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addition, but I will always remember who was there before them.”

However, next year's 4th West RLA Steve Ko says otherwise. “4th Hunt will keep their open lounges, so it won't affect us too much. A lot of my 2nd Bryan friends are moving to 4th West next year, so it'll be fun.”

Junior Yev Grechka agreed. “We're looking forward to having the Second Bryan guys here,” Grechka said.

Halls that current 2nd Bryan juniors will move to include 4th West, 1st Hill, and 2nd Hill. According to Steve Jones, current 2nd B. When applying for rooms on new halls, 2nd Bryan juniors were on the same priority level as current hall residents. This was designed to give them the maximum opportunity to “pick” the personality of their environment for next year.

But this still will not mend the break-up of a closely-knit hall.

“Second Bryan was my home for two very short years,” said senior Richard Pridgen. “Over this time I grew attached to my hall and my hallmates. I think it is very sad that my hall is being split up. I think there are much better alternative plans to turning 2nd Bryan into a girls hall, such as making it an all senior guys hall next year. This would not displace anyone wanting to stay on 2B and at the same time, the same goal would be accomplished a year later.”



Photo by Luis Zapata

Junior Greg Rubinstein plays ping-pong in the 2nd East open lounge. Next year the open lounge will be converted into two dorm rooms, a triple and a double. Rubenstein said that he was not very happy about the decision. “People are people, but a ping pong table is something more,” Rubenstein said.

Field scheduled for late August 2006 completion

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may come even later.

Steve Cohn is the head of the NCSSM liaison committee of the Watts-Hospital Hillandale Neighborhood Association (WHHNA), a committee appointed by the neighborhood to handle relations with the school. Cohn said that he did not take issue with the proposed soccer field or track. It is the six-pole lighting which has caused debate.

Cohn said that the school has shown members of the committee lights from several other schools, including North Raleigh Christian Academy and Cary Academy.

“It's been really clear that they

blast out into the neighborhood in ways that you can read a newspaper a block away,” he said.

According to liaison committee member Ned Kennington, the neighborhood association resolved officially in 2002 that there should be no lights on any NCSSM stadium. He said that recent negotiations, however, have made lighting an option.

Kennington has suggested in the past that classes start at 6 a.m. to avoid darkness during athletic events and intramurals. But, he said, that is not the only option.

“I do not need to suggest that that is the solution,” Kennington said. “Let's look at what all the possibilities are.”

Both Kennington and Cohn

said they felt misled by the administration before the stadium funding was announced. They said they knew planning for the stadium was underway in 1998, but that at recent meetings, the administration had refused to talk about it.

Craig Rowe, NCSSM Director of Communication, said that the stadium should not have come as a surprise to the neighboring community. He said that it was clear that they would build the soccer and track stadium as soon as funding was secured.

“The school didn't know they were going to get that money until it was announced to the board,” Rowe said. “Members of the neighborhood were made aware

of the situation at the same time as the school community.”

Rowe said that he did not feel obligated to provide WHHNA with every insight into the school.

“The students are our number one priority,” he said.

But, he said that would not prevent cooperation. “The school remains dedicated to working out a compromise with the neighbors,” Rowe said.

Brown and Constantinou, across the street, attended a meeting at the school about a month ago.

“Anybody would hope that we could have an open dialogue,” Constantinou said. “We look forward to the next meeting.”

NCSSM to become member of UNC system

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The NCSSM Board of Trustees unanimously accepted UNC System President Erskine Bowles' invitation to become the 17th constituent school to the UNC System.

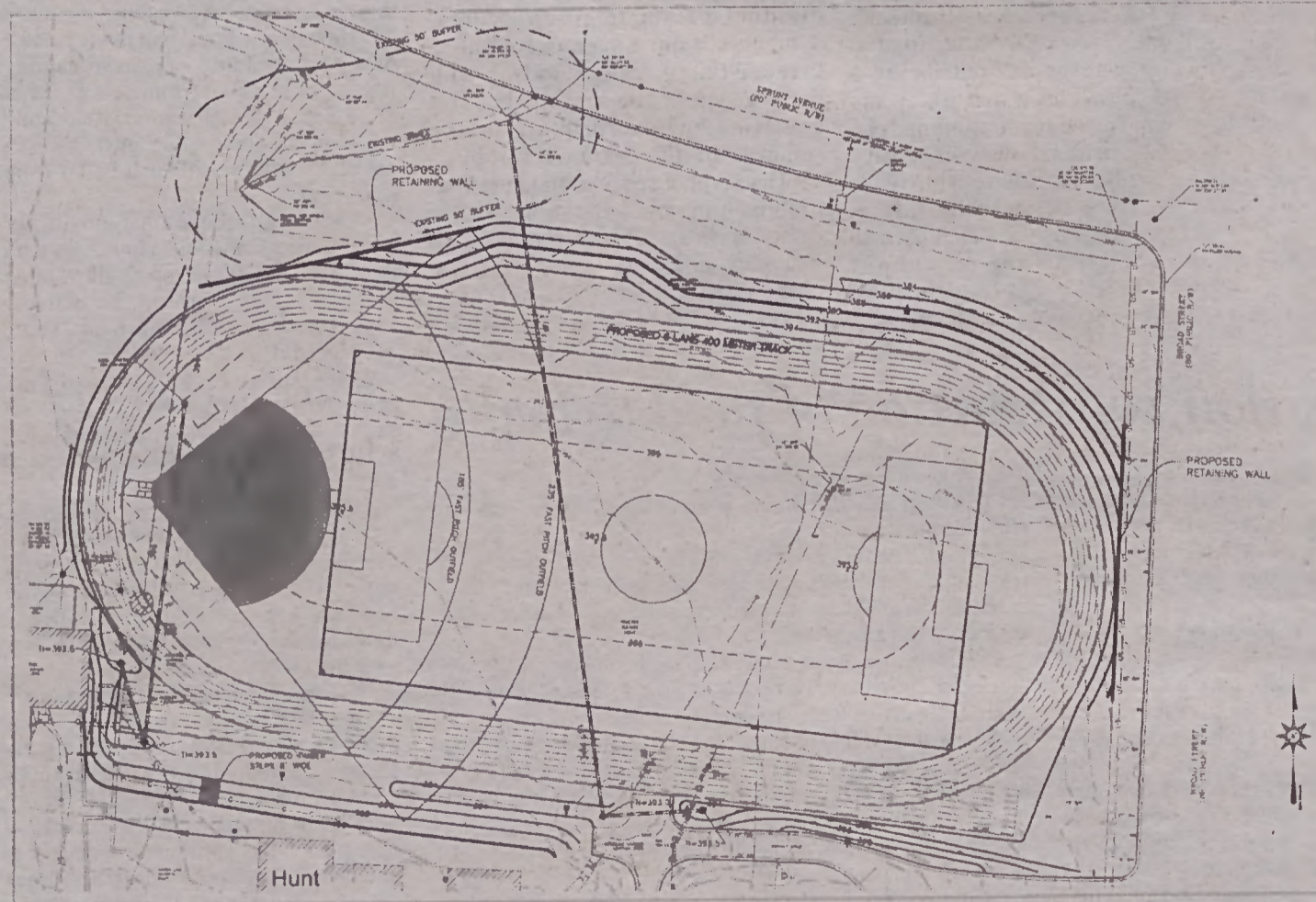
The constituency will have some positive benefits for the students, according to Myra Halpin, Dean of Sciences.

“Collaboration with UNC will allow smoother transition for our students into the UNC System,” Halpin said.

NCSSM will officially become affiliated with the UNC system on July 1, 2007. As of now, the school is loosely in alliance with the UNC system, but essentially governed by the Board of Trustees.

When the school received the invitation, President Gerald Boarman established several committees to examine the pros and cons of the constituency. Boarman said school leaders reviewed its potential impact on student life, academics, fundraising, operations, campus security, distance learning, technology and alumni relations.

“While each group had concerns regarding potential changes in department structures, operations, budgets or salaries, for example, the overwhelming response was that the move would be good for our students,” Boarman said. “the implication being that an official member of such a renowned state university system would expose our students to an even wider array of academic, research and leadership opportunities.”



Graphic courtesy of Craig Rowe

A blueprint of the new athletic field- according to Director of Communication Craig Rowe there will be six light poles of 70 feet. Boarman said that the poles facing away from Hunt Dormitory may be 80 feet to address the concerns of neighbors. The six-lane track on this blueprint will not be constructed for another four or five years and will require the demolition of the smaller smokestack, according to Boarman. Boarman said that the athletic field will also be used for softball.