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Volleyball Team Wins State Championship

by Gail D. Straub, Assistant to the Head of School

On a beautiful fall day, North Cross School's Volleyball Team won the first Virginia Independent School State Volleyball Championship. Saturday, November 12, 1994 will go down in history as the first girls' State Championship win at North Cross.

The quarterfinal round against Grace Christian was an easy win - 15 - 1, 15 - 3. Grace Christian went on the board first, and then the Raiders answered with 15 consecutive points, 9 of which were non-returned serves. The win was highlighted by 7 assists by the setter Heather Perry and 6 kills by Armistead Lemon.

Lynchburg Christian Academy was the next opponent for the Raiders in the semifinal round. With the score 10 - 6 in the first game, Anne Lemon served the last 5 points, which included 3 kills by Blair Calvert. North Cross was down 7 - 1 in the second game before taking control of the match. Strong serving by Melissa Blythe and Kathryn Anthony and excellent team play allowed the Raiders to pull ahead 14 - 9 before Lynchburg Christian got its last point on an unreturned serve by Felicia Gadomski. The Raiders won the match when Blair Calvert blocked a hit from Diane Norman.

Three strong serves by Maggie Bradley resulted in Bishop O'Connell's winning the first 3 points of the first game of the championship round. With the score 4 - 5, Kathryn Anthony put 11 straight serves into play. Excellent passing by Kathryn, Melissa Blythe, and Blair Calvert paved the way for Heather Perry to set the Lemon sisters (Anne and Armistead) to spike the team's way to victory. For only the second time in the entire tournament, the Raiders scored the first point of the last game. After scoring the first 5 points, North Cross fell behind 5 - 8 before scoring 2 points to draw within one. Bishop O'Connell's Christy Herndon scored her team's last 2 points for a 10 - 7 lead. After tying the score at 10-all, Blair Calvert scored the last 5 points of the championship match.

The tournament was highlighted by total team play. With height as a disadvantage, the team relied on steady serving, team defense, and keeping the ball in play. Kathryn Anthony led the team by serving 100% (28 of 28). Melissa Blythe and Anne Lemon made numerous defensive digs, and Heather Perry had 31 assists. The North Cross attack was led by Blair Calvert's and Armistead Lemon's kills - 10 for Calvert and 20 for Lemon.

Both Perry and Calvert were selected to the All-Tournament Team, and Armistead Lemon was selected the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament. Also, Armistead Lemon and Heather Perry were selected to the All-State Team, and Blair Calvert was selected Player of the Year. Donna Satterwhite was selected Coach of the Year both for the Blue Ridge Conference and the Virginia Independent School Association. (Please see related article on page 7.) In referring to the State Championship, Coach

Satterwhite said, "It took total team effort that began the first week of August with Volleyball Camp. Reserve players challenged the starters to perform to the best of their ability each day in practice. They were constantly supporting the starters in games, both with their cheering and steady play coming off the bench. The seven seniors offered outstanding leadership, and the championship was the culmination of all the hard work."

The North Cross Volleyball Team received a resolution of congratulations from the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, December 13, 1994. The resolution was presented to the team, the managers, and Ms. Satterwhite by Mr. Lee B. Eddy, Chairman, and Mr. H. Odell Minnix.

The resolution reads "... that the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County, Virginia hereby extends its sincere congratulations to the North Cross Volleyball Team and its managers and coach for an outstanding 1994 season and for winning the Virginia Independent Schools tournament."

North Cross School welcomes the Virginia Independent Schools Volleyball Association because it affords our girls an opportunity to compete at the state tournament level. The organization of this first-ever state championship tournament began last spring when representatives from independent schools around the state met to form the Virginia Independent Schools Volleyball Association. The goal of the group was to provide teams an opportunity to compete against other independent schools from around the state to determine the state champion. This year sixteen schools representing six conferences plus schools competing as independents formed the Association.

Congratulations to the 1994 North Cross School Volleyball Team for winning this inaugural State Championship Tournament! The state championship banner is now hanging in the Carter Center game gym.



The Virginia Independent School State Volleyball Champions, left to right, kneeling: Anne Lemon '96, Kathryn Anthony '95, Laura Houston '97, Heather Perry '95, standing: Coach Satterwhite, Armistead Lemon '95, Caro Thomas '95, Sonja Matanovic '95, Ashley Mills '97, Blair Calvert '95, Melissa Blythe '95, Lori Dodson '97, Bette Kaufman '97, and Melanie Wilson '97.

Congratulations to Seniors for Early Decision and Early Action Letters of Acceptance

Bradley Blum	University of Virginia (ED)
John Goodwin	Hampden-Sydney (ED)
Hal Johnson	Princeton (EA)
Armistead Lemon	Washington and Lee (ED)
Sonja Matanovic	University of Chicago (EA)
Parker Moore	University of the South - Sewanee (ED)
John Prillaman	University of Richmond (ED)
Sam Strulson	Pennsylvania State at University Park (EA)
Caro Thomas	Davidson (ED)
Sarah Waybright	Pennsylvania State at University Park (EA)

1994 Percentage of Successful* Advanced Placement Exams in Subjects Where 5 or More North Cross Students Took the Exam

*(a score of 3 or better on a comprehensive,
college-level exam)

	Biology	Government	Latin	U.S. History	All AP Exams
National:	66%	68%	67%	54%	66%
North Cross:	80%	83%	80%	83%	76%

Dear North Cross Community:

The **Philosophy and Objectives** statement of North Cross School declares that faculty and staff “strive to inform, support, and involve parents to create an effective educational partnership.” Independent schools have always recognized that school effectiveness is related to the role families can play in a child’s education. In partial fulfillment of our objectives, we conducted an extensive parent survey late last spring in order to obtain a more comprehensive view of the School than the normal anecdotal feedback provides. The results have been very reassuring and will serve as a springboard for further analysis and additional investigations.

Parents, as a whole, are satisfied with North Cross School in all the fundamental aspects of elementary and secondary education. There are no glaring areas of concern. We should take momentary comfort in the fact that parents, on average, agreed with every statement in the “Summary Statements” section that asked parents to generalize their opinions, after answering dozens of specific questions, about the seven core characteristics of a good school. (Please see article below for a more detailed analysis.) Nevertheless, we cannot be satisfied with the results. An independent school is measured one student at a time, and we have a few parents who believe we are not doing all we can to



ensure a quality experience for every child in every area of our program. Also, it should be noted that parents did not “strongly agree” with any summary statement. This means we did not receive an A+ in any category, even though we came very close in some areas. We should set a goal to increase enthusiasm for a North Cross education by being more effective, offering more value, and communicating our accomplishments more actively.

The value of this survey will increase with further analysis. The Academic and School Life

Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed the statistics, and the entire faculty has also reflected on the results. The findings will help various individuals and committees set agendas and plan for improvements. The final benefit of the questionnaire will come in five years when we use the 1994 results as one of the many benchmarks to measure institutional progress.

I want to thank all the parents who participated in the survey; you have provided us with a valuable tool in building a better school. North Cross will never be satisfied with the status quo. Everyone in School – students, teachers, and parents – must accept personal growth as part of our school culture, and feedback is part of that learning process. In order to continue providing the best education in Southwest Virginia, we can never allow ourselves to be complacent. School improvements must be thoughtful, gradual, and continuous. Future excellence demands nothing less.

Respectfully,

G. William Stacey IV, Ed.D.
Head of School

Parent Survey Results

The North Cross Parent Opinion Survey asked 83 objective questions as well as five free response questions to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to address all areas of the School and send whatever messages they desired in any form they wished.

The 43% return rate of our Parent Opinion Survey is above the 33% average return rate that most schools experience with a mailed questionnaire (Willis Hall – 68 surveys, or 42% return; Eaton Hall – 64 surveys, or 48% return; Ellis Hall – 85 surveys, or 38% return). The conventional wisdom about parent surveys assumes that the parents who do not respond are satisfied with a school overall and do not feel a need to complete the form; therefore, the parents who do take the time and make the effort to respond slightly skew the bell curve toward the negative side. With this perspective, the parent response is even more positive than we had hoped.

The design of the objective part of the survey provided parents with statements with which to strongly agree, agree, have no opinion, disagree, or strongly disagree. Called the Likert method, the scale provides a weight for each response, with a high score indicating a favorable attitude (3.5 or more), and a low score (2.5 or less), the opposite. The mean (average) score was calculated for the entire School and for each division.

The survey was too long to reproduce in an issue of CROSSTIES, so we selected two sections in which we listed every question. We thought our readers would find the “Opinions on Topics” section, which addresses issues that have emerged from discussions with parents during the past year, and the “Summary Statements” section at the end of the survey, which captures a parent’s overall attitude toward the School, to be the most interesting parts. But before we address those sections in their entirety, let us skim the highlights. Of the 83 statements, the following elicited the most positive parent responses: North Cross School

- helps develop a well-rounded individual.
- provides an orderly atmosphere for learning.
- has a clear code of conduct for students.
- supports an honor system that helps students develop a sense of personal integrity.
- keeps parents informed about school activities and policies.
- employs teachers who make themselves available to students for extra help and attention when needed.

- has a faculty that maintains a good rapport with students.
- sets academic expectations at appropriate levels.
- provides an effective course of study in English.
- provides an effective course of study in social studies.
- provides an effective course of study in science.
- provides an effective course of study in reading (Lower School question).
- helps students develop their skills in writing.
- helps students develop their thinking skills.
- prepares students for the academic demands of Middle School (Lower School question).
- communicates well through its letters and newsletters.
- keeps the School’s buildings clean and in good repair.
- is generally well managed.
- has a clear vision of its future.

As for the rest of the survey, the following statements provide a quick synopsis of each section’s results:

All mean responses in the “School Atmosphere” section (honor, discipline, communications, expectations, etc.) were in the “agree” range.

All mean responses in the “Academic Program” section (departments, specific skills, expectations, etc.) were in the “agree” range.

All but two statements in the “Co-curricular Activities” section (athletics, leadership opportunities, guidance, after-school activities, etc.) were in the “agree” range.

Statements concerning participation in community service and equality between girls’ and boys’ athletic team support and recognition fell into the “undecided/no opinion” category.

All mean responses in the “Support Activities” section (Business Office, cafeteria, transportation, college counseling, Admission Office, Carter Athletic Center, administration, etc.) were in the “agree” range.

The responses to the open-ended questions were read, categorized, and counted to form another way of looking at the School. A complete set of survey results is available in Hancock Library for examination.

As you will see, only a few conclusions can be gleaned from the results in the “Topics” section. First, there is not overwhelming parent support to change School policy in most of the issues addressed by the survey. The mean responses may lean slightly

in a particular direction, but the numbers are far from a mandate for a particular change. Second, the only clear message for all three divisions is for the purchase of more instructional software.

The scale and categories at the top should be used in interpreting the mean response to each statement on the survey. The number at the far right represents the school-wide mean, and the divisional means are in parentheses below the statement. One should keep in mind that in this opinion survey, as in all surveys, there is a standard error of measurement to be considered; therefore, one should be careful about rankings and making statements that this division or department scored better than that division or department. To keep things in proper perspective, we must remember that over half of our parents did not respond and that the responses we received were tightly clustered in the “agree” range. On similar surveys at other independent schools, it took a difference of at least .5 to be statistically meaningful. For example, there would not be a real difference between a score of 4.1 and one of 3.8.

5	4	3	2	1
strongly agree	agree	undecided	disagree	strongly disagree
(5.0-4.3)	(4.2-3.5)	(3.4-2.6)	(2.5-1.8)	(1.7-1.0)

OPINIONS ON TOPICS - North Cross School should

- 70. start school before Labor Day 3.0
(Willis – 2.8, Eaton – 2.7, Ellis – 3.5)
- 71. expand the number of days in the academic year 3.2
(Willis – 3.0, Eaton – 3.3, Ellis – 3.4)
- 72. have a longer academic day (start at 8:15) 3.1
(Willis – 2.9, Eaton – 3.4, Ellis – 3.1)
- 73. require student uniform 2.8
(Willis – 2.2, Eaton – 2.9, Ellis – 3.2)
- 74. invest more heavily in instructional software 3.8
(Willis – 3.7, Eaton – 3.9, Ellis – 3.8)
- 75. provide membership in the Carter Athletic Center for all NCS families (cost to be reflected in tuition) 2.7
(Willis – 2.7, Eaton – 2.7, Ellis – 2.8)

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THE ARTS AT NORTH CROSS

Holiday Music Program

On Tuesday night, December 20, the sounds coming from the Carter Athletic Center were not those of bounding balls but of angel-like voices filling the air. The scene was our annual Holiday Program of music, presented by the entire Lower School and other groups from around the School.

"The Keynotes" (formerly called the Faculty Singers), made up of faculty, spouses, and Upper School students, performed, as did the Middle School singers called the "Whole Notes."

This show marked the debut of our instrumentalists, under the direction of Bob LeFever. They made us proud, indeed! Our special guests, BRASS 5, who have made this event very festive for several years, joined with our North Cross musicians for some rollicking songs of the season.

The person who kept our show moving smoothly was our accompanist Anne Steele, mother of Kemper '99 and Jordon '98. She spent many hours rehearsing with each group and was truly indispensable.

Everyone worked very hard to send to our North Cross family and friends "The Gift of Music."



The Pre-Kindergarteners help to "ring in" the Holiday Season.

Festival Of The Arts

by Shirley Johnson, Chair, Fine Arts Department

February will again be the month for the Festival of the Arts. The first two weeks of the month will have a focus on Native American culture and arts. Two exciting events will include the arrival of the Art Van from the Education Department of the Art Museum of Western Virginia and a guest appearance by Dan Abbott, a descendant of the indigenous Nanticoke and Choptank people of Maryland's Eastern Shore. Mr. Abbott is an interpreter at Virginia's Explore Park.

The last two weeks of the month will have a focus on the great composers and artists of Italy. The themes of the month will be carried throughout the School in the halls and classes, and the cafeteria will

have a special meal one day each week in celebration of these two cultures. The Festival will close on March 2 with the performance of the Weston High School Madrigal Choir from Weston, Connecticut. The first half of its program will be a set of madrigals. The madrigal, a type of song popular in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries, originated in Italy and was brought to England by Thomas Worley. The last part of the Choir's program will show the great variety of American a cappella music and will include early American church music, spirituals, folk music, and jazz. As you can see, February will be an exciting month for the arts at North Cross!

Tops In Taps

by Gene Smallwood, Music Educator

The Slack Hall stage was alive with dancing feet on Thursday, November 17, when two very talented members of the National Tap Ensemble performed in two assemblies for the entire School.

Founded in 1989, the National Tap Ensemble (NTE) is the only professional tap dance company in the Mid-Atlantic region. NTE has performed five times at the Kennedy Center, in several states, and in Europe for over 30,000 people. NTE is a nonprofit organization presenting both innovative concert works and highly-praised educa-



National Tap Ensemble's Artistic Director Chris Belliou and the Junior Company's Director Cassandra Baker.

tional programs, and it currently features three performing companies. Community programs include benefit performances, partial and full scholarships for tap training, and more.

The audience-involving program at North Cross presented tap dancing as an art form that has crossed regions and eras to remain "the tempo of America." In addition to the informative dialogue accompanying the different styles of tap, the show was a treat for ears and eyes. It enhanced our awareness of this truly American tradition.

The Children's Hour

by Gates DeHart, English and Drama Teacher

On Saturday evening, November 19, the North Cross Drama Society presented Lillian Hellman's *The Children's Hour*. Set in a small New England boarding school for girls, it featured the following cast: seniors – Melissa Blythe, Ryan Jennings, Sylvana Sinha, and Sue Speidel; juniors – Moulin Desai, Emily Kennedy, Emily Manetta, and Kathryn Schoefert; sophomores – Jonathan Brumberg, Amanda Eubank, Emory Hamilton, Bette Kaufman, Jane Palmieri, and Meghan Schertz. Jason Karnes '95 stage-managed the production and teamed with Ken Teeter '97 for the lighting. Mr. Gates DeHart, English and drama teacher, directed. Since the play was set in the early 1930's, period costumes were

procured from the Mill Mountain Theatre, and a professional was engaged to handle the actors' makeup and coiffures.

The story centered on two women who started and ran the boarding school. A malicious student spread an entirely unfounded rumor about them, which precipitated tragedy. Later it was discovered that the gossip had been pure invention, but by that time, irreparable damage had been done.

The Children's Hour ran to good "houses" and was well received. The performance was repeated the next afternoon, Sunday, November 20. Congratulations to the North Cross Drama Society for undertaking such a challenging and well-produced work.



First Row: Ryan Jennings, Emily Manetta, Sue Speidel. Second Row: Emory Hamilton, Jane Palmieri, Amanda Eubank, Melissa Blythe, Meghan Schertz, Sylvana Sinha. Standing: Kathryn Schoefert, Moulin Desai, Jonathan Brumberg, Bette Kaufman, Emily Kennedy.

PARENT SURVEY RESULTS, CONT. FROM PAGE 2

76. include the ability to swim as a graduation requirement 3.4
(Willis – 3.4, Eaton – 3.4, Ellis – 3.4)

SUMMARY STATEMENTS - North Cross School

77. provides a nurturing educational environment for children 4.2
(Willis – 4.0, Eaton – 4.2, Ellis – 4.3)
78. meets the educational needs of every child who attends 3.6
(Willis – 3.5, Eaton – 3.5, Ellis – 3.8)
79. provides a wide variety of activities so that

- students will discover the full range of their talents and interests 3.6
(Willis – 3.7, Eaton – 3.4, Ellis – 3.8)
80. has a dedicated, professional faculty 4.2
(Willis – 4.2, Eaton – 4.1, Ellis – 4.4)
81. is known for its strong academic program ... 4.2
(Willis – 4.4, Eaton – 4.0, Ellis – 4.3)
82. is known for its effective discipline and honor code 3.7
(Willis – 3.6, Eaton – 3.7, Ellis – 3.9)
83. is known for its emphasis on character development 3.8
(Willis – 3.6, Eaton – 3.7, Ellis – 4.2)

Far fewer parents responded to the open-ended questions at the conclusion of the survey, but several

parents took the time to be very specific with their commendations and recommendations. The free-response sections were mostly positive. The responses to the question "What would you like to see change?" varied widely from air conditioning all the buildings to the desire for free Carter Athletic Center memberships for all families. There were an assortment of specific curricular requests for improving computer, health, fine arts, foreign language, and math instruction.

In summation, the results of the questionnaire were reassuringly positive and, at the same time, provided the faculty and staff with helpful feedback. We are looking forward to conducting the survey again in a few years.

ELLIS HALL

by Liz Holt, *Director of Lower School*



- It is our hope and our goal that each student in Ellis Hall meets with some individual success every day. We also set goals for the division as a whole. Learning to work for the collective good as well as for independent growth is an important lesson for children this age.

- Three projects undertaken by the students of Ellis Hall this fall were highly successful. On November 21 all children in grades one through five participated in the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart. This event is sponsored annually by the physical education department. This year we raised \$2,498.61. All of these funds went to the local chapter of the American Heart Association. Also in November students in PK - 5 brought in food items for the Second Harvest Bank. We sent 841 pounds of food to needy families. Finally, in December the students of Ellis Hall raised over \$1,000 by doing small chores around their homes and neighborhoods. This money was given to the Roanoke Times and World-News Good Neighbors' Fund. The Lower School SCA organized and ran these last two events under the

leadership of Donna Horak and Carol Eggleston. I am extremely proud of our students' participation in community service, and I wish to thank all parents for supporting their children in such endeavors.

- The Ellis Hall faculty is reviewing both the math and reading curricula and textbooks as part of a scheduled annual review of our work. I'll keep you posted on the results.
- The two magnificent holly trees in front of Ellis Hall were donated to us by Sally Fulton, a long-time board member and friend of North Cross. I am sure you agree with me that their presence adds a great deal to the front of Ellis Hall!
- "Only through caring and helping can life's true successes be found."

Author Unknown

Pre-K On World Tour

by the Pre-Kindergarten Teachers

The Pre-Kindergarten and their teachers traveled around the world during the first three weeks of December. We visited Israel, Holland, Germany, Mexico, and the United States to learn how children celebrate "Christmas Around the World." Not only did we find out about holiday traditions and customs, but the class also learned songs and dances, heard stories, tasted food, and participated in art activities relating to the various countries on our tour. Arielle's father, Rabbi Muller, was our special guest during Hanukkah. We especially enjoyed having him read to us and play his guitar so we could sing "The Dreidle Song." Our tour ended when it was time to spend the holidays with our families.

For souvenirs we took home our special booklets that we made about the different countries and our very own pinata from Mexico.

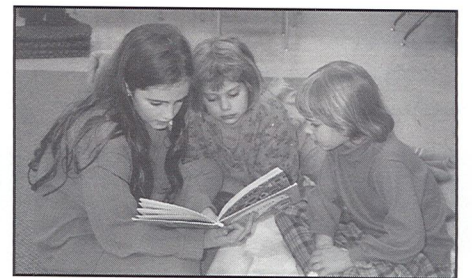
The coming months promise to be a busy time as well for the Pre-K class. New Montessori activities will be introduced that will sharpen the readiness skills of these future kindergarteners. A unit on Alaska will be featured in January, and the hunt for the groundhog's shadow will take place in early February. Come look for tiny Pre-K leprechauns in March. If you catch one, he or she just may give you a piece of gold (candy, that is!). Chances are that you not only will get the gold but a happy smile and a hug as well!

Fifth Grade Community Service

by Lea Ann Lang, *Language Arts Educator*

The fifth graders were involved in helping our community this December. They were given a writing assignment based on helping individuals during the holiday season. Some of their community service projects included the following: taking toys to the Salvation Army, baby-sitting for neighborhood children, picking up trash along the roads where the students live, reading and talking to elderly neighbors, collecting food for the needy, caroling at the Ronald McDonald House, and baking cookies for and visiting those who are alone. The highlight of the service project for the

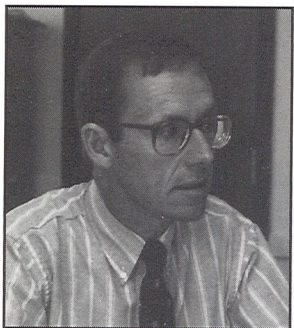
fifth graders was reading to Extended Day children during their rest times, an activity that allowed many to benefit from the fifth graders' "extra effort."



Left to right: Fifth Grader Jessica Gunzburger reads to Kindergarteners Ingrid Oelschlaeger and Lauren Camac.

WILLIS HALL

by Rick France, *Director of Upper School*



- Forty-four percent of the Willis Hall students earned a place on the Honor Roll for the semester. Most impressive was the high number of seniors included on the list, since the senior year presents every student with his/her greatest challenges.
- At the beginning of the new semester, these changes take place:
 1. Students change English teachers.
 2. Chemistry students move to biology, and biology students move to chemistry.
 3. Ninth graders change from Driver Education to computer or P.E. class or move in the opposite direction.
 4. The class in Historical Geology begins.
 5. Most students who were enrolled in the Writer's Workshop semester class have moved into an art class.
- Margaret Grayson departed January 8 for St. Andrew's, Scotland, where she will study on a National Endowment for the Humanities grant. Teaching in her place for the coming weeks will be Mrs. Mimi Erb in Latin II and Dr. Thomas MacAdoo, retired Professor of Classics from Virginia Tech, in levels III, IV, and V. While we will miss Mrs. Grayson over the next two months, we are pleased to welcome teachers of such accomplishment and experience to North Cross.
- Over the Thanksgiving vacation, freshman K. J. Hippensteel participated in a national tennis tournament. At the event he was announced as the player ranked number one in the country in the 14-and-under age bracket. Equally impressive is the fact that K. J. also was named as the recipient of the United States Tennis Association's Sportsmanship Award.
- During the week of December 5, the Willis Hall SCA organized a charitable drive to collect toys and clothing for the Salvation Army, food for the Salem Food Pantry and R.A.M. House, and money for the West End Community Center. The effort and success were terrific and made a big difference in many homes throughout the region over the holidays.

- Students were offered a series of extra-help sessions to learn effective methods for organizing their work in preparation for the semester exams. The sessions were held at lunchtime on December 6, 7, and 8.
- Senior speeches began Monday, January 9, at 8:30 a.m. in Fishburn Theater. Students are listed on the school calendar on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. If you have never attended a senior speech, you might find it interesting to view such excellent presentations.
- North Cross will host the regional private school selection for participation in the summer Governor's Schools program. North Cross has nominees for the two places available to the region: Moulin Desai and Will Dichtel.
- Recently several schools around Virginia have expressed interest in the science curriculum offered in Willis Hall. In the coming weeks representatives from two different schools plan to visit and observe. Dr. Jim Palmieri has been invited to make a presentation at the Potomac School in Northern Virginia. This past fall Dr. Jerry Maycock and Dr. Palmieri made a presentation on the curriculum at a statewide meeting of the Virginia Science Teachers Association in Charlottesville.
- Technology continues to play a larger role in communication and education. Via the computer Jim Palmieri coauthored an article for Hang Gliding magazine. He also supervises a national bulletin board for hang glider enthusiasts. Sally Laughon has just started writing a computer column on Internet devoted to using technology in the classroom.
- Two recent alumni, Meg Barnard '90 and Jason Beheler '90, are spending part of their second semesters in classroom observation as part of their training to become licensed teachers. Meg will be observing art and math classes, while Jason will be sitting in on history and science classes.

From the College Counseling Office

Next Stop — College!

The college admission process is beginning to wind down for the Class of 1995, and for most seniors the waiting has begun. Many of our seniors already are making plans for next year, having celebrated letters of acceptance. Congratulations! (Please refer to list on page 1. ED [Early Decision] indicates the college a student will attend; EA [Early Action] indicates an early, non-binding decision, with other applications having been mailed.)

- College Night was held Wednesday, January 11th. Julia Kozak, Associate Director of Admission at Washington and Lee University, was the keynote speaker. Connie Vermillion and Janis Kennedy offered personal perspectives on the college search as a parent and a student, respectively. College Night begins the process through which each North Cross student passes before entering a college of his or her choice. After consultation with the college counselor and visits to several college campuses throughout the spring, a list of colleges is created to which the student will apply. The college counselor assists with college information, applications, the School recommendation and transcripts, and the profile of the graduating class that is sent with each application. Most applications are mailed from the School in December.
- In addition to assistance with the college search and application process, the college counselor aids students in registration and preparation for college admission testing. Once again this year Learning Skills, Inc. will offer a three-week course during the school day for sophomores and juniors who wish to familiarize and prepare themselves for the SAT I. The course will begin March 13 and conclude March 31, prior to the first offering of the SAT I on April 1. This test date will be the first to produce the re-centered scores that will establish 500 Verbal and 500 Math as the average scores. North Cross students usually take the SAT I two times, in spring of the junior year and fall of the senior year, and the SAT II Subject Tests (Writing, Math, and one additional subject) once, at the end of the junior year or fall of the senior year. Test dates this year are as follows:

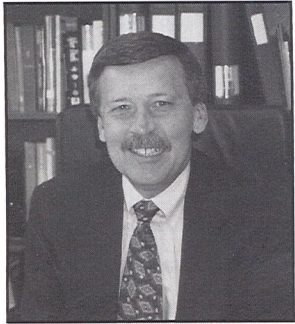
	Test Date	Registration Date
SAT I	April 1	February 24
SAT I/II	May 6	March 31
SAT I/II	June 3	April 28
SAT I	October 14	September 15
SAT I/II	November 4	September 29

- After the first registration by mail, registration may be done by telephone, and special accommodations can be requested for students with diagnosed learning differences.

Willis Hall students and all North Cross parents are encouraged to come by the college counseling office in the Office of Admission, where they will find catalogs, viewbooks, and videos of many colleges. It's never too early to begin planning for the next step!

EATON HALL

by Dave Calvert, *Director of Middle School*



Seventh graders recently visited Cox Cable to learn about fiber optics. The trip was in conjunction with their participation in Project Business, sponsored by Junior Achievement. This program uses consultant volunteers from area businesses to help students understand basic concepts of economics. Our consultant volunteers this

year are Mr. Chad Blosser from Pier One Imports, Ms. Sabrina Wooldridge from Cox Cable, and Mr. Charles Logan from Chapman-Logan Insurance. Mr. Logan attended North Cross when it was located in Salem and is the father of Bill Logan '98. Ms. Sandy Kingma is the area coordinator for Junior Achievement.

- The SCA and student body supported two local agencies during the holidays. Toys for Tots continues to be popular with our students, and the Rescue Mission is a new project adopted by students after a field trip there in conjunction with their reading of *The Outsiders*.
- Congratulations to Rohit Mathew who recently won our School competition for the National Geography Bee for grades five through eight. Rohit has taken a written test to qualify for competition at the state

level. Other classroom winners were Laura Dichtel '99, Katherine Brown '99, Emily Diehl '99, Evan Steele '00, Kevin Lang '00, John Scott '00, Phillip Deneka '01, Robert Krell '01, and fifth graders Bill Kaufman and Andrew Densmore.

- Eighteen Eaton Hall students have volunteered to be ambassadors for the North Cross Office of Admission. They will conduct tours during open houses, entertain student visitors, and perform other duties as needed. We appreciate the strong support for this community service opportunity and commend the students for donating their time and energy, both during school days and on weekends.
- The Middle School SCA is sponsoring a Valentine's Dance on Friday, February 10, from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. in the Willis Hall Commons.

Deja Vu

by Hugh Meagher, *Dean of Students*

In the afternoons it is my practice to pick up my daughter Laura around 4 o'clock from her day in the North Cross extended-day kindergarten program. Many afternoons the children are out on the playground romping around having a wonderful time, and they *should* be having a great time because we have a marvelous playground. Tim Kelly made the first major changes to our playground when he commissioned improvements to honor his late mother, Lilian Bredlow Kelly, in the mid-eighties. Then, about four years ago, additional improvements were made to bring the playground up to its present status, but those recent additions aren't what attract my eye when I pass by the playground; the swings and the steel climbing tower bring back old memories.

Memories flood through my mind of Mrs. Billy Northcross Ellis (the School's namesake), Mrs. Gardner, Danny Burrell, and Fred Genheimer, as do visions of the old North Cross School in Salem. All that's left of the wonderful Salem playground are the swing set and the climbing tower; the merry-go-round was here until about ten years ago. It was our favorite in Salem, but in the present era of escalating lawsuits, the merry-go-round had to go — it was an accident waiting to happen.

My sister Mary attended the old North Cross in Salem, and some of my first memories are of going with my mother to pick her up and entertaining myself on the playground while waiting for Mama to finish meeting with Mary's teachers. Then I attended North Cross from 1955 -1959, kindergarten through my graduation from third grade — as far as North Cross went back in the fifties. It was on those wonderful metal swings that I learned how to swing, and now my older daughter is doing the same; soon my three-year-old daughter Maggie will be enjoying the same set of swings. I think it's encouraging that part of the old school is still here for my children. It's a very comforting feeling and one of the reasons why those of us who attended the old school in Salem are so happy with the new North Cross.



White Water '94

by Mark Canon
Eaton Hall Math and Science Educator



For the past several years, Mrs. Patterson of the Eaton Hall science department has arranged an eighth-grade overnight excursion, culminating in a white-water rafting trip that is always one of the high points of the school year. After wrestling with the car-top carrier and loading up four vans with tents, sleeping bags, and numerous eighth graders, we were finally ready to embark on "White Water '94." Mr. Winn, Mr. Ostroff, Mrs. Palmieri, and I were led by the fearless Mrs. Patterson to the first destination, the Cascades.

This beautiful natural setting was the place where the eighth graders were to test their miniature electrical generators that they had been working on in teams of three or four students in the week before the trip. The weather looked threatening, but our well-prepared crew hiked the 1.4 miles without a problem. The scenery was outstanding, and the waterfall at the end of the trail was pure Henry David Thoreau revisited. Each generator was attached to a device to show that an electrical current was being generated. The class enjoyed a 100% success rate! We hiked back to the vans under ominous clouds and managed to eat lunch in only a drizzle.

Next on the itinerary was the Exhibition Coal Mine in Beckley, WV. The students learned about the real hardships endured by families of the miners and about the improvements in efficiency and safety that miners enjoy today. The mine was a chilly, damp, and forbidding place. The tour guide, a former miner himself, drove the group through the mine on an electric train that was low to the ground due to very low clearance. He stopped at various points of interest and described the constant dangers involved in the old-fashioned ways of mining. A student was overheard saying something to the effect of "Oh....so THIS is why we should study hard and go to college..."

The spirit of our group was not dampened by the weather on the way to Ace Whitewater base camp in Minden, WV. I gave a quick lesson on how to put up tents in the rain, and before we knew it, the campsite was in order — boys on one side, girls on the other, with the fearless chaperones acting as the "Maginot

Line."

"When the going gets tough, the tough order pizza!" Yes, indeed, stacks of Domino's Pizza were delivered to the Ace Whitewater cafeteria, and the eighth grade thought they had "died and gone to heaven!" After polishing off the pizza in about 5.2 minutes, the group settled down for some games and, finally, the entertainment of the evening — Mr. Winn's reading of some science fiction by Ray Bradbury. The rain had abated somewhat, which allowed for much-needed sleep in preparation for the Big Day.

The students awoke at the crack of dawn and broke camp in short order. I looked really funny in my wet suit at 7:00 in the morning! After a big breakfast the rest of the group put on rented wet suits. The air was warm and humid, but the water was in the low sixties. After a hair-raising bus ride down to the drop-off point, the students were put into rafting groups and paddled a short distance to the first stop — lunch. After a fantastic hot lunch prepared by the guides, we then proceeded down the New River Gorge. It was one amazing view after another. The guides told us of the old mining towns that used to be located on the banks of the river. As the students had learned from readings and movies in Mr. Ostroff's class, the life of the miner was that of indentured servitude.

The guides prepared us for the white water by teaching us certain strokes to be performed on command. Everyone was thoroughly soaked, with most students and teachers going into the river more than once. My raft tried to mutiny on several occasions, and yes, Robbie Kaplan somehow pushed me overboard once! Students enjoyed swimming in the flat water sections, and everyone loved the white water. By the end of the day, we were all "old pros." We had taken on one of the oldest rivers on Earth and won! Our arms felt like jello as we neared the end of our journey under the New River Bridge. Our eighth grade had worked together and had a great time. As for the teachers, we look forward to next year's trip. As for the eighth grade, they will look back with fond memories.

From The Office of Admission

by Marilyn O'Dell, *Director of Admission*

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT NORTH CROSS

Financial assistance helps to create a broader, more inclusive student body at North Cross School. We all benefit from a more intellectually powerful, well-rounded group of learners who have a variety of perspectives and a common desire for the best education possible. North Cross has made a concerted effort to increase the amount of financial assistance given to our students, having this year doubled the resources over those available four years ago. For the 1994-95 school year, we have made grants to fifty-one students totaling over \$165,000. Funds come from our endowment income, restricted gifts to the School, and a portion of Field Day revenues. Our

goal is to move toward an allocation of 5% of our resources for financial assistance, the current average for NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools) schools in the Southeast Region.

Financial assistance is available in two forms: need-based grants for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 and two merit scholarships, one for sixth grade and one for ninth grade, awarded each year to students who have not previously attended North Cross. The assistance process begins with a financial analysis of the parental contribution of each family, produced through School and Student Services for Financial Aid (SSS) in Princeton, New Jersey. The Financial Assistance Committee considers the remaining need of a family, using the analysis as a

guideline for decisions. Although total financial need exceeds our resources, a grant is made to assist students with the costs of attending North Cross.

Need-based and merit-based grants are important components in creating the best possible learning environment for North Cross students. Named need-based scholarships have been made possible by generous donors; they include the Marcia Sabel Fink Memorial Scholarship, the Jeanie Muscaro Memorial Scholarship, the Roy Spain Scholarship, the Smith-Toler Memorial Scholarship, and the Gordon C. Willis Scholarship. Information concerning gifts to memorial scholarships is available from the Development Office.

ALUMNI News

'65 Larry Hammond is currently the Clinical Director of the Life Center of Galax. He resides in Radford with his wife Laura and his youngest daughter Victoria. His other daughters, Emily and Sarah, are students at VA Tech.

'66 Cindy Willis Creamer has been remarried 5 1/2 years. She writes, "My hourglass figure is running 2 hours now. My children are grown and gone (but not too far), and I have two grandchildren." Cindy owns a scuba business, Diving Enterprises, in Roanoke and conducts dive trips all over the world. She wants to hear from her classmates.

'67 Rochelle Habeck is teaching at Michigan State University. She writes, "My husband, Allan Hunt, works in Kalamazoo, so I spend time on I-94. We have a 3-year-old daughter, Hilary. Greetings to my Virginia friends, and we hope to see you soon." **Jerry Sexton** has been living in Chattanooga, TN since 1985. He works for Sexton Construction Corporation, a commercial general contractor. He has remained a bachelor.

'73 Class Agent **Rossie Carter Hutcheson** writes: "I found **Katherine Fulton** busy at work at 8 a.m. on a Friday morning writing a piece for the Los Angeles Magazine. She has been busy writing and teaching at Duke and consulting in Durham. Last year she finished her fellowship from Harvard and was recently contacted by Time Magazine to submit a photograph. Time is apparently doing a piece on emerging leaders in America. Let's hear it for that North Cross School education! **John Kimberly**, who has been happily married since 1982, returned home to Texas where his father is living. He has a nine-year-old son who swims and is in the Honors Program. He and his wife are expecting their second child, and we wish them a healthy baby. Our oldest son Jack, age 4, recently attended Clark Manley's cowboy birthday party. Clark is the son of computer wizard **Walter Manley** and his wife, Lindsey Clark of Richmond. Walter is president of First Step Computers in Richmond, which has a branch store in Roanoke. If anyone wants to know anything about computers, I suggest Walter be given a call. **Sally Izard West** reports from Mt. Pleasant, SC that her kitchen sink is broken, there are too many rabbits, too many dogs, and too many children in her house. She enjoyed reading about fellow North Crosser **Mark Stevens** in the

Charleston Post and Courier. If you need medical attention or a surgeon while you are in Charleston, SC be sure to call her husband, Dr. Henry West. The house her husband built is finally finished. Her daughter Sarah is in a private school in Charleston in the first grade with the daughter of fellow Roanoker Doug Lee. **Susan Mountcastle** and **Mark Stevens** have left Texas for the Rockies. They found the black-tie event in Denver. Don't have the cowboy boots and hats like they had in Dallas, but they do have the sequined gowns and cleavage. Susan's three children are back in school outside of Denver, and Mark is the chief financial officer at Boston Chicken. **Susan Trent** is living in Roanoke and has been employed by Virginia Western for 15 years. She is currently an English teacher there and just recently received her Masters in Education from UVA. Congratulations, Susan. **Ben Bullington** is a family doctor in Franklin, WV and is married and has two sons. His latest son was born on the 4th of July! **Jo Ellen Davis**, after 11 years of North Cross, graduated from Vassar College. She lives in Richmond and is working at First Union. She has been with them for 13 years. What dependability! **Ricky Rosenberg** graduated from Dartmouth Business School and purchased a business in Winston-Salem, NC. **David Shiflett** is editor for the Rocky Mountain News and is based in Littleton, Colorado."

'74 Cary Hazlegrove has published her Nantucket book Nantucket Seasons on the Island, which will be on the shelves in March. This landscape book about the island has been chosen as a Book-of-the-Month selection, and the introduction was written by five-time Pulitzer Prize winner, David Halbertson. Be on the lookout in your local bookstore for this wonderful work. Estelle Mounfield Brodeur is employed by Henrico County Mental Health Department as a substance abuse clinician. She lives with her husband James and her 2 1/2-year-old daughter Emma in Richmond.

'75 Joyce Thornhill and her husband, Josh Gotbaum, had a busy 1994. They moved from New York to Washington,

DC at the end of March, had a son, Adam, on April 16, and Josh was appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense - Economic Security in May. Joyce continues to work with J.P. Morgan as well as care for Emma and Adam.

'76 Sallie Whittle writes, "I've been living in Atlanta since 1981. After UNC-Chapel Hill I graduated from MCV Physical Therapy School and practiced for five years in Atlanta. Since then I've changed careers and work for CIGNA HealthCare, managing and selling to corporations in the Southeast. There are lots of opportunities for alumni and graduating NCS students in Atlanta. I love spending time with my handsome godsons. One, Christopher, is the son of **Sally Fulton Cardamone**.

'78 Amy Thornhill Pakula and her husband Jonathan reside in Atlanta, where she is a pediatrician specializing in child development and developmental disabilities. She is on staff at Emory University and also works at the Marcus Center at Emory. Jonathan is an account executive with Paine Webber, Inc.

'79 Catherine Barbour Prescott is currently living in Charlottesville with son Samuel, 2 1/2, and husband Matthew. She is working part-time as a registered nurse, and Matthew is building custom homes in Albemarle County. She would welcome news from her old North Cross buddies.

'80 Kathy Thornhill Hemphill and her husband reside in the greater Atlanta area.

'82 Monica Vaeth Misy and her husband Robert announce the birth of their second child, Anne Marie, born October 13, 1994.

'84 Wayne Pooley is living in Richmond and working in Williamsburg for Bruce Hornsby. He is currently mixing Bruce's fifth album, which is to be released in the first half of '95. Wayne is looking forward to a day off sometime in the winter of 1995!

'85 Class Agent **Blair Martin** writes: "Meg Alexander is engaged and planning an April wedding. She and her fiancé Charles will make their home in Richmond. **Whit Wilks** is also engaged and is currently living in Charlotte, NC. Last, but not least, to become engaged is **John Goldstein**, who will marry **Tammy Jacobs** '87. **Ann Smeltzer Fulton** gave birth to a son, John Ross Fulton, in December. Ann and her husband Mark live in Hagerstown, MD. **Kathy Kistler Craft** and her husband Daniel welcomed a daughter, Mary Katherine, in September. Kathy is living with her family in Greensboro. **Travis Shackelford** is currently living in Charlottesville. She is the Director of Alumni Affairs and Assistant Director of Annual Giving for the University of Virginia Law School Foundation. **Michael Kweller** and Travis live in the same apartment community, where "Kweller" is the property manager. **Anne Douthat** will graduate in May from the University of Virginia with a Masters of Teaching Foreign Language. **Emily Clark Dupree** is currently working for Wheat First Securities in Charlottesville as a junior broker. Emily and her husband Charlie will soon be moving to the Big Apple. Coleman Lawrence can also be found in Charlottesville, where he is studying for his MBA. **Jinny Boxley** is back in the area and living happily with her dog Marly in Fincastle. Last we heard, **Leslie Prillaman** was living in Tidewater, preparing to be a teacher. **David Lawrence** graduated from the W&L Law School in December and was last seen sporting a beard and studying for the Bar." **Amanda Snapp** is currently Marketing Specialist for the Greater Roanoke Transit Company. She was recently elected National Ad2 Secretary at the National American Advertising Federation Conference in Houston, TX. **Michelle Calvert Miller** and **Tim Miller** announce the birth of their son, Matthew David Miller, on January 10, 1995. Remember to congratulate Grandpa Calvert the next time you are in Eaton Hall!

'86 Holly Bradshaw is a first grade teacher in the City of Richmond schools. **Walter (Watt) Dixon** recently moved back to Roanoke and is working at Dixon, Hubard & Feinour, Inc., Investment Counsel. **Chris Rugaber** is currently a research assistant for Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD) and earning a Master's degree at American University.

Annual Fund Update

by John Duckworth, *Annual Fund Chairman*

Newt has nothing on us — we are used to paying our own way. Newt Gingrich and his fellow Republicans have surged into a new session of Congress calling for reduced taxes and cuts in public funding — let the private sector support that which is worthy! This is a theme familiar to the North Cross community. For years the North Cross Board of Trustees has worked to hold tuition costs to a reasonable level while

securing additional operating funds and money for capital improvements from private sources. Again this year North Cross hopes to balance its budget through Annual Giving. This year's Fund is off to a good start. Many volunteers have made requests to their peers for support, and the response has been encouraging.

Healthy year-end giving has put us over \$130,000 in cash and commitments, a total that compares with \$115,000 at this stage last year. Of significant note is the increase in the number of gifts from North Cross alumni. The parents of current students supported the Fund in good numbers last year and are doing so again this year. As of January 15 the following have participated in this year's Drive:

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CARTER CENTER NEWS

Aerobics "Steps" Into 1995

Last fall the CAC introduced a new service to its members — personal training. Many members have taken advantage of this concept provided by Roanoke's leading personal training group, "The Training Edge."

For those of you who prefer a group exercise setting, 1995 brings in much good news. Aerobics coordinator Susie Boxley, former North Cross student and mother of Charlotte in the Kindergarten program, has brought an unsurpassed level of enthusiasm to the CAC's aerobics program over the last several months. In addition, new classes and new instructors bring in the New Year.

Whether its step, hi- or lo-impact, from beginner to advanced, the CAC might have just what you need to meet your New Year's resolutions and fitness goals. A

sound aerobics program is probably the best 60 minutes of balanced exercise you can do. Incorporating elements of flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, and strength training, each class is taught by trained, experienced instructors. The morning schedule is particularly conducive to moms working out after dropping the kids off for school. So, as the ad says, "Just do it!"

MON.: 8:35 a.m. Tina — lo; 6:00 p.m. Anne — hi/lo
TUES.: 8:35 a.m. Amy — step; 5:30 p.m. Susie — step
WED.: 8:35 a.m. Susie — interval; 9:40 a.m. Amy — beginner step; 6:00 p.m. Anne — hi/lo
THURS.: 8:35 a.m. Amy — step; 5:30 p.m. Tina — interval step
FRI.: 8:35 a.m. Susie — lo; 6:00 p.m. Anne — hi/lo

Ginny Johnson Makes Her Mark!

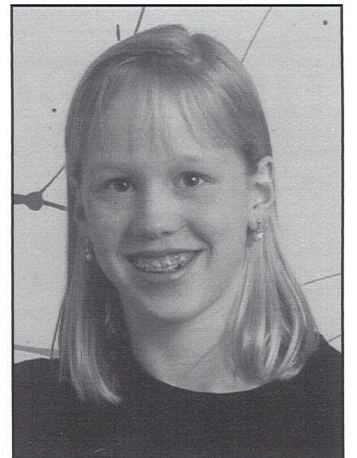
by Pat Bateman, *Aquatics Director*

Ginny Johnson '99 has been representing North Cross Athletics like no lady Raider before her. This past cross-country season ended with Ginny winning the girls' division of the VIC championships and also the 15-and-younger division of the State Independent School Cross-country Championships. During the regular season she also set a new School record for the girls home course. But Ginny's talents do not end with running. In November she began her first year of varsity swimming and has already set two individual records and been a part of two relay School records — and the season has just started!

Ginny's highest achievement this season came on the weekend of January 14. Ginny traveled to South Carolina and competed in a regional USS swim meet, where she won 3 events (500-, 1000-, and 1650-yard freestyles) and placed second in two additional events (the 100 and 200 freestyles).

The time Ginny achieved in the 1650-yard freestyle event (16:42.63) qualified her for the USS Senior National Championships to be held March 14 – 18, 1995 in Minneapolis, MN. This is a rare accomplishment for 13-year-old girls or boys. Her 200-, 500-, and 1000-yard freestyle times (1:53.31, 4:55.14, 10:03.43) qualified her for the USS Junior Nationals to be held in Buffalo, NY on March 21 – 25, 1995. Her results are truly outstanding and establish Ginny as one of the top young swimmers in the United States.

All of us in the North Cross community congratulate Ginny on her accomplishments and wish her continued success as she prepares for the Nationals and continues to make her mark on North Cross Athletics.



Busy Times At The CAC!

During a recent ten-week period, the Carter Athletic Center hosted the Virginia Special Olympics Volleyball Championships, two swim meets, a Holiday basketball tournament, an Alumni Christmas party, two church youth nights, indoor soccer games, baton classes, a church baptism, the Holiday

Music Program, a Marlins pizza party, a soccer team banquet, and numerous recreation league basketball and indoor soccer practices. Combine all that with the usual CAC activities (aerobics, youth classes, aquatic activities) and the School's seven winter athletic teams, and you've got a pretty busy place. Whew, it's great!

Coach's Corner



Donna Satterwhite is in her twenty-fourth year at North Cross School and is the Director of Girls' Athletics. During that time Ms. Satterwhite has coached volleyball for 20 years, with eight Blue Ridge Conference championships and a record of 284 wins and 117 losses. She also has coached

basketball, field hockey, softball, tennis, and cheerleading and has taught both physical education and driver's education classes. Ms. Satterwhite has worked 23 years with the North Cross Day Camp, and she started the North Cross Volleyball Camp in 1990 and the North Cross Girls' Basketball Camp in 1994. She holds a B.S. in Health and Physical Education from Radford College and an M.S. in Secondary Counseling from Radford University.



200th Victory

Coach Jim Muscaro presented the game ball to Will Stacey following the Raiders' 27 - 14 victory over Fishburne Military School on October 14, 1994. This was the 200th victory in North Cross School's football history.

VIC All Sports Trophy Retired

The Virginia Independent Conference announced at its fall meeting that North Cross School has retired the All Sports Trophy. The trophy is awarded to the conference school that demonstrates overall athletic-program excellence each school year. Once a school has received the trophy three times, it may be kept permanently. Congratulations to all our athletes and coaches for this outstanding demonstration of athletic excellence!

Fall Athletic Awards

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Coach: Alice Moore

Finished 3rd in State Private Schools Meet (15 & under)

All State: Emory Hamilton, Maggie Bivens
Ginny Johnson — State Champion

Coach's Award: Kizzy English

MVP: Ginny Johnson

FIELD HOCKEY

Coach: Anne Jennings

B.R.C. Champions

All Conference: Emily Cook, Mary Jennings, Emily Manetta, Whitfield Mastin, Mary Margaret Stoeckle

J.V. MVP: Whitney Watson

Varsity Coach's Award: Mary Margaret Stoeckle

Varsity MVP: Whitfield Mastin

J.V. VOLLEYBALL

Coach: Holly Moore

All Tournament: Anne Carrington Carson

MVP: Betty Ashton Andrews

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Coach: Donna Satterwhite

B.R.C. Coach of the Year

State Private Schools Coach of the Year

B.R.C. Champion

State Private Schools Champion

All Conference: Blair Calvert, Armistead Lemon, Heather Perry

All Tournament in Conference: Blair Calvert, Armistead Lemon, Heather Perry

All State: Blair Calvert, Armistead Lemon, Heather Perry

All Tournament in State Playoffs: Blair Calvert, Armistead Lemon, Heather Perry

MVP in State Private Schools Tournament:

Armistead Lemon

State Private Schools Player of the Year: Blair Calvert

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Coach: Jim Palmieri

Finished 2nd in VIC Meet

Finished 4th in State Private Schools Meet (15 & under)

All Conference: (1st team) Jeff Baetz, John Prillaman; (Honorable Mention) Greg Lang, Michael Stoeckle

All State: Greg Lang, Michael Stoeckle (15 & under)

Most Improved: Jeff Baetz

MVP: John Prillaman

7TH / 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

Coach: Deke Andrews

MVP: Glen Mackey

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Coach: Jim Muscaro

All Conference: (1st team) John Goodwin — offense & defense, Hal Johnson, Alex Kelly, Bill Patisall, Robert Rude; (Honorable Mention) Skip Johnson, Pira Kanithanon, Jon Mull

Coach's Award: John Goodwin

MVP: Hal Johnson

1994 Grandparents Day

The 1994 edition of Grandparents' Day was held at North Cross on Wednesday, November 23. We were delighted to welcome over 200 grandparents for a day of food, fun, and entertainment.

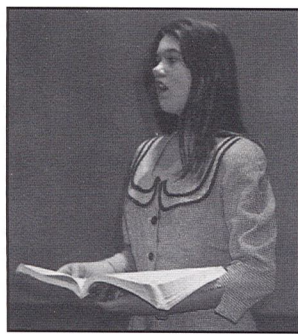
The day began with a reception for grandparents in the Hancock Library in Slack Hall. The group moved into the Fishburn Theatre to hear a summary of School news and events by the Head of School, Dr. Will Stacey. Following Dr. Stacey's remarks, one of the highlights of



Liz Holt welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bowen, grandparents of Third Grader Kristen Bowen, to Ellis Hall during Grandparents' Day.

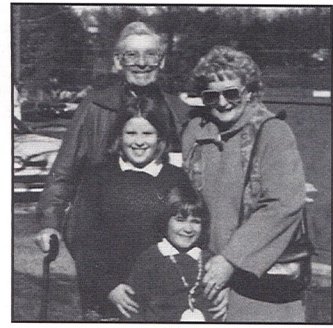
the day – the musical program – was presented. The Lower School (grades 1-5), under the direction of music educator Gene Smallwood, sang three selections: a Shaker folk tune, "Simple Gifts"; "Bless the Beasts and the Children"; and a patriotic song, "I Like It Here." Harpist Betty Ashton Andrews '98 then played two selections: "Beauty and the Beast" from the popular Disney production and "Purple Bamboo," a Chinese folk song. Wyatt Oakey '99 concluded the program with her vocal rendition of "On My Own" from the musical Les Miserable.

After the musical program the grandparents were



Wyatt Oakey '99 entertains at Grandparents' Day. She is the daughter of Andrews Holland Oakey, Class of '67.

invited to visit their grandchildren's classrooms. Many classes gave presentations to their special guests. The day concluded with the traditional lunch in the Carter Athletic Center. Once again this year the Development Office arranged for pictures to be taken of our guests and their grandchildren. These were developed and sent in a holiday greeting card the week before Christmas to the grandparents' homes.



Kindergartener Marel and Third Grader Kira Hirschfeld welcome their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tully.

Grandparents' Day is a very special time in the life of North Cross School. It is but one of the unique events which define the North Cross community as an extended family.

SAFE T CHILD Program

The SAFE T CHILD Program is a program to help prevent the tragedy of missing children by providing educational tools to both parents and children. The program includes the Immediate Response ID card that ensures parents will be prepared if this situation does occur. The SAFE T CHILD program is offered by qualified directors throughout North America who are part of an established and trusted network of child security providers. Under the sponsorship of Parents' Council, this educational and protective program will be offered to Ellis Hall parents and students on February 23, 1995. Information will be sent home with each student the second week of February to give parents the opportunity to decide for themselves if they want to participate. Questions may be directed to Mary Lee Dichtel at 982-2923.

Busses Go Mobile

Two North Cross School busses are now equipped with mobile phones. Some North Cross students travel as much as ninety miles round trip daily. O.D. Johnson, who drives students to and from Blacksburg, and Margaret Weaver, the Rocky Mount route driver, can now communicate with parents and school officials in emergency situations.

Delays due to inclement weather, breakdowns, and traffic jams can now be reported immediately. Parents will know the reason for any delay and can be reassured that no serious problem exists. Several parents in each of these outlying areas have volunteered to be liaisons between the School and the parents of the other young bus riders.

A third mobile phone will be used for some out-of-town athletic trips and field trips.

1995 Field Day Calendar

FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON	Wed., March 22
GALA DINNER AUCTION	Sat., April 8
CLOTHING SALE	Sat., May 6
ART & ORIENTAL RUG RECEPTION - SALE	Thur., May 11
FIELD DAY & GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE	Sat., May 13

Plan to join friends for an elegant evening at the Gala Auction Dinner, Saturday, April 8th, at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood. The evening will include cocktails and silent auction, a gourmet seated dinner, live entertainment, and a fast-paced live auction. Unique and exciting items will be up for bid!

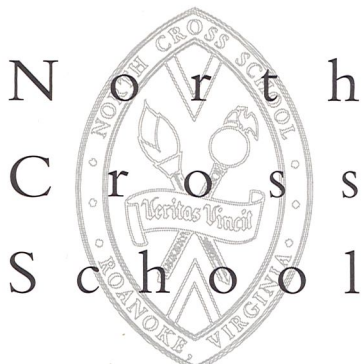
Help make this a fun and profitable evening for North Cross. Contact the Procurement Chairmen to make your contribution. Call Barbara La Croix (989-8156) or Beth Jordan (345-5704).

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