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Troubled American Teens Deported From Mexico

Three schools in northern Mexico for teenagers with behavioral or drug problems have been shut down. The 538 Americans at the school have been deported; most of the Americans entered the country as tourists, not as members of treatment facilities. Ken Kay, who is associated with one of the schools, alleges that Mexico is deporting the Americans to get back at the United States for deporting illegal aliens.

Buddhist Monks Protest Film

Buddhist monks from all around South Asia are protesting the film "Hollywood Buddha," which was released in theatres on September 24. The protests were initiated because the promotional poster for the film shows the star of the film, who is also the director and producer, sitting on top of Buddha's head; this mocks Buddha. The monks ask that the film not be released and, if it is, that devotees boycott it.

Tanzanian Man Builds Symbolic House of Tires

Charles Lugenga, a member of the Environment Based Poverty Alleviation foundation, has observed his country's gradual departure from its traditional values such as recycling with frustration. For instance, it used to be common for Tanzanians to make sandals from tires. In an effort to raise awareness about the possibilities of reusing solid industrial wastes, he constructed a house made of tires he found scattered over the Tanzanian landscape and a few supportive wooden beams. The house even has tire furniture, a roof made of unrolled tires, and a rug woven from pieces of tire. The house reeks of tar, but Lugenga maintains that the smell will be masked once the house is painted.

Brunei slowly democratizing

Brunei's parliament, which used to be chosen by the Sultan, voted to have one third of its members directly elected. The other two thirds would still be chosen by Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah. This will be the first time Brunei holds direct elections since 1962, when the party that won sought to terminate royal rule and to unite with Malaysia.

All articles summarized from BBC.

WUNI: Leaving a Legacy?

AGATA PELKA AND MARY BLAINE

This year's SGA is getting a head start on the senior gift to prevent the chaos that occurred last year, as the changes in the assembly hall still await. Among the gifts suggested at the recent senior meeting was the further development of the NCSSM radio station, WUNI.

The radio station was originally created as a Mini-term project last year by Mark Reidy, Ryan Pifer, Drew Foster and Joe Johnson; the latter two are grandse-niors. As Foster put it, "Ryan or Mark was sitting and thinking about it, and like a lightning bolt from the heavens [the idea] came. Mark and Ryan suggested it to me and I thought it was most assuredly impossible...so I joined up."

Together, the four wannabe deejays

recruited the help of Craig Rowe, the director of communications, who became their sponsor. Rowe says he "wholly supported a radio station and felt it was long overdue for NCSSM. I also saw it as a good way for me to get more involved with the students." During Mini-term, the group toured real radio stations, obtained necessary equipment, and set up WUNI in the Linux lab (now the bookroom).

Once the radio station was up and running, the school administrators took an interest in it. Direct Reports, a group that consists of school administrative personnel who report directly to Dr. Boarman, was summoned to ensure that the radio station became something the entire school could

sides of the issue are presented. Mark and Ryan will not let these rules stop them from having interesting shows. They hope to interview administrators about events and issues on campus, invite speakers who come to the school to talk on the station, and even get some alumni to

school can be exposed to unknown bands and different genres through the radio station.

Ryan and Mark are hoping to get funds from the senior class so that the radio station could get a larger server which would allow them to broadcast to the entire campus and beyond. Right now, their online server only allows for a hundred listeners at a time. Their plan is to "open NCSSM to the world," which was a hope expressed by Dr. Boarman during his convocation speech.

This may result in additional censorship once the radio station begins broadcasting off campus, because the administration wants to ensure that the image of NCSSM is protected. Yet this may be something worth considering; broadcasting beyond the Science and Math campus would allow friends, parents, and alumni to stay in

touch with the school. As Rowe said, "It could also be used as a way to share information with potential students. For example, one week we can have an admissions officer talk about applying, and another week a coach talk about the basketball program, and so on. I hope your group gives strong consideration to this project. I am personally involved, yes, but it would leave a rich legacy."



Vanna Sombatsaphay

Ryan Pifer (left) and Mary Reidy (right) working on the radio station, WUNI

benefit from, not just the Mini-term team. They also wanted to make sure that the station would be monitored for content as it would be a public-information tool.

Ryan wrote guidelines for the radio station using the FCC and other stations as models. The rules include basics such as not using the "seven dirty words," and not talking about religion, politics or other controversial issues unless both

tell the tragic story of their walks to E.K. Powe in the pouring rain for dinner.

Even with the recent opening of the new Bryan lobby, WUNI does not have a room from which to broadcast. However, Ryan and Mark are not letting this hinder their planning. They hope to start auditions for new deejays who would be given shows and are looking for ways to get people actively sharing music so the

College Eve:

Where's Your Future?

ANNU KASHYAP AND YOLANDA FAIR

College Eve is an annual event that NCSSM holds for students to explore college options. NCSSM will host more than 100 colleges on Friday, October 1 from 5 -7 p.m. in the PEC.

Representatives from Duke, North Carolina Central, North Carolina State University, UNC-Chapel Hill and others across the state will attend this event. There will also be representatives from many out of state colleges including MIT, Cornell, California Institute of Technology, Carleton College, Clemson University, Emory University, and others which are on At-A-Glance. Additionally, Duke, UNC-CH and MIT will be presenting

20-30 minute sessions in the Hill classrooms.

College Eve is a mandatory event for seniors, but juniors are encouraged to come and research college options, and the entire event is only two hours. Therefore, it's a good idea to make sure that you have time to visit all the colleges of your choice and talk to Admissions Directors. Ms. Molly Rich, of the Counseling services, gives this advice, "...when you ask questions, include specifics about academic programs, scholarship opportunities, social activities, and research opportunities."

Counselor Joyce Rodman reminds us- "Don't go just on name or where your friends are talking about. Look for places place that actually fit you. Then you can get a good education and be happy in the process."

Robotics Remodeled

KEVIN CHEN

For students who have never heard of the Robotics Lab, it is a lab area that has been used by the Robotics Team for storage for robots and other electronics. Located in Ground Reynolds, it is currently being renovated; the work should be completed in a few weeks.

The idea for the room originated from Dr. Boarman. A driving force behind the decision to create the robotics lab was the limited amount of space in the faculty cafeteria room. All of the robots were previously stored in this room. The "disgruntled teachers," as physics teacher Angelina Winborne puts it, were displeased with the lack of space.

With the help of Erica Wilson, Steve Butcher, mem-

bers of the Robotics Team and the graduating class of 2002, the plans for the lab were initiated. A budget was created and bids were submitted to different companies for funding. Whether the furniture in the room will be funded is still not known.

The construction of the lab finally began during the summer of 2004, when maintenance workers shoveled material out of a former distancing learning studio. The workers ripped out walls and applied new conduits. The 2,000 sq ft room should provide plenty of space for the storage of large and small robots alike.

The Robotics and Science Olympiad Teams will not be the only ones to use the lab. The robotics lab will be used by high speed imaging and for specialized projects.