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As Miss Rocky Mount

Janet Fish Comments On Beauty Queen Life

Janet Caroline Fish, a talented senior at RMSH, was selected to succeed Sherri Brabham as the new Miss Rocky Mount Saturday, November 13. The following is an informative interview with Janet, in which she discusses her plans as Miss Rocky Mount.

Question: Concerning the local, state, and national pageants, how do you feel about the purpose of a beauty contest?

Janet: The purpose of the local, state, and national beauty pageants have changed a great deal over the years in my opinion. Today, instead of looking at girls and judging them only in bathing suits, judges stress talent (primarily during competition on stage) and the all-around ability of the girl to express herself to the people she represents, along with her willingness and worthiness to be a symbol for her city, state, and country.

Question: What was your opinion of the Miss Rocky Mount pageant as a whole?

Janet: I believe the pageant this year went very well. The Jaycees worked very hard in presenting it, and by the large turn-out, more Rocky Mount people than ever were interested in the outcome.

Question: As Miss Rocky Mount for 1971-72 what are your duties to the city of Rocky Mount?

Janet: My duty for 1971-1972 to the city of Rocky Mount is primarily that of serving as an official representative for the city in any way I am needed. This includes ribbon cuttings, ground breaking ceremonies, and also my representation of Rocky Mount at other local pageants throughout the state. I will also represent Rocky Mount in the state pageant in June.

Question: Will the title of Miss Rocky Mount affect your school work in any way?

Janet: As of now, I do not see that this will affect my school work to any extent. I may miss an occasional day of school for official acts, but primarily my duties take place on week-ends until the spring, when I will begin work for the state pageant.

Question: What are the goals you want to accomplish during your reign?

Janet: I would like to get to know the people of Rocky Mount better. I do not want to represent a few of the people, but all of them. I would also like to get more young people involved in community affairs. We all need to work together.

Question: When is the Miss North Carolina pageant? Will there be any change in your talent presentation?

Janet: The Miss North Carolina pageant is June 11-17. I will definitely use a piano presentation, but I have not decided yet if or how I will change my selections.

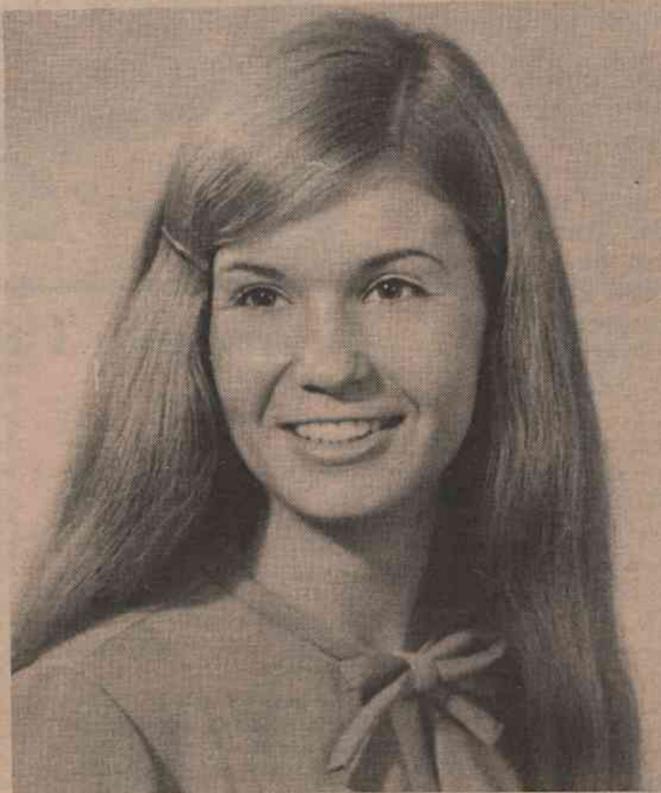
Bob Dozier Wins Award From NCTE Competition

Bob Dozier, a RMSH senior who competed in the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement competition, as did three other RMSH students, was recently announced as a winner in the 14th annual NCTE Achievement Awards Program.

The initial purpose of the NCTE Achievement Award is



Bob Dozier, pictured above, was recently named a NCTE award winner.



JANET CAROLINE FISH--MISS ROCKY MOUNT 1972

Committee Advises SRA On Self-Nomination Details

The Student Representative Assembly met in the auditorium to vote on recommendations submitted to the SRA by the Elections Committee, concerning the process of nominations for S. O. offices, Wednesday, December 1.

After SRA discussions last year concerning the narrow re-

presentation of the RMSH students selected to run by the nominating committee, the 1970-71 SRA, under President Roland Valentine, abolished the school's nominating committee.

The 1971-72 SRA has decided that those students desiring to run for an office will hereafter nominate themselves.

THREE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Elections Committee made three main recommendations to the SRA. Rejected after an SRA vote was the first recommendation, stating "We (the Elections Committee) recommend that the self-nomination blanks be published to make the student body aware of the good and bad characteristics of each candidate. If the SRA does not approve of this, we recommend that the Elections Committee screen the nominees to decide who is qualified."

Although the above recommendation was rejected, the revised version of the second recommendation was accepted, stating "In the case that no nominations are made, we recommend that the Elections Committee be authorized to get the candidates. After careful deliberation, the Elections Committee will ask people to nominate themselves."

QUALIFICATIONS LISTED

The SRA also accepted a third recommendation of a form proposed by the Elections Committee, which is to be filled out by anyone wishing to run. The student, who must be registered to vote, must test his qualifications by past experiences, personal qualifications, and statements indicating the desire to serve. The student is also required to list his bad characteristics.

Drug Task Force Learns Of Laws To Inform Others

Mr. F. E. Eppes, Director of North Carolina Drug Authority, spoke with the members of the Student Drug Task Force concerning the new drug laws and the changes in old drug laws.

Mr. Eppes informed the students that it is not against the law to be dependent on drugs, but it is against the law to possess or to illegally distribute drugs. He also stated that during the first eight months of this year over two thousand drug arrests had been made with approximately two thirds of these arrests for possession.

Drugs on the Federal level are listed in five schedules (categories) and six on the state level. A drug must be in one of the schedules in order for a person to be arrested for it. In certain instances a person's drug record may be erased by a judge.

Now that the members of the Task Force have been informed of the new drug laws they can intelligently discuss them with the junior high school students.

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Original Baskets Provide Families For Thanksgiving

The Kudos Club sponsored the Thanksgiving Basket Contest Thanksgiving week, and the three homeroom winners were announced during an assembly, Wednesday, November 24

Various homerooms and clubs created original ideas to needy families. Approximately thirty needy families were taken care of through RMSH participation.

Mrs. Sifford's homeroom won first place this year, with their own version of a multi-colored turkey which was filled with an assortment of goods to make a balanced meal. Mrs. Thompson's homeroom received the second place award for a very abundant "horn of plenty," which was made from colored napkins. Miss Murchison's homeroom won third place. They decorated a large wooden box in the form of a turkey.

Sawyer Revealed As Typical Youth

RMSH senior Danny Sawyer was recently selected as a Typical Youth, an honor which is awarded by the Optimist Club.

Danny, who stated that the Optimist Clubs "do a tremendous amount of work with the youth of today," felt greatly honored to be chosen RMSH's Typical Youth by his peers.

During National Youth Week, the Optimists name students throughout the country as Typical Youths. While at an Optimist banquet Tuesday, November 23, Danny received a Typical Youth Trophy.

Danny has accomplished many things at RMSH, which include attendance at Boy's State last summer, participation in football, and basketball. He was Vice-President of last year's Junior class.