

UNVEILING Prom EXHIBIT

BY AMY BRYSON

Tuxes and gowns will take over the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science on April 28 for the traditional NCSSM prom.

"NCSSM's prom is different from other proms because it is huge," senior Cayla Noble said. "At home, our prom was in one big room. Here the prom is spread out through a whole museum."

The prom is spread throughout the lobby, first floor exhibits and even to the butterfly house, offering a unique, hands-on prom experience.

"The bubble station and the bug house were the best parts of prom by far," senior Quint Reid said. "There's nothing better than being able to play with bubbles and look at some bugs on the most formal night of the year."

Senior Ishita Gandhi thinks that having prom in the Life and Science Museum is fitting for the school and students.

"The museum is like Science and Math because each room is different and holds so many different things, but still ties in with the rest of the museum," Gandhi said. "Similarly we all share different past experiences and livelihoods but we all join to form Science and Math."

Despite the variety offered through the prom tradition, some students wish for a different location.

"Prom would be much better if it was held in a more suitable environment other than a museum," senior Kyle Bucher said, "such as a country club."



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Above: The butterfly house lit up at night. Right: An inside view of the foliage contained in the butterfly house.



Photo of Cayla Noble



Photo courtesy of Amanda Johnson



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Top left: Cayla Noble and Brittany Fotsch pose for pictures outside of Royall. Top right: Quint Reid stands in front of the dinosaur exhibit. Middle left: Kyle Bucher forms a bubble around himself in one of the hands-on museum exhibits. Middle right: Amanda Johnson plays with bubbles. Bottom: Girls from Third Beall pose for a picture during prom.

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Trendy shoes hit the streets of campus

BY LAURA CHAO

Rainbows, Crocs, Sperrys and Wallabees are popular brands of footwear worn throughout the year and across the nation. Whether showering in Crocs or walking through winter weather in Wallabees, students are often seen sporting multi-colored and varied shapes of trendy footwear.

"Crocs are really convenient and comfortable," junior Jordan Humphrey said. "But I don't think they are worth the money."

Other students think differently. And while Crocs are made of lightweight foam, Sperrys, Wallabees, and

Rainbows are constructed of higher-quality materials, such as leather.

"Sperrys are worth the money you pay for them," junior Albert Teng said. "They are appropriate in



most social settings and appear to be a fashionable, versatile shoe."

Sperrys are known as boating shoes but have become popular as street wear over the past three years.

Other popular shoes, such as Rainbows, originate from the West Coast but have been assimilated into East Coast culture.

"Rainbows are the most comfortable sandals ever, because they easily morph into the shape of every foot and last for a very long time," junior Mehrin Islam said. "They also look classy and match most outfits."

The most expensive items on this list of fashionable footwear are the Clark Wallabees. With their popularity peaking during winter, many students have received them as presents



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Mandy Sullivan's Sperrys, Jennifer Henkel's Crocs, Dakota Williams' Rainbows and Brian Creech's Wallabees show a wide array of popular shoes.

during the Christmas season.

"Though [Wallabees] run a little expensive, I think they're worth the money because I wear them often," senior Rebecca Lee said. "They're pretty comfortable to wear and very handy."

So whether you are looking for footwear in the summer or the winter, these seasonal shoes should be at the top of your list. In the meantime, you may see your peers switching styles as the weather grows gradually warmer.

