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**RMSH WINS AWARDS — DECA Winners (left to right) Blaine Todd, Job Interview Contest winner; Beverly Powell, Miss DECA; and Marvin Thorne, parliamentarian. (Photo by Bryant)**

## Deca Wins Awards

On October 30 District 3-B of Distributive Education Clubs of America held its District Leadership Conference at Northern Nash High School. Rocky Mount Senior High DECA Chapter attended the conference along with 450 other DECA members and received more honors than any other chapter.

During the district meeting the Job Interview and Miss DECA Contest were held. The District Officers of the Job Interview Contest was Blaine Todd. Beverly Powell was selected Miss DECA. The office of Parliamentarian was taken by Marvin Thorne. Blaine Todd was named the new District 3-B President.

Deborah Farmer, Donny Corum, Gail Phillips, Michael Anderson, and Libby Turner served as Rocky Mount Senior

High voting delegates. Their job was to choose the candidate most qualified for a District Office.

Group activities such as a Spoon and Marble Contest, dancing, and singing, were held for those students not involved in contests or election of officers. Representatives in the Spoon and Marble Contest were Aletha Davis, Phyllis Cherry, Jonathan Deans, Tim Brown, and Harold Hunter.

As District Officers, Blaine Todd and Marvin Thorne attended the District Office Training Conference in Winston-Salem on November 15 and 16. Beverly Powell will serve as official hostess at the State Leadership Conference in Asheville in March. At that time Blaine will compete in the Job Interview Contest on a statewide basis.

## Semi-Finalists Announced



**RMSH HAS TWO MOREHEAD SEMI-FINALISTS — Susan Mooring and Doug Henley, RMSH students, are semi-finalists for the Morehead Scholarship (Photo by Bryant)**

Susan Mooring and Doug Henley, students at Rocky Mount Senior High, have been named as semi-finalists for the John Motley Morehead Scholarships.

The scholarships are based on academic excellence plus involvement in extra-curricular

activities such as sports, clubs and civic work. Personality is also considered as a criteria for a Morehead Scholarship.

Susan and Doug will be competing against many other high school seniors for the awards. This is the first year that girls have been allowed as

## Council Receives Honor

Rocky Mount Senior High received the distinction of having an Honor Student Council for the fifth straight year at the 1974 NCASC State Convention held at J. T. Hoggard School in Wilmington, on November 9-11.

Laura Davenport, Ken Whitehurst, Deborah Farmer, Jimmy Apostoleris, Nancy Davis, and Mrs. Sue Hayworth were among the almost 700 delegates attending. Laura, Ken, and Deborah attended as official delegates, and Jimmy Apostoleris went as RMSH's AFC student. Nancy Davis was a discussion group leader, and Mrs. Hayworth attended as the advisor for the delegation.

Dr. Earl Reum, Director of Student Activities, Jefferson County School, Jefferson County, Colorado was the keynote speaker at the convention. Dr. Reum specializes in using visual aides along with music to use as illustrations during his speech. He used a fake finger, a trick telephone that rings from inside his coat, magic rope tricks, and salt shakers. The content of his speech dealt with commitment to the work of Student Council. While talking about love, Dr. Reum quoted a phrase that silenced the audience. "Love is doing everything possible for someone else, so that he can become the human being God could have intended."

During the second general session, the candidates for NCASC offices gave their campaign speeches.

That afternoon the RMSH delegates chose the discussion groups on Student Council and the community; Financing a Student Council; Projects,

Plans, Implementation; and receive an Honor Council Certificate.

Monday morning, executive secretaries' reports, district reports, and convention reports were given. Elections were also carried on during the meeting. Special awards were given to NCASC member schools. RMSH was one of nine schools to

receive an Honor Council Certificate.

The results of the elections were president, Lisa Bearnes; first vice president, Glenn Harris; second vice president, Dave Bishop; secretary, Lisa Welch; and Junior High representative, David Shelby.

The meeting was adjourned by the new NCASC president.



**RMSH STUDENTS ATTEND CONVENTION — NCASC Convention delegates were (left to right) Mrs. Hayworth, Nancy Davis, Jimmy Apostoleris, Laura Davenport, and Ken Whitehurst. (Photo by Ralph Thompson)**

## Junior Appointed To State Council

Gil Fountain, a Senior High junior, has accepted membership in a relatively unpublicized state committee, the Advisory Committee on Law Focused Education.

The committee is working with the idea that by improving the moral values of students there will be less need for many government imposed laws, therefore, encouraging more free and better citizens.

The advisory committee meets four times a year in the Education Building in Raleigh. The committee consists of several state legislators, representatives from the State School Board, a teacher, some lawyers, and Gil.

This project is intended to uplift what scholars believe is right in deeds and thoughts. It maintains that teenagers grow morally in stages. A person

must live through each stage at his own pace and when one is finished growing, though not physically, he has reached moral maturity.

Gil said that the Advisory Committee on Law Focused Education is very much like the Student Advisory Council in that it takes ideas and pursues them for the students' benefit.

Gil is an honor roll student, noted and envied by most juniors for his practical knowledge of mechanics and his abilities in electronics.

## Band Seeks Local Support

The Rocky Mount Senior High Band is currently raising money for their trip to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. They are scheduled to leave February 4 and return on the 10th.

John C. Sykes, a band director, has estimated the cost of the trip to be \$18,000. The band has so far acquired approximately \$4,000. They have not engaged in any fund raising projects for the year but have depended entirely on contributions from local organizations.

Among the many civic groups which have donated considerable sums of money are the Evening Optimist Club (\$1,000) the Civitan Club (\$500), People's Bank (\$225), the Gravely Foundation (\$100), and the T. A. C. Club (\$100).



**STUDENT ON STATE COMMITTEE — Gil Fountain is a member of the State Council on Law Focused Education.**