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Students Chosen to Represent Class as Junior Senators

By the 2016-17 Junior Senators

The junior class recently elected six new senators: Wesley Block, Lu Cao, Giovanni (Gio) Leone, Shiv Patel, Aman Singh, and Stephanie Yao. The first election season of the year lasted for about three weeks.

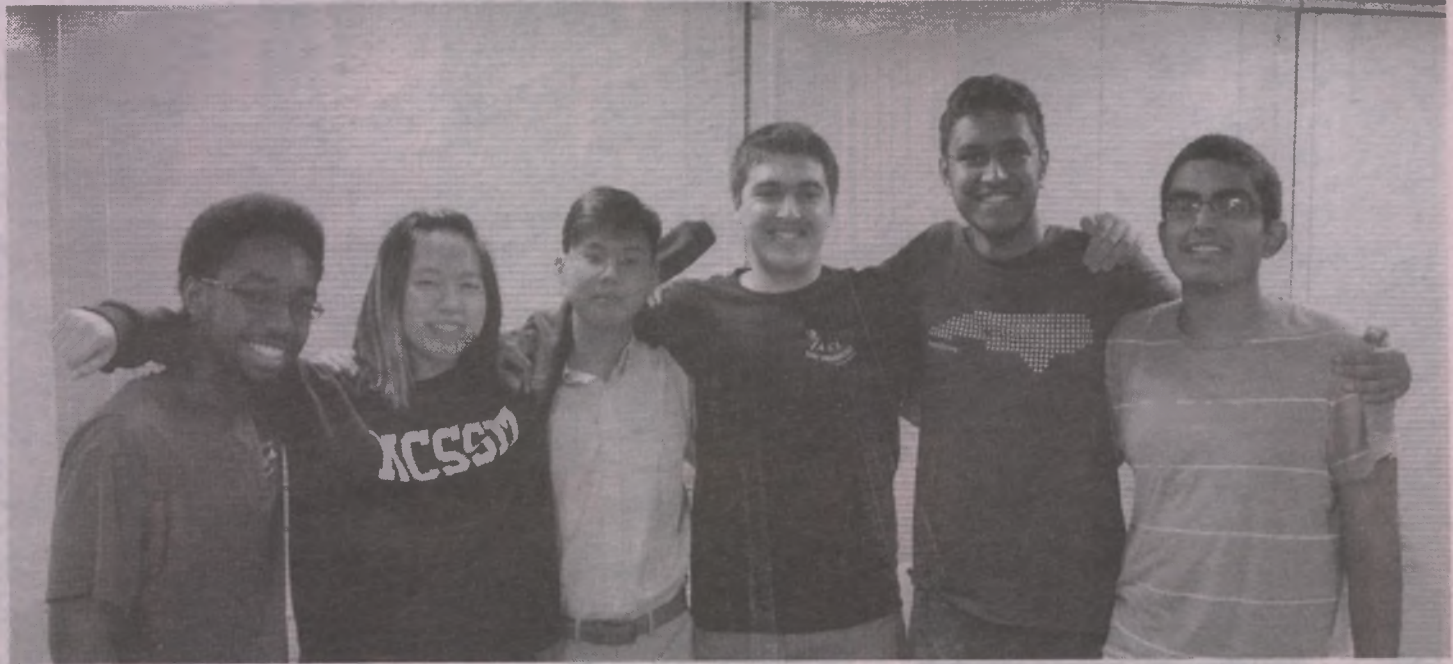
Nominations opened on August 24, and during this time period, any junior could be nominated or nominate him or herself to run for junior senator. Primary elections were held on Sept. 7, after which the top 12 candidates with the most votes moved on to the final elections held on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

These candidates presented speeches in the ETC auditorium before voting began later in the evening, and juniors who chose to attend were allowed to leave supervised study. In the end, there was about a 75% voter turnout, which was not as high as last year's turnout.

Below, introductions by the senators:

Wesley Block: I first want to thank everyone who voted for me. I won't let you down! To anyone who didn't, I'm going to dedicate myself this year to making you question that decision.

We're going to become an even tighter community, a UNISTampede that achieves the goals it sets for itself. We're going to improve our



Junior Senators, from left: Wesley Block, Stephanie Yao, Lu Cao, Giovanni Leone, Aman Singh and Shiv Patel.

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campus, our community, and make student life the stuff of legend!

I'll be working to lengthen library and PEC hours and to plan fun events for us to enjoy. I served on student council my freshman year and was class president sophomore year, and because I love getting involved in tons of activities, I'm in the school play, rocketry club, NSBE, improv comedy and SMUF, just to name a few!

I'm so excited to be at NCSSM and am honored to

have been chosen to represent you!

Lu Cao: I have lived in Cary, NC for my entire life and previously attended Green Hope High School, where I was actively involved in the Key Club and Student Council, holding the vice president and president positions respectively.

In my free time, I enjoy playing violin and play in various chamber groups and orchestras. I also play tennis but unfortunately no longer have the time to compete in USTA tournaments.

This past Summer, I attended the North Carolina Governor's School West, which was probably the greatest experience of my life. I also have an older sister who is a Class of 2014 alumna.

Although I've only been at NCSSM for a couple of weeks, I've tried to immerse myself in the campus life and community as much as possible. I'm currently involved with ACC, HOSA, DECA, SPEAK, KWave, Enthalpy, TSA, Rocketry, Key Club, Chamber Music, and Speech and Debate.

As a Junior Senator, my main goal is to work as hard as possible in order to reach and exceed the goals of my assigned committees while taking initiative to follow through with the ideas on my campaign platform such as the Human Library, interhall health competition, and schoolwide stress relief stations.

With such a unique and diverse student body, we can unite to make improvements to our community and

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Students Compete in Hall Olympics

By JULIA WANG

On Labor Day night, five halls gathered for the opening ceremony of a special NCSSM tradition: The Interhall Olympics. This year, five halls signed up to participate: 1E2E2D, 1C2C1D, Ground Reynolds, Second West, and First Hunt. A parade serenaded from Hill House down to Royall. Chancellor Todd Roberts was present to light the torch.

An event was planned at 7 p.m. each day from Tuesday until Saturday. Each of them fell into one of the five hall activity categories: cultural, social, emotional, athletic, and intellectual. Tuesday's cultural event involved games from all over the world combined into a relay, the first of which involved propelling a marble over a string into a cup.

Second, participants played

"rock, paper, scissors" with "ant, elephant, man" as substitutes for words. Next, contestants engaged in an egg beating contest to see which of two eggs would survive a collision. The grand finale was a marble toss, which Adithi Rao, '18, considered "very challenging; but, the competitive spirit made the event exceptional."

Reynolds 1E2E2D Residential Life Assistants (RLAs) put together a social scavenger hunt for Wednesday night. The goal was to accumulate the most points from a list of tasks. Participants took photos on a designated phone to prove the completion of tasks.

Maggie Mundt, '18, reflects: "I really enjoyed this activity because it was a nice team building exercise: from having to make a human pyramid to having to take



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Reynolds 1E2E2D participated in the 2016 Hall Olympics.

pictures with strangers, we all laughed and ran as hard as we could."

On Thursday, students engaged in an emotional event. Students were challenged to memorize a personality chart used by Yale. They were given 30 seconds to commit the chart to memory and then raced to see who could swap the pieces on the team board to match the model graph.

Kimberly Baxter, '17, recalled: "Unfortunately, our board broke, so we didn't get much of a chance."

Friday night's dodgeball game consisted of multiple rounds in the PEC wrestling room. Long story short, the boys dominated. Their teamwork, speed, and powerful throws were impressive. Tasneem Essader, '17, sums the game up in two words: "it [was] intense."

To end the games, Student Life Instructor (SLI) Ross Knight conducted a trivia tournament in the music room on Saturday night. Knight had four rounds of esoteric questions prepared for the contestants, the first of which was to guess who stated a quote or to finish a quote with given words.

The second round was jeopardy-style. The category? Geek games.

Third, contestants were challenged with finding connections among four words or pictures. To finish off, words were shown without their vowels and with their consonants randomly spaced apart. For example, "ST PH NH WKN GND THR TCL PH SCS" is decoded as "Stephen Hawking and Theoretical Physics".