

## Top ten reasons athletes should choose NCSSM

BY STEVEN LIAO

At NCSSM, scholarly doors open. Badges of academic excellence grace the halls. Every fiber of the school screams opportunity. But can NCSSM serve as a similar haven for athletes? Here are the top ten reasons why athletes should choose NCSSM.

**Honorable Mention:** The Uniflex

With the mascot like the Unicorn comes a pose like the Uniflex. For those who don't know what the Uniflex is, NCSSM Student Life Instructor Sue Anne Lewis explains, "The Uniflex is like the Wolfpack wolf hand, the FSU tomahawk, or the Miami U...it's a hand gesture that all recognize as NCSSM. Simply put your thumb to your forehead with your pinky in the air, followed by a loud 'bam,' and lean back a little."

**10. Exercise is Convenient**

A five-minute walk from your dorm room. No more paying monthly gym fees. No more driving to the gym.

**9. Fitness Center at your Disposal**

Fitness rooms at most schools are not available for general use. At NCSSM, the PEC, which is more like a fitness center equipped with a gymnasium, dance studio, weight room, and more, is fully available to all students.

**8. NCSSM is Good at Hiding Swimming Pools**

People frequently wonder, "How is NCSSM's swimming team so good without a swimming pool?"

NCSSM has a deep swimming tradition. Rumor has it that back in NCSSM's hospital days, a swimming pool filled the "L" shape of Hill. And the PEC has an awfully suspicious amount of ladders and leaks from its roof. Oh and there's more. Have you heard of the pool beneath the soccer field?

**7. Research Makes Sports**

**More Stimulating**

For some really hardcore athletes, playing the sport alone does not provide enough stimulation. Senior Jake Bringewatt was one of those athletes.

Bringewatt was able to take advantage of NCSSM's research program to research the Magnus force, the force that makes a spinning ball curve.

"I've played baseball for twelve years. I've pitched a little bit, so when I was trying to decide on a physics research project within my current capabilities I decided to look into the physics of a curve ball. I did figure out a particular seam orientation that would lead to maximum lateral break on a fastball, which I did experiment with a little," said Bringewatt.

So, if playing sports is not enough for you, NCSSM could

be the perfect place for you to whet your athletic appetite. "Since you're going to be spending hours working on your project you might as well choose a topic that interests you," says Jake.

**6. Hall Intramurals**

What other high school in North Carolina can boast an intramural program with over 90% participation?

**5. Student-Led Intramurals**

What other high school in North Carolina can boast an underground ping pong tournament, a student-led Ultimate Frisbee team, and a Flag Football League?

**4. Excellent Array of Physical Education Classes**

What other high school in North Carolina can boast classes like Archery, Couch to 5k, and Zumba?

**3. A Community of Athletes... and Mathletes**

At NCSSM, mathletes meet

athletes. Will their worlds converge or will they clash?

Junior Justice Obasohan, a Varsity Basketball player, says he feels a connection between the two. "I feel like everyone has something that they're good at. We both like to measure our skills against others and put these skills to use."

Senior Sammy Luo, a celebrated mathlete, says interactions with the athletic community have helped him. "So I found that doing active things especially with a group or a team really helps me use my intuition better in doing problems, especially combinatorics problems."

Overall, it seems most would agree that NCSSM's unique dynamics lend well towards building a stronger connection between mathletes and athletes. As junior Sandeep Silwal notes, "Here, the lines

are a lot more blurred, I would say."

**2. Wells Fargo Cup Winner**

NCSSM gets results. The school is a three-time winner of the Wells Fargo Cup, which is given to the top athletics program in the state in each respective enrollment classification. Most recently, in 2011-2012, NCSSM won the 1A Wells Fargo Cup. The Cup awards points based on each school's performance in state championship events.

**1. NCSSM Undeclared in Football Since 1982**

It's true: NCSSM, in its entire history, has not suffered a single loss in football. The school's unblemished football record is a point of pride for students and faculty alike, with shirts sold in the school store touting this accomplishment.

And something tells me this accomplishment isn't going away anytime soon.

## Strange events circulate Junior class

### Frightening Applicants, Hygiene Lessons, Compromising Positions?

BY ANDREW PETERSON

The stresses of NCSSM have driven many students over the edge, but recent incidents have driven many students completely insane.

While there have been minor incidents involving students befriending strange animals on 9th street or been caught in "compromising" positions across campus, the incident of immediate concern involved a wild student startling students on NCSSM's Discovery Day.

Several NCSSM Student Ambassadors reported seeing Norma Leigh Lucid, an NCSSM Student, startling Discovery Day applicants as they walked to their math test. Students reported seeing Norma Leigh Lucid acting like a rabid animal:

growing at random students, running in and out of the bushes, screaming about math problems and American Studies.

Ann Bingham described what she saw on that Saturday, "I was a leading student to testing when a junior ran out of the bushes in her pajamas. She was screaming something about a math test, and all of the juniors were extremely frightened."

Several junior volunteers described the event as comical. Pepe Roni said, "I thought it was funny! Norma Leigh is always joking around. She may have taken it too far this time, but I think her actions reflect the true values of NCSSM: free expression, emotional instability, and personal

freedom."

Lucid was quickly removed from the public eye before her presence created enough scandal to completely disrupt Discovery Day, but her actions have caused a wide reaction on campus. Norma Leigh has not been seen since the incident, but there are rumors Norma has been taken into the clinic.

According to a reliable source named Ray Zenz, "I saw her being pulled into Hunt during the junior's math test. Dr. Ted E. Baer was dragging her in as she screamed about a math test."

Lucid's actions may have startled this year's applicants. But the entire school has been unnerved by her actions.

This most recent unsettling event has followed a string of strange events in the junior class. Rumors have circulated about X. Benedict having a breakdown in the PFM and Ivan Oder being pulled into the clinic for a lesson in personal hygiene.

These events may all be explained by the graffiti that decorated campus in the previous weeks. The juniors' acts may be their attempts to "Revolt against the administration!"

No matter their intentions, their actions have created a sense of confusion within the Administration. Everyone is waiting in anticipation for what is going to happen next.

## Stentorian staff does not read Stentorian

STAFF REPORTS

The Stentorian Staff, in a surprising admission last week, revealed that they do not actually read the Stentorian at all.

"To be honest, by the time I finish formatting each issue, I am sick of looking at it," said Editor Adam Beyer, "I actually consider it great to use for wrapping paper."

"It's true," said Editor Su Cho. "The fact that we do not have more errors is really all because of our amazing writers and our great advisor, Mr. Kirk."

Editor Jungsu Hong could not be reached for comment either. Presumably, she was busy not reading the Stentorian either.

## Tori asks!

I am tired of answering all of your questions. You guys have some real problems so I have some questions for you

1. Why is my NCSSM a thing?

2. How come everytime I walk around I see a sketchy couple on the ground?

3. What's up with the Toilet Paper, y'all?

4. Why are you all so rude to the PFM workers?

5. Why aren't there more mixers this year?

6. What is I-Week?

7. What does Stentorian even mean?

8. Why is prom so freaking early?

9. How come I can never

get wifi?

10. Why can't y'all make popcorn?

11. Does anyone actually check out books from the library anymore?

12. Can someone tell me why my name is Tori?

13. Why are the juniors sitting on the senior benches?

14. Why does the 2015/2016 Facebook page already exist? Seniors ain't gone yet.

15. Are there really ghosts here?

16. What are y'all doing for Spring Break?

17. How many pairs of sweatpants do you own?

18. Why don't you read the Stentorian?

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