

Out of the Bubble

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Have you felt the sting of Cupid's arrow yet, or does it seem that Cupid was slightly off target this year? Either way, one cannot resist the almost sickeningly sweet displays of teddy bears, roses, conversation hearts, and mylar balloons. Now that you've bought your ACC flowers and your Stentorian ads it's time to show your Valentine what you are really made of and just how sweet you can be!

Music

2/17: Flicker Film Festival; Cat's Cradle
2/20: Jump, Little Children; Cat's Cradle
2/20: Jupiter Coyote; Lincoln Theatre

Arts

2/13-3/1: Carolina Ballet; Ballet Plus! Ciompi Quartet
2/14-2/15: Lord I'm Coming Home; BTI Center-Meymandi Concert Hall
3/4-3/9: Blast!; BTI Center-Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

Restaurants for Valentine's Day Dinners

Brightleaf: Anotherthyme, El Rodeo, Fishmonger's Oyster Bar, The Latin Grill, Pop's, Taverna Nikos, Theo's Kellari, Torero's, Tosca Ristorante Italiano
SouthPoint: Big Bowl Asian Kitchen, California Pizza Kitchen, Champps Americana, Firebirds Rocky Mountain Grill, Maggiano's Little Italy, Nordstrom Bistro
South Square Mall Area: Applebee's, Grady's American Grill, Romano's Macaroni Grill, Spartacus Restaurant
9th Street: Café Parizade, Charlie's, George's Garage, Magnolia Grill, Vin Rouge

And to Spice Up the Love Life...

Try watching one of those black and white romances with the sound off...make up your own words and see where things go.

Send your valentine on a scavenger hunt where you, X, marks the spot.

Drug and Alcohol Survey Results

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Last week, 189 NCSSM students took an anonymous drug and alcohol survey during common lunch. The survey inquired about their experiences with drugs and alcohol, when they started using, if they are still using, if they are interested in stopping, and why they are or were using. Here are the results:

42% have never used drugs or alcohol

4% have only done drugs

37% have only used alcohol

18% have done both

Of those who have had experiences with drugs/alcohol:

6.5% began under the age of 10

8.3% began between the ages of 10 and 12

46.3% began between the ages of 13 and 15

38.9% began between the ages of 16 and 18

22% are still using (2 of these people are interested stopping)

78% have stopped

When asked why they use or used drugs:

28% use/used it to relax

15% tried experimentally

14% do/did it to have fun

17% do/did it for social reasons (parties, peer pressure, etc.)

26% do/did it for various other reasons such as sex, boredom, or thirst

To all who took the survey, thank you for your time and your honesty.

Zack,

I dream about you as I check housekeeping. I long for every fast-twitch muscle fiber in your body.

Love me.

Your hot'n'heavy RLA, Chris

To: Craig Zdanowicz
If you asked me what the meaning of "love" is I would reply "I do not know". But Craig, I do know that when I'm with you, I am hopelessly, helplessly, recklessly falling in love. Every moment I spend with you is what I've been waiting for all my life. Thanks for being such a great friend, advisor, and lover. I will remember you... will you remember me too...?
Love, Alice

To: Layton Ashmore
Happy Birthday... yeah yeah I know... *kiss*
Love, B

Chris Nichols: An SLI With a Heart the Size of an X-Box

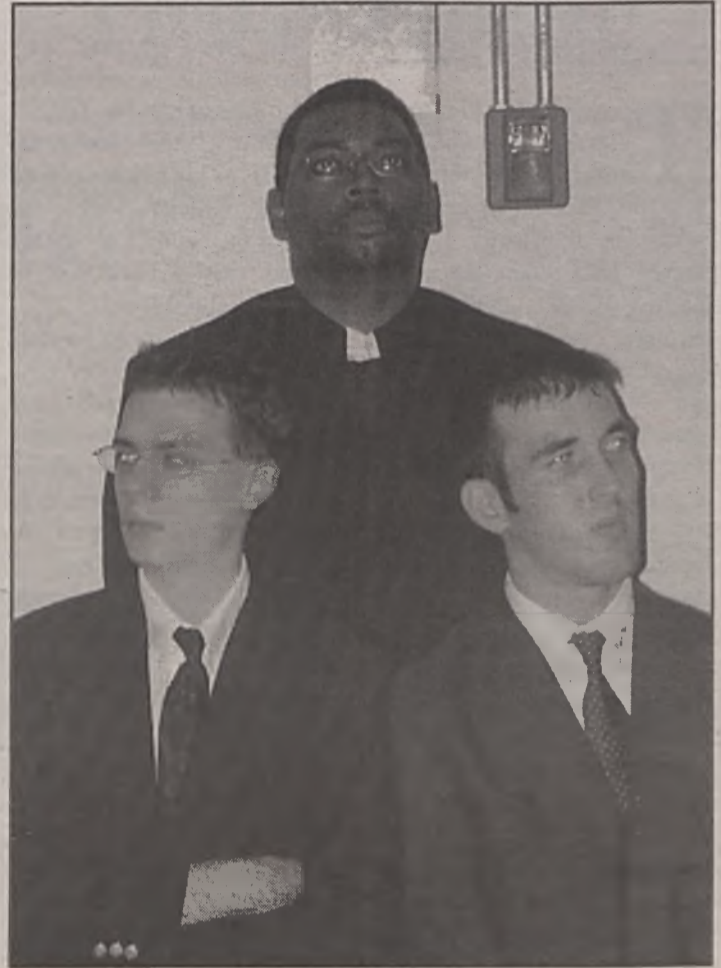
CHRIS SAUNDERS

In both my years of residential life at NCSSM, I have met many great people, both students and staff members. However, I dare say that I have met few as great as Chris Nichols, Fourth West's SLI of the last year and a half.

More a friend than an SLI, Chris was always willing to have a conversation, play video games, or occasionally just break in-room with the guys on hall. However, he was also a great SLI, always ready to drive us places for hall trips and such.

Chris is best remembered as someone who always looked at the bigger picture, and didn't care so much about the smaller details. Sure, nobody likes room inspections, but with Chris, we were able to live the way we wanted to; he realized that we had enough to do without keeping our shoes in straight lines in the closet and keeping our books aligned exactly squared with the corners of our desks. In Chris's eyes, I-Viz was enough incentive for people to keep their rooms clean, and we all appreciated it.

Chris was also a man who never felt the need to be nasty about disciplinary processes. He had two rules for the guys on hall - nobody gets hurt, and nobody breaks anything. He



Davis Bowen

The beloved Chrts Nichols with his two RLAs Chris Saunders and Ben Jarrett.

understood that boys will be boys and unless someone is in danger or committing a felony, a little fun isn't anything to get mad about.

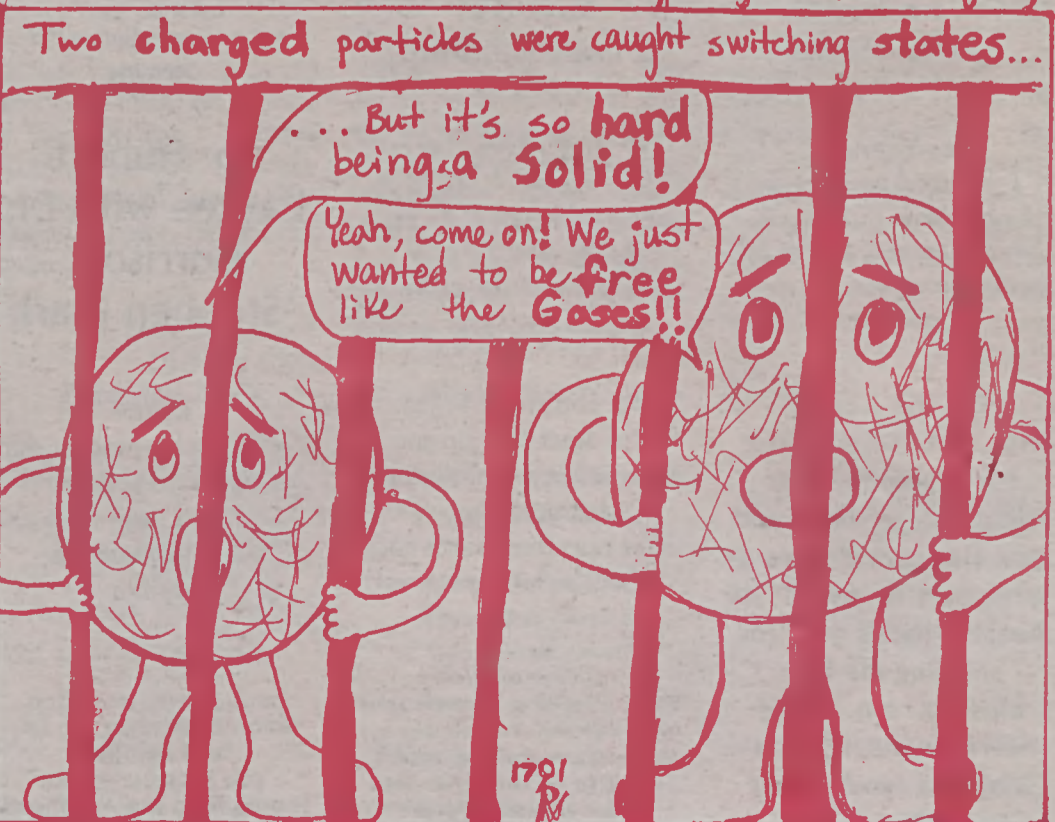
Under Chris's leadership, 4W was a hall that ran on mutual respect, not fear of authority. And after a year and a half of living there, I'm convinced that that's the way

it should be.

As of late, Chris has taken a job in Baltimore, Maryland, in college admissions. It's quite possible that in his absence, Fourth West and the rest of the Science and Math community will never be the same again. Farewell and good luck Chris Nichols, you will be missed.

Laughing Matter

Dedicated to Mr. T: Thanks for everything!! - Your Majesty



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