



AFS STUDENT RELAXES — Rocky Mount Senior High's foreign exchange student for this year, Elisa Maria Gonzales Rojas, relaxes in the home of her American sister, Suzanne Cobb. [photo by Bulluck]



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Seniors Register For Nov. Election

Only 21 of 97 eighteen-year-seniors were registered to vote in the November general election, according to a **Gryphon** staff survey taken September 14, 1976.

However, 57 students who were 18 on the survey date or who will be 18 by November 2 plan to register by the voter registration deadline of October 4, 1976. Seventy-one of the 97 students eligible to vote chose to state their party registration preference indicated that they will be registered as Democrats in the November 2 election. Twenty-four of the students will be registered as Republicans, and three indicated that they

would list themselves as some other party member or title. Twenty-six eligible voters abstained from stating a party preference.

In another portion of the survey, the 97 qualified seniors were asked to indicate their preference of presidential vice presidential candidates. As in the nation at this time, the ticket of Jimmy Carter and Senator Walter Mondale leads the ticket of President Ford and Senator Robert Dole. The Carter-Mondale team received 42 of the eligible votes. The Ford-Dole combination received a comparatively lower number of 19 votes. Four people indicated a desire for other candidates. One student stated a preference for Senator Eugene McCarthy. The tickets of Nixon-Ford, Ali-Reverend Ike, Lincoln-Washington, and Newbern-Davis each received one vote of preference. The survey also contained a Moyes-White ticket. The **Gryphon** staff listed this ticket to see if anyone could be deceived into voting for false candidates. The choice did not fool anyone, or at least no one preferred it. Mr. White and Mr. Moyes are publishers of a journalism textbook.

The "Voter Registration and Candidate Preference Survey" contained the following questions. Are you 18 or will you be 18 on or before the general election November 2? YES NO

If you answered "NO" question one do not complete the survey.

If you are already 18 and have you registered to vote? YES NO
If you are already 18 and have not registered, do you plan to? YES NO

If you will be 18 between now and/or on November 2, do you plan to register during the allowable period September 6-October 4? YES NO

If you have already registered or plan to, what party did you, or do you plan to register for? DEMOCRATIC, REPUBLICAN, OTHER?

Who is your preference for president, vice president?

FORD-DOLE, CARTER-MONDALE, MOYES-WHITE?

The seniors surveyed were asked to circle the correct answers according to their status as voters and personal preferences. Of the 428 seniors at Rocky Mount Senior High, the survey was distributed to all but the 18 who were absent on the date that it was conducted.

Elisa Compares Home, Rocky Mount

"Many words I don't know. No, different. I don't know many words." Elisa Marie Gonzales Rojas, the American Field Service student for the 1976-77 school year, made this statement when she talked of her difficulty with English.

Elisa is from Nararajo (which means orange), Costa Rica. Costa Rica is the second smallest country in Central America. Nararajo is a small, mountainous city which has several factories.

Elisa lives with her parents and her seven brothers and sisters. Her brothers are William, 18; Ricardo, 16; Carlos, 14; Jose, 12; and Francis, 6. Her sisters are Marta, 19; and Elvia, 10. She owns a dog named Gitana and a rabbit named Pito.

Elisa says that the young people are much the same in the two countries; however, the schools are very different. The school that Elisa attends is much smaller than Rocky Mount Senior High. School begins at 7 o'clock, and at 11 o'clock there is a two hour break for lunch. Since no lunch is served at school, students go home for lunch. School begins again at 1 o'clock and continues until 4

o'clock. Instead of the students moving from class to class, the teachers move to each class, and there is a ten minute break between classes. Students have three electives and three mandatory classes.

Elisa enjoyed listening to records and reading while in Costa Rica. Here, she watches television, walks, writes many letters, and does homework. She doesn't like rock 'n' roll but instead, she prefers classical music.

Elisa says that dating is conducted differently in Costa Rica. The first date between a boy and a girl is chaperoned. All following dates are chaperoned also until the parents give their permission to the girl allowing her to date the boy without a chaperone.

Elisa says that Rocky Mount Senior High is a beautiful school, situated in a nice city. She says that she enjoys the football games, and she especially enjoys the band and the flags. Elisa feels she has many friends at school. She asks that if you happen to pass her in the hall, to stop and introduce yourself. She wants to have many more friends.

Upcoming . . .

Seniors — S.A.T., November 6, cost \$7.25;

Juniors — S.A.T., May or June;

Juniors and Sophomores — P.S.A.T., this Sen.;

Maynard Ferguson — Wednesday, Oct. 20;

October 23 — "Chaplain of Bourbon Street;"

Events at Municipal Stadium.

New Heating System Causes Minor Problems

Rocky Mount Senior High is in the process of getting a new heating system to overcome problems caused by the old system.

Perhaps some of you have noticed holes in the ceilings around the school, tiles on the floor (which have fallen from the ceiling) or large pipes protruding from walls? How about the workmen in the restrooms?

Electricon, Inc. of Kinston has the heating contract and Stuart Shinn Inc. of Greenville has the electrical contract. The whole project is costing \$282,027.00 plus architectural fees.

The new system started before school ended last June and was expected to be completed in time for the opening of school. Principal Elton Newbern feels that the project has not disrupted school, but that the opening of school was not as orderly as it could



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[photos by Bulluck]

have been.

The old system was worn out and had been leaking, thus the need for a new system to be installed. The leaks had been becoming difficult to find and repair.

Air conditioning could not be installed at this time because there were not enough funds appropriated by the school board. However, when money is available and allocated, air conditioning will be added.

Mayberry Chooses Cabinet Chairmen

As the 1976 school year begins the chore of selecting the presidential cabinet of the Student Representative Assembly begins.

Paul Mayberry, president, along with other elected officers, Kyle Pittman, vice president; Angela Winston, treasurer; and Denise Alston, secretary, have been busy choosing a capable cabinet that will serve the student body to the best of their ability according to Paul.

Paul is having trouble filling the chair person's spot on the Publication Committee and the Lost and Found Committee

according to Kyle Pittman. However the majority of the spots have been filled. Members of the President's Cabinet are as follows: Terri Berry, Social; Jamie Landis, School Spirit; Teresa Everette, Humans Relations; Danny McDonald, Traffic; Jack Todd, Elections; Amy Fisher, House and Grounds; Richard Oxendine, Fire Drill; Hope Reese, Student Store; Gina Diehl, Kyle Pittman, Assembly; Angela Winstead, Financial.

Paul said even though the cabinet is new, the committees are working to make this year a success.