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Tough Times, Tough Choices

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Every day brings the last day of school a little closer. Everyone gets excited thinking about summer. For graduating seniors this excitement is mixed with terror. We know that major corporations are announcing major lay offs such as Ford, CDC, Sprint, and Aegeus. Sarah Lee profits were down eighty percent from 2000. This leads us to ask the questions: What career do I want to pursue? Is my career choice safe and lasting? If it is, how can I keep it that way?

First, when deciding your career, you might want to make an appointment with RMSH Vocational Counselor, Mrs. D. Allen. When asked how students can prepare for their careers, Mrs. Allen said, "The first thing students should do is to take all the advantages that Rocky Mount Senior High offers such as career and vocational career classes. Students can also take career opportunities such as job shadowing, career days, and ASVAB." Also Mrs. Allen has a goal each year to talk to the sophomores about their careers and their futures. At the same time she also helps them to plan their careers through The Career Choices in North Carolina publication along with a Career Exploration form which helps answer some of their questions about their career.

When choosing a career you need to keep in mind that there are no guarantees that the career that you choose will remain safe and secure.

Rocky Mount Senior High Presents:

Cyrano de Bergerac

April 18th

Admission is \$2

Get your tickets from any Drama student
or purchase in room 106 from Mrs. Hester

Conference Champs

Gabriel Rodriguez, Sports Editor

There were six seconds left in the fourth quarter. The score: Gryphons 65, Knights 63. Travis Harvey is under our home net ready for an inbound pass. He called for a time out but there were not time outs left. Northern gained both the technical foul shots and possession of the ball. Shaipen Lewis was on the line with two free throw shots, he missed the first but hit the second. The score: 65-64 and time was running out, Michael Deloatch fired a shot but missed. Jolly Manning grabbed the rebound giving the Gryphs the win and the Conference Championship.

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Southwest Gets a Scare

Elizabeth Massingill, Assistant Editor

Southwest Edgemcombe High School in Pinetops, NC, has fallen into the Columbine-esque pattern of hit lists and arrests. Late Sunday night, February 24, a call was placed to the Edgemcombe County sheriff's office from a concerned parent. Their child had told them about a possible hit list, plotted by two SEHS students. Following an investigation, at 3am Monday, the house of a 17-year-old SEHS female was searched, and the suspected hit list was found. Another suspect, a 15-year-old male from the school, was detained, while the female was taken in for questioning. The hit list included more than 20 people, including ^{16678, 5} and students. The people on the hit list were informed, and a letter was sent home to parents on Monday. Law enforcement presence at Southwest was increased on Monday to make the students feel safer, but that presence was reduced by Tuesday. Tuesday, February 26, both students were charged with conspiracy to harm the students and teachers on the list. Ginger Adcock, a SEHS senior, was listed as a resident of Greenville, NC. Authorities believe that she was residing with relatives. The 15-year-old male was additionally charged with soliciting others to commit a crime with a deadly weapon. His name will not be released because of his status as a juvenile. Both of the student were expelled from the Edgemcombe County school system, and will not be returning this year. Plans for the future education of these two youths is not definite as of the press deadline.

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