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School Drafts AIDS Policy

by Josh Clark

In response to the widespread fear, prejudice, and misinformation associated with AIDS, the school has drafted a policy to be considered by the Board of Trustees concerning AIDS education, prevention, and confidentiality.

The school emphasizes that the policy, modeled after the policies adopted by the North Carolina University system, is pro-active, anticipating the event of an on-campus case of AIDS. The administration wants to be prepared. Dean of Students Peggy Smith commented, "We are not reacting to anything; we are following the policy [of the university system]."

The integration of AIDS education into the normal school curriculum will take place primarily in the courses

and activities required of the junior class. Films are planned for the evening series program, and the Physical Activity and Wellness class is being considered as a source of AIDS education as well. However, educational sessions will be made available to the entire school community. An AIDS speakup, with Dr. Joe Graden presiding, is already slated for April 25.

A task force, consisting of the dean, the school's communication officer, and representatives from student services, counseling services, health services, and the biology department, will act as an advisory committee to the director in reviewing individual AIDS cases.

The task force will make recommendations for developing policies for school employees, athletic and in-

tramural sports, and public relations. In addition, the task force will be mandated to work closely with local health agencies, particularly those which handle counseling.

The school's policy of confidentiality regarding an individual AIDS case is simple. Dean Smith puts it succinctly: "We don't reveal medical records under any circumstance." She explains that the policy includes neither admitting nor denying the existence of the AIDS virus within the NCSSM community.

Dean Smith emphasizes that the school will not reveal a student's medical condition to his/her roommate or dormmates. The best available medical information shows no risk of infection to those sharing dormitories with infected individuals.

Bus Legislation Postponed

by Hui Sun Kim

Enforcement of the legislation requiring drivers of North Carolina state vehicles to be at least 18 years of age was postponed last month by the federal government to allow currently certified bus drivers to finish the school term.

In mid-1987 the government determined that minors are unfit to operate state vehicles due to a poor overall safety record. This legislation concerned NCSSM administrators due to the school's dependence on student drivers for transportation.

Though the school is currently in good standing, Ken Horne, head of safety and security at NCSSM, is making plans to alleviate the problems anticipated when the legislation goes into effect at the

beginning of the 1988-89 school year. Horne intends to hold two training sessions next year; one in late fall and one in March.

Student drivers are preferred over drivers hired from outside the school because outside hiring raises concerns of expenditure and supervision. Also, it's more difficult to monitor the driving habits of hired drivers than with student drivers. Experimentation with hired drivers in the past years has not produced satisfactory results.

NCSSM students have maintained a clean safety record with only two recorded traffic accidents and no injuries since the student transportation system began.

Student Council Promotes Support for Community

by Pete Eisenhauer

This year the NCSSM Student Council's Community Projects Committee has demonstrated a particularly active agenda. During the month of January, it successfully coordinated both the Dance-A-Thon and Faculty Charity Auction, collecting over one thousand dollars for charities.

On Friday, January 29, NCSSM students danced the night away in the annual Dance-A-Thon. The event raised nearly \$460 for Lakewood Elementary School's Handicapped Children Program.

The following afternoon, Moreland Smith served as auctioneer for the Faculty Charity

Auction, enticing bidders to buy the goods and services donated by the faculty and staff of NCSSM. Students bid on a variety of activities and favors, ranging from two Duke basketball tickets to a night out with Mr. John Goebel, from Rosemary Oates' coconut macaroons to Dean Smith's laundry services. The auction

raised over \$625 for the Duke Children's Hospital. A Student Charity Auction is planned, but the date has not yet been determined.

The Community Projects Committee is also planning several other projects during the coming months, including Jump Rope for Heart, the Crop Walk, and Happy-grams,

a message service for students using the school's mail system. The committee is co-chaired by Amba Jonnalagadda and Collin Baldwin and consists of 27 other students. Amba asserts that she is "pleased" with the committee's efforts and would like to thank everyone for their participation.



Science Advisor Visits S&M

Dr. Earl McCormick presents plans for SSC.

Students Prepare for SPW

by Bo Wallace

Video projects, long-distance field trips, computer research, animation, and historical study are a few of the long list of activities that will replace classes for NCSSM students during Special Projects Week, March 7 through March 14.

SPW is an opportunity for students to pursue areas of interest that would be difficult or impossible to pursue during the normal school week. Because of the diverse talents and interests present within the NCSSM community, several interesting projects were proposed.

Several educational field trips are offered this year

during SPW. Fourteen students will travel to New York to visit, among other sites, the United Nations, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Bronx High School of Science, and the Stuyvesant School. Others will travel to Washington D.C. to see the sights and investigate governmental processes. Also, Steve Reissner and Mark Morgan will travel to Illinois to spend the week at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

Joey Staier, Robert Gambill, Mike Ashburn, Dana Letchworth, and Mike Carter, will go with sponsor Mike Walters to the Joyce Kilmer National Forest to study the

aquatic chemistry of the nearby lakes, document plant and animal life, and take pictures of the forest and its environs.

Several students will undertake video projects. Among them are Jeff Stuart, Justin Thomas, and Sheridan Hopkins who plan to create a music video using their original compositions. Sheridan expresses that he wants this synthesis of technical and creative input to "get a message across" to the viewers.

Other projects include Danny Cory's study of the history of royal families, Eric Short's research on artificial intelligence, and Kenneth Spruill's study of cinematic techniques.