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AROUND THE WORLD ...and back

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Helms versus Washington

North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms won a major political battle against the White House in September. In a hearing called by other members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman Helms quashed the President Clinton's nomination of former Republican Governor William Weld as the ambassador to Mexico. Helms maintains that Weld is not a fit diplomat because of his general manner and his lax drug policies.

Albert convicted of assault and battery

Mary Albert, NBC sports caster, Emmy winner, and holder of the record for most appearances on The Late Show with David Letterman, pleaded guilty to sexual assault and battery charges in an Arlington, VA court on Sept. 25. NBC fired the the long-time play-by-play man hours after the plea. Albert faces up to one year in prison at his sentencing on Oct. 24, and a civil suit may ensue.

Earthquakes devastate Italian countryside

On Sept. 26, two back-to-back earthquakes left over 4000 homes uninhabitable and destroyed the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, leaving the Italian people both financially and spiritually devastated. The quakes left ten people dead, including two Franciscan monks, and 10,000 people homeless. The 13th century cathedral can never be restored to its original state and multiple Renaissance works were lost.

Nation celebrates integration

On Sept. 25, The 40th anniversary of the integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas was commemorated by the return of the first nine black students who entered Central High. President Clinton personally welcomed the Little Rock Nine to the emotional celebration and gave a speech emphasizing the importance of race relations in education.

Flower power overtakes school Campus Beautification Day a sparkling success

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"As I'm strolling to class in the early morning it is so pleasant to see the dew gathered on the petals of the newly planted flowers outside Hill," Junior Jody Cedzidlo said with a smile.

Hunt dormitory got their pannies too in a recent series of Campus Beautification Days, a joint project between SGA and the administration to improve the appearance of NCSSM.

Flower beds in front of Hill, Hunt and Bryan composed a major part of the effort. In addition, other areas of campus got spruced up as students and faculty tackled numerous areas that needed attention.

In addition to planting flowers, students pulled weeds and swept walkways. But not all the work put into Beautification Day was so apparent from the outside.

Students were initially surveyed to find out where problems existed and these responses were considered in selecting projects.

Several teachers spent the afternoon cleaning the foreign language lab and received a few surprises while rummaging through cabinets. "We're discovering stuff that

has been here for centuries," Latin teacher Lucia Stadter said. Stadter, with Spanish teacher Don Houpe and French teacher Mary Roberts, organized the lab to get rid of materials no longer needed.

Herbert said.

And in the cafeteria lounge, a team of teachers uprooted carpet in preparation to renovate the room by matching the lounge floor with that in the Unicorn Grill. "The vision

well."

The back alcove of Wyche received a facelift as well with a new coat of paint courtesy of several students from Third East and First Hunt.

"[Back Wyche] is now a much more inviting place to sit and socialize," Senior Dietrich McCall, who volunteered to paint, said

Likewise, First Hill repainted the walls on their hall.

"It had fingerprints and pencil marks and now it's perfectly white," Senior Josh Gullett said. "This is the first time that anything like this has been done and it feels really good. I think we almost had 100% hall turnout."

To promote student involvement, a pizza party was offered as an incentive for the male and female halls with the most participation. Third East and Third Beall won for the first Beautification Day.

In effort to make this a regular student-oriented activity, additional Campus Beautification Days will be scheduled in the near future.

"It's amazing what students can do when they decide to work together for a common purpose," Junior Daniel Wilson said.

True indeed. Now one really can stop and smell the flowers.



Anne Pegram and David Byrnes help out at NCSSM's first Beautification Day.

In the cafeteria, a task force of students and teachers piloted a project to decide the best way to clean blinds.

"We tried scrubber brushes, towels and toilet brushes. Toilet brushes worked best," Junior Emily

would be to turn this into an all staff/faculty lounge," Director of Student Life Joan Barber said. "The idea is to enhance the appearance and ambiance—give it a whole new look. Hopefully, after the painting is finished, we can buy new furniture as

Students prepare for year of jury duty

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Since its formation in 1984, the Hearing Board has been a central part of NCSSM's Code of Student Conduct. The SLIs and faculty who currently serve on the Board to review all major school disciplinary problems are being joined this year by seven students. Prompted by requests from SGA, NCSSM students are now serving on the Hearing Board and evaluating the actions of their peers.

The Hearing Board is a fifteen member committee that determines whether or not students are guilty of Level II and III offenses. Three members of the Board serve on each case, either two SLI's and one faculty member or vice versa. Accused students can also choose to include a student member of the Board on their panel of three. If this panel finds a student guilty of an offense, it must decide upon an appropriate response or punishment.

Students originally served on

the Hearing Board when it was created in 1984. However, many were unable to meet the time demands of this duty, and student participation was discontinued. Last year, Grand Senior Tree Calloway initiated an effort through SGA to return students to the board.

"[Calloway] worked very hard and met with the other board members," said Director of Academic Programs Dr. Steve Warshaw. "She and the Student Government developed a plan to select the students and a process for their participation in hearings."

A proposal to add students to the Board was submitted to and approved by the Board of Trustees last May. "I hope the rest of the NCSSM community will see this decision as a plus," Warshaw said.

Administrators see the advan-

tages of student participation in a judicial system that has been viewed unfavorably by students in the past. Director of Student Life Dr. Joan Barber said she hopes trust in the judicial process will increase.

Students are also excited that their peers will serve on the board, and some feel that the new members will be more understanding than adults when hearing cases. "Adults always go by the book," said Junior Ray Tan. "Students live with us and they understand the situations."

Warshaw acknowledged students' past concerns about the Board's fairness. "Often times judicial decisions don't have the support of students," he said. "I hope decisions will be more accepted with students on the Board."

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