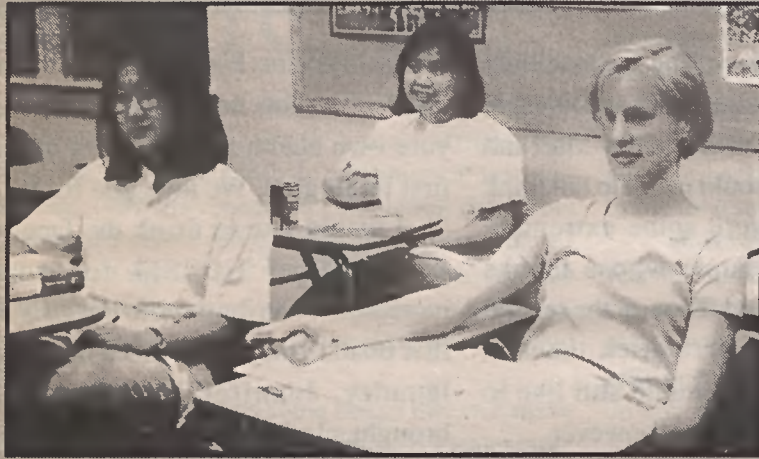


NCSSM Senior class officers elected



Newly elected SGA officers (from left) treasurer Darice Wong, secretary Neda Burapavong, and president Katie Hobbs. Vice-president Jay Raval is not pictured

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The SGA elections for the class of 1997 were held on April 2, 1996 in the PEC. The student body elected: Katie Hobbs-President, Jay Raval-Vice President, Neda Burapavong-Secretary, and Darice Wong-Treasurer.

All of the elected officers held leadership positions at their previous high schools or through extracurricular activities. Hobbs, for example, was class president in the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade at Wayne Country Day School. Hobbs then went to Eastern Wayne High School before transferring to NCSSM. Next year, Hobbs wants to increase student body participation by forming student committees with other SGA officers.

Raval has also held leadership positions in his cultural youth group outside of school. At Enloe High School, he was captain of both the Lacrosse and Rugby Teams. In addition, Raval was a student council representative and helped plan

school activities. Raval said he was honored to be elected vice president and commented that he, "looks forward to discussing new, innovative ideas with the other SGA members next year to make NCSSM a better place."

Burapavong was the vice president in the ninth grade and president in the tenth grade of High Point Central before transferring to Salem Academy. She has served as a junior representative this year and has been elected to serve as dorm representative for the upcoming year. Burapavong's plans are to publicize all the vital issues that come to the SGA, and to write a newsletter each semester for the student body.

Wong has begun her leadership roles here at NCSSM. She is one of the founders of a poetry club, the Red Moon, and is currently its Inter-Club Council Representative. Wong wants to ensure that all the money is distributed as equally as possible between the clubs and other SGA sponsored organizations.

Regional testing held

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NCSSM recently held regional testing for prospective juniors of the class of 1998. The testing was conducted at eight sites across the state on consecutive Saturdays, February 10 and 17.

Approximately 835 students participated in the testing, said Sandra Jackson of the NCSSM admissions office. The students took an algebra test, an abstract reason-

ing exam, and a writing test. Students and their parents also attended an information session led by members of the NCSSM administration. Current NCSSM students and parents answered questions from prospective students and their parents.

The application deadline for incoming juniors was delayed one week due to the fact that so many school systems across the state were closed because of the snow, said Jackson. The original deadline was January 15.

Science and Math students reach

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While Science and Math students are generally found at the School of Science and Math, about twenty of them can sometimes be found at the E.K. Powe Elementary School. At the beginning of the school year, junior Clara Holzwarth, with the help of junior Holly Landry, coordinated the big brother / big sister program at E.K. Powe with NCSSM students.

As a member of the Interact Club, one of NCSSM's service clubs, Holzwarth tutored at Powe. As she noticed that many teachers there seemed short of hands, she also noticed that many students here had an interest in and a lot of enthusiasm for helping children but did not know about opportunities to do so.

Holzwarth, accompanied by senior David Nelson, ap-

proached Iowana Hagler, E.K. Powe's guidance counselor, in hopes of setting up a way for S&M volunteers to assist E.K. Powe teachers through spending time with the children. Students from Duke and NC Central had already been serving Powe as big siblings and tutors for the past year and a half.

Hagler then extended the opportunity to NCSSM. The big brother/sister program was designed for older students to serve as role models for children who, according to Holzwarth, "need someone to look up to."

"A lot of these kids are from the inner city, and a lot of parents don't have enough time [to give them the attention they need]," she said. "I guess this can be our way of giving something back to the community."

Each big brother/sister was assigned to a child between the grades of kindergar-

ten and fifth. What they do with the child ranges from participating in class activities to working on computers, and from playing games to reading. Time spent per week with the child varies with individual siblings depending on their own schedules.

Before NCSSM students were allowed to participate in the program, Holzwarth and Landry had to draw up a charter to be approved by Hagler. Once this was done, roughly twenty NCSSM students have been going to Powe regularly for anywhere from half an hour to six hours a week.

There is a distinction made between tutors and big brothers/sisters although they virtually share the same responsibilities. However, tutors focus more on helping the children with school work, whereas

NCSSM Holds College Day '96

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NCSSM's annual College Day was held on March 30 from 8:30 to 11:30 in the school's P.E.C. College Day is an opportunity for juniors, who were required to attend the event, to investigate the academic offerings of some of the nation's colleges and universities. Over 100 different institutions were represented, with a wide variety of liberal arts and technological institutions present.

College Day has been a part of NCSSM tradition for ten years. Guidance

counselor Ollie Burrell said of the event, "This is a good opportunity for students to communicate with colleges they might not otherwise come into contact with. It's also a good way to get financial aid information about colleges."

In addition to a session on financing a college education, students also attended small group sessions with their guidance counselors regarding other college-related miscellany, such as SAT scores and letters of recommendation. Six of the colleges represented - N.C. State University, Duke University, UNC-Chapel Hill,

Wake Forest University, Davidson College, and the Georgia Institute of Technology - held formal information sessions.

Most colleges, however, had displays and brochures available at tables in the P.E.C. Recruitment officers, alumni, and present students from the schools were out in full force to field questions and distribute information about their schools. The representatives were helpful and well-prepared, and College Day 1996 proved to be a successful event.