

SRA Vote

About two weeks ago, the student Representative Assembly at RMSH discussed, and voted on an issue that concerns every student at Senior High. The SRA, after lengthy discussion voted to allow self-nomination as a means of nomination for class officers and SRA posts.

This decision, in effect says that every student who is registered to vote may offer himself (or herself) as a candidate for an office. Each candidate must fill out a self-nomination blank, which includes statements on past experience, willingness to run and personal qualifications.

The nominees must include "bad" characteristics as well as good ones. These "bad" characteristics include suspensions, arrests and convictions. Each candidate realizes before he fills out the form that every fact about him will be published and will be available to the entire student body. Therefore, any information he withholds from the self-nomination blank will be added by a faculty member after consulting his personal record. So, if a person consider running and has a blemish in his background that he doesn't want the world to know about -- he better count out running for office.

By abolishing the nominating committee, the Valentine Administration made a gigantic step forward in giving students a voice in their future. By the actions of the Bulluck Administration the students have been given more power to chose their own leaders, and they have also be assured of knowing the facts about the people they will be electing.



Its That Time Again

It seems as if it would never get here. Christmas, I mean. A holiday from school. A holiday from work. A time to play around. A carefree time of late nights and late mornings. A time of receiving gifts from parents and friends (and I almost forgot the Sophomores main gift-giver, Santa Claus, of course.) A time of good food and drink. A time of parties. For most of us.

But what about the ones who are not so fortunate? How about the ones who will not receive gifts and do not have a turkey or baked ham to look forward to? These people should be able to experience some of the Christmas spirit. You might say, "But what can I do?"

You can do plenty. There are organizations in Rocky Mount that will take old clothes, old toys, food and fuel and distribute these articles to needy families. These families would be very appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

For isn't part of the Christmas spirit the joy in giving and sharing of one's wealth? Merry Christmas.

Ten Commandments

1. Gain respect for yourself by giving respect to others.
2. Be courteous. It costs you nothing but brings great returns in others' attitudes toward you.
3. Give the other fellow a chance. Don't pre-judge him before getting to know him.
4. Practice friendship. If you would have a friend, be a friend.
5. Take part in your community's affairs instead of griping about what others are doing wrong.

6. Rocky Mount is progressing. Cooperate to speed that progress.
7. If you want a better opportunity prepare yourself to accept it. Training is available!
8. Never forget that a city can't be built in a day but a community can be torn apart in one night.
9. Realize that communication is the beginning of understanding.
10. Everybody must help. Join the effort!

SEND IT EARLY...



Around The Campus

By RICHARD NEWMAN

Ho, ho, ho. Merry Christmas. It's the last day of school, and everyone is ready to get out for the holidays. Senior themes are completed, and we don't have to worry about the old 8:30 to 3:05 routine for the next two weeks. Make a joyful noise.

About two weeks ago the Dramatics Department presented an assembly for Sophomores and Juniors. The assembly was a presentation of three pieces of theatre that the department had been working on for two

months. The reaction to the assembly was very positive and the audience enjoyed the production very much. Hopefully, the administration will schedule many more assemblies of this enjoyable caliber.

The Gryphons roundballers got off to a good start with three consecutive victories. The Gryphs totally demolished the Tarboro Vikings in their first and third outings. The Gryphs pulled out a squeaker against the arch-rival Northern Nash Knights. In their fourth outing, the Gryphs lost a hard-fought contest to the Knights. The Gryphons are playing fine basketball and should be in the thick of the Division II race. Get out and support our basketball squad.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Peace.

NOTES from NEWMAN

No one likes us, I don't know why, We may not be perfect, but God knows we try. And all around even our friends put us down, Let's drop the big one and see what happens.

We give them money, but are they grateful? No, they're spiteful and they're hateful. They don't respect us so let's surprise them Let's drop the big one and pulverize them.

Asia's crowded and Europe's too old, Africa's too hot and Canada's too cold, And South America stole our name. Let's drop the big one, there'll be no one left to blame us.

We'll save Australia, Don't want to hurt no kangaroo, We'll build an all-American amusement park there, They got surflin' too.

Boom goes London and boom Paris, More room for you and more room for me. And every city the whole world round, Will just be another American town.

Oh, how peaceful it will be, We'll set everyone free, You'll wear a Japanese kimono, There'll be Italian shoes for me, They'll all hate us anyhow, So let's drop the big one, let's drop it now.

RECORDS IN '71

Editor's note - (Instead of the usual shooting-off the mouth, 500 word review on one single album, I will offer my comments on several new LP's and, as customary for reviews, I will chose my top 10 LP's for 1971, which may be different from your choices but remember its my column.)

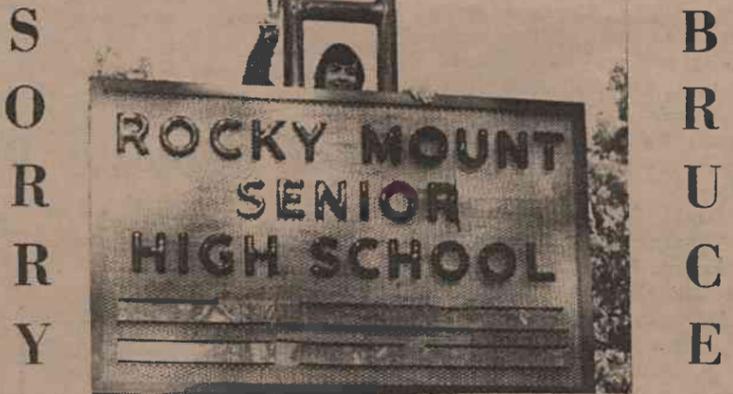
"Black Moses" - Issac Hayes' offers a fantastic follow-up of the Hayes' soul that everyone is used to. Very good music and lyrics that rival Dylan's poetry.

"Humble Pie-Performance"- One of the best rock bands in the world comes on strong with their first live LP. This will make people listen to a band that I have loved since I first heard their second album, "Rock On." "Don't need No Doctor" is from this album, and is representative of the entire two record set.

Traffic - "High - Heeled Boys" - Stevie Winwood has finally put together a band that can cook. They seem to be as tight as any rock band and Winwood has improved his lyrics and his voice.

Now, for my top 10 album selections for 1971:

1. Tea For the Tillerman - Cat Stevens
2. Songs for Beginners - Graham Nash
3. The Four of Us - John Sebastian
4. Aqualung - Jethro Tull
5. Imagine - John Lennon
6. Long Player - Small Faces
7. Love It To Death - Alice Cooper
8. Cahoots - The Band
9. Mayall in Europe - John Mayall
10. 5'11 Getcha Ten - Cowboy



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