

GRYPHON EDITORIALS

To be Great

Greatness.. the quality seen but never heard. A characteristic shown by actions, not words. A person does not have to be president of anything or even popular to acquire the quality of greatness.

One needs only to have ambition ... the key to success. To know your goals and limitations and to have determination in conquering them - that is ambition. But one must not become so totally involved in himself in achieving these goals that he forgets the kindness and love he owes to his fellow man. To show kindness and love is a necessity to one idea everyone needs. This idea is understanding other people and their problems, and being able to help them, even if in some small way, to help themselves. Also, one needs to acquire within himself the sincerity and honesty that helps to shape his ideas to those which will be beneficial to not only him but to others. To top this list, one needs to obtain one more characteristic - one more important than any of the others - humility. Without humility, one may never hope to acquire a quality of greatness, for the two are, in a sense, synonymous.

This past month has been a perfect opportunity for one to see that the quality of greatness can be achieved. With the celebration of the births of two of our Presidents, Washington and Lincoln, we see that man makes himself and his country what he wants it to be, but, most important, his country or others come first.

That is the quality of greatness - when people put others first and work with them and himself to reach a goal.

The Other Ways

Rarely does one find in the records of RMSH that an important request of the students is denied by the administration! Yet, the last request of the SRA, that the president of the SRA be an Ex-officio member, was denied at the last meeting of the school Board. Your first impulse is to throw up your hands in despair and give up any hope for the future. But first think on this - The School Board deliberated for two meetings on this subject and examined every angle of the request. It's just that the students were looking forward to having the pride and responsibility of having a student represent them in this high position.

So, don't get disgusted. We still have the Student Advisory Council and now is the time to use it more than ever! They have a great amount of power and can use it to your advantage. There could be many reasons for the request to have been denied, but the important thing to remember is that we, the students, have other ways such as the SAC and open board meetings to express our opinions. So use them, instead of complaining about the administration.

Do your best with little opportunities.
And there will be big opportunities.

Learn from the past ... Live in the present... Plan for the future...
And work those plans.



"If you're going to throw a silver dollar across the Potomac, George, use this counterfeit one."

Around the Campus

By Debbie Harvey

"We are number 1 and you are number 2." This may well become the theme behind the '73-'74 school year as the Gryphon name once more grabbed the victory position. The Gryphon Cagers are the Division I Champs - a title they well deserve for the great job they have done.

Along with watching these thrilling basketball games, RMSH students have had many other activities to occupy their time. Recently the senior class held its first class meeting for second semester to order announcements and other items in preparation for graduation. Also, the junior and sophomore classes held meetings for the installation of their new class officers.

"Each day is an opportunity to start all over again, to cleanse our minds and hearts anew, and to clarify our vision. And let us not clutter up today with the leavings of other days."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

SEVEN CANDIDATES NOMINATED TO GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

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The Governor's School's three main areas of learning activity are: the area where the pupil's special talent lies, the area where the pupil expands his interest and knowledge in classes other than their area of acceptance, and the area of Personal and Social Development. The purpose of the Governor's School is to open windows into the future for the State's most gifted young people thus seeking to prepare them for the role they will be playing in the future.

THE PEOPLE

A big house
can be a little home
if the people are little.
A little house
can be enormous
if the people are big-hearted.
Any wealthy house
can be a poor home.
And warm houses
can be cold homes.
And brilliantly lit houses
can be dark, indeed.
It's people in those houses
that make the difference.
People make houses
large, though small.
For people, though very poor,
can be quite rich.
Only people
make houses, homes.
Loving people...

The GRYPHON staff is busy preparing for their trip to New York. This is the first time the GRYPHON staff has gone to New York since the merging of schools and the staff is very excited about going. For one member of the staff, Kim Nelson, this trip is a second generation thing. Her parents went on the same trip "a few years ago" when they were members of the BLACK-BIRD staff.

The next issue of the GRYPHON will be put out by the junior members of the staff. The senior members will be taking a break from their work of editing and writing copy for the GRYPHON. The junior members have lots of imagination and spunk so the next issue should really be something. At any rate, it should be good.

Although a few members of the staff will miss the TWIRP dance because of the New York trip, I encourage everyone to attend this dance. Jamie Council and the Social Committee have worked hard in preparing a dance everyone will enjoy.

SAT Test Dates
To be held at RMSH
April 6
May 4
June 22

Remember to register.

SCHOLARSHIP

(Continued from page 1) activities, and the school's recommendation.

Wadye is serving as a homeroom officer and is a member of the NHS, the Student Advisory Council, the

Did You Know?

Editor's Note: The following is an article taken from RMSH' "The Tragedy", a comical newspaper, printed in December, 1947.

'Way back in 1492 Columbus discovered America. As he flew over in his little airplane he spotted Plymouth Rock on which he landed the craft. Christopher did not like America because the Indians did not smoke his brand of cigars. On that account he went to England and brought Sir Walter Raleigh who had plenty of cigars. Raleigh also brought with him a lost colony.

Raleigh fell in love with John Smith and asked Pocahontas to propose for him. Instead Pocahontas married William Penn, her true love. Columbus became disgusted with the Sir and telegraphed Germany for an army.

In the meantime Christopher went cruising on the Pacific with Balboa. Balboa didn't like Columbus so he shot him with his little hatchet. When the queen of Spain asked who had killed, Columbus, Balboa replied, "I did it with my little hatchet." A phrase which is still famous. Columbus's death caused William Penn to get a divorce which started the modern wave in America and made Reno famous. From Reno came the Lone Ranger to fight for the fight of justice and freedom. Along with him was DeSoto and his dear friend Tonto. Later the Ranger teamed up with Jessie James to fight Cancer.

With the help of Napoleon, Cancer succeeded in defeating the Ranger. Soon came Napoleon's retreat from Moscow along with Joe Walcott. But let us not forget Woody Woodpecker and his friend Pluto. They ruled the universe with an iron hand and put Napoleon out of Business.

There you have a picture of the young world in 1490.

Hi-Noc-Ar staff, and the band. She is considering N. C. State or Wake Forest as her college choices, where she plans on majoring in science. Wadye's feelings on being selected as a finalist are "I was really shocked and surprised and really pleased. I feel greatly honored."

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