

Random Acts of Strangeness...

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Recently, Svenska Dagbladet, a Swedish newspaper, has offered Internet-crazy Swedes a new online game—elk hunting. Participants look through a camera set up in the Swedish woods to find elk. Internet surfers that find the elk can receive delicacies such as elk steak. The newspaper reported 20 percent increase in hits to its website following this weird game's introduction.

*Fort Lauderdale traffic report: A busy Florida highway

suffered long delays because of a truck accident in which a truck carrying alligator carcasses to a processing plant tipped over, spilling 26 dead alligators all over the road.*

Medica Muelheim clinic in Germany said recently that snoring can actually increase stupidity. The clinic cites an American study, which claims that snoring deprives the body of oxygen and kills brain cells. The group recommends fixing the snoring problem with laser surgery.

*There were prominent

politicians in attendance at Centre college in Danville, Kentucky for the recent vice-presidential debate, but one figure seemed to be relatively unknown. "Dead Fred" had himself a seat reserved at the debate. A seat in the audience had been reserved for a portrait of the late U.S. Supreme Court justice Fred Vinson, who was an ardent and loyal Centre College alumnus.*

Strange but True:

*In 1931, Churchill had a "miraculous escape" from death

after having been run over by a taxi in New York.*

General Dwight Eisenhower had with him a hand-written shouldering the blame for the failure of the D-Day invasion.

*President Nixon had a speech ready on the loss of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the moon. Part of the speech reads:

"These brave men, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, know that there is no hope for their recovery. But they also know there is hope for mankind

in their sacrifice...For every human being who look sup at the moon in the nights to come will know that there is some corner of another world that is forever mankind."*

*When John Glenn splashed down in the South Pacific seas, he was afraid that he might scare indigenous peoples, so he carried with him a note, translated in many different languages that read:

"I am a stranger. I come in peace. Take me to your leader and there will be a massive reward for you in eternity."*

But NCSSM Is Different

STAFF EDITORIAL

Censorship has become an undeniable part of today's society. It has been a major issue in the presidential elections; it is seen in public schools, music stores and even the media. But this year it has finally made its way to NCSSM. Is this a good thing or a bad thing? On the positive side, if there is an incident where a student misuses the internet, administration can not be held accountable because the proxy server has been installed. How-

ever, the new proxy server shows students and the faculty that the community here at NCSSM is no different than any other public high school. This is not *supposed* to be the case. NCSSM students live away from home, they juggle a work load heavier than most college students, and they have been selected from all across North Carolina to be here. We are supposed to be the "cream of the crop", the best in the state, but we certainly are not being treated that way.

Many students feel

that the proxy server is mainly an annoyance but there is not much that can be done. If an academic site is blocked, students can always e-mail Dr. Richard Alston; although those who work on projects the night before they are due, will have a hard time getting a site unblocked before the next day. This makes it extremely difficult if you haven't planned on having to unblock the sites. And honestly, who has time to do their work before it's due?

The effectiveness of the proxy server should defi-

nately be a concern. Students have done a great job finding the sites that the proxy sever apparently missed. One can't look up Dick Cheney, but they can go to www.Godhatesfags.com and other unacceptable sites (pornography). The proxy server does seem to entertain bored students on the internet. Most of them probably never thought about looking up porn before and the proxy server just adds a hint of daringness to it.

Basically the proxy server is pointless. It was in-

stalled to protect the administration from being held accountable for students' actions or misconduct. Instead of taking such severe measures, they could have worked with the students to develop an honor code or some other plan that would include internet misuse. It is an insult to everything that NCSSM stands for: responsibility, maturity, achievement, etc. AIR was correct; students need to speak out for their rights and the legacy of NCSSM students. This is not just some high school.

Upcoming Events

THERESA ANASTI

Science and Math students often complain that there's nothing to do. The following is a list of activities which while fun will not result in a level III hearing.

CC= Cat's Cradle
BREW= The Brewery
RITZ= The Ritz

OCTOBER

27 Friday: at Go! in Carboro—Hovercraft

27 Friday: at the Dean E. Smith Center—Barenaked Ladies w/ Guster

28 Saturday: Blue Rags (\$8) 10 PM w/Steep Canyon Rangers (CC)

28 Saturday: Hobex (BREW)

28 Saturday: at Jillian's in Raleigh—Vanilla Ice

28 Saturday: at The ArtsCenter - Rachel's w/ Matmos (\$12)

NOVEMBER

3 Friday: Trailer Bride, Blue Mountain, Kenny Roby (\$10)(10 PM)(CC)

4 Saturday: Far Too Jones (\$8)(10 PM)(CC)

10 Friday: Dar Williams (\$20 at door)(CC)

11 Saturday: Jimmy Thackery and the Drivers (BREW)

11 Saturday: Ben Harper (\$25.5)(RITZ)

12 Sunday: Ben Harper (\$25.5)(RITZ)

17 Friday: Pat McGee Band (\$8)(CC)

18 Saturday: The Sea and Cake w/ Broadcast (\$10)(CC)

18 Saturday: Matthew Ryan and Steve Earle (\$22.5)(RITZ)

19 Sunday: Joan Osborne(\$16)(CC)

25 Saturday: Bruther Monk (CC)

STUDENTS AND FACULTY!

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