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Governor School nominees are (1st row) Mike Knowles, Carolyne Brantly, Ralph Thompson, (2nd row) Kevin Battle, Susan Mooring, Phyllis Goffney, and Frank Inscoe. (Photo by Killebrew)

Seven Candidates Nominated To Governor's School Of N.C.

Seven Juniors have recently been nominated as candidates to the Governor's School of North Carolina, a summer program for gifted and talented high school students.

The students are Michael Knowles, Kevin Battle, Frank Inscoe, Ralph Thompson, Phyllis Goffney, Carolyn Brantly, and Susan Mooring.

Applications to the Governor's School are judged by an upper level I. Q. score based on standardized intelligence tests, an acceptable overall grade average, and demonstrated creativity, interest, and motivation. Each student is nominated for the performing arts area for which or she is outstanding in. These areas

are Art, Dance, Drama, Humanities, Mathematics, Music, Natural Science, and Social Science.

There will be four hundred North Carolinian high school students who will gather this summer for resident study on the campus of Salem College in Winston Salem. The seven-week program at the Governor's School concerns itself with twentieth century ideas and theories in the respective fields. (Continued on page 2)

Senior Chosen Finalist In Scholarship Award

Jeff Collins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Collins, Jr., has been selected as a finalist in the Morehead Scholarship Competition.

Out of the 112 finalists selected from schools across the state, around 60 students will be chosen to receive Morehead Scholarships. This scholarship provides for at least \$2,250 yearly, at UNC-CH, and is renewable for four years.

Currently serving as SRA vice-president, Jeff is also a member of the NHA, and is active in his youth group at church. He has received such honors as being chosen Rotary

boy and National Merit student. Jeff loves all sports and has been active in sports here at Senior High.

Jeff is set on going to Carolina and he hopes he will be able to play basketball or baseball there. He enjoys writing and is seriously considering becoming a freelance writer. When asked how he feels about being selected as a finalist, Jeff replied, "I feel honored and will feel much more honored and appreciative if I receive a Morehead Scholarship."



Morehead Finalist
Jeff Collins.

Twirp Dance Scheduled

The Social Committee of Rocky Mount Senior High is sponsoring a Twirp Dance to be held Friday, March 15, in the school Gymnasium.

At 8:00, this casual-like dance begins to swing, and continues until 11:30. The

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Newspaper Staff To Attend Convention

Ten members of the newspaper staff and Mrs. Williams have plans to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention in New York, March 14, 15, 16.

The group will leave March 14, 2:30, by train to N. Y. They will stay in the New York Hilton. The CSPA

Convention, where the group will spend much of their time at, has earned a reputation for being an educational experience for all who participate.

While in N. Y., the group will attend the Broadway hit "Grease", and possibly will go see the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. They will see the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, Times Square, the Rockefeller Center, and China Town. Sunday they will attend the Marble Collegiate Church, where they will hear Rev. Norman Vincent Peale.

Members going are Mrs. Williams, Debbie Harvey, Myra Fisher, Cathy Allen, Terri Kilpatrick, Kim Nelson, Phyllis Goffney, Isabel Williams, Marcia Robinson, Sara Collier, and Gail Parrish. They will return Sunday, March 17.

Senior Given High Award

Myra Gail Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Fisher of 2709 Amherst Road has been named the 1973-74 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow for RMSH. She won the honor by competing with other seniors in the written knowledge and attitude examination on December 4.

She is now eligible for state and national honors, having scored among the top twenty-five students in N. C. General Mills, Inc., sponsor of the annual educational scholarship program, will also give Myra a specially designed award. This is the first time RMSH has had a finalist in this competition.

When questioned about her feelings towards the award Myra replied, "It wasn't all that hard to win. I just tried a little bit harder than some of the others and it paid off. I must say though that I will represent RMSH to the best of my ability."

Finalist For Scholarship

Wadye Morton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Morton of 920 Shearin Street, has been honored as a finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Competition for Negro Students.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is similar to the concept of the National Merit Program. Finalist Selection is based on academic grades, SAT score, extracurricular (Continued on page 2)

Two Students Selected Nat'l Merit Finalists

Two RMSH students were chosen as National Merit finalists, Georgetta Sharmin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sharmin; and Melanie Goff, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Goff.

These two girls were selected earlier in the year as semifinalists, because they received the highest qualifying scores in the state on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test - National Merit Scholarship Corporation taken in October 1972.

Every National Merit finalist is awarded a certificate of Merit through the school, and is then considered in competition for Merit Scholarships. Scholarships range from \$100 to \$1,500 depending on individual need, and may be used in any accredited college.

The Gryphon Staff congratulates these two seniors for bringing honor to Rocky Mount Senior High as well as to the community, their parents, and themselves.



Left to right: Myra Fisher, Wadye Morton, Georgetta Sharmin, and Melanie Goff. (Photo by Killebrew)