

College Here Results - Higher Culture

What is your opinion of the four-year consolidated Presbyterian College???

A reporter asked this question to a representative from each class and their opinions are stated below:

George Daughtridge, senior:



Each person in Rocky Mount has a different reason for wanting the college here. The business men probably want it for increased business, whereas other groups may want it for increased culture.

The chief reason that I want the college to come here is the increase in recreation and entertainment that it would bring. Another benefit to us as Rocky Mount students will be that it will provide a means of further education for those who otherwise might not be able to gain one.

Jean Edwards, junior:

An institution of higher education can offer benefits to our community that would be impossible to gain any other source. Having access to the many cultural advancements and opportunities would be in-



valuable to us. The educational standards of the people in our town would be raised with the addition of a college library and other features containing a wealth of knowledge for our community to absorb. The high calibre of the students and faculty being brought into Rocky Mount would prove a noticeable asset to the community, the churches, and the social lives.

Sandra Melton, sophomore:



The location of the Presbyterian College in Rocky Mount would be a great asset to this community. It would offer many educational opportunities to the local students, which would be a wonderful chance

for the ones who would be unable to attend otherwise. We could have better lectures and concerts than ever before, college sports programs would offer a better opportunity to local spectators to see more advanced games.

Having the college here would make Rocky Mount a better town from a spiritual and cultural viewpoint.

Literature Provides Path To Better Life

Literature, as George Eliot said of art in general, is the "nearest to life." The illiterate man lives only once, but a person who reads and knows books can live through hundreds of years.

This answers the question of why we must study literature. Many students do not realize the various advantages to be gained from reading good literature and the pleasures which could never be found in ordinary entertainment. An evening's reading a good book brings rest and relaxation, but it also stimulates and excites when you put yourself in the hero's place.

It is important to read for enjoyment as well as for scholastic reasons. The library at school has many excellent books. If one would take time to browse through the library, he would meet adventure, romance, gaiety, and sadness, all in the form of a small, yet very valuable book. If he would read and read more, he could gain the wonderful experience of being able to understand life and the people around him.

Good literature is by no means simple and the right reading of it is probably the most difficult task that high school students have to perform. However, reading good books is one of the richest privileges in life, and students let this privilege slip by.

Valentines Appear To Dazed Student

By Lois Pollard

In trying to bring Saint Valentine out of the spirit world, this reporter was amazed to see not just one but three Saint Valentines appear for the interview.

In answer to my first question, "Which one of you is the Saint Valentine for whom Valentine's Day is celebrated?", they all replied that they had no idea why the day was named for any one of them unless it was because February 14 was their feast day.

Love Notes Start Day

They told me of a legend that a man in prison sent notes to his lady love by a bird. Perhaps that is why Valentine's Day was originated for lovers to send cards of greeting and tokens of affection to each other. Another reason given for Saint Valentine's Day was that it was a survival of the Roman festival conducted on February 15.

When asked about Valentine's Day in the United States, I told them how school children celebrate by exchanging heart-shaped cards. Valentine with sentimental verses and gifts of flowers and candy are still commonly given by adults at this season.

Valentine in Other Lands

They in turn told me how Valentine's Day was celebrated in France, England, and Scotland. The young people used to assemble on Saint Valentine's Eve. Each person became the "Valentine", or the special friend, of the one whose name he drew. It is still customary on this date to exchange gifts, many of them heart-shaped, as an expression of affection.

I then bade my new found friends good-bye and saw them slowly disappear to the spirit world.

Theatre Cards Aid Student Finances

That the school board members are to congratulate for their permission to the local theatres to help the bewildered teen-ager see a movie now and then and still make his allowance meet ends is the opinion of many students.

Students cards are issued annually by the Cameo, the Carolina, and the Center theatres to students twelve years or older. With these cards the students may purchase a ticket at a price lower than the adult admission. The theatres would not be able to issue the cards through the schools without the approval and the assistance of the city school board. Distribution at the theatres might make it possible for those not in school to get a certificate.

Thirty cents plus card

Tickets of thirty or thirty-five cents on the average are sold to pupils with the management's hoping that the students will read and obey the rules and regulations set fourth by the theatres on the back of the identification card.

"Movies are better than ever" is Hollywood's theme and they are sticking to it by making films with authentic backgrounds, placing more stars together, using good scripts, and constantly improving the method of presenting the action.

"Three Coins" in Rome

"Three Coins in the Fountain," actually filmed in Rome, was an authentic setting while "Deep in my Heart" billed fifteen stars, a few more than "Executive Suite", a best-seller by Cameron Hawley.

It should be noted that the city theatres are equipped to show Cinemascope films, the greatest movie advancement in fifty-nine years. The preceding examples are doing everything in their means to bring the finest motion pictures to Rocky Mount.

Line Up!

Join The Crusade

Matching of coins is a vice, not a sport as might think the many teenagers who accept this form of gambling as a recreation, a past time, or for the sole purpose of making money.

Gambling of any form on the school campus is a violation of school law and is punishable. Not only is this practice objectionable at school, but it casts a shady reflection on the student and his home.

Matching or gambling in private is still a vice and only the one guilty of this crime can change his way.

Observation shows that too large a part of the local high school student body is involved in this vice. Speaking in general, the entire student body is at fault—those who join in matching and those who stand around and let the good reputation of Rocky Mount Senior High degenerate to a school of notorious hoodlums engaged in such evils.

No particular group or "gang" of students can be blamed for the present condition of gambling on the campus. Each preceding class has had people who became a little bolder and advanced "I betcha" gimmicks to pretty wagers on ball games through the years until almost everyone, not wishing to be called a "square," participates in some form of gambling. The problem is to get it out of the school. The administration plans to end it at school by some present or future method of dealing with such juvenile delinquents.

In order to raise the standards of RMSHS, each student is needed in a crusade to rid the school of such vices.

Climax, Medic — In RMHS

"Climax" — Exams being finished

"Make Room For Daddy" — Who wants a chaperone?

"Gunsmoke" — More like cigarette around Senior High

"The Millionaire" — Now to bribe the teachers!

"You Are There" — In Mr. Edson's office caught for skipping

"Named That Tune" — The Wedding March seems appropriate

"The Big Surprise" — I passed!!!

"The Comedy Hour" — Oral quiz in American History

"\$64,000 Question" Did I pass?

"Medic" — Needed after seeing reports cards

"Your Hit Parade" — Straight A's

"The Guiding Light" — Miss Kitchen and her guidance program

"It's a Great Life" — On weekends

High School Hullabaloo



It's 12:35, lunch time and students walk-off, scratch-off, rush-off, or go to the cafeteria to eat.

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