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Who will be the new head unicorn?

By REBECCA HONG

As the classes of 2011 and 2012 begin this school year, the NCSSM community also welcomes a few other people into the school – new chancellors. Last year marked the last term for Gerald Boarman, former chancellor of NCSSM. So, who will head the school this year?

At the time of printing, Boarman's permanent successor had not been announced, though it is thought that the new Chancellor will be announced at the Board of Governors meeting on Friday, August 13. Until the new permanent Chancellor takes office, NCSSM will have an interim: Thomas Williams.

Williams, who was handpicked by UNC President Erskine Bowles to act as interim chancellor, has had extensive experience in the North Carolina public education system. He has acted as superintendent of Granville County and Johnston Public schools, and has served on the

NCSSM Educational Advisory Council. Williams' term will begin August 17, the beginning of first trimester classes. Until then, UNC Vice President and General Counsel Laura Bernstein Luger is serving as the interim chancellor.

Some may wonder how exactly the permanent chancellor was chosen. The Chancellor Search Committee, a twenty-one-person group, was formed by the NCSSM Board of Trustees in February in order to complete this task. The Committee's members represent students, faculty, alumni, parents, NCSSM's foundation, the education advisory committee, the administration, the community, and the NCSSM Board of Trustees.

The Committee worked hard to find a person with the right characteristics to lead the school.

Last school year, students had the opportunity to suggest qualifications necessary to become the new chancellor. Some of these suggestions made the list.

Shirley Frye, Chair of the Board of Trustees, said that among other things the Committee was looking for "a leader who could take the NCSSM community to the next level, someone who would want to grow the school, a person with people skills, a

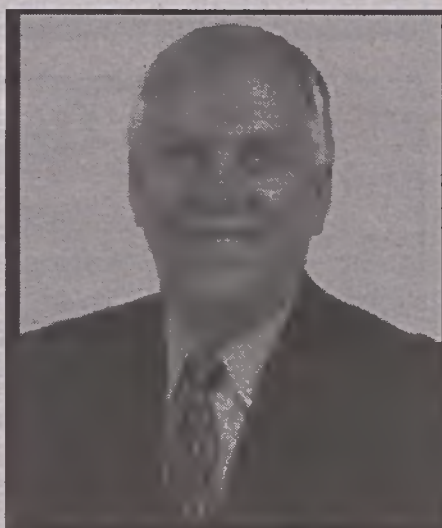
person with experience, [and] a person whom students and faculty will respect."

Frye predicted that the new chancellor make take some time before taking office, "We expect the permanent chancellor to be selected within [August], but [he or she] will need time to close out or complete some responsibilities where [he or she] is, presently."

The Committee selected three potential candidates, one of which Bowles nominates for the UNC Board of Governors to consider.

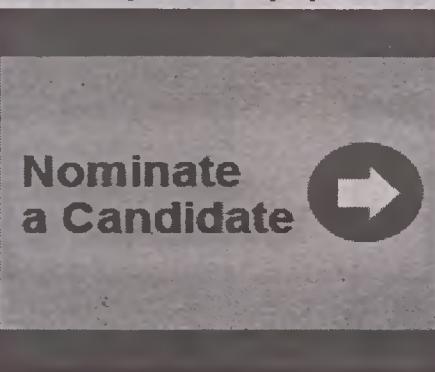
The Board of Governors ultimately decides on the choice of the new chancellor.

As for worries that the change between three different chancellors may cause confusion at school, Frye believes they are unnecessary. She



Interim Chancellor Thomas Williams retired from the NC public schools after more than three decades as a classroom teacher, principal, and superintendent.
From <http://www.northcarolina.edu/news>

stated, "The three persons that were nominated and sent to President Bowles each exemplified the above qualifications and characteristics and are great leaders that will be able to make an excellent transition into their new position."



The Search Committee's website allowed interested citizens to nominate people they felt would make a good Chancellor.
From <http://www.ncssm.edu/chancellor-search/committee.php>

NCSSM welcomes new faculty and staff

By SEON KANG

In order to fill the positions vacated after the last academic school year, NCSSM has recently hired several new staff and faculty members.

The school has hired Michael DeHaven and Dave Thaden, both humanities instructors; Ryan Donaldson, our new class attendance and Textbook Manager; Douglas Marks, a mathematics instructor; Bill McNairy, a physics instructor; and Patrick Rainey and Monique Williams, both chemistry instructors.

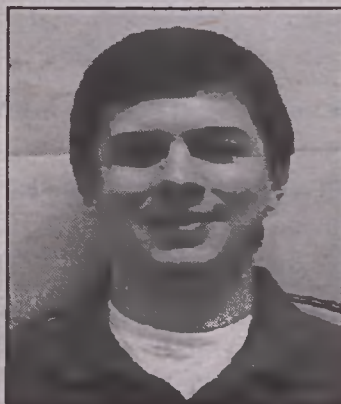


Michael DeHaven
photo courtesy of Rick Hess

Michael DeHaven has degrees from several universities in the state of Illinois and has also done graduate work at Columbia University. He comes to NCSSM from the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, where he taught for 17 years. DeHaven has received many teaching awards throughout his career and will be teaching Economics, Asia,

and American Studies.

Douglas Marks received both a B.S. in Mathematics, summa cum laude, and an M.S. in Applied Mathematics from North Carolina State University. He is an N.C. native that has known and worked with many NCSSM alumni in the past. Marks says he looks forward to working with the talented students and faculty of NCSSM.

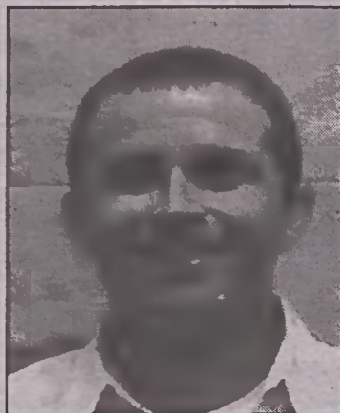


Douglas Marks
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Patrick Rainey earned his PhD in Chemistry with an emphasis on organometallic catalysis from Texas A&M University in 2000. Since then Rainey has worked with countless research groups, Vector Research in RTP, for whom he served as Research Director.

Rainey's personal hobbies include sports, training in karate (he has coached the U.S. national Junior Olympic Karate team), and spending time with family and friends. Rainey says, "I am excited to share

my knowledge and experience in both interdisciplinary scientific research endeavors as well as academic, government, and private sector research



Patrick Rainey
photo courtesy of Rick Hess

involvements with the students and future leaders of NCSSM." Rainey will be teaching Advanced AP Chemistry and Organic chemistry.

Monique Williams is an alumna of NCSSM, a graduate of the class of 1998. Since



Monique Williams
photo courtesy of Rick Hess

then, she has earned a B.S. in Chemistry and Biotechnology from NC State and eventually earned a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Florida. Dr. Williams looks forward to teaching at her high school and to sharing her enthusiasm for chemistry by teaching the AP Chemistry course.

Ryan Donaldson is filling the position of Class Attendance and Textbook Coordinator. Donaldson graduated from SUNY at Canton with an Associate of Applied Science

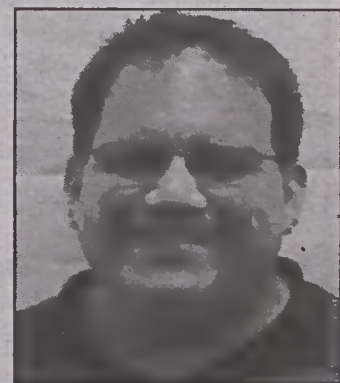


Ryan Donaldson
photo courtesy of Rick Hess

in Computer Information Systems degree.

Bill McNairy is coming to NCSSM with previous teaching experience in the NCSSM Distance Education and Extended Programs Division. He has earned his Ph.D. in Experimental Solid State Physics from the University of Virginia and has taught at major universities including NC State, UNC Chapel Hill, and Duke. McNairy will be

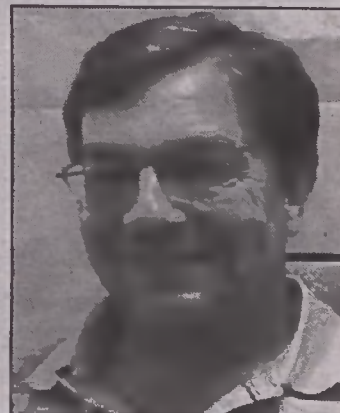
teaching Physics and Physics



William (Bill) McNairy
photo courtesy of Rick Hess

with Advanced Topics this year.

Dave Thaden comes to NCSSM after his fifteen years as Principal of East Chapel Hill High School. Thaden received a B.A. in English with a minor in History from the University of Michigan and has also received an M.A. in English. Thaden will be teaching American Studies and possibly some other humanities courses.



David Thaden
photo courtesy of Rick Hess