



## GRYPHON EDITORIALS

### Painting Can Often Be A Pain

It's graduation time again! The Class of '75 has worked hard for this honor and deserves much recognition. But the recognition they want should not be painted on public property!

Thousands of dollars are spent every year repairing the damage done by graduating and some nongraduating students. It's a very proud feeling one has when he or she sees their class year painted somewhere for all to see. But this year seniors should be a little more careful and thoughtful of where they leave their autograph.

Many would be surprised to find out how much money it takes to sand off paint from a building. Painting on the side of another school building will only cause some of the students from that school to come racing over to RMSH to do the same deed to our building.

The usual sign on the island in City Lake doesn't harm anyone (except if one of the daring swimmers catches pneumonia) Erecting a sign on a corner or in some area in Rocky Mount where it is not distracting or dangerous is harmless, also. If seniors will put their heads together for only a moment, they will probably be able to think of some locations where advertising their graduation will not be damaging to the property or their reputations.

Merchants and citizens of Rocky Mount will be publicly congratulating seniors. It is senseless to mar their reputation with unnecessary painting and pranking. This will be the best publicity of all.

### People Are What They Wear

Everybody loves warm weather, except during school! Not all of the classes are air-conditioned, so it seems that some students have started trying to dress cool. The brief clothing may be cool to some, but a lot of it is repulsive. Students who insist on wearing scanty halters and ragged tank T-shirts don't have to look at themselves and probably don't realize how unattractive they seem to others.

The styles of today include low necklines, thin straps and see-through shirts. However, there are those who by wearing these styles step over the boundaries of good taste. Students must simply want to be in with the fashions and not care about appearance.

Girls are not the only ones "showing off" this spring. There are some boys who would be dressed correctly if they would learn how to button their shirts. It wouldn't hurt them to pull up their pants once in awhile either. Magazines show models with halters and hot pants but one has yet to print a picture with the top of a model's underwear showing.

Maybe it's old-fashioned for your chest to be covered and your belts to be buckled, but as long as there are students who are offended by the dress of other students, students should uphold good taste.

A principal in Nash County announced to his students over the intercom: "There's a saying that 'you are what you eat,' but I would just like to add that 'you are what you wear.'"

Amen.

### Senior Thought

You look at the Senior Class and notice the differences in looks, personalities, and interests. You then begin to wonder how in the heck you all made it together. Because when you think back, there are times when being a member of the Class of '75 has not been so "together."

You wonder how can these kids go through classes almost seven hours a day, 180 days a year for almost three years, and not be involved in anything? How can they be so rude during assemblies, and so disrespectful to teachers? It almost makes you want to kick them.

# Students Speak Out Openly To Express Their Opinions

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following letter was sent to the SRA in the fall of last year. It was felt, however, that more students would benefit if the letter appeared in the GRYPHON. With the presenting of Sports' Awards, this letter speaks honestly on the subject.

Fellow Students:

As one of the former members of last year's girls' softball team, I don't think it's fair to award the boys' team several different types of trophies and in girls' sports only one. We worked very hard and did rather well with a 6-3 record.

I would like to suggest that the school's Athletic Department award the girls fairly and as well as they do the boys in what ever field of sports they play in. I would like to feel if I'm on that field this year that I and my teammates had a chance to be recognized and feel proud of the sport we love best. Thank you and I hope you seriously consider my suggestion, because it would make us feel as if the school is behind us as they are behind the boys.

Thank you

To the Editor:

During the past school year, we have been victims of or witnessed treatment in the school library that we think is unfair, hostile, and unnecessary. We have used the library frequently, especially while working on our research papers, and we have noticed that a great number of students have been kicked out of the library for talking.

The punishment has recently been changed and students are now supposed to be given a detention slip for talking. But it appears that some students now are not only issued a detention, but also asked to leave the library, accused of "not using library materials." Often the persons who are asked to leave appear to have been purposely embarrassed in front of the library students. And we have seen people try to defend themselves against false accusations of talking, only to be ignored. We feel this is cruel and humiliating to many.

We feel like we have been deprived of the privilege of using the library. It is nearly

impossible to work on a research paper without uttering an occasional word. The policy seems to forbid students to open their mouths instead of preventing library distractions. Quiet whispering in the library does not bother us nearly as much as the harsh tapping of an audible typewriter.

We strongly feel that there should be more courtesy shown by personnel toward students in the library; then students would reciprocate. We have been afraid to even yawn in the library for fear of being dragged to the office for opening our mouths. We hope, for the sake of our underclassmen, that the situation will improve before next year.

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To the Editor:

Apathy: that is the main problem at Senior High. A lot was said about the election of the Outstanding Seniors, that there should be five black girls, guys, five white girls, guys and other such gripes. I believe that there should be no boundaries of race or sex. The only injustice in the voting of Outstanding Seniors was that a majority of the students didn't care enough to vote for the deserving students. The same people griped over the band for the Jr.-Sr. Well, if the same apathetic student would have sold at least one magazine, we could have had a "class" band, instead of the bickering over the bands that were selected. It was once said that everything that is faced cannot be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced. I challenge the rising classes to directly confront apathy and seek a change for a better school.

Thomas H. Gerlinger

## Editor's Echo

by Cathy Allen

The purpose of any newspaper is to inform the subscribers with objective reporting of important events. This idea has been the goal of the GRYPHON throughout the year.

Reporting on every aspect of school life, the staff has attempted to inform the students of RMSH on subjects about which they may not have learned in any other way. The paper has strived to clarify controversial issues and to bring into focus through its editorials issues confronting the students, the faculty, and the community. By means of the "Soapbox" a column introduced this year, the GRYPHON has riveted its attention on items of

national interest, bringing them into the range of the students.

Student comment on articles, editorials, and other matters has been welcomed in the "Letters to the Editor" column, and while response has not been as great as the GRYPHON would have liked, it has added another dimension to the paper's reporting.

It can only be hoped by next year's senior staff members that the 1975-76 GRYPHON can achieve the same breadth and depth of reporting as has this year's staff.



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Yet, in their own way, each has made RMSH what it is today. What one senior took away from RMSH during an assembly, he contributed to it by picking up trash in D. T. Hall. A funny outlook perhaps, but that's what has made the Class of '75 — around 300 students, and a funny outlook.