

## New Approach To Campus Construction

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With a new director comes many changes. One area where students and faculty should really see a change this year is in the campus' appearance.

"We can expect a new, brighter, improved campus," said Bret Reece, the Head of Plant Facilities.

Some of the changes that have already occurred over the summer are new carpet and paint at the Bryan Lobby entrance, air conditioning in the Bryan dorms, new paint in Beall, Bryan, Reynolds, and Watts, a new dishwasher and ice cream machine in

the PFM, and new air conditioning units on the physics floor and the in student life offices (1st floor Bryan).

An even more exciting aspect is the many changes that will be occurring throughout the school year. Some improvements that students can expect this year are the completion of the practice field behind Hunt this fall, new picnic tables

equipped with umbrellas, new volleyball standards in the gym, the demolition of the

boiler plant (the building next to the PFM), and the cleaning/re-

part in improving the school's image on Campus Beauti-

rooms and the residential halls.

As a result of the new attitude, places around campus such as sidewalks will be repaired more often. A new contractor will be hired for the elevators, which should decrease the amount of time they are out of order.

"It is a big attitude change and a re-focused direction for the school and the students," said Bret Reece.

So look around and appreciate the changes. Don't things seem a little brighter?



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painting of the outside of Watts.

Students will also be able to take

part in the beautification Day. On August 19, students can repaint the walls of their

## Letter From The Staff

**THE STENTORIAN**

Dear Juniors,

Most likely as you sit down to read this letter, your parents have just left and you are in your room wondering what to do next. There is a dance tonight and people are walking around meeting others, but wait a minute, no parents. Doesn't that sound exciting?!? No one to answer to, no one to tell you when to do your homework, and better yet, no rules. You may think that, but look in the handbook (the big thing that hardly gets read), there are rules, and there are SLI's who are your pseudo-parents. Actually,

while you might not have someone looking over your shoulder every minute, the rules here at NCSSM can be a little less forgiving than at home. Parents love you despite your mistakes, but if you severely misbehave at NCSSM, the administration can just send you packing.

Almost every year it happens. A student gets wrapped up in being away from home and gets caught drinking. Once that happens he/she has two choices: withdraw or have a hearing where he/she can either be dismissed or face severe punishments. Either way, he/she has

to live with the consequences for quite a long time.

It may sound severe, however consider it from the administrators' point of view. You juniors are the best and the brightest from North Carolina and you were invited to come here. Many others would love to be in your situation and that is why you shouldn't take it for granted. No, the administration does not want you to be miserable or to not have fun. They just want you to act as mature individuals who respect the rules.

Coming to Science and Math (certainly does not

mean that you have to study all the time and stay in your room. On the contrary, we want you to meet people, make friends and be active in the community. That is part of the whole NCSSM experience.

This letter is not meant to scare you, or sound like your parents. We are just looking out for you. It is only a warning, to think before you act and to remember who you are and what you want. It is a privilege to be here and you can lose that privilege in a heartbeat. Although your values, your outlook

on life and even your personality might change this year, try to keep your head straight and remember the rules. Things can get overwhelming at times, they do for everyone. You're not in this *bât alônê*, every other student has or is experiencing the same problems. Talk to students, teachers, guidance counselors, etc.; we are all here to help you out. So enjoy, have fun, but the bottom line is think about decisions before you make them.

Sincerely,  
The Stentorian

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### 9. Library

### 8. Mail Room

### 7. Biology

### 6. LIT@COM

### 5. Distance Learning

### 4. Physics

### 3. Switch board

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### 1. The PFM



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