



AFS STUDENT—Susan Williams is hosting Varune Virabaddhama, AFS student from Bangkok, Thailand. (Photo by Killebrew)

RMSH Student Body Hosts AFS Varune Virabaddhama

Varune Virabaddhama, AFS student from Bangkok, Thailand, is spending this school year at Rocky Mount Senior High in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Williams, with her 'American Sister, Susan Williams.

This year, Varune is taking typing, U. S. history, World geography, English 12, French 3, and study hall. In Thailand, she says, the courses are somewhat similar, but the students do not have a choice as to what subjects they would like to take. They are assigned to certain subjects. Also in Thailand, it is required that they wear uniforms to class.

Varune has had twelve years of schooling in Thailand. She also spent one month at the University of Bangkok, where she will return after leaving the United States in June.

In giving her opinion of the students at Rocky Mount Senior High, Varune said "They're so nice and friendly." She related that she had one major problem, "I can't remember names."

"I like reading collecting stamps, dancing and riding bicycles," she said when asked her special interests.

Varune has one older brother, age twenty-two, who is studying law at the University of Bangkok. Her family also includes one younger brother, 16, and one younger sister, nine.

The family resides in Bangkok where her father is a judge.

RMSH Greet New Teachers

Rocky Mount Senior High School welcomes seven new teachers to its faculty this year.

Mrs. Mary T. Dicks who originally came from Whitakers will be teaching five classes of chemistry.

Mrs. Magdalene Pace, who formerly taught at Enloe High School, has just moved with her family from Raleigh. She will teach Junior English.

Miss Anna B. Privott from Williamston, N. C. will be teaching math. She has taken Miss Sherry Gardner's place.

From George R. Edwards Junior High comes Mrs. Leah L. Wimberly who will teach one class of French and English each.

Washington, N. C. brings Mr. Cecil V. Cherry and his family to Rocky Mount. Mr. Cherry will serve with Miss Kitchin in the Guidance Department at Senior High this year.

Mr. William A. Rawls, Jr., a native to Rocky Mount, will teach two classes in dramatics.

Also new to Rocky Mount is Mr. James Stancel. He has just moved from Ahoskie and he will teach biology and assist in coaching.

Principal Colombo Challenges RM Student Body To High Goals

Rocky Mount Senior High officially opened the 1968-69 school year Friday morning, August 30 in a short assembly, with Principal V. J. Colombo giving the opening address to the entire student body.

The assembly was called to order by Emmitt Gladstone, vice-president of the Student Organization. He then led the students in the singing of the National Anthem.

The program was then turned over to the president of the Student Organization, John Kincheloe. John began by welcoming the students back to school on behalf of the student government, and also welcom-

ing the Sophomores to their first year at RMSH, after which he introduced the speaker, RMSH Principal V. J. Colombo.

Mr. Colombo began by welcoming the students back to the beginning of another year of school, and reminded the classes of the value of a good high school education and challenged them to do their best work through out the coming year. He spoke of his high hopes for RMSH as a school and his good wished for each individual student. Mr. Colombo closed his

address with a prayer.

Mr. Colombo proceeded to introduce the new faculty members at RMSH for this year. After the introductions he briefly explained the problems caused by the construction taking place and the new arrangements being made. The students were then given instructions on where to report for homerooms and the temporary locations of some classes.

For the first time, with the Class of '69 leaving first, the assembly was dismissed.

Construction At Senior High Making Excellent Headway

RMSH is now undergoing construction of additional classrooms and other facilities, the total cost of which will be approximately one million dollars.

So far, only two rooms have been completed to a degree that they may be used as classrooms. They are being used at present for ICT and Foreign Language rooms. Work has also been done to air condition the physics and language departments as well as the new rooms. The cafeteria has also undergone remodeling. The old General Purpose Room has been joined to the cafeteria area and is being used as the snack bar area. This change increases the seating capacity in the cafeteria from last year's 225 to 375.

The two additional buildings under construction are scheduled to be completed on or around July 1. The new building on Tillery Street will contain eight new classrooms. There will also be a modern library, as well as a new General Purpose Room. The plans also include an Audiovisual room. All rooms in this building will be air conditioned.

On the Nash Street side of the

school will be built a new band room. Also, an art room, a health classroom, a gymnastics room, and two new dressing rooms will be contained in this building. A student commons area will be built and air conditioned, as will all other rooms in this building.

The cost of these two buildings and the remodeling of part of the school cost approximately \$750,000.

An additional building, with an estimated cost of \$250,000 is in the architectural planning stage. When completed it will contain six classrooms, two biology laboratories, a chemistry lab, additional expansion in the guidance areas, a business department, a home economics department, and new administrative offices. Plans for the construction of this building will be completed sometime in the near future.

The construction has been progressing well during the summer and will continue throughout this school year. This puts an extra burden on the entire student body and faculty, but the expansion will vastly improve the educational opportunities at RMSH.



SUPERVISING CONSTRUCTION—Mr. Avent and Mr. Colombo discuss plans for the new additions to RMSH. (Photo by Killebrew)

School Calendar

August 30	Teacher-Pupil Orientation
October 8	NCEA Holiday
Nov- 28-Dec. 1	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Winter Holidays
January 21	First Semester Ends
January 22	Semester Break
January 23	Second Semester Begins
April 3-9	Spring Holidays
June 4	Commencement