

Webster fills position in chemistry department

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In her dimly lit, cramped office with unopened boxes stacked against her walls, Mrs. Gail Webster warmly welcomed me. Papers were strewn on her desk, pictures of her ten month old daughter Caroline hung on the wall, and her computer buzzed softly.

The temporary replacement for Dr. Knecht offered me a seat and asked me to fire away the first question.

Born? In New Jersey

to a family of five older brothers.

Education? Primary and secondary throughout New Jersey and Virginia. Under-graduate work at Virginia Commonwealth University where she started as a music major and later found her husband, Jeff, and a career in chemistry.

Hobbies? Gardening, playing with her daughter and pets (She has two dogs, one of which she and her husband rescued from the beach), and sometimes playing the flute (Mrs. Webster



Mrs. Webster helps student Kelly Cooke with a Chemistry problem after class.

played for a wind ensemble when she taught at NC State).

Purpose in life? To be the best that she can be.

Mrs. Webster struck me as a very compassionate, elegant lady. I couldn't help but smile when, as she spoke of her daughter and her

dog, sparkles lit up her brown eyes, and I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the frank and clear answers that she gave me.

State fair provides diversion for Science and Math students

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There's nothing like an exciting trip off campus to get your mind off of all of your worries. We all need our stress outlets. Luckily, the

North Carolina State Fair made its appearance in Raleigh from October 14th through the 23rd.

Fantastic thrill rides tended to draw the biggest crowds. Mon-

strously long lines for the ferris wheel were a common sight. Yet, many NCSSM students could not resist taking a trip around the "Ring of Fire" or getting all jumbled up on "The

Scrambler."

For those feeling lucky, there was an array of games offering great prizes. Flip a penny in a floating lily pad and win a cute stuffed bunny. Even shooting hoops could win you something to take back to school and show off. Want to win something without even moving? Pay a couple bucks to have your age guessed and reap the benefits of looking so young (or mature!).

Dining at the Fair is definitely not for the calorie counters. The menu includes foods such as cheeseburgers, pizza, Italian sausages, hot dogs, and candied apples. One word of advice: Do not try a funnel cake before or after get-

ting on a ride. A queasy stomach and dizzy head are guaranteed.

Who could forget the unbelievable freak shows? For only three tickets, one may lay his eyes on a woman with a snake's body. Or how about a man who looks and acts just like a beast? Who wouldn't be curious to see a woman only 29 inches tall? Not many. However, I couldn't bring myself to waste tickets on what many fair-goers described as "totally fake."

All in all, the State fair certainly proved to be an unforgettable experience breaking the cycle of homework on the weekend. Until next year, my friends.



The trophy winners for the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics' debate team in the Capital Invitational at Enloe High School are (from left to right) Kelly McBayer, Gillian Burgess, Andrew Steen, Esther Smith, and Craig Lovelace.