



NEW HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS — Kel Landis, Quinn Alford, Walter Ricks and Frank Jolley meet with Hugh Worsely (center) president of the NHS. (photo by Bryant)

## National Honor Society Taps Four New Members

The Wita Bond Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted four senior members at a tapping held December 2 at the YMCA. The new members are Quinn Alford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Alford; Frank Jolley, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jolley Jr.; Kel Landis, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kel Landis Jr.; and Walter Ricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ricks.

Due to the unusually small number of seniors being inducted, the ceremony was held

at night rather than during the traditional school assembly. Hugh Worsely, president of the Nation Honor Society, opened the ceremony. Following his comments, Cathy Allen spoke on character, Phyllis Goffney on service, Michael Alston on leadership, and Teresa Joyner on scholarship. The new members were officially inducted, and the students were served dinner.

National Honor Society members who were inducted last May include Bryant Aldridge, Cathy Allen, Leigh Ann Allsbrook, Michael Alston, Bruce Battle, Bob Bennett, Stephanie Branch, Carolyn Brantley, Karen Butler, Terri Caine, James Callahan (treasurer), Carolyn Creek-

more, Pam Daniels, Phyllis Eason, and Sharon Edwards.

Others are Kim English, Faith Fisher, Cindy Garner, Phyllis Goffney, Sonya Gurganus, Wanda Henderson, Doug Henley, Frank Incoe, Amy Johnson, Donna Joyner (secretary), Sue Ellen Joyner, Susan Kitts, Mike Knowles (vice president), Jan Lassiter, and Gail Maddox.

Also inducted last year were Donna Mohorn, Deborah Nelson, Kim Nelson, Renee Odom, Mary Parrish, Cathy Proctor, Ann Ramsey, Cammy Reieron, Jane Suggs, John Thorp, Gail Wallace, Judy Wells, Susan Whitley, Mary Winstead, Jimmy Woodcock, Hugh Worsely (president), and Susan Worsely.

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## Teen Employment Falls

Thirty-four percent of the RMSH students who were working between September and December are no longer working according to a survey taken by the Gryphon in study halls. Twenty percent of these people have been laid off. This means that layoffs are responsible for over one half of the job losses.

Students face problems everywhere they go to look for employment in Rocky Mount. Employers' profits are down

and partime help is the first go.

Most of the industries which have been laying off are mills and fast food industries. Students from RMSH have been laid off from Tastee Donuts, from Hardee's, from Stony Creek Knitting Mill, and from countless supermarkets.

When asked why he was laid off Michael Savage, a former employee of Planter's warehouse where he made barrels, said, "they just didn't have any

orders."

Most of the layoffs were found to be because of low profits and no orders — INFLATION. Inflation seems to be the main cause of most cut backs in production and consequently in unemployment, but not all layoffs can be considered an unusual phenomenon. Frank Rehm, recently laid off from Pepsi Cola, said, "They lay off every winter. Nothing unusual."

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## Sixteen Compete In Contest

The winners of the local Voice of Democracy Scholarship Contest which was held on December 4, were first place, Faith Fisher; second place, Melanie Morgan, and third place, Walt White. All students from the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades were eligible to participate. Those participating from RMSH were Michael Alston, Kenny Braswell, Mary Sue Cummings, Dona Edwards, Faith Fisher, Gill Fountain, Jerome Gardner, Cindy Hartman, Mark Herrick, Natasha Matkin, Danny McDonald, Boon

McGee, Melanie Morgan, Billy Odom, Clyde Sifford, and Walt White.

The theme for this year was "My Responsibility As A Citizen." Participants were judged on their interpretation of the theme. In interpreting the theme each student considered such questions as "What kind of actions can I take to better my community as a citizen?" and "What are my responsibilities as a citizen?" Students should have adapted a positive approach toward citizenship and disregard race or national origin as a means of iden-

tification.

Students were judged on three aspects of their speeches, delivery was worth 20%; originality, 35%; and content, 45%. Writing and delivery were presented in a natural style with a conversational tone.

There are four levels of competition. Winning in school competition qualified students for district judging. They may then advance to state and national levels of competition. National winners receive scholarships ranging from \$10,000 for first place to \$1,500 for fifth place.

## Committee Opens Boxes For Student Suggestions

Only eleven suggestions have been turned in to the Suggestion Boxes located in the library and the guidance office from an enrollment of almost 1600. Furthermore, such suggestions made consisted of various wants, such as a free period and longer lunch periods. These suggestions are not related to a project or activity the Human Relations Committee could sponsor. The committee wants usable suggestions to benefit school community.

Eva Bartley, chairman of the Human Relations Committee commented, "The purpose of

this Suggestion Box is to let students and teachers suggest ideas for further projects and activities that will benefit the Rocky Mount Senior High students and teachers."

The past year the Human Relations Committee that makes up part of the Student Representative Assembly has frankly run out of ideas for projects to get the students involved and aware of Human Relations.

Miss Bartley states, "Now that you are aware of what the real purpose of the Suggestion Box is, think and suggest!"



STUDENTS WIN ON LOCAL LEVEL — Walt White, Faith Fisher and Melanie Morgan were the school winners in the "Voice of Democracy" contest. (photo by Bryant)

## Henley And Moore Selected As All-Conference Players

Defensive tackle Jarvis Moore and punter Doug Henley were named to this year's Division 1, Eastern 4-A Conference All-Division team.

Wilson Fike dominated this year's All-Conference selections with five players named to the defensive team and five named to the offensive team.

The other players were seven from conference champion, Greenville Rose, six from Northern Nash, six from Northeastern, and two from Rocky Mount Senior High.

### Doug Henley

Henley began the season starting as quarterback and later in the season switched positions to wide receiver. Coach Walt Wiggins said he felt that Henley was "the best punter in the league" and added, "Henley's best kicking job was against Northern Nash." Henley is 6-foot one and weighs 175 pounds.

Currently on the starting lineup of the varsity basketball team, Doug also plans to play baseball. He wants to play college football and/or baseball.

### Jarvis Moore

Although Moore was named as an All-Conference defensive lineman, he played both offensive and defensive tackle throughout the Gryphon football season. Wiggins said that Moore alone had blocked four or five punts during the season. Moore is 6-foot two and weighs 200 pounds.

Moore is also one of the Gryphon varsity basketball team's main starters. He has not made any definite college choice, but he does want to play college football.



ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS NAMED — Jarvis Moore and Doug Henley were chosen as Senior High Football standouts. (photo by Bryant)