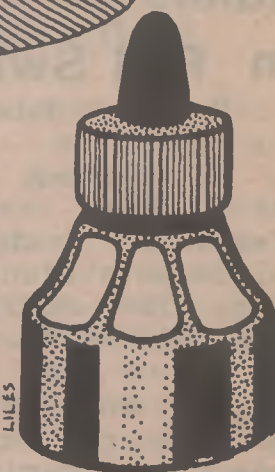


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AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY CELEBRATED

By Kris Pusser

This month, for the fourth consecutive year, the NCSSM community will mark the observance of Afro-American History Month with a presentation of poetry and songs of noted Negro authors and composers and traditional African drama and dance.

Each year the United States sets aside the month of February to recognize the contributions of Afro-Americans to its culture and heritage. The celebration this year is especially meaningful since the last week in February is designated as Brotherhood Week.

According to Ama Shabazz, NCSSM French instructor and co-ordinator of the program, the idea behind Afro-American History Month is to create a sense of awareness about other cultures and ethnic groups, not just Afro-Americans. Afro-American History Month also serves to make others aware of the place of Afro-Americans in American society. Other ethnic groups are designated by the geographic locations of their ancestors, and Afro-Americans seek to apply this to their own recognition.

NCSSM students, under the guidance of Shabazz, will present a performance of traditional African dances, poetry and writings of noted published Afro-American authors, and interesting and significant historical contributions of Afro-Americans.

Another highlight of the program will be a dramatic presentation of an African folktale. This project is part of the work of the Third World Literature class, which will design and perform the folktale.

However, not all of the works performed will be by Afro-American authors or will

deal strictly with the contributions of Afro-Americans. Much of the program will center around the theme of brotherhood. Selections dealing with racial awareness, civil rights, and world unity will also be included.

There is still time for students who would like to become involved with this program to do so. The program is open to students from all backgrounds and everyone is encouraged to participate. Interested persons should contact Shabazz as soon as possible.



Math League Provides Practice

By Gaye Forren

The North Carolina Math League was started three years ago to give North Carolina students more preparation and training for the North Carolina State Math Contest. This was necessary because the top scorers of the State Math Contest went on to compete with teams from other states at the Atlantic Regional Mathematics League. The lack of preparation of North Carolina teams had given the state a definite disadvantage in this competition.

For the past three years, the Math League has simply held contests in preparation for the State Math Contest. This year, however, the Math League is

bringing together potential members of the state team in a series of training sessions on the NCSSM campus. On January 28th, 36 top scorers in the 3rd North Carolina Math League contest met here for problem-solving sessions and for a lecture on problem-solving techniques. The next training session will be held on March 29th for top scorers from the 5th North Carolina Math League contest.

The State Math Contest will be held on May 3rd. The 17 top scorers from that competition will attend one last training session on May 19th before going on to represent North Carolina at the American Regional Math League in Pennsylvania.