

GRYPHON EDITORIALS

The Spirit is Here!

"It's getting to feel a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go," for once again people have donned their Christmas spirit and prepared to celebrate the most cherished season of the year.

Smiles are abundant, along with all the other Christmas cheer, as people prepare themselves for the nearing holidays. Trees are bought, houses decorated, presents wrapped, and "goodies" baked to carry out the theme of love and peace.

People forget their problems and remember the misfortunes and needs of others as they gather gifts and food for those who are needy. Prejudices and hard feelings are put aside, and people come together to form a unity often lacking throughout the other seasons of the year.

It is in this spirit that people remember the birth of Christ and the truly significant meaning of Christmas. It is also with this remembrance that people feel compelled to live life in the best possible way; showing LOVE towards their fellowman.

But, it should be noted, that after this season, brotherly love sometimes seems to vanish into nowhere. This is wrong, for people need to show love ALL year long, not just during Christmas.

Love never grows old and a little good-will and concern for one's fellowman can go a long way towards creating a better atmosphere all year long.

You are the Solution

Today the energy crisis is squeezing us with its cold, dark hand, yet we carefreely cast it out of our mind and continue on our merry way. The responsibility is on our shoulders to help our country conserve what energy we have left. Try to visualize your daily life. Are you a part of the solution or the problem? Hopefully, students at Senior High fall into the first category. If not, then look into the ways you can aid your country in this crisis. At home, you can cut out unnecessary lights, minimize use of electrical appliances, keep doors and windows closed, and lower the thermostat to a lesser, more comfortable temperature. Also, many helpful deeds can be followed at school, such as carpools, cutting out lights, shutting doors and keeping windows closed.

Let's all work together to alleviate this problem and help to create habits to prevent the next one.



Around the Campus

By Debbie Harvey

Christmas is certainly going to be different this year. We are likely to see much more originality in decorations as people avoid the use of electricity. With the gas situation so serious, many of us will be prevented from making cherished visits to see family and friends.

The Christmas spirit here at RMSH is most lacking by any means. RMSH students

have had the opportunity to enjoy two beautiful trees. The National Honor Society decorated a tree with homemade ornaments in the lobby by Mr. Miller's office. Also, the Good Sports Club decorated a tree in the lobby by the main office. Many words of thanks should be expressed by the student body for these two contributing clubs. Also, various classrooms have done their part in helping to create a Christmas spirit around RMSH.

Along with the Christmas spirit, RMSH students have been involved in various other activities. The most exciting of these is basketball season. The student body of RMSH is fortunate to have such an excellent team to represent them this year. Also, to represent RMSH, the Gryphon Grapplers set a fine example of a number one team.

I hope all Seniors are ready to be exempt from their exams. Just in case you haven't heard - The ruling is the same as last year's - all Seniors must have a 90 average or above to be exempt from their exams. If you don't have that 90 average now, study, study, study! You still have a few weeks to pull your average up.

The GRYPHON staff and I hope that you have a very happy and safe Christmas vacation. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Feeling No. 116

This New Year, '74 may you be granted ...

PEACE, that most precious gift, and the trust of mankind to keep it.

FRIENDSHIP, another priceless gift, and loyalty to retain each true friend.

CONTENTMENT, that state of mind, and the determination to keep trying even though you fail.

LOVE, a must for everyone, and consideration for those who share it.

ENTHUSIASM - what would life be without it? - and understanding that "this too must pass."

HOPE, or complete faith in Him, and the knowledge that you have done your best to make each next day ever better.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of RMSH, we would like to express our deep appreciation for the outstanding performance of the '73 Gryphon football team. Throughout the season they exemplified sportsmanship and courage against such traditional rivalries as Northern Nash and Wilson. Their tremendous efforts were rewarded by the fact that they blanked the division, a feat that had not been accomplished in ten years. But, above all, we would like to express our great pride in the winning spirit and optimism that each team member displayed. In conclusion, we would just like to say how grateful we are for the fine efforts of a fine football team, backed by an excellent coaching staff.

Sincerely,
Alison Davenport
Pam James

Dear Editor:

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the handful of students who attended the J.V. basketball games and appeal to the other students to please start coming to the J.V. games. With a record of 3-0 so far, and some really fantastic playing, it seems that more than the Varsity players who have to come early and a few Sophomores would show up! We are a part of the mighty Gryphons and have kept our name high among our contestants.

Six o'clock is rather early to get out to a game, but why not come on and get a good seat and watch an action packed J.V. game. I'm sure the J.V. team doesn't like playing in front of empty bleachers any more than the J.V. cheerleaders enjoy cheering to each other. So please come out and support a very vital part of RMSH.

Sincerely,
Teresa Moseley and
Buelah Battle, Co-Captains of
the J.V. Cheerleaders



They Found The Inn Filled

"...there was no room for them at the inn."

That is part of the sad tale related by Luke.

Think of the possibilities had room been made for Mary in her time of need. Had the selfish or the rich and powerful or even the intelligent among the lodgers at that inn used a bit of heart. what divine

treasures would they have accumulated?

But the story is plain. No ifs can change it; He was born in a barn with a manger for a cradle.

Unfortunately, the theme - "There is no room for them" - remains the verdict of many of us today. We keep people out of our inns because they speak with an accent or pray differently or display black or brown

skin coloring.

At Christmas, however, we mouth the words of brotherhood and peace and goodwill. Yet do they remain words.

For most of us have no room in our hearts for those who are not like us.

But as it was told, so must we all remember: He was not like them either...



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