

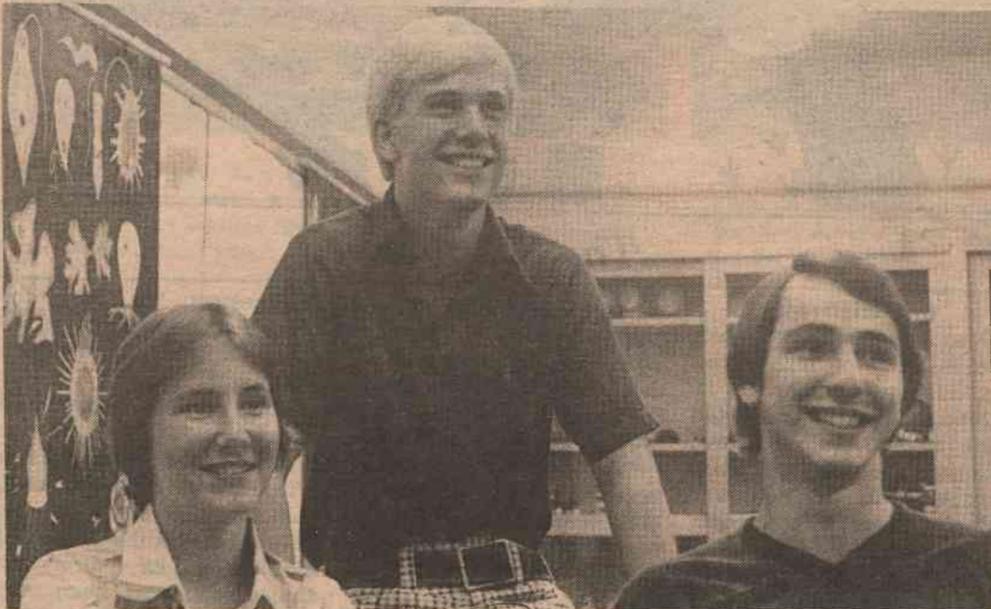


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SRA OFFICERS STRIVE FOR GOOD YEAR — Corbi Bulluck, president; Paul Brantley, vice-president; and Boon McGee, treasurer; welcome all students. (Absent is Sally Davis, secretary).

Committees Begin Work

Homeroom representatives were installed by SRA president, Corbi Bulluck, at the first meeting on September 15. After the new members were seated, Boon McGee, treasurer, and Paul Brantley, vice president passed out folders to all homeroom representatives. Each folder contained a copy of the student constitution.

The newly seated representatives then voted unanimously to accept the president's cabinet. The cabinet is composed of the chairpersons of each SRA committee. The committees are: Elections, chairpersons Ken Bulluck and Dee Rich; Traffic, chairpersons Brad Shields and Herman Bulluck; Fire Drill, chairperson Trey Bulluck; School Spirit, chairpersons Julie Ward and Linda Williams; American Field Services, chairperson Biff White; Social, chairpersons Patti Hutchisson and James Wright; Student Store, Chairpersons Linda Lay-

ton and Sheila Pulley; Human Relations, chairpersons Beth Hodge and Jacqueline Rowland; Publicity, chairperson Laura Hardy; Publications, chairperson Myrna Lowe; House and Grounds, chairperson Holly Harris; Lost and Found, chairperson Deborah Pittman.

The Traffic committee reported that the Tillery Building hall is still one way. Trey Bulluck expressed disappointment in the first fire drill. His committee plans to post exit charts in all rooms which do not have them.

Julie Ward and Linda Williams were pleased with the school spirit displayed at the pep rally.

The A.F.S. Committee is keeping up bulletin boards in the halls during the year.

Shelia Pulley reported that the sales at the student store are slower than at some times last year.

The human relations com-

mittee spokesman said that "Hey Day" is coming up soon.

Laura Hardy said that the publicity committee is keeping an up-to-date schedule on the door of room 109. Each day a new schedule of that days sports events is posted.

The Assembly Committee chairman said that the first pep rally of the year went very well, and that the school will try to have two or three more pep rallies this semester. When asked about the present seating chart, for the gym assemblies, Paul said that "this is a trial seating chart." When told that many people have expressed a desire to be able to sit where they choose at the gym assemblies he said, "the S.R.A. would like to see everyone be able to sit where they choose at the homecoming assembly." But he explained that this would probably not happen. It would infringe on senior privileges.

Hicks Leaves For Parker

Mr. Richard Hicks is leaving his post as assistant principal to take up the position of principal at J. W. Parker Junior High School.

The full-time, all-purpose assistant principal and part-



COACH HICKS LEAVES — Mr. Hicks is going to Parker Junior High as principal.

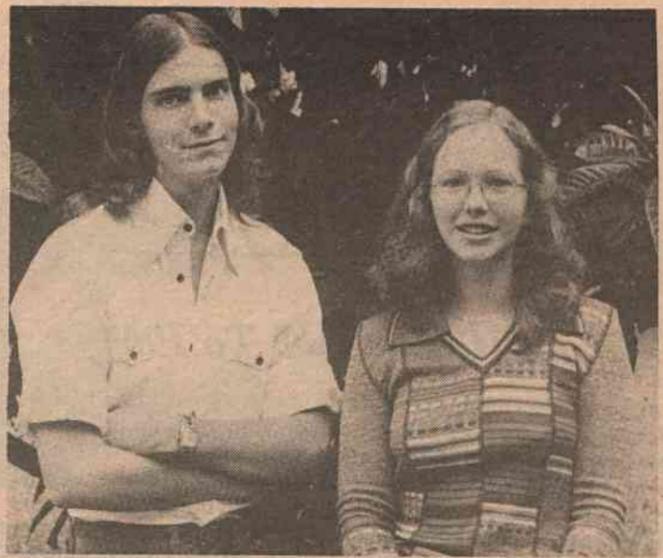
time head basketball coach learned of his promotion during the first week of school. He was to begin his job as principal of the seventh-grade junior high on September 25, 1975. The previous principal, R. A. Batts, has been the head of Parker Junior High since its opening, according to Hicks. Although Batt's new position is not known, it is thought to be an administrative post within the Rocky Mount City School system.

Hicks describes his promotion to the principal's job as "the goal of every assistant principal." On the basic differences between the two posts, he says, "Since junior high is still secondary education, the goals are the same." He did mention, however, that "the surroundings will be different. It is,

however, a challenge. I am looking forward to it."

As to his position as head basketball coach, Hicks said he had no idea who would succeed him. He stated that selection of a new coach was an administrative affair and that he had no voice in the matter.

One student commented on Mr. Hicks' departure: "He has the natural ability to deal with all students. He handles everything so efficiently." On the same subject, a faculty member said, "Knowing and working with Coach Hicks has been one of the pleasures of my teaching days. Always fair and concerned, efficient and highly effective, he has won the admiration, respect, and love of the entire faculty. We shall miss him greatly, and wish him the very best in his new endeavor."



SEMIFINALISTS CHOSEN — Terri Gardner and Sandy Wilgus have been selected National Merit Semifinalist for 1975.

Merit Semifinalists Are Selected

Two RMSH students have been named as Semifinalists in the 1976 competition for National Merit Scholarships. They are among the 15,000 who will continue in the competition for some 30,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded this spring. The nominees are Terri Gardner and Sandy Wilgus.

Of the Semifinalists, who represent the upper half of one percent of the nation's most academically talented students, an estimated ninety percent are expected to meet the requirements and advance to the Finalist standing. The recipients of the \$1000 Merit Scholarships and the four-year Merit Scholarships worth \$1500 or more each year will be an-

nounced in the spring of this year.

Both nominees are members of The Gryphon staff. Terri is the editor and Sandy is the head of the editorial department. Terri is the secretary of the National Honor Society, a member of the Service Club, and an SRA representative. She studied French this past summer at Governor's School.

Sandy is the first semester president of the senior class and a guidance office assistant. He went to Europe this summer with the AIFS study group and attended a workshop on Physics and Chemistry in Action in the Department of Materials and Engineering at N.C. State University.



SAC REPRESENTATIVES PROPOSE CHANGES — Mary Jo Best, Helen Wiley, Denise Alston, and Elizabeth Small have ideas for the new year: among them a Junior High Tennis program, and a wider range of electives and more parking facilities at Senior High.

Board Gives Answers

Mr. Norm Thompson, president of the Fox Run Neighborhood Council, appeared at the September 15 meeting of the Rocky Mount City School Board to inquire what was being done about the tuition status problem of the Fox Run students presently enrolled in the Rocky Mount City School System. Mr. Thompson asked why the city school tax of \$90 is so vastly different from the \$180 per student tuition rate. Mr. Harris explained that every property owner in Rocky Mount pays the city school tax whether he has children or not in order to help balance the cost of the school's services. The board will send out a form letter to the parents of the Fox Run students. The

letter will explain the tuition rates and explain how the payment of the costs will be assessed.

Another issue brought up before the board at the meeting was that of the number of students who have to stand up on the bus to Candlewood. A solution of requesting another school bus from the state was suggested. Dr. Currin explained that a school bus has to have a 10% overload before the state will consider issuing another school bus to a school system. Dr. Currin said that the number of sophomores who will be getting their licenses and driving to school will help ease the over-crowding on the school busses.