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Raider tells Dr. Proctor to 'stay'



PICTURED: Dr. Proctor tells Raider to "stay boy." Photo by Robert Robillard

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In February of 2020, Dr. Proctor announced his departure as the Head of School. As of this week, however, Proctor sent out a letter stating that he will be continuing his journey at North Cross.

After beginning the search for a new Head of School, it was decided that someone with a lot of experience in this environment would be the most fitting in this position following Proctor's departure.

"I think, by me leaving and bringing a new person in, who will take it to that next level," said Proctor in an interview with the writers of the school newspaper, "the school will be in an even better place than it would be if I was there."

During a long process of finding a new Head of School, it was decided by the Board of Trustees that Raider the dog will be a very fitting new leader to take the school in a new direction.

Growing up on the campus of North Cross, Raider has spent his whole life in an environment where he was able to learn how to make good connections, how to further develop the international program and bring new programs to the school

to benefit the experience of the students and staff alike.

Raider is a very capable candidate for the position of the new Head of School, but spending his whole life following his owner, he is used to having a chaperone and is demanding Proctor stays as his assistant.

It took a long deliberation, after which the Board of Trustees created a new position and re-hired Proctor as Raider's assistant. It was not easy to convince Proctor to accept this prestigious position, but realizing that he wants to see Raider apply the knowledge he has been taught all these years, he has decided to stay.

This fundamental change has brought opposition from some parents and alumni, as this is something never seen before in the history of America. However, after a month of Raider interviewing with concerned parents, he began gaining

their trust.

Stephen Belderer, Director of the High School, has welcomed this new change. "It will be a unique honor for this school to have a headmaster walking on four legs. After all these years, I had grown close to Dr. Proctor, and I am relieved to see him stay."

Raider, being Head of School for only one trimester, has interviewed many candidates, with the help of Proctor and the Board of Trustees, and found the next Head of School, Armistead Lemon, who will be the first woman and first alum in the position of Head of School.

"It would make me proud to see Raider in the

position of headmaster, and I certainly will not be the one to hold him back," Proctor said. "I am sure he will be popular among the students and faculty and lead the school into an era of magnificence and excellence."

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