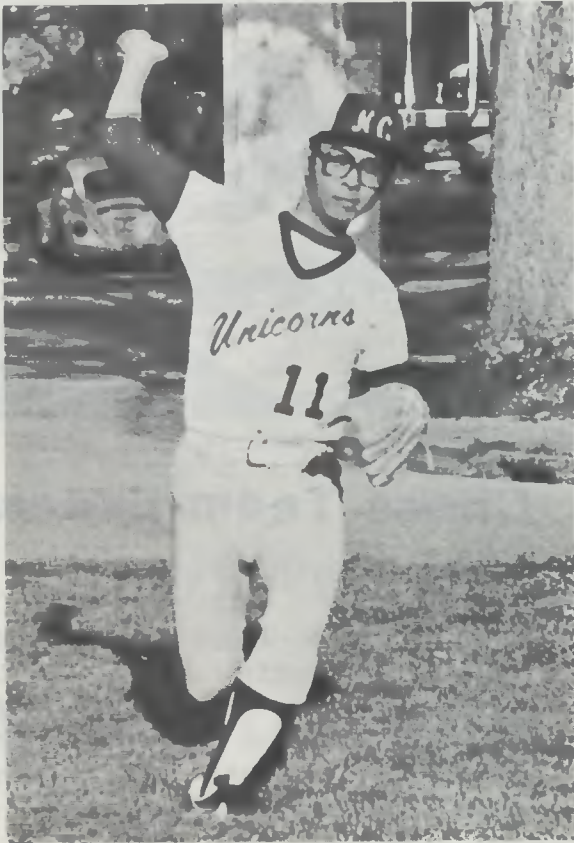


Baseball Highlights Spring Sports Schedule

By Lanis R. Wilson

Posting a 5-4 record halfway through the season with some of the toughest games behind, NCSSM's baseball team has made a strong showing. Last year's 11-3 record may be a tough act to follow, but team members remain optimistic that they will finish this season with comparable results.



Jeff Chen delivers the pitch.

Hill Devises Disc Course

By Stephen B. Crain

Andrew Hill, president of the Unicorn Disc Club, has devised a disc-golf course at NCSSM. The course, a full eighteen "holes", encompasses the entire campus and is responsible for the occasional orange ribbon-marked tree or pole which you may see.

So far, Hill says, not many people have taken advantage of the course. With spring here, however, he expects new interest in it. Plans are being made for possible tournaments.

In terms of equipment, any disc is fine, says Hill. "Moonlighter" frisbees are often preferred because of their relatively small size and large weight. For those with a more serious interest, discs are made specifically for disc-golf. These "Disc Golf Association" discs are designed for specific shots including distance and putting.

Hill set the course up initially because he "got tired of walking to Duke." The course, somewhat rugged, and with many natural and manmade hazards (including workmen), is limited by the size of the campus. Nevertheless, Hill has created a very challenging route for disc enthusiasts at NCSSM. Anyone interested in knowing the details of the course should see Hill.

The lack of experienced pitchers plagued the team early in the season, but with practice, the pitching staff has proven to be competitive. Cedric Burns, a junior, recently threw a no-hitter against the Hillside High team. Lindsay Blair and Jeff Chen have also built some impressive statistics at this position.

Bulls Entertain

by Lanis R. Wilson

Durham recently has been labeled an "All American City". To earn the title, Durham has had to exhibit many "American" characteristics, and what could be more American than baseball? Indeed, Durham does have its own semi-professional baseball team, the Durham Bulls. Taking their name from the tobacco which made Durham famous, the Bulls have only recently been reestablished. Formerly the Durham Bees, the team was set up as a farm team for the Atlanta Braves.

The Bulls play in the Carolina league, Southern Division. The Carolina league is made up of eight teams throughout the Carolinas, Virginia, and Maryland; Southern division consists of Durham, Peninsula, Winston-Salem, and Kinston. The team has won two pennants in as many years and is now holding the top position. Recent statistics show the Bulls holding a second position in team batting with a .267 average. The team is ranked third in pitching with a 3.03 earned run average.

The team will be playing Alexandria on May 5-8, and has a long stretch against Lynchburg and Winston-Salem all at home, May 16-22. Home games are played at Durham Athletic Park, located in downtown Durham. Gametime is 7:30 p.m. and students receive special rates. There are also some weekend afternoon games.

The Durham Bulls are an excellent recreation facility here in Durham so, if you ever have a free evening, pick up a local paper and see if the Bulls are in town. Take yourself to the ball game. Have a hotdog. Be American.

Spring Concerts Feature Musicians

By Hih Song Kim

Music flourishes in May at NCSSM with an abundance of student concerts. On Friday, May 13, solo pianists Karen Sams and Jeff Sykes will give an instrumental concert at Baldwin Auditorium at Duke's East Campus.

On Tuesday, May 24, a concert will be given in the assembly hall by Kurt Indermaur (clarinet) and Hih Song Kim (violin). On Thursday, May 26, Jeff Sykes will give a solo piano concert in the assembly hall.

Fielding errors have been a contributing cause to some of the losses, most notably to Ravenscroft. A rematch against Ravenscroft should see a more polished fielding effort from the Unicorns, as they have devoted alot of practice time to fielding practice recently.

In addition to Burns, Blair and Chen, other team members include Keith Bazemore, Mike Chapman, Darren England, Adam Falk, Toby Falk, Steve Hopkins, Vincent Knight, Andy Meade, Lee Moss, Bihn Nguyen, David Olynick, Greg Pait, Marty Schwartz, Brian Wall, Rocky Withers and Carlton Zdanski. The team is coached by Branson Brown.

Leading team hitters are Blair, Chapman, T. Falk and Zdanski. The team encourages students to come to the games; there is room on the bus for avid baseball fans. Grab a friends and take him/her out to the ball game.

Soccer Improves

By Joyce Young

Early in the girls' soccer season, Coach Sybil Jackson commented that what her team needed was experience. Eight games into the season, it is obvious to soccer followers that the Lady Unicorns have improved significantly as the season has progressed.

Starting with many eager, yet inexperienced players, the team has endured hours of demanding practices which have helped the members develop their skills and understanding of the game of soccer. Their hard work has paid off, and the awkwardness of the early season has evolved into a more graceful, polished style.

Most of NCSSM's opponents have teams which have been playing together as a unit for longer than the Unicorns have. Also, many of these teams have larger rosters and can afford more substitutions that NCSSM can. However, the Unicorns have played some good matches against some impressive opponents.

Team leaders include Laura van Valkenburg, captain; Anja Patton, leading scorer; and Nevada Hampton, goalie.

On Thursday, June 2, in the assembly hall, Kurt Indermaur, Hih Song Kim, Marty Schwartz and Jeff Sykes will perform Opus 139.

Choral concerts also highlight the June calendar. On Saturday, June 4, a concert will be given by the NCSSM chorus. Then on Saturday, June 7, a student recital will be held in the assembly hall.

More concerts may be scheduled, so keep an eye out if you're interested in an evening of musical entertainment and enjoyment!