

Questions

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All my life,
I've looked up to you.
I've asked you questions.
"Mommy, where do babies
come from?"
"Daddy, what makes the sun
come up?"
I've always asked questions,
and you
always had answers.
Who
What
When
Where. . .
Until one day I asked a ques-
tion,
and you couldn't answer it.
You just stood there,
with a blank look on
your faces, not
knowing, or even compre-
hending,
the answer.
You, the wise ones,
The respected,
The Parents,
of the world
Who Know All,
Couldn't even answer my
one, little question.
And that short, simple
question was:
"WHY?"

When I think of you,
I think of
a field of wild daisies,
being blown by the wind,
and chastened by the sun.
I think of
a lonely stretch of
beach,
white sand reflecting
the orange setting sun,
with the waves gently
lapping at our feet.
I think of,
holding in nervous hands
a pale blue, fragile robin's
egg,
and watching it hatch;
witnessing a miracle, right
before our eyes.

When I think of you,
I think of a million things,
all more beautiful
than the one before it,
But none
more beautiful
than you.
--Someone who cares

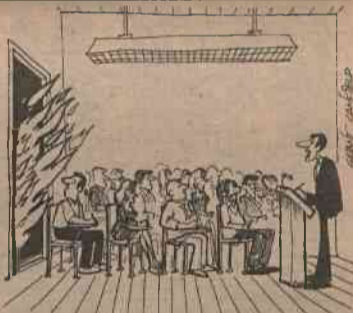
Switchboard House In Great Danger Of Closing Down

About three months ago there was an article in this paper telling of a drug abuse information, rap house type thing called Switchboard. You may recall that the article stated, "... call Switchboard or visit the house. You will find a friendly interested person to rap to, or give you references to get the help you want." If you have called Switchboard in the past few weeks you have probably found that promised friendly voice to be a long string of unanswered telephone rings. This is due to the inadequacy of the house facilities and the lack of interested and responsible trained staff members.

As of now, Switchboard has two main problems, money and people. The director of Switchboard, Eddie Baysden, is now in the process of trying to plan another training session for interested people who would like to become Switchboard staff members. Switchboard needs interested people who are willing to work and could really get something out of helping other people.

Switchboard is not doing a fantastic job right now, but if enough people were willing to become good staff members, maybe Switchboard could bloom into a city-wide drug abuse help and information center. Which is what this town really needs if we are to rid ourselves of the growing abuse of hard drugs.

If you are really interested in helping other people, or if you just have a lot of extra time on your hands and think that you could really enjoy this type of volunteer work get into Switchboard.



"Class, I've been asked to make the following announcement . . ."



Human Relations Couple Brighten December Days

The Human Relations Committee met after school on Friday, December 8, to choose the Human Relations Couple for the month of December. They decided this time to choose just seniors because they have gone to senior high for three years without receiving an award.

The Committee chose Kent Washburn and Diane Dancy as the Human Relations Couple for this month.

Diane Dancy
Those of you in Distributive Education probably know Diane as a very friendly and ambitious girl. She is indeed ambitious! And definitely friendly!

Diane is also an active member of the Good Sports Club, Distributive Education Club, and the Rhoers Club. When she's not in school, she sings in her church chorus.

When asked about her reaction to this honor she said, "I was thrilled!", she also said "I actually turned red!"

Diane lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Dancy, at 1421 "C" Street.

After graduation Diane plans to attend a college or a business school. While going to school she wants to major in business administration. When she graduated she would like to be a legal secretary.

Kent Washburn
Most of you know Kent Washburn as a radio announcer, probably by the simple name "The Kid." Kent is a radio

announcer, plus he's a really great guy.

Kent is a member of the Distributive Education Club and he is on the "Gryphon" staff.

When he was asked about his reaction to this award he said "I was surprised greatly!"

Kent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Washburn of 3220 Hawthorne Road.

After Kent graduates from High School he plans to attend Appalachian State University in Boone, N. C.

Band Plays For Mighty Gryphons

The Rocky Mount Senior High School Band is a vital part of our school. The band, composed of 135 members, began the year practicing during sixth period on the lower football field. It is a precision drill unit that performs intricate formations in which precise timing is required. Practice was on most Tuesday and Thursday nights under the supervision of Mr. John Sykes and Mr. Charles Woods.

The color guard and majorettes are two special divisions of the band. The color guard, composed of sixteen flash flags, four honor flags, six rifles, and two commanders, began practice a week before school started. The members worked with the band performing military drills. Selection based on individual qualities and academic skills.

In order to keep the beat, a sixteen member drum squad played a variety of cadences. These were played continually in parades and performances.

The band has marched in the Fireman's Parade, the Christmas Parade, and the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade. It has performed in five home games and at the Durham Senior game. Other plans are being made and will be announced later.

The "Marching Gryphons" appreciate the compliments on their last half-time show. The band is proud to march for Mighty RMSH!!!!



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