



**STUDENTS NOMINATED** — Alan Salyer, Laura Hardy, Mary Dresser, and Martha Harris (absent) have been nominated for the 1976 NCTE Writing Awards. (Photo by S. Wilgus)

## Four Nominated For Awards

Four juniors, Martha Harris, Mary Dresser, Laura Hardy, and Alan Salyer, have been nominated for the 1976 National Council of Teachers of English Writing Awards.

These four students, who were nominated by the English department of RMSH, received a congratulatory card from the NCTE on being nominated. To advance further in the competition, nominees must submit an example of their best writing which may include poetry, a short story, or an essay, and an impromptu essay which they must write in one hour without prior knowledge of the subject of the essay. These nominees did their impromptu writing on

April 7 at the second period. These materials are to be submitted to Dr. Joseph Milner of Wake Forest University, the state coordinator for the award, on April 15. They will be evaluated by a panel of judges and then sent to a national board to be judged once more. Winners will be announced in October of 1976.

Winners' names are published in a booklet that is submitted to some 3000 schools and universities with the recommendation that those students receive special considera-

tion in admission and scholarship decisions. The program is not a contest, but an attempt to encourage the process of good writing by students.

Schools are allowed one nominee for each 500 students in grades 10-12. Over 7000 students were nominated in 1975 with about 10% or approximately 850 reaching Finalist standing. Kenneth Braswell was named a finalist in October 1975. Each state is allowed a number of finalists proportionate to its number of representatives in Congress.



**COUPLE ANNOUNCED** — The Human Relations Couple for the month of March is Oie Osterkamp and Dayle Lawrence. (Photo by F. Woodley)

## March Couple Announced

The Human Relations Committee announced the March Human Relations couple is sophomores Oie Osterkamp and Dayle Lawrence.

Oie, curly-haired member of the JV basketball team, is also a member of the Now Generation Singers. A recent broken ankle does not seem to have

dampened his spirits in member of the band. Both look forward to increased involvement in school activities.

Dayle Lawrence is an active

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## VICA Club Wins

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place for the Rocky Mount VICA chapter.

Mitch Batchelor was elected the new third district president. The advisors accompanying the group were Mr. Harold Dearing and Mr. Gilbert Watkins.

The VICA Olympics were held in Fuquay-Varina with several other VICA chapters from the surrounding areas. Each VICA chapter met to compete in contests or Olympics and to elect district officers. The clubs also socialized and met people through campaigning and competing.

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