



## Director Friedrich moving on to Wisconsin

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As students and faculty crowded into the PEC after classes on Nov. 10, Executive Director Dr. John Friedrich was preparing to tell them good-bye.

At the assembly that afternoon, Dr. Friedrich officially informed the NCSSM community that this would be his last year at Science and Math. Dr. Friedrich has accepted a position as the founding director of Conserve School.

Conserve School, which will open in Sept. 2001, will be a co-educational boarding high school for academically talented students. The school's curriculum will have



Dr. John Friedrich has left the building. He will be leaving S&M for Conserve School this Summer.

a special focus on plant and animal ecology, natural resource management and outdoor activities.

The school was conceived and funded by the former

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## Students beware: problems plague S&M mailroom

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The last thing most work service students at Science and Math could imagine

that they would find taped to their door after a hard day of classes is a letter explaining to them that they are being assigned to a new work service job and supervisor.



SLI Warren Basket carts a mail crate through the pit. Basket takes care of all mailroom duties now.

However, this was exactly what awaited the mail work service students one after-

noon this semester. Many mail room work service students were surprised to recently find themselves assigned to new jobs after someone tampered with student mail. A few incidents of students receiving already-opened envelopes were reported. Some of the envelopes that had been tampered with were missing

money that parents sent. After

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## Mini-Term may replace Special Projects Week

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NCSSM may be implementing a mini-term instead of Special Projects Week. The Curriculum Council, a decision-making body consisting of students, faculty, administrators, SLI's, and alumnae, has drawn up a proposal that may be approved by the Board of Trustees and put into effect in the year 2000.

The mini-term would either be two weeks or a week and a half. It would occur either in March or January.

Teachers would be in charge of all mini-term offerings. Students would have the option of signing up for one of the creative mini-courses offered or designing a quality independent project of their own choosing. Students would be required to put in forty hours of work per week. They would have to submit a daily work schedule, and the adult in charge of their project would set

participation standards.

Biology teacher Leslie Brinson has a creative idea for a Mini-Term class. She wants to look at the Neuse River Basin and look at all the studies

field work as well as classwork."

One of the negative factors of the mini-term is that ALT days may be lost or extra days may be added onto the end of the school year. Students may have to lose one extended weekends, and teachers may lose a few of their work days.

Students and faculty have different and often opposing views on the possible mini-term versus SPW. Junior Rita Zota opposes

the Mini-Term and feels that "one week is good enough to explore other alternatives and your interests.

Losing ALT days is really important. ALT day is like a day off when you can get caught up on your work."

SGA member Nya Ly is in favor of a Mini-Term and thinks that "it's a good option for students because a lot of kids are interested in other subjects that they really aren't given the opportunity to take a semester long or year long course in."



Senior Raoul Clements makes a point about Mini-term as senior Anthony Anagnostou, SLI Ami Parker and Director of Academic Programs Dr. Steve Warshaw listen. Members of the curriculum council met on November 10.

## RLA Review Board called for leveled RLAs

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"Children behave, that's what they say when we're together." Like the oldies tune sang, all NCSSM students are reprimanded when they choose not to follow the rules of the Handbook. Even RLAs, leaders of the community, can be called in front of an RLA Review Board, if an RLA's actions

need to be reexamined for any Level or inappropriate behavior.

Two RLAs have been brought before the Board thus far this year. The Board reviewed one RLA for walking off campus after dark and decided to take away that RLA-ship because the RLA was in the presence of alcohol and neglected the safety of others.

RLA Andrea Hamilton commented on the issue.

"As an RLA, one of the most important jobs is to look over the personal safety of our peers. If we are in a situation in which we're witnessing inappropriate behavior, it's our responsibility to act," she said.

RLA Janet White added, "To keep an RLA in that

leadership position who doesn't follow the guideline, lowers the reputation of all the RLAs on campus."

Another RLA Review Board heard a trial for an RLA who was charged with smoking on campus. This RLA did not lose the position, but had to write a paper in response to smoking.

RLAs seldom lose

their positions, but RLA trials do occur. No RLA positions were taken away last year, however, one RLA in the BBR complex stepped down from her job.

The RLA Review Board has four RLAs and two SLIs, who all volunteer for the job, and the RLA Coordinator,

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