

# Best Year Yet

A great season for the RMSH football team ended November sixth. The Gryphons compiled a fantastic 9-1 record and finished the season as co-champs of the 4-A conference's Division II. The Gryph's only loss came at the hands of the Goldsboro Cougars. Goldsboro will represent Division II in the playoffs, due to their victory over RMSH.

During the entire season, the players demonstrated their skill and ability as well as their desire to become a unified team. Each week it seemed as if the squad had several key players with injuries, but the efforts of the players overcame the obstacles.

The student body also proved to be a winner with their support of the team. At every road game, there were buses chartered and the Rocky Mount turnout proved to be better than the hometown crowd. The sophomores showed the best school spirit of any past sophomore class at RMSH. They are to be commended for their tremendous support and enthusiasm.

The backbone of our football team is our fine coaching staff. The men have done an outstanding job in preparing these young men physically and mentally for each contest.

We, the members of the GRYPHON staff would like to thank the players, coaches, cheerleaders, and managers for making this the best football season in the history of the new RMSH. Most of all we hope that the spirit will continue through the coming year.

Richard Newman

# Those Senior Things

Once again, as is the case nearly every year, the classes of RMSH are torn in dispute over senior privileges, only this year things seem a little worse.

The senior class has traditionally been given several privileges including leaving class early to go to lunch, being able to go to the front of the lunch line during the first few minutes of the lunch period and leaving assembly before the other two classes. Unfortunately, underclassmen have failed to recognize these privileges to the seniors by saying that they have been mistreated due to their class position in other school activities. The fact remains that very little has been done to enforce the senior privileges especially where leaving first from assemblies is concerned.

It all boils down to one word--respect. If we will respect the privileges given to those who have earned them and dispense with this highly competitive atmosphere that divides us and become the Gryphons, one unified spirit, we will all benefit from the experience.

# Sacrificed Spirit

"Shop in November, relax in December."

The power unleashed by this Hudson-Belk stores advertisement has now become unlimited in its use. Here we are, preparing for "Turkey-Day" and what do we find in the stores?--Christmas decorations. This is the time of year to give thanks for our many blessings and all we are thankful for is that we have the time and money to be able to buy Christmas presents early enough so we won't get caught in the mob three hours before closing time on December 24th.

It is a shame that merchants can't wait at least until after Thanksgiving to prepare for Christmas. Do you realize that Christmas decorations began to appear in Rocky Mount the day before Halloween! The advertisers do need time, granted, but think of the mental torture that the sight of Santa Claus inflicts upon the small children who wait three-hundred and sixty-four days a year for Christmas.

People have said in past years that Christmas is becoming a wholly secularized and materialistic holiday. The pre-season ads that we are coming in contact with now is a prime example of this change. Beauty is abounding in the Christmas season, but if the spirit of Christmas is to be sacrificed for the sake of beauty and to bring more profit to our beloved storeowners--FORGET IT!

# Around The Campus

by Tim Brinn

Congratulations to the 1970 RMSH football team for an outstanding 9-1 record. It's indeed unfortunate that a team with a greater loss record must represent the conference. But, football is a game of hard knocks and that was just one of the larger thuds. At any rate, the season ended on just the right note as the Gryphs out-fought Wilson 14-13. All the folks from that little town down 301 were probably just a little stunned by the score. I just hope that a fellow named Carlester "C.C.", or a few other slightly more colorful nicknames, was at that game to see the streak end.

Now that football is over, we can look forward to basketball and wrestling. The roundballers are looking forward to an outstanding season. Although Coach Hicks says that they're "fair," to the interested student that means a great

season. Basketball buses will probably be chartered. It would be great to see the spirit that filled enemy stadiums with RMSH fans during the grid season continue.

Speaking of fans, did you know that RMSH had perhaps the largest crowds at wrestling matches of all the conference teams last year? It's true--our 50 or 60 supporters were true blue.

Wrestling matches are quite exciting. Since a ticket only costs 50 cents, you can't lose. The fans last year came for various reasons. Some wanted to see their buddy get killed, some wanted to see their boyfriend kill somebody else, and since it was Thursday night some people just wanted to forget homework. So if you've had a bad day, but you're lazy and want to see somebody else work off your frustrations, just drop by the RMSH gym, "the pit", any match night.

This season opens with an exciting match against New Bern, probably the best outfit in the state. But head wrestling coach Phil Harris would like nothing better than to see his charges, all of whom have one year's experience or less, shock his former team. This year's squad is tough, so come on out and see them in action. RMSH, you're lucky enough to have good teams--please support them!

Join the "Save the Turkey" campaign -- have peanut butter sandwiches tomorrow!

# Pakistani Problem

During the month of November, Rocky Mount has had pretty good weather. However, in East Pakistan, the weather has not been quite as nice.

Pakistan is the scene of one of the worst natural accidents in history. The monsoon season hit rather hard this year with driving rains, top-speed winds and tidal waves. Many thousands of people have been killed and millions have been left homeless and will be until help arrives from other nations. Despite the serious consequences, this event may be a blessing in disguise for the overpopulated East. The death of these people may relieve the pressures of just too many mouths to feed.

Individuals can help by donating to relief organizations and doing a little extra praying. With a little help, a few thousand people may live to see tomorrow.

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# Poetry

I live in a world of my own  
Not as a person but as myself  
I see Life, but yet the glare  
hurts my eyes  
I wish I could see where, in  
which field  
I go to harvest the crop.  
The existence doesn't allow for  
I go forth to conquer Troy,  
To find Pompeii,  
To encounter zero.  
But, I go not alone--yet in the  
Hands  
Do I not go  
Where is my walking stick?

ANONYMOUS

### A Caution to Everybody

Consider the auk;  
Becoming extinct because he  
forgot how to fly, and could  
only walk.  
Consider man, who may well  
become extinct  
Because he forgot how to walk  
and learned how to fly be-  
fore he thought.

--Ogden Nash

### Fog

The fog comes  
on little cat feet.

It sits looking  
over harbor and city  
on silent haunches  
and then moves on.

--Carl Sandburg

# Quotes for Today

I think the first virtue is  
to restrain the tongue; he ap-  
proaches nearest to the gods  
who knows how to be silent,  
even though he is in the right.

--Cato

He that hath patience may com-  
pass anything.

--Rabelais

If you have built castles in  
the air your work need not be  
lost; that is where they should  
be. Now put the foundations  
under them.

--Thoreau

Know thyself.

--Socrates

# He Ain't Heavy...



Photo by Bruce Davidson

# He's Our Brother!