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New Cards Bring Comment

General student reaction to the new computerized report cards is favorable. The new report cards were distributed for the first time at Rocky Mount Senior High and Edwards Junior High on Thursday, November 10, 1977.

The new report cards have cut down on the amount of work involved in averaging and transporting grades. The chance of errors have been decreased because computers deal only with numbers. Subject teachers have filled out computer cards feeding numbers corresponding to the letter grades into the computer. The number grades are as follows: 93-100 is an "A" meaning excellent, 85-92 is a "B" meaning good, 77-84 is a "C" meaning average, 70-76 is a "D" meaning poor, and below 70 is an "E" meaning failure. Also there is an "I" for incomplete (temporary, recorded as E after ten days), "DP" for drop passing meaning student withdrew from course with a passing

grade, and "DF" for drop failing grade meaning student withdrew from course with a failing grade.

Subject teachers also have the option of checking two comments out of a possible twenty. These comments are based on the student's behavior, performance, and progress in class.

"I liked them. They are easy to read and understand. You don't have to remember to bring them back," stated Sherri Goudi. Misty Hoskins said that she doesn't like them as much because of the plusses and minuses. Guy Knight commented, "I like them. It's a lot easier for teachers and students."

Travis Cobb said that he didn't like them. "They're just a piece of paper, not a report card." Kim Willis said, "It's less complicated." Rick Thomas said that they were a lot like those of Buffalo, New York. "I like them better than last year's. One sheet of paper is

more convenient," said Farley Arnold. Billy Hicks replied that they're O. K. Keith Rivenbark said that they were easier to understand. Luberta Allen said, "It's easier to handle. I like the grading system." Charles Chung thought it was terrible.

"They were cool. There's nothing with them and you don't have to get them signed," stated Stephon Smith about the new report cards. "They're easier for the teachers. I liked the comments," commented Dayle Lawrence. Nancy Staton said, "They are easier to carry. You don't have to worry about losing them." Debbie Carmean replied that she liked them because you can read them easier. "They are better than the other kind at Edwards," she stated. "I didn't like them. They were too hard to understand. It's better when the teacher writes their own comments," said Jeff Viverette.



JANELLE AND GUPTON WIN: Mike Janelle and Bryan Gupton were the two highest salesmen in the school. Mike sold \$271.70 and Bryan sold \$204.37.

(Photo by Hutchisson.)

Campaign Ends, Totals Tallied

The magazine campaign for Rocky Mount Senior High ended this week.

\$1,097.62 was raised for the school budget. 1,738 subscriptions were sold and 26 music selections were sold.

The top three salesmen in the school were Mike Janelle, a junior with \$271.70. The next highest salesman was Bryan Gupton, a sophomore who sold \$204.37. William Maxwell, also a sophomore sold \$169.91.

The highest salesman in each class excluding the three highest school salesmen were, Hope Reese for the Senior Class with \$156.72. Eddie Wilson was the

highest salesman in the Junior Class with \$120.00. Nancy Staton was the highest salesman in the Sophomores with \$154.75.

The Senior Class sold \$3,331.80. The Junior Class raised \$4,999.49. The Sophomore Class raised \$4,970.81.

Bruce Hayden, the Treasurer of the Student Organization, commented that the Student Organization would like to thank Mrs. White and her Cooperative Office Occupations Class for handling and totaling all sales. Overall, the Campaign was a success, as we exceeded last year's total by over \$1,600.00.

Education Week Stated

The Nash County School system and the Rocky Mount City School system are jointly working to sponsor exhibits at Tarrytown Mall November 16-19 in recognition of the National Education Week.

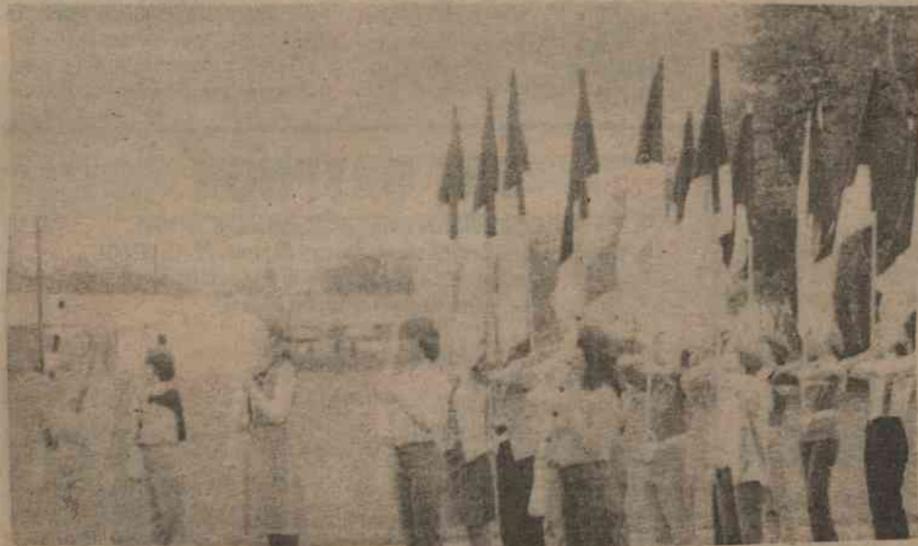
The ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 16.

The Rocky Mount Senior High Jazz Band will play that night. Local dignitaries will be recognized. Among them will be the superintendents of the two school systems, the two North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) presidents, members

of the Rocky Mount City Council, the county commissioner and chairman of the school boards.

The booths at Tarrytown represent a combined effort of the administration of the Rocky Mount City school system and the Nash County school system.

Band Competes In Cary Contest



The Rocky Mount Senior High Marching Band displayed its showmanship Saturday as the group participated in the 19th annual Cary Band Day. Rocky Mount Senior High Marching Band and other high school bands from the three-state area of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia were in the line up of the 1.7 mile parade route which officially opened the music festival

at 10 a.m. The parade began in downtown Cary and proceeded to the Cary High festival site.

The most outstanding band in the parade won the "Heart of Cary" trophy, based on spirit, appearance, marching and music. The Trinity High School Marching Band from Trinity in Randolph County received this award.

The competition began in the early afternoon with a total of

45 bands. George Naff of East Carolina University, Ray Babelay of Mars Hill College, and Kenneth Snoeck of Bridgewater High School in Bridgewater, Michigan judged the bands on various aspects of their show.

Bands were classified in groups according to the number of playing members. First, second and third place trophies were awarded in each division.

Richmond County High School in Rockingham, N. C. won first place in the Class A division which Rocky Mount participated. Second place went to Trinity High Band, and third place went to Greene Central High School in Snow Hill.

The Cary High School Band acted as host and entertained during intermissions scheduled between divisional com-

petition.

The town of Cary has traditionally set aside the Cary Band Day to publicly acknowledge its support of high school bands. The festival represents months of planning by countless committee members. Each band was greeted by a band booster on arrival and accompanied to the starting point of the parade, on the parade route, and to the festival site.