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NEWLY ELECTED CLASS OFFICERS

## Advisory Council Gathers To Hear Student Matters

Members of the Student Advisory Council, which serves as a link between students and administrators, met for the first time with Dr. Ben F. Currin Wednesday, January 7, in the Administrative Office.

The Student Advisory Council is composed of students from RMSH, Parker, R. M. Wilson, and Edwards. Students representing RMSH are Richard Bullock, Steve Braswell, Rubie Gibson, Wayne Hodges, Rahn Barnes, Tim Chapman, Gerald Costen, Theresa Vivo, Wadye Morton, and Tony Brabham. Steve Braswell was elected chairman and Rubie Gibson secretary of the Council by the members of the Council.

The purpose of the Student Advisory Council is to serve as a link between students and administrators and to give students a desired say-so about school matters.

Approximately three problems concerning RMSH students were discussed. One question was why Latin is not offered in the curriculum. This subject is not offered mainly because of lack of popularity. Another problem concerned the lunch room and the last one concerned individualized education. The junior high school students also presented some

## Graduate Named Fellow At UNC

Valerie Batts, a former RMSH student who is presently a sophomore of UNC-G, was recently chosen a North Carolina Fellow along with fourteen other N.C. sophomores.

Miss Batts, a highly qualified student for this award, is the daughter of RMSH Associate Principal Batts and his wife.

The North Carolina Fellows Programs are designed to help develop future leadership for business, governmental, professional, and educational organizations. These programs are constantly searching for new methods to carry out their purposes, through a program concerned with research and application. The Fellows Program members attend seminars and guidance sessions during school, and in the summer they learn from established leaders of various fields.

problems concerning them.

Two representatives from each class were elected to serve on the Student Advisory Council. Also serving on the Council at this time are the president of the S.R.A., co-chairman of the Human Relations Committee, and Steve Braswell, who suggested the Council.

### Semester Schedule

January 25 -- Holiday for all students.  
March 4 -- SAT, Achievement tests.  
March 30-April 4 -- Easter holidays.  
April 15 -- SAT only.  
May 6 -- Achievement tests only.  
June 5 -- Graduation.

## UNC Project Deals With Education

By William Friday, President University of North Carolina

A special research project on your University's Greensboro campus has shown that small children who are engaged in a group activity tend to maintain a calmer level of behavior when they are surrounded by white walls than when they are surrounded by colored walls.

The study was conducted by Mrs. Joyce Hasell Webb of Kernersville, who planned the project and who now is teaching in the Department of Home Economics at Eastern Michigan University.

In the project, two groups of children were tested as they participated in a 15-minute "story hour" each day for 15 days. One group attended in an all-white setting, while the second group assembled for the period in a colored setting.

Mrs. Webb, an interior design graduate student, was intrigued by the idea that environmental color might affect human behavior.

Each of the two groups was tested for inattention, disruptive activity and general noisiness. On all three tests the groups in the colored setting proved to be generally more restless than the group in the white setting.

Twenty-three children from the UNC-G Nursery School participated in the special story

## Class Officers Elected By S. O. For Second Semester Positions

Senior, Junior, and Sophomore class officers for the second semester were elected by their classes immediately before the Christmas holidays at RMSH.

Newly elected Senior class officers for second semester are president, Richard Newman; vice-president, Gary Knight; secretary, Denise Morgan; and treasurer, Toxi Clark. These officers will be concerned primarily with the graduation plans of the Senior class.

Junior officers for the second semester are president, Cavaretta Martin; vice-president, Chris Weatherly; secretary, Bruce Anderson; and treasurer, Ruth Walker. The main project of the Junior class will be the RMSH Junior-Senior Prom for 1972.

Second semester Sophomore officers for 1972 are president, Mike Knight; vice-president, Chip Pearsall; secretary, Veronica Nelson; and treasurer, Jack Liles.

### Self-Nominated Candidates

All candidates who ran for the offices of the three classes were self-nominated, in accordance with the recent SRA ruling which abolished the nomination committee of RMSH. All candidates were required to

list their qualifications by past experiences, and their personal qualifications, along with statements indicating a desire to serve.

### Elections Day

Elections Day at RMSH was Tuesday, December 16. Anne Watkins, co-chairman of the Elections Committee, stated "The turnout of voters was about what we had expected; but

we really had hoped for more voters." Of the 480 Seniors who are registered to vote, 235 or fifty percent of those registered voted in class elections. Of the 472 registered Juniors, 235 or fifty percent of those registered voted in the elections. Of the 460 registered Sophomores, 245 voted, which is fifty-three percent of those Sophomores registered to vote.

## Exam Period Progresses With Sr. Tests Optional

The first semester exam period at RMSH, occurring Thursday, January 20, through Monday, January 24, contains one basic change -- only those seniors desiring to take exams will do so this year.

This change, which stems from a decision made by the principals of RMSH, states that RMSH Seniors have an option as to whether they will take exams or not. If a Senior decides not to take an exam, his three six-weeks grades will be averaged to determine his final semester grade in a subject. This new ruling is a senior privilege only; it does not include sophomores

and juniors, who must take each required exam.

Exams for all three scheduled days will meet in the morning from 8:30 to 10:30, and from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will have to remain in classes for a minimum of one hour. First and second period classes will meet Thursday, third and fourth period classes will meet Friday, and fifth and sixth period classes taking exams will meet Monday.

All students will have a holiday Tuesday, January 25. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 26, beginning the second semester of 1971-72 at RMSH.

walls" group.

—Children in the "colored walls" group engaged in more disruptive behavior and were generally less attentive to the structured activity than was true of those in the control group.

—The "colored walls" group was generally noisier than the "white walls" group.

—"Various wall colors used in the experiment did have measurably different effects on the behavior of the children in the 'colored walls' group," Mrs. Webb found.

The colors dark blue, red and pink seemed to cause the group "to pay less attention, while the light blue, dots and stripes caused more attention," she reported.

Inattentive activity was most common when walls were pink and least common when the walls were light blue.

To most of us, the color of a classroom's walls might seem unimportant and unrelated to the learning process. Fortunately, researchers such as Mrs. Webb do not have such unquestioning attitudes.



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