



Mr. Robert Hines, a former Distributive Education teacher at RMSH, recently replaced Mr. Roscoe A. Batts as the associate principal of RMSH. Mr. Batts returned to his former job as principal of Parker Junior High.



Dr. Currin, Students Discuss Necessary School Problems

Members of the Student Advisory Council assembled for their first meeting with Dr. Ben Currin, Superintendent of the Rocky Mount City Schools, to discuss how students feel about certain issues ranging from food service to free press in the school administrative building Wednesday, January 7.

The students represented Parker, Edwards, R. M. Wilson, and RMSH. The representatives either earned their post by school positions or were chosen by fellow students in general elections.

Dr. Currin told the representatives, "From here the direction you take will be up to you. What you say can have some impact and meaning."

The council elected Steve Braswell and Ruby Gibson, both of RMSH, chairman and secretary respectively. Then the students asked questions and made suggestions about the workings of the school system.

The council members raised questions concerning food service, free press, and academics. Braswell touched on the most crucial issue - the possibility of a student serving as an

ex officio or voting member of the school board. Dr. Currin said that a change in the law would be necessary for a student to become a voting member.

The Student Advisory Council met for their second meeting with Dr. Ben Currin to discuss other school problems in the school administrative building Wednesday, January 23.

Students at RMSH asked why they couldn't hold more money-raising projects. Dr. Currin pointed out that a school board policy prohibited any S. O. money-raising projects except the annual magazine sale.

The question of tradition was raised when some students complained that the administration sometimes wouldn't agree to new ideas because it hadn't been the tradition to do that at RMSH. But, since all the students who went to the old Booker T. Washington High School and RMSH have graduated, maybe the administration will dispense with the old tradition.

Junior high school students were asked to work together with RMSH students in order to produce better school projects.

VICA Club Members Visit Richard Fountain School

RMSH Vocational Industrial Clubs of America members converged with students from Richard T. Fountain School January 27 to describe the purposes and practices of the VICA.

Co-advisor of the third district, Mr. Gilbert Watkins, introduced the VICA members to the training school boys. VICA officers are: Ronnie Hedgepeth, president; Mike Willis, vice president; James Gold, second vice president; Wanda Dortch, secretary; Richard Bullock, treasurer; James Harrell, editor; Walter Thorpe, parliamentarian; and Vicky Dickerson, club representative.

The meeting began with an official ceremony. It was conducted by VICA President Ron-

nie Hedgepeth. He told the boys about the activities and meetings that are to take place next spring and invited them to attend the annual District Three Competition meeting February 19 at RMSH.

Each officer told the boys the duties of the VICA as an organization. The meeting was again turned over to Mr. Watkins who explained the primary VICA purpose: to develop youth leadership. Mr. Watkins then presented Mr. Max H. Moore, VICA advisor of Richard T. Fountain, an official VICA charter.

Occupational Educational Director Bob Langley spoke briefly before President Ronnie Hedgepeth closed the affair.

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(Editor's note: The following is an article drawn from quotations and information from both our new and former Associate Principals.)

Mr. Robert Hines, one of RMSH's D.E. coordinators assumed the position of Associate Principal replacing Mr. Roscoe Batts, Jr., who was needed at Parker Junior High.

Mr. Hines stated that classroom experiences are organized in relation to subject-matter areas. These experiences are planned primarily in terms of intellectual growth. Efforts are made to involve students in terms of their abilities, attainments, interests, and needs.

Other educational experiences or out-of-class activities are intended to supplement and reinforce in a positive, meaningful manner that which is carried on in the classroom in terms of the total development of each individual student.

One of the greatest needs in public education today is more concentration on the teaching of responsibilities. In order to prepare students for worthwhile citizenship, they must understand that with every privilege goes some responsibility.

I shall be working with two very fine principals, an outstanding staff, and a wonderful group of students, therefore I am anticipating a very meaningful and enjoyable ex-

Hutchisson Begins Duties As Counselor At RMSH

Upon returning to the United States, Mr. Hutchisson was assigned to Camp Lejeune, where he served as a Battalion Executive Officer and Commander. During his last six months at Camp Lejeune, Mr. Hutchisson served as a coordinator for "project transition," in which he assisted in counseling Marines and Navy personnel before they were discharged for Vocational Training and Job Placement. Mr. Hutchisson feels that this training was helpful to him, since it was relevant to his future work at RMSH.

Mr. Hutchisson, who received his Master's Degree in Counselor's Education at ECU in November, 1971, presently resides on Englewood Drive in Rocky Mount with his family. He and his wife, the former Evelyn Williams of Albany, Ga., have two daughters, age 11 and 13, and one son, a junior, here at RMSH.

When asked to comment on the students at RMSH, Mr. Hutchisson replied that they were courteous and generally interested in making a success of their time at RMSH.

William R. Hutchisson, a former Marine Corps officer who recently obtained his Master's



perience.

Mr. Hines is a native of Rocky Mount and a graduate of Booker T. Washington. He has a wife, Marie and a son, Robert who incidentally is a senior at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh.

Mr. Hines majored in Business Administration at North Carolina Central University. He received his Master's Degree and completed the requirements for certification in Administration and Supervision at North Carolina A & T University. Mr. Hines completed the requirements for certification in Distributive Education at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Editor's Note: The following is a statement prepared by Mr. R. A. Batts exclusively for the GRYPHON. In the statement he reflects his thoughts through his stay at

RMSH; his feelings about the school and the students. - Ed.

"My stay at Rocky Mount Senior High School was a most pleasant and enjoyable one. I found the school to be an institution that practices and exhibits human respect. In my view, that is the most salient factor and/or essence about the school. Since I consider such a factor the most basic single requirement for sound education, I commend Senior High unreservedly for this accomplishment. Closely paralleling this is the good manners and poise displayed by most of the students toward the faculty and the administration.

The school is well organized and administered. The principals possess the personality traits that aid them greatly in their leadership roles. They have the academic and profes-

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First Semester Officers Express Last Farewells

The final Junior Class meeting under the first semester administration was called to order, Tuesday, January 11, during activity period.

President Alfred Davis opened the meeting which featured farewell address from both the Chief Executive and Vice Pre-

sident Ray Brinn.

The Vice President, who spoke first, was highly complimentary of the class, and he pushed for even greater support of class projects in the second semester.

President Davis came to the stand and reflected through the events of his administration. He told of his disappointments, as well as his successes in the first semester. Like the Vice President, Davis stressed the need for greater support of the next officers.

Since there were no minutes and treasurer's report, Miss Kitchin made several announcements, one of which included her urge for the Juniors to begin planning for post-graduation. The question was raised by a class member as to when the students would receive their PSAT scores. She replied that the school had received the tests, and they were being evaluated. The students would receive them shortly.

Alfred Davis adjourned the meeting after all other business had been cleared.



Mr. William R. Hutchisson, right, a new Guidance Counselor at RMSH, confers with RMSH student Russel Harper.