

SRA Turmoil

As far as we knew, it was going to be another relatively unalarming SRA meeting, with the usual confusion due to the new homeroom representatives and the absence of the SRA president. So, when the vice president got up to start the meeting, only to hand it down one more office to a shocked secretary who was completely caught by surprise, the faces of all present were filled with schosshock, sadness, and even sadistic grins, for the SRA vice president had just turned in his resignation.

It's not everyday that events like this take place, and the implications surrounding from his statement of resignation must make one wonder. Has the office of vice president turned into one of a "maintenance man?" Certainly the timing of the announcement could come at no worse time, with fledging representatives on hand, not to mention a reaccreditation committee which was soon to come to look at our student government in motion. Perhaps we should make a self-analysis of ourselves, our school and its activities. A cause for alarm? Definitely. We can only hope that the affair will be settled satisfactorily for all.

Something To Cheer About

As sports fans at RMSH, we have a lot to cheer about -- in all sports. But perhaps overlooked by an observer but not by the student is the sportsmanship displayed on the part of the students during athletic contests. Visiting others schools, being stared and sneered at, being bumped and jolted, being the objects of ridicule on the part of host schools, the RMSH student becomes aware of the fact that unlike some other schools in the division, RMSH can be proud of its reputation as a school where visitors are welcomed and accepted as neighbors rather than invading barbarians. The student body deserves a tremendous vote of thanks.

North Carolina State Drug Laws

The high number of teenage drug arrests in Rocky Mount may be attributed to the fact that many young people are uninformed or misinformed about the drug laws. In view of this possibility the Gryphon staff has decided to publish the drug laws now in effect in North Carolina.

Drugs are listed in schedules ranging from one to six. The most dangerous drugs are in schedule one, and the least dangerous are in schedule six and so forth. The penalties range in degree from schedule one to six. The lower the schedule number the higher the penalty.

Schedule One

Schedule One includes drugs which have no accepted medical use in the United States.

Some examples are Heroin, Peyote, Mescaline, LSD, DET, and DMT. The penalty for possession or sale is the same. First offense - 0 to 5 years, and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000. Second Offense - 5 to 10 years, and/or a fine of not more than \$10,000. Subsequent offenses - 15 years to life, and/or a fine of not more than \$15,000.

Schedule Two

Schedule two drugs include those formerly known as "Class A Narcotics," and in addition, the amphetamines and methamphetamines. Some examples of narcotic drugs in this schedule are Opium, Morphine, Codeine, Cocaine, Dilaudid, and Demerol. Some examples of amphetamine drugs in this schedule are: Benzdrine, and

Dexdrine. Some examples of methamphetamine drugs in this schedule are Desoxy, Desbutal, and Norodin. The penalties for possession and sale of any of these drugs is the same as for schedule one drugs (see above).

Schedule Three

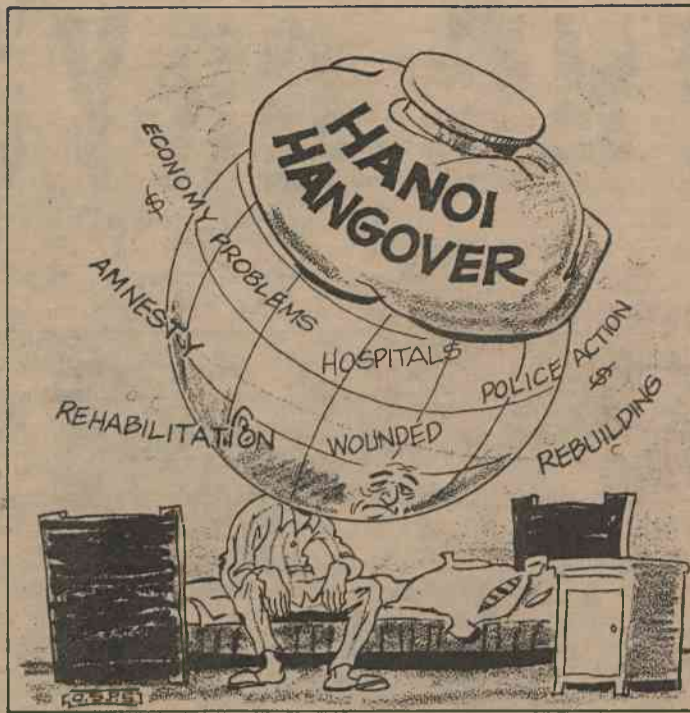
Drugs in this schedule include in part those formerly known as "Class B Narcotics." Some examples are Empirin with Codeine, A.S.A. with Codeine, Hycodan, and Donnagesic. In addition to the above narcotic drugs, the following are some examples of non-narcotic drugs in Schedule three: Doriden, Amytal, Seconal, Tuinal, and Nembutal.

The penalties for possession of any of these drugs are as follows: First offense - 0 to 2 years, and/or a fine. Second offense - 0 to 5 years, and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000. Subsequent offenses - 0 to 10 years, and/or a fine. The penalties for sale of any of the above drugs in schedule three are as follows: First offense - 0 to 5 years, and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000. Second offense - 5 to 10 years, and/or a fine of not more than \$10,000. Subsequent offenses - 15 years to life, and/or a fine of not more than \$15,000.

Schedule Four

Some examples of drugs in this schedule are Barbitol, Phenobarbital, Valmid, Methylphenobarbital, Miltown, Librium, and Valium. The penalties for possession or sale of any of the above drugs are the same as the penalties for possession or sale of schedule three drugs. (see above).

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Around The Campus

—by Ray Brinn

Just when we are thoroughly dug out from our first snowfall, some dude up there in the clouds thinks we deserve some more. And again the city and students were besieged with a white covering. Only this time, the novelty had worn off, in fact, hardly anyone wanted the white stuff around too long.

THE GRYPHON would like to welcome the reaccreditation committee and we hope, for our sake, that their visit will be an enjoyable and profitable one.

Any conscientious student should be very interested in today's outcome of the SRA meeting, where hopefully by the end of the meeting a new vice president will be named. Be sure to read Steve Braswell's "Letter to the Editor," for possibly some insight into the situation.

Next issue for sure, the junior GRYPHON staff will put the paper out. William and I get sort of tired of helping the poor kids, and it's about time the fledglings were "kicked out of the nest." So, should there be a dip in the omnipresent high journalistic style of THE GRYPHON next issue, the reader will know that seniors were not a part of it.

The "open house" last Thursday was a lot of fun for most of us. Mrs. Ruth Sledge and everyone that had a part deserve a pat on the back for his time and worry it took to plan the festivities.

I see, as my deadline for this article draws nearer (marked by the frequent shouts from Mrs. Williams' desk) that I must get on and write my editorials, not to mention laying out my page. So hang in there until next issue for some insights and some highlights for some more on the fun and games at RMSH.

Poetry

Once I had a sweet little girl,
her name was Mary Jane.
And everytime we were on a date,
we would go to lover's lane.

Once we stayed a little too long,
which wasn't a smart thing to do,
As we were leaving the car behind us,
flashed on its lights of blue.

If you know the meaning of this poem,
it can cause you a lot of pain.
For there is more to do on a Friday night,
than go to lover's lane.

You see if it hadn't been for my girl,
that sweet little Mary Jane,
I might not have gotten that ticket
for parking on lover's lane.
By Mike Todd & Wade Allen

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Equality. We hear people crying for it all around us, yet some of those who say they want it most do not believe it 100 per cent.

Take the RMSH lunch line, for example. How many days have you stood in line, that at least one person didn't break in front of you? It is ridiculous for one person to assume that he has the right to break the lunch line, or allow someone else to do it. No one has the right to break the line, not even seniors.

If we really feel that all men are created equal, then let's respect the rights of our fellow man all the time. I respectfully ask the cooperation of the student body in this matter.

Tom Dickens

Dear Editor,

This year at Rocky Mount Senior High we are fortunate to have had successful seasons in football, basketball, and wrestling. Our football team was at one time ranked as one of the best in eastern North Carolina. Our basketball team, with a 20-2 record (prior to the Wilson game), is presently ranked as the top Eastern 4-A team, and Senior High's wrestling team enjoyed an unbelievable 11-1-1 season.

The last pep rally in support of our athletic program was before the Wilson Fike game, during football season. I feel that this lack of pep rallies is an insult to our athletes and coaches, who work long hours to participate in the name of Rocky Mount Senior High.

It has been said that our school spirit is not worthy of a pep rally during school hours. I wonder how school spirit can be expected to survive at all without any outlet by the which the student body can express its appreciation for the efforts of its athletes. Optional pep rallies are not the answer, since many students must work after school. I think our student body deserves more pep rallies in which we can applaud our hard-working cheerleaders, pepband and Gryphons.

Bruce Alexander

Dear Editor,

Realizing the need for complete cooperation for an effective student government and knowing that I cannot, because of personal feelings fulfill my duties as vice president of RMSH, I resigned my office.

I felt as if my purpose of being a Student Organization officer was being hindered and the student life of others was hurt because of it.

My resignation was not intended to polarize students or compel them to feel resentment. However, I do hope that this school may become better than best in the years to come and that the fruits of our labor now may be the cause of it.

Steve Braswell

Editor's Quote Book

"Don't let ambition get so far ahead that it loses sight of the job at hand."

—William Feather

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