

SOAPBOX

By CLIFTON BARNES

In recent years the Rocky Mount Senior High Jazz Band has brought much acclaim to the school, and we are all proud of them.

My concern is that not all the students have seen their talents. The well-prepared musicians gave free concerts last year to Rocky Mount Academy and Nash Technical Institute. The only concert Senior High students could attend was a paid, night-time performance.

"I would like to see a jazz band assembly for the school but especially for those students who work at night or for some other reason cannot attend," said one student.

"I don't think we should," said a jazz band member. If we do that they (students) won't pay for the paid performances."

Another member said that he would not mind having an assembly towards the end of the year.

Perhaps the best reason for no assembly comes from Jazz Band Director, John Sykes. "We want to play just to people who want to listen, not those who are forced to hear it." As far as money is concerned, Mr. Sykes asked the question. "Why don't they let people into football games free?"

I understand that the band needs the money and that they have much pride, but I would like to see a school assembly with recent musical hits. The night performance would still take in the cash if older musical selections were used so that the more elder persons would enjoy the concert. Personally, I would attend both.



Jack Todd, Mary Robbins and Charles Williams model Jeans from The Real McCoy at Tarrytown Mall. Photo by Joyner

The Real McCoy: Latest Place For The Jean Scene

By LINDA ROBERSON

A very interesting part of ushering in a new year is discovering the new fashions that accompany it. The Real McCoy of Tarrytown Mall is the place to go for the latest ideas for the jean scene.

Although Levi's will continue to be the basic building block for jeans, there will be many new innovative ideas incorporated into the jeans of 1978.

Fashion jeans are on the top of the list; however, they too have a new look. The rhinestones and glittery look is out. Instead they will be detailed with pockets, and they will be pre-washed.

Khaki pants and tops will take on new looks, such as the reversable denim and khaki top. This way you can change the outfit by just switching pants.

For men, it's the hooded blouson top, with coordinated pants of the same fabric. Another new jeans look is pants made out of a muslin type material. These pants are complete with a draw-string waist and can be found in white and natural colors, which are quite suitable for beach wear.

The military look takes on a face-lift with the introduction of

basic colorations such as "Olive Drab." Also the military insignias of last year have been excluded for 1978. The pants are complete with large pockets, and the military shirt is quite functional.

The basic shirt to go with this new jeans look is being shown in gauze or natural with the collar and cuffs detailed in olive, khaki or black.

So if you want to enjoy the comfortable feel and fashionable look of jeans, visit The Real McCoy, and look over their wide selection of Levi's and other jean looks.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

In a previous edition of The Gryphon, I ironically stated that since many Rocky Mount citizens neglected to exercise their right to vote in the October City elections, maybe the students at Rocky Mount Senior High should set an example for the city! Unfortunately this reverse role idea didn't work. Voter turnout in the last election was as normal—extremely low. Whether it was a case of monkey see, monkey do or a case of misapprehension between students and the election procedure, voter apathy was unduly high. If it was a case of the latter, I, as election committee co-chairperson take the blame and would readily accept pointers that would expunge the voter apathy syndrome. I am certainly in no position to demand that everyone votes, but I strongly encourage it because Senior High is our school and voting is a good habit to take away from here. So next election let's have a better voter turnout and give

our parents and other Rocky Mount citizens a lesson in civil obedience and involvement. It would display a lot of maturity to the teachers, a lot of respect to the candidates and who knows, it may even restore a little bit of pride back into John Q. Public.

Signed
Clarence Wiggins, 014
Election Committee Co-Chairperson

To the Editor:

The voter participation in the past election reveals many interesting things about our student body. It is hard to understand how the same group of students who beat the streets to sell candy bars and magazines and flock to football games can suddenly change into students who do not care, or refuse to care about school elections. Some students, however, did care. To be exact—562 out of 1655 cared. Thank you.

As co-chairperson of the Elections Committee, I could have done more to instill the need to

vote into the minds of registered voters. Maybe some students didn't realize that it was election time, even though campaign posters plastered the walls. The campaign assembly itself should have stirred students. We could have dragged students to the polls, offered candy and bubblegum to voters, or had a jukebox at the polling place. But all of these luring tactics are unethical and out of step with our democratic goals. The right to vote is a sacred right not afforded to every human being. It should be taken seriously.

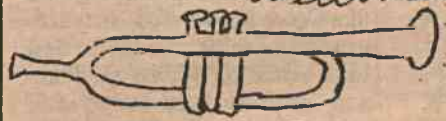
Persons who did not care to vote or refused to vote should refrain from criticizing the election procedures turnouts. Remarks such as these are ridiculous and are offensive to everyone involved with the election.

I want to thank those who voted and hope that the rest of the school are satisfied with or can live with their choices.

Thank you,
Kaye Batts

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Counselor's Corner

By WILLIAM HUTCHISSON

Just For Seniors

Seniors who plan to enter the world of work after graduation may find it beneficial to start making contacts at this time for employment after graduation in June. Vocational counseling is available in the Guidance Center.

Seniors who plan to attend a college, university, technical institute should submit an application as soon as possible. It is recommended that the college, technical institute, etc. receive the application and high school transcript at the same time.

The College Board SAT and Achievement Test dates for the remaining school year are as follows:

Test Dates	Deadline for Regular Registration	Deadline for Late Registration (Cost \$4.00 late fee)
March 11	Feb. 3	Feb. 17
May 6	March 31	April 14
June 3	April 28	May 12

Seniors who feel that they may need financial assistance to attend a college, technical institute, etc. should pick up a Financial Aid Form (FAF) from the Guidance Center as soon as possible. Early mailing of this form is important. It is recommended that an appointment be made with your counselor prior to completion of this form.

Seniors, now is the time to confirm that your schedule for second semester will satisfy the requirements for graduation.