

## Art on Campus

by Cathy Moses

Bewildered glances and perplexed second glances. All attention fell upon a twisted metal form located on the front lawn of the school. "What is it?" was the most popular question of the day. Many hypotheses were made, but none were plausible, much less printable. Actually, it has an origin, a purpose, and even a creator.

The sculpture, on loan from Duke University was created by Frank Smullin, sculptor-in-residence at Duke University where he teaches both traditional and abstract experimental sculpture. Interestingly enough, Smullin began his career in pursuit of scientific knowledge. He received a Bachelor's Degree in biology from Harvard in 1965 and later earned a Master's Degree in Fine Arts at Queens College in 1979. Earlier in his art career he did realistic wood carvings of the human figure and later switched to welding. His interests shifted slightly. He wanted to "combine an interest going back to childhood in art and science, and come closer to his aim of using the body in sculpture"

The metal sculpture on our front lawn and the other sculptures he has done, one of which is on Queens College's campus, was developed with the help of an IBM 370 mini-frame computer. The computer makes computer sketchings which help Smullin determine "the proper angular relationships of the steel structure." The 10 foot tall sculpture on our campus can represent a carbon tetrahedral which is bonded to four atoms. With the aid of a computer, it is possible to reproduce the precision of a molecular bonding of atoms in chemistry.

Of course, there are still skeptical looks upon the faces of passing students, but perhaps, we can appreciate the scientific approach taken in creating art. In the future, science and art will be even more complementary to each other's abilities to communicate ideas and messages to people.

## College Decisions Made Easier

by Hih Song Kim

Perhaps the decision that looms foremost in the minds of all as graduation draws nearer and nearer is that of which college to attend. To alleviate the anxiety and bewilderment usually accompanying such a choice, the guidance department, headed by Rena Lindstrom, has instituted a college planning program (CPP).

Targeted towards juniors, the program provides students with the only instructional opportunity in how to select a college. Juniors are urged to attend the series, which is designed with a flexible schedule for students' convenience. CPP affords a one-time chance for juniors to be assisted with considering various colleges, selecting the institutions that best meet individual needs, making applications to the college(s), and much more.

Covering all the basic areas important to college decision/selection, the program is divided into seven sections. The first session, an "Introduction to College Planning", and the last, "Decision Time/Questions and Answers", will be presented by Lindstrom. The other five sessions will be delivered jointly by the senior guides and Lindstrom, to provide juniors with a senior's outlook or viewpoint as well.

"It is important that juniors take advantage of this program now. Next year, we (the guidance department) will be so busy processing applications that we will not be able to give everyone individual attention," stressed Lindstrom.

CPP, containing useful, and much vital information for the future of NCSSM students, is a helpful series aimed at aiding juniors in making that "big decision". Each session is scheduled three nights a week - Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, for the students' convenience. The upcoming events are as follows:

Session III-Making Comparisons, April 13, 15, 16, 7:00 in Beall 1

Session IV-The Application (with emphasis on personal essay), April 19, 21, 22, 7:00 in Beall 1

Session V-The College Looks at You, April 26, 28, 29, 7:00 in Beall 1

Session VI-The Interview, May 3, 5, 6, 7:00 in Beall 1

Session VII-Decision Time/Questions and Answers, 7:00 in Assembly Hall

## Student Council

by Lisa Shouse

The Student Council has been busy all through February and March, wrapping up past events and working on current projects. The Student Council Awareness Room, located on the ground floor of Hill House across from the mailboxes, will be manned by a Student Council member every night from 7:00-8:00, Monday through Thursday. The Awareness Room was set up to give students a chance to present their concerns, opinions, and ideas to their representatives. In addition, the suggestion box is in the cafeteria.

The Council has several sets of lyrics as possibilities for the school song and is now looking for music to match the words. Shelley Lineberger won all three t-shirt contests; her designs will be printed on t-shirts, baseball shirts, and sweatshirts due to arrive this week. The printed shirts will be sold through the school store.

Bill Fox is the head of the committee set up to design school letters. Letters will be available to anyone and will be earned by participation in clubs, organizations, or athletics.

The Student Council is now preparing for SC elections coming up shortly. Officers will be chosen the last week in April with elections for next year's senior members-at-large being held the following week. Junior member-at-large elections will be held next fall.



Designed by Shelly Lineberger

### Did You Know?

And what about Voyager II? It is still whizzing to Uranus and Neptune, but it barely squeaked by the Reagan administration's budget plan for NASA in fiscal 1983. Although the plan provides for a 10.6% increase over 1982, the Pioneer spacecraft, which have long been functioning, will be virtually disregarded, and analysis of planetary data will be sharply curtailed. Funds supporting scientists who study these results have been reduced by 15 million dollars. The administration's budget book states that "only those operations necessary to the development of spacecraft will be performed." What about the space shuttle? The cost of shuttle operations will consume 52 cents of every NASA dollar.

If the 1983 budget does not please you, here's some financial advice before you stomp off to do your laundry. Believe it or not, your wool sweaters and delicate silks will not fall apart if you wash them in something other than Woolite. A recent study by Consumer Reports showed that Cold Power XE laundry detergent and three dishwashing liquids, Dermassage, Ivory Liquid, and Dove will clean your fragile fabrics as well if not better and much more cheaply than Woolite. While the cost of 10 washes of delicates in Woolite is 35 cents, it is only 3 cents if you use Cold Power XE. So use discretion before buying your next laundry detergent and save yourself a few pennies.