

Apathetic Students

It is a crying shame that there exists at RMSH a tremendous feeling of apathy. This feeling is apparent in every sector of the student body. It is not limited to the Sophomore, Junior or Senior class. It is not limited to one race or economic class. It seems to be the "in" thing to be non-active in school activities. It seems that the entire student body cares more about getting home at 3:10 than waiting to hear the end of a pep rally.

There are many examples that may be held to show the "don't care" attitude that 95% of the students have. The conduct in the first assemblies was totally disrespectful. The pep rally for the Hillside game was suddenly brought to a halt because some students had to get to the busses. I'm sure the busses would not leave you. The attendance at the Gryph's home football games has not been what it should be, not to mention the out-of-town games. Whoever heard of a team with a shot at the championship without a following. The GRYPHON subscription campaign ended in near-disaster. The magazine sale was a letdown. The Hi-No-Car sales were not as numerous as had been hoped for. The pep rallies have been relatively quiet, except for the sound of 1500 feet stomping out of the gym while the cheerleaders are still on the court trying to finish their program.

The whole school seems dis-oriented. The students show no respect to the administration; the administration seems, at times, not to know what's going on; and the faculty has no way to control the mass of people who constantly disrupt everything that goes on at RMSH. The people talk about "being together", but they themselves are about as UN-together as they can get.

Rocky Mount Senior High School is a reality, whether we like it or not. It's here to stay, so we better do our best to make it a pleasant place to share the learning process.

Where Have All The Heroes Gone?

What ever happened to America's heroes? What has become of the elite group of real-life and legendary figures that, in the past, seemed to serve as an example for millions of people who were searching for the road to happiness?

It seems as if the heroes have all died or have simply left because of a feeling of being unwanted. Because of their inactiveness, they have left us to find the way ourselves.

The lives of many Americans in preceding generations were tremendously influenced by one or more heroes who had a special lesson or ideal to offer. These people had a respect for the actions and ideals of these heroic characters. They tried to live by these ideals and preached their lessons to their children and neighbors.

The emotions and spirit of such heroes as the giant logger, Paul Bunyan, and the husky railroader, Casey Jones, have been lost in the plastic and concrete of our modern world. The westering spirit of such men as the Chinese "coolies", who built the first continental railroad, has been lost in the commotion of 20th century life. The teachings of humanists such as Socrates, Mahatma Ghandi, and Jesus Christ have been twisted and turned to fit everyone's point of view. The truth has been bent and beaten to match the ideas of certain groups of people.

In these times when America is in need of guidance, take a look at the heroes of early-day America--they offer a lesson to be learned.

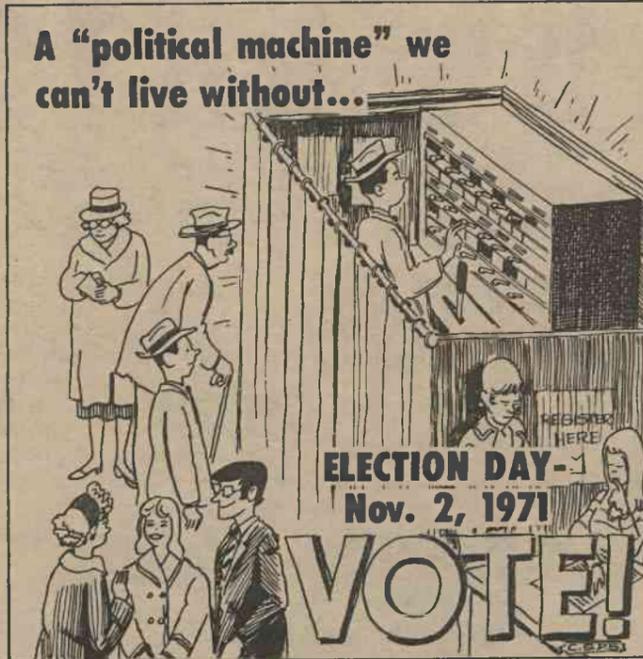
Listen To The Band

Rocky Mount Senior High has many things to be proud of. It has an able faculty, a fine choice of curriculum, and a fine athletic department. Everyone recognizes these assets of RMSH. But there is one unit at RMSH that, for the most part has gone unrecognized by people in Rocky Mount. This unit is the Rocky Mount Senior High School Marching Band. This band is one of the finest bands in North Carolina. They are excellent in musicianship and are a joy to watch on the field.

Under the direction of Mr. J.C. Sykes and Mr. C.S. Woods, the band has molded itself into the fine unit it is today. The band is a sight to see on the field as they perform many intricate maneuvers. The Color Guard, the majorettes, and the rifle corps also make this a sight to see. At Goldsboro, the band made an excellent showing; so well in fact, that they received a standing ovation from the Goldsboro side, as well as the RMSH delegation.

The band should receive a pat on the back for a job well done because they are surely one of the most talented and dedicated units in North Carolina.

A "political machine" we can't live without...



Believe It or not!

(Editor's note--The following is a continuation of a feature we ran last issue. The response was so positive, we decided to run it a second time. I hope you enjoy it.)

FROM OUR BIG DEAL DEPARTMENT:
Ben Franklin invented the harmonica.
There was never a famous twin.
Oliver Cromwell was hanged after he was dead.
Reverend W.B. Hogg, of EL Paso, Texas, memorized the Bible.
A RECORD TO BE SNEEZED AT
James Lanvier sneezed 690 times in succession. 1927.

HOW ABOUT IT, ENGLISH TEACHERS
Homer and Socrates, two of the greatest "writers" of all time, never wrote a single line. Their entire output was committed to memory. Neither of them could read or write.
MORE EPITAPHS
From Edwalton, England:
"Here Lies Mrs. Freland
She drank good ale
Strong punch and wine,
And lived to the age
Of 99."
From Cripplegate, England:
"Here lies Ann Mann
She lived an old maid
But died an old Mann."
From Greenwood, England:
"Here lies in silent clay
Miss Anabella Young,
Who on the 21st of May
Began to hold her tongue."
from Wetumpka, Alabama:
"Here lies the body of Solomon Peas
Under the daisies and under the trees,
Peas is not here--only the pod,
Pias shelled out--went home to
Peas shelled out--went home to God."

From Exon, England:
"God does do wonders now and then;
Here lies a lawyer who was an honest man."

pical Sebastian love song. "Apple Hill," the fourth cut, tells of a trip to a small town in which Sebastian finds peace in the quiet atmosphere. "Black Satin Kid" was written about Sebastian's drummer, Dallas Taylor, also of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young fame.

Around The Campus

By RICHARD NEWMAN

This newspaper is a reflection on the entire student body. This newspaper, like much of the student body is in bad shape. The reason this paper is in bad shape is the majority of students in this school don't care about this paper, and don't care about this school. The student body will be content with being their apathetic, complaining selves.

This year, my staff and myself have tried to put together a paper that would truly be an outlet for student opinion, as well as an entertaining and informative journal. I have tried to make this paper one that students would enjoy and look forward to each issue. Most of the staff members honestly want to publish a paper that you will enjoy. In my opinion, the staff is interested in giving this paper a direction; something which it has not had in recent years. To continue this we need your support. If you have already bought a subscription, please encourage others to do so. If you haven't bought a subscription, please buy one; because without your support, we cannot continue to publish this paper.

FILM FESTIVAL

In the happenings around Rocky Mount, the WRMT Contemporary Film Festival is in its second phase. Tonight, the Beatle flick, "Yellow Submarine" is at the Center Theater. Next Friday, the return of "Monterey Pep" will attract many students. This film was here about two months ago, so if you didn't see it then, plan to check it out this time around. The next Friday, "The Strawberry Statement", the story of James Simon Kunen, tells of the life of a college radical. This is, in my opinion, THE film to see. It is a stirring comment on our social scene. Check it out.

During the next few months, the students at RMSH will be subjected to some very promising assemblies. The Assembly Committee of the SRA has scheduled two very unique assemblies to be held in November and December. In November, the Assembly Committee will present a variety show featuring local talent. There will be music, dance and singing by the more talented students at RMSH. Then, in December, there will be an assembly presented by the Drama Department. This assembly will feature short plays adapted from

old fairy tales. This kind of theater has become very popular all over the country, with the most successful troupe being Paul Sill's "Story Theater". The program will be headed by Mr. Bill Rawls and the Dramatics 11 students, some of who participated in the Story Theater session at the Tank Theater during the summer.

Enough for now. Go Gryphs, see the flicks, and lay the suggestions on me. Peace.

Record Review

"The Four Of Us"

I am one of the many people who can find no wrong with John B. Sebastian. There is not a single person in the music field who is more versatile or talented than John Sebastian.

In his latest attempt, the ex-leader of the Lovin Spoonful exhibits many previously hidden talents. On his latest LP, "The Four of Us," Sebastian plays all guitars as well as keyboards and probably the best blues harp of any popular performer.

The album begins with two hard rock numbers, "Well, Well Well," and "Black Snake Blues." These exhibit Sebastian's talent for raw, gutsy blues. The next cut, "Don't Want Nobody Else," is a ty-

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