

Only 156 Days To Go

"As the days for jumping off bridges and swimming without a stitch in secluded and not so secluded places rapidly fade in unwritten history, we find ourselves in these hallowed halls of learning in eager anticipation of another 180 day sentence . . ." commented Ronny Garber, Student Council Secretary, during the kick-off assembly August 27.

By now we've all plunged into the 180 day sentence, and each of us has set his goals for the coming year. Let's hope that we haven't already lost the messages that our school leaders have offered.

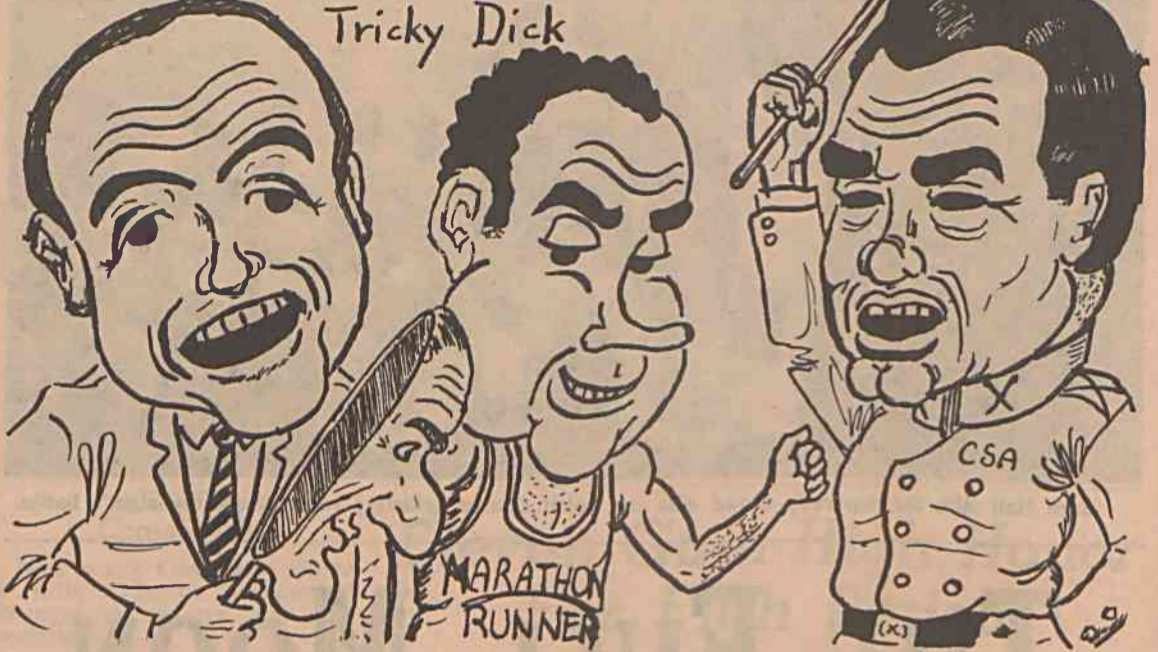
As we organize our clubs we should remember the advice of Roy Trivette, Student Council Vice President. He advised us to be selective in choosing our clubs because clubs "need members who will take an active role in their projects . . . then and only then will the clubs be able to function properly."

School athletes and sports enthusiasts are now realizing their close relationship. Sara Hall, chief cheerleader, pointed out this relationship even before the first football game. "It is . . . difficult" she said, "for the players to understand why they are playing if the students do not back them up and urge them to victory."

In anything we do—as individuals, a club, a team, a cheering section, or whatever—we need enthusiasm. According to Linda Carpenter, Student Council Treasurer, "Enthusiasm is needed to turn ideas into action."

But most importantly, whatever we do we must be unified in our thoughts and actions. As Ronny Garber stated, "Whether we win or lose this year, let's do it as a united group, because with a united school, we can't really lose."
— Susan Wolf

Hazy '68 CANDIDATES



"Give A Damn"

One of the recent popular records is a song by Spanky and Our Gang called "Give A Damn." It has not received much air-play, possibly because of its title, but it deals with a very important issue: help for the poverty-stricken. The song urges us to wake up and do something "about your fellow man," especially the poor people in the ghetto.

Albamarle does not have any real ghettos, but poverty and human misery exist, even around here, although most people don't like to admit it. If you don't believe it, ask a social worker in the area about a baby whom rats

attacked and nearly killed. Ask about able-bodied men who haven't been able to find decent work in years because of poor education. Ask about children severely beaten by drunken parents. Ask about the disease and filth and the despair.

This is not far removed; it is all around us. Poverty is a complex problem and will not be eliminated overnight, but apathetic, uncaring people make conditions even worse.

Wake up and look around. Try looking from the other side of the tracks. "Give a Damn."

Appetitus Advancemus

We've really got to hand it to the cafeteria workers. They finally found a solution to the age-old problem of the long (to put it mildly) lunch line.

May sophomores never know what it's like to stand in line, waiting impatiently for lunch as long as thirty or more minutes each day.

Even with our increased enrollment, a student hardly walks into the cafeteria doors before he is receiving his lunch. The improvement was made possible by the inauguration of a more efficient serving system: students pay before going through the line, and purchase extra milk after obtaining trays.

But most importantly, the lady behind the counter distributes selected foods. This cuts down on valuable time lost by uncoordinated students who drop rolls, butter, jello, etc. while trying to decide which dessert is the largest.

Students Size-Up Election

Today, more than ever before, the youth of America is taking an active part on the national political scene. Although we cannot vote, we have shown that our voice is not a subtle cry but rather a challenging demand.

We are not part of a new, militant generation alienated to democracy, but merely a generation which is informed and aware. We are aware of what occurred only a few short years before our birth, aware of what is happening now, and aware of what is to come if our nation continues in its present direction. We only ask for an opportunity to help navigate our future.

But until now we have had no active political figure with which to identify, but this election year brought with it a very wide range of candidates. There were candidates whose platforms were sure to meet everyone's needs—the radical, the reactionary; the dove, the hawk.

Now, nearing the end of a long campaign, enlightened by enthusiasm and marred by tragedy, there are only three candidates remaining: Richard M. Nixon, Hubert H. Humphrey, and George C. Wallace.

Former Governor of Alabama, George Wallace, campaigning on his American Independent ticket,

pretends to offer us an alternative to the two major parties by presenting a strong platform based on strict law enforcement and stronger state's rights.

He showed his support of strict law enforcement in 1963 when he upheld his promise to "stand in the schoolhouse door" to prevent Negroes from attending classes with whites. This was in defiance of the decision of a federal judge and the Mississippi-Alabama National Guard.

The Democratic Party lost most of its support from the youth by nominating as its candidate Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. He is "proud as punch" to be running for the Presidency and would be even happier if he became a five-star general.

As we see it, his platform is no different from the present administration, except in Vietnam where

he is slightly more "dovish"; nor can we see any definite stand that he has taken.

That leaves us with Richard M. Nixon. Slightly less than unanimously, *The Full Moon* endorses Mr. Nixon as the presidential candidate who will do more to strengthen our democracy and relations in the world, if elected. He is the only candidate who has taken a reliable stand on the issues.

Through both disillusionment and indifference, the young people have been gradually fading out of the political scene for which we fought so hard to enter. We have lost our primary candidate, but we cannot sit back and just wait for another one, we must continue to participate actively in political affairs.

— Denis Rickman

Turn On, Tune In, Take Over

Student power is here! Young people are gaining an increasingly loud voice in both local and national politics. With November approaching, conversation is coming around more and more to political and social questions.

Unfortunately, many young people ignore these issues by saying, "We're too young to vote, so why bother? My opinion won't matter, anyway." Recent political developments prove that this excuse has no basis.

Students and young people have played a more important role in this year's election than ever before. Largely through the campaign efforts of college and high school students, Senator Eugene McCarthy was able to win several state primaries and to make a considerable showing at the National Democratic Convention. Even conservative Governor George Wallace has recognized student power and has set up several student campaign centers at colleges.

For the average student, though, political activism is neither practical nor desirable. Most students are too busy with school work, sports, or jobs to be able to campaign for their candidate. Every student can be informed, however, and help influence his parents and voting friends. Adults may not always agree with our views, but they usually will listen to us, whether they admit it or not. Student influence is one of the most effective ways to obtain grass-roots support today.

This year's election may be one of the most crucial in recent years. The student who is informed and aware of the issues can help decide the course to be taken by our nation.

Are Foreign Friends Forgotten?

For many years Senior High has been fortunate in hosting foreign exchange students. Juniors and seniors recall with pleasure memories of last year's student, Re-jane Abreu, from Brazil.

But this year we welcome no representative of a foreign school. The reason? No one in the entire Junior and Senior classes could offer a home for the nine months of the student's stay in the United States. Not one student out of the 413 enrolled in the upper classes seemed to care enough to make the effort.

We realize there's a lot of responsibility involved. The host or hostess must see that the visitor is made to feel at home, and he must be well cared for. But there are so many benefits from the program that it would be a shame to discontinue it because no one will take the initiative and provide a home.

Let's hope this lack of interest will have disappeared when the time comes to plan for next year's exchange student. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Fry for additional information. Come on, juniors, let's get on the ball and

make sure there's a place next year!

Shades Of Gray

Kindled by the fires in the city and fanned by the beatings on the street and the shooting of national leaders, the flames of racism are endangering the heart of our nation. For the first time in our history, though, the danger threatens from both sides. Today, blacks as well as whites proclaim racial supremacy and advocate suppression of other races.

Racism, whether it originates from white supremacists or black militants, is an ugly obstacle which can only widen the gap between the white and black races. After considerable progress in civil rights reforms, racism threatens to counteract those improvements. Equality of races will come only when each race is able to accept others as equals.

The key to this is communication, co-operation, understanding and patience. Dissatisfied whites and impatient blacks must weigh the issues carefully before acting, or unwise action will result in tremendous setbacks in racial harmony.

Only when people are free of racial prejudices and impatience will there by any true peace among races.

EDITORIAL BRIEFS

Fresh Cuts

With the start of another school year, we realize that students are active everywhere in the school—in clubs, classrooms, athletic teams, cheering sections—everywhere!

This year the aim of *The Full Moon* will be to recognize the individual students for it is they who either make or break the school.

The journalism class would like to express its appreciation to the following for their assistance in the recent bottle drive: Kent Cook, Marlyn Massey, Sara Hall, Dale Clayton, Jimmy Bell, Shirla Furr, Eddie Furr, Joanne Swaringen, Mike Kendrick, and "Box" Wilson.

Albamarle has received many benefits from the Fine Arts program. The young people have been awakened to the arts and shown the background behind them. Senior High has also profited from the excellent stage lighting system in the auditorium. This equipment, along with the new organ are only a few results of this program.

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