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**Au Revoir**

Varied are our emotions as we view the close of another school year. As we glance back over our shoulders at the year which is at a close we can be proud of the advancement and the achievements we have made both as a school and as individual students.

However, we should not spend too much time looking back, but should look forward to the coming year. To the rising Freshman class, may we challenge you to take your studies seriously and make the most of your high-school career. It is not unusual to hear a senior wishing that he had taken advantage of his studies and not wasted the better part of his high-school career. It is too late to wait until the second semester of your senior year to begin to study seriously. This happens every year, however.

May we encourage the Sophomores to continue to study hard. If, as a freshman, you wasted your time and opportunities, begin to improve now!

The Junior-Senior Prom, class rings, the tapping for the Honor Society, and the tapping of the marshals are just some of the things which the Juniors have in store for them next year. Encouragement is needed for the Juniors, because they will study hard in order to be eligible to receive their class rings.

The events of the Senior year are too numerous to mention. However, to the rising Seniors may we say that it's worth every bit of toil, sweat, and blood that you use to graduate. It's a grand time that everyone should experience.

To the graduating class, good luck and godspeed in life. In the words of Shakespeare may we say:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,  
 Which, taken at the flood, leads on to  
 fortune:

Omitted, all the voyage of their life  
 Is bound in shallows and in miseries."

May we heed these words and dare to live!

**The Empty Schoolhouse**

BILL ANDERSON

A restful recess marked by the last Buzzing bell began;  
 The students departed, cheerful and care-free.  
 Friday's school day finally had drawn to a close!

But not many minutes pass  
 Before the school seems to be something other than just  
 An old square building recently left amid juvenile jollity.

Miraculously it manages to assume  
 An air of quietude and certain dignity,  
 This seemingly empty sepulcher of thought,  
 word, and  
 Of life itself.

Empty? No, no, never!  
 This awesome edifice still lives, breathes.  
 Every endless step resounds through the halls,  
 The very arteries of her existence.  
 In each room the signs of life  
 Are ever-present.

One sees the bits of chalk worn down to  
 White pigmies, and sample scribbings  
 On weary walls bowed down with work.  
 Here someone certainly charted stars with  
 Galileo,  
 Watched a wondrous cloud while sitting  
 with Shelley,  
 Helped Euclid measure an unknown angle,  
 Or understood some hard fast Newtonian  
 Law.

On one corner of a teacher's ancient dusty  
 desk  
 Stands a tall dime-store vase which holds  
 A single drooping daffodil,  
 Once a gracious gift; now a dried half-  
 hearted  
 Reminder of Nature's rape.

In the gaping desks lie crumpled papers,  
 Pieces of a puzzle which is the picture of  
 school life,  
 A puzzle with a piece in every desk, in  
 every  
 Wastecan; scattered, complex.

The sun settles behind the nearby houses  
 and trees,  
 Letting the shadows on the floor grow  
 dim.

Darkness soon will be, and dawn,  
 And darkness again, before these halls are  
 Filled again with joyous students  
 Eager and ambitious.

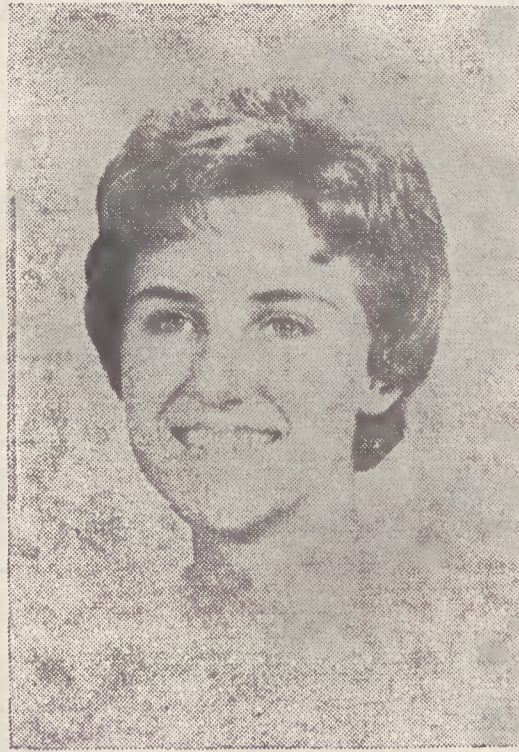
**Jr.-Hi Chorus in Annual Concert**

A melody of songs was presented by the Junior High Chorus Friday, May 25 at eight o'clock in the High School auditorium, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Webb.

**Best Wishes, Seniors**



LYNETTE CURRIN



**Student of the Month**

Lynette Currin was elected Student of the Month for May.

She recently received the basketball trophy for the best sport. She is a Class Night speaker, as she served as historian of the class for four years.

In addition she is vice-president of the F.H.A., Sports Editor of the "Owl" staff, secretary of the Girls' Monogram Club, a member of the G.A.A., and a member of the Student Council.

DORIS WATKINS



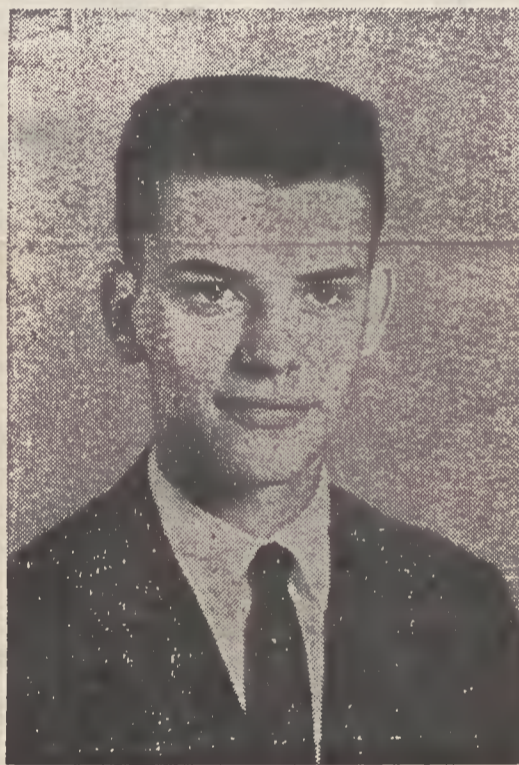
**Student of Month Named**

Doris Poole Watkins was elected student of the month for May for her active participation in the several activities.

She was editor of the 1962 Oxonian, chief cheerleader, and a member of several other organizations including Latin Club for four years. She attended two JCL National conventions, going to Albuquerque as N. C. JCL treasurer.

Doris plans to attend East Carolina College next year.

**Win Awards In Band**



MARC DUGGINS



AL AVERETT

**Give Band Awards After Concert Here**

At the annual spring concert May 18, Marc Duggins received the loving cup for "most outstanding member" of the band. This was Marc's second consecutive year to receive the cup. It was presented by Mrs. Thomas Clement for the Senior Woman's club.

Mr. Robert Barnes presented the John Philip Sousa Band Award to Al Averett. Al, who plays the bass horn, played a solo during the number "Scherzo Pomposo".

Majorettes Claudia Currin, Diane Cox, Catherine Duffy, and Anne Gholson received awards, as well as Colorguards Emilie Adcock, Amelia Wheeler, Bettie Wilson, Yynette Currin, Brenda Carole Jones, and Barbara Adcock.

William Tarry, L. G. Jones, Jerry Lannier, and Bill Anderson lettered. Members of the band who had previously received a letter, were presented stars. They were Al Averette, Jayne Blackwell, Kenneth Cash, Diane Clark, Thomas Clement, David Currin, Ford Duggins, Marc Duggins, Nancy Farabow, Arch Hicks, Elijah Howell, John Penny, Nancy Rogers, Jerry Williford, Bobby Welch, and Judith Harrell.

**Mary Campbell Head Cheerleader**

Mary Campbell was recently elected head cheerleader by the other members of the squad.

Others are June Hall, Daisy Hall, Mary Wells Ruff, Betsy Gentry, Alma Dickerson, Marilyn Tunstall, Judith Yancey, Alma Watkins, Linda Sadler, and Brenda Currin. Alma, Linda, and Brenda are rising freshmen. Alternates are Bobbie Rawls and Margaret Jennings.

Doris Watkins, retiring chief, and Cynthia Watkins are the only cheerleaders lost by way of graduation.

**Win V.F.W. Trophies**

At the V.F.W. dinner for O.H.S. athletes May 24 four trophies were presented.

Three senior winners were Billy Frazier in football, Van Wood in basketball, and James Dickerson in track. David Canady, freshman, won in baseball.

Many commented after the concert that the band sounded "the greatest in years". Mr. Frank McCulloch is director.