

Donna Armstrong Miss Rocky Mount



RMSH's FINEST--Donna Armstrong, standing on the top step was crowned the New Miss Rocky Mount in this year's pageant. But, Marie Easley, Debbie Harris and Lynn Johnson, who were contestants finished in the top five finalists. Lynn was chosen first runner-up. (Photo by Perry)

Four RMSH Beauties Reach Pageant Finals

RMSH can boast of an outstanding achievement as four senior beauties who entered the Miss Rocky Mount Pageant, all four reached the finals and one lucky miss was crowned queen.

Donna Tishy Armstrong was crowned Miss Rocky Mount Saturday evening October 18, winning the title over nine other contestants in the event sponsored by the local Jaycees.

Also entered in the pageant from RMSH were Lynn Johnson, who was named first runner-up, Marie Easley and Debbie Harris.

Second runner-up was Pamela June Strickland, 20 daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Strickland of Rocky Mount. Miss Strickland's talent performance was a dramatic reading of "The Spider and the Fly."

By winning the title, Donna received a \$300 scholarship to the college of her choice, a wardrobe courtesy of Town Terrace at Tarrytown Mall and set of luggage from Belk-Tyler's.

Lynne received a \$150 scholarship to the college of her choice and Miss Strickland, a \$75 scholarship. The three scholarships were all provided by local Pepsi Cola Bottling Co.

Other contestants were Miss Nell Wynne, Miss Mary Sue Lee Wilson, Miss Jeanie Carol Proctor, Miss Harriet Gail Johnson and Miss Sarah Jessica Shumaker.

The Miss Congeniality Award went to Miss Proctor and Miss Shumaker, who were voted the most cooperative, friendly and most personal by the other contestants.

Categories on which the girls were judged were swim suit, talent and evening dress.

Miss North Carolina, Miss Patsy Johnson was present at the event along with several other dignitaries. Miss North Carolina sang several numbers.

Donna was crowned by Miss Betsy Griffin, Miss Rocky Mount of 1969.

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Peace

In the last issue of THE GRYPHON, the word "peace" appeared in the top corners of the front page. The appearance of this word seemed to arouse a sense of patriotism in one student, and he wrote a letter concerning the Vietnam War Moratorium. THE GRYPHON follows with an answer to his letter, both appearing on page two of this issue.

Former Student Elected Head Cheerleader

Editor's Note: THE GRYPHON is glad to receive any information concerning alumni of both merged schools.

Miss Brenda Dew, a 1969 graduate of RMSH has been elected head cheerleader here at King's Business College in Raleigh.

Miss Dew is doing well in all her courses at King's and she can already take shorthand at 140 words a minute and transcribe it perfectly.

Administrators report that they will be glad for graduates to continue their education here at King's Business College in the coming years.

If any one would like to know more information about King's Business College, they can contact Miss Kitchin in the Guidance Office.

Reps. Vote On New Name In Three Period Session

The Student Organization met for an unprecedented three periods October 20, with the main topic of discussion being the selection of an official name for the representative body of students.

After a secret ballot, the representatives voted to call the entire student body the Student Organization and the elected members in the auditorium the Representative Assembly.

Also in the October 20 meeting, Kenny Dickerson discussed the budget and informed the homeroom delegates of the

Committee Reports Show S. O. Is Making Progress

The third Student Organization meeting came to order Tuesday, October 28, after only a week's rest. Quickly to avoid a waste of time, Earle Abernathy called for committee reports, which began with Kenny Dickerson, treasurer.

The treasurer reported a total of \$1,689.84 as the balance after a record of numerous disbursements. The Program Committee reported that a calendar for the year's assembly programs had been made which includes the Now Generation Singers and the AFS

student.

The newly appointed head of the Human Relations Committee, Valerie Batts, announced the students that she has chosen to serve with her. They are: Sophomores Cecil Davis, Ruby Gibson, Mike Barnhill, and Catherine Morgan; Juniors Jurretta Ruffin, Alice Buffalo, Bill McCullen, and Dennis Pittman; Seniors Roy Mitchell, Stewart Edwards, Jody Anthony and Harriett Brinn.

At this point, the Publications Committee reported that it is planning a Student's Hand-

book to be issued to next year's students. Also, it has planned to send Thank-You-Grams to students who have made outstanding accomplishments.

The Home Grounds Committee student body clean-up of the school this Monday afternoon reported that students are learning to keep the park area clean.

Traffic jams have cleared up the Traffic Committee reported, and it expects improvements to continue.

A total of 405 sophomores were registered in the Elections Committee report.

The committee reports ended and Miss Kate Parks Kitchin, guidance counselor spoke to the students.

Valerie Batts is heading the newly formed Human relations Committee which will serve as a forum for student's complaints or compliments. See story on page eight.

Gryphons Face Wilson Cyclones

Tonight, the Gryphons travel to Wilson to play the powerful Fike Senior High Cyclones which lead Division Two of the Eastern 4-A Conference.

Led by fullback, Carlester Crumpler, the Clyclones have one of the most potent offensive units in the state. Crumpler, a senior has scored 20 touchdowns this season and gained over 1,000 yards rushing.

The Gryphons defense will have their hands full, but the charges of Coach Tapp hopefully will stifle Wilson's rushing attack.

A crowd of over 5,000 is ex-

pected to witness the last regular season game for both teams.

It should be a bang-up ballgame, and if the underdog Gryphons can upset Wilson, it will rank as one of the biggest upsets of the season.

At Raleigh Enloe High School

Student Attending Convention

Attending the North Carolina Student Council Congress Convention November 9-11 at Raleigh Enloe High School are Earle Abernathy, Betsy Strandberg, Alvin Arrington, Barbara Wright and their advisors Miss Kate Parks Kitchin and Mrs. Edith Tweedy.

Alvin and Barbara will attend as delegates at the convention. Earle was invited by Jeff Woods, President of the State Student Council to lead discussions on parliamentary procedure. Betsy will run for the office of secretary and Earle will serve as her campaign manager.

The most important business at the convention will be the election of state officers. Three officers, the president, vice-president and secretary will be elected while the treasurer will be appointed. The state constitution will also be discussed.

After the opening meeting, the delegates will divide into discussion groups and "swapshots" to discuss the workings of school government, projects and committees. Ideas and suggestions will benefit our dele-

gates in operation our school government.

The delegates and their advisors will also tour the capital area including the State Legislature and the Museum of Natural History.



CONVENTION DELEGATES--These four students, (left to right), Alvin Arrington, Barbara Wright, Betsy Strandberg and Earle Abernathy will attend the North Carolina Student Council Congress Convention at Raleigh Enloe High School November 9-11. (Photo by Perry)

Seniors Top Magazine Sale

The seniors' magazine drive fell short of the goal set by Mr. Charles Doak, field representative for Quality Magazines, Inc. The drive, which began Wednesday, 22, and continued through Monday 27, ended with these results. The total from all three classes was only \$8,675.92--just over half of the anticipated mark.

The Senior Class was high with a total of \$3174.35. Its high salesman was Stewart Pitt. The Sophomores were next with a total of \$2973.64 led by Bob Dozier. The Juniors were last with \$2,527.70 despite the efforts of high salesman Ann Pitt.

Les Farmer was high for the school with \$411.15.