

## Student Council To Hold Benefit Christmas Dance

A Christmas dance sponsored by the Student Council will be held tonight in the RHS gymnasium from 8:00 until 11:30.

The Student Council reminds students that this is not the annual mid-winter dance, but instead it is a benefit dance that will give students a chance to contribute to the making of a truly merry Christmas to many of the needy families in Person County.

Admission to the dance tonight will be a little out of the ordinary. If a student brings a can of food or some other contribution to the boxes for the needy, plus fifty cents, he will be allowed to check in his shoes and enter the gym. Students will be admitted for seventy-five cents if they bring no other contribution.

Various committees have been working to make the dance a success. It is hoped that at least five hundred will attend in the spirit of helping those who need help, especially at this time of the year.

Mike Slaughter, President of the Student Council, stresses that this is not just another dance—this is a good-will project and should be taken seriously.

The Rocketeer Staff urges you to come on out to the gym tonight to begin your holiday in the right spirit.

The Escorts, one of the local bands, will furnish the music.



Students add the finishing touches to the "lovemobile" that they designed for English teacher Judy Eskridge, who married Paul Williams in Hillsborough Saturday.

## Band Groups Begin Practice Sessions For Performances

Many different sounds may now be heard coming from the RHS band room, as the Pep Bands, Dance Band, and new Woodwind Ensemble have begun practice.

The Pep Bands and Dance Band will be playing at all home basketball games, giving a variety of jazzy rhythms before games and during halftime. They will also be playing for assemblies, Christmas parties, reunions, civic clubs, and other organizations.

The instruments in the Woodwind Ensemble include clarinets, flutes, French horns, oboes, and saxophones. This ensemble played at the Christmas Concert and will be playing at some of the places with the pep and dance bands.

When asked whether there would be any away trips for any of the groups, Mr. Michael Cannon, band director, replied a hardy "Yes," but he couldn't be specific at this early date.

Mr. Cannon stated that the Junior Varsity Pep Band will officially become the Dixie Land Band this year, when asked for comments concerning change. As for any more comments he said it was still a little early to predict anything.

The groups have been practicing on Monday and Thursday nights. The only leader now known is Chris Teague, leader of the Varsity Pep Band. The other leaders will be chosen later, when the groups are more organized.

The Dance Band will be practicing throughout the school year and plans to play at the adult dances near the end of the year.

## Curtains Soon To Rise On Drama Club Plays

The RHS Curtain-Callers will present three one-act plays on January 12 and 13 in the Earl Bradsher School auditorium.

The first play scheduled for production is Edgar Allan Poe's *The Tell Tale Heart*, starring Pat Redford, Ben Tillett, Eddie Oakley, David Norwood, Randy Cash, Elizabeth Barrett, and Hayden Newell.

Second will be *To Burn a Witch*, featuring Gail Stephens, Fran Cleveland, Kathy Patterson, and Wanda Hall.

Cornelia Otis Skinner's *Opening Night* will be presented last. Appearing in this will be Julie Wood, Brooks Langston, Connie Crowder, Teresa Ameen, Beth Hester, Kathy Long, Gail Tatum, Vicki Vining, Sharon Winstead, Betsy Booth, and Claudette Denny.

Student directors are Wanda Dunn, *Opening Night*, Deborah Clack, *The Tell Tale Heart*, and Joan Warren, *To Burn a Witch*. These students rehearse three nights weekly.

The January plays will be the second production of the year-old Drama Club.

Mrs. Phyllis Walker, co-sponsor of the Drama Club, has taken courses in stage movement and is working with the students in this area.

The productions are entirely the work of the students. In addition to performing, Drama Club members are directing and prompting.

Student committees are designing and making the scenery, making advertising posters, and securing necessary props.

Mrs. Jackie Bohannon, co-sponsor of the Curtain-Callers commented, "The three plays will offer intriguing entertainment."

Club president Julie Wood added, "The plays we will present should interest the RHS students as well as the adults of our community. I don't think anyone who comes will be disappointed."

### RHS Report

## School Store Planned for RHS

The Student Council has announced that they are seeking to obtain a school store for Roxboro High. Pencils, paper, and other school supplies will be sold.

Mrs. Rosemary Pollock, Student Council sponsor, expressed hopes of getting the store before the February date that has now been set. February has been set because school carpenters are to complete a job at Person County High by this time.

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Soldiers in Vietnam will receive bandages made by the RHS Red Cross Club this year as a

Christmas project. President Jackie Harris requested that all members bring sheets that were no longer useful in their homes in order to start work on the project.

The sheets were cut into strips around three and one-half inches in width and length, according to the pattern size from which they were made.

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The Freedom's Challenge Contest held Friday, December 1, by the RHS Public Speaking class, produced two winners out of the ten who competed.

The winners, Julie Wood and foreign exchange student, Dianna Crossan, represented RHS in the county-wide competition on December 4.

At this judging Julie placed first, winning \$75 and a plaque, and Dianna placed second, winning \$50 and a pin.

The district competition will be judged before Christmas, and the winner will be informed shortly thereafter.

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RHS will have a new victory song, the School Spirit Committee has announced.

A contest to be held in the future will permit interested students to submit entries to be judged for a prize that will be awarded for the best song.



Drama Club members practice for their upcoming production, "Opening Night."

## Concert Choir in the Groove; Group Records First Album

For the first time in the history of RHS, the Concert Choir had a recording made of the songs they presented at the Christmas Concert.

The tape was made by the Century Custom Recording Service of Charlotte, and will be made into an album. The price of each album will be three dollars. Orders will be taken.

The annual Christmas concert was held last Thursday night, December 14, in the school gym. The music was a variety of traditional and modern songs by the Prep Chorus, Rocket Chorus, and Concert Choir.

Some of the featured songs presented were "Silent Night," "Ring Out Ye Merry Bells," "O Holy Night," "It's a Holiday," "Silver Bells," and many other familiar songs.

The climax of the program was the "Song of Christmas" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" presented by the Concert Choir.

### Herd In the Halls

Senior Kathy O'Briant's mother asking the N. C. State representative at college night what his school had to offer a young girl. "Nine thousand boys" was the reply. . . . French classes rehearsing for their caroling performance tomorrow night on the courthouse lawn. . . . Sign on Sophomore Tony Oakley's locker: DRAFT BEER—NOT STUDENTS. . . . The band bus being renamed the "Wolf Wagon" by a group of band members who call themselves the Wolf Patrol. The main requirement for membership is that you be a boy. Why? They hold their club meetings in the boys' rest room. . . . All of Mr. Hamlin's second period Algebra I boys raising their hands to their teacher's request, "How many healthy boys do I have in here?" But all of the hands quickly dropped when he explained that he was planning an outing to the bloodmobile.

## District Committee To Interview Hester

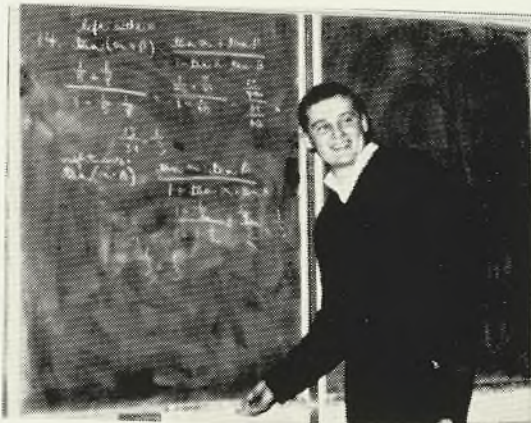
Senior Allen Hester, Person County's semi-finalist for a John Motley Morehead Scholarship, will take a step toward his goal next month when he travels to Raleigh to be interviewed by the district selection committee.

From this round of interviews, finalists for the scholarship will be selected.

The award is made for undergraduate study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Applicants are judged on the basis of scholarship, character, and an interest in competitive sports.

At RHS, Allen is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and football team, on which he played guard.

His possible major in college will be either math or chemistry.



Allen Hester, Person County's nominee for a Morehead Scholarship, completes a trig problem.