

Faculty analyzes changes in students

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South Miami Senior High is celebrating its tenth anniversary, a whole decade to remember. Administrators, teachers and students are roughly analyzing everything concerning our school system to improve it the most we can.

Through the years, the South Miami High faculty has had to adapt to the new people it has been receiving. To many, the students are basically the same. To others they are not. Maybe our mentality has firmly changed, maybe the way we act is not the same; let's see what some of the original staff that has been here since

the very beginning think about "our change," if there has really been one:

"I would like to see the student's attitudes toward school change for the better. The students aren't as motivated as they used to be in the 70's. They want to get things the easy way and not work for them," declared industrial arts teacher Mr. Smith.

Mr. Bragg, band teacher, replies, "There is a lot less participation in school activities than there used to be."

Athletic director Mr. Scarnecchia thinks that there has been a big change between the students of a decade ago and the students of today. "In the early 70's the biggest issue was the racial problem. Today, everyone gets along great and I think we have overcome that, but I would like to see the kids preserve our facilities more and not abuse them."

On the contrary, driver education teacher Ms. Horne does not recall such a drastic change. "I think the student's attitudes toward improving our school has increased a little. One of the things both the students and I would like to improve is the air conditioning. Some of the classrooms are extremely cold and it disrupts the student's learning environment as well as the teacher's performance."

These are some of the problems the staff has had to

face within their decade here at South Miami. Therefore, we think it is only fair for us to congratulate them for

overcoming the obstacles that have stood in their way and for making South Miami Senior High what it is today.

Letter to the Editor

South Miami students are among the most spirited in the county. This spirit is sometimes lost, however, when a game is not won. Often students, cheerleaders and players alike are discouraged when it seems that their spirited efforts did not accomplish the desired results: winning the game.

Spirit and togetherness should be maintained whether or not victory is achieved. The team should thus be supported through thick and thin. Complaining about the team will not accomplish anything. On the other hand, one should be optimistic and spirited. It will prove to be not only helpful but quite fun.

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