

GRYPHON EDITORIALS

Take A Bite

Students now in RMSH are living the most important part of their life. So much of it is spent in school that most students forget the outside world. Little do we realize that this is the time to get involved with more than school work and tests. This is the time of learning, but not all of it has to be in school. There's a whole different world from history books and corridor passes out there. We should grasp out for all the knowledge we can. We should get involved with the community, with the political scene. We can't say it's a crummy world because we're part of it, and we have no right to complain unless we help out. There are horizons for us to explore and mountains to climb. Get out from behind your books and take a good look at all that is going on and find out where you fit in. The things taught in school are necessary and will help us graduate, but the knowledge we get from other things in life is a part of this pattern, so put the pattern together; take a bite of the world and even swallow the seeds of involvement.

The Small Percentage

There are only two words which are fitting for the four hundred or more students who sold magazine subscriptions for the school. Thank you. You have proven your school spirit and your interest in the school. Thank you for caring, for helping out, and especially for doing the job that more should have done. There is a small percentage of students who work for the betterment of school and in a sense, they run it. No one has the right to gripe about students who control most of the activities as long as the others stand back and just watch. It isn't fair to those who care about their school to do all the work for everyone else who could care less. The magazine subscription sale is the only money making project during the year. I'm sure everyone is tired of hearing that if we don't have enough money, then there won't be a Junior - Senior this year. No one realizes how close that is to coming true. It seems that the best thing to do would be to only invite the students that sold at least one ad to the Junior - Senior. Of course that wouldn't work either. Those students who didn't sell any and wouldn't be able to go would start complaining and would probably end up being more trouble than it was worth. Everyone who did not sell an ad, be sure you thank those who did. If you did not sell one, you are guilty of negligence; Negligence to your school and to your duties as a member of the RMSH student body.

The Day Of Halloween

The yearly celebration on October 31, Halloween, dates far back into history. It really is a combination of two different festivals. The Romans gave a feast in honor of their goddess of fruit trees, Pomona, the first of November; while in Britain the Druids honored their sun-god, and gave thanks for the year's harvest. These two festivals, from the eyes of other countries, seemed to have become one. When Christianity became predominant, the early Church Fathers gave the night a new association by holding it in commemoration of all saints. The eve then came to be called All Hallow E'en, which came from the English word halwe, or, as we say, holy.

Many beliefs have sprung up about this day since its beginning. It is said that on this one night the spirits are allowed to visit their old homes. Also it is believed that children born on this day possess the ability to perceive and converse with supernatural beings.

Halloween is a time of fun and holds a special place in the hearts of many. Watch carefully that those pranks you plan don't destroy other's joys and property. Make this Halloween a safe, fun, and memorable one.

You Need To Study!

The first nine weeks has passed quickly with the beginning of the 1973-1974 school year. Many students still haven't realized the importance of studying and participating in their various classes.

Although it has been tempting to slack up on studying lately, with Homecoming and many football games, one must remember that his schoolwork comes first in priority before anything else.

Everyone is responsible to himself and to his fellow man to learn all that he possibly can. Not only is it expected of him, but it is required of him to learn so that he will be successful in whatever his future occupation may be.

One should develop good study habits in his high school years so that when he is required to do "book work" in his future occupation he will know how. Also, if one plans to continue his education at a college or university he will benefit from forming good study habits now which he may utilize later.

Studying should become a daily routine in everyone's life. If one becomes consistent in his studying and really applies himself, not only will he feel more intelligent but he will be more intelligent.

Studying will never be in vain for there will always be an opportunity for the "intelligent people" to shine, and who knows you may be one of those people!

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Now that our senior privileges have been granted, it is up to us to make good and worthwhile use of them. Seniors, you have earned the privileges so take advantage of them - leave the assemblies first, work for your exam exemption, park in the senior parking area - but under no circumstances abuse them!

Juniors and sophomores, you too play an important part

in the success of the senior privileges. Please cooperate with the seniors in the carrying out of senior privileges. Remember, one day you too will be seniors, and the success of the class of '74 with these privileges may determine whether or not they will be granted to you in the future.

Sincerely,
Richard McLean
Senior Class Vice-President

Around the Campus

By Debbie Harvey

Welcome to another edition of the GRYPHON. I hope everyone will enjoy this edition of happenings in RMSH and throughout the community.

It hardly seems possible that our first nine weeks is over, but when one thinks about it, a lot has happened since the beginning of school. Most of us have been very busy selling magazines or preparing for Homecoming. Our magazine sales weren't bad but... they could have been better.

Homecoming was really something this year, wasn't it? The Mini-Parade was terrific! No one can ever say RMSH students don't have school spirit. I don't think a person who walked out of the gym that Friday was lacking in enthusiasm for our "mighty" Gryphs. The final boost of the day was our victory over Hillside 18-0. The Gryphs sure played a great game.

Did You Know?

Many students at RMSH have no idea of why the school's mascot is the Gryphon and why the school's colors are blue-black and gold.

RMSH was formed from the combining of Booker T. Washington High and old Rocky Mount High. Both of these schools had their own individual mascots and colors which were combined to make a mascot and school colors for RMSH.

Booker T. Washington had the mascot of a lion and the school colors of blue and gold. Rocky Mount High had the mascot of a blackbird and the colors were black and gold. Therefore, the combined mascots equaled a Gryphon, an animal half lion and half bird, and the school colors became blue-black and gold.

Along with being busy, RMSH students have already enjoyed one of their holidays. No one can complain about not receiving a fair share of holidays for this school year. The extra breaks will help revive everyone's enthusiasm by giving students a chance to forget school work for a day or so.

Also during the first nine weeks, many of us were involved in the N.C.A.S. State Project which was really different! I think everyone enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and, should I say, "colorful" clothes that were part of the project.

The Seniors have really got it made with their own special section of the parking lot... and those CLASS of '74 entrance markers. Talk about class spirit!

I would like to remind everyone that if one has a complaint or comment, write a "Letter to the Editor". A "Letter to the Editor" is a perfect opportunity for anyone to air a gripe or compliment, so go ahead and write us, we'll be glad to listen.

SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST (from page 1)

the spring. At least 225 of the awards to be made in 1974 will be National Achievement \$1000 Scholarships, that will provide a single payment of \$1000 to the winners next fall, after enrolling in a regionally accredited U. S. College. About 125 Achievement Scholarships will be four year renewable awards in 1974, ranging in value from \$100 per year to \$1500 per year.

To continue in the scholarship competition, the semifinalists must qualify as finalists by receiving the endorsement of their schools and by meeting other standard requirements. More than 900 semifinalists are expected to advance in the

Dear Editor,

The words, "oh say, can you see?" taken from our national anthem could also be taken as the most popular thing to say at a football game these days if you happen to sitting on one of the first five rows of bleachers in our stadium. The mass movement of bodies especially the football field where the game is being played, in some way reminds me of what the lemmings' suicidal rush to the sea must look like. The movement of bodies isn't nearly as irritating as the group who decides to be stationary during all four quarters regardless of the fact that their station occupies the place in space where your eyes could most easily take in the action unless they are located somewhere other than in the upper portion of your head.

Disrespect for the inability of others to see isn't in any way comparable to the disrespect shown by some during the prayer and playing of our national anthem at the beginning of each football game. My purpose is not to implore anyone to emote anything of a patriotic or religious nature on these occasions but to show respect for those who do. In this situation, silence says more than anything spoken ever could.

I don't plead for absolute quiet at football games - all I am asking for is respect for other peoples' rights and a courtesy for all that would allow everyone at any football game to enjoy themselves. If everyone does this, then nobody at RMSH will ever come to school on Monday morning with a broken nose gotten when he asked a six foot, two hundred pound person to move out of his way.

Sincerely,
Mary Thane Barnes

competition by becoming finalists, and only finalists are considered for the National Achievement scholarships.

The Achievement Semifinalists being announced were among 50,000 Black Students in some 6,000 high schools who requested consideration in the competition when they took the preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Testing National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in October of 1972.

STUDENT COUNCIL SEMINARS (from page 1)

Dakota Association of Student Councils and Principal of North High School, Fargo, North Dakota, will be the main speaker.

Each school may send three official delegates. Bill Roebuck, Wanda Joyner, and Shirley Bullock are the three RMSH delegates. There will be district meetings, campaign speeches for state officers, and a banquet and dance for the delegates of the NCASC.

Weldon Workshop

The Weldon Workshop was held Saturday, Oct. 13, at Weldon Senior High School. RMSH sent six delegates to the workshop. They were Wanda Henderson, Natalie Knight, Sally Davis, Stephanie Branch, Bill Roebuck, Cathy Evans, and Nancy Davis is going as pres. of the EDNCASC. There were discussion topics to choose from and everyone learned a lot from all of them.

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