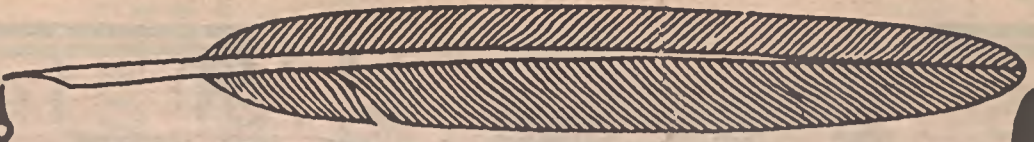




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Worley Speaks

by Rachel Ferguson

The 1990 graduation speaker will be Bland W. Worley, the retiring chairman of the Board of Trustees for NCSSM.

Mr. Worley's topic will include what the founders hoped to accomplish and whether or not their goals have been accomplished.

Mr. Worley was asked what he thought of NCSSM and he replied, "I think it's the biggest surprise the state of North Carolina has ever had. I say that because when it was approved by the legislature ...there was considerable doubt that [the school] would succeed....It's a great school. I'm just as proud of it as I can be."

About the graduating

class, Mr. Worley said, "It is a unique class. It finishes a decade. We can look at them and see how good and how valid was the thinking back in 1976."

Mr. Worley was also asked about the director. He stated, "I have complete confidence in the director ...I think he will continue to support the progress of the school."

Mr. Worley became involved with the school when Governor Hunt asked him to raise money for NCSSM. He was able to raise the seven million dollars that the governor needed. Mr. Worley has been on the NCSSM Board of Trustees since 1983 and has been chairman since 1985. He will continue to serve on the board until 1993, when his appointment by the Board of

Governors ends.

Mr. Worley's background has prepared him to be an NCSSM trustee. He was both president and vice-chairman of Wachovia Corporation for a many years, and was chairman and chief executive officer of Barclays-American Corporation until he retired in 1984. He was co-chairman of the Governor's Commission of Education for Economic Growth and has served as chairman of the Greensboro College Board of Trustees for eleven years. He has also been a trustee of Atlantic Christian College and UNC-Charlotte. Mr. Worley has also been chairman of the Fund for the Advancement of Science and Math in North Carolina and chairman of the Business Committee for Math-Science Education.



Bland Worley (Photo by Mark Weinkle) will speak at graduation.

Gray Joins NCSSM

by Leighann Pake

On March 5, 1990, Doug Gray joined NCSSM as the new assistant principal working with curriculum and staff development.

With twenty-four years of experience in public school administration, Gray's accomplishments include leadership of administrative development and teacher training programs. He has also been involved in developing evaluation tools for public education in North Carolina.

Principal Bill Youngblood said in a news release, "Doug's background in supervising both curriculum and staff development provides us an excellent fit with the major tasks assigned to the assistant principal."

Gray was previously a principal with Caswell County Schools and with Person County Schools. Current students of NCSSM, junior Terensia Hamlett and senior LaTriece Winstead, attended a junior high school of which Gray was principal.

In the two months that he has been at NCSSM, Gray has established a good working relationship with the other

members of the administrative staff. "There is a relaxed but business-like atmosphere," Gray said.

"I am impressed with the self-motivation that the students bring to classes," he said. Gray is also complimentary of the high rate of participation and commitment. He is impressed with the excellent teaching faculty, too.

Gray's position was created when Dr. Joan Barber was promoted to associate principal for student life. Barber now supervises student life programs, student activities, the physical activities/wellness program, food/health services and security departments.

After graduating from East Carolina University with a bachelor of science degree in social studies and English, Gray earned a master's degree in educational administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Gray currently resides in Roxboro with his wife, an elementary school teacher. They have two sons.

"I am happy to be here and look forward to a good stay," Gray said.



Assistant Principle Gray assists Jo Peterson (Photo by Mr. Gray recently joined NCSSM; story at right. Joe Liles)

Eventful Year Wraps Up

by Lisa Senzel

This year's news at NCSSM ranged from trouble in Wall-town to the triumph in contests such as Art of Science. The following is a recap of the major news events of the year.

Dr. Heinz-Otto Peitgen, an expert on fractals, spoke

in the newly opened Physical Education Center in October. His audience included most of the NCSSM community and representatives from sixteen schools all over the country.

Director Friedrich, fresh out of Texas, outlined his goals for NCSSM. The mission statement, after many revisions, was approved by students, faculty, and staff.

On May 6, NCSSM held its own research symposium, featuring presentations by students in Research in Biology, the fractals class, and the mentorship program.

Near the end of the eventful year, the class of 1990 began to prepare for the June 2 graduation planned for Watts lawn.