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## *Juniors and seniors duke it out at Powderpuff 2012*



NCSSM seniors win Powderpuff game against juniors on May 26. Junior male cheerleaders entertained the crowd during halftime with a sassy routine.

Courtesy of Sue Anne Lewis

## Record number of students attend Queer Prom

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The Triangle GSA network iNSIDEoUT hosted its annual LGBT-friendly dance, called Queer Prom, on May 11, and attracted a large crowd of NCSSM students. Many attendees dressed in ragged clothes and zombie make-up to fit this year's theme—"Queer Prompocalypse".

"I'd guess we had something like 40 to 60 people last year, whereas this year we had nearly 300, approximately 45 of which were Science and Math students," said Spectrum leader Tyler Kissinger.

The event included a dance-off, and also had a photographer like a normal prom. iNSIDEoUT also asked for optional five-dollar

donations at the door to help run the entirely donation-based organization.

"Even though we have a great queer community here [at school]...it's definitely useful to create these sorts of inter-school, inter-faith, and inter-generational relationships with members of the queer community in the Triangle," said Kissinger.

Members of Spectrum, NCSSM's gay-straight alliance, usually have a large turn out at Queer Prom, but many students not closely affiliated with the group went to dance and have a good time.

"My roommate, Joy Hill, was going, and a group of my friends was going, and they asked if I wanted to go with them," said Caroline Lamb.

"People were more open and expressive [than at Science and Math dances], because nobody really cared what anyone else was doing and people were more accepting."

Students differed on whether Queer Prom increases awareness of the queer and allied community in the Triangle.

"I didn't really get an inside look on what [iNSIDEoUT] does, but they did talk some about what they do and asked for volunteers," said Lamb.

"I talked to a lot of people that didn't necessarily know much about the queer community and they were surprised to know that a lot of schools don't let you take same-sex dates [to proms]," said Kissinger.

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