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Wassup Science and Math!

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Class of 2001, welcome back. Class of 2002, take a good look at your home for the next two years. The Stentorian staff hopes that everyone will have an incredible year, and take full advantage of all that is being offered to you.

Juniors are probably excited about entering this new situation. However, they might be a little nervous about leaving home, family, and friends. The Stentorian staff and the NCSSM community are here to help make the transition to NCSSM life as easy as possible. After all, we were there ourselves a year ago.

First off, there are numerous activities and organizations that you can get involved in to have a great time. You can take part in many clubs, or you can just have a few that you focus on. No matter what, you will be able to find people that have the same interests and ambitions as you. You can go to ACC meetings (see S&M glossary), SGA meetings, or Ultimate Frisbee games. These few organizations barely scratch the

surface of the activities that are offered at S&M. There is the Key Club, Spanish Club, and, of course, the Stentorian. An an-

Signing Dance where everyone gathers with a T-shirt for people to sign. You do not even have to know the people that are sign-

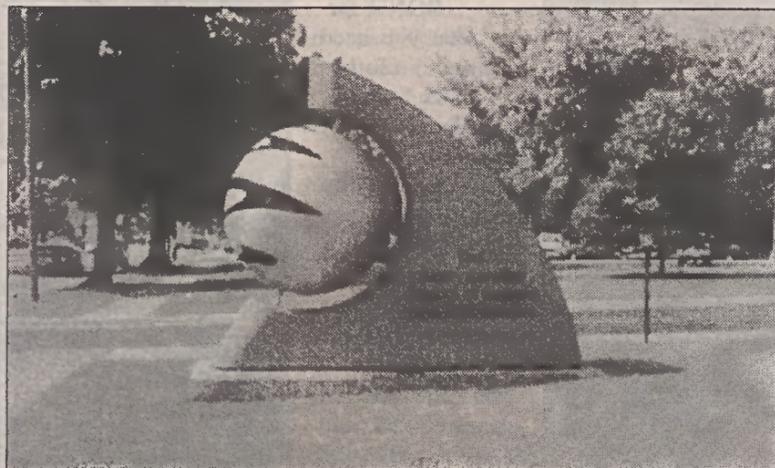
sidelines. The class of 2001 sincerely hopes that the class of 2002 will keep up S&M's long tradition of gettin' wild at the games.

While there are lots of really fun and exciting ways to hang out and get to know people at Science and Math, we must stress that we are here to get education. Therefore, please, no matter what, let your main priority be

your academics. Your grades will probably fall a bit first quarter. However don't worry, it happens to everyone. No one at NCSSM expects juniors to make straight A's, especially first quarter. Give yourself some time. Eventually you reach a point where you can get all of your work done and still hang out with your friends. This brings us to the next point...

No matter what you learn here at Science & Math, you will learn time management skills. Whether you plan to schedule every second of your life or allow these skills to develop naturally, you will learn how to fit in all of your down time and work into the 24 hours of a day. Some people need to have a rigid schedule, while others need to have more flexibility. Whatever you do, you must do it naturally. You will experience less stress once you figure out what is right for you..

Well, all of the little skills you will learn here could not be summed up in a four page paper, let alone this one article. You will learn much more on your halls, with your hallmates, and in your classes. The only thing we ask is that you give all that you have to give, but have fun at the same time. Around the S&M community, we have a saying about our day to day life. There are three general possibilities at S&M. There is sleep, school, and social life. You may choose two. As with all else, the choice is yours.



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nual club fair is held in the first couple weeks of school. This gathering is designed to help students find the organizations and clubs that meet their needs and interests.

In addition to clubs, everyone can participate in certain school-wide activities. In the next few days, there will be the Ice-Cream Social. There is also the very popular T-shirt

ing your T-shirt. This is a great way to meet lots of people and have a good time. Also, most Fridays and Saturdays, a few halls will have I-viz (see glossary). This is a great opportunity to get to know members of the opposite sex in an area outside academics. Fall sports are another great way to make friends, whether it be playing in the games, or cheering on the

New Head Brings Ideas to NCSSM

WILL GARNEAU

Dr. Jerry Boarman, who took over the position of Executive Director on July 1, has already brought about change on campus. The new plan to allow students to paint halls was facilitated by Dr. Boarman, but as for large-scale changes to NCSSM, those will have to wait until he's become better acquainted with the school.

After 30 years working in Maryland's Prince George's Country school system, Dr. Boarman, 52, comes to Science and Math with proven credentials. Dr. Boarman helped elevate the Eleanor Roosevelt High School to its distinguished status as a top math and science school in the country. In addition to the success he achieved within the Eleanor Roosevelt community of schools Boarman gained national prominence by winning the Milken National Educator Award. Dr. Boarman's decision to move was motivated by the exciting opportunity of making connections between NCSSM and the technological and economic resources in the Triangle area. He also says that

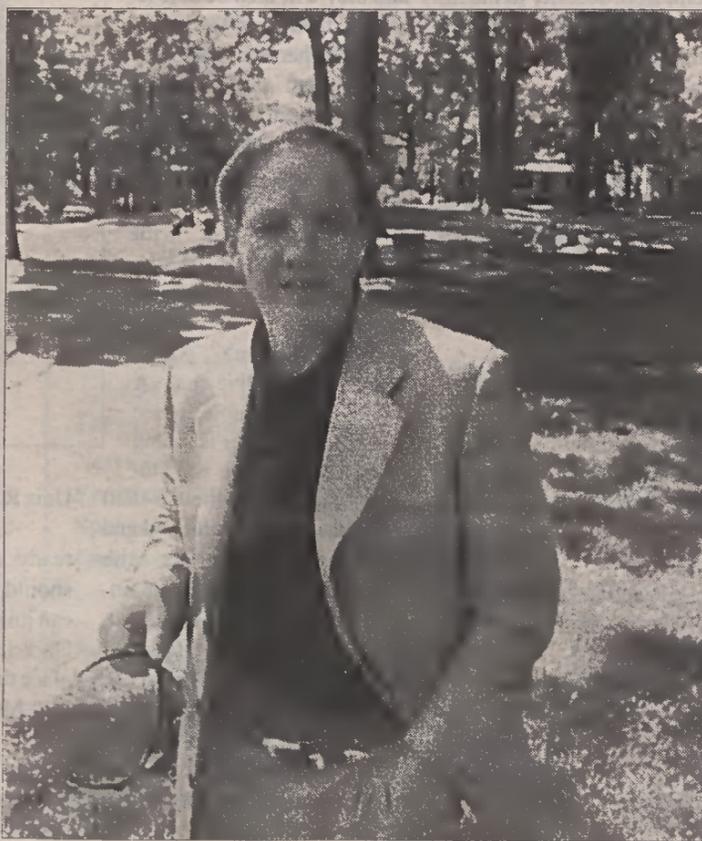
the caliber of students motivated him to leave his home of thirty years. Dr. Boarman has been in North Carolina during this summer although he still travels back to Maryland regularly to see his wife, Valerie. They plan to establish their base in North Carolina some time in the coming year.

Dr. Boarman sees little difference between his Maryland students and those at NCSSM: "I don't think that the students here are a whole lot different; except that they live here, sometimes I think the [Maryland] kids live there til about eight or nine o'clock." He notes that the Eleanor Roosevelt School is part of the same consortium of independent math and science schools in the United States and students have many of the same interests at both schools.

As far as goals for the

school are concerned Dr. Boarman offers his primary one

jectives are of the students... I don't come in with any pre-con-



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as becoming adjusted to NCSSM, "My goal is first of all to just get to know the place: to look and listen to what the ob-

ceived ideas or agendas. Do I come in and say 'Oh, we're going to change this and change that?' No that would be fool-

hardy." Once he's more in tune with the general feel of the school he plans "to get more funding from the outside" and "look at what students and staff see is needed to improve or maintain the school."

A key aspect of the position of executive director is to be a kind of figurehead of the school, representing it to the outside world. That means attending conferences and meetings as a representative of NCSSM and also attempting to branch into the outside community by getting grants or setting up programs that involve Science and Math. A common misconception is that the Executive Director is the school's principal. Although Dr. Steve Warshaw is technically "Head of Academic Programs," his common appellation should be that of "principal." Dr. Boarman's office is in the Watts entryway across from the admissions office. He's new to campus, and very congenial, so if you see him around don't hesitate to introduce yourself and welcome him to the NCSSM community.