



Think you know fashion  
like Dr. Keohane?

See what Michael Jerch  
and Candis Watts have to say.

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James tells of his  
life after  
NCSSM.

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## Knights in Shining Honor

ANNA GOLDSTEIN

It began with a survey. Earlier this year, two sheets of paper appeared on the ground Bryan bulletin board asking students to state whether or not they thought NCSSM should have an Honor Code. The lists of names grew and grew, and people on both sides of the issue continued to express equally strong opinions.

As we begin fourth quarter, there has been no drastic shift in student opinion. However, there have been major changes in the organization of the movement towards an Honor Code. The

result of these changes is the Ethical Awareness Group.

The Ethical Awareness Group is made up of students, both juniors and seniors, who are working towards a structured honor system at NCSSM. Their immediate goal is to create a Declaration of Character for NCSSM students in years to come.

EAG is made up of several committees, including the Content Committee, in charge of actually writing the Declaration. The other committees are Programming, Outreach, and Process Committee.

The authors of the Declaration will attempt to



EAG on their way to Boca Raton, Florida, for an Honor Code Conference this February.

the NCSSM Handbook. The Declaration will consist of two sections: one to define our values concerning honesty, respect, and responsibility, and another containing the official pledge statement. This second part could appear on tests and major assignments.

Currently, there is no plan for a system of disciplinary responses in case of violations, but this is a possibility for later years. Such a system could possibly create an Honor Board staffed by stu-

summarize and confirm the school's values in a document

similar to the current Statement of Principle, part of

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## Fee: Coming to a Student Near You

ELYSA WAN

"Beware the Ides of March." On March the 15th the Board of Trustees passed the legislation that will allow a Student Activity Fee to be instated in the fall of 2002.

As the news spread, many students began feeling puzzled, misled and uninformed. Emotions were running high until and through the junior Monday meeting.

The Executive Director maneuvered around the torrents of discontent, outlining the tentative budget and answering the questions of students.

Yet many students remained unconvinced. Many of them conducted surveys, scheduled meetings with the legal consultant, sent

school-wide emails, and organized speak-outs.

Many students doubt the necessity of having this student fee.

"This school has always produced excellence and will continue to do so with or without a student fee," said Brandon Carroll.

Dr. Boarman has a different idea of excellence. He believes that attempts to revitalize the school are impossible without proper funding. With the state \$1 billion in deficit, a student fee seems the only viable option.

He is not shy in expressing his dream of making NCSSM "the best high school in the country."

It was this vision that convinced Bill Cary, a member of the Board of Trustees and a former parent, to sup-

port the fee.

"Hope is not a strategy," he said. "The Trustees have said 'We're not going to sit back; we're putting this school first.'"

Even a last minute phone call from Governor Hunt could not delay the 16:3 vote for the student fee. The 3 votes against the student fee were all from NCSSM alumni.

Despite this explanation, some students feel dissatisfied with the way in which the administration dealt with this issue.

Dr. Boarman has answered these complaints with political justifications. It would seem unfair to the Trustees to have the rest of

"Student Fee,"  
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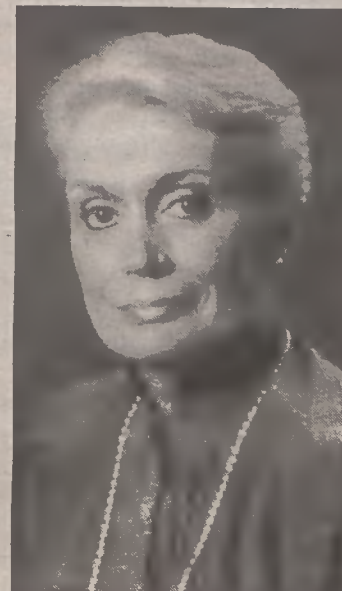
## Dr. Wilson:

## In Her Own Words

CHARLIE STONE & DHRUTI PATEL

Dr. Wilson, I think that many students here often find themselves wondering what type of teenager Ginger Wilson was. I know I often have.

Well, I loved school! I know how that sounds, but my mother always used to say that since the very first day of kindergarten, I took to school like a duck to water. I was very involved in co-curriculars and was active in drama. I was a thespian. I did chorus, and various honors societies and SGA. My big thing, though, was drama. I was also a very serious student.



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## Out of the Bubble

EMILY CURRIN

Spring is finally in the air. Warm weather, blooming flowers, humidity, and sun-burn—what more could anyone ask for?

Maybe a little something to occupy your time when you're not doing homework or enjoying the weather.

### Music

4/19 & 4/20: Widespread Panic (Alltel Pavilion, Raleigh)

4/26: Weekend Excursion (Cat's Cradle)

4/27: Athenaeum (Lincoln Theatre, Raleigh)

### Sports

4/23: Richmond Braves at Durham Bulls

5/04: Tampa Bay Storm at Carolina Cobras

5/07: Norfolk Tides at Durham Bulls

### Spring Events

4/21: Apple Chill - a music, arts and crafts fair on East Franklin St. with free snacks, face painting, and a moonwalk

4/26 & 4/27: Durham Co. Relay for Life at Jordan High School

### Hot Date Idea of the Month

It's nearing the end of the year, and you have fewer than forty days left, so lose the inhibitions and have some real fun!