

What? Nobody told me

Students see changes

Guess what? School starts earlier. Students found themselves setting their alarm clocks about 20 minutes earlier. Because the first bell rings at 7:54 that means classes start at 8 a.m. and dismiss at 2:45. The decision came from the Rocky Mount School Board.

Rocky Mount Senior High has been lucky enough to have new teachers. One of the new teachers is Margarete Holt. She is a graduate of Wake Forest University and teaches history. Nancy Jones is back this year. Jones went to England to complete a master thesis on Thomas Hardy for a part of her sabbatical year. Jones teaches English and Latin.

There are six new teachers. In the Home Economics department, there are Serethea Smith and Laura Oswalt, who is substi-

tuting for Gail Bullard. The History department received Deborah Chandler, Amy Wilson, who also teaches English, and Margaret Holt. The English department has the addition of Bernard Grant.

NEW RULES

With the first day comes a new set of rules. Instead of 24 absences, there are now only 20 days, excused or unexcused. Roll is also taken in each class and even if a student is in the guidance office, that person is counted absent for that period. Of course, many of the old rules still apply. For instance, the minimum time for a detention is one hour. If a student has already been absent, he or she might have noticed that there are no longer any blue slips. Instead,

students are supposed to bring a note to the commons and the people there will take care of it.

CRACKDOWN

A substance abuse rule is in effect. If a student is found to be in the possession of, under the influence of, or found selling or distributing any type of drugs, he or she will be suspended for up to 10 days and/or be expelled from the Rocky Mount City Public School System. Jerry Carter, principal, clearly expressed this rule in class assemblies that took place at the end of the first week. In the assembly, Carter went over the procedures for checking in and out, the addition of new rules, and reviewed all the previous ones.

By Kim Beardwood

Juniors caught in the middle

Psychologists say that the middle child has a hard time establishing his place in the family unit. One-third of the student

body can emphasize; they know how it feels to be stuck in the middle. They are the members of the junior class.

Preparing for college or preparing for the job market are two major concerns for them. This fall all juniors will take the PSAT and the MSQT (National Merit Scholastic Qualifying Test.)

Career Day, which is held in the spring, provides vocational information for the college-bound student and the job-bound student.

In early spring students and counselors will make plans for twelfth grade classes and establish goals for after graduation. Junior guidance counselor Margie Hold advises all students to come in talk with her about course selections, career planning, and military careers.

There are also many reference materials located in the guidance center. The *College Handbook* and *Occupational Outlook Handbook* are available to students.

The junior year is not all work and no play. Juniors are responsible for the major social event of the school year — the prom.

By Jennifer Townsend



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Time to study

Juniors Amy Ellis and Cellosa Phillips work hard to finish their Nathaniel Hawthorne projects.

