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A sneak peek in the new gym

Inner gym Revealed

by Danielle Defant

NCSSM is nearing the completion of its new gym.

The gym, costing \$2.7 million, consists of a basketball and volleyball courts and seats 600. The gym also has facilities for an aerobics studio, with mirrors and wood floors. There are also two game rooms and a classroom.

Without these facilities in the past years, the Unicorns have had to rent or borrow space for practicing and playing matches. They played at the Durham City

Recreational Building, as well as other local schools.

The school is also working on its outdoor landscaping. In recent years, much of the money allotted has gone to the buildings, but this year money is being used to put in trees, shrubbery, and new sidewalks. The improvements are mainly between Wyche House and Maryland Avenue. A few trees were lost last year due to the renovations, but they are soon to be replaced.

In all, the landscaping and new facilities in the gym make the school more efficient and beautiful.

Walltown Attack

by Kristi Young

Three NCSSM students were attacked as they proceeded through Walltown toward Northgate Mall on Saturday, August 26th.

Derek Brown, Maurice Dobson and Josh Humphreys cut through Walltown around 6 PM. Turning on Earl Street, they passed five to seven men lounging in a yard. Without giving it much thought, the three continued on their route, soon to find the men following them. The students increased their pace to get away, but the aggressors, who had begun throwing things and making provoking remarks, surrounded them.

One of the attackers

jumped on Brown, and the others formed a circle to contain the scuffle. During this time, Dobson was also hit. Humphreys managed to escape and run to the mall to get help.

A policeman and an ambulance arrived at the scene shortly thereafter. Brown and Dobson were treated and released. The police investigated the scene but came up with no definite leads.

Because of this attack, Walltown is now off limits to all students. Associate Principal Joan Barber has implemented this policy for the safety of the students. In doing so, she is strongly supported by Brown, Dobson and Humphreys, who helped her write up the policy.

By Beth Crawford

Serving as our new director this year is Mr. John Friedrich. Friedrich is very excited about the opportunity to be our director.

One might wonder what attracted Friedrich to this school. He believes it to be the premier school in the United States. The combination of teachers, students, and facilities provides an ideal environment for learning, he says.

Friedrich considers NCSSM people to be serious and hard working. The opportunity to improve this already wonderful learning center and to mold good students into better students beckoned Friedrich.

He hopes to achieve the highest quality student and the best quality school. In order to achieve these things, he has some daring and

ambitious goals.

In order to understand Friedrich's goals, one must comprehend his way of thinking. He sees the students as customers and NCSSM as a product serving the customers. Just as an unsatisfied customer gets a refund for a faulty product, the NCSSM student gets a refund for the undesirable aspects of the school by being allowed to change them.

One way in which all students may discuss problems and solutions is during lunch with the director, held every other Wednesday in the cafeteria. These sessions allow Friedrich to get information directly from the students. He may then adjust the product to satisfy the customers. Some positive changes have already come about from these meetings, such as obtaining new vacuum cleaners for the

dorms.

In addition to listening to student complaints, Friedrich has some specific goals for the upcoming year. He is investigating means of obtaining new uniforms for the athletic teams. Also, the Physical Activities and Wellness goals are being re-examined.

Friedrich has an aspiring plan to obtain an early working relationship with next year's student government president. He hopes to hire the president for a two to three week internship the summer preceding the president's year in office.

Friedrich wants the students of NCSSM to better appreciate the privilege they are given by being able to attend the school. To that end, he hopes to improve the school to the best of his ability during his stay.

And Now... Representing NCSSM

by Leighann Pake

Seniors and juniors recently elected four members of their respective classes to serve as their representatives to the Student Government Association (SGA).

Out of 12 candidates, the senior class elected Lisa Sitek, Andrew Lewis, Mike Fernandez and Eric Stevens on Aug. 25.

Out of an original 31 candidates, Julie Cheu, Taylor Hinshaw, Darius Russell and Darice Witherspoon were elected by the junior class on Sept. 8, after a primary election.

"I was surprised to be elected, but I am ready to take on this big responsibility," Lisa Sitek said.

According to the SGA constitution, the responsibilities of these representatives include communicating between SGA and the student body, attending and participating in all meetings of the SGA, and serving in any role delegated by the president or the Executive Committee.

"I want to find out what

people want, and relay these wants in the meetings," Darius Russell said, concerning his goals as an SGA representative. The SGA includes the Executive Committee, the class represen-

tatives, and the dorm representatives.

SGA holds open meetings Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in Hill 19. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.



SGA President Nora Gardner displays T-shirt from Director's Retreat