

MIKE BARNHILL AND MARY BARR . . . ROTARY COUPLE

### February Valentines Bring Rotary Couple Into Focus

Mike's personality traits. Mike

is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.

Mike has been "racking up"

the honors lately. He was re-

cently selected as an Outstand-

ing Senior. And he is out-

He has participated in the

student government as Junior

Class President, Sophomore

Vice-President, and a member

of the Human Relations and So-

cial Committees. He is also

on a special Graduation Steer-

ing Committee and was a More-

"I feel that the honor is im-

portant, especially to people

of our age. We have so much

freedom that we must also en-

tertain some type of honor code

to govern our actions," was

Mike's profound statement on

When asked about our school,

Mike replied, "Our school could be much better, but I can't think

of any action by the administration that would improve Se-

nior High. Change will come

about only after a rash of in-

terest and loyalty irritates the

students into action." As one

can see, Mike is never at a

Upon graduation, Mike plans

to attend the University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill. He will

study either law or social

K. Barnhill.

standing!

head Nominee.

the Rotary honor.

loss for words.

science education.

Although most Seniors are now anticipating graduation, they are still hopeful of achieving a lot of things in the remaining two months of their high school days. Two such Seniors are Mary Barr and Mike Barnhill. They have been selected as February's Rotary

Mary Barr

Who's the girl with the great sense of humor whom everyone knows? Mary Barr, of course! And who is the girl who hiccups when a teacher calls her name? Who else but Mary Barr? Well, we've got that fact established. Mary Barr is February's Rotary Girl.

Mary, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Eady Barr, is a member of St. John A.M.E. Zion Church. She was recently given the honor of being selected as an Outstanding Senior. Also, she is a member of the National Honor Jociety, Booster Club, Stu-dent Drug Task Force, Representative to the SRA, and Business Manager for the Gryphon staff. Quite a list, huh? Well, that's not all. Outside of school, Mary is a member of the T.A.C., Mayor's Com-mittee for Drub Abuse, and a National Merit Finalist.

Mary's future plans include attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and majoring in journalism.

Mike Barnhill

What can one say about Mike Barnhill? For one thing, he is a very congenial person who has a great sense of humor. Courtesy is another one of

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## School Day Blues Caused As Graduation Approaches LD Mericks

My graduation cap and gown flutter in the gentle breeze of the summer night. June 5th has finally arrived and here I am -- a graduating senior! Thoughts of elementary school still linger in my mind. It seems just a short time ago that I had a gigantic crush on Stanley Graham in the first grade. I remember the commencement program that we held when we "graduated" from grammar school.

My thoughts advance to junior high school and beginning of football games and sockhops. My world expanded as I came to know 200 other kids who had entered the thrill of junior high. The ninth grade brought my first French class, I thought I was so cool because I knew how to say hello and good-bye in French. If my ninth grade French teacher could see me now!

Finally it happened--the giant step to Rocky Mount Senior High. Wow, here I was -- the dumbest sophomore in the entire school. The tenth grade was full of cutty remarks about Santa Claus and bicycles with kickstands. Then there was my biology class with Harvey the Skeleton making eyes at me. He was the skinniest guy I ever met.

It wasn't so bad during my junior year because there were new sophomores to pester now! Of course, the big event in any junior's year is the annual Junior - Senior. After much preparation, the girls floated through the doors at Tarrytown Mall, while the guys looked like penguins waddling

around. What a night!

The guy sitting next to me begins to get nervous and starts biting his nails. My thoughts reflect back on the greatest year of my life--the year of the mighty senior! The days of sleep while juniors and sophomores slaved over exams haunt me. Just think -- in thirty minutes Pll be home -- free. As the stately "Pomp and

Circumstance" flows over the P.A. system, I feel my heart fluttering. Pve come through twelve long years of school and finally I'm being repaid for those nights of studying. The graduating senior class of 1972 rises as each name is blared out to the anxious parents and friends. They've made it through the L's -- only seven more names until mine. Hair's fixed, cap's straight, gown's neatcheck! The countdown is at three-only three more names to me! Two, One-me. What? They forgot my name . . . there must be some mistake . . . heh, fellows, wait for me!





All the Way!

Along the ocean's shore The sea gulls fly hungrily Looking for their prey. Dawn Plummer

A tree branching out Showing its new green outfit To the waiting world. Jo Safy

Snowflakes falling down Touch the earth so silently You can't hear a sound.

Did you every think Of capturing a splashing Wave in your small hand? Tricia Whitley

Walking in the sand Watching the seagulls pass over Is trainquility. Deborah 'Swanson

A snow-topped mountain Waits for excited skiers To glide down its back. Deborah Bowen

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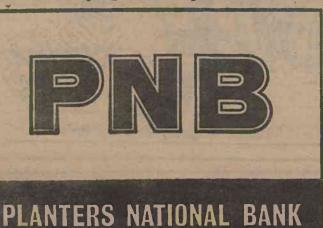
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