

In early 2000, Gary Greenberg, chair of the parent counsel, sent an email to all parents titled "Hazing in Dorms." This e-mail addressed boys having their heads flushed in the toilets, thrown in a cold shower and sprayed with shaving cream (known as a "polar bear"), given birthday licks with a belt, and being pushed to the ground and "dog-piled" by his hallmates. But don't get any ideas--see "Hazing and Harassment" in the Student Handbook.

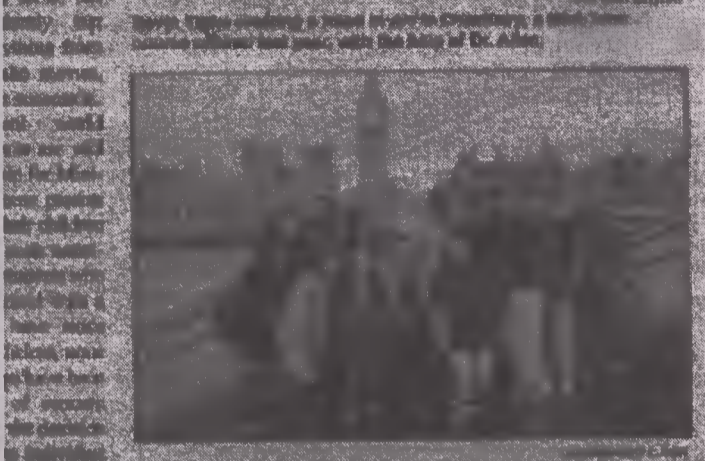
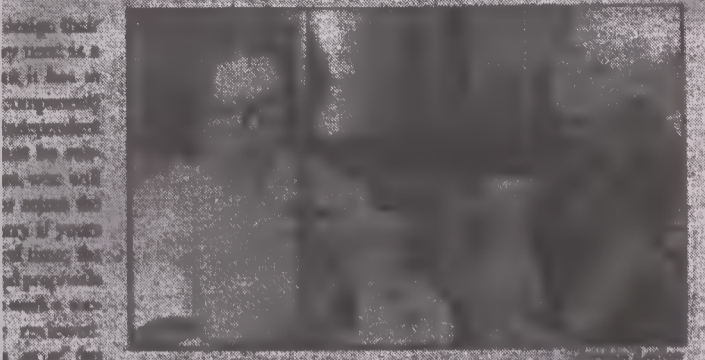
In February of 2000, NCSSM students were first allowed to use cell phones.

Special Projects Week is replaced with Mini-Term in 2000. "For some students in the past, SPW was more of a vacation than a learning experience. This concerned many of faculty members and as a result Mini-Term was designed...SPW was such a positive experience because students were learning independently. However, it was estimated only about one-third of the students gave SPW their hardest effort. The other two-thirds either just barely got by or were somewhere in the middle. Mini-term hoped to accommodate the two-thirds of the student body that were not working diligently by providing classes, but still allowing the other one-third to do their independent projects."

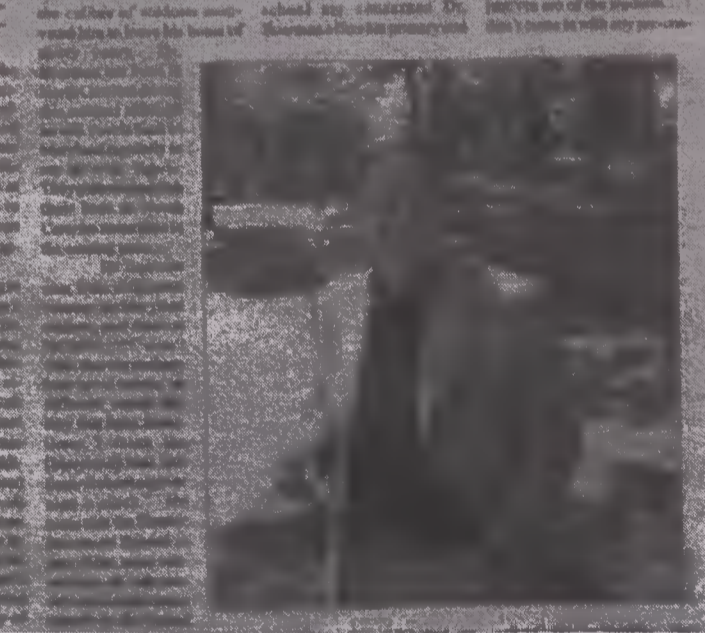
"Dr. Jerry Boarman, who took over the position of Executive Director on July 1, has already brought about change on campus. The new plan to allow students to paint halls was facilitated by Dr. Boarman... A key aspect of the position of executive director is to be a kind of figurehead of the school, representing it to the outside world...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.'"

In fall of 2000, Surfwatch was installed to NCSSM network in order to prevent the viewing of inappropriate content on the NCSSM network. "Some of the non-academic sites that ITS has blocked include chat sites, gambling sites, internet gaming sites, and other general entertainment sites. These sites were not blocked because their content is objectionable but because they are not consistent with the guidelines for computer usage at NCSSM. There were absolutely no technical barriers to using the internet at NCSSM last year."

the Classroom: Mini-Term



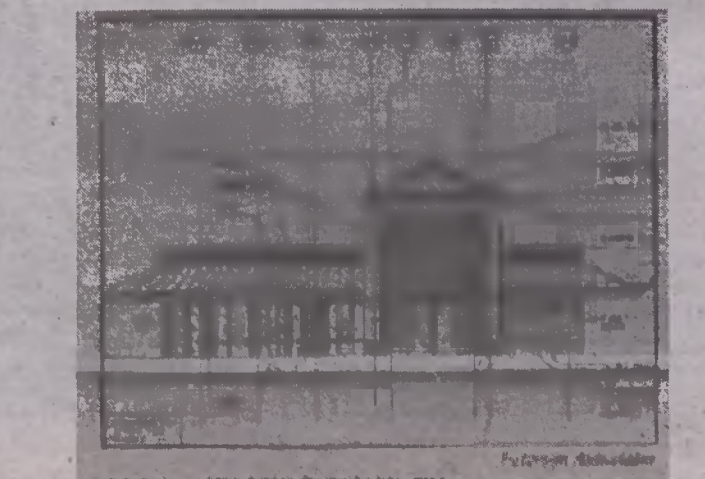
New Head Brings Ideas to NCSSM



SurfWatch Manager

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- ChatBlock™** Block access to web-based chat and Internet Relay Ch



The admissions process changed in the fall of 2000, adding Discovery Days with group interviews: "On Discovery Day, all applicants will have a chance to visit the campus, participate in group interviews, and take some placement tests...In group interviews, 6 to 8 applicants will view a video prompt and participate in a discussion about it. Two faculty members will oversee the discussion, one will operate as interviewer and facilitator, helping to lead the discussion, while the other will act as an observer, taking notes on the discussion. Students will be rated according to a rubric which evaluates how they interacted with each other and what leadership characteristics were displayed."

THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: 2001 - PRESENT

Super Study was instated in 2001, and the results were positive. "There is a vastly lower number of students on academic probation this quarter than in years past. For instance, one in ten juniors last year had two grades below C, compared to only seven percent of juniors this year."

In 2001, students had access to wireless internet for the first time ever.

In February 2003, the Stentorian reported that the administration planned to split Hunt into East and West sides. "The administration cites several studies that supposedly claim that smaller communities result in the individuals being more committed to their community. One of their main concerns with making Hunt residents more dedicated to the community was to stop vandalism." The Stentorian also made a prediction that has turned out to be wrong: "The senior class is probably the only one that will care. Our juniors might, but their juniors will not have ever known anything different and will not think to question why the elevator alcove separates them."

The school shut off security cameras in Hunt in 2003, telling students that they would remain off unless reports of vandalism began being made again.

Bryan Lobby undergoes renovation in 2003 with a 3.2 million dollar budget approved by the state of North Carolina.