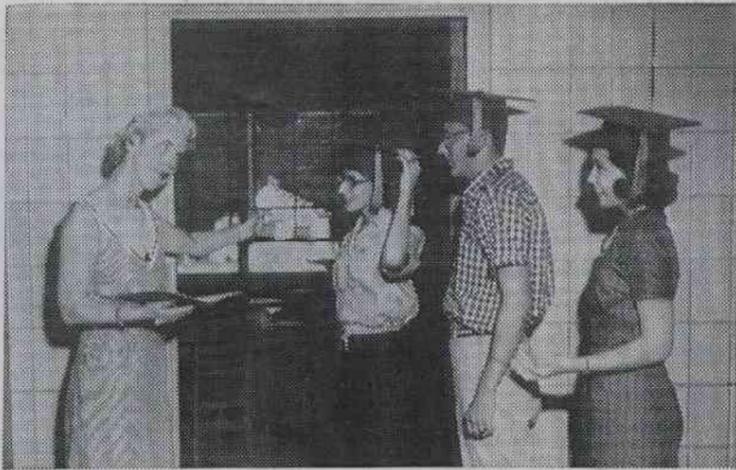




"Stand up, underclassman!" says Bradley (senior) to Mary Brent Elmore (junior). All underclassman must rise today when a senior wearing a cap and gown enters the room.



"But Miss Murk, we're not skipping! Today is Senior Day!" These are the cries of (left to right) Betsy Alexander, Alton Oakley and Caroline Campbell to bewildered Miss Alma Murchison who found them wandering in the halls.

Breakfast, Vespers, Banquet Highlight 'Senior Day' Fun

Breakfast, special privileges, vesper services, a banquet, a free movie and a street dance are the activities that will highlight Senior Day.

Members of the Senior Day Committee have devoted much time these last few weeks in preparation of "their day" which began today with a breakfast at the Rio Restaurant.

Seniors 'Take Over' Classes
After the breakfast the seniors returned to school where they had the following privileges: "take

over" classes with the teacher's permission, skip study halls and have both lunch periods free. Underclassmen stood when a senior entered the room if the senior was wearing his cap.

Because of a request by the committee, activity period was changed until fifth period in order that a special assembly could be presented in the auditorium. The student body viewed the program including the history of the class, the prophecy and the last will and testament.

Vesper Services At 5

Vesper Services started at 5:00 in the Lakeside Baptist Church. David Harper is the speaker for the program. After this the seniors are to go to Josh Bulluck's for the annual PTSA supper.

After the meal the seniors are guests of the Center Theater to see "Teacher's Pet". Last on the program is the big street dance on the parking lot of the school from 9:30 to 11:30.

Earlier the seniors were entertained by the Junior Guild at the Minges' home from 4:00 until 6:00, May 7. Members of the Junior Guild, faculty members and class officers were in the receiving line to greet the guests.

Senior Day Activities Scheduled

8:00	Senior Breakfast
9:00	Attend Classes
12:00-1:30	Free Period
5:00	Vesper Service
6:00	PTSA Supper
7:30	Free Movie
9:30	Street Dance

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May, Busy Month

Election of Leaders Fill Agenda For SO, Jr. and Sr. Classes

Elections of next year's officers for the Student Organization and the rising senior and junior class took most of the business time of these groups during the past month.

Reed Nelson will preside as Student Organization president. Cleve Cherry will serve as vice-president and Jeannette Widdifield, secretary. Treasurer, parliamentarian and committee heads appointed by the president will be announced next fall.

Results of the rising senior class elections were Jimmy Gilbert, president; Bobby Joe Ayers, vice president; Jane Sutton, secretary; and the runoff voting for treasurer was not complete when this went to press.

New officers of the rising junior class are Jim Speight, president; Kirby Ward, vice-president; Patsy Warren, secretary; and Jack Brake, treasurer.

Campaign speeches were given in the various class meeting prior to the elections, which were held

May 20 for the sophomore and May 21 for the juniors. The speeches for Student Organization candidates were given before the student body at regular assembly prior to voting date.

There were two runoffs: in the rising senior class for treasurer between Honey McIntyre, who was running on petition, and Louis Davenport; in the rising junior class for vice-president between Kirby Ward, who was running on petition, and Mike Lundy.

Exam Schedule

First period exam	9:00 A. M. Tuesday, May 27
Second period exam	1:00 P. M. Tuesday, May 27
Third period exam	9:00 A. M. Wednesday, May 28
Fourth period exam	1:00 P. M. Wednesday, May 28
Fifth period exam	9:00 A. M. Thursday, May 29

Dr. Cartwright to Deliver Commencement Address

Dr. William H. Cartwright of Duke University will deliver the commencement address in the Senior High Auditorium, May 30.

Reverend Charles I. Penick, pastor of the Saint Stephens Episcopal Church of Goldsboro, spoke at the annual baccalaureate sermon yesterday. Assisting Reverend Penick with the program were Reverend M. D. Tyson, pastor of Englewood Methodist Church, who gave the invocation and the benediction, and Reverend Thomas J. C. Smythe, pastor of the Good Shepherd Church who presented the scripture and prayer.

At the commencement exercises the Reverend Leon Russell, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will give the invocation and benediction. Principal C. M. Edson will preside at the baccalaureate sermon and Superintendent D. S.

Johnson will preside at the graduation program.

Senior High band members play the traditional music of "Pomp and Circumstance" for the processional and recessional of seniors at both the baccalaureate sermon and the commencement exercises.

Under the direction of Mr. Harold Parry, the Senior High choir will sing two songs at the graduation program and they sang one at the baccalaureate sermon.

Mr. L. B. Edwards of the Rocky Mount City Board of Education will make the presentation of the diplomas and Bibles.

Larry Medford, president of the senior class, will give the class present on graduation night.

Janice Dawson, one of the new members of the National Honor Society, will serve as chief marshal for both ceremonies.

School Selects 11 Cheerleaders From 36 Juniors and Seniors

Eleven girls out of thirty-six were elected as next year's cheerleaders last Thursday after try-outs in the assembly the same afternoon.

Winners are Lou Bryan, Bonnie Baker, Nancy Carr, Susie Street, Virginia Norment, Mildred Landen, Patsy Warren, Margaret Carmichael, Sandra Weiner, Jane Sutton, and Gloria Nelson.

Head cheerleader will be chosen by the newly elected cheerleaders before the fall school term.

Each senior cheerleader took a group of girls and taught and led them in two yells — "Blackbird"

— "Birds" — before the assembly.

Old cheerleaders were Linda Carole Kelly, Molly Arnold, Judy Brown, Brenda Burnette, Linda Gail Pridgen, Barbara Southerland, Bonnie Baker, Lou Bryan, Nancy Carr, Gloria Nelson, and Jane Sutton.

Cheerleaders this year have tried to raise school spirit by urging students to attend games, pep rallies, making posters for football and basketball games and now they have a project of selling high school emblem dolls, appropriate for gifts and keep-sakes.

Staffs Pick Susie Street, Ann Sugg For Next Year's Publications Heads

Newly elected heads of Senior High publications are Susie Street, editor of The Blackbird, and Ann Sugg, editor of the Hi-Noc-Ar.

Susie, present news editor, was co-editor of this year's junior issue of The Blackbird. She is a member of the Good Sports Club

and she served on the Music and Figure Committee of the Junior-Senior. She was a Student Organization representative of her homeroom both semesters.

Ann served on the Hi-Noc-Ar staff this year. She is head of the Foreign Exchange Committee and

was chosen the summer foreign exchange student. She was chairman of the Entertainment Committee for the Junior-Senior.

Newly elected business managers are Judy Smith of The Blackbird and Johnny Williams of the Hi-Noc-Ar.

Judy was a staff reporter on the paper this year. She is a member of the Service Club and served on the Music and Figure Committee of the Junior-Senior.

Johnny was a Hi-Noc-Ar staff member, an outstanding football player, a representative to the Student Organization, president of his homeroom first semester, and member of the Decorations Committee of the Junior-Senior.

Officers completing The Blackbird staff are Carolyn Nichols, advertising manager; Regina Harless, circulation manager; and Alvin Daughtridge and Raymond Parker, sport co-editors.

Hi-Noc-Ar officers are Gail Wald, advertising manager; and Janice Dawson, circulation manager.

These students rank scholastically in the upper third of their class.



Newly elected top officers of the two school publications are (left to right) Judy Smith, business manager, and Susie Street, editor of The Blackbird; Ann Sugg, editor, and Johnny Williams, business manager of the Hi-Noc-Ar.