Creative State

Student Film Wows Hollywood

“The Strong One,” written by NC State students Nicholas Sailer, Josh Bielick and Tim Reavis, won best picture and best director awards at the Campus MovieFest International Grand Finale in Hollywood over the summer.

The film previously won best picture, best directing and the audience choice award at the NC State Campus MovieFest premiere. It was featured at the Cannes Film Festival in May, and then premiered at the International Grand Finale in June. The film is based on a poem, “Jurassic Parking Lot,” written by Tim Reavis.

Sailer, an aspiring filmmaker, writer and director, introduced himself to Bielick, the Windhover audio editor and passionate photographer. The two had the same interest in mind: collaboration. As they set out to plan production and screenwriting for the February competition, Bielick became captivated by poetry readings by Reavis at a literary arts open mic.

“I’ve got to see this poem come to life,” he thought to himself.

See the results for yourself at http://thestrongonefilm.com.

Campus Watches Green Project Grow

While the NC State Brickyard was crowded with groups promoting products for sustainable living on Earth Day, landscape architect Andy Fox was busy putting the finishing touches on an ambitious project to convert the space between two residence halls into a green oasis. But he didn’t mind missing the Brickyard events.

“Every day is Earth Day,” he says.

Fox is helping to transform campus by incorporating real sustainable construction projects into the curriculum. Students in landscape architecture and related fields get credit for taking part in these design/build studios.

The spring semester’s project was the second phase of a three-year effort to create an environmentally friendly corridor between Turlington Hall and Owens Hall. The area now has a cistern that collects rainwater off the roof and diverts it into a nearby rain garden, drought-resistant plants to reduce the university’s landscape maintenance budget, and permeable bricks in the walkways that help filter water bound for the storm drains.