

**AROUND THE WORLD,
continued from page 1**

of the boys, Susan Smith confessed to purposefully driving a car with the boys in it into a local lake.

■ After being assigned for fifteen life terms for molesting and mutilating several men and boys, Jeffrey Dahmer was murdered in jail. His head was bashed in by a fellow convict who proclaimed himself the son of God.

■ The economy has shown marked improvements in the past few months. Unemployment fell to a four year low of 5.6%, and personal income grew by 1.4%. In hopes of curbing inflation and slowing the pace of recovery, the Federal Reserve still plans to raise interest rates at the beginning of 1995.

■ The state of California has passed Proposition 187. The proposition prohibits illegal aliens from receiving almost all government-funded social services.

■ Starting 1995, the post office plans to raise the price of stamps from twenty-nine cents to thirty-two cents.

Science & Technology

■ Scientists have discovered genes for obesity and breast cancer. Finding tests for these genes, though, still poses problems.

■ The national government has banned the use of federal moneys to study embryos. Studying fetal tissue discarded from abortions with such moneys, though, is still legal.

Volunteer group assists community

By **JENNIFER KISER**
Staff Writer

In addition to meeting the community and work-service requirements, various groups within the school provide additional opportunities to both students and staff to volunteer their skills to the community. One such organization is the Volunteer Network, which is sponsored by Jackie Thornton, Student Activities Board Coordinator.

This group seeks to assist the

community and the world through projects including volunteering at Pineknoll Resthome, the Lenox Baker Children's Hospital, and Make a Difference Day in the Westover community.

At the resthome, students each adopt a resident and bring him or her gifts and treats for holidays and special occasions. When working at the children's hospital, volunteers read stories, play games, and try to make the children happy.

The group plans to participate in the Circus Maximus fundraiser

at nearby E.K. Powe Elementary School, volunteer for the Adopt a Highway program, and also work for the local Humane Society.

Phuong Doan, senior, joined the Volunteer Network because, she "always wanted to volunteer, but (had) been prevented by a lack of transportation; here that is not a problem." For any students or staff, who like Phuong, are interested in serving the community, meetings are open to all and are held on Mondays at 4:00 PM in the SAB lounge.



During an October trip, the Outdoors Club reaches new heights as its members hike up a hill. Opportunities such as this club activity allow students to get away from school and relieve stress.

Done anything special lately? Know someone who has? The Stentorian is looking for people who don't get any respect. If you fall into one of these categories, then e-mail kiserj or kotekm and get the recognition that you deserve.

**Durham eventful
in December**

By **MAGDA KOTEK**
News Editor

So you say that Durham is quiet, uneventful town? Well, it looks like this time you're wrong. The month of December just happens to be chucked full with events for all.

Are you interested in ballet or classical music? Then check out the North Carolina Symphony's presentation of Tchaikovsky's "The Nut Cracker". Contact the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium at (919) 831-6060. Or stop by UNC for other concerts ranging from performances by choral groups and jazz ensembles.

Are art exhibits more your style? The Ackland Art Museum on the UNC campus is hosting The Walter O. Evans Collection of African-American Art till February 19. Our stop by Duke before February 3 to view, Homeless: Portraits Of Americans In Hard Times a collection of Howard Schatz's photographs.

If trendy music is more your style, than the Cat's Cradle or the Duke Coffeehouse offer numerous choices. Upcoming shows include Spatula, After Dark, and Tinsel.

In terms of the stage, the classic A Christmas Carol is being performed by Theatre in the Park for the next month, and Cinderella will be staged by the Raleigh Little Theater.

So even if you still think that Durham is not the most exciting place, prove yourself wrong and stop by one of these events. After all of that studying for exams we all need a break.

MUN conference at UVA a big success

By **ANNA POND**
Staff Writer

On November fourth, twenty S&Mers boarded two vans and drove the more or less four hour drive to Charlottesville, Virginia to participate in the fourteenth annual Model United Nations Conference at the University of Virginia. I was among them, and this was my first MUN experience.

On the ride up there, the veterans coached the newcomers like myself on what to say, when to say it, and what happens when you say it. It may sound strange, but procedure is a big part of simulating the United Nations. The largest chunk of it all, though, is the research you do before you go

to the conference.

You receive the topics that your designated committee will discuss three to four weeks before the conference. Then it's off to the libraries-ours, Perkins at Duke, or anywhere you can find information on the topics. For instance, my country was Mexico, I was on the Legal committee, and my topics were terrorism, foreign intervention in self determination, and UN peacekeepers.

The first committee meeting was Friday night. First, though, all of the delegates, as we are called, went into the university's ball room for opening ceremonies and a keynote speaker. After this we met up with the leaders of

our committees, the chairs, and headed off to our individual committee rooms.

Here's where all that briefing on the MUN talk came in handy. If you want to speak in committee, you have to raise a card with your country's name on it and be recognized by the chair. Then you have to tell the chair why you've raised your placard, and then you finally get to speak. The purpose of all this procedure is to pass resolutions that represent your country's position on a topic. This involves a great deal of speaking, negotiating (okay, you can call it arguing), and competition.

Overall, the conference was a lot of fun. We had the chance to meet people from all over

the United States in our committees, there was a really great dance on the Saturday night for all of the delegates, and NCSSM brought home several awards. The gavel is the highest award any delegate can get, and we had four people win the best delegate gavels - Sarah Fieler, David Patel, Katie Starrett, and Gillian Burgess. Allison Holmes got an honorable mention, and our whole team got an Outstanding School award.

The MUN club is also planning for future conferences at Georgetown, Duke Spring, and Nationals in New York City. If you are interested, just keep an eye out for signs around school throughout the year.