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Annice Hood, Dee Evans, and Kim Musgrave celebrate 2nd Bryan's intramural volleyball championship. (See page 4).

Exchange Program Extends to New Schools

by John Hunt

The student exchange program is a way for NCSSM students to visit other residential high schools like this one across the nation. One of the main goals of the program is to get a student's view of living at science and math schools in other states.

This year, the program has been expanded. Last year, two schools, one in Louisiana, and one in Illinois conducted a student exchange with NCSSM. However, this year more schools have been con-

tacted and invited to participate. So far, two have accepted: a school in Texas and another in Mississippi. More were expected to respond before Thanksgiving break.

If the exchange can take place during Special Projects Week, our students will not miss any of their classes. Hopefully, this will be a time when the host schools are having a regular class schedule, so exchange students can see the way the other schools' classes work. Likewise, the visiting students will be on our campus when our classes are in session.

If you considered this for SPW, you had to submit a 350 word essay telling what you would gain from the experience, why you should be selected, and why you want to participate. The selection process also includes a 15 minute interview. Once

finished with the exchange experience, the students will make an oral presentation to the administration, as well as a written report evaluating the program. On Sharing Day, the students will give a presentation to all interested about the other school.

Last year, the first time an exchange program was conducted, NCSSM paid for half of the travel expenses, but this year those selected must pay. Financial aid is available so everyone has a chance to go. The goals of this program include finding new ways to solve problems

present in all residential high schools, as well as exchanging ideas. The experience is also supposed to be an enjoyable one. Senior Mitchell Tatum, who visited the Louisiana school last year, said, "I had a great time and made a lot of friends."

Search for New Director Continues

by Leighann Pake

The Director Search Committee held a public forum on Nov. 15 to encourage thoughts or suggestions on the characteristics, talents, and abilities that the new director should have.

This committee, composed of seven trustees and seven members of the faculty, staff, administration and student body, have been accepting nominations in response to their advertisements in periodicals, including The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. According to Chairman Bland Worley, they will accept applications until Jan. 15.

"The new director should be someone that can draw the mind, the body and the spirit of the student body and staff," Branson Brown said.

Quinton Lindsay, a member of the first forming committee, believed that the new director should have a clear vision. Many others agreed with this characteristic.

The new director needs to direct the school "with a plan to implement this dream," according to Dot Doyle.

Kevin Bartkovich wanted one specific characteristic: "Someone whose presence will inspire NCSSM to a greater excellence."

Student Andre Peterson said, "I want a father, someone I can look up to and respect."

Marlene Blakney represented the Residential Life Staff, which wanted a new director that would work with all the departments to help make decisions.

According to Lindsay, the qualifications of this above described person should be at least five years of experience, proper education and training, and the ability to serve for at least 10 years.

The committee hopes to turn in a name to the Board of Trustees for consideration by April, 1989.

UC Airs Fourth Season

by Dana Rigby

Under Construction, a TV show produced by NCSSM students, premiered on Thursday, Nov. 17.

Now in its fourth season, it will air Thursdays at 9 p.m. on Durham Cable.

Rena Lindstrom, head of guidance and counseling, and Peggy Manning, head of media services, sponsored this project along with Barbara Kilpatrick, Manning's assistant.

About 45 students auditioned for parts this year, and 13 were selected. Although only some of the main characters will appear in the first episode, additional characters will be created for use in later shows.

"The first year, it was like Dolly Parton's variety show, without singing," said script coordinator Sasha Wood. "The second year they were more like soaps, and last year like sitcoms."

According to Regan Huff, co-director along with Chris Myers and Justin Thomas, "This year promises to be odd!" Other students in charge of UC include technical coordinator Metsy Bonner and production coordinator Milton Artis.



Michelle Fordham adjusts audio for first episode.

"It's a lot of busy work. He's been great," Manning said of Artis' work. The three episodes will be required of juniors as part of the Evening Series.

Jubilee School To Open in Jordan



by Tammy E. Williams
The Middle Eastern country of Jordan is building a science and mathematics school like NCSSM.

Jordan, a country about the size and populace of North Carolina, has begun construction on a residential school in the capital city of Amman.

The school will be co-ed, which is unusual in Arabic countries, and will most likely be for students in sophomore through senior

classes.

Queen Noor announced her intention to build this school a few years ago on the 25th anniversary of the King's coronation during a celebration called Jubilee. Therefore, the name of the new school will be The Jubilee School.

Queen Noor came to Durham in 1985 to visit Duke University. While she was here, she also toured NCSSM and talked with some of the students.

She was interested by what she saw here and in March of 1986, Director Eilber went to Jordan for three weeks to help them plan their school.

Director Eilber assisted them in forming planning groups for curriculum, admin-

istrations, residential life, and administration/organization.

In Jordan, he also had the opportunity to visit an elementary and a high school.

Some of the differences he found in their system of education compared to ours, were that their education is based primarily on the memorization of facts and college admission is determined by one large exam your career being basically chosen for you by the strengths you show on the exam.

The director of the Jordan school spent a month here in October 1986. She was followed by another administrator and two teachers in January 1988, who took classes at UNC and worked here with the faculty and students for four months.