

Making Tracks

by Brad Ives

The few and the proud are the members of the track and field team, which has now been organized for this year's season. In the sport of track and field individual performances are combined to create a team score; however, Coach Angier Keitt is stressing personal effort rather than team performance for members Doug Appleyard, Chuck Brown, Steve Crain, Brad Ives, Henry Kuo, Ken Lamm, Robert Lee, Ken Murphy, Mike Riddle, Gerry Sherman, Gary Steele, and Percil Watkins. Angier, a Duke sophomore, runs track for the Blue Devils and comes to NCSSM with a high recommendation from Duke Head Coach Al Buhler.

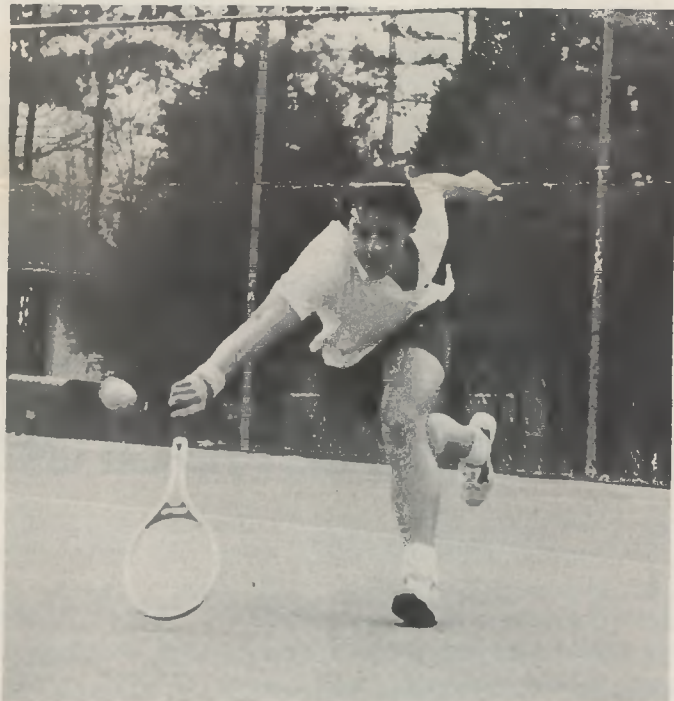
On March 22 the Unicorns went to Northern Durham High School for the City/County relay meet. Henry participated in the high jump while Gerry, Doug, Percil, and Ken ran both the distance medley and the two-mile relay.

In future meets the Unicorns should be very strong in the 400, 800, 1600, and 3200 meter events with several members of our impressive cross country team leading the way. Henry Kuo and Gary Steele are expected to lead the team in field events.

Tennis, Anyone?

by Brad Ives

In a year of firsts we have yet another new team- boys' tennis. Pro Bob Cox has had players Nate Dobson, Louis Gordon, Chip Johnson, David Kemper, Dwayne Raiford, Ellis Smith, Warren Stephens, Russell Wilson, and Charlie Yue pounding the courts for several weeks in preparation for this spring's season. Great promise was shown when the team had a scrimmage with Southern Durham on Tuesday. The Unicorns' schedule for this year is rather tough with matches scheduled against such "country club" schools as Ravenscroft and rival Durham Academy.



Unicorns wrap-up season

by Amy Sturkey

On February 13, the basketball games played against Cresset Academy at the Eno Valley Gym were a double winning ticket for the mighty Unicorns. The girls trampled Cresset Academy with an outstanding 42-31 victory. In the second quarter the girls took a strong lead, outscoring the Academy 20 to 6. With senior leadership by Ginger Bailey, Shelley Lineberger, Jamie Pate, and Amy Vasu and backed by juniors Donna Davis, Cynthia King, and Amy Sturkey the lead was kept under fingertip control. Lineberger's high score of 19 points offset the Academy's Cathy Cobey's 19 points. The final buzzer and a sigh of relief ended the girls' best victory of the whole season.

Continuing the fantasy of the night was yet another win by the guys. The 56-51 victory made the Unicorns' final record an impressive 9-5. Dominating the backboard and scoreboard were Thomas Gilchrist with 19 points and Henry Kuo with 11. We congratulate Gilchrist who soared with a new school's record of rebounds. Twenty of 56 points were scored at the free throw line with an overall freethrow percentage exceeding 60%. The juniors-Joe Austin, Lindsey Blair, John Broughton, Bryan Giles, and Thomas Sledge-were a strong driving force on the team, but it was the seniors-Curtis Adair, Johnny Adams, Nate Dobson, Thomas Gilchrist, Henry Kuo, and Chip Tillman- who led the Unicorns down the lane to victory.

The Stentorian would like to take this time to thank both the girls and the guys for a great team effort and for the terrific seasons which culminated in a double victory for the Mighty Unicorns!

Soccer

by Elizabeth Grainger

The 1982 NCSSM Girls' Soccer Team is off to a hard working start this spring. The Unicorns began training in the middle of February and opened the season by scrimmaging Hale High School of Raleigh on March 12.

Twenty-two devoted junior and senior girls have committed their time and energy to the team under the direction of coach Molly Current. Molly, a student at the University of North Carolina, is a member of the women's varsity soccer team. The Tar Heels are currently the national American Intercollegiate Association of Women champions. Molly brings a lot of great experience and skill to the young unicorn team.

With the season must beginning, Coach Current and her players look forward to a successful and enthusiastic season. Spectator support is always welcome and the present schedule is as follows.

April			
15	7:00	Oxford Orphanage	away
29	4:00	NC School for the Deaf	away
May			
7	4:00	Durham Academy	away
11	4:00	Cardinal Gibbons	away

Admissions Update

by Hih Song Kim

Can you remember that fateful day when you decided to apply to the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics? Some applied "just to see if I could get in," but many more tried out because they had the hope that "this would be a place to be challenged, stimulated, and inspired by others who were like me." So, in search of our dream of a better education, we went through the long, careful selection process. First, we heard about the school-- from a teacher, guidance counselor, friend, etc., and our interest was kindled. Soon we were sending in nomination forms, taking the dreaded SAT, traveling to regional centers to take special tests and writing assignments, interviewed, and given a tour of the campus. Some of us were confident of being selected, others were hopeful, and then there were those of us that were nervous wrecks--until that day in May when we were notified (relief!) of our selection. Bring back memories?

This year eight hundred twenty five sophomores are undergoing similar experiences in applying for the school. Admissions Office personnel have visited throughout the state and administered tests to the nominees. Accompanying the staff committees were NCSSM student volunteers.

Has the selection process changed any? Very little. Nomination forms have been revised, and now a slide show accompanies each presentation. In response to the call for technology, computers are now utilized to store data. The selection committee consists of NCSSM faculty and staff, resource personnel, and one parent of a senior student. Doug Spain serves as the major recruiter.

Preliminary screening of nominees by the selection committee started March 30, and ends April 14. Semi-finalists will tour the campus April 17, 24, and May 1. As in previous years, students will be notified of their acceptance in late May.

The major feature that will distinguish the 1982-83 junior class from the one of this year will be the number. Two hundred fifty students are to be picked, as opposed to to one hundred fifty figure of the two previous years. With the increase in number, many are concerned with maintaining the caliber of students at NCSSM. Commented Admissions Office director Ola Stringer, however, "In briefly glancing at about one-half of the nominations, I feel that the quality of the students has gone up." This year, eight-hundred twenty-five nominations compare favorably with last year's number of six-hundred seventy-two. Of the two-hundred fifty students to be admitted, it has been planned to consist of 56% boys and 44% girls, due to available dormitory space.

Long range goals are being discussed, but as of yet no definite steps have been taken. There has been talk of admitting tenth graders to the school, and increasing enrollment to 600, 750, or 900.

Student volunteers are needed to aid in future visitations by semi-finalists. All those interested are urged by the Admissions Office to watch the bulletin board for notices regarding volunteers.