

THE LATE NINETIES: 1996 - 2000

Student Life was added as a curriculum requirement in October of 1996. Other reforms included the rule that juniors receiving C-'s in all of their classes would not be invited back.

In November 1996, two students sued the school and its director for violating due process and for racial discrimination. The students had been expelled for drinking alcohol on campus. The two students had been accused of bringing the alcohol to share with friends. The two students were both African American, as were the six students drinking with them. Director Friedrich, in a statement to the Herald-Sun, wrote, "I am convinced that these students deliberately violated NCSSM's anti-alcohol policy and that they ought to be expelled from NCSSM."

Also in November, senior Tree Calloway lead students through a Student Government proposal and committee in calling for reinstatement of student judges: the Judiciary Board, which is now the Honor Council.

Dr. Barber says of the smoking policy: "I feel like an enabler by providing the opportunity for students to smoke on campus." Smoking is forbidden during the 1997-1998 school year, following a discussion that started two years earlier.

The Stentorian ran a history of the tetragranny (the large tetragon with a granny knot in the middle), and quotes one person: "[An] artist gave it to the school and S&M couldn't stand it so [the school] gave it away to Duke or some other unsuspecting institution. After the artist died, it was given to his wife who bequeathed it to S&M again, saying that it was the artist's original intention. So we're stuck with it and can't get rid of it without some serious guilt."

MPC used to stand for Multi-Purpose Center, a former campus building that used to stand where the PEC is currently located.

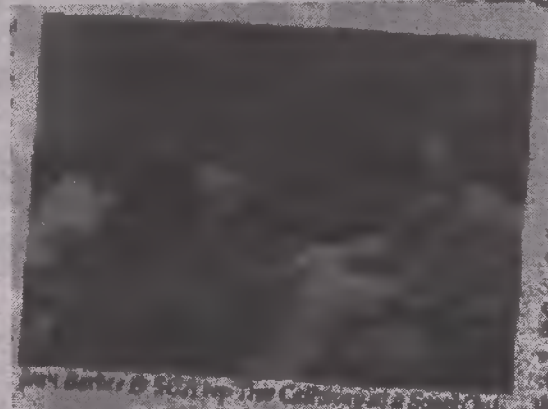
Ninth Street Bakery, a popular S&M hangout, is closed and replaced by Elmo's Diner in 1997. George's Garage opens



Seniors Sondra Chenoweth, Jacquelin Leggett, and... read information on the Student Life Bulletin Board. This year seniors are required to participate in the new 6L702 program held on ALT Days.

Students sue NCSSM

Two NCSSM students sue the school, Director Friedrich, and the Board of Trustees. The article includes a sub-section titled 'IN-DETERMINATE LEGAL SYSTEM' and a photograph of a person.



around the same time. George's Garage closed in the summer of 2009.

In October 1997, Ephraim Katzir, former president of Israel, spoke to NCSSM students about his experiences as a political and scientific leader.

1997 saw the school's first "Hispanic Fest," hosted not by a Hispanic Cultures Club but the MPCs (now Multicultural Peer Counselors).

Until late 1997, the company in charge of food services at NCSSM had been Professional Food Management (PFM). In 1997, services changed to a new company, Chartwell, and a number of workers quit. With no one to clean the cafeteria, the situation quickly degenerated. To the right is a picture of the floor outside the dishroom, covered with trays.

Kevin Cromwell took over the SAB in 1997 and to say he was well-received would be an understatement. The Stentorian praised him for "raising NCSSM school spirit, getting students involved, and giving students plenty of things to do over the weekend." His success was attributed to the fact that he had spent six years as an SLI and understood students well.

"Much to the displeasure of this staff, Rich Ballot has been signed as the official DJ for all SAB sponsored dances during the '96-'97 school year," the Stentorian reported in an article called "No Votes for Ballot." "At every dance, he insists on playing the same songs in an only slightly different way. This is even made worse by the selection he plays, replays, and plays again. At every dance, we listen to the same music we heard at those seventh grade dances we excitedly attended so long ago."

"From May 4-8, 1998, five NCSSM students and Dr. Myra Halpin, their advisor, had the opportunity to launch an experiment on board a NASA rocket. "Our experiment is unique," said Dr. Halpin, a Chemistry teacher who has assisted the team of students with their project throughout the spring." It was the first biological experiment ever launched by NASA, designed to see how cells would react at different levels of gravity.

In 1999, a number of students built a climbing wall in the PEC for "Special Projects Week," the precursor to Miniterm. It used to be open from 6:30 to 7:45 Monday through Thursday.

