

Trio Attends State Meet In Raleigh

Ernie Whitley, Ricky Carpenter and Beth Kelley joined 800 other delegates in Raleigh, December 9, 10, 11, for the North Carolina Student Council Congress entitled Youth In Pursuit of Excellence.

In three of the four general sessions, the ASHS delegates listened to speakers such as Governor Scott, Attorney General Morgan, and representatives from the State Bureau of Investigation.

The other general session concerned the merging of the black and white State Student Council Congresses. Delegates debated the issue, and a final vote settled the plan for the merger.

At a division meeting for Western, Eastern, and Central districts, candidates for state offices spoke to the voters.

Discussion groups dominated a portion of the session. Groups attended by Ernie, Ricky, and Beth included elections, racial equality, honor systems, assemblies, and school spirit. Student Council officers from around the state conducted these discussions.

Foreign exchange students in N. C. also attended the Congress.

A banquet and dance Monday night served as entertainment.



Juniors stage Spec-Talo-Scope as a chief money raising project.

Juniors Hold No. III

The Junior Class presented Spec-Talo-Scope III, their major money-making project for the Jr.-Sr. Prom, November 14.

Pat Courtney and Mary Ellen Hill, Hilda Baucom, and Patti Hopkins and Andrea Lowder participated in the dance category.

Melanie Morris and Beverly Kesler performed piano solos. Susan and Marion Andrew played a piano and clarinet duet.

The Dance Band, composed of band members, entertained with two numbers.

Dorothy Cotton, Debbie Lawrence, and Becky Jo Clark sang solos.

Donnabee Brooks and ASHS majorettes displayed their baton twirling talents.

Joy Preslar's soliloquy and solo entertained the audience.

Billy and the Kids and the Dekades, combos also competed. The Illusions and the Originals sang two numbers each. John Howard, Carroll Lowder, and Jimmy Long performed one act.

Libby Adams, Meg Anderson, Carolyn Nance, and Sue Ellen Beal presented a comedy skit.

Susan Squires sang and accompanied herself on the guitar.

Bobby Dobbs and Eddie Furr served as emcees for the event.

Clubs Confer On Future Activities

VICA Ends Gap

VICA students from the four area high schools participated in a county wide meeting at Stony Gap Fish House, November 4, 7:00 p.m.

Approximately 100 students attended the event, arranged to encourage all chapters and their individual members to work toward future accomplishments.

The program included talks by state VICA Advisor, Adam Thompson and Johnny Jacumin, one of the two Regional Co-Advisors.

Brad Cook of Independence High School presided over the meeting as regional president.

Fourteen students and four advisors met Monday night, October 26 to discuss plans for the county event and to arrange for publicity in their schools and VICA chapters. Mitchel Smith led the planning discussion which was held in the ICT room at Senior High.

Dent Turner, Billy Lowder, Cris Ragsdale, Mitchel Smith, and Carrie Collier of ICT; Danny Holt, Bricklaying; and C. W. Bourne, Jr., ICT Coordinator represented ASHS at the planning session.

VICA, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, is the student organization for all Industrial

Final Exams Pre-Santa-Fy Semester Exams

After careful consideration for students and faculty, the administration reached the final dates of December 17, 18, 19 for first semester exams.

Students voiced their opinion prior to this decision in a school wide vote, following Mr. Hawkins' presentation of pros and cons of the change.

Advantages cited were to relieve tension during Christmas for students; to enable teachers to devote more time planning and grading exams; to eliminate the likelihood of school closing because of weather conditions; and to allow studies to resume after Christmas without interruption.

Con points given were that more material will be covered for final exams; that teachers will not have enough grades for six weeks' report cards; and that working students study time during the Christmas season will be cut short.

The resulting vote from the students counted 428, pro; and 206, con. This is approximately a two to one ratio in favor of pre-Christmas exams.

For faculty opinion, Mr. Hawkins discussed the issue at the weekly teachers meeting, November 3. A majority of teachers agreed with the students in that early exams are more practical.

Education and Health Occupations students. All students enrolled in such programs are eligible for memberships. Each of the county high schools has four industrial vocational programs; ASHS has only two.

Bookers Unite

Students and sponsors representing library clubs from six surrounding counties met Wednesday, November 19, for the Twenty-First Annual South Piedmont District Convention.

Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Union, Anson, Richmond, and Stanly counties make up the South Piedmont District. Each school was allowed two voting members.

Representatives arrived at 10:00. Following refreshments, delegates attended a morning session, including greetings and

welcome, program, a discussion of business, and nominations and speeches of candidates running for president, vice president, secretary and reporter.

Candidates presented skits, put up posters, and passed out favors as part of their campaign. At 1:00 representatives ate lunch in the school cafeteria.

Following the afternoon session, students voted, by secret ballot for candidates. The 68-69 officers, Melanie Morris, President (ASHS), Kathy Hill, Secretary (West Stanly), Bobby Quensberry, Vice President (Central Cabarrus), and James Hutton, Reporter (A. L. Brown) retired and newly elected officers were installed.

Members of the state executive board, (North Carolina High School Library Association), chose "All Systems Go" for the 1969-70 theme.

MMM Inducts Eleven

Modern Music Masters inducted eleven students, Thursday, November 13, during the annual assembly.

New members of the society are Charles Burris, Louise Cranford, Randy Gore, Jimmy Long, Sara Manning, Tony Oettinger, Linda Sides, Donna Simpson, David Sutton, Cheryl Tucker, and Ken Wilson.

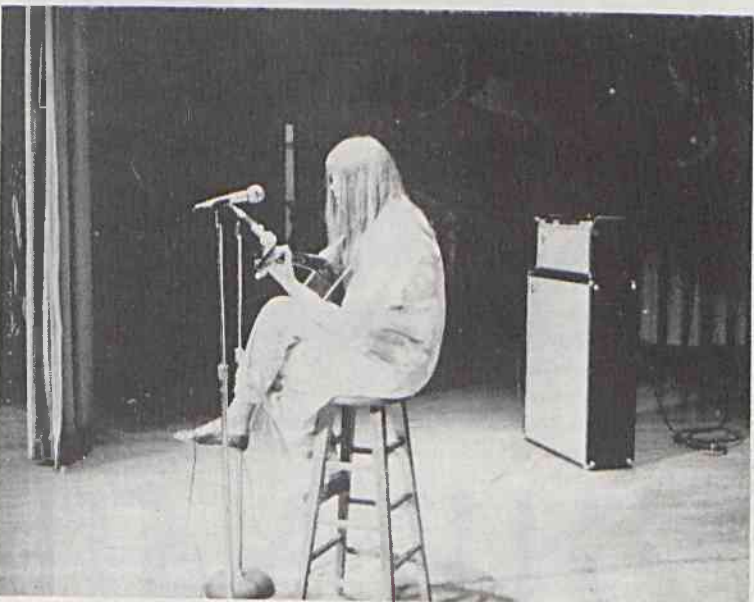
Tom Wilson, president, opened the assembly, explaining the structure and organization of

Modern Music Masters.

Each inductee is required to perform before the student body as part of his initiation.

Another requirement for membership is the service of an apprenticeship of two weeks in which members must pass a test on the Constitution of the society.

The assembly closed with presentation of membership certificates and pins to each new member.



Joy Preslar entertains at Modern Music Masters induction.

Srs. Revoke Tradition

In an effort to decide on the procedure for selecting Senior Superlatives, the Senior class met Wednesday, November 12.

After debating the pros and cons of change, the class voted for changing the traditional procedure, but failed to reach a decision on method of change.

Alternatives presented by class officers included recognition of 15-20 outstanding seniors, with or without classification; nomination of students for superlatives with a run-off between the top 3.

Further suggestions included a nominating committee to select nominees to be voted on by the class. If one person gets more than one superlative, he must select the one he wants; this necessitates a run-off to fill the vacated superlative title.

Rocky Funderburk suggested that the nominating committee should consist of eight black and eight white students.

A discussion concerning the *Crossroads*' place in the selection of superlatives also took place.

Tom Wilson, Senior Class president, commented, "Although we were disorganized in the meeting, we did accomplish the major purpose of making the Seniors aware of the problems. Now with their cooperation we, the officers, hope to reach a solution."

Class officers urged interested seniors to place suggestions for a better system in the suggestion box.

FBLA Visit Business Area

Is the business world the place for me? FBLA students examined this question as they participated in FBLA Day, Thursday, November 6.

Instead of attending school, twenty students worked all day in local businesses at a job of their choice. They received no pay but hoped that through the experience they could better decide whether or not to pursue a business career.

Participating students invited their employers to a luncheon in the school cafeteria at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Webb spoke to the group after lunch.

Connie Holt served as FBLA Day chairman. The Albemarle-Stanly County Chamber of Commerce sponsored the day's activities.

Optimist Club Awards Honor

Lisa Lamb, senior band member, received the annual Optimist Award, October 24, at the AJHS Stadium. Dallas Durham, president of the local Optimist Club, presented her with the award, a gold plaque.

A member of the band for six years and a trumpet musician, Lisa's fellow band members voted her "most outstanding" of the entire group of senior competitors.

Lisa stated that she tentatively plans to continue her career in Music Education.