

News in brief

The librarians have set up an audio visual workshop for the teachers. In this workshop, the teachers learn how to operate AV equipment or they refresh their memory on the use of the machines.

There are self instruction booklets on how to operate the machines. These booklets show where and how to use the controls. These booklets also have self-evaluation sheets for the teachers to fill out on the material that was covered.

The librarians say that they will be glad to set up the same kind of workshop for students who are interested in learning how to operate audio visual equipment.

Requests from a parent or guardian for permission for his child to receive medication during school hours must be accompanied by a written authorization signed by the parent or guardian. A physician's signature should be required on the Physicians Authorization of Medication for a Student at School form which details the name of the drug, dosage and time involvement for the drug which the student is to receive.

Under no circumstances are any drugs to be dispensed which have not been prescribed by a physician and with respect to which parental permission has not been obtained.

The Phalanx Club worked on a float for the Homecoming Mini Parade. The theme of the float was "Pooh on the Falcons," let's Winnie."

The Phalanx Club officers are President Elizabeth Evans, Vice President Martha Kincheloe, Secretary Donna Jackson and Treasurer Fara Whitley.

Open house for parents was held on November 7 in the school cafeteria.

Each department was asked to put up a display for open house to allow parents to see what their children have been doing at school for the past nine weeks.

Parents and teachers chatted informally at the open house.

The school library has some 1500 new books. There are approximately 1000 paperbacks and approximately 500 hardback books. The books range from mystery to romance, baseball to magic, and hunting to fashions.

The librarians have set up a new book rack for the paperbacks and have made them available to students. Some of the hardbacks are on a table across from the card catalogue. Librarian Barbara Edwards said, "The students really enjoy the new books."



MRS. JANE PARVIN

Photo by Dale Gray

Trip to Europe planned

By BONNIE FOUST

Spanish I and II teacher Mrs. Jane Parvin is planning to take a group of students on a ten-day trip to Paris and Rome during spring break.

The group will leave New York and travel to Paris, Florence, Pisa, Rome, Versailles and Pompeii.

The students will tour sites such as the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, the Ponte Vecchio, the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel.

The trip is not limited to foreign language students; any student is welcome to come. "As long as a child can talk with his hands, he will

have no trouble communicating in French or Italian," says Mrs. Parvin.

Mrs. Parvin thinks that the trip will broaden the students' cultural and historical knowledge. She is especially looking forward to going to Pompeii, a city rich with history. Mrs. Parvin also said that since the group will be in Paris on Easter Sunday, they will be able to attend Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral.

Mrs. Parvin says she has her own personal reason for going to Rome. "I'm going to return the Pope's visit since he was unable to reach us," she said.

DECA students win awards

By KEELING HARDY

Members of the Rocky Mount chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America won two first place awards, two third place awards, and a district office at their district meeting held last week at Northern Nash Senior High School.

Junior Harvey Bullock was elected first vice-president of DECA District IIIB.

Junior Lisa Capps won first place in the job interview contest. Senior Kathryn Funk won a third place award in that contest.

Senior Randy Glover won first place in the public speaking contest. Junior Sidney Morgan won third place in that contest.

According to DECA adviser Laverne Perscell, the purpose of the district meeting

was to give students the chance to compete in a contest and to develop leadership skills and social poise.

Mrs. Perscell said the meeting was enjoyable and that she was proud of her students.

Speaker discusses drugs

By DALE GRAY

Investigator Chica Cruz of the Narcotics Division of the Rocky Mount Police Department visited Mrs. E. S. Dudley's sociology classes Monday, October 22, and lectured on the dangers of drug abuse.

Mr. Cruz said that the decision of whether or not to take drugs is clearly the person's own choice. Outside influence though often puts pressure on one's decision.

"Out of the concern for the students at Senior High, we try to bring resource persons to the sociology classes who will not only serve as a source of inspiration, but who will give the students food for thought in making wise decisions concerning their lives," said Mrs. Dudley.

In 1973, the Presidential Commission on Marijuana and

Drug Abuse came to the conclusion that alcoholism is the worst drug problem, while heroin dependence is the second worst problem in the United States. Marijuana use is a minor problem compared with the abuse of alcohol and other drugs. This same commission affirms that the United States should end all criminal penalties for smoking marijuana.

Mrs. Dudley noted that many scenes of the movie "11:59: The Last Minute to Decide," shown by Investigator Cruz brought to the attention of many students the harsh effects of drug abuse. "Some of the scenes were very sickening and hard for the students to watch. It gave the students something to really think about."

Group to hold workshop

By BRYAN GUPTON

Applications from students who wish to attend the Congressional Seminar of the Washington Workshops are now being accepted. Guidance Counselor Edythe Tweedy says.

The Congressional Seminar is a citizenship program for secondary school students. Held in Washington, D. C., the seminar is operated under the auspices of the Washington Workshops Foundation, a private, non-profit, educational organization.

The Congressional Seminar consists of six main components: a study of the Congress, a study of the executive and judicial branch-

es of the American government, participation in a model Congress, a study of international affairs, a career orientation session, and discussion groups. According to a spokesman for the Congressional Seminar, tours of Washington, D. C. are an important part of this study of government.

According to the spokesman, any secondary school student with a medium or better grade point average and with a genuine interest in

learning more about current national and international issues may apply for the program.

The week-long Congressional Seminar is held 11 times from October through June. The cost of the program (including application fees, tuition, transportation in Washington, Seminar materials, dormitory rooms, and some meals) is \$320.

Mrs. Tweedy urges all students who are interested in the program to stop by her office for further information.

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