

SOUL EXPLOSION

... by Brenda and William

Hitman, Trouble Man, Melinda sound familiar don't they? Black movies are now invading the cinema screens throughout Rocky Mount. With the help of Brenda Barnes, we have compiled some of the comments of some of our Black students on "How do you dig Black movies?" Groove on!

Diane Dancy

"I really dig the black movies that are being filmed, and I usually try to see every one that comes to Rocky Mount."

Phil Ford

"I think they are real hip. It is time that Black actors have a chance to excell in the movie world. I enjoy watching them very much."

Norma Petway

"The Black movies that are becoming more known in this area are very interesting and enjoyable. It gives society a more clear picture of the Black man and woman. I'm more than pleased with most of them but a few of them I could change some parts."

Thomas Moore

"I think that the role of Black

people in society today is becoming more apparent because of the Black movies. Youths, who go out and see these motion pictures are learning the do's and don'ts about life, and are judging themselves accordingly."

Caroline Wiggins

"The Black movies coming to Rocky Mount are more of a let down. Some of the movies show black men as being dope pushers, Loving "White" women, wearing bad clothes, living in big houses, and even have owned a private club, "For Blacks Only." Black men are respected regardless of whatever their role. They make the films. The audience is sometimes aware of how these black male actors live their lives on stage and off stage. These movies don't show the black women as "woman." She portrays roles as a push over, for the black male. In one particular film the black woman was respected. She played as a "lady". Black women need to be seen for what they are and not as just a fill in when the "white"

woman is not around.

Alphonso McKnight

"Black movies are what's happening now. Every time you turn around there's a new Black movie to see, and that's cool. It really makes me feel good to see a brother in a movie with rags that just can't wait, a pad that every chick tries to get into, and an El Dorado that every man tries to steal. So I hope stars such as Jim Brown, a one time football star who hasn't stopped scoring yet, Ron O'Neal, the coolest pusherman around, and Richard Roundtree, a man with a big score, keep on making movies in the way that harmonize the public."

Banquet To Honor Reaccreditation Of R. M. High School

The reaccreditation banquet to honor those who have put many long hours into reaccreditation will be held Feb. 20th, 1973. Some of those invited are the reaccreditation committee, RMSH faculty, the Mayor, Mr. Sam Gray, Mr. Bob Williams, RMSH secretaries and teachers aide, Mrs. Elks, Mr. Clarence, Mr. Neal Chafin and the chairman Education Committee of Commerce.

Hors d'ouvres will be served in the home-ec department from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be prepared by the cafeteria staff and will be served by student volunteers starting at 6:30. Quiet background music will be provided and the invocation will be lead by Dr. Lehman.

The program of the banquet will consist of a welcome by Mr. Newbern. Introductions, and remarks by Chairman of the Board of Education, consultants and committee chairman.

The entertainment will spark the evening with a dramatic skit by RMSH drama students and a poem by Miss Murchison.



Pictured above is Bruce Alexander, Kiwanis boy for February.

Bruce Alexander Honored

The Kiwanians have selected another outstanding student for the honor of Kiwanis boy for February.

Kiwanis boy for this month is a guy with a warm smile always willing to lend a helping hand. He is Bruce Alexander, the son of Sgt. and Mrs. Jimmie D. Alexander. Bruce is an outstanding student at RMSH, he is vice-president of the National Honor Society and is on the Curriculum committee for Reaccreditation. He has recently been selected as an outstanding senior.

Bruce has a very worthwhile

project for his spare time, that of tutoring a blind student. This is an excellent example of the type of person Bruce is, one always ready to lend a helping hand. Also he enjoys playing basketball at the YMCA and at First Methodist Church which he attends.

Several of his hobbies include basketball, chess, and fishing. Next year Bruce would like to attend UNC-Chapel Hill. He plans to major in medicine.

The Gryphon would like to congratulate Bruce on this well-deserved honor!



Mrs. Alice Knight (left) and Mrs. Ella Davis check over last minute plans for Reaccreditation.

Lunchroom Changes Greatly Appreciated

When everyone came back to school at the first of the year, the newly painted bright yellow cafeteria was barely recognized. As the days passed by, the atmosphere in the lunchroom became brighter. The three lunch lines are one of the major improvements, but also the students seem to accept the responsibilities of cleaning off the tables and clearing away the trays (with a little help from teachers). There are still a few problems with "Hurried Harries" and "Frantic Frances" breaking in line and a few "elite Ellens" who think they are too good to remove their trays. Mr. Hines has reprimanded a few of these "elite Ellens" and turned them into "happy helpers."

Looking on the brighter side of things, an obvious reason for improvement in the lunchroom is the lunch ladies. They always wear a smile and try to be very helpful.

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