

Classes start at 7:59!

Sophomores make adjustments

Rocky Mount Senior High School, 7:45 a.m., Aug. 28, 1989. For many sophomores, it was the beginning of the big adjustment from Junior High to Senior High.

Will I get squirted by the seniors? Will I ever find all my classes? Will I be able to ride to lunch? These were just some of the worries sophomores faced on the first day of school. The anxieties of being in a new school,

getting used to new teachers, and meeting new people were a lot for the sophomores to handle. After surviving the first day, the sophomores knew it had to get easier.

Sophomores found Senior High very different from Junior High. They found that the teachers expected more from them. Homework assignments were more time-consuming, and tests were often given on much shorter notice. Teachers expect

the students to be more responsible and to need less pampering.

Band, cheerleading, sports and other extracurricular activities filled up the students' busy schedules. The pressures of having more things to do in less time is a hard adjustment to make, but some sophomores like Marlowe Moore are taking it all in stride. "I have more responsibilities, but I like the extra privileges I have this year," she said

As September comes to an end, sophomores are beginning to make a place for themselves in the halls of Senior High. The sophomores are trying to fit in, getting involved, and becoming a part of their new school. It hasn't been easy, but they know it will only be two years before they will be seniors.

By Dana Burgess

Seniors' spirits high for new year

The classes of the 80's, which ended with a graduating class of 1989, has come to an abrupt end. A new era has now begun, and era beginning with the class of 1990.

As the first day of school rolled around, preparations made by the senior class included painting the tantalizing signs directed toward the underclassmen, filling with gas the caravan of automobiles for the senior class parade, and stocking up on the all important waterguns and balloons. Also included on Sunday's agenda was the painting of senior t-shirts to reflect their own senior attitudes.

Through the night, many seniors chose to party to the early hours of the morning, while others chose to get a good night's sleep before the first day of school. No matter how their nights were spent, most of the class of 1990 managed to arrive on campus fairly early. Much to their surprise, they were greeted by eight to ten members of the Rocky Mount Police Department. While the seniors were ready to decorate along the tennis courts, the parking lot fence, and the student commons patio, the R.M.P.D. was ready to deliver tickets for trespassing. The police had been given specific instructions by the administration of the school not to allow students on the grounds until 7 a.m.

While some seniors went back home to wait for the appropriate time, others travelled to the Gardner's Restaurant parking lot on Sunset Avenue for the annual senior parade. Horns, screams, and chants of "1990"

filled the air in several residential areas, and eventually, in Nash Street. By 6:45 a.m. nearly all of the class of 1990 had gathered for one last year together. The student parking lot became a battle zone as sophomores and

seniors were bombarded with water balloons.

The class that began a new era, Aug. 29 settled in their homerooms to catch up on their sleep lost from the last unforgettable 24 hours. *By Todd Wallace*



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Oh, no! Time to settle down
In the parking lot Principal Jerry Carter confronts five members of the Senior Brigade.