

the



# stentorian

vol. XXVII, issue 1

the north carolina school of science and mathematics

august 2006

stentorian@ncssm.edu

## Caution: campus under construction

*Lack of progress on athletic complex while work continues on other projects*

BY MAX ROSE

Although construction on a new athletic field has yet to begin, evidence of other projects is everywhere else as students return from summer break.

The field, to be located behind Hunt Dormitory and used for soccer and softball, received \$288,000 from the NCSSM Foundation last year and was originally meant to be completed by this August.

According to Ed McBride, Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations, the delay is due to continuing cooperation and negotiations with the neighboring community, which has complained about the effect a lighting system may have on the area.

"Quite frankly, it's sad that it has taken this long," he said. "Our students are not going to have that field because of this."

McBride said that President Gerald Boarman and Brock Winslow, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, traveled to Florida this summer to look at a similar six-pole lighting system to the one the school wants.

"They have worked very hard to come up with a

solution that will work with the neighbors," McBride said. "It's very close to being resolved."

McBride did not give a specific timetable for completion because no contracts have been awarded as of yet. But, he did say that it was important that the field get done.

"We're trying to do this to give something to our students," he said. "This facility is to provide an adequate athletic facility for individuals' personal well-being."

Athletic Director Eileen Witt said that her main concern with the delay was that the home games of the baseball and softball teams are scheduled simultaneously in the spring. The new athletic field would allow both teams to compete on campus.

But, Witt said that they would do the best they could with what they have.

"We are very creative in finding solutions," she said.

Whereas the lack of construction behind Hunt Dormitory is new news, the other work being done around campus has been present since late last school year.

"It is annoying being woken up on campus to all that loud noise," senior Matt



Photo by Amy Bryson

*Five days before juniors move in, yellow caution tape marks piles of overturned earth at one of the many construction sites across campus. This work on chill water lines is only one part of a 2.7 million dollar repair and renovation project funded by the state.*

Gildner said. "[But] I do understand that construction has to be done and it can't always be done over the summer."

New rooms in Hunt Dormitory are nearing completion, and the larger projects, a 1.6 million dollar cooling system and a new

emergency generator, are scheduled to be finished this fall.

McBride said that the current generator has been in use since 1953 and functioned through Hurricane Fran.

He said that the chiller, which cools water to provide air conditioning, is replacing

a twenty-five-year-old system. The large holes in the ground and constant digging are for the chill water lines which will transport the cool water around campus.

"One of the most important things," McBride said, "is getting ready for [Junior Move-In Day]."

## Large number of student leaders arrive before juniors

BY HATTIE CHUNG

One hundred and forty-five seniors moved in prior to Junior Move-In Day to train for their leadership positions, comprising a little less than half of the entire senior class.

Forty-nine Residential Life Assistants and the three Editors-in-Chief of the Stentorian moved in on Aug. 13. On Aug. 16, other leadership groups, including Student Ambassadors, Multicultural Peer Counselors, Residential Life Assistants, Peer College Counselors, Development Attachés, Lit@Com Liaisons and Student Government Association officers, moved in to begin training sessions. These seniors applied for these leadership positions, which act as their workservice for the year. Yearbook Staff, Ethical Awareness Group and Drama Board also came; however, these are not work-service positions.

Seniors who were not selected for

leadership positions could apply for the Orientation Committee, which also arrived on August 16 to help the juniors move in, organize events for orientation weekend and make the transition to NCSSM smooth for the newcomers.

During leadership training week, these seniors will be involved in various activities. Some juniors might be familiar with the Student Ambassadors who visited many high schools in the state to hold information sessions. According to Admissions Officer Rob Andrews, they will spend their training week learning about not only every aspect of the application process but also the history of the school. This information is essential for campus tours, Open House, Discovery Day, and Welcome Day. They will also participate in fun activities as well, including a movie night, pizza party, and kickball game.

**LEADERSHIP, continued page 4**



Photo by Amy Bryson

*RLAs Maggie Baker and Amanda Johnson work with their SLI Zoey LeTendre to make door decorations based on Ground Royall's pirate hall theme.*

**Don't miss:**

Students spend summer across state, country, globe

page 2

**Vacation leaves time for working out**

page 6

Summer movies: what we thought

page 8