

Opening Night Jitters

This was the first act of a whole new life for 1,746 students, and the new facility impressed the audience. Parents even came to enjoy the show.

The curtain opened in the gym. Surprisingly all of the students fit onto the bleachers and we were thankful that air conditioning had been installed.

Although students were eager to explore their new school and greet their teachers, Principal Mack Jones, Mr. John Stephens, William Reynolds, and the Student Council welcomed them first. As head of curriculum, Mr. John Stephens explained, "Rules and regulations are a part of the plot to a good year." A few new rules were no gum, stay off the grass and avoid the parking lot.

The schedule for the day continued. Students met their teachers and sat through a lengthy homeroom.

Most students ended up in the wrong rooms at the wrong time, but a lesson was learned through getting lost there are only 250,000 square feet of school, who could possibly be in the right place?

Although most students crowded in the halls during lunch to discuss their favorite teacher and complain of tired feet, others patiently waited in line to receive their hamburgers and fries.

According to Mr. Jones, "the first day of school was a day of awe which continued for three weeks until students got into a normal routine." He expressed how pleased he was with the first day. "You could look into students eyes and tell they had not seen anything like it." To these students it was a "First Class Act."



Enjoying the first taste from the short order side are Jeff Benson and Mark Winkle.

Ruby Doctor and Georgia Rice prepare the feast for the first day of school.