

# Hoke Highlights by Barry Ellis

Well, Monday, August 25, was a day of dread for many and a day of anticipation for others. The first day of school had come! With it came the regret of a too quickly passed summer and unfulfilled plans, but also a chance to see friends not seen all summer. For most however, all they saw was a lot of homework.

term papers, book reports, projects, football, basketball, and baseball practices, band, singing, walking back and forth across school six times a day (they never give you the same side of the street two periods in a row), clubs, activities, and all the other "little" things that go along with being in high school.

On Monday morning Mr. Edwards welcomed back the seniors, juniors and sophomores and faculty, and for the first time welcomed the upcoming freshmen. While everyone always likes to give the freshmen a hard time, and make sure they are "seen and not heard," everyone remembers what their freshman year was like (total chaos and confusion!), and really wishes the best of luck to the freshmen in adjusting to Hoke High.

School started at 8:10 on Monday and was let out at 11:00. The first day was spent in getting our schedules and getting all the rules and regulations, and privileges. For those students who have schedule conflicts or don't like the subjects they chose at the end of last year, there will be a set time for each of the classes to get their schedules changed or corrected. Something new this year, and great, is that everyone, except the freshmen, will have a locker. Each student is required to obtain a lock and give a copy of the key or combination to their homeroom teacher. I'm sure everyone is relieved about this. Tuesday was the first full day of school.

Mr. Edwards has been in Raeford and with Hoke High for over a year now, and with the start of his second year we hope the many changes being made at Hoke High will prove to be best for the school, and make this year a challenging one as well as a fun and rewarding year for him and the faculty and students.

For some, school is a year-round job. Mr. Edwards and many people have worked especially hard this summer to better the school and to keep it and the school grounds looking great. If you know someone who has worked at the school this summer, you should tell them what a good job they have done. Also, many people have worked with the Guidance Dept. in getting all of the 1650 students' schedules ready, and some of the library staff have been

working getting the library ready for use shortly after school opens.

The first day for the faculty was Monday, August 18. We can be sure they have been working hard in getting ready to load the homework on us! The Student Council went Friday for orientation. Some of those going were Glendia Black, president; Donnie Holmes, vice-president; and the secretary and treasurer.

The Hoke High Band has already begun practice for the many halftime shows it will do this football season, both at home and at away games. The band, under the direction of Jimmy James, works very hard during football season to perfect these halftime shows and rehearses many times at night as well as an hour every day. For most of the band, marching again was just a matter of remembering what they did last year and keeping in step. For the freshmen it was hard work and another new experience, along with many others to come for them. The band will perform its first halftime show on September 5th which is the day of the first home football game.

The 1975 Varsity Bucks begin a new and especially challenging year. Under the coaching of Bill Cameron, and assistant coaches Terry Grier and John Buchholz, the Bucks move from the 3A to 4A Conference teams. The Bucks began practicing a few weeks before the beginning of school and have been working out getting ready for their first game. The football season begins on Friday, August 29, when the Bucks will have an away game and play Southern Durham. The first home game will be on September 5, against Pine Forest of Fayetteville. I hope that everyone that possibly can, will come out and give the Bucks the support they deserve.

On Monday afternoon, from 1 to 4 p.m., Seventy-First High School of Fayetteville was host for the Cumberland County Choral Directors' workshop. About 20 directors, representing Seventy-First, Pine Forest, Cape Fear, South View, and Douglas Byrd High Schools were there, as well as numerous directors from various elementary schools in surrounding counties. Hoke High's choral director, Mrs. Mary Archie McNeill, was the instructor and director for the workshop and 23 students who came from the various high schools to sing and aid Mrs. McNeill in demonstrating the many choral techniques she uses at Hoke High.

Those students that attended from the Hoke High Chorale and Chorus were Cissy Moses, Susan Gillis, alark; Joanna Best, Martha Shaw Clark, Mary Kaye Staton, sopranos; Barry Ellis, Mike Johnson, Ronnie Ellis, tenors; and Bill Hood, baritone. Miriam Ropp, a music major at the University of South Carolina, who is from Raeford and a former student of Mrs. McNeill, was the accompanist for the workshop. Miriam did an outstanding job, and everyone is indebted to her for donating her time and talent.

Refreshments were served afterwards at which time everyone talked and got better acquainted. The directors then met for an hour and compared plans and made new plans for their choral groups. They also discussed new choral techniques and ways to improve their old ones.

I am going to enjoy writing HOKE HIGHLIGHTS very much for the students of Hoke High and the citizens of Raeford and Hoke County. I want everyone to please feel free to give me any announcements about group or club activities that involve Hoke High in any way. I will be glad to mention them in this column.

I hope you will enjoy reading this column this school year as much as I will enjoy writing it.



**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** - Members of the varsity cheerleaders squad line up. Left to right, are Phyllis Shaw, Diana Nash, Wanda Locklear, Deborah McCall, Debra McLeod, (co-chief), Mary Allen (chief, standing), Debbie Dees, Janelle Smith, Teresa Orem, and Lori Niven.



**JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** - The girls who make up the junior varsity squad of cheerleaders line up. (Left to right) are Donna Scarborough, Lilly Love, co-chief Susan Cook, Rhonda Gordon, Delaine Peckham (on top), chief Samantha Burke, Callie Graham, Kim Oxendine.

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## Holiday Toll Predicted

Eighteen persons could lose their lives in North Carolina traffic accidents over the Labor Day weekend. Paul B. Marion, president of the N. C. State Motor Club, predicted.

"We are pleased that holiday fatalities this year are running behind last year's total," Marion said, "and we are hopeful that Labor Day will not be an exception."

The motor club executive said that 26 persons were killed on Tar Heel highways a year ago during a 78-hour period. This year's holiday weekend

is also 78 hours, from 6 p.m. Friday, August 29, until midnight Monday, September 1.

Marion pointed out that excessive speed was involved in 13 of last year's 26 deaths. "We certainly hope that won't happen again this year," he said, "and we urge travelers to obey the 55-mile-per-hour limit."

"By observing existing safety procedures," he commented, "we can continue to cut down on highway deaths. It is vitally important that each driver make caution his prime responsibility."

## 'Donkeyball' Saturday

Jointly sponsored by the Hoke Jaycees and Booster Club a wild donkeyball softball show will be held Saturday beginning at 8 P.M. at Amory Park.

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By itself, salt is not enough to ward off heat exhaustion. Be sure to include potassium. Excellent sources are bananas and the popular drink, Gator-Aid. Salt tablets can be obtained at the drug store.

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