

editorials

Get With It

Must someone tell you where to take a stand? Are you to be led into a controversy like cows are led to pasture?

I had a conversation with a young person that just received a thirty day leave from the Army. He said, "I'm sick of marching and running all over the base. I'll bet I've walked twenty or thirty miles a day. I don't see how I'm gonna make it this week-end when we march on Washington." I asked him the difference between marching in protest and marching in protection. He replied, "You're just not with it man." There is no harm in a peaceful protest. The problem is that there are so few peaceful protests, and so few of those that are peaceful are taken through the right channels. People have the right to express their grievances, and they have a right to be heard. It is unfortunate that some groups who have legitimate grievances are led through the wrong channels.

Each of us has a responsibility to the future of our nation. Contrary to the slogan "America, love it or leave it", if you don't always love your country, help to bring it up to your standards.

Take A Chance

Blood dripped from the hatchet staining unblemished hands. Tears crept down flushed cheeks. It was all over, the turkey was dead. Through those tears that were shed, joy will be brought to a thankful family.

The eye's of children sparkle as the aromas of turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie escape the modern day kitchen where Mother toils. The dining room walls seem to absorb the love and joy that radiates from within the inhabitants of the house.

A sacrifice was made for the well-being of others. Thanksgiving Day is but twenty-five short hours officially designated for people to express thanks for their heritage, family, friends, and all that has been so graciously provided for them throughout the year. Maybe on another day someone will "stick his neck out" thus reaping a harvest for another.

Dare To Differ

Our new RMSH is active, but only a few of the students are doing the work. Why? Maybe it is the students themselves at fault. Some do not want to participate in activities. Some do not care about their privileges. Some do not vote. Because of this lack of interest in RMSH, the same people are being chosen to carry on activities at RMSH. Sure these students are capable, but there are many other students at RMSH, and if given the chance they are just as capable of doing the same thing. It is about time that we, the students of RMSH, not just a few, but all of us, start making RMSH a better school so that "this school is composed of all students, not just a few, working to make it great" can be said of RMSH.

Popular Program Parallels RMSH Daily Activities

Editor's Note: This is a television review of Room 222 by Lucinda Thompson.

From grade 1 through 12 students are told that "learning is a joy". And indeed it is for the lucky students in U.S. History, ROOM 222, every week on Wednesday night at 8:30.

The story revolves around a typical modern high school, very much like RMSH, and the problems both large and petty, which confront both the faculty and students every day. The characters are so realistic, the dialogue so pertinent, that it is usually the television audience that comes away educated.

It is the character of the principal that comes across the strongest. In each, shows a harried but sympathetic nature, and a keen ability to handle all administration problems. He is often faced with insurmountable obstacles (teacher's handing in resignations, children illegally enrolled in the wrong district, shortage of teachers due to flu epidemic . . .) but he always takes them philosophically in stride, with a wry humor that endears him to the audience both young and old.

The problems that exist in this school can be paralleled to any problems in any school today. But the point ROOM 222 makes, is that with understanding between teachers and students, a united faculty, and behind them all, a dedicated principal, difficulties can be overcome.



We Are Asleep

We are asleep.

We think of things that we could do
To bring us riches or to who
We could unleash our hate
Forgetting that God rules our fate.

We are asleep.

We look at our lives but we do not see
How our eyes can be made free
From the hate of people all around
Yet, we hate, so to hate
We're bound.

We are asleep.

Many thoughts are in our

minds,
And as these thoughts become confined
To the kind of life that we can live,
We forget that we should give.

We are asleep.

We see our lives passing quickly by,
And wonder, "What if we die?"

If we're still asleep when that day's here,
To eternal life we'll not be near.

Bob O'Keef
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Around The Campus

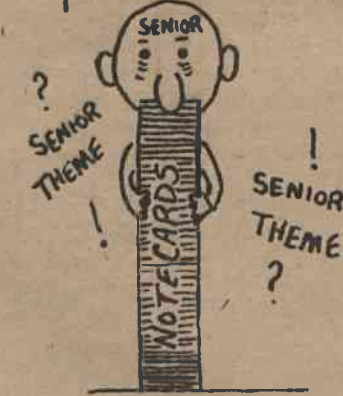
By DAVID MATTHEWS

The silent majority of RMSH should have mixed emotions about their first big holiday. Of course everyone is happy about the welcome relief from the daily routine of school life. Much was accomplished in these short months of school even if it was overshadowed by the not so numerous but highly publicized failures. Student support may have been good in some respects like athletic functions, but it was far from outstanding in as important if not more. Last week being Student Council Week, should show the importance and necessity of this organization. Especially at RMSH does this body play an important part in the management of our school. With the apparent lack of support in the recent magazine sales, the Student Organization will more than likely be forced to take up a second project in order to meet its budget. Make this a successful project and show real school spirit of RMSH.

there has been a two story building at RMSH. This should be an interesting experience in adjustment for the students at RMSH. Also the move to the new rooms is hoped to make for better conditions in the study of all phases of the math department. Mobile units may be alright for home living but students know from past experiences that they are not the best thing for algebra classes.

So one more clear achievement has been made at RMSH and it can only give the students a better and more outstanding opportunity for a good education. We hope that the students at RMSH will make the best use of these new facilities.

"Up to their ears"



GRYPHON Staff Thanks Officials

Open letter

The GRYPHON staff would like to thank Mr. Colombo, principal, Mr. Armstrong, associate principal, and Mr. Langley, assistant principal, along with the teachers and educational administrative unit of Rocky Mount for the efficient way in which the RMSH school situation was handled. We should all be aware of the tedious long hours that these officials spent in deliberation in an effort to act justly while preserving order in this educational system. They should be commended for the magnificent manner in which such a difficult situation was handled.

The Rocky Mount policemen, now absent from the halls of RMSH, are also due respect and admiration for the calm atmosphere that they helped to restore.

Last, but not least, the student body commands admiration for "keeping cool" and not allowing one small incident to disrupt regular school routine.

It seems that every year the same problems come up at RMSH and this year is no exception. Recently, following an assembly that should have been of interest to all students, there were many comments on the conduct of the students present. These students were not sophomores but juniors and seniors that should, after serving time here, know better. This problem is out of place (more like a junior high).

If you think there's nothing good happening, you will soon be proven wrong, for the students of the mobile units soon will move from their home away from home to brand, new classrooms that have been under construction during the school year. This long awaited venture will mark the first time that



"Thanksgiving Spirit"

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