



Pictured above are those who attended the Science Seminars at ECU. ( Left to Right: Jimmy Couch, Mr. Rublein, Bill Mebane, and Laura Nobles). Photo by Murray

## Science Teacher and Students Attended Seminars At ECU

It's amazing how an ordinary science field trip can transform into an unusual and interesting outing when Mr. Rublein is in charge! It all began at 7:30 Friday morning, February 22, when Mr. Rublein, along with Laura Nobles from the biology department, Jimmy Couch from chemistry, and Bill Mebane from the physics department, set out under rainy, overcast skies to attend the science seminars at East Carolina University in Greenville.

East Carolina is offering seminars for outstanding high school students who are interested in careers in the sciences as an effort to enrich the education received in high school. The ECU science facilities cooperate with high school science teachers to provide additional experiences to the teaching job in high school.

Mr. Rublein and the three RMSH students attended two seminars; one in the morning and one after lunch, each one lasting two and one half hours. The lectures that they at-

tended included Geology of the NC Coastal Plain, Use of Computers in analyzing Physical Systems, Vibrational Spectroscopy, and Detection of the Magnetism of Electrons. Each class was conducted by several specialized ECU professors and student assistants from the college. All students were given an evaluation sheet after each seminar to rate the class according to its interest and level of teaching. Also, students were asked for suggestions of ways to improve the seminars.

In addition to being a talented teacher, Mr. Rublein is also an excellent weather forecaster. Seeing the dark, overcast skies, he decided to leave his raincoat & umbrella in the car. Ask him how much fun he had trudging around the campus in the rain! But this misfortune was forgotten as soon as lunchtime rolled around. After eating in the ECU cafeteria, Jimmy, Laura, and "Ruby" decided to match their talents in a campus recreation center. After Jimmy defeated him in pool and air hockey, Mr. Rublein

must have decided that his luck was running low.

But the fun really began as the group was ready to go home. Mr. Rublein thought he'd show the students a short cut back to the car. After the crew finally made it to the car, Mr. Rublein suddenly noticed that he had left his headlights on. After they finally got their heads straight, they left Greenville, hoping that their luck would once again be restored when they reached Rocky Mount.

Do not believe all that you hear. Ditto, think.

## Four Juniors Nominated For a Writing Award

Four RMSH juniors were recently nominated for the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing. These students were Kathy Allen, Phyllis Goffney, Susan Mooring, and Doug Henley.

Students are nominated by the English teachers of their schools. The standards for choosing and judging the nominees include ability to write clearly and effectively, ability of the student to think for himself, and competence in a wide range of writing skills. RMSH is allowed to nominate four students.

A maximum of 876 winners are possible. The finalists are announced in October of each year when the students have entered their senior year in high school. Students receiving this award will have their names and addresses printed in a booklet which is

mailed in October to directors of admissions and to English department chairmen in 3000 colleges, universities, and junior colleges in the United States. The booklets are also sent to governors, superintendents, of education, congressmen, NCTE affiliate organizations, and the winners and their high school principals.

Students competing for the awards must write three compositions. They are a 250-300 word autobiography, an impromptu theme written in an hour or less, and a sample of writing that the student considers his best work.

The Achievement Awards in Writing are given by NCTE to encourage high school students in their writing and to recognize publicly some of the best student writers in the nation.



Pictured above are the Juniors nominated for the Writing Award. (Left to Right are: Susan Mooring, Doug Henley, Cathy Allen, and Phyllis Goffney). Photo by Murray

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