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Students pictured above were recently tapped into the National Honor Society.

NHS Taps Thirty-One Members Into RMSH Wita Bond Chapter

The Wita Bond Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted thirty-one new members at RMSH, Tuesday, April 6.

Andy Dorr, president of the RMSH chapter of the NHS, welcomed the guests. Following was the devotion, given by Sara West and Kathy Wright.

SENIORS INDUCTED

The seniors inducted during the assembly program were Bill Bulluck, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bulluck of 1409 Planters Street; Catherine Bullock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Legan Bullock of 108 Logan Circle; Steve Coggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordan M. Coggins of 1429 Eastern Avenue; Greg Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton P. Fields of 3504 Sheffield Drive; Becky Marks, daughter of Mrs. William W. Marks of 1514 Rosewood Avenue; and Martin Strickland, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Strickland of 214 E. Ridge Street.

JUNIORS INDUCTED

Juniors tapped into the NHS were Joanne Atwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Q. Atwell of 325 Briarcliff Road; Mary Barr, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn E. Barr of 618 Pennsylvania Avenue; Donald and Ronald Carmichael, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carmichael of 735 Columbia Avenue; Anita Chadwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Chadwick of 304 Englewood Drive; Doug Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Cole of 401 Clifton Road; and Yvonne Dew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Dew of 404 Leonard Street.

OTHER JUNIORS INDUCTED

Bob Dozier, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Dozier, Jr. of 407 Piedmont Avenue, was inducted into the Society as were Beth Edwards, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Edwards of 1304 Western Avenue; Janet Fish, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry G. Fish, Jr. of 1718 Lafayette Circle; Pam Jefcoat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jefcoat, of 400 South Taylor Street; Mary Mayo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mayo of 609 Park Avenue, and Haywood Parker, son of Mrs. Rosa Gaines, of 1426 Hunter Street.

Other juniors inducted into the NHS were Kent Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Reid of 1641 Marvelle Avenue; Nancy Reiersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Reiersen of Battleboro; Geraldine Rowland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Rowland, Jr., of Route 4; Lee Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Saunders of 912 Cederbrook Dr.; Morgan Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Scott of Lafayette Circle; Teresa Slavin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Slavin of 1708 Boone Street; and Steve Snipes, son of Mrs. E. Snipes of 908 Planters Street.

The other new members are Margaret Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Taylor of 624 Glenn Avenue; Anne Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Watkins of 3625 Westridge Circle Road; and Lucy Wilkerson, the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. J. E. Wilkerson of 207 Circle Drive.

After the induction ceremony, a tea was held in the entrance of the school auditorium, under the direction of Mrs. Sue Hayworth and Mrs. Elizabeth Hardy, advisors to the NHS chapter at RMSH. Both new and old members of the Society, as well as parents and teachers, were invited to the tea.

'Alligation' Play Appears At Tank

"Alligation," the RMSH Edsonian award-winning production, will be presented at the Tank Theater May 12-15, and May 19-22. Admission will be \$1.50, with curtain time at 8:15 p.m.

The entire evening at the Tank Theater, called "Variety Tonight," will consist of two other plays, acted by adults, along with "Alligation."

The first play will be "The Diaries of Adam and Eve," a Mark Twain essay about the activities of the World's first two inhabitants.

"Alligation," the second play to be presented, concerns a "stylistic, symbolis approach" to the slavery issue of the nineteenth century. The main characters of the play are Cathy Harrison as Lady Bird, Andy Dorr as the Blind Indian, and Connie Maxwell as the Alligator.

"Crawling Arnold" is the third play to be shown. During this presentation at the Tank Theater, there will be an exhibit on the third floor of the RMSH school drama department's memoirs.

Students Remain Jobless Despite Effort Of Groups

According to Mr. Clarence Wiggins of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce, it is almost an impossible dream for everyone to have a job.

In the Rocky Mount area, the unemployment rate is lower than the unemployment rate of the United States as a whole; however, to an individual who does not have a job, such facts mean nothing.

ORGANIZATIONS FORMED

With the above point in mind, there have been several organizations formed in the Rocky Mount community and within RMSH to provide assistance for people who want to work.

Some such organizations include Native Son, Nash Edgecombe Economic Development, Inc. (NEED), Distributive Education (DE), Industrial Cooperative Training (ECT), and Youth Employment Service (YES).

But even still, regardless of much time and effort spent by catalytic groups like those mentioned above, many people desiring jobs, particularly students, remain jobless.

REASONS

Moreover, it is important to note some reasons for the un-

employment among students who desire summer and part-time work. First of all, veterans from some segment of the service and other adults have priority over students in obtaining many types of jobs, because of dependability and necessity.

Also, according to Mr. Clarence Wiggins, students will not always accept some jobs which become open to them. For example, most students wish to have a certain special job such as a clerk behind a counter, whereas not so many are willing to work priming tobacco or picking cucumbers.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

More important, Mr. Wiggins pointed out that those students planning to apply for summer jobs should apply early. When one can obtain a part-time job before the summer, he can establish a relationship with the employer and thus be assured of a summer job.

Mr. Wiggins brought out that "desire" is one of the primary factors determining whether or not a student gets a job. For those who have little luck in finding a job, he says to "keep trying."

As Junior-Senior Approaches

Prom Committees Make Plans

The annual RMSH Junior-Senior Prom, divised and planned by the Junior class, will be at Tarrytown Mall from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. May 7.

The motif of this year's Junior-Senior is the Japanese theme "Sayonara," meaning "goodbye" to the Senior class.

Under the guidance of Mr. E. C. Privott, the Junior class advisor, preparations for the Junior-Senior have been divided into seven committees, each headed by co-chairmen.

VARIOUS COMMITTEES

The Figure Committee, under co-chairman Mary Barr and Elizabeth West, is assigned the task of presenting the outstanding Juniors and Seniors in an original manner. Those to be presented in the figure are the twenty outstanding Seniors, Human Relations Couples, Morehead Scholars, National Merit winners, Rotary Couples, and Kiwanis Boys. Also in the figure will be students outstanding in sports, SRA officers, the members of the cabinet, and editors of the Hi-Noc-Ar and the Gryphon.

The Entertainment Committee, under co-chairmen Bruce Flye and James Davis, has obtained "Company," a band from Durham, to perform at the Junior-Senior. They will play both soul and hard rock music. The Decorations Committee, which originated the Sayonara theme, is under co-chairman Rubie Gibson and Steve Snipes.

The other committees now at

work are the Refreshments Committee, with co-chairmen Janet Fish and Roscoe Batts; the newly originated Dating Committee, chairman Mike Barnhill; the Invitations Committee, under co-chairmen Beth Edwards and Sharon McNeil; the Program Committee, co-chairmen Karen Kirkman and Angie Renfrow; and the Cleanup Committee, with co-chairmen Richard Newman and Bob Dozier.

All will be requested to present their invitations upon arrival at the dance, with the exception of parents and grandparents, who are invited as spectators.

After arriving at the Junior-Senior, no student may leave and then return to the dance.

Since the prom is formal, young ladies are to wear gowns, while young men are requested to wear tuxedos or dinner jackets.

WRAL Conducts Seminar On Role Of Broadcasting

WRAL-TV, in Raleigh invited the Advisor and one student from many area high schools to attend a Seminar on Journalism April 20.

Mrs. Margaret Williams, advisor to the Gryphon newspaper, and Richard Newman, one of the Junior editors, represented Rocky Mount Senior High at this seminar.

The day began with orientation in studio "A" of the WRAL facilities. Here the visitors were briefed on the day's activities by Sam Beard and David Weatherspoon of Channel 5.

TO THE LEGISLATURE

The next item on the agenda was a trip to the State Legislature. Here, the students held an interview with Lieutenant Governor Pat Taylor, Representatives Jim Holshouser and

John Burnie, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Craig Phillips.

TOUR STUDIO

After lunch at the WRAL studios, the visitors were taken on a tour of the Channel 5 facilities, including photo lab, news room, video tape room, and FM radio studios.

VISIT AUDITORIUM

Next, all participants met in the WRAL-TV Auditorium for discussion of the entire day's activities. Here, the guests were introduced to Ray Wilkerson and the host for the event, WRAL President Fred Fletcher. This concluded the day's activities, one which was most enjoyable for all participants.

This was the first seminar of its kind, and WRAL hopes to make it an annual event.