

Juniors this year try out the school's new program for REP

## A New REP Program

Seniors all remember the residential education program (REP) of last year. The juniors this year will experience a new set up for this program.

Last year's program was directed by the DA's on each hall. This year the sessions will be directed by the RA's and there will be sessions on each hall. In addition, there will be some campus wide meetings for the juniors.

A major complaint about the former program was that for a week a particular topic was stressed, but then was never mentioned again. Kevin Cromwell said, "the overall goal of this program is to have feedback

from the kids and then have a follow-up." This way a topic will not be dropped, but will not become redundant.

In the future the staff hopes to have a class with a professional directing it. The Outreach broadcasting system could also be used in the future to broadcast a topic to the halls.

A few topics for the program include: stress management, conflict resolution including misunderstanding cultures, and sexuality.

The program is designed to be pro-active. However, without student input this program will not work.--Delicia Barnes

## New Social Outlet

This year there has been a new addition to the places where students congregate. There is a new lounge on First Bryan this year. It is at the far end of the hall on the right. The lounge houses ample seating, air conditioning, a Coke machine, a snack machine, and a new large screen television.

The lounge, also known as "The Beach," is open from 10AM to 10:30 PM on Sunday through Thursday, and from 10AM to 12AM on weekends. The television can not be used until 3:30PM on weekdays and is off limits during study hours, when the lounge can only be used for study.

This lounge was created in part to replace the lounge on Ground Bryan that was there last year. The space on Ground Bryan has since been converted to the copy center.

The new lounge can also be used for meetings. To use this lounge you must reserve it on the sign out sheet in the lounge, and its use must be approved by Sandy Gosnell.

Jennifer Robinette

## Directions Anyone?

At the beginning of the year, juniors and new faculty found it easier to find their way through Beall/Bryan/Reynolds and Watts due to the addition of directional signs.

These signs were the idea of David Stein, Head of Communications. Last October, when he arrived at NCSSM, Mr. Stein had difficulty finding his way as do most people new to the campus. He thought about a way he could remedy this and he came up with the idea of directional signs.

Mr. Stein's work service student, senior Ben Davenport, designed the signs. Ben had prior experience with design and was hired by the school to create the signs over the summer and provide the school with a database.

These signs are not just directional. They will also be used to identify student artwork such as the molecular model and the ceramic map of North Carolina in first Watts breezeway.

In their final form, the signs will be made out of a different material and enclosed in plexiglass in order to give them a more professional look. The signs are being tested right now, and if they pass the testing phase, they will become a permanent part of NCSSM.

Melinda Nicholson

## What's An Exeter???

What's an Exeter? And what's it have to do with us? An interesting question.

A proposal was put forth over a year ago, a proposal to implement a new security measure. The seniors may (but probably won't) remember an announcement in the Daily Bulletin: Students and faculty are welcome to stop by Ken Horne's office for feedback on a new type of window screen-- the Exeter Crime Shield.

The Exeter is an advanced means of deterring potential criminals from entry. It consists of a solid sheet of metal perforated with holes (able to withstand quite a few axe blows). What purpose do the screens serve, and what was the justification for the money spent?

In NCSSM's case, the purpose materialized into the installation of 87 screens on the ground floors levels of Hill and Hunt Dorms. At a cost of \$348.48 apiece, they are, admittedly, expensive. Ken Horne, NCSSM's security head, provided some insight on the purpose. He said that the screens were installed in response to the escalation in

campus crimes around the country.

Horne cited the Gainesville murders as an example in explaining the reasoning behind the screens.

The proposal went first through the executive board before passing through the development office. Rita Ware, who works in the development office, said that the funds for the screens were allocated from the parents fund after the parents voted in favor of the idea.

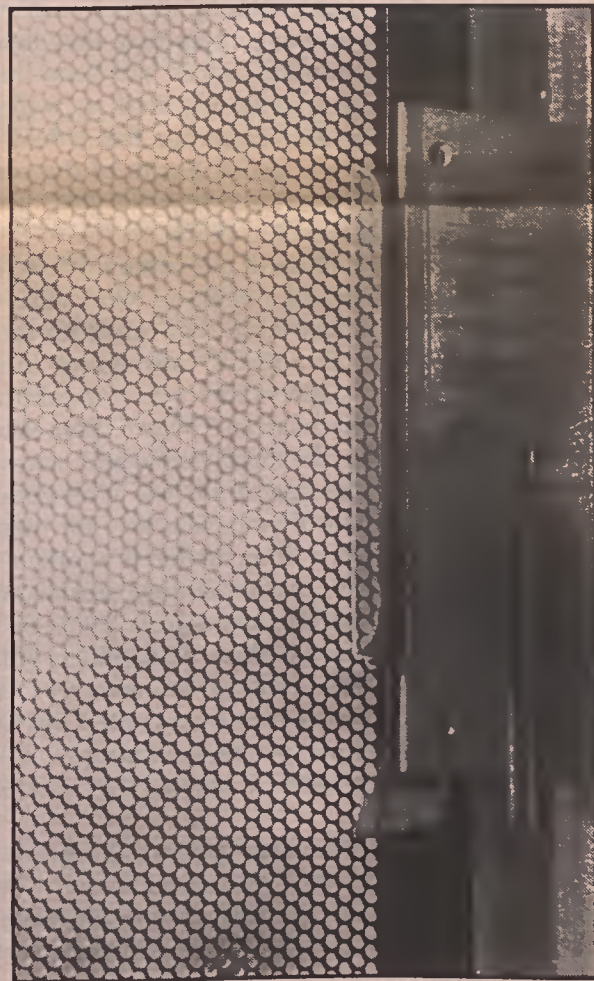
While the added security will definitely not be unwelcome, many students had not felt unsafe before. Probably the other concern expressed most by the students was an ulterior purpose: to prevent students from sneaking out. In Ken Horne's words, "My intentions were not to prevent sneaking out, but if it does, it's merely a byproduct." Brad Spires (senior on 1st Hunt) has other ideas. "If it's for our protection, why is there a seal?" referring to the plastic safety seal which must be broken before pulling the release handle of the window. Incidentally, students get a Level II and a \$5.00 fine for a broken

seal. Scott Ogle (senior on 1st Hunt) discussed another concern of the students: limited vision. The First Hunt rooms, which were dark last year, were made even gloomier by the screens, which can't be looked out of clearly (the holes distort your vision). Others also agreed with Scott about the visual distortion. The bottom line is: many students on the halls now protected don't like the screens. To paraphrase, they feel that they are losing some freedoms they deserve.

Who's to say when inconvenience outweighs safety? It comes down to a matter of principle: How much freedom should a person have?

In the words of Marilyn Mitchell (German teacher), "better safe than sorry." Jody Cummings (senior Second West Hunt) said he felt the students should have been consulted more, or at least be educated about the decision. Robert Schneck (senior Second West Hunt) said he felt the money could have been better spent. This writer remains out of the debate, but leaves you with the words of Ken Horne: "If it saves one life, or stops one rape, it's paid for."

Brad Best



The exeter screens are the cause of debate over purposes and cost.



Reynolds locks serve as both protection and nuisance to most students.

## Are We Secure Here?

This past summer, new locks were installed on all of the doors to the Reynolds halls. Many staff members and students had become uncomfortable with the accessibility of these halls.

The question has been asked, why was Reynolds the only dorm to receive the locks? The answer is that Reynolds was the most easily accessible to people from off campus without anyone noticing. Joan Barber, Deputy Director of Student Life said,

"At that point, we had no area where a person just couldn't simply walk off the street and

if they weren't too suspicious-looking they could actually come into a the community and onto a girl's hall without us really being aware of it." Dr. Barber and others from the community have plans to put locks on all of the halls to keep the community secure.

One of the concerns is that these new locks will limit students' abilities to talk with their friends. Any concerns regarding this issue are welcomed by Dr. Barber.