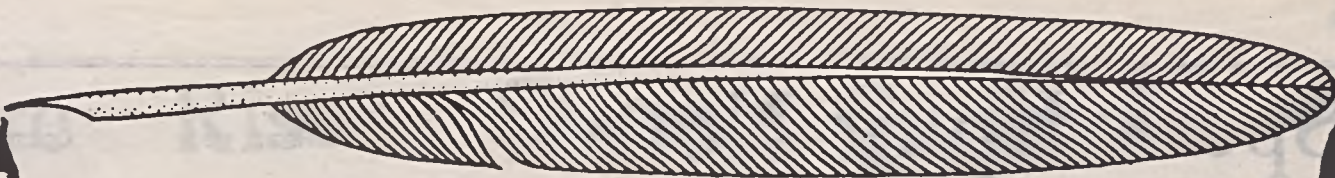


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Holidays at S&M

The Art Department shows the spirit of the season with its decorated tree.

ISP To Begin Next Term

by Pete Eisenhauer
The Independent Scholars Program (ISP), which starts second semester, will allow seniors to compose new interdisciplinary independent study programs, complete graduation requirements for English, and earn advanced credit in science and mathematics.

Seniors who wished to be considered for the program were required to develop detailed proposals of studies to be completed in their second semester. The ISP Selection Committee reviewed the proposals. The criteria for selection include attendance record, the qualities of the study plan proposed, and the interdiscipli-

nary extent of the studies.

The Introduction to College Math and basic physics courses cannot be exempted, because there is no physics teacher on the ISP staff and because ICM is a graduation requirement. Students also cannot redesign an existing course without giving it an interdisciplinary angle.

The ISP is similar to Project Excel, a former independent study program which was made defunct when students abused the program. The structure of the new program will prohibit such abuses and will provide an opportunity for interested seniors.

Eleven seniors have applied for fifteen projects and

all have been tentatively approved. The students defended their proposals before the ISP selection board on December first and second. Chosen finalists and their parents will meet with the ISP faculty.

Most students, when creating their proposals, began to realize that it may be more work than they are presently involved in. One senior applying for the program stated, "It looks like it would be a lot of fun and a lot of work." She estimated a combined total of over twenty-four hours a week of ISP projects while most students take between 15 to 20 hours of classes a week.

Koreans Rock S & M

by Bo Wallace

Six Korean educators visited NCSSM for two weeks last month to investigate creative American teaching methods.

Visiting several classes encompassing a wide variety of disciplines, the Koreans examined the teaching techniques responsible for the creativity they believe to be unique to American students. Korean classes are usually lectures in which the students memorize material and feed it back to the instructor on tests. Though this may be less creative than

American teaching methods, it consistently results in higher standardized test scores. As a result, the Koreans have been uneasy about implementing the teaching techniques they have observed in the United States.

This marks the third year that Korean educators have visited NCSSM. For two out of three years, biology teacher Ross Baker has been their host. Of the experience, Mrs. Baker said, "I enjoy doing this because I think we have so many interesting things going on at this school, and I think that

there are so many wonderful opportunities for our students."

The Koreans saw several things at NCSSM which interested them. An example of this was found in Dr. McNamara's lab. Students in the lab performed skits acting out the Krebs cycle. Unfortunately, the Koreans understood little English without the aid of a translator and had limited interaction with NCSSM students. The educators also visited classes at Chapel Hill High School and East Guilford High School.

Casual Killings Run Rampant

by Jayashri Ghate

Two seniors developed a new game this fall at NCSSM. Called "Assassin," the game has pitted as many as fifty-six students against each other in a competition of stealth, deception, and aggressiveness.

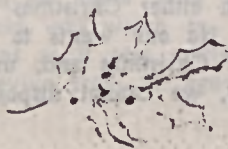
Each player contributes twenty-five cents to receive the name of the person who is his or her "assignment." It is the task of the player to "kill" that person with his choice of weapon, limited to a set of weapon guidelines. Weapons have

included water guns, dart guns, and wads of paper larger than a racquet ball. Upon elimination, the player's target becomes the new target of his or her assassin. The last person left alive receives the money collected at the outset of the game.

Assassin, received with huge enthusiasm from the student body, was the brainchild of seniors Long Bul and David Hsu who were interested in creating "something new to do at school." The game has been

played twice this fall. Wedad Emalghraby was the last left of the twenty-six who competed in the first round, and in the second round, Theresa Cannon was the last of fifty-six.

For those interested in taking part in further bloodthirstiness and paranoia, another round is tentatively planned for the second semester.



Clubs Stay Busy With Activities

by Hui Sun Kim and Eugene Yen

DRAMA GUILD

(Tamara Caspary): Plans are being made to produce a series of pre-written scenes in January for the student body. "Words from Within", a student-driven production, is slated for the spring.

FOCUS (Renee Collins)

A January 29 fashion show is planned to feature various spring fashions. Another show, planned for March 26, will feature prom attire. Monthly workshops are held by professionals to prepare the club for these shows.

FORENSICS (Howard Weeks)

The club practiced its oratory skills at its first tournament December 4 & 5 at High Point. Mykeko Bryant advanced to the semi-finalist round.

FRENCH CLUB

(Wedad Elmghraby): After the holiday break, the club plans to visit the Museum of Arts in Raleigh. Also planned are a variety of fund raisers during "a week of activities" when the New Dorm will see a frenzy of French foods, money, jells, and possibly flying balloons.

HISTORY CLUB

(Moreland Smith): The club plans to sponsor a current events table during Tuesday and Thursday dinners to dis-

cuss major news events around the world. Plans are being made to tour old Salem in late January or early February.

MATH CLUB (Danny Corey)

The club is currently participating in the New York City Math Contest in which they are only one point away from first place. The team is now holding the national championship in the Atlantic and Pacific Math Contest. However, competition is tough, and the standards are high. The junior team placed first at a competition at Duke; the senior team placed second to Chapel Hill High School.

RUSSIAN CLUB

(Paul Fulbright): The club has sponsored a film and a guest speaker this year and has been invited by the Bridges for Peace organization to attend a party for twelve foreign exchange students from the Soviet Union.

WORLD CON-

CERNS (Linda Sheriff): The club is currently involved with a letter drive for Amnesty International to request the release of Haralambos Koumbonas, a conscientious objector who was jailed in Greece. Their next project is to gather school supplies for black children in South Africa.