

Newest Thing Since Roller Derby

**New Sport Added To Curriculum
With 1,521 Participating At RM**

Students, beware! A new varsity sport has been included as part of the curriculum. If you are aggressive and love to hit, this is the sport for you.

There is no definite name for this sport although many compare it to Roller Derby. Many feel it was derived from this game. As a participant (probably more of a victim) of this fast-growing competition, I can tell you truthfully that all you've ever heard about it is true!

The contest is divided into six five-minute time periods. This is a new ruling from last year when the time segments were only four minutes long.

A change of the authorities from a single commissioner to a triumvirate has been cited by some as the main stimulus for this change.

For those students who don't know too much about the sport, let's listen to a taped segment of the last game, which may be heard over WRMSH, everyday on the hour, with 1521 kilowatts of power.

"Hello fans, featured here today are four of the finest teams Rocky Mount has ever put together for quite some time. For you new listeners, let me tell you how it works. At the signal of the bell, the four teams enter the playing

area at once. Now, the fun begins! Each team tries to move to the opposite end of the arena before the time runs out. Here at Rocky Mount, a hotbed of the bruising sport, the playing area consists of four halls which meet at one point. Now for some of the 'play by play' action.

AND THE GAME BEGINS
"The bell rings, signaling the start of action in the first period. And here come the lead blockers from each side . . . WOW! What a hit! A player just had his books (books? what is this, a satire on between-class hall traffic or something?) strewn all over the floor. No one will help him collect them, for in this sport, it's every man for himself. Of course, if the teams get really rough, the coaches have the right to detain them after the game. And there's a coach now, warning a student of his over-aggressiveness. By the way, that particular coach has been on the professional circuit for quite some time now; and on the side she teaches English (She? a woman coach, sure, this is a non-discriminatory sport!)."

SPORT THREATENED

Fans, many of you know or have heard that recently there has been some dissention expressed by the administration, coaches, and participants who feel that the halls are not adequate for the growth of the game. Many have gone as far to state that they want this sport abolished. Well, let's go back to your local stations for identification . . ."

This satire was not written strictly as a feature article, and the writer hopes that through the use of symbolism, he has conveyed his point clearly - that is, the need for orderly movement in the halls between classes.



Pictured above are the four RMSH contestants in the Miss Rocky Mount Pageant. They are from left to right: Karen Kirkman, Sue Overton, Janet Fish, and Miriam Lee.

**Ten R. M. Ladies Compete
For Beauty Pageant Title**

"There she is" . . . Miss Rocky Mount. Although we won't have Emcee Bert Parks at our Miss Rocky Mount Pageant, we promise it to be just as exciting as if we did. In Atlantic City, there are more contestants, more spotlights, and more spectators than in Rocky Mount. But that makes no difference to the citizens of our community; the RMSH auditorium will still be flooded with jittery parents, hopeful friends, and distinguished judges.

The Miss Rocky Mount Pageant is sponsored by the Rocky Mount Jaycees. It will be held on November 13, 1971, in the RMSH auditorium.

Rocky Mount Senior High is proud to have four of their active Seniors to participate in the Pageant. They are Janet Fish, Karen Kirkman, Sue Overton, and Miriam Lee. The contestants from other schools in our area are Margaretta Minges, Gay Warren, Candy Tanner, Kathy McIntyre, and Paula Drake. The winner of the Miss OIC Pageant, Claretta Washington, was not able to participate in the Miss Rocky Mount Pageant because she was not of

the required age. Therefore, the first runner-up, Doneva Chavis, will run for the title of Miss Rocky Mount also.

The contestants will be judged in three competitive categories. They are the evening gown, swimsuit, and talent competitions. The winner and first runner-ups will be awarded various scholarships by the Pepsi-Cola Company.

The best of luck to each of these young ladies!

**RMSH Deserves
Students' Support
For Clean School**

Take a look around the RMSH cafeteria. If there is trash on the table, Mrs. Bell is there to get it off. The trash left on the tables is a disgrace to the school. Is this the condition in which we leave our tables at home? Of course not. So why not have good manners at school! The trash in and around the cafeteria is the result of laziness and forgotten responsibility of many students. It is also the result of a lack of school pride. If we intend to have a clean school, the students themselves must make it their responsibility to cleanup.

To a visitor in our school, the condition and appearance of the cafeteria, for example, would cast a degrading shadow over the general appearance of our school.

Perhaps we are not conscious of the things which we do that tend to damage the appearance of the school. We must become aware of these things ourselves. Mrs. Bell should not have to devote her time and effort to cleaning off lunch tables. We the students should be the ones to follow her example.

Starting now, have pride in your school and make it the best one possible.

**Another Outlook
Mankind--Pollution Or Solution?**

In primitive times, man lived in fear of animals, night, and any other force of nature that he could not predict or understand. Thus, his enemy was nature as he knew it. Today, civilized man lives in such an advanced era, that he no longer lives in fear of large carnivorous animals. But now, man is faced with even a greater problem, himself. The powerful, destructive enemy of man today, is, ironically, man alone.

Now, in an age of such scientific advancement, we forget to respect each other as individuals. We see each other as a mass of people with a certain race, color or nationality, different from our own. Consequently, we are separated from each other, because we seldom try to bridge the "differences" between us.

A great portion of the people in our booming metropoli-

tan cities seldom see the crystal blue sky, or a spring green lawn of grass, unless they leave the filthy cities to take "refuge" in suburban areas. But even then the sky is a blue grey, and the green grass is cluttered with ugly waste. Commercially, everything is being made easier for us, but is it really? This is a very "disposable" society, but nothing is thrown away in the proper manner. We are all guilty of being too lazy to find a trash can, so we just drop waste paper on the nearest green lawn, in hopes that someone will eventually pick it up.

There is a solution, but only man can make it work. We must stop competing with each other and begin to help one another. Too much time is put into scientific development and too little is given to human nature. The question is now, will we realize this necessity in time?

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