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## Issuing Privileges

by Jenny Gardner

After many hours of hard work last year and this year, Student Government Association has issued a new set of junior/senior privilege guidelines. They are as follows:

1. Students must apply for privileges with his/her RA.
2. Privileges are subject to RA approval.
3. Privileges come into effect when the RA signs the card and issues it to the student.
4. An RA may revoke privileges temporarily on the grounds of failing grades, poor conduct, etc.
5. Seniors may apply for privileges Monday Oct. 9.
6. Senior privileges will be issued on the basis of 4th quarter grades until 1st

quarter grades come out.

7. Juniors may apply for stage I privileges at the end of the 1st quarter, and stage II at the end of the 1st semester.

The new stage I privileges are as follows:

Signing off campus (with an RA's signature) until 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday. To receive this privilege, you must have no pending judicial hearings, no level IIIs, only one grade below C+, and no Us on residential life report.

The new stage II privileges are as follows:

Staying in dorm, but out of room after 12 a.m. Monday-Thursday and Sundays for phone use, shower, socializing, etc. Also included in Stage II privileges are having

two 2-hour curfew extensions per quarter. To receive this privilege you must have no Level IIs in the past four weeks. No more than two unexcused absences in the last quarter and no more than 5 cumulative unexcused absences. You must also meet stage I criteria and have no more than one grade below a B-.

When asked how she felt about the new guidelines, SGA president Nora Gardner commented, "We've worked hard with the residential life staff and found out that they're really cooperative. SGA has done its best to cater to the needs of the students and the staff and I feel that the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages."



Coming next issue: Relieving fishtank overflow.

## Jr. Reps Chosen

by Leighann Pake

Juniors Harjot Singh and Derek Brown were elected by their class as representatives for the Honor Code Committee on October 27.

Currently, the committee is reviewing the work done by the committee in the past, getting to know each other, and making adjustments to better represent the different groups within the NCSSM community.

"Although reviewing and redefining the past work of the committee may seem like a waste of time, I think we're making some real progress in analyzing what the honor code should be," commented Ross Little, co-chair of the committee.

"We want everyone involved to feel that they have been heard," Dr. Jon Miller, chairman of the committee, said. "All of us know what honor means, but we

have different definitions," Miller said. The committee must find some common ground and create something that everyone can follow enthusiastically. Ideally, the Honor Code committee would like to come up with some firm proposals this year. Miller said he would like the committee "to get further down the road" from where it is now.

The committee will not be able to progress beyond the self-analysis point until the mission statement is completed sometime in January or February. This may be a set back, but Dr. Miller sees it differently. He feels that it will take that much time to truly understand each other's views of honor and define what the honor code should hold. To that end, anyone is invited to attend committee meetings, which take place on Thursdays at 3:30 pm in the Watts board room.

## Getting Together with the Director

by Lisa Senzel

At the Director's Retreat, August 16th and 17th, faculty, staff, administrators, and students charted goals for NCSSM's second decade.

Resident Advisors, Housekeeping staff, twenty students, and many others boarded activity buses at 8 AM each day. In the Durham Arts Council building downtown, Director Friedrich urged everyone to consider group interests over personal ones while defining goals for the school.

Brainstorming sessions and intense discussions resulted in a draft of a mission statement for NCSSM. The statement includes

the intended good effects, the clientele, and the restrictions for the school.

In smaller groups, participants suggested five-year and ten-year goals in the areas of outreach, residential life, and academics. These goals specify how NCSSM can accomplish its mission.

"I thought it was two days well spent. It helped to get to know the people better, and to put everyone's ideas together about how to better the school," said Hattie Evans, a member of the housekeeping staff. "Since the retreat I have seen an overall difference in the school," she added.

The students were drawn

from the Dorm Assistants, Peer College Counselors, Student Government Association officers, and Orientation Committee members, who came to school early this year.

"The idea of the entire community coming together, including students and parents, was refreshing, and it gave me a great outlook for the year," said Associate Principal Dr. Joan Barber.

According to the Director, members of various departments at NCSSM are now reviewing the program goals and mission statement. This winter, students and staff will vote on approving these documents, which will then be submitted to the Board of Trustees.



Students, faculty, and staff debate at the Director's Retreat.

## Speak - Up

by Lisa Senzel

At the first speak-up of the year, students and resident advisors discussed the RA/Wellness program, privileges, and the new gym with Dr. Youngblood, Dr. Barber, and Branson Brown.

From 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Monday, September 25, the open forum occupied New Dorm Lobby. Dr. Barber passed around copies of the old privileges and listened to suggested changes. For example, the old privileges included restaurant runs, which have become outdated; state law now requires van drivers to be over 18.

Several RA's commented on

the old privilege system. "I felt like the grade requirement for being out of your room after midnight was too low; everybody got it," said RA Mike Gunzenhauser. "When I would try to encourage a student to go to bed, I didn't have a leg to stand on."

SGA Vice President Alan Cline announced a meeting for anyone interested in writing the proposal for the new privileges.

Students suggested expanding the Physical Activity program at NCSSM, to include more than just testing every quarter. Coach Brown brought up the idea of holding seminar classes in racquet-

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