

### Behind The Clouds At Senior High . . .

## There Is A 'Silver Lining!'

No one likes to hear what is wrong with him. Criticism, no matter how constructive it may be, becomes tiresome after awhile. And it seems that all we hear anymore is criticism. We have "no school spirit." We "don't care about each other." We are "apathetic and lazy."

Let's backtrack for a minute. Has anyone, ANYONE, stopped to look at how much GOOD we are doing? Unknown to many, there are service clubs within the school that are helping others and enjoying every minute of it.

So, for the benefit of those who are uninformed, a brief list of clubs and their services follows.

**STUDENT COUNCIL**- "Get It Together" program; new stadium and trackfield; possibility of Albemarle Clean-Up program; possibility of collecting gum wrappers and labels to earn money for UNICEF; representatives worked in refreshment stand at NCAE meeting.

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES**- Opened Bible study to student body; got students involved in Christianity and brotherhood.

**HEALTH CAREERS CLUB**

Adopted a child at O'Berry Center; plan to make Christmas gifts for persons in rest homes.

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY-College Night**; worked in soft drink booth at NCAE meeting; Honor Roll Tea.

**FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA**- Salute a teacher each month; perform services for teachers; plan to host party for exceptional children at North Albemarle School.

**FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA**- Keep business department in order; made covers for typewriters; Christmas decorations in cafeteria.

**CHEERLEADERS**- go to ALL of the games, rain or shine; smile (except when we lose); services to all teams.

**BOOSTERS CLUB**- Homecoming; stickers and shakers for games; concession stand at basketball games; provide refreshments for players after games.

**FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA**- Provide refreshments for all school functions.

**JUNIOR CIVITANS**- Directed traffic; put up signs and acted as guides at the NCAE meeting; plan Christmas party for

retarded pre-schoolers.

**SCIENCE CLUB**- Plans to help to re-equip the science department with money from dues and the refreshment fund.

**TEACHERS AIDES**- Students volunteer to help teachers with typing and grading papers; lighten the work load of teachers.

The list could go on and on. This is just a brief list of a few activities that are going on, right now, right under our noses. And these services are not being performed by a club, but by real, live, caring persons. It is so much to be proud of, but it is only the beginning.

## Let's Not Forget Our POW/MIA's

BY ROY ROGERS

Vietnam. A prolonged war dividing the United States into bitter opposition. On one side are the hawks, on the other, the doves; the war mongers and the protestors, the soldiers and the draft-card burners. Everybody has his own view of the war; there is only one consensus of all Americans: the situation of our men as North Vietnamese prisoners of war is the most abhorable crimes of the war.

There have been several attempts by citizens and groups to get information about our men in prison camps, and for the North Vietnamese to abide by the Geneva Convention; and Senior High has willingly participated and advocated such endeavors; i. e. when the "Write Hanoi" campaign was under way two years ago, English class time was allotted for students to have an opportunity to write.

The situation of the men is virtually the same as ever, signifying the failure or only partial success of previous enterprises. Undaunted VIVA (Voices in Vital America), a youth organization, started a P. O. W. M.I.A. program last spring. This organization is dedicated to three basic principals: one, to the prisoners of war and the men missing in doing whatever is possible to get Hanoi to at least abide by the Geneva convention; two, to aid the families of these men in any way; and three, to get public interest and support.

Many of the students here, as all across the nation, have "picked up their crosses" and have become staunch supporters of P.O.W. M.I.A. One cannot go down the halls with both eyes open and not see a P.O.W. M.I.A. bracelet and a P.O.W.'s Never Have A Nice Day" button. Lockers have been decorated with mini-stickers and bumper-stickers with similar slogans, and some teachers have given bulletin boards and time for discussion

A speech is the outward expression of one's inner thoughts. A campaign speech should, therefore, be a profound expression of the candidate's beliefs. Arlesa Daniels, the 1972-1973 FHA State Secretary elected at the District Rally at Ashbrook High School, Gastonia, used a poem as her campaign speech. It certainly meets these criteria for a speech.

O is for one that's the way we want to be

N is for natural, no faking, just being me.

W is for willing to do the best that we can

A is for always trying to understand

R is for reaching out to someone who needs us

D is for deciding between a smile or a frown.

T is for taking one day at a time

O is for opening up your heart and your mind.

G is for God who will always be our guide

E is for eterna life which I have on my side.

T is for togetherness, that's what God wants to see

H is for helping other people, like you and me.

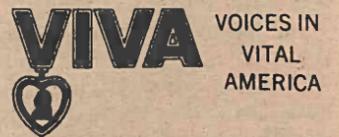
E is for everyone which we love with our hearts

R is for remember you too must do your part.

American people may succeed in the homecoming of our captured and lost men.

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Congratulations are in order to everyone who participated in the Fifties Festival. Faculty members, students, and, most important, Mr. Hawkins, were impressed by the enthusiasm shown in the festival; so much so, in fact, that hopes for similar projects are good. We have finally proved that if we want something bad enough, we work for it, and thus have renewed the administrations faith in student involvement.

## Do You Want To Get Involved?

Would you believe that a bunch of high school kids get together once a month in Raleigh to talk with high level state officials about how students feel toward education in North Carolina? Would you believe that they listen?

Well, it really happens. Three years ago, the State Department of Public Instructions created the Task Force on Student Involvement, a group of sixteen high school students who advise the State Department on student opinions.

The Task Force researches for and advises both the State Department of Public Instruction and local high school groups on student needs,

including human relations, drugs, curriculum, communications, extracurricular activities, and virtually anything else. School districts across the state may invite them to discuss with students, teachers, and administrators the whole realm of student activity and involvement.

While members for this year's Task Force were selected last spring, the Task Force organization involves much more than just the sixteen members; there are Associate Members, District Consultants, and most important, student contracts. Every student can be involved in Task Force. If you are interested, you may contact the Task Force by writing:

Task Force on Student Involvement, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

### STATISTICS

For the date-conscious individual, the following vital statistics have been compiled. As of this afternoon, there are: (1) 20 days 'til Thanksgiving (2) 52 days 'til Christmas (3) 144 days 'til spring break (4) 168 days 'til Easter vacation (5) 209 days 'til school ends, and (6) 213 days 'til graduation!!!

## Girls Ponder Basic Techniques

Powder Puff football is coming to our school again this year to help finance the Junior-Senior Prom. In preparation for this coming event both junior and senior girls have been practicing diligently. Most of these girls figured that playing football was as easy as it looked.

After a few practices the girls start asking questions: what's clipping? and how do you block? One girl summed it all up when she said, "Just how do you play football?"

So here is a brief guide to what happens in Powder Puff football.

First of all, football is a rough game and injury is to be expected. In the words of a Powder Puff player, "Football is really easy if you catch the ball." Minutes later she jammed her finger trying. In the first day of practice a few

injuries occurred. There were broken fingernails and bruised knees, nothing critical except to the girl who has nine long fingernails and one short one.

Calisthenics are very important in football. They hammer up the muscles and help prevent injuries. But as one girl said, "They sure do make us feel stupid."

Football is also a very complicated game. To execute a play, all the players have to know exactly what to do and have to be able to react to situations instantly. But when Coach Wheeler began explaining different plays to the Senior girls, he received a room full of puzzled looks.

With this in mind, the upcoming battle between the junior and senior girls, no matter who wins, ought to prove interesting.



BY CHICK MORRIS

A number of "Things" on our football team indulge in extra-football activities. As though practice is not enough, these gents enter the locker room and slug away at each other with dummies. At first, I took this as meaning that the players were slinging "Butkus" Simpson at each other.

But later I realized that there were blocking dummies being used instead of Paschold and Cohorts. I also realized that these Fearless Five are called "offensive" linemen not because of their position of attack, but because of their rather sour smell.

I also suggested the possibility of changing the team's name from Bulldogs to Indians or Viet Cong because of their habit of ambushing the managers. Armed with analgesic balm and ancient athletic

supporters, the players plastered and then tied the managers to the water fountain. Then they were subjected to unspeakable tortures.

Once on the practice field, all of the "things" prodigious energy is released upon the blocking sled. Due to the great number of tipovers, holes bored in the west wall of the school served for the time as a sled. However, this was discontinued when it was determined that our school now lies 20 feet closer to the Palestine Road than it did before. This has been noticed, and I hear that the team has been rented by the Army Corps of Engineers to build a new dam across the Pee Dee River by pushing Morrow Mountain across that body of water.

This whole story was related to me by a friend who would never lie to me, unless it was absolutely convenient.

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