

Senior trip not out of the question for Class of '02

Editor's Note: A section of this article was inadvertently deleted from the last issue of The Rocket. Therefore, we are reprinting the article in its entirety.

BY SHANA NOE

At some schools, senior trips are included in your typical twelfth grade package: senior pictures, college visits, skip day, ect. But here, the tradition of a final gathering of the graduating class has long been disbanded.

"We didn't even have a trip the year I was a senior," English teacher Susan Norton, who graduated in 1989, said. "I think we went to the mall."

The last official senior trip, according to Principal Ruth Allen, was in 1971, when there were still three separate high schools. After consolidation a year later in '72, faculty at the new high school decided not to continue the tradition because the classes were so much larger.

This year's attempts of organizing a senior trip failed after a lack of student participation. Whether it was students wanting the trip, but not willing to work for it, or

the failure of some teachers to communicate to their students, either way it's not going to happen. Juniors-it's your turn now.

"I think we need to organize a student committee to start the process," said junior Cassie Smith. "It's our trip, we should have to work for it."

According to Sergeant Major Keith Taylor, chairperson of the Student Support Committee, plans for a senior trip should begin sophomore year, but this year's juniors still have enough time.

"I'm all for a senior trip," Sgt. Major Taylor stated, "but I think it's entirely up to the students."

The juniors can start their planning by organizing a committee to be responsible for all the decisions that need to be made. Eligibility requirements for the trip must be established first thing, because the students have to be presented with the criteria at the first of their senior year. Whether eligibility be

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Morning traffic has slowed since speed bumps were installed May 3. The bumps are intended to encourage drivers to follow the 15 mph speed limit.

Speed bumps, more security cameras among new safety measures

BY AMY CLARK

At the end of this year many decisions will be made about adding and changing security in the school to protect the students and the staff.

Contrary to rumor, there will not be radar detectors. However, police officers will come in randomly so the students will not know when the police officers will be at school.

"The students can get a speeding ticket in the parking lot, although some don't think they can," said assistant principal Mr. Barry Noble.

"There have been a couple of rear end collisions in the back of the school," said assistant principal Mr. Barry Noble.

According to Mr. Noble, there have been times when the roads were wet and students fishtailed, running into the covert.

Students have been slowing down since speed bumps were put in May 3.

"It takes everyone a little longer to get into and out of the parking lot," said senior Amanda Chism.

Speed bumps aren't the only changes. There has been a request by the school for cameras in the back parking lot to better enforce the school rules.

"There will still be a school grounds monitor, mostly for the safety of the vehicles," said Mr. Noble.

There will still be blue books next year, however, they'll be smaller and the new principal will decide whether students will have to buy them.

"If they are smaller, we can put them in our notebooks," said

sophomore Marty Reagan.

Name tags will also be used next year for identification, but the school is not sure how.

"We may have people who co-op and do community service wear the name tags, but not everyone," said Noble.

Teachers may be wearing the name tags in the halls next year so the incoming freshmen will know who they are.

"I think it would definitely let everyone know who the teachers are and who the visitors are," said English teacher Mrs. Jennifer Mattingly.

The school has also applied for a Cop in School grant for next year. More information will be available at the end of the year.

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