

GRYPHON EDITORIALS

Sophomore Tradition

Bewildered and confused juniors and seniors are wondering whatever happened to RMSH's favorite tradition, sophomore put-downs. When, on the first day of school, our SRA President did not lampoon them once, we assumed she was being kind to young, naive sophomores. But then the first pep rally came and went without class competition, presumably to prevent humiliating the Class of '77, and we began to realize that not only had the sophomores not been dealt the usual sarcastic remarks by their upperclassmen, but we were not to be allowed to make up for lost time.

Those of us who have survived a year full of criticisms and sarcasms fully realize that we gained from the experience. While occasionally we suffered from deflated egos, in the end it made us more a part of RMSH. When we finally became juniors, we knew we had earned it.

So remember, sophomores, one day you will be fighting for the right to carry on the sophomore tradition. In the meantime, let's get going, juniors and seniors!

Traffic -Trouble

If you told someone that the hardest part of RMSH is parking your car and getting out of the parking lot, they'd probably laugh in your face. But the problem is very real, and instead of getting better, the problem is getting worse.

With the making of Nash Street one way, Nash and Edgcombe County students must completely revise their arrival and departure from school. The rush of students trying to get on W. Thomas St. has caused several minor accidents, also.

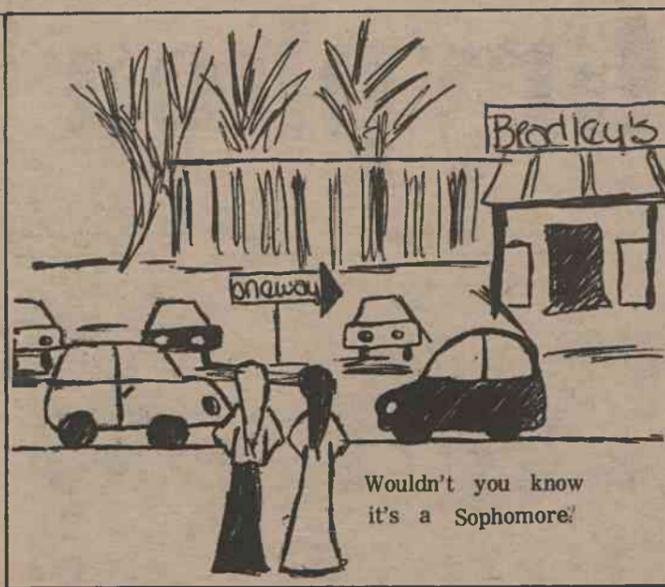
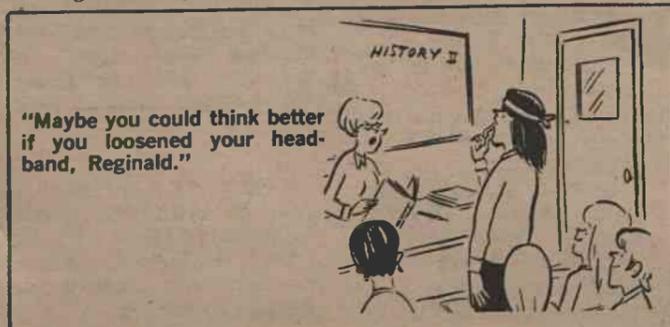
What is accomplished by total confusion in the morning when everyone's half awake or at the end of the day when all the students can think of is leaving? Think about the total disorder after the Gryphon basketball games or concerts? We should take it to the Student Advisory Council, via the School Board, and next to the City Council. Let's do something before the minor accidents become major ones.

RMSH Fans Are No. 1

There's something we should be learning by going to Gryphon football games other than just how to play the game...and that's sportsmanship. A football player receives penalties if he shows poor sportsmanship. But a fan can only restrict himself. It seems that a fan could pretty much do and say when he pleases without any kind of penalty.

Don't be silly. The reputation a school can gain during one game because of unfriendly fans is worse than any penalty. A yardage penalty is remembered for only a short while. But the reputation penalty can last for years. It's the followers who insist on yelling at the referees, picking fights, and acting just plain rude, thus giving the team a bad name.

Let's take a minute to look at our attitude toward our opponents. RMSH has a great reputation, and most of that is due to the fans. It's bad enough to show unsportsmanlike conduct when a team loses, but when we win and still show bad sportsmanship, that's even worse. Putting down the opponents might feel good for awhile, but it doesn't last. Try being a good sport and get the feeling of victory, no matter what the score.



The Soapbox

With his granting of a general pardon to former President Richard Nixon, President Gerald R. Ford has created a furor which is not likely to die down overnight. Giving as his reason that Nixon and family have suffered enough, he has unwittingly brought criticism upon himself from all corners. For the first time since taking office, Ford is not being smiled upon by the American public.

While Nixon may still be tried and convicted in a court of law, he can never be made to serve any prison sentence or to pay any fine, regardless of the nature of the offense of which he is convicted. How does all this affect the average working man's conception of equality before the law? Why is it, they ask, that a former

president may go free while they, the average citizen, must pay the piper?

What of the other Watergate defendants, some of whom have not yet been brought to trial? The question has been raised of a general pardon for them, but President Ford has issued a statement to the effect that he would consider these pardons only on an individual basis. And what of the many draft evaders of the Vietnam War, many of whom are now living in Canada because they are considered outlaws in their own country? Shouldn't they, too, be given the chance for amnesty?

Not only will Ford have to face these issues now, but he must also face the effect it will have on his political aspirations for 1976.

Editor's Echo

by Cathy Allen

At the beginning of school all homerooms, clubs, committees and the SRA prepare for the new school year. Before any of these organizations can work effectively, there has to be active student involvement.

Usually any comment on student apathy or lack of student involvement is made later on in the school year. By that time though, it is often too late to change the situation.

Students often say "That person wins everything" or "The same people hold all the offices." Probably it is true that the same people always seem to be in charge of school activities. Yet isn't it true that these people put forth more effort than their fellow students? I suggest that before a student complains about the job someone else is doing, he or she be willing to give constructive advice or to offer to help.

Clubs always need members who are willing to

work. If someone wants to join a club, he or she can check with a member of that club on the procedure for joining that particular club.

It is not necessary to be a SRA representative to be active with the student organization. Any student's voice, opinion, or suggestion can be made through his or her homeroom representative. Ask homeroom representatives about the various standing committees and any new committees that

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

"Do you want to buy a ribbon? Please buy a ribbon! I'll sell you my last ribbon!" Familiar sounds on a Friday morning, huh? To some, these may be dreaded questions. Each time you see a girl coming down the hall holding a manila envelope and wearing a big smile, you probably dodge into the nearest room or behind the nearest trash can. But really now, is fifteen cents a week going to break you?

Most of the students at RMSH probably don't even know why the Good Sports Club sell ribbons. Of course, our most important reason is to promote school spirit. You just seem to say, "I've got that spirit!" when a pep ribbon is showing on your lapel, or pant's leg, or wherever you prefer to wear it. Other reasons for the sale of ribbons is to help the Good Sports Club to buy crepe paper to wrap those drab-looking goal posts, to do special favors for our teams, and to give the big Athletic Picnic at the end of the year. So you see, it's not just the Good Sports Club that benefits when you buy a ribbon—it's you and your school, too!

Whether you participate in sports or not, we're all Gryphons, so come on now, RMSH Gryphons, show your school spirit—BUY A RIBBON!!

Editor's note: This is the start of a new column featuring a student's opinion on some political news event.

This is a personal viewpoint and it may contrast with a reader's viewpoint. Readers are urged to voice their own viewpoint, whether in agreement or disagreement with the column, by writing a Letter to the Editor. We will do our best to publish all Letters to the Editor that are written in good taste. Thank you.

are being formed. If a committee is of interest to a student, he or she can contact the chairman and ask to join the committee.

Not all students should be involved in some organization, just the interested students should. Apathetic members are not needed by any organization.

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Man Vs. Pip - Squeak

He knew not where to stand So he shifted: now here, then there. The pressures were brought upon him decided his here or there. And he was of little value either here or there.

Another knew his mind and stood his ground. Those who pressured him could not move his mind. And after complete investigation, he was valued for his stand.