Gen. N. Greene, opens on Elm Street.

2006: Center City Park opens as green space, opening Elm Street. It's maintained with the city of Greensboro.

2007: CityView at Southside opens, offering a mix of luxury and low-cost housing.









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