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HI-NOC-AR OFFICERS for next year are Stan Campbell, Ad manager; Harriet Brinn, Business manager; Willard Wass and Becky Cherry, Circulation managers; and Ricky Gardner, Editor. (Photo by Killebrew)

## New Officers Elected For Hi-Noc-Ar Staff

New officers elected to serve on the HI-NOC-AR Staff for the school year 1969-70 are Editor, Ricky Gardner; Business Manager, Harriet Brinn; Co-Circulation Managers, Willard Wass and Becky Cherry; and Advertising Manager, Stan Campbell.

These officers who are elected to serve for one year have many responsibilities in order to make next year's annual a good one. As editor, Ricky will be responsible for the entire production of the yearbook. It is up to him to make sure that the staff meets deadlines and keeps all commitments with the Yearbook company. Ricky realizes the work involved, especially with the increase in the student body next year and he is ready and willing to meet the challenge.

Business manager, Harriet Brinn will be in charge of completing financial accounts of the HI-NOC-AR and keeping accurate records. Helping the editor with the creative aspect of the yearbook and making decisions concerning the yearbook and staff policy. Harriet takes this job as a wonderful responsibility and challenge.

Because of the increase in the enrollment for next year it became necessary to have two Circulation managers. Becky Cherry and Willard Wass must begin their job early in the fall with the HI-NOC-AR Assembly. It is their job to set up a program which will arouse the students' interest in their book. They are in full

charge of collecting the money for the yearbooks and keeping a complete record of it. Then in the Spring of next year, they distribute the books to the students. Both Becky and Willard are working hard to make the yearbook a good one.

A very important part of yearbook is advertising. As advertising manager, Stan Campbell must compile a list of all perspective firms that may desire an ad placed in the HI-NOC-AR. He must divide the 'stores' up into groups, and make sure a member of the staff visits each one, then bill the stores that bought an ad. Another duty is to keep ad contracts in order and be responsible for seeing that the money is collected. Among all the responsibilities he is the overseer for the laying out of the advertising section of the HI-NOC-AR. Stan, as well as all the other officers, is looking forward to next year and its new yearbook.

## Principal Travels To Charlotte

Mr. Colombo again traveled out of town to Charlotte to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Educational Association State Convention. He represented Rocky Mount Senior High as one of the Twenty delegates of Rocky Mount city schools on March 20-21.

The meeting ran as usual and they voted to increase the annual dues and reaffirm the principle of the one man-one vote in its effort to merge with the NCTA which is the North Carolina Teachers Association the predominantly Negro state organization. He presided at the spring session as President of the Division of Principals, on Saturday morning where they approved a major revision of their constitution.

## Elections Highlight Convention

Delegates and advisors from the Rocky Mount Senior and Junior High Schools attended the Eastern District North Carolina Student Council Congress Convention March 21 at Goldsboro Senior High School for the purpose of electing new officers for the 1969-70 school year.

Earle Abernathy, a junior at RMSH was a candidate for the office of President of the Eastern District. He ran

against two other students but was defeated.

Other students attending the convention from RMSH along with their advisor, Miss Kate Parks Kitchin, were John Kincheloe, Student Organization President, Norman Chambliss, Emily Ballance and Virune Virahaddhana, American Field Service Student.

George R. Edwards Junior High School sent Robbie Roberts, Danny Parker, Teresa

Roderick, Susan Mixon and advisor, Mrs. Dorothy Knight.

Delegates from R. M. Wilson Junior High School were Carolyn Bishop, Randy Warwick, Jo Dorsett, Jamie Council, John Richardson and advisor, Mrs. Jeanette Pittman.

Mr. Horace Felton, Principal of Braswell Elementary School, the retiring Executive Secretary attended also. The incoming Executive Secretary, Mrs. Hiram Cuthrell, is a former resident of Rocky Mount and a former teacher at RMSH.

After registration, the delegates separated into discussion groups at a nearby church and discussed problems which might arise in their local student councils.

## Committee Requests Help On School Color Selection

The Committee on Student Involvement announced recently that in order to choose the colors for the new RMSH, a suggestion box would be placed in a designated spot in the three junior high schools and the two senior high schools, where all students shall have the opportunity to give their suggestions for new colors.

The committee shall from these suggestions prepare a ballot with a number of colors listed, which shall be voted on by the student bodies of the two senior high schools and the ninth grades of the three junior high schools.

As a guide to any suggestion, the committee has stated that any combination of three col-

ors, and the color combinations "black and gold" and "blue and gold" shall be ineligible for consideration.

## Blackbird Plans Beauty Court

The Blackbird staff is busy making preparations for the 1968-69 Beauty Court presentation which will be held at the Junior-Senior April 25.

The juniors and seniors were allowed to vote for 16 girls, 8 juniors and 8 seniors, whom they felt would best fit the qualifications, which are beauty, dignity, poise, and personality. This voting took place during December and the results were announced the following day. The members of the 1968-69 Beauty Court are Jackie Bolling, Nita Smith, Kay Belcher, Judy Gatling, Ramsay Lea, Debbie Skinner, Anne Joyner, Sherry Harper, Donna Armstrong, Emily Peyton, Mary Grace Farris, Wanda Cooper, Marie Easley, Debbie Mills, Lynne Johnson, and Lucile Williams.

Last month these young ladies had their formal pictures, which are being kept by the Blackbird staff but were returned to the girls for their inspection. By April 13, the young ladies are to have their candid shots in to the staff.

## RMSH Students Attend DECA State Conference

The North Carolina chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America held its 25th State Leadership Conference in Raleigh on March 14th and 15th with 850 persons in attendance.

DECA is a professional youth organization for students enrolled in distributive education.

Dr. Leo Jenkins, president of East Carolina University, was the principle speaker at the DE banquet held in Memorial Auditorium on Saturday. Here the new slate of officers was announced along with the contest winners. John Wesley Stone of Jacksonville was elected president of the organization. Other officers are as follows: Herman Funderburk of Albemarle, vice president; Sharon Davis of Fayetteville, secretary-treasurer; RMSH's own Leigh Wheeler, parliamentarian; and Michael Brinkley of East Rowan, historian. Randy Gardner scored another win for RMSH as he placed third in the sales demonstration competition.

Awards were also presented to outstanding business and educational leaders who have served DECA and prompted others to become involved in the club.



DECA STUDENTS from RMSH who achieved success in the State Leadership Conference are Leigh Wheeler, elected Parliamentarian; and Randy Gardner, who placed third in sales demonstration. (Photo by James Allen)



ANGELA BRYANT—Winner of a \$1000 scholarship in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.