



Pictured above are the newly elected Gryphon staff. Left to right are Mona Macky, Janet Barkhouse, Ray Brinn, William Farmer, Jo Safy, and Sue Ford.

Elected Gryphon Officers Plan For Future Success

The new Gryphon officers for the school year 1972-1973 have been chosen. These offices however will be quite different than the usual Editor and advertising manager. There will be co-editors and other co-ordinating offices. This system is used to lighten the burden that is sometimes put on the Editor and other managers on the staff. It is also used in order that more people can learn about being Editor, etc.

The officers are as follows: Co-Editors, Ray Brinn and Wil-

Ham Farmer, Co-Advertising Managers, Janet Barkhouse and Jo Safy. The other officers are: Business Manager, Mona Macky, and Circulation Manager, Sue Ford.

Each of these students have had experience in these positions when the two Junior issues came out. They also have been members of the Junior Staff this past year and have worked with the Seniors with most of the Senior issues. They are very capable of handling their jobs and the Gryphon will be in good hands next year.

School Officials Discuss High School Curriculum

Principals from Edwards R. M. Wilson, Parker, RMSH, and superintendent of Rocky Mount city schools met April 20th in the Civic Room of Planters National Bank for a panel discussion.

The panel discussion was sponsored by the Human Relations Commission in order to develop public awareness of school vocational and academic programs.

Dr. Ben F. Currin led the discussion for the city schools. He stated that he believes that Rocky Mount city schools are as good as or better than most schools in the state. He said that he realizes that the schools have problems, but with cooperation from the community and students we can work them out.

After Dr. Currin's introduction the principals of the junior schools, Mr. R. H. Batts; Parker, Mr. Douglas Watts;

Edwards, and Mr. Jimie Armstrong; R. M. Wilson gave a general outline of the programs in their schools. Each principal stated that the students seem to get along with each other peacefully."

Mr. Robert Hines gave the vocational program for RMSH and Mr. Elton Newbern gave the academic program. Mr. Hines stated that the vocational track is a preparation for students who would like to enter a business profession, but some students on this track have entered college. Mr. Newbern said that the academic program is generally college preparatory.

After each principal gave his presentation members of the Human Relations Commission and visitors asked questions.

The Human Relations Commission hopes that the discussion gave the public a better understanding of school programs.

Elated Juniors End Research

Junior themes had finally been turned in. All of the Juniors were happy -- almost overjoyed -- to have the weight lifted off of their shoulders. Then Mrs. Williams told them that they had to give talks on their themes--just like the Seniors. Panic! To stand in front of some thirty people and give a ten to fifteen minute talk on something that would bore them all to death was asking too much! But relax, there would be no additional assignment during the two weeks that the talks were being given. Something gained, something lost, as they say.

One day in English class, during the change of speakers, a student voiced the common opinion of all Juniors: "Mrs. Williams, it's just not fair! We won't have any homework for two whole weeks. What are we going to do with all of that extra time. Please give us something to do."

"Well," replied Mrs. Williams, "If it's that important to you, do some independent study for the next two weeks. You can turn in the results on Friday week."

A sigh of relief went through the class. The students were very happy to know that their next two weeks were to be filled with English work and they were not to simply drift by. Each student's mind raced quickly over the possible subjects for his independent study, for he was overjoyed at the prospect of this study, and could hardly wait to go home so he could begin work.

If you would like to see the furts of these industrious workers, stop by Mrs. William's room, 110.

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Chorus Performs

The mixed chorus of the music department, known as the Modernaires, featured an Annual Spring Concert on May 4, at 8:00 in the R. M. S. H. auditorium.

The Modernaires performed separately with the boy's chorus and the girls' chorus. There were selections in which the chorus performed together. They sang many varied selections and were sure to please most of the students and audience's musical preferences.

There were many varied selections, ranging from sacred hymns and pieces to popular ballads and hits. The Modernaires practiced and worked hard under an honored guest, Dr. John Davis. Dr. Davis composed a feature selection which the Modernaires were working on diligently. Dr. Davis conducted this selection also. He worked with the Modernaires and Mrs. A. Battle to make the Spring Concert an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

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