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Pete Thompson and Bill Daughtridge, this year's Morehead recipients, kick the high school habit as they head for Carolina. (Photo by Burnette)

Two Seniors Chosen For Coveted Morehead Award

Two seniors from RMSH, Pete Thompson and Bill Daughtridge, have been awarded the coveted John Motley Morehead Scholarship for study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Selection of the young men was made by the Board of Trustees.

In addition to the honor of being a Morehead Scholar, the award is accompanied by a grant to finance the recipient's undergraduate study at the University. The grants are awarded for one year, but may be renewed annually if the recipient's performance is considered satisfactory. The \$2,100 grant includes tuition, room, board, laundry, books, student fees,

and incidentals.

Pete is well known at RMSH for his athletic ability. He is a member of the football, baseball, and basketball teams. Pete is also on the Hi-Noc-Ar staff, and a member of the National Honor Society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard H. Thompson and attends the First Methodist Church.

Bill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Daughtridge, is also very active at RMSH. He is currently serving as Vice President of the Student Organization and chairman of the Assembly Committee. Bill is a member of the National Honor Society and the track team, and is an active member of the Edgemont Baptist Church.

Actors Bring Home Three Awards From Chapel Hill

Twenty students from RMSH went to Chapel Hill along with their splendid director Mr. Bill Rawls for the State Dramatics Festival March 18, 19, and 20. Chaperones for the trip were Mrs. Rawls, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. (Slim) Harris.

The cast of the play included Cathy Harrison, as Lady Bird, Andy Dorr as the Blind Indian, and Connie Maxwell as the Alligator. The Vines were Vikki Barnes, Jackie Bass, Amy Braswell, Becky Marks, Phil Newton, Billy Ramey, Roland Valentine and Margo Wiley. Backstage was handled by Roland Valentine, Anne Best, Linda Boone, Linda Collins, Rod Hoell, Steve Jeans, Richard Newman, Robert Rushing, Billy Tillery, and Steve Thomas.

The students received a rating of "Excellent" for their presentation of "The Alligation" by Lawrence Ferlinghetti. This award was presented to productions that were judged to be in the top half of all the plays which were performed. They also received the Hubert Philpott award in theater arts for distinguished set design and construction. The Philpott

award is offered only in those years when the judges feel that the work is above and beyond the usual level exhibited. A cash award of twenty five dollars accompanies the honors. The Edsonians also received an award for their costuming. The award was presented to Amy Braswell, the costume designer, for her excellent alligator and vine costumes. The presentation of awards climaxed the three day drama festival held at the Playmakers Theatre on the campus of the University of North Carolina. The festival is sponsored by the Carolina Dramatics Association at UNC "to foster and encourage the practice and study of dramatic art in the schools and communities of North Carolina."

During the three day competition a total of thirty plays were presented by high schools, colleges, and community theatre groups. In order to compete at Chapel Hill, the participants had to win "Distinguished" honors at the District level. The plays were of a wide variety and were presented by sixteen different theatrical groups.

Dozier's Essay Chosen By Wildlife Federation

Bob Dozier was awarded Honorable Mention for his essay on Ecology by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. Bob received the award from Fred S. Barkalow, Jr., Professor of Zoology and Forestry at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

In the letter to Bob, Mr. Barkalow enclosed information on North Carolina State's Wild-

life and conservation program. He also pointed out that scholarships are available for needy students wishing to enroll at the colleges and universities. Mr. Barkalow urged Bob to continue his education after high school graduation.

Bob, a junior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Dozier, Jr. He has also been selected to attend the Governors School this summer in the field of academics.

Sophomores Given Test

Every student in the sophomore class was given the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills in the School Library and cafeteria March 22-25. The test is designed to measure the basic skills involved in broad areas of reading, language, arithmetic, and study skills. The emphasis is on the basic concepts, relationships, and abstractions required for the effective use of language and numbers. The items in the four skill areas measure the following: the ability to understand concepts and principles, the ability to perform stand concepts and principles, the ability to perform fundamental operations, the ability to apply knowledge, and the ability to interpret literary, numerical, and graphic material.

The scores of the test will come directly to the Guidance Department. They will be used to evaluate each student's ability and to recommend them for courses and to colleges.



Bob Dozier grins as he learns of another feather added to his cap. (Photo by Burnette)

Sub-Debs Present Annual Fashion Show March 26

Mid-length dresses, the "peasant look", dazzling lights, German backdrop, and watching your own friends walk nonchalantly across the stage in the latest styles all contributed to a delightful Sub-Deb Fashion Revue. In response to the models, several friends called out "hey, that's my sister . . . I never knew that she could look that good."

On Friday, March 26 at 9:00 the annual fashion show was opened with a humorous script between the modeling.

"Youth!! It's Wonderful!" written and directed by Vance Mizelle was the name of the game. The starring roles were played by Becky Sheridan as Frau Kittle (the mother), Kathy Wright as EMI Kittle (the daughter), Betsy Strandberg as Debbie Dearing, Louise Weeks as Polly, Jo Dorsett as Barbie, the three debs . . . Mike McGee as Hans, Philip Lea as Otto, Robbie Roberts as Frito, and Pet Thompson as Fritz,

ended the show. Bill Gladstone and Pat McGee played a splendid bull. Bill wants to know if the ends justify the means.

The cast really enjoyed getting the play together, and acquiring the German accents. The hardest thing to accomplish was persuading the boys to wear little short pants with suspenders. They did look cute to the 1500 people watching.

With a charming cafe backdrop, the audience traveled to Vienna, Austria. Vance's script was inspired by his visit to Europe last year. "What do you want, good grammar or good Schnitzel?" The theatre roared.

An important thing to remember is if one gets dizzy and feels like falling, he must fall forwards and not backwards into the \$10,000 screen. Everyone remembered and no one got dizzy. The Sub-Deb Club should be commended for their fine performance.

Gryphon Staff Attends Journalism Meeting At Fike

Thursday, March 27, the staff of the GRYPHON attended a journalism conference at Fike High School. Greene County Central High School, Snow Hill; Rose High School, Greenville; Northern Nash High School, Fike High School, and RMSH were the five schools represented. The meeting began at one o'clock with the welcome by the assistant principal at Fike. Afterwards, the students had a choice of discussion groups to attend. Each group dealt with some phase of the newspaper. There were three thirty minute sessions and for each session there were three groups from which to

choose. Three staff members of the GRYPHON helped in leading these sessions. Brenda Horton led a group on Financing the Newspaper. Tim Chapman led a group on Writing a Feature Story, and David Cordts led a group on Censorship and Freedom of the Press. Other discussion groups included The Role of the Adviser, Staff Organization, Headline Writing, Recruiting More Qualified Students for Journalism, and Problems with Photographers and Printers.

At the conclusion of the discussion groups, everyone assembled to discuss and evaluate each group.