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The Gryphon will be student expression. However while exercising freedom of the press, The Gryphon will also assume the responsibilities of an ethical newspaper.

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## Support Spurs Gryphons

This year's football team may possibly be the best team Rocky Mount Senior High has had in many years. All the hard work, the grueling practice sessions, and the remarkable endurance of the players has really paid off. Coaches, team members and fans definitely have a reason to be proud of this year's Gryphons.

Enthusiasm and school spirit have played an important role in the Gryphon's success. Without the support of the cheerleaders, the pep band, and the Rocky Mount Senior High Marching Band, the team might have lost some of the spark needed to win. Two very good pep rallies have been held, increasing school spirit giving the majority of students a very optimistic outlook for the team. Just as the football team has been practicing, special commendation should be given to the Rocky Mount Senior High Marching Band. They have produced very fine half-time shows resulting in a very proud student body.

Not only has the student body, the Band and the cheerleaders participated, but so have many members of the community. Those businesses that have loyally supported the Gryphons by selling tickets and displaying posters are worthy of much thanks. Knowing that the community is backing them up, has proved a helpful boost to the Gryphons. Those citizens who did not get

involved, missed out. The Booster Clubs, both adult and student, have been loyal supporters. Their providing transportation for students and adults has filled out-of-town stands with those all important cheering fans.

What makes the Gryphons tick? Is it their explosive defense? Is it the tremendous passing ability of quarterback Jess Eberdt? or the combined skills of pass receivers, Mike Lewis and Dee Whitley? Or is it the awesome ground game of the offensive unit? It could be said that the Gryphons have "put it all together" to reach their highest goals.

After beating Goldsboro for the first time in eight years, the Gryphons, coaches, and fans seemed to have gained that extra momentum needed to defeat first ranked Jacksonville. The 14-13 upset over Goldsboro generated enthusiasm in the players giving them a confident attitude going into the game against Jacksonville. These top defensive teams battled it out, Rocky Mount playing probably its best game of the season.

All things considered, the Gryphons have proved to be a victorious team. They have outdone themselves in exceptional play and sportsmanship. The truth is, Rocky Mount Senior High has a football team worthy of our utmost praise.

## Sales Participation Lacking In Student Government

In this year's magazine campaign, the Student Government urged each student to sell at least one magazine subscription. As was expected, not everyone sold a magazine. However, those who told others to sell at least one could reasonably be expected to sell at least on themselves. Yet many elected officers did not participate or did not participate successfully.

Forty-seven of 83 officers and representatives, not including class officers other than the President, sold subscriptions. Fifty-seven per cent of our leaders did what they urged everyone to do, sell a magazine. The other 43 per cent did not.

A leader expects people to follow his example, a in this case, the student body followed suit. The goal wasnt reached. Has it ever been reached? It can be done. If the officers exhibit a good example, others may "follow the leader" and sell instead of duplicating the example by not selling.

The higher elected officers fared better than the Student representative Assembly. Nineteen of the 25, or 73 per cent of the Student Organization officers, Class Presidents, and Cabinet Chairman sold at least one magazine. Of the \$1313.31 raised by the Student Government, these 19 people raised \$567.63. Forty-three per cent of the money was raised by 23 per cent of the people. A special note of thanks should be sent to Hope Reese, School Spirit Committee Chairman who raised \$156.72, 12 per cent of the total for the Student Government.

Thirteen of the 19 Sophomore S.R.A. members did not sell a single magazine. Of the

24 subscriptions sold for \$169.23 by the remaining six, Angela Boone, homeroom 217, sold 11 totaling \$70.71. Perhaps the Sophomore Class failed to win the magazine sale because of the poor example set by its leaders.

The Junior Representatives set a better, though still mediocre, example with 12 or 21 selling subscriptions totaling \$261.74. Chris Tant, homeroom 129, led the Junior S.R.A. members by selling seven for \$56.24. Although the Juniors had 57 per cent participation instead of the 32 per cent recorded by the Sophomores, the leaders still didn't set an admirable example in the search for 100 per cent participation.

The Senior Representatives did even better, mainly because Jeff Holloman, homeroom 124, collected \$135.33 in 15 subscriptions, and Karen Dudley, homeroom 010 sold 5 for \$88.00. In all, ten of the 19 or 53 per cent of the Senior Representatives sold 32 subscriptions totalling \$314.71. Although the amount collected was higher, the per cent participation was lower than the juniors. If the other nine had sold one magazine a piece, the total would have risen significantly.

The student representatives who sold magazines tried to lead the way for the intire school. Yet they ran into trouble when 43 per cent of their fellow leaders did not sell magazines. Some may have attempted and failed, but others probably didn't try. Perhaps when the leaders get together and push solidly in one direction, the student body will follow. If they don't the magazine campaign goal may never be reached unless it is lowered.



The rain poured down at Pine Forest but the team and supporters dried out to win the game. Photo by Hutchisson

## Editor's Echo By KEITH KING

Traditionally Thanksgiving is a time for reverence, reflection and reflection.

But at the Thanksgiving assembly November 23, it was a time for rudeness.

The flagrant rudeness exhibited by those throwing pennies onto the gym floor during the assembly is totally inexcusable. Students should have enough respect for each other to refrain from destroying or distracting from the creative efforts of fellow students.

The Kudos Club worked hard on the assembly and I'm sure they did not appreciate such behavior during their presentation.

While there are those that found the flying pennies amusing, most of the students and all

of the teachers I have talked to were not sympathetic. Most said they didn't expect such behavior from high school students and found it embarrassing in the eyes of the community.

The administration has discouraged such activity in the past and is presently encouraging homeroom teachers to take disciplinary action against those students engaging in any sort of disruption.

I realize that the majority of the student body did act maturely, but the infantile behavior of the minority could result in a cut-back of assemblies and other student activities.

Let's hope that those few grow up before the next assembly.

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