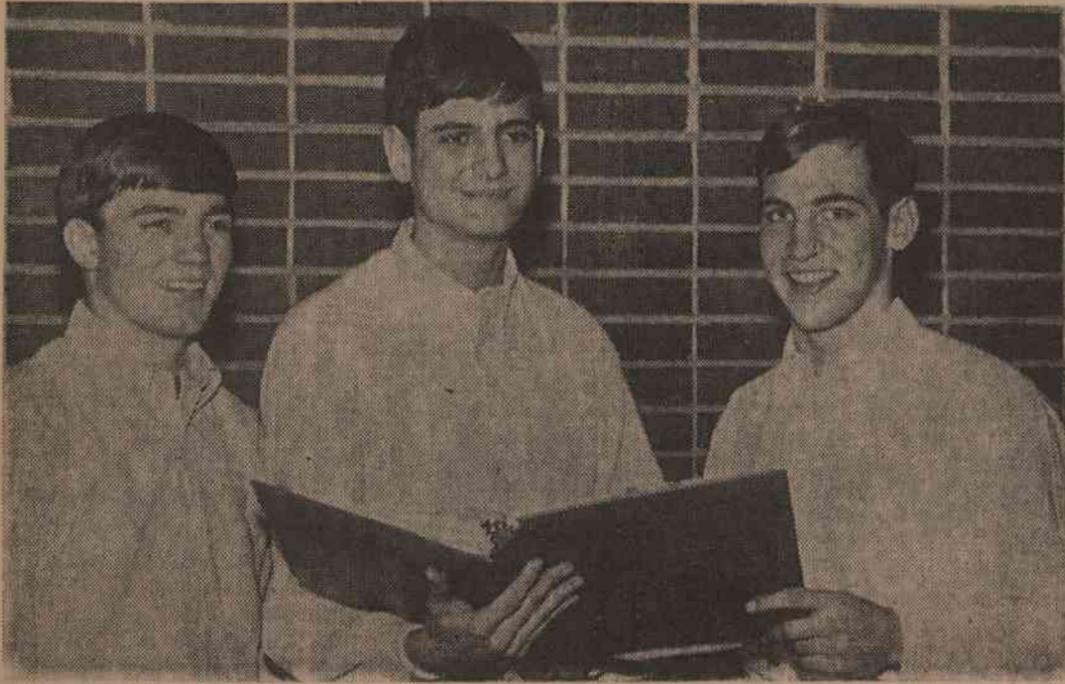


Seniors Awarded Morehead



MOREHEAD SCHOLARS—Winners of the Morehead Scholarship are Ken Thompson, Bob Joyce, and Page Lea. (Photo by Killebrew.)

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RMSH Senior Wins Scholarship

Mr. John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, recently announced that Angela R. Bryant, a senior at RMSH, is one of 340 winners in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

The scholarship is a one-time non-renewable grant of \$1,000 payable next fall when the winners enter accredited

colleges or universities of their choice.

Angelia plans to use her scholarship to attend UNC-CH, in order to study mathematics.

Angela is a member of the National Honor Society and participated in the Elks Leadership contest. She was twice a candidate for Governor's School.

Winners of this scholarship were selected for their outstanding ability and potential for future accomplishment. The selections were made by a committee of experienced college admissions directors and high school counselors.

The committee based its selections on information from the students themselves, their schools and test scores. Financial need is not a factor in the competition.

RMSH Students Attend State Drama Festival

The dramatics students of RMSH recently attended the annual State Drama Festival, sponsored by the Carolina Dramatic Association, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The students earned the right to participate in this festival when they won in the regionals at Campbell College. The students left school Thursday and stayed at Chapel Hill until late Saturday night.

Two plays were entered into the competition from RMSH. "The Conquest of Everest" by Arthur Kopit, was staged by the Black Masquers. "Martydrom of Peter O'Hey" by Slawomir Mrozek, was presented by the Edsonians. Both plays, directed by Mr. William Rawls, won a rating of excellent at the festival.

RMSH presented two of the 33 plays in the festival. Dramatic organizations from high schools and colleges all over North Carolina attended and participated in the event.

At the meeting, Mr. Rawls, dramatics director of RMSH, was also elected to the execu-

tive committee of the Carolina Dramatics Association, an association of dramatics teachers and directors throughout the state.

Newspaper Staff Receives Rating

The members of the newspaper staff received their rating while attending the Columbia Scholastic Press Convention last week in New York City.

In competition for judging were the last three papers of the last school year and the first three papers of the new school year. These papers are judged on layout, news leads, and the ability to write good editorials, features, news stories, and sports stories.

As the staff received a second place rating this year, they feel that they will have to put forth greater effort in publishing a better paper and they have pledged to work diligently during the upcoming issues in order to receive a better rating next year.

VICA Students Compete In Regional Competition

On February 20 the RMSH Chapter of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America went to a Region Six meeting in Washington, N. C. where they entered Regional Contests.

RMSH students that participated in the contests were Jimmy Israel, occupational notebook; Randy Joyner, job interview; Ann Crumpler, public speaking; Gail Griffin, parliamentary procedure; Skipper Harris, safety; and Wyatt Phillips, chapter activities book.

Out of the six competing from RMSH, there were four winners. They were Jimmy Israel, first place, occupational notebook; Randy Joyner, second place, job interview; Wyatt Phillips, second place in chapter activities book (an award received on behalf of the local club); and Gail Griffin, third place in parliamentary procedure.

The first and second place winners will now go to Raleigh for the State Contest in May.

Three Seniors Chosen For UNC Scholarships

Page Gravely Lea, George Kennedy Thompson, and Robert Powell Joyce were named Morehead Scholars for the Fall of 1969 by Mr. Roy Armstrong, director of the Morehead Foundation.

The three received announcement of their selection by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation on March 4. Their selection followed a series of interviews and banquets at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Their interviews were held on February 28. The three were among 112 finalists, of whom 107 received the scholarship.

Award Value

The Morehead Award is valued at \$8,000 for study at UNC. The nominees for the award come from North Carolina high schools and 26 selected private schools. Sixty of the finalists were from North Carolina high schools.

The original nominees from Rocky Mount Senior High were Rob Campbell, Jim Bailey, Robert Collins, Tommy Jordan, Gene Kea, Jay Bobbitt, Skipper Greathouse, Jack McDaniel, Page, Ken, and Bob. Of these, the last three became the Nash County nominees and advanced to the District interviews held at Williamston. They were then named to the six finalists of the District who then advanced to Chapel Hill.

At Chapel Hill the boys were guests of the Morehead Foundation at the Carolina Inn. They had ample free time on the campus to meet the other candidates.

Having three winners is another first for RMSH. According to Mr. Armstrong never before have three boys from the same school won at

the same time. This year, such cities as Raleigh, Durham, and Winston-Salem had only one winner each.

In a sense, Rocky Mount really had four winners. Steve Craig Parker, well-known former student who moved to Wilmington last summer and now attends New Hanover High School also won.

Each boy has been active in school affairs. Page and Ken have been class presidents, and Ken was Student Organization secretary his junior year. Each has won the Civitan Citizenship Award. Ken advanced to the international finals of the Optimist Speech contest, finishing second in the world. Page has won the George R. Edwards Award and the Spero Award. Bob is a National Merit Semi-finalist.

All three played varsity basketball, and Ken and Page each played football and futsal. Ken has been president to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Bob is the present president of the National Honor Society. Ken is a member of the Hi-Noc-Ar, and Bob is on the Blackbird staff.

Gryphon Chosen In RMSH Voting

Student Organization President John Kincheloe has confirmed that a clear majority was reached for the recent election at RMSH for school mascot for the consolidated high school beginning next school year.

President Kincheloe reported that the ballots from RMSH were counted by the Student Involvement Committee which reached a decision in a clear majority for the Gryphon, a cross between a lion and a bird.

The same voting procedure was carried out at Booker T. and the ninth grades from each of the three junior high schools, but the results were not known.

After the schools' votes have been counted and combined, the final selection for school mascot will be submitted to the Board of Education who will make the final decision.



VICA WINNERS—Winners in the Region Six meeting of VICA are Jimmy Israel, Randy Joyner, Wyatt Phillips, and Gail Griffin.