

RMSH Celebrates Annual Prom At Tarrytown Mall

Tarrytown Mall was the scene of the annual Junior-Senior Prom Friday, May 7, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Parents, students, and guests were welcomed by members of the faculty. Upon entering the mall the psychedelic lights of the company captured many glances. Next, all eyes rested on the bridge which was surrounded by a Japanese painting and small gardens. Murals lined the walls of the Mall. A giant pegotta was the center attraction. "Class of 1971" was written at the top of it in honor of RMSH's graduating class.

At 10 p.m. the figure for 1971 was the main attraction. Outstanding students of the senior and junior classes were presented in a Japanese fan. Outstanding seniors were also recognized. Mr. Charles O. Johnson was master of ceremonies for the event.

Refreshments were served from a table near the entrance to the prom. Ginger ale over sherbert ice cream, nuts, ham biscuits, and cookies were served.

Approximately 610 students attended the affair.

RMSH Publications Choose Officers For Next Year

Officers for the GRYPHON and Hi-Noc-Air staffs for the 1971-72 school term were chosen about two weeks ago.

The new officers for the GRYPHON are Richard Newman, editor; Teresa Slavin, Advertising manager; Debbie Griffin, Circulation manager; and Mary Barr, Business manager. These officers have individual responsibilities as well as working diligently with other members of each of the staffs. The editor must assume complete responsibility for the newspaper with Mrs. Margaret Williams, the advisor. The advertising manager is responsible for sufficient advertising in order to finance the newspaper and also has to lay out the ads on each page. The circulation manager is responsible for the subscription campaign



Senior graduation speakers, Andy Dorr and James Hargrove, ponder over Chapter One of their graduation address.

Juniors Receive NCTE Nomination In English

The National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards nominees for this school year are Nancy Reier-son, Bob Dozier, Yvonne Dew, and Lee Saunders. These stu-

dents were selected from the junior class, because of their mastery of the English language and each school is allotted nominees according to the enrollment. As RMSH has our 1600 four were selected.

The purpose of the NCTE Award is to recognize the outstanding English student in the United States. The finalist do not receive a scholarship, but they are given a recommendation to their college choice and also receive a scroll.

The following qualifications are necessary: 1. The student should write clearly and effectively, revealing the ability to think for himself. 2. One of the standardized tests given each nominee will assess what he knows about written composition. The test will require the student to show that he can apply the principles of grammar, usage and composition. 3. Each school should consider the speaking and listening abilities of the nominees. The student is required to write a 250-300 word autobiography, a piece of writing of his very best which could be a narrative, poetry or etc. He has to write an impromptu essay which is given to him during supervision in a sealed envelope.

After all the rest have been completed by the nominees, their work is sent to the designated state chairman for judging, and the one selected from N. C. will go on for National judging. In October, 1971, the winner and runners up will be announced.

The GRYPHON Staff would like to dedicate this issue of the GRYPHON to the second graduating class of RMSH, the class of '71. After twelve long years of trials and tribulations, the final curtain is about to be drawn for some 450 seniors. There is but one thing left to say, "RMSH, thanks for all of the many memories!"

Graduation Exercises Are Set For June 4th

A proud group of approximately 450 seniors will attend the long-awaited graduation ceremonies Friday night, June 4, at 8 o'clock at Municipal Stadium.

Two members of the Class of '71, James Hargrove and Andy Dorr, were elected by the class to present Commencement Addresses. Principal V. J. Colombo and Dr. B. F. Currin, Superintendent of Rocky Mount City Schools will preside over the ceremonies.

The program for graduation

ceremonies will be as follows:
Prelude . . . Rocky Mount Senior High School Band

Presiding . . . V. J. Colombo, Principal Rocky Mount Senior High School

Processional . . . Elgar Verdi, Rocky Mount Senior High School Band

Invocation . . . The Reverend Gaylord Lehman, Lakeside Baptist Church

Presentation of Class Gift . . . Mike Ruffin, Second Semester President of Senior Class

Presentation Speaker . . . V. J. Colombo, Principal Rocky Mount Senior High School

Student Address . . . Andy Dorr, President of National Honor Society

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" . . . Jackson Commencement Chorus

Introduction of Special Guests . . . Dennis Pittman First Semester, President of Senior Class

Presentation of Speaker . . . Roland Valentine, President of Student Organization

Student Address . . . James Hargrove, Outstanding Senior

Presentation of Diplomas . . . V. J. Colombo, Principal; Dr. B. F. Currin, Superintendent of Rocky Mount City Schools

Benediction . . . The Reverend Elbert Lee, North End Baptist Church

Recessional-"Pomp and Circumstance" . . . Elgar, "Triumphal March" . . . Verdi, Rocky Mount Senior High School Band.

Legion Chooses Summer Delegates To Govt. Seminars

The American Legion, sponsors of the Girls' and Boys' State program, selected Nancy Reier-son - Girls' State, Steve Snipes-Boys' State, and Danny Sawyer-alternate. These students will attend the seminar during the week of June 20-26.

Careful selection of students is made before anyone is chosen. Students are chosen for their outstanding abilities in leadership, character, scholarship, and service. Requirements for this program include being clean, alert, enthusiastic, congenial, honest, and dependable.

SRA Officers Elected By Student Body

Student Representative Assembly officers for the school year 1971-72 at RMSH were announced Wednesday, April 27.

Students chosen to serve were President, Richard Bulluck; Vice President, Bruce Flye; Secretary, Carolyn Bishop; and Treasurer, Haywood Parker.

The students running for SRA president were Mary Barr, Richard Bulluck, Yvonne Dew, and Nelson Dunn. Nominees for Vice President were Bruce Flye, Nancy Reier-son, Lucy

Wilkerson, and Jane Williams. Carolyn Bishop ran for the office of secretary unopposed, while Gloria Carney and Haywood Parker were the nominees for Treasurer.

As it was necessary for a run-off for both the office of President and Vice President, a run-off election was held Tuesday, April 27. The run-off candidates for President were Richard Bulluck and Nelson Dunn; those for Vice President were Bruce Flye and Nancy Reier-son.



The new officers of the GRYPHON are top row, left to right, Teresa Slavin, Debbie Griffin, Richard Newman, and Mary Barr. The Hi-Noc-Air officers are bottom row, left to right, Margaret Taylor, Anita Chadwick, Lee Marshburn, and Pam Jefcoat.



Pictured above are the SRA officers for the 1971-72 school year. They are Haywood Parker, Bruce Flye, Richard Bulluck, and Carolyn Bishop.