

GRYPHON EDITORIALS

Way To Go!

A special thank you to the Dramatics Department for their excellent performances given to some of the students at RMSH a few days ago. But a further thank you and congratulations to the audience. Mr. Rawls asked for cooperation, and he got it. He asked for attention and not only did he get that, but he kept it, too. Maybe it was the fact that the plays were so enjoyable that explains why the students were on their best behavior.

But whatever it was, the people planning the assemblies in the future should remember that students can listen, laugh and behave - all at the same time, too. I'd like to be able to say that only the Dramatics Department was responsible for the successfulness of the assemblies, yet the students must be commended for being courteous to each other, as well as to the performers. In both assemblies, everyone was able to enjoy them because everyone behaved. Way to go! Let's show 'em we DO know how to act like high school students.

Lunchroom Blues

The lunchroom has taken quite a bit from the students. This includes jokes, misuse, and consideration. The cafeteria offers three meals to choose from. There are two kinds of milk, and ice cream galore. And no matter what anybody says, the food is good! There's no need for the cafeteria to be left in the condition it is after lunch either. There are plenty of trashcans to throw everything in.

I guess the jokes about the lunchroom are made more out of habit than anything, for half the people making them don't even eat there. But let's put a stop to the jokes. Why don't we try to help out the lunchroom instead of hinder it!?! And with the new tables and chairs, it's the least we can do.

Do Your Part

RMSH is once again participating in the Foreign Exchange Program. However, without active support by the student body this program will not be as beneficial as possible. This Program is a marvelous way to gain insights into a foreign country. A student is able through personal contact to discuss the customs, religion, political structure, social systems, and public opinion in a foreign country. But it is the responsibility of each student to take advantage of this opportunity.

It is up to the student body of RMSH to greet the students when they arrive, help them adjust to our culture, and continue to extend friendship for the duration of their visit. Every student at RMSH should talk to the foreign exchange student at least once during his departure.

Where Do You Fit In?

Attention bored study hall students!! Senior High is now offering a new 12 hour non-credit, non-failure course called Job Decision Making to all students who have a study hall on their present schedule.

The course has been designated to help students think about their eventual transition from the school environment to the World of Work. The course will be conducted in an informal group participation atmosphere with student groups

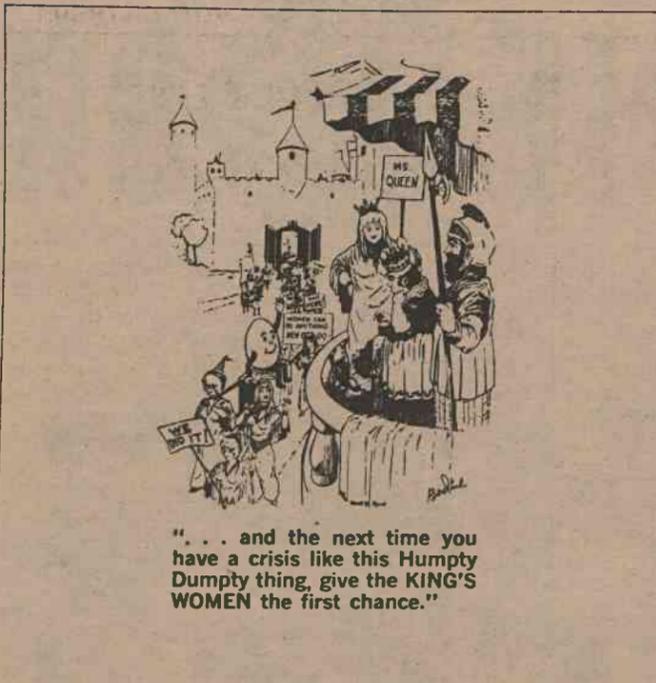
of 6 to 12. The main question to be answered during the course is "Where Do You Fit In?"

The objective of the course will be achieved by occupational information, general education level, and the results of a vocational interest inventory. Students will compare the occupational opportunities that are present. From the outcome of the decision making course students will be able to make better predictions of their future job or career possibilities.

DECA Week Is Observed

National DECA Week was observed during the week of March 3-10. The D. E. Club of RMSH actively participated, and should be commended for their fine work in promoting the various phases of DECA. The agenda for the week consisted of the following: On Sunday morning, a newspaper item appeared in the morning paper. Monday, March 4, was started off by an Intercom announcement. Wednesday night, was Parent Night, in which parents were made aware of the program their children are involved in. Also

on Wednesday morning an assembly was held for the Sophomores and Juniors, encouraging them to apply for D. E. On Friday, March 8, an Advisory Board Luncheon was held in the School Cafeteria. During the entire week, the Club exhibited a Bulletin Board, explaining DECA. Also an exhibit was set up in the Library showcase, and in the D. E. Display Window, the Submarine Exhibit was set up. A display similar to this won First place on the State Level and at the State Fair.



"... and the next time you have a crisis like this Humpty Dumpty thing, give the KING'S WOMEN the first chance."

Around the Campus

By Debbie Harvey

Only six days are left before the Easter Holidays. Students are ready for the dash to the ocean. Many cannot wait to see that great big body of water.

But there has been plenty of water around Rocky Mount Senior High lately. There was the day, which will probably be remembered as the day of the Great Typhon, when the area between the Math-Science Building and C Hall was transformed into a lake.

Bill Roebuck, President of the SRA, quickly responded to the plight of the students who were attempting to cross this lake. Dawning upon a solution which could benefit everyone, he immediately began posting signs stating the Ark leaves at 1:30 sharp. The Lake soon drained away and the Ark was sent back to the Five and Dime.

The air-conditioning and heating system of the Math-Science Building has contracted a disease called

trickle-pour-splash splash. Now trickle-pour-splash splash first attacked the unit in Mr. Congleton's room. It soon spread to Mr. Abernathy's room and if it continues, Miss Green's room is next. Trickle-pour-splash splash is a very dangerous disease because it interrupts the learning process. A loud bang is the only warning sign given. A few minutes afterward the disease turns into a major catastrophe.

A small trickle develops in one corner of the unit. This is usually accompanied by yelling from the students. A pouring stage is next. The students now begin to laugh. Then splash-splash begins. The class is in total chaos. Students are everywhere running and shouting. Teachers in surrounding classes find it impossible to teach and either through curiosity or the desire for peace and quiet leave their rooms and swim to the room under attack.

The janitor is soon notified and through fast action the advance of the water is stopped before it speeds into other classrooms.

Why Blow Your Top?

Many people say, "I can handle the big problems, but the little ones worry me to death." Life can be full of minor annoyances: traffic jams, crowded slow elevators, maddening indifference by persons you have to depend on when you're in a hurry.

But don't work up a head of steam and then blow your top. Instead, discover some personal way of coping with annoyances. Jammed into a subway every morning, one man looks at people's faces and tries to decide what painting they resemble... Another man foils indifferent store salespeople by pretending he is the one who has all the time in the world. Made suspicious by such an attitude, clerks immediately ask him what he wants - Another man read War and Peace while waiting for his chornically late wife... Driven to the brink of madness by the clattering feet of her children, a housewife bought all four of them sneakers.

Discover your personal way of coping with life and avoid the accident caused by overloaded nerves. It beats blowing your top.

Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

During the regular session of the SRA on March 12, it was resolved ... "that the students of Rocky Mount Senior High express their support of the odd-even gas plan designed for the city of Rocky Mount and do their best to save gas by forming car-pools, riding bikes, and participating in other gas-saving measures."

This resolution is a meaningful gesture on the part of the student body of RMSH; but unfortunately, it will only be effective with the support of every student. PLEASE honor the rationing system and avoid purchasing gasoline if your tank is already half full. Heed the 55 m.p.h. speed limit and take the time to see those things that you missed while traveling at 70 m.p.h. Make a conscientious effort to pool rides, and don't fail to take advantage of the great American bicycle.

It is true that in our security we have grown a bit too passive. We have appeared content to let things happen to us; we have not asserted ourselves to the point that WE are making things happen to the world. I know of no better place to begin than by coping without present energy shortage. Judging from the caliber of students we have at RMSH, I am certain that we can make a convincing, positive statement on behalf of the young people of our world today.

Sincerely,
Paula Murrill
S.O. Secretary

Honor Roll

Listed below are the honor roll students not included in the last issue of the GRYPHON.

SENIOR "B" HONOR ROLL
Doris Silver.

JUNIOR "B" HONOR ROLL
Gerald Bissette, Gloria Dunn, Donna Joyner, Jan Lassiter, Hazel Mackenzie, and Mary McNeil.

The GRYPHON Staff would like to commend each student for their hard work and accomplishments.

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Remember to register.

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