

Spare Me My Tires!

"Well kids, it's that time of year again. Everyone grab your drink bottle and come on out to either of Roxboro High's parking lots. A prize will be awarded to the one who can break his bottle into the most pieces."

Can it be that the school spirit is dying since only a few showed up for the announced "bottle breaking"? Or is it that school pride is filling the students to such a point that they cannot lower themselves to do something as immature as shattering bottles in a parking lot?

The vast majority of students at RHS are wise enough or maybe "broke" enough to realize that broken bottles + tires = money out of someone's pocket.

However, there are a few irresponsible big-timers at RHS who have the power to ruin things for everyone. What do they care how much damage they cause—they're out for the fun of it. So, there's a crash followed by moments of laughter at having done a terribly smart thing.

Yet, what can be done about the serious offense? Who's willing to sit up all night in the parking lot and wait for the glass breakers to come meandering by for their fun time? I guess all we can hope for is that one day they'll hear the thrilling sound of the air seeping out of one of their tires!

Cafeteria Strikes Back

Fed up with the cafeteria? Are you still hungry after standing in line for half your lunch period and paying thirty-five cents for what you consider not enough to feed a bird? Do you blame the cafeteria and its workers?

Well, cool it kids; here are a few things you might not have known.

According to Mrs. Janie Aiken, head of the RHS cafeteria, the food they buy, the equipment, and salaries for eight full-time workers plus a part-time worker and cashier come from the thirty-five cents a student pays for his lunch. With the prices of food these days what can you expect?

What about surplus food you say? The cafeteria gets as much peanut butter, flour, rice, grits, cornmeal, and lard as it needs. It gets some beef, turkey, and chicken but not nearly enough.

Another sore spot has been the lines in the cafeteria. Mrs. Aikens states that she has nothing to do with them and it makes no difference to her as to when anybody eats.

While some students throw stones at the cafeteria, the cafeteria staff would like to throw a couple at some students. "It's a disgrace the way this room looks after the period is over—trays left on the tables, and milk cartons scattered all over. It doesn't cost anything to behave and act like people in here," fires Mrs. Aiken.

Just remember, RHS students, it could be much worse!

A Few Rotten Apples

An editorial in the local newspaper suggested that all Roxboro High teenagers are reckless drivers. True, there are some reckless drivers at RHS. If the paper elects to judge RHS students as a group, it should use the actions of the majority instead of the minority.

Instead of capitalizing on the misdeeds of a few, the paper should put more emphasis on the achievements of the majority. For example one seldom hears of the efforts of club groups and individuals to keep RHS clean and beautiful. Nor does one often hear of special efforts by individuals to promote a feeling of student unity.

Why judge the whole barrel by a few rotten apples?

Roses and Thorns

The Rocketeer staff would like to extend its special bouquet of roses to those who have worked so hard to arouse school spirit in every aspect. The staff would like as much to extend its basket of thorns to those who worked so hard to display their lack of school spirit.

Roses go to Gayl Talbert and her squad of ten cheerful helpers for their superb accomplishments in arousing school spirit in the sports field. Thorns go to those who did not attend every game and really yell for those Rockets at pep rallies.

Roses go to Doug Riley and the entire Key Club for their fine job of designating parking spaces in the parking lot and for cleaning up the broken glass. Thorns go to those who broke the glass in the parking lots.

Roses go to Mr. Brown, our principal, for allowing fifteen minutes off sixth-period classes to enable the cheerleaders to conduct pep rallies. Thorns go to those who did not appreciate these rallies.

Roses go to the Garden Club for their fine job of planting shrubs and other plants to brighten the surroundings of the school. Thorns go out to those who abuse these shrubs. Roses go especially to the

RHS Band under the direction of Mr. Michael Cannon for their superb work to give tremendous half-time shows and to give the Rockets their support. Thorns go to those who did not give complete attention to their performances.

Roses go to Miss Eskridge and Mrs. Gilliland for their tireless efforts to make our special school dances the best ever. Thorns go to those students who did not come to help decorate for those dances and to those who did not stay to help clean up afterwards.

Roses go to the students who don't stick gum under or write on their desks. Thorns go to those who do these things.

Roses go to those who don't throw their orange juice cups on the floor. Thorns go to those who do.

Roses go to those who so enthusiastically attended and supported RHS's sock-hops which gave a fine showing to the visiting teams. Thorns go to those who did not go.

Roses go to those who bought subscriptions to the Rocketeer. Thorns go to those who did not.

And finally, roses to the whole student body for its wonderful support and school spirit!



Former RHS'ers Give Advice On College Life, Professors

Many Roxboro High School seniors in their rush to get off applications and receive acceptance to the college of their choice have been asking themselves many questions about how college life will be for them.

"I love the new people and dorm life. Classes are hard but very interesting," commented UNC-G freshman Louise Bradsher.

Senior Privileges Yes - - - No

Privileges are a constant gripe heard among Seniors. Through an investigation two main gripes were brought out. These two were that Seniors should be first in the lunch line and that all underclassmen should rise when the Seniors enter in the gym. Besides these two, hardly any other ideas worthy of consideration were mentioned.

Seniors' idea of Privileges is sort of a Utopia in which the Seniors are masters. Few schools have Senior privileges and Roxboro is no exception. The two previously mentioned ideas should surely be considered seriously.

These ideas, when put to other students, usually met with agreement. Underclassmen usually agreed after thinking that, when they were Seniors they, too, would receive the same rights. These two ideas would cause no chaos and thus be very workable.

Tom's Dilemma

I'll awaken tomorrow morning to the sounds of guns and dogs hot on my trail. This means it is time again for what they call Thanksgiving.

Those humans are really funny—they set aside a day of thanksgiving but instead of going to church and giving thanks, here they are hunting us poor turkeys.

The people in cities and towns take the "sport" out of Thanksgiving by buying frozen turkeys or instead, going to see Grandma and sponging off of her.

School children and working people enjoy this holiday because it affords them the possibility of a few days away from work.

This old Tom Turkey has a lot to be thankful for and I only wish more humans realized that they have a lot to be thankful for and that they would show their thankfulness to be alive.

Campbell College freshman J. D. Denny, Jr. added that the assignments are different, but also the classes are arranged differently. A student spends about half of his personal time in the library.

Many seniors have the impression that the college professors couldn't care less what happens to you, Louise emphasized that in a few cases you'll run into professors who "couldn't care less," but for the most part the professors give one a feeling that he cares about the student and his work.

"No one makes you work at college, you are on your own," commented J. D. "Teachers expect students to do as much as possible on their own. If you have questions about any problems, they will answer them on the basis that you have worked hard to solve the problem."

"My teachers did a good job of preparing or attempting to prepare me for college but the major portion has to be done by the individual himself," states Louise. She added, "However, there are some things you can't completely prepare for—for instance missing the security of your own home and missing your parents."

"Caution the students to budget themselves when entering college, and do assigned work." This is the advice J. D. gives to all seniors who may be entering college next year.

When asked if she had any advice for the high school seniors, Louise stated, "No real advice, but to enjoy every moment in high school. College is hard and demanding (and it also means new friends and a new way of life). Don't waste your time day-dreaming of college for you may find yourself day-dreaming of high school next year."

Letters

Diana Thanks RHS Students

(Editor's Note: Diana Crossan is the AFS Exchange Student from New Zealand. She wishes to express her gratitude in the following letter to RHS students.)

Dear RHS Students,

Since I arrived here in August it has been take, take, take on my part; now it is time for me to say thank you.

A big thank you to the Senior Class for working so hard last year in order that I could come to Roxboro. I really appreciate it.

Thanks to the AFS club for giving me a birthday party I will always remember.

To the Student Council I extend my thanks for making me a member and for crowning me "Parking Lot Queen." That was fun.

I very much enjoyed being a Homecoming Attendant. Thanks to all who put work into making it a success.

While I am here I want to meet as many of you as possible. I love to talk and I do speak English, so introduce yourself.

I have really enjoyed my first three months in Roxboro. Thanks to all those who have made me so welcome.

Your AFS student from New Zealand,
Diana Crossan

Suggestion Box

The Rocketeer is striving to be the voice of RHS students. The staff wishes to hear your comments and criticisms.

Very soon you will see a black box in the commons area. We want you to put your suggestions, criticisms, letters to the editor, and creative work in this box. All work submitted must be signed. These contributions will be considered for publication.

Remember, the Rocketeer is your paper and it is striving to please you—the students and faculty of RHS.

Rogers Makes Plans

New Superintendent of Schools, Walter S. Rogers, has several new ideas he plans to introduce into the school system during his term in office.



At the present time accreditation is about Item Number One on his list. RHS is being evaluated for accreditation; it is hopefully going to be affiliated with the Southern Association of Secondary Schools. This is the first step in becoming accredited. Visitors from other systems are invited to tour the school.

Mr. Rogers hopes RHS will be able to add calculus, advanced chemistry and biology to its curriculum in the future.

A Report Card Committee will study grades next fall. It will look into the student's ability, his subjects and teachers to see if he is doing what he is capable of.

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