

		Total	White Male	White Female	Black Male	Black Female
Murder	Yes	70%	89%	79%	58%	52%
	No	20%	9%	12%	34%	35%
	Und.	8%	2%	9%	8%	13%
Rape	Yes	41%	51%	47%	31%	31%
	No	43%	35%	31%	57%	56%
	Und.	16%	14%	22%	12%	13%
Arson	Yes	42%	58%	45%	28%	34%
	No	34%	22%	24%	51%	48%
	Und.	23%	20%	31%	21%	18%
Women Convicted Of Capital Crimes	Yes	80%	93%	93%	68%	65%
	No	12%	4%	3%	18%	21%
	Und.	8%	3%	3%	14%	14%
16 yr olds Convicted Of Capital Crimes	Yes	27%	35%	21%	23%	24%
	No	53%	48%	49%	64%	52%
	Und.	20%	17%	30%	13%	24%
Under 16 yr old Convicted Of Capital Crimes	Yes	22%	35%	23%	19%	13%
	No	57%	47%	51%	60%	69%
	Und.	21%	18%	26%	21%	18%
Death Penalty Deterrent to Crime	Yes	50%	66%	53%	40%	38%
	No	25%	16%	18%	32%	34%
	Und.	25%	18%	29%	28%	28%

This chart represents the results of a survey conducted by Mrs. Ellen Rose's 4th period Democracy class. The percentages were computed for the whole school and by black male/black female and by white male/white female. The calculations and rounding off errors made some totals 99% instead of 100%.



### Book Fair Successful

Library Club members Natalie Barnes, Darius Miller and Dale Allen examine some of the books

that were on sale at the Book Fair.

Photo by Jerry Joyner

## Book Fair Lauded

"The Book Fair received much response from the student body. The Library Club sponsored the Book Fair. The student reaction was very good, Mrs. Barbara Edwards, librarian, stated.

Dale Allen, Co-chairman of the Book Fair, said that the Book Fair was successful. "As far as the outcome of the Book Fair goes, we did pretty good in sales. We sold more than I thought we would. Being that this was Senior High's first Book Fair, student and teacher involvement was pretty good. I'd like to thank everyone who

helped make the Book Fair a success," commented Dale.

"I think the Book Fair could be beneficial to anyone who supports it because the prices of popular books have been reduced from newsstand prices. Therefore, support of the Book Fair is advantageous to the students, stated Cathy Sharpe, a member of the Library Club.

"The Book Fair shows evidence of good effort and the students have shown interest in it," Karen Dudley commented.

The Library Club is a recently formed club at Senior High. The club is made up of library

assistants. The Book Fair was their first money raising project, and they plan to brave another fair next semester. They plan to have different books, best sellers, and popular books. "We encourage students and teachers to participate," Dale stated.

## Civic Center Still In Planning Stage

In the past nine months the prospect of Rocky Mount's building a civic center has moved to a more successful stage than ever before. The City Council has hired an architect to do some rough sketches of possible community centers that Rocky Mount could benefit from. These drawings should be completed by the first of the year. The City Council will review the possible sketchings and then hire a Task Force to study how a center that is picked from the drawings would fit Rocky Mount. The Task Force will work on such problems as finances and location which have been the main drawbacks to the center to begin with.

A need for a community center to assist in many of

Rocky Mount's activities has been a talked about issue since 1945. In 1974 a detailed study was done to see if Rocky Mount could feasibly build a center looking towards the future growth of the city and its needs. The study proved favorable, but because of the recession at this time the matter of financing caused the issue to drop once again.

The center, if built, will contain a large room for social activities such as dances, a conference room with five smaller meeting rooms, and a fully equipped kitchen.

The Task Force will report back to City Council. The City Council will make the final decision as to whether or not to build the Civic Center.

## Physics Students Go Star-Gazing

The Physics class at Rocky Mount Senior High, under the direction of Mr. Walter Rublein, has been involved in a star gazing project. The class, involving 31 students, engages in viewing and identifying celestial bodies twice a month.

"Nobody is required to go. The project is based on self-interest," Mr. Rublein stated. Tuesday, November 8, the class viewed Jupiter and four of its satellites. They also observed Pleiades, which is an open cluster, and the Andromeda Galaxy.

Regina Perler, foreign exchange student, commented, "It was really interesting. I

never knew anything about stars before I went."

In order to observe the stars, the class uses a six-inch reflector telescope which is a Newtonian Telescope.

"I usually find whatever we want to look at and then the students look at it," said Mr. Rublein. "The only real problem we have is when the sky is hazy because the stars can't be seen."

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