

# Foreword

Newness is sweet and smooth but it never lasts. This was the first lesson of Ruffin High School's second year. A year which could not be like the first. Such an obvious lesson was a difficult one for many of us. We spent much time looking back and wishing for the order and good will which seemed to have left us while we had our heads turned.

In the reality of its tensions, Ruffin's second year taught us that students have life size problems that cannot be washed away by shining smiles alone. The joys of this year have been sharpened by those problems. In dealing honestly with the present we may be better prepared for the future which constantly draws us forward. No school could do any more for us than that.

