



RANDOM SHOT OF PARENT'S VISITATION NIGHT

Second Semester SRA Meets

The first meeting of the second semester SRA representatives was held Tuesday, February 6, at sixth period in the auditorium.

In the absence of SRA President John Dinan, Vice - President Steve Braswell presided. After the meeting was called to order, Secretary Christal Gagnon read the minutes, which were approved as read. The treasurer Russell Ruffin stated that a total of \$2050.83. was in the treasury, there being no receipts or disbursements.

New cabinet members Mary Thane Barnes, chairman of the Lost and Found Committee, and Steve Bryant, chairman of the Traffic Committee, were in-

troduced as the only changes in the second semester President's Cabinet. The cabinet was approved by the representatives.

Committee reports were given. The Publications Committee reported receiving "Highlights". The Fire Drill Committee requested that the representatives report any room not having a fire drill poster. The Publicity Committee announced that any club or homeroom which desired to sponsor a bulletin board should sign a sheet in the guidance department.

Old business consisted of three requests which had previously been made concerning library fines. One request was that the library fine stop when

a book was returned. The decision on this request was that the student would have one week after returning the book to pay the fine without accumulation of that fine. Another request was that there would be no fine if the student was absent on the day that his book was due. The ruling on this request was that there would be no fine if the student called Mrs. Davis on the day he was absent to tell her, and brought the book back to the library on the day he returned. The third request concerned having no fine over the week end or a holiday. No decision had been reached concerning this request.

Steve began the new business by reading his letter of resignation in which he asked to be relieved of his position because he was unhappy with the student organization. After discussion, his resignation was accepted by the SRA.

Christal Gagnon then dismissed the meeting since there was no further business.

New Class Officers Installed In Junior, Sophomore Meetings

Sophomore class officers were installed by the SRA secretary, Christal Gagnon, due to the absence of the SRA President, John Dinan, and the resignation of its Vice-President, Steve Braswell, in the gym Wednesday, February 8.

Installed were the new class President, Nancy Davis; the vice-president, Joy Osborne; Secretary, Cammy Reirson; and the Treasurer, Bryant Aldridge.

After the installation of the class officers Christal asked the homeroom officers to stand where they were and repeat the oath of office as she read it.

At the conclusion of the installation, Miss Kitchin and

Mrs. Sledge discussed the necessary things about the upcoming reaccreditation.

Junior class officers were also installed by Christal Gagnon in the auditorium February 8.

Bill Roebuck was installed the new President of the junior class. Chip Pearsall was installed as Vice-president; Paula Murrill as Secretary; and Bill Mebane as Treasurer.

After the installation of the class officers, the homeroom officers stood where they were and repeated their oaths of office.

At the completion of the installation, Mrs. Sledge spoke to the junior class about reaccreditation.

Assembly Marks End Of Festivities For Black History

On Thursday, February 15, the Black Heritage Week festivities ended at RMSH with an assembly in tribute of past black accomplishments.

Ronnie Osborne presided over the assembly. He introduced Cavaretta Martin, whose opening statements gave text to the complete assembly. Gwen Sanders welcomed the students, faculty, and visitors. Some visitors included Hall of Famer "Buck" Leonard and Mrs. Ruth B. Jones. The Black National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was sung admirably by Carol Reid. Scriptures were read by Norma Petway and the prayer was given by Renee Wilkins.

The Modernaries performed "Swing Low Swet Chariot", featuring William Farmer as soloist. Deborah Bulluck introduced the speaker Alfred Davis. His statements told of Black achievements in the past and the Black's future endeavors. Gloria Carney read poems by Langston Hughes. The program ended with a creative dance featuring Beverly Powell, Robin Shaw, Theresa Hines, and Diane Lancaster.

RMSH Anticipating Reaccreditation End

RMSH has been going through a process of reaccreditation for the past two years and the culmination of all this effort will conclude at a Banquet Tuesday night, February 20 and a Visitation Day Wednesday, February 21.

The reaccreditation process, which occurs at least once every ten years or after a major change in purpose or program, is one that will exhibit the school's improvements in educational programs. It benefits a student to go to an accredited school for the school's academic level is then acknowledged as being at a high level.

Teachers and committees have worked hard to assure the reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Their hard work has had much to do with the success of the reaccreditation program.

In a recent talk by Mrs. Sledge the importance of this hard work and also the vital role played by students was explained. She also explained how the whole school was involved in the process, not just committee members.

The whole process of reaccreditation involves many phases. One phase was the Parents Visitation Night, held February 15, which allowed the Rocky Mount community to become acquainted with the school and its departments. Another phase of the process was a banquet held February 20 in honor of the visiting reaccreditation officials and also school members who worked on the process. The program will be concluded by the Visitation Day when officials evaluate RMSH during the schedule of a regular school day.



Dr. Currin, one of the many special guest attending open house.

Open House Attended By RMSH Parents

Parents of Rocky Mount Senior High students attended Parents Visitation Night at RMSH Thursday, February 15 in order to learn more of the school current activities.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ruth Bell Sledge, Reaccreditation Steering Committee chairman, and greetings were extended by Principal E. L. Newbern, Jr. Mrs. Sledge then spoke of the significance of accreditation.

INTRODUCTION OF DEPARTMENTS

Featured in the opening of the meeting was the introduction by departmental heads of the unique features of each department, and also introduction of

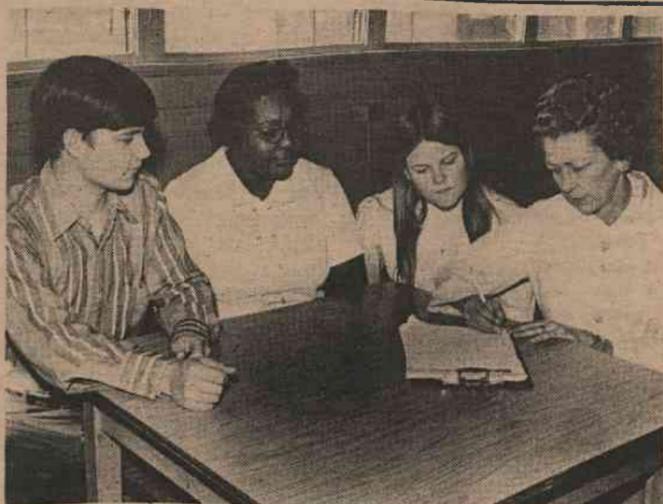
each teacher, Mr. Robert Hines, Associate Principal, used slides to take the parents on a tour of many of the departments.

PARENT CLASSROOM VISITATION

At the conclusion of the program, the parents were invited to the Home Economics Department for refreshments. Afterwards, a tour of the building with student guides was given. Teachers were available in their classrooms to answer questions of the parents.

In a letter sent to the parents prior to the meeting, the need for the parents "to know your school" was stressed. The acquainting of the parents with unique innovations in the school's program as well as the explanation of the significance and process of accreditation were the main topics of interest reviewed by the parents and teachers.

Dr. Ben Currin, Rocky Mount City School Superintendent, was among the many special guests.



pictured above are (l-r) Steve Bryant, Camilla Lucas, Leigh Jefferson, and Doris Eakes, making plans for reaccreditation banquet.

February 21 - Visiting reaccreditation team
March 3 - SAT at Wilson Fike High School
April 20-23 - Easter holidays (two school days)
June 6 - School closes
June 7 - Commencement