

NCSSM celebrates Joe Liles Fine Arts Endowment Fund

By STEVEN LIAO

NCSSM celebrated the Joe Liles Fine Arts Endowment Fund on Oct. 11, 2013 with a kickoff event consisting of an exhibition of artist Sherry Larsen's painted fiddles and a concert with guest director Marshall Forester '86.

Larsen, an artist whose murals grace the walls of hundreds of schools in South Carolina, painted the fiddles (guitar-shaped objects) with the Blythewood High School orchestra.

"Half of them are painted by me, and half of them are painted by students. When I started this project, it was sort of a collaboration between two art mediums; my daughter was playing in the orchestra at the time," said Larsen.

The fiddles, many of which are currently still on display in the ETC lobby, were painted to decorate the orchestra room and to raise money for the orchestra program. Larsen still leads 'painting parties' after school to create the fiddles.

The art exhibition was followed by a concert featuring NCSSM's Wind Ensemble, Chorale, Dance Ensemble, and Orchestra.

As part of alumni weekend, guest conductor Dr. Marshall Forester '86 was invited back to conduct two pieces of the concert: *Finlandia* by Jean

Sibelius, and *Solas Ane* by Samuel R. Hazo.

Fittingly, *Finlandia* was the first piece Dr. Forester read during his junior year at NCSSM, while *Solas Ane* translates to "Yesterday's Joy"



Fine Arts students perform at the event. Courtesy of Anne Lee

in Gaelic.

Forrester described the night, "It was fantastic. The players are just fantastic musicians, well prepared by their marvelous instructors."

Former visual arts instructor Joe Liles, whom the Endowment Fund was named after, was also in attendance during the kickoff celebration.

Liles opined, "The art exhibit of the painted fiddles by visiting artist, Sherry Larsen, impressed me with their creative themes. The music, chorale, and dance performances of the evening reminded me, once again, of the amazing things that can happen with students at the School when talent, discipline, and a little guidance can all be combined to accomplish a

common purpose."

"The whole evening made me very proud to still be associated with Science and Math even though I no longer work there."

The Joe Liles Fine Arts

Endowment Fund was made possible by a gift from Chris Han '84. Endowments work by investing these initial gifts, and then using the growth and income from the investment to help fund the intended program. This structure allows endowments to support long-term growth of the program.

In particular, the Joe Liles Endowment Fund will help the NCSSM Fine Arts Department continue to enhance the events and opportunities for NCSSM students and the greater Durham community.

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Common app issues

longer have any problems getting documents.

The Common App serves 517 member colleges and universities and is led by a nonprofit organization.

According to the 2011 federal tax return for the Common App Inc., annual revenues are about thirteen million dollars, mostly coming from the fees of the applications.

The board of directors of Common App Inc. consists of admissions officers and college counselors. Rob Killian, the executive director

of Common Application Inc., supervises a staff with no more than eight paid employees.

Common App officials plan to increase their staff sometime in the middle of next year. Officials expect that a larger staff will decrease the amount of problems on the site.

The purpose for this new version was to create a smoother and easier application, but the glitches have created some problems in this goal.

However even with these malfunctions, the students' hopes of receiving college acceptance letters still remain.

Soccer Senior Night



NCSSM's soccer team beat DSA Oct. 16, on Senior Night

Photo courtesy of Zihui Yang

Snapchat change draws differing opinions

By ADDY LIU

Snapchat introduced a new feature called "Stories" earlier this month. This picture-sharing app, popular for its ephemeral nature, allows users to send photos and videos for a brief period of time. After a period of up to 10 seconds, the photo or video can no longer be viewed.

Snapchat's latest update allows users to share "stories" that are posted in a feed instead of being sent to specific recipients. Multiple pictures can be shared in a single story for up to one minute. Stories can be viewed endlessly for 24 hours before they disappear.

"I like seeing what someone's doing every day. You can also see who watched your own stories," junior Seyram Dodor said about the addition of stories.

"The story part of Snapchat is just a new concept that you have to grasp," junior Erick Aguilar explained. Adding this new feature gives more room for creativity in Snapchats. However, not all NCSSM students like the story function.

"It's weird because Snapchat is supposed to be a

short thing," senior Alex Smith remarked.

These sentiments have been echoed among others: junior Daniel Blackey noted that "it seems to almost contradict the idea of Snapchat." Other students have stopped using Snapchat, preferring the early versions of Snapchat because of its simplicity.

"Snapchat used to be better," Junior Senita Portlock commented, "It was cool in the beginning because it was nifty but the stories and the different fonts... it's just too much."

Still others simply haven't paid attention to the update. "What update?" asked Junior Kevin Chen.

"Snapchat has a stories feature?" senior Julia Hu also asked.

Junior Claire Namboodri remarked that "I don't mind it but I don't use it! I still just use the single pictures and videos." This viewpoint seems to be typical for most students, who have learned to ignore the new feature for the most part.

Overall, the new stories function has not diminished Snapchat's popularity, but the initial fervor of Snapchat has died down.

Unis go Orange for Hunger Awareness

By ANDREW PETERSON

September is a very active month as NCSSM students fight hunger. After classes have finally kicked into gear, passionate students banded together to raise Hunger Awareness and Fight Hunger

network of food banks works to inspire individuals to donate and take action against hunger in their communities. Hunger Action Week is one of several events that UNIs Fighting Hunger participates in throughout the year.

The student body seemed to

out. It is great to see NCSSM raising Hunger Awareness. I think it is important for us to be aware of the impacts of food insecurity in the community. I'm glad UNIs Fighting Hunger is trying to pop the NCSSM bubble to raise hunger awareness on campus and in the community. It is so easy for us to forget how prevalent hunger is in the community."

While Hunger Awareness Week is a major event sponsored by UNIs Fighting Hunger, they also organize other activities throughout the year. They help plan the Annual Food Drive in March, where the student body and the community come together to collect nonperishables for the Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina.

Besides hosting a large food drive every year, UNIs Fighting Hunger plans on organizing many more events to fight against hunger. In February, NCSSM is hosting the North Carolina No Kid Hungry conference.

This is another opportunity for the student body to volunteer in the fight against hunger. There is also a new activity planned by the officers every year that focuses on working with the student body on a specific program or competition.



Members of Student Government pictured during the Orange Out

Photo courtesy of Zihui Yang

on and off campus.

Each year, the UNIs Fighting Hunger club dedicates a special week of activities towards promoting Hunger Awareness. September is Hunger Action Month, and the school's participation is just one small effort to fight this major problem.

UNIs Fighting Hunger is a fairly new club at NCSSM; one of its main events is hosting Hunger Awareness week in September.

Every September, the Feeding America nationwide

respond well to Hunger Action Week. UNIs Fighting Hunger President, Vany Nguyen, said, "We think Hunger Action Week was a great success. The Student Body seemed really shocked by the facts chalked around campus, and many of the students came out support NCSSM athletics in our fight against hunger!"

After the close Orange Out defeat against Raleigh Charter, NCSSM senior, Allison Melling, had some comments about the game. "I'm sad we lost, but I don't regret coming