

Final Quarter Keeps Guidance Department Busy

By Chris Stanard

The end of the year was a busy time for the guidance department. Activities included the Focus '84 program, Invitational College Day, and getting out the last issue of the Open Mind.

The guidance department and the health services department have been jointly sponsoring Focus '84 for about two months now. Focus, now in its second year, is a series of small group discussions on about 12 different subjects. The topics "deal with everything from personal hygiene to controlling emotions," explained Brenda Rosen, guidance department secretary.

Another big event was the junior's College Day. It was the second College Day of the year sponsored by the guidance department. It included visits from about 90 different colleges and universities from all across the country, videotape presentations of "In Search of Excellence," (the public relations film about NCSSM narrated by Charles Kuralt), and a financial aid presentation at E. K. Poe for parents. Overall, it was much like October's College Day for seniors.

This will probably be the only time that guidance will sponsor two college days in one

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Spring has sprung!

Students' Summer Plans Include Work, Travel, Study, R&R

By Kris Pusser

As the school year rapidly draws to a close, many NCSSM students are looking forward to plans which they have made for the summer. While a little R and R is on nearly everyone's agenda, some people seem to have every minute of the summer planned already.

Travel is at the top of the list for many students this summer. Niveen Iskander is planning a trip to Egypt to visit family while Margaret Butler plans to go to Los Angeles for the Olympics. Joann Dyson is going to spend a week in Haiti on mission tour with her church group.

UNC's Morehead Scholars, Brian Bailey, Lisa Gillespie, Barry Campbell, and Ingrid Brunk will spend part of the summer in Colorado or Washington at leadership camps.

Meg Wolfe will be off to Chile where she will spend most of the summer while Laine Doggett and Sharon Castellino are going to spend part of their vacation in India.

Some NCSSM students just cannot seem to get away from the books, not even during the summer. Pam Kelly and several other students will spend the summer at N.C. State University doing chemistry research. Vincent Knight will be attending the Biomedical Science Program at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Gen Phifer will spend her summer at Phillips Exeter Academy studying math, while Will Carr is going to work at N.C. State as an apprentice in the vet school.

Rosa Huang, Toby Falk, Laura Woodworth, and Monica Bhattacharyya will be back in Durham this summer, working as teaching assistants at Duke's TIP program.

Most students will spend at least part of their summer working everywhere from McDonald's to IBM, but a few students have really interesting summer jobs planned. David Theil says that he will spend the summer "separating insects from leaf litter for the U.S.D.A. Bollweevil Elimination Project." Dan Todd, on the other hand, plans to "do a few things with tobacco - dip it, chew it,

smoke it, crop it, sucker it, hang it, rack it, sheet it, stomp it, and smell like it."

While everyone else is working, studying, and travelling, Adolphus Gwynn says that he will be "fighting with my siblings, Artie and Alison," and Craig Steffee is going to be "begging people (anybody!) to write to me."

Whatever you have planned for this summer, be it catching up on sleeping and/or partying, eating lots of Mom's good food, working or vacationing, the Stentorian staff wishes you a happy and safe summer!

Orientation Planning Gears up for Summer, Fall Work

By Joe Galarneau

I remember a moment on my first day at NCSSM when I was unpacking my belongings. There was a knock at my door. I opened it and there stood five seniors clad in Duron paint caps, the NCSSM welcome wagon. During the next three days, these people introduced the juniors to the community and the ways of life "up here". They organized dances and other social activities, told us what we wanted to know about life at the school and shared other little pieces of information. All in all, those seniors on the orientation committee really helped me and my fellow juniors. And now it's our turn.

Organizing the orientation effort this year are Kathleen Benzaquin, Dean of Students, and Resident Advisor Sybil Jackson. The purpose of orientation, as explained by Dean Benzaquin, is to introduce the new students to

both the way of life at the school and also to the school itself. This is accomplished through organized social events, talks, and just plain friendliness. The secondary purpose is directed at seniors--that is, to provide a way for everyone to "catch up" on what has been happening.

The orientation effort is complex. First, the committees have to be set up. These groups have been selected and will coordinate such tasks as summer letter writing committees and regional get-togethers. Next, the people meet before the end of the school year to decide what will be done over the summer. Considering that the last few weeks of school are usually the most hectic, this is no small task. Over the summer, as many of us remember, all the chairpersons of the various committees write a brief letter

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