School hallways, student highways

by Andrea Horner

Every school year starts out with the same problems, which lessen as the year goes by. This year, however, the crowded hallways of RCHS have yet to thin out. It is now the end of October and the halls seem to be getting worse.

Throughout the day many students use the stairs to reach the lower level of the school building. The simple act of crossing the hallway to reach these stairs now takes precise timing. As if in your car, you look left, right, then left again, and dash across the hallway. Be warned, you may get shoved, pushed, or even knocked down by the traffic in the hallway.

One of the major contributions to hallway traffic are the large amounts of students waiting for their instructor who has hallway duty. Why can't these students meet their teacher in the hallway in which he or she is teaching? The students could gather along the wall beside the hallway. Patients could keep students from gathering and crossing the hallway.

The excessive loitering in the hallways is a large thorn in the side of the student body. It is difficult to make your way down the hallway because of the students who actually manage to make it to their locker, but take up half the hallway in the process.

What can we do? Treat the hallways as highways and put up road signs. Imagine having a "wrong way" sign on the left side of each hallway and stop signs at the "intersections" or better yet, have a hallway patrolman. Give someone a ticket if they walk on the wrong side of the hallway. Place "no littering signs" up around the elevator entrances and trophy case.

Finally, here is a suggestion for all you "aggressive hallwalkers": stop shoving, stay on your side, and don't stop in the middle of the hallway. Those of you who have trouble getting to class because of these people, ask them politely to let you by, if they choose not to acknowledge you, plow on through.

New dress code taking away students rights

by Sahlena Sebastian

Every year, students at RCHS are faced with a new dress code and punishments following the violations of it. On October 5, the SBDM Council approved a new dress code for all formal events.

The only thing students had to do to be penalized is to wear spaghetti strap dresses. At all formal events girls may wear sleeveless dresses, but no halter tops, spaghetti straps or revealing neck lines (except for prom).

What is the difference between a skinny strap and a wide strap? They both show skin; they are both revealing. The only difference I can think of is that the spaghetti strap is more elegant and formal for such occasions as Homecoming.

Girls responsibilities vs. Guys responsibilities

by Melissa Paquette

Think back to that recent day when your father or brother asked your mom or another girl in the house where something of theirs was. Most likely you remember this in detail. It was probably because it happened so often. Do you know why that is? See, most guys are irresponsible. We know it, so do they. They're just too macho to admit it.

Who cooks dinner in your house? Maybe it's your father, but probably not. If your mom gets to cook dinner then you guys might have an empty tummy. It seems like a woman's responsibilities are rather important. Let's go back, way back, to the day you first came into this place. Hmm... I don't think your father carried you for nine months and brought you into this world. Most likely you remember that your mom taught you how to be polite and the right way to do things, at the same time she was holding a job. Wow, working and raising a child seems like a huge responsibility.

When you were younger you were most likely taught right from wrong, how to be polite and you were given morals. Now let's say both of your parents work. Well as I recall, my mom taught me all those things and more, not my dad. In fact, many of you might recall that your mom taught you how to be polite and the right way to do things, at the same time she was holding a job. Wow, working and raising a child seems like a lot of responsibilities. We should have two Mother's Days a year. One just isn't enough for the continued page 13