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The outstanding seniors for '74 are (bottom row): Mindy Kamins, Gordan Vestal, Grace Dortch, Floretta Grant, (top row): Jamie Council, Patricia Edwards, Chip Pearsall, Renee Wilkins, Jeff Collins, Wadye Morton, Shirley Bullock, Althea Bailey, Paula Murrill, Dillard Bullock, and Susan Edwards. Absent: Steve Braswell, Phil Ford, Charles Harrison, Jo Jones, Bill Roebuck, and Jimmy Weeks. (Photo by Killebrew)

21 Outstanding Seniors Chosen By Students In Recent Election

The outstanding seniors for the class of '74 were recently selected by their class members. The twenty-one winners who possess fine qualities of leadership, school spirit, dedication to RMSH, and academic excellence are:

Althea Marsha Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bailey of 915 N. Raleigh Street; Stephen Craig Braswell; Jasper Dillard Bullock, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dillard Bullock of 1642 Marvelle Avenue; Shirley Bullock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Bullock of 108 Lucas Circle; Jeff Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Collins, Jr. of 512 E. Ridge Street; Jamie Elizabeth Council, daughter of Mrs. J. C. Council of 1334 Planters Street; Grace Ilene Dortch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dortch of 1016 Drew Street.

Other outstanding seniors are Patricia Anne Edwards and Susan Bennete Edwards, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E.

G. Edwards of 604 Avondale Avenue; Phil Jackson Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jackson Ford, Sr. of 1628 King Circle; Floretta Jo Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Grant of 826 South Washington Street; Charles De-vernier Harrison, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Harrison, Sr. of 1321 Hillsdale Road; Joseph Leonel Jones, son of Mrs. Clara Jones of 712 Star Street; Mindy Ellen Kamins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kamins of 2904 Woodlawn Road.

Also selected were Wadye Enola Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Morton of 920 Shearin Street; Paula Ann Murrill, daughter of Mrs. Joe Murrill of 3004 Amberst Road; Harry "Chip" S. Pearsall, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Pearsall, Jr. of 737 Westwood Drive; William "Bill" Vernon Roebuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Roebuck of 304 Oakdale Road; Gordon Vestal III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Vestal, Jr. of 1232 Hammond

Street; James "Jimmy" Leggett Weeks, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Weeks, Sr. of 1636 Lafayette Avenue; Beverly Renee Wilkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilkins of 401 Pennsylvania Avenue.

RMSH has twenty-one outstanding seniors instead of the usual twenty, as a result of a tie for tenth place among the girls nominated. The Hi-Noc-Ar staff sponsors the election of these seniors. Ballots are distributed to each senior homeroom for the nomination of ten senior boys and girls who have excelled in academics, leadership and extra-curricular activities while at RMSH.

The GRYPHON staff would like to commend each and every senior chosen for this honor.

Oral Roberts Visits RMSH

Friday, March 8, Oral Roberts visited RMSH to talk to Phil Ford about Oral Roberts University. Mr. Roberts was also here to talk to any other students interested in going to ORU. Mr. Roberts explained that he didn't want students who just wanted to participate in sports or to just go to school somewhere, but that he wanted people with character and a desire for an education.

Oral Roberts University is strong in educational media. Today, on the 500-acre-\$60-million campus, more than 1,800 full-time students are enjoying an ultra-modern education facility designed for the development of the whole man in mind, spirit and body.

Mighty Gryphs Retire With Excellent Record

The Rocky Mount Senior High Gryphon Basketball team represented Division I in the State Championship Playoffs held in Greensboro February 28-March 2.

On Thursday, February 28, the Gryphons downed Charlotte Harding by a score of 84-61 to reach the semi-finals. In the semi-finals, the Gryphs fell to a very strong Fayetteville Seventy-First team. This marked the last game of the season for the Gryphons, who closed the season with a good record.

The seniors on the squad gave it all they could in their last performance wearing the Gryphon uniform. Senior Phil Ford climaxed a brilliant high school career with brilliant performances in both of the games. Seniors Joe Jones, Boo Boo Alston, Jimmy Weeks and Thomas Lancaster also played superbly in their last effort for RMSH.

Even though the Gryphons did not come home with a State Championship, the students and faculty are

very proud of them for having gone so far in a wonderful season.

Service Club Shares Easter

The Service Club is now planning the Easter Sunrise Service. The service will be held April 11, 1974.

This year the speaker will be Susan Kitts. She is an active member of the Service Club and chairman of the Student Store Committee. The coordinators of the Easter Sunrise Service are Patty Gervason and Kim Wood, two junior members of the club. This service is planned by the junior members with the assistance of the senior members and Mrs. Winstead, the club advisor.

All RMSH students and faculty are urged to attend the service.



BILL



JEFF

Pictured above are Jeff Collins and Bill Roebuck, two seniors who have been honored in recent scholarship competition.

Two Seniors Honored In Scholarship Results

Jeff Collins and Bill Roebuck, two well-known students at RMSH, have recently been chosen for scholarships. Jeff is the winner of the Morehead Scholarship and Bill has been named a finalist for the George Foster Hankins Scholarship.

The Morehead Scholarship provides four years of college at the University of North Carolina. When notified of winning this scholarship, Jeff stated that he was not only pleased, but also relieved.

Jeff's major at Carolina will probably be in English; he has not definitely decided on a minor, but thinks that it will probably be in the field of

mathematics.

The George Foster Hankins Scholarship provides money up to \$3,100 per year for four years of college, depending on the financial

state of a student. Bill is competing with many other students across the state for

this scholarship. When asked how he felt about being named one of the finalists, he said, "I was pleased."

Members of the GRYPHON staff along with the students and teachers of RMSH would like to

congratulate Jeff for winning the Morehead Scholarship wish Bill the best of luck in his competition.

College Fair Held At Tarrytown Mall

Tarrytown Mall hosted on February 28 through March 2, a College Fair, the first of its size that was held in North Carolina. There were representatives from 28 two and four year colleges and technical schools throughout the state. The Fair gave high school students and other interested people a chance to meet and discuss with these representatives such things as enrollment, admission

requirements, courses, and tuition expenses. There was also a representative of the College Foundation to provide information on obtaining financial aid and scholarships. The Gryphon Staff is sure that this College Fair was very beneficial to students at RMSH and appreciate that chance for learning more about our North Carolina colleges.