



**STUDENTS TO ATTEND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL.** Richard Oxendine, Martha Harris, and Cindy Hartman will spend part of their summer at the Governor's School. [Photo by Wilgus]

## Juniors Chosen

This year three juniors have been selected to attend Governor's School in Winston-Salem. Martha Harris, Cindy Hartman, and Richard Oxendine have been chosen for the summer session from July 5 to August 14.

Martha Harris was selected to attend the Governor's School for dance. She has taken dancing for seven years under Mrs. Florence Rawls. Martha was "very happy" to be chosen to attend the school. Apart from school and dancing, Martha also participates in many outdoor activities and sports.

Cindy Hartman was picked from the nominees for excellence in the area of academics. Besides excelling in school, Cindy finds time to be an active member of the Rocky Mount YMCA Swim Team. She also plays the piano and the clarinet.

Richard Oxendine was also chosen for academics. Richard says, "I'm very happy and honored to have been selected to attend the Governor's School. I'm going to try my best to do the work." When he was first told of the honor, Richard said he was "naturally excited, but that he needed to get his plans together for the summer." Richard keeps in shape with karate in which he holds a green belt. While at the Governor's School, he hopes to find someone to teach karate to so he can keep in shape and practice.

Naturally at first, all three students had a few doubts about giving up almost half of their summer vacation, but after thinking about the opportunities of the school, it was the consensus of all three juniors that attending would be very rewarding and worthwhile.

## Teachers And Guidance Counselors Discuss SAT

"Educators are tired of taking the blame for declining student performance when much of the root cause is lack of support and motivation in the homes," stated John Ryor, President of the National Education Association, to a recent National Town Meeting at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Ryor also pointed out that declining test scores are due to "unmotivated, apathetic and hostile students who make little effort to learn." Also, he feels television, increased mobility and single-parent split homes are contributing to the educational decline of many high school students.

"Students don't read as much as they used to" was Miss Kate Parks Kitchin's reaction to why test scores in general have been dropping. Miss Kitchin, guidance counselor, believes that "the lack of family conversation has caused many student's verbal scores to go down." She also emphasizes that good mathematical scores are most likely to be developed in a classroom situation, while verbal abilities tend to develop in the classroom as well as in communication with other people, especially well-educated adults.

Mr. William Hutchisson, a guidance counselor, feels that a

"Greater diversity, (economically and socially), of students are taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test and therefore the scores on an average are lower than in previous years." He also emphasizes that many "students are accepting their junior year score, and they are not trying to improve it their senior year."

"Less parental guidance and support is causing apathy among many students and therefore their test scores are lower than in recent years," states Edyth Tweedy when asked why test scores, particularly SAT's, are not as high as in the past. She, as a guidance counselor, believes that "students have to be made more aware of what is required of them to be successful and cope with the problems in the work in which they live." She hopes that more students who take the SAT will pursue a stronger academic program.

## Johnston Named

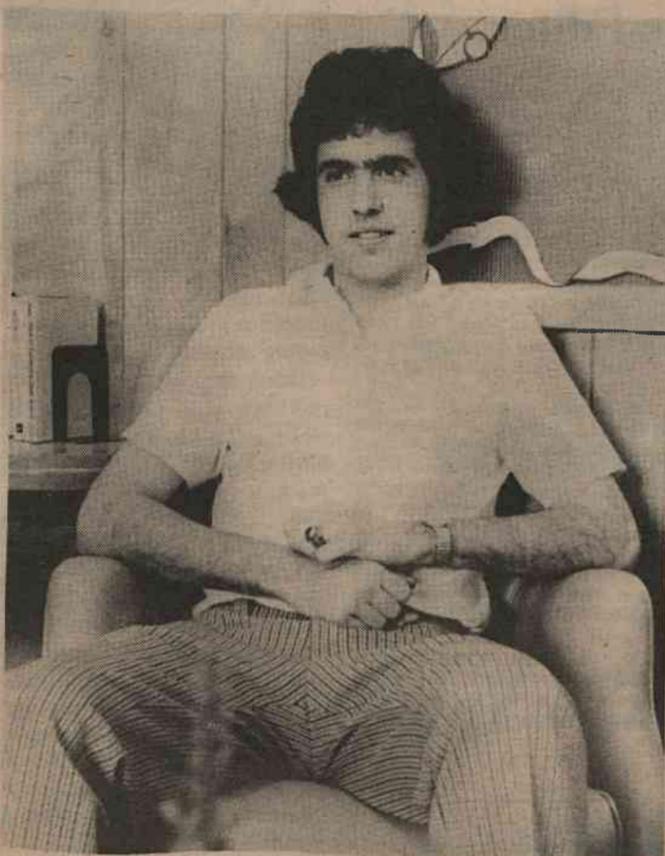
Gill Fountain has recently been named a James M. Johnston scholar by North Carolina State University. Gill, a quiet and conservative person by nature exclaimed, "I couldn't believe it. In fact, I read about it four times before I could believe it."

Perhaps the nicest thing about Gill's scholarship is that it came as a complete surprise. There were no interviews, no tests, and more importantly, there was no period of waiting. Unlike other scholarships, one does not have to apply for a Johnston. These scholarships,

set up according to the will of James M. Johnston, are awarded to deserving students who plan to follow certain curriculums. "We applied for financial aid," Gill explains and adds "I just got a letter in the mail."

Gill, an avid electronics buff, works at TV Radio Hospital. He plans to concentrate in electrical engineering at State. "If I change my curriculum, they'll probably change the amount," he says.

Gill is president of the National Honor Society at RMSH.



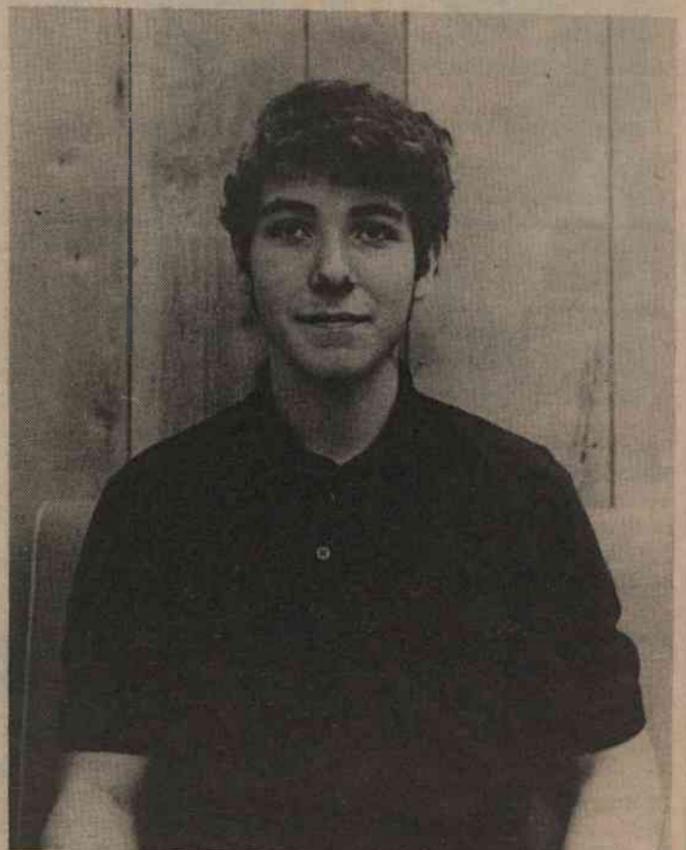
**JOHNNY WELLS NAMED SCHOLAR.** The Josephus Daniels Scholarship was recently awarded to Johnny Wells by UNC at Chapel Hill. [Photo by Wilgus]

## Johnny Wells Named Scholar

Johnny Wells recently won the Josephus Daniels Scholarship Award. This scholarship is given by the University of North Carolina. Johnny won the basis of his scholastic ability.

Johnny's high scholastic average enabled him to be inducted into the National Honor Society. He was also a semi-finalist for the National Honor Society Scholarship.

Music plays a large role in Johnny's life. He excels in the drums, piano, and also guitar. He uses his talents widely in the RMSH band. He is in the jazz band, wind ensemble, and the marching band. He is also Senior Drum Captain.



**GILL FOUNTAIN AWARDED:** Gill Fountain has recently been named a winner of the James M. Johnston Scholarship. [Photo by Woodley]