

# Oh, The Places You'll Go!

BY DAIXI XU



There are countless questions to juggle when deciding where to go to college. For many seniors, the most stressful decision of their lives has been deciding where they'll spend the next four years. How big are the classes? What's the campus setting? How's the social life? Where are my friends going? Where am I going to get 50 grand a year? Of all these questions, the biggest one is "Will I succeed?" As Dr. Seuss said, "Yes, you will indeed (98 3/4% guaranteed)." The following is a list of reasons why seniors have chosen their respective colleges and factors juniors should consider as they begin the college application process.

**Adam Collins – Furman University:** "Small campus, beautiful campus, new chemistry building, amazing music department, lots of scholarship money, and awesome professors."

**Brenda Hathcock – NC State:** "I chose State because it's the best engineering program that's close to home and I've been a State fan all my life."

**Abby Ahearn – College of William and Mary:** "I fell in love with it the first time I saw it (it's absolutely beautiful). The school has so much history; I just really wanted to be a part of it! The small class sizes, good majors and location didn't hurt either."

**John Fisher – University of Chicago:** "I chose UChicago because of the unparalleled variety and depth in course offerings, complete commitment to academic pursuits, and perfect distance from Hickory, North Carolina."

**Hillary Seybold – Appalachian State University:** "I chose to go to this school mainly because of the campus lifestyle: innumerable outdoor opportunities, a relatively compact campus yet a considerably high number of students, an overlying "green" mindset, and a great music scene!"

**Kate Norris – New York University:** "I've wanted to go to NYU since I was in the 7th grade. I love the big city, and the opportunities there are incredible. The Gallatin School is allowing me to build my own major and get the concentration (Global Public Health) that I couldn't really find anywhere else."

**Ashwin Peres-da-Silva – Stanford:** "The academics are amazing, the location is great, and everyone there absolutely loves it."

**George Zuo – Harvard:** "Cambridge is an amazing college town, and Harvard's a place where a person like me can learn to dream big."

**Mark Linnville – Princeton:** "I decided to go there because they gave me a very good financial aid package, it's obviously a great place to go to school academically, and it has a really nice campus."

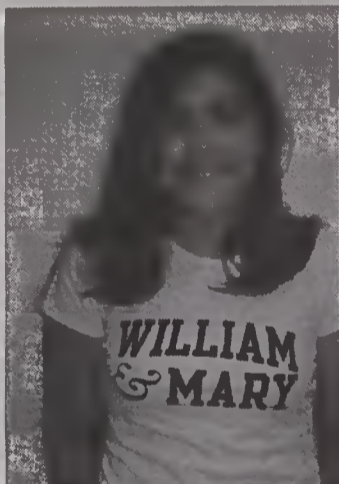
**Michael Chang – Yale:** "They offered me a ton of financial aid. I want to become a teacher, and they have the best teaching program in the nation."

**Clark Sanford – UNC:** "A lot of my friends are going there. Some of my friends who were seniors last year are freshman there now and told me I would like it. It was my most affordable option"

**Amy Hruby – Meredith College:** "I got their Alumnae Legacy Scholarship, which is pretty much a full ride plus free travel plus expense stipends."

**Chandler Moeller – UNC W:** "I was drawn to UNCW mainly because of its honors program. The honors program at UNCW offers small class sizes, priority class registration for honors students, and access to small freshman seminars. I also liked the prospect of living close to the beach, and attending a school less than an hour and a half away from home"

**MacKenzie McCullough – University of Oklahoma:** "When I visited Oklahoma's campus I immediately fell in love with it, I knew right away that I had a future at OU. Also, with most of my family living in Oklahoma I will have a great support system while living there."



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## FIRST HUNT ANNEX

### New Rooms Added to Accommodate Record Number of Students

BY DEVIKA CHAWLA

A record number of students will be attending NCSSM next year, and they have to live somewhere. In order to accommodate the increasing number of students attending NCSSM this fall, new room have been created as an addition to First Hunt.

The First Hunt 'annex' will replace the Visitor's Apartment, which is located on the first floor of Hunt, adjacent to the clinic. The annex will consist of two doubles, two triples, a single, a lounge, and a bathroom. The floor plan has the five rooms in a U-shape around an open lounge.

First Hunt is increasing its number of residents from 24 students to 35 students with the

addition of the annex for the upcoming school year. Four rising seniors plan to live in the annex next year, leaving room for seven incoming juniors.

First Hunt will have four RLA's next year, two of which reside in the annex. Caleb Dagenhart and Dustin Fuller will be the RLAs on the annex, while Matt Hughes and Collin Ringwood will be the RLAs on First Hunt West.

Dagenhart and Fuller are both excited about being residential life leaders on this new addition to NCSSM Residential Life. They are aware, however, of the possible break in hall bonding due to the physical separation between the annex

and First Hunt West. "The largest expected obstacle for the annex is to remain united as the one supportive, fun, and beastly hall," explained Fuller.

First Hunt SLI Mike Newbauer, along with the four future RLAs, plan to cooperate in terms of check, housekeeping, and hall activities in order to overcome this physical separation within their hall. The four RLA's will rotate check duties on both ends of First Hunt. All housekeeping duties will be shared equally by all members of the hall, so members of the annex will sometimes perform housekeeping duties on First Hunt West, and vice versa.

"There is a profound level of bonding that occurs as

people scrub toilets together, and I hope this bonding extends much further than

the realm of housekeeping and hall meetings," exclaimed Dagenhart.

## NCSSM 2009/10

Despite budget cuts, NCSSM is still committed to serving a larger number of students every year. This year, 353 new students will be admitted to the school, bringing the total number of enrolled students to a record 670.

Here's the information--by the numbers:

Total Number of Students Enrolling This Fall: 670  
Total Number of Students Enrolled August '08: 660  
Seniors Next Year: 317  
Juniors Next Year: 353  
Number Male Juniors Next Year: 194  
Number Female Juniors Next Year: 159  
Number Male Seniors Next Year: 134  
Number Female Seniors Next Year: 183