

Open Letter To The Student Body

Fellow Students,

I am sure that it is obvious to each of us that the more we put into our Student Organization, the more benefits we ourselves will receive, both directly and indirectly. This is why I don't hesitate to ask for your interest and co-operation in the programs and new plans which the Student Organization will undertake this year. With the complete support of you, the student body, Rocky Mount Senior High can easily become the top school in the state.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "Nothing great was ever achieved with enthusiasm." This statement must be applied here at Senior High to insure the success of the Student Organization. We must all show a tremendous amount of enthusiasm this year and make a supreme effort to put school spirit in Senior High at its peak. Remember, too, that school spirit is not simply attending pep rallies and supporting athletic teams, but consists of many other equally important factors. We demonstrate school spirit by taking pride in our school building and keeping it clean, by helping to maintain order in the halls, by practicing democracy through voting in the school elections, and by numerous other actions. School spirit will be a determining factor in the success of our athletic teams. In fact, both our football teams and our basketball

squad might each bring home a state championship if the entire student body will get out and show true support.

Take an interest in the Student Organization and co-operate with its programs. The Student Organization is established to serve the students, but it cannot give us this service unless we will give it our support. Support it by taking part in its activities, by giving it fresh ideas, by discussing the reports your representatives make in homeroom. Sell your share of subscriptions in the magazine campaign. The more magazine subscriptions we sell, the more money our classes and the Student Organization will receive, and the more funds the classes and the Student Organization have acquired to work with, the more benefits will be passed directly on to us.

One last thing. Let's all begin an entire new slate and make this year an honest year at Senior High. We are attending school to get an education. Cheating will deprive us of that knowledge we would have gained by studying.

Now let's get the old bandwagon rolling, and make this year be in every way possible "The Year Of The Blackbird."

Sincerely,
Greg Low
S.O. President

Entire Student Body To Be Commended For Fine Effort

The student body is indeed worthy of praise for the fine effort put forth in beginning the school year. When classes began the Tuesday after Labor Day weekend, school truly started. The usual horseplay that takes place during the opening week of school was absent, and students actually began studying the first day.

Traffic was kept in relative order in the halls. The lack of congestion at the corners and crosswalks was held at a minimum due to the fine work of the Traffic committee.

Also noticeable was the desire of most students to keep the building and grounds clean. Little trash and paper was to be found in the halls and on the school yard. In the parking lot, however, there is still room for improvement. Homeroom committees had to be organized to pick up the trash. These committees have done a good job, but if the students will make an effort

to keep the lot clean, we can do away with these committees.

Sophomores and other students new to Senior High quickly adjusted to our school. They are surely due compliments for the speed with which they became familiar with the school.

School spirit was also at an extremely high level. The attendance at the first pep rally was good, the enthusiasm in the auditorium pep rally was commendable, and the support behind the football squad was terrific. It is indeed a remarkable feat that four buses were sent to Henderson for our opening game. This grade of support for an out-of-town game is tremendous, and the fact that this was our first game of the season makes this accomplishment even greater.

Hat's off to the student body for their fine effort during the first week of school. Let's keep up the good work.

First Fire Drill Is Successfully Conducted By Students

Congratulations to the student body and the Fire Drill Committee for their fine effort which made the first fire drill of the year a great success.

Students are to be complimented for the short amount of time it took them to evacuate the building, their quick

reaction to the bell, and the smoothness of the traffic flow during the first drill.

At the "B" building crosswalk, however, a hazard was created, as the pathes of Mr. Julius Abernathy's and Mr. Angus MacGregor's rooms crossed. At the Hammond

Street exit there were about six lines going out, while at the exit across from the shop there were only one or two. Fire Drill Chairman Brack Townsend has informed us that these faults will be soon corrected. It looks as though our fire drill system will soon be near perfect.

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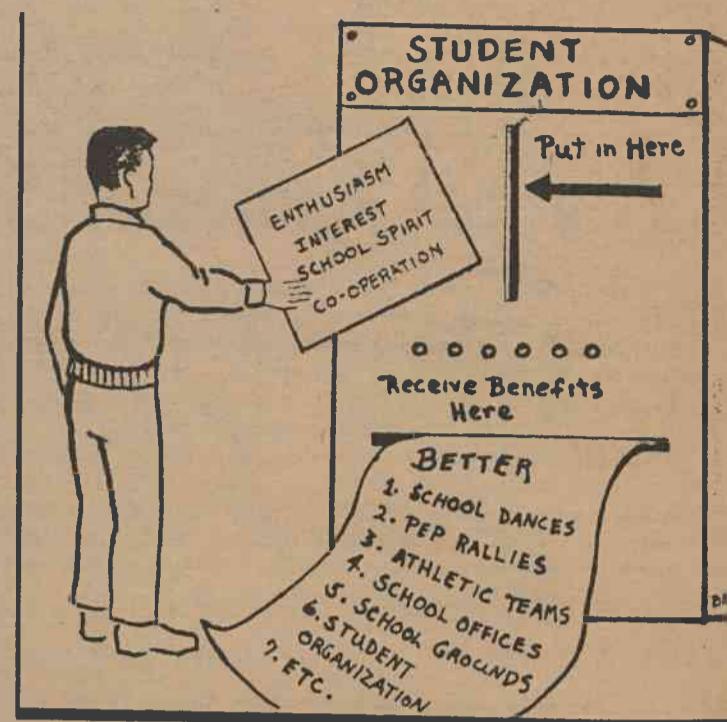
As can be seen by this issue, THE BLACKBIRD has been changed in many new and exciting ways. More and better things are yet to come as we, the members of THE BLACKBIRD staff, serve you, the student body of Rocky Mount Senior High.

Although there has been much improvement in our school paper, there remains much to do. This future success will depend primarily on you, the readers. We know that the paper is not perfect, but we do know that we can improve it, and only through you.

With your co-operation, we can print the best paper ever published in high school at Rocky Mount.

Dwight Thomas, Editor

'I Never Expected These Results'



Logical Reasoning Would Help Us Master Many Problems Of Living

Logical reasoning has been the key to the advanced state of civilization today. Indirectly applying the philosophy of Aristotle's "Organon", Kant's "Critique of Pure Reason" and "Critique of Practical Reason", or works of great philosophers, the men who have guided society have been able to successfully determine the most appropriate and logical goals for which we should aim. Though philosophers differ on the essence and divisions of

Tidbits

Editors note: While reading through some old magazines I discovered several slips which the magazines had found printed in newspapers across the country.

(1) HEADLINE in the Bangor, Pa., News: "Air Force Fires Atlant Missile"

(2) FROM the Syracuse University Orange: "The University Symphony Orchestra will have its first rehearsal Wednesday in Crouse Auditorium. Louis Krasner, conductor, will be available for consolation from 6:30 on."

(3) FROM the Chaffey Collegiate Press: "Club pictures are being taken now, while following exams the faculty will be shot."

(4) AD in Erie, Pa., Times: "New mufflers INSTALLED FREE! Or do it yourself and save up to 30%."

(5) FROM the Plainview, Texas, Herald: "He then read the names of known deceased Kiwanians, pointing out that the list is not complete and that additions will be welcomed."

(6) HEADLINE in Ridgewood, N. J., Herald-Times: "Public Asked to Meet on Light Poles."

(7) FROM an AP dispatch datelined Lubbock, Texas: "Steady downpours swept the western half of the state into north-central Texas."

(8) FROM a restaurant ad in the York, Pa., Sunday News: "Good Food Takes Time, Yours Will Be Ready In A Second."

logic, all recognize the effectiveness and importance of common sense and both deductive and inductive reasoning.

Though we need not enter a complete study of logics, it would indeed be helpful to acquire a basic understanding of the principles of reasoning. Today it seems that many people plunge into new tasks without previously analyzing the situation they face. If we applied more common sense and simple reasoning in our everyday thinking, we would complete any assignment much more efficiently. Our generation should establish a precedent. If we would put more logical reasoning in effect, some of the problems of the world might indeed be lessened or removed in the years to come.

Editor Explains Editorial Policy Fixed By Paper

Mrs. Williams, our advisor, and Mr. Edson have established certain policies regarding the editorials which are to be published in THE BLACKBIRD. As editor of the second page, I should like to give you a general idea as to what to expect in the way of editorials this year.

We must limit our editorials to issues involving the school itself, to problems concerning you, as students of Rocky Mount Senior High, and to suggestions which we think may help you as a student and as a citizen of tomorrow. Also, we may not print editorials involving controversial public matters.

All editorials will reflect the opinions of the entire journalism staff, not just the writer. We shall endeavor to make our editorials of a constructive nature, unprejudiced, logical, and appealing to all student.

Editorial Editor
Greg Low

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