

Hecht/ Florafitti Anecdote/ Lede

On the second day of spring, NC State's Tucker Owen Beach was brimming over with nature-hungry students, craving their first tastes of the blooming world. Students ran across the paths, perhaps late to class. Students dove and jumped on the volleyball court, with focused determination to cream their opponents. Other students just laid flat on their backs, soaking up the still fairly crunchy grass, pretending that it was a lush green carpet. These students were so enthralled with their joy of being outside sans a puffy parka, that some of them did not realize the human-made art among the masterpiece of mother nature surrounding them.

"Wait, I think it says team... something" mused a tall girl with sorority pins on her backpack while squinting down at the ground.

Her friend took out her earphones and took three steps back from the edge of the brick path in front of Carroll Residence Hall. "Oh yea, come back here you can see the whole thing," she exclaimed with all of the might in her Lululemon clad body. "It says teamwork!"

The friends officially stopped in their tracks to step back and admire what, to the other students bustling around, seemed like a patch of dirt with some greenery beginning to peek its head through the surface. They had in fact discovered a short, vine-like plant which had somehow grown onto the ground in perfect cursive writing. They had found a gathering of growing artworks, which will soon be taking over NC State's campus, that their artist, Carter Hubbard, has coined "Florafitti."