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Principal Addresses Student Body

It is with extreme pleasure that I welcome all our students, both new and returning, to another year at Rocky Mount Senior High.

The outlook for the school year 1962-63 is both promising and challenging. Never before have we been able to offer such a well-rounded

educational program to our students. New courses, new equipment, new teachers, and new teaching techniques will improve our program immeasurably.

I encourage each student to study diligently and take full advantage of the opportunities that are available.

Support wholeheartedly all your school activities and take great pride in your school and its program and I am sure we shall enjoy one of the most successful years at Senior High.

As problems arise I should like for the students to feel free to consult me at anytime. My door is open always to any student.

In this first issue of the "Blackbird" I should like to congratulate the members of the staff and its advisor on the outstanding success our school newspaper has enjoyed in the past. You have my best wishes for greater achievements in the year ahead.

C. M. Edson,
Principal

Cabinet Appointments Announced By Student Organization President

Cabinet appointments for the 1962-63 school term have recently been completed by Greg Low, president of the Student Organization.

Included in the cabinet are: Neal Adkins, Chairman of the Elections Committee; Butch Clayton, Chairman of the Traffic Committee; Nancy Tilson, Chairman of Publicity Committee; Bebo White, Chairman of the House and Grounds Committee; Brack Townsend, Chairman of the Fire Drill Committee; Katrina Kobylarz, Chairman of the Publications Committee; Sondra Shelton, Chairman of the Student Store Committee; Becky Edwards, Chairman of the Social Committee; and Jim McChesney, Chairman of the Foreign Exchange committee.

Other members of the president's cabinet which are not appointed are Caroletta Jordan,

head cheerleader; David Williams, Jan McCrary and Edwin Arrington, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Student Organization respectively; Becky Walker, editor of HI-NOC-AR; and Dwight Thomas, editor of "The Blackbird."

A special School Spirit Committee has been appointed by the president with Cy Watson as chairman. The chairman of this committee is not an official member of the cabinet, but will be working with the cabinet.

These members work together to promote the welfare of the school and to boost participation in the Student Organization. Each cabinet member assumes responsibility for some phase of school government work. They meet regularly and report their various projects.



Ernesto Arroyo, this years foreign exchange student, is looking over one of his books with his host, David Williams.

(Photo by Killebrew)

Costa Rican Exchange Student Comes For School Year In Senior High

Ernesto Arroyo, foreign exchange student from Costa Rica, arrived in Charlotte August 31, where he was met by his host family, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williams and their son, David.

San Jose, his native city, where he lives with his parents and two brothers is a city of 150,000 and is also the capitol of Costa Rica.

In this Spanish-speaking country Ernesto has studied such subjects as anatomy and religion. He has also had two years of English and four years of French. Later he plans to attend a college in the United States because this field of study isn't offered in Costa

Rica.

Ernestos' favorite sports are basketball and swimming. Playing the guitar and accordian and twisting are some of his hobbies.

Ernesto will be in Miss Murchison's homeroom 106 along with David, his host. When asked how he felt about the foreign exchange student being here, David replied, "I hope to do everything in my power to help him learn the customs of the American people."

Ernesto was quoted as saying, "I want to learn to work with the students of Senior High. I hope to meet all the students and speak with all of them."

CLASS SCHEDULE

Tardy Bell	8:35
Homeroom per.	8:35- 8:45
1st per.	8:49- 9:40
2nd per.	9:44-10:35
3rd per.	10:39-11:30
Act. per.	11:34-12:14
Lunch 1	12:14-12:54
Lunch 2	1:00- 1:49
5th per.	1:49- 2:40
6th per.	2:44- 3:35

Teachers Study At UNC Program

Miss Dorothy Craighill and Mr. Holton Harrison, teachers from Senior High, attended the University of North Carolina during the summer for further study in French and Distributive Education.

One of 60 participants from 18 states and a foreign country, Miss Craighill was chosen from 200-300 applications to attend the NDEA French Institute June 24 through August 18. The high school French instructors were taught by 11 teachers from France and attended six classes per day. Classes were taught in conversation, diction, grammar, French civilization, linguistics, and pedagogy.

Mr. Holton Harrison from the D. E. department worked toward his M.A. degree in Distributive Education at UNC from June 13 until July 17. He took one course in supervision of the distributive education program and another course in distributive education leadership development.

Students Charter Buses For Game

Three bus loads of enthusiastic students at Senior High School traveled to Henderson last Friday night to attend the football game.

Though many traveled by cars to see the game, the important thing was that they were there to cheer on the football team.



Principal C. M. Edson and Mrs. Margaret Williams, advisor of the BLACKBIRD, discuss the changes in this years BLACKBIRD.

(Photo by Killebrew)

BLACKBIRD Undergoes Changes Including New Method Of Printing

Revolution is the topic of discussion between Mrs. Margaret Williams and Mr. C. M. Edson as they review changes in THE BLACKBIRD.

One of the most important changes is the process by which the paper is printed. Previously the paper was done by lineotype, but now is done by offset where the complete page is put together and photographed. This process will give the paper a much neater appearance and sharper pictures.

This process will also give the staff members the opportunity to proof read the paper before it is finished.

In the past THE BLACKBIRD has offered nine issues with six pages in each issue. Last year the paper sold for one dollar and ten cents. Now THE BLACKBIRD offers thirteen issues with eight pages in each issue for one dollar and twenty-five cents.

During the year THE BLACKBIRD will sponsor the Miss Print Pageant and the Junior Senior Beauty Court. The Miss Print Pageant will be conducted in a different manner with the winner to be decided by a vote of the students instead of the amount of money the contestants collect.



Principal C. M. Edson addresses the opening assembly. On his left is Eddie Allen, president of the senior class, who gave the devotion and Greg Low, president of the Student Organization, is seated on his right.

(Photo by Killebrew)

Assembly Program Begins Year For Largest Student Body Ever

Senior High opened its doors Friday August 31, for the first day of school, with a welcome by principal C. M. Edson.

After a devotion by Eddie Allen, president of the Senior class, Greg Low, president of the Student Organization, gave his opening address in which he stressed that each student should show interest in the Student Organization and be the best student he could possibly be.

Principal C. M. Edson spoke to the students and reviewed

a few policies of the school and gave the general arrangement of the building to the new students. Students who attended Senior High last year were dismissed first to go to their homerooms where they received their schedules.

At 10 o'clock all students followed their schedules for 15 minute periods. This gave every-one the opportunity to go over his schedule to see if any changes would be necessary.