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Year Opens With Enrollment Jump

Nineteen Instructors Added To RIHS Faculty This Fall

This year Rocky adds to its teaching staff 19 new teachers. Those who teach English are Mrs. Carolyn Erwin in room 107, Miss Shirley Griffith in room 232, Mrs. Ruth Jones in room 12, Mrs. Donald Siegel in room 323, and Miss Sandra Stoit in room 122. Mr. Phillip Dennis teaches American history in room 304 and Mr. Donald Reed in room 222 teaches economics.

Those who are teaching mathematics are Mr. C. Leslie Anderson in room 127 and Mr. Donald Wood in room 128. Mr. John Benn teaches biology in room 303 and is also the head sophomore football coach. Also teaching biology is Mr. Thomas Goodwin in room 302. Mrs. Jeane McGinnis has a double job of teaching business education and English in room 225. Miss Rose Ann Bjorkman teaches home economics in room 139.

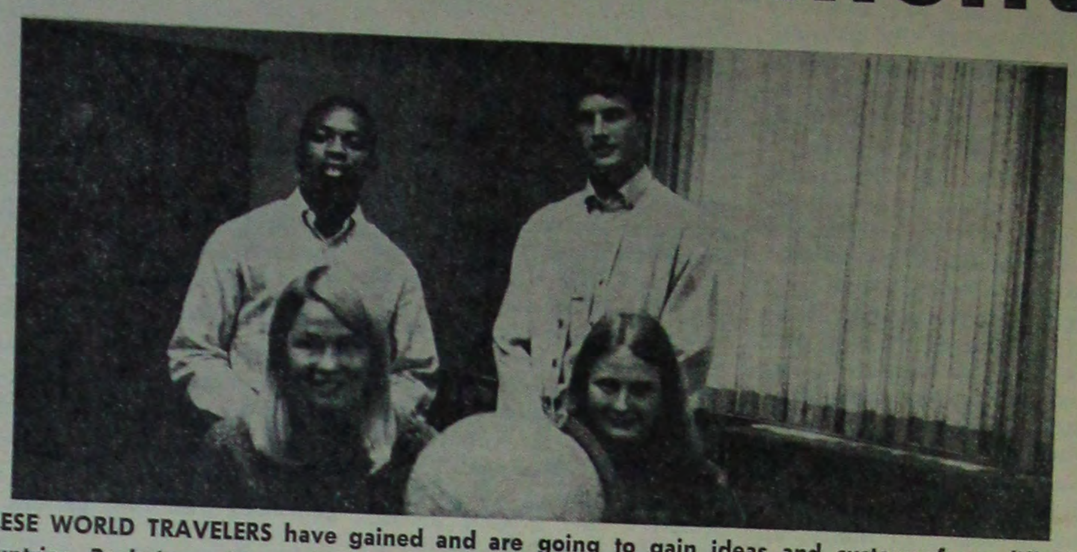
Conducting Rocky's orchestra is Mr. Jerome Hart in room 1. Three teachers now have charge of the study halls. One is Mr. James Seeley in room 216, who also teaches driver education. The others are Mr. Sheldon Weiner in room 227 and Mr. Raymond Willis in 216. Mr. Willis has driver education. A new system for the study halls is that the sophomores and some juniors are in room 227. The rest of the juniors and the seniors are in room 216.

Mr. John Carroll teaches boys' gym and Miss Majorie Jones is the new sophomore girls' counselor in room 145.

Seven of the new 19 teachers have their master's degree. They are Mr. C. Leslie Anderson, Mr. Phillip Dennis, Mrs. Carolyn Erwin, Mr. Thomas Goodwin, Mr. Jerome Hart, Miss Majorie Jones, and Mrs. Martha Siegel.

Two of these instructors have not had any teaching experience. Although there are no new classes this year some of the new classes that were available last year are now offered in an advanced class.

Some classes such as economics have new books and format, but they are still called by their original name.



THESE WORLD TRAVELERS have gained and are going to gain ideas and customs from different countries. Rocky's world tavelers are Laurie Anderson, Sylvia Mathe', Duramani Janneh, and Tony Canny.

RIHS Exchange Students Arrive

While wandering through the halls the students of RIHS may be greeted sometime by three foreign smiles. They belong to Anthony Canny of South Africa, Duramani Mohamed Janneh of West Africa, and Sylvie Rosine Mathe' of France.

Tony and Sylvie are sponsored by A.F.S., the American Field Service program, and are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Paul MacIlvain and Dr. and Mrs. William Bertelsen, respectively. Duramani is sponsored by Mr. Richard Corby, a geography teacher at Washington Jr. high, whom he met while Mr. Corby worked in West Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Tony comes from a family of six. He has graduated from Pretoria's Boys' high and was serving as a Second Lieutenant in the South African army before he came here. He has won awards in rugby, cricket, and track, and is now a member of Rocky's track team.

Sylvie is from a family of five. She also has graduated from high school and plans to attend a university when she returns home. She enjoys reading, classical music, and jazz. She plays the violin and swims on a swim team in France. Sylvie loves to travel and has visited such countries as England, Russia, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. She expressed a hope to see the majority of this country before returning home.

Duramani is from a family of nine and enjoys playing soccer and tennis. He also plays the baritone in his school band. Before coming to the States, he helped his father teach Arabic in his home to children of West Africa who cannot afford the high cost of schooling. He plans to stay with Mr. Corby for seven years and thus finish his education here. He is presently enrolled at Rocky as a sophomore.

Tony and Sylvie's arrival during early August found them in the midst of a spell of hot and humid weather which did not make a very good first impression. Duramani, however, who is accustomed to tropical weather, and who arrived in June on a cooler day, was first impressed by the chilly weather. Both boys have found pleasure in viewing T.V. and Sylvie expressed a delight in the taste of corn. All three have found American people to be extremely friendly.

Rock Island's own exchange student, Laurie Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Anderson, is also familiar with foreign customs and culture. Laurie was selected and sponsored by the A.F.S. to spend her summer in Larissa, Greece. On June 19, she with 685 other exchange students left the U.S. for their specific countries.

Laurie said that they took a boat, but it was the last boat to be taken by A.F.S.'ers because it is easier and more economical for them to fly over. Laurie indicated that the population of Larissa is approximately 80,000 and the climate is similar to that of Arizona.

Laurie stayed with a family of six and spent her time learning the customs of the Greek people through observation and experience. Upon her return on September 1, she said that the hardest adjustment was the change in sleeping habits and the lack of physical activity. Laurie also noted that the Greek people were extremely hospitable.

Rocky's Student Population Grows To Total of 2,339

If the halls seem a bit more crowded this year than in the past, it is probably because there are 105 more students roaming the corridors this fall.

Enrollment for the 1968-69 school year is 2,339 compared to the 2,234 of last year, and of those 2,339 students, 1,137 are girls and 1,202 are boys.

When the student body is disected into three grades and the number of sophomores, juniors, and seniors are tabulated, one finds that the sophomores lead their elders with 839 compared with the 794 juniors and 706 seniors. However, the sophomores' comparatively large class is not unusual.

In the fall of 1966, when the students of the present senior class were sophomores, they numbered 820, losing 114 classmates along the way. This year at Rock Island high school there are also 108 faculty members who should not be overlooked. This 108 includes the counselors and the school nurse, too.

Eleven years ago, during the 1957-58 school year, the total student enrollment of RIHS was only 1,600 students, 739 less than are attending now. Since that time, Rocky's population has been steadily increasing just as the population of the city of Rock Island has also grown.

Dress Code Defined By Principal; Other Rules Explained For Students

The dress code, although not clearly stated in the student handbook, has been outlined by Rock Island high school's principal F. W. Aspedon.

For the boys, shirts must be tucked in unless they are made to be worn outside. Boots, sandles and T-shirts are not permitted. Belts must be worn at all times unless the pants are made with built in belts. One's hair must be completely off his forehead, off his collar, and not be long enough to cover the ears.

As for the girls, their dresses must not be too short. Pant dresses and coulottes are not permitted. Also, hairdos that attract excessive attention are prohibited.

Fighting between students is not tolerated. A minimum of twenty detentions is assigned to anyone involved in such an act.

Smoking is not permitted in the high school building or on the school grounds during the day. The school day begins when the student steps on the grounds and ends when the student leaves the grounds.

The penalty for smoking is a one week suspension from classes (not from school). Contact will be made with the parents or guardians before a student may be readmitted to class. Work missed during this suspension may not be made-up. Leaving the school grounds to smoke during the school day is regarded the same as smoking on the school grounds.

Hall conduct is the responsibility of each student at Rocky. Running and boistrous conduct are out of order and detentions will be assigned for such violations. Students are requested to avoid gathering in large groups in the halls since this slows down the traffic. Students are not permitted to go to their lockers during the lunch period, with the exception of those with lockers on ground floor.

Debate Team Hurt By No Returning Lettermen In '68

The problem of the debate team this year is inexperience," stated William Armstrong, debate coach. Of last year's winning team there are no returning lettermen to this year's squad.

Among twenty of Mr. Armstrong's pupils, only Linn Johnson attended a four week summer workshop at Southern Illinois University and won a medal for debate at the summer work shop.

Debate is mainly taking a question, dividing up into a pro and con side, and both sides giving their views in the best way, in order to pursuade the judges they are right.

Senate Convenes This Fall; Elects 1968-1969 Officers

If every student took an overall look at all the school organizations which would be most beneficial for him, he would probably, without much hesitation, would put the student Senate body first on his list.

The most important order of business at the first Senate meeting was the selection of officers. All four of the cabinet members must be nominated from the Senior class. After closing out by the policy of honesty, whereby the officers are voted in by a show of hands.

The conclusive results of the voting revealed Frank Wood as president, Howard Waxenburg as vice-president, Helane Golden as treasurer, and Laurie Anderson as secretary. Their responsibilities include leading the student body in the pledge of allegiance during assembly each Friday. These students will hold their positions throughout the 1968-69 school year.

Senate meets one day of every week, providing their is a substantial amount of business on hand.

The full Senate attendance totals 84. Each class has contributed an equal amount of 28 senators. At the first of the year the sophomore senates elect their senator and alternate. The junior and senior classes pick their representatives at the end of the previous year.

Five One Act Plays To Be Given By Members of the Drama Club

With hopes of creating an extra bit of excitement for the students of Rock Island high school, five one-act plays will be presented on November 21, at 7:30.

Each one-act play will be directed by a different individual. The four student directors chosen by the dramatic club are, Jack Downing, John Rosenquist, Dave Johnston and Jean Rosenquist.

One of the plays already chosen is, I Married Irene Because She Has Eyes Like Abraham Lincoln. This title ought to suggest the type of entertainment in store for that evening.

In keeping with the dramatic spirit, the Dramatic club, under the sponsorship of Mr. Guy A. Anderson, will present, **The Lady's Not For Burning.** The play will be shown three evenings, November 14, 15, and 16. Each performance will begin at 8:00. For those who would like to take in all the action earlier a matinee will be presented the afternoon of November 14.

The five one-act plays will each last approximately twenty to thirty minutes. A majority vote of the Speech class students will decide the type of plays used to entertain the audience.

So if one finds himself sitting at home brooding over a lost love affair or maybe the opposite is true; one may be sitting home with a loved one looking for something to do, a promising venture may be attending a dramatic club play.

Red Letter Days

September

28—Alleman "B" here; Boys' Tennis Tourney

October

1—Fall Track, Quad-City, Davenport; Sophomore Mixer

3—P.T.S.A., Library 7:30; Girls' Tennis, West, There; East Moline "B" Here; Clinton Sophomore There; CYC

4—Fall Track, MVC, Washington Cedar Rapids; Clinton Football There; No Assembly

11—No School—Blackhawk Meeting; East Moline Football There; CYC

RIHS Library Offers New Microfilm and Study Aids

Several new and modern facilities have been added to the Rocky library and are available to all students in the school. These new conveniences include several magazines to be seen on microfilm, new dictionaries and encyclopedias, and a large number of best selling books.

Three important magazines have been placed on microfilm and this adds to the ease and accuracy of locating important articles and stories. Articles from Time, Newsweek, and the New York Times News are readily available for the student's use.

The library also has a microfilm recorder which allows the librarians to photograph from magazines of their own choosing.

Among the new books handy are some of the most popular best sellers. These include Exodus, Airport, The Chosen, and The Confessions of Nat Turner. These are just a few of the 1,000 books, dictionaries, and encyclopedias that were purchased over the summer.

A feature that was started last year was the construction of individual study booths on the north plaftorm. These booths enable the student to view educational films, listen to informative tapes, and to engage in quiet study.

There are numerous magazines for use as the library subscribes to over 100 monthly and weekly issues. There are six newspapers, which include New York, Chicago, Davenport, and Rock Island publications.

The budget comes from both local and governmental sources. Nearly $6,200 is provided for by local funds, and almost $3,400 by the government.

AGAIN THIS YEAR the cheerleaders; Front Row, Candy Cheek, Deonna Durkee, Marsha Maurus, Leah Hisey; Second Row, Leanna Nelson, Robbie Coatney, Laura Swedburg; Back Row, Judy Knox, Michaela Demps, Marcia Glassner will lead our school with their winning spirit.

Rocky's Cheerleaders Attend Clinic

Rock Island's varsity cheerleaders attended cheerleading clinic at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. Over 600 girls attended the clinic from June 9 to June 14. A regular schedule was kept from breakfast to bedtime. Breakfast was served at 7 o'clock. Exercises were given after that and then the girls were divided into groups alphabetically at 45 minute intervals for mass cheers outside and inside. They were taught to dance to pompons and had lectures every day on jumps and other techniques of style in cheerleading. Lunch was next on the schedule.

The girls then went to practice on their own. At this point they would practice for the competition cheer. After the girls practiced for an hour there was a pep rally. Then supper was served. After supper the girls practiced for another hour. At night the groups were reunited and the competition cheers began. Each school's representatives would do a cheer from home in front of all the other girls and the judges. Every night a group was chosen for first, second, and third places. Rock Island's senior varsity cheerleaders won first place every night except one. The last night they won a first, so they got to take the Spirit Stick to take home. This award can be seen in the showcase on first floor by the library.

Earl H. Hanson, Leader; A Tribute to an Educator

Dr. Earl H. Hanson dedicated his life to the task of "bringing out of every child the best that God put in him." Serving the community for 41 years, he gave his best to the Rock Island public schools. He was an active citizen, always involved in civic organizations.

Dr. Hanson seriously considered entering the ministry before choosing education as his life's work. As an educator he began by teaching in the classroom. He became principal of Rock Island senior high and eventually accepted the role of Superintendent of District 41. He served for 29 years in this position.

It was not only at the local level that his importance was felt. Dr. Hanson wrote over 200 articles and shared his beliefs throughout the country by means of speaking and writing. This great educator served for 25 years as a member and officer of the Augustana College Board.

The impact of this outstanding public servant will be reflected endlessly in the generations of students whose lives he so greatly affected. His leadership in education has become a template from which new generations shall know his influence. His works as a man concerned with the future of society and the well-being of young people will be, and well they should be, copied and renewed by each generation.

Dr. Hanson was a friend to all, a leader to many, an idol to those who viewed him from a distance; but most of all he was a leader, a man who saw his calling and performed his duty with dignity and compassion.

Right To Public Assembly Threatened By Mob Action

The American's constitutional right of freedom to hold public assembly is now facing a grave threat. The nation's legislators are presently considering bills concerning control of large congregations of demonstrations in the cities.

Police departments and national guard units are being instructed in more effective ways of dispersing great crowds. The issue which faces a concerned public lies in the conflict between the crowd, which believes it has the right to gather on public streets, and the police, who must protect the lives and property of uninvolved citizens.

Clearly, then, each side has a legitimate argument. But the blame for the explosive situation must lie somewhere. Perhaps it is in the abuse of the privilege of free assembly. The purpose of the clause in the Constituiton was to protect the dissenters right to congregate to discuss the opposition.

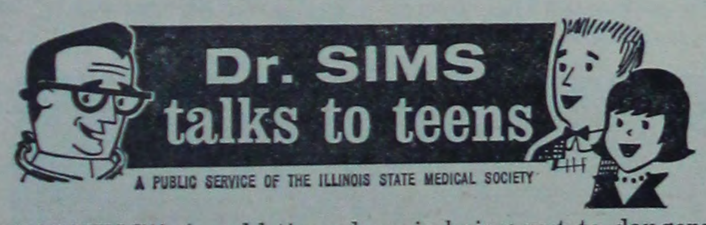
Today it remains as the guardian of this right. Yet continued abuse by militant, uncontrolled mobs has damaged the effect of this basic belief. Unless responsibility and cooler heads prevail regarding dissention, serious consequences concerning the basic principles of American government will result.

Rocky High Parking Lot Conditions Reflect the Maturity of Its Students

Parking lot conditions have improved greatly over the past few years at RIHS, but if one faces reality he will readily admit that there is always room for improvement.

Cases of vandalism have been few and far between, but there is occasionally one in the crowd that invaribly has to fling a pop bottle. This is a visible display of the immature character to be found in some of our fellow students. There has been no major theft as yet this year, and this won't be a problem if only every student driving to school would remember to lock his car.

Continually Mr. Aspedon has reminded the student body to drive with caution and patience. We should be old enough to see the wisdom of this advice, and therefore have more respect for fellow drivers. The result would be fewer problems in our parking lot.



WARNING!! An old-time drug is being put to dangerous new use by some teenagers foolishly seeking psychedelic "kicks."

The name of the drug: amyl nitrite. Because it is supplied as tiny, sealed "pillows" which make a slight sound when torn open to release the active vapors, the drug is popularly referred to as a "popper."

While it has limited medical value in the relief of asthma and angina attacks, whiffing amyl nitrite fumes for "kicks" is as dangerous as wrestling with a cobra. Why? Because:

1. **It causes violent headache, nausea and dizziness. As a result, many persons have fainted on the spot and, in so doing, have fallen and seriously hurt themselves.**
2. It can cause an immediate, violent dilation of the blood vessels in the brain, heart and respiratory system. Thus, if you suffer from high blood pressure — or have weakened blood vessels due to injury or disease — your first "whiff" of amyl nitrite could be your last.
3. **It tends to aggrevate acne and related skin problems.**
4. **It also may aggravate glaucoma, an eye condition caused by excessive pressure within the eyeball.**

So if anyone tempts you to whiff a "popper," tell him to get lost. While it produces a "good" feeling for a few minutes, you may well pay for that feeling with your life.

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Ars Longa

by Russell Kennedy

Fall is the time when Quad-City artists — both amateur and professional — turn out for numerous art shows. These shows are a good opportunity for any artist to display his works.

One of these opportunities will be the Rock Island Art Guild shows. This show is mainly made up of paintaings, but occasionally there are some works of sculpture shown. The Art Guild show has always been held at the Black Hawk State Park, but this year the show is going to be held at the Hauberg Civic Center. Last year there were 5,000 people who attended the show.

There is also the Annual Mid-Mississippi Juried show. This show is open to all painters, sculptors, and graphic artists. The Mid-Mississippi Show is held at the Davenport Art Gallery, Davenport, Iowa.

Another show, later in the season, is the Galix III Juried Show. This show, which consists of paintings, sculptors, and ceramics is held in Galesburg, Illinois.

One other show is the Container Show. This show will take place at Augustana College on Sunday, October 27, with a reception and presentation of awards. The show closes on Saturday, November 16.

These are only a few of the shows that are coming up. There should be something for everyone at these art shows.

Summer Jobs Beckon

When summer is coming, everyone anxiously awaits the closing of school. However, one must think about what he is going to do over the summer, thus many seniors, juniors, and some sophomores go job hunting.

The jobs in the Quad-Cities seem to be quite scarce, but if one looks hard enough, he will soon find the job he is interested in.

Many employers, before hiring a student, may write or call Rock Island high school to get recommendations as stated by Mr. Herbert L. Wagner, Dean of Men. For recommendations they ask many questions, some of the important ones are: the student's attendance, his academic record, his conduct, and how well he gets along with other persons.

Mrs. Marguerite Pierce, Dean of Women, stated that there are many job offers such as car hops, clerks, waitresses, medical assistants, camp counselors, cashiers, and receptionists.

Mrs. Pierce added that people who will be looking for jobs next summer will benefit by filling out job employment cards which are placed in the main office. These job employment cards are filled out by the students and then, when Mrs. Pierce or Mr. Wagner receive any kind of employment offer, they review all the employment cards and pick out the ones that seem the best qualified.

SALLY STROBEHN, JACKIE Ellis, Judy Miers, Pam Pilcher, Debbie Fenton, and Susie Strutz agree that being Archie Allen Camp counselors this past summer gave them worthwhile job training.

Springfield Hosts Boys, Girls' State

This last summer 2,502 people — 240 people from each county in Illinois — attended Boys' and Girls' State. Boys' and Girls' State was held at the Springfield State Fair Grounds. There were 1,251 people there for the girls and the same for the boys. Each county in Illinois sent 120 girls and 120 boys.

Three of the boys attending were from Rock Island and Milan. They were Irwin Spady, from Rock Island, Mike Beardsley and Mike Barkau, both from Milan.

There was only one girl from Rock Island high school who attended Girls State and that was Patty Scott, from Milan.

Some of the cities participating from Rock Island County were Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Milan, Silvis, and Port Byron.

POSTERS, ONE OF the new fads, can be found in the most unusual places. So are you up with it, people?

Psychedelic Posters and Buttons Prove Themselves a Big Success

"Your locker is your best friend, so treat it with respect," stated Mr. Aspendon RIHS principal. Yet one student has decided to liven hers up with captions from magazines, newspapers for a "groovey scene."

The poster craze has been around for a few years, however it hasn't come into full scope until just recently. Kids are flocking into the so called "groovey shop" for their psychedelic pictures that, as one senior said, "Shape up a room. It's outasight."

Floating forms and unproportioned diagrams have proven themselves a big success. There are also posters of famous movie stars and have the action one is looking for. The poster craze is everywhere in shops, rooms, walls and halls. Some even jazz up their own with paint. "What is a room without color?" a sophomore viewed.

During the summer, Lady Bird Johnson presented the public with the poster "Beautify America — Get a haircut." This is an example of a useful poster. Rocky's art class, last year, made psychedelic posters for the handicapped and sent them to Chicago for a contest.

"Posters are a hit because they are!" Blurts Homer Hinckly, "They present us with feeling, variety, action, and anything else one wants it to present." Another bright young man recorded that "There's nothing like showing your emotions by a poster. A Poster for the room and a button for the goon." His exact words!

Trade Winds

Each fall, on every campus, there are mysterious new students. They might be students who have recently moved from another state or district, or just sophomores from nearby junior high schools. However, some of the most interesting of the new faces belong to the foreign exchange students.

Willowbrook high school in Villa Park, Illinois, is hosting a girl from Johannesburg, South Africa. Her name is Bridget Bell and the Willowbrook Skyline states that she has the "smallest hems in school."

While attending an American high school, Bridget has discovered that having a skirt eight inches above her knee was too short for school acceptance so down went her hems until there was no more hem to let down.

Marshalltown high school in Marshalltown, Iowa, has four exchange students this school year. Three of the students are now attending classes at Marshalltown. The fourth, who is from South America, will not attend until the second semester. The other students are from Japan, Norway, and Germany.

United Township high school in East Moline is playing host to Birgit Kahl, a German girl, this year. In an interview with a UTHS Key reported, Birgit stated that one of the luxuries that young Americans have is the opportunity to drive. In Germany, one must be 18 before he can obtain a driver's license. Birgit also mentioned the fact that German cars are more compact than those of the United States.

AN EXAMPLE OF a hair raising experience is Murray Ezring.

Union General Begins a Fad

According to Webster's definition, sideburns are short side whiskers worn with a smooth chin. These short side whiskers are one of the many fads of today's boys. During the summer those who had enough peach fuzz most likely grew sideburns at one time.

Those boys who are dedicated to the task of growing hair usually start with the hair on their head. Then the growth continues to the sideburns and finally graduate to a beard.

Sideburns were named after Ambrose Burnside. He was a Union general in the Civil War. His habit of shaving his chin and allowing whiskers to grow on the sides of his face gave rise to the term burnsides, which later became sideburns.

Some people find them outrageous and Hippieish but most of modern day society has accepted them once again.

TV or Not

by Wayne Hughes

Land of the Giants invades the science fiction set along with many other exciting shows this fall on television.

When a routine flight from Los Angeles to London, in the year 1983, is detoured through time to another planet, the passengers find themselves in the **Land of the Giants.** This modern day Jack and the Bean Stalk, seen every Sunday night from 7:00 to 8:00, depicts the struggle and tradgedy the passengers go through to survive and to escape back to earth.

The Mod Squad, another rookie television show, deals with the young set of today. The show's stars are three young cops who know the language and the way of their generation. **The Mod Squad** goes to youth clubs, the beach, on campus or wherever the kids meet. Their duty is to break up crimes involving youth, such as dope peddling.

Based on true stories from the Los Angeles' police department, **Adam 12** takes its place in the fall season. One of the plans of the series is to actually show the danger a policeman faces whenever he receives a call to duty. A drunk with a broken bottle, a demonstrator with a rock, or perhaps a burglar with a gun are routine to the officer, but still fearsome.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

"MISS RILE MAKES THIS COURSE SO PRACTICAL."

Rocks Clip J-Hawk Talons In Opening Football Clash

The "Rocks" mauled their way through and brought home their first victory in the first game of the year played against the Jefferson J-Hawks. The final score was seven for the J-Hawks, and a hearty TWENTY-SEVEN for the Rocks.

The victory did not come easy though because Rocky did not really get on its feet until the second half. But when Rocky came back on the field for the second half, they were ready to win the game, and this they did with a fabulous comeback.

The two men who took command of this battle were quarterback Drake DeVore, and fullback Kenny Johnson. Kenny Johnson had a great night achieving 189 yards in 22 carries, which helped the Rocks greatly in the second half of the ballgame. Drake DeVore was a keystone in all three touch-downs during the second half, with Bob Carbone proving his worth in field goals.

This game ended a long series of losses to Jefferson, and put a long awaited feather in Rocky's victory cap. But the J-Hawks also played a valiant game even though Rocky's brute determination overcame their defenses and offenses in the end.

Drake DeVore's first score, an 11 yarder, proved to be the first returning fire that the Rocks gave to the J-Hawks, but it was far from the last that Jefferson would see that night. Kenny Johnson also put his "hat in the ring" with an unlimited supply of bone-bruising tackles that hastily put a good quantity of the J-Hawks out of action.

The third quarter was fairly dull until Kenny Johnson snatched a fumble and streaked 41 yards to the Jefferson 19 yard line late in the period. Johnson ripped off gains of 13, 3 and 13 yards respectively for a first down at the Jefferson 26 yard line. Then with a third-and-six at the 22, Johnson bulldozed through the line for an 11 yard gain, and a first down at the 11 yard line.

With fourth down at the 31, DeVore faked a pitchout and shot 11 yards to a first down at the 15 yard line. Then on the next play DeVore hit captain Rick Miers with a short pass and he shot over the goal-line for a touchdown.

On the first down the J-Hawks fumbled once more, and Gary Forslund picked off the ball at the Rock Island 48 yard line. The Rocks gained eighty-five yards in the first half — only twenty-six yards in addition to the fifty-nine yard run by Kenny Johnson.

Jefferson had eight first downs to tfo for Rock Island in the first half, but the Rocks made a dozen fresh sets of downs in the second half to just two for the host team.

THUS FAR THIS season it looks as if DeArmond Briggs will have another winning year like last year.

Rock Island's Golf Squad To Defend Quad-City Title

This year's golf team has a lot riding on their shoulders. They must defend last year's fall Quad-City championship. However, this year's team is starting the fall golf season with more inexperienced upperclassmen than it has had for the last four years.

The only returning lettermen, who were on the District Golf championship team are Bob Bailey and Bob Lindsay, both seniors. These two are going to be a big help to this year's squad.

Other upperclassmen who are expected to play this year are Tom Kaller, Stan Lohemier, and Jack Clinton, all seniors. Doug Brown and John Robinson also will highlight the line up.

Four sophomores who are going to be counted on are Tom Blakely, Ted Stone, Doug Elliott, and Marty Davis. All together there are 38 boys out for fall golf. Twenty-one are upperclassmen and seventeen are sophomores.

So far this fall, after two rounds of Quad-City golf, it appears there will be quite a battle for second place. Davenport West leads by 33 strokes over second place Davenport Central. Rock Island is only six strokes behind Central.

Bob Bailey, who has played both rounds of the Quad-City golf, leads the Rocks with a 39.5 stroke average for nine holes. He also has posted the lowest score by a squad member with a 38 at Mill Creek Country Club.

Thad Crews, golf coach, is hoping this year's squad will be able to hold on to last year's titles.

Netmen Continue Winning Streak; New Faces Provide Needed Punch

The 1968 fall edition of Coach Bob Motz's tennis team racked up yet another victory over city rival Alleman, and then continued on their winning ways by defeating Davenport West in a rain-shortened match.

Both Alleman and West failed to produce a winner as the Rocks won by scores of 9-0 and 7-0, respectively. Winners for Rock Island were DeArmond Briggs, Steve Briggs, Steve Flack, Jeff Emry, Jerry Carstens, and Bob Huffman.

The Rocky netmen have completely dominated the fall season for almost a decade now, and show no signs of letting down this year, although the team is filled with new faces. Graduation cost the squad the services of four of the top six players, but all of the losses have been taken care of.

New varsity players for this year are Steve Briggs, Jeff Emry, Jerry Carstens, and Bob Huffman. Should any of the above mentioned falter, they will be spelled by Don Hentrich, Jeff Winger, Larry Barker, Dave Drake, Mark McKissick, and Jeff Martin.

This year's team has a very good chance to improve on last spring's third place finish in the state tournament. Both DeArmond Briggs, who was one-half of the State Championship Doubles Team, and Steve Flack are back from last year's "Super Six."

Another new addition to this year's squad is assistant coach Shelly Weiner, whom head coach Bob Motz refers to as "the best assistant coach around." Shelly is a former No. 1 tennis player for Rocky under preceding tennis coach Nick Peschang.

Seven Returning Lettermen Boost Chances For Cross-Country Crowns

According to cross-country coach Howard Lundeen big guns of this season's team are seven returning lettermen. Up until September 17 the team's record was an easy 3-0, beating Clinton, Assumption, and East Moline.

The seven returning lettermen, Larry Begyn, Ben Farrar, Ken Enstrom, Melvin Stetson, Bob Bellamy, Gary Greenleaf, and Ted Larson, will lead the team with two years' experience.

Besides the lettermen there are some very promising juniors and sophomores which will help the team a great deal. So far Larry Begyn has turned in the fastest time for the Rocks with a 4:29 second mile. According to Lundeen this is an excellent time for a high school student but he expects a much better time as the season progresses.

The 1968, 33 man team consists of 13 seniors, 13 juniors, and seven sophomores. They work out every night after school from one to one and one-half hours and will run from 6-10 miles. This may seem like a great deal of work but is necessary to stay in top shape.

The meets are held on Tuesday and Thursday except for the Quad-City and the Mississippi Valley Conference championships which are held on Saturdays. The varsity season for the mile run is from September 10 through the 26.

On October 1 and 4 the team will defend their title in the Q.C. and the M.V.C. respectively. Lundeen is expecting to retain both titles unless something drastic happens between now and Oct. 1.

October 8 will open the cross country season in which the boys will run 3 miles instead of the 1. Lundeen expects the Q.C. and M.V.C. titles in this also.

Tennis Courts In Process of Being Built at RIHS Lot

Rock Island's campus is taking on a new look — six new tennis courts. The courts will be two-toned, the actual court will be green and the outside boundaries will be red so as to distinguish whether a ball is inside or outside the court.

The courts were badly needed, and now there is hope that every student will have a term of tennis before he has left RIHS. For those who are wondering about parking space for the games, that problem is solved. The tennis courts can be used for parking too. Parking will not be available until basketball season because it takes time for the tar to settle. The courts will be completed soon.

Drake's Relays

by Dave Drake

Of all of the sporting events in the world, with the exception of the Olympics, there is nothing to compare with the World Series. This year's classic may be one of the most exciting in the history of baseball.

Two of the most exciting pitchers of all times will be brought together: Denny McLain and Bob Gibson. McLain was a 30-game winner this year and Gibson could finish the season with the lowest E.R.A. in history.

Both teams are blessed with great hitters and flashy and daring fielders. Willie Horton, Norm Cash, and Jim Northrup are just a few of the long ball hitters on Detroit. The Cards have the flashiest base runner in baseball, Lou Brock. Both teams have some of the biggest names in the game today, like Al Kaline, Orlando Cepeda, Curt Flood, Dick McAuliffe, Mike Shannon, and Bill Freehan.

The Cardinals were one of the hardest teams to score against this season because of excellent pitching and superb fielding. The Red Birds were also one of the hardest teams to keep from scoring thanks to the base stealing antics of Lou Brock, the hitting of Curt Flood and Mike Shanon, and excellent crowds at all home games. The only thing to be said about Detroit is watch out St. Louis! May the best team win.

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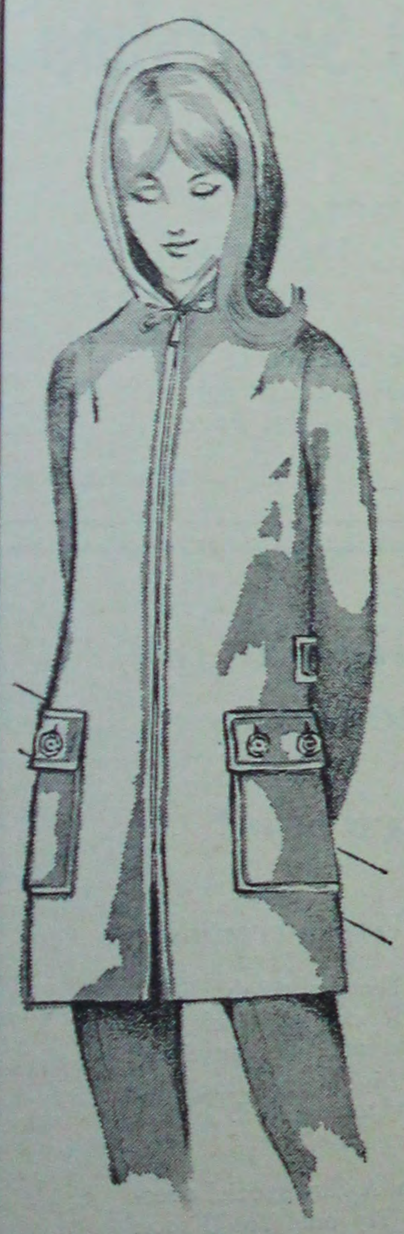
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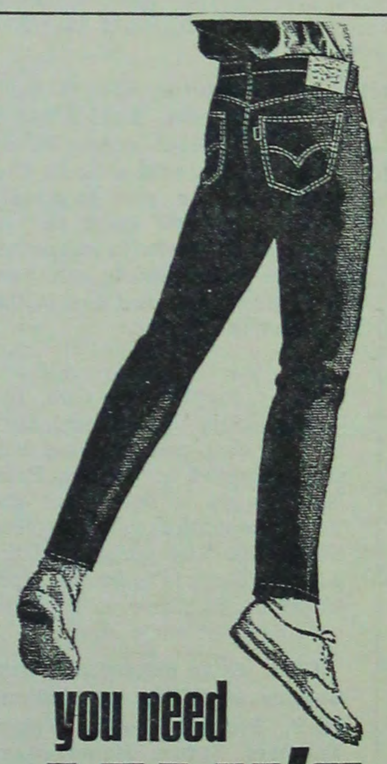
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September Rotarians Chosen

The Junior Rotarians for the month of September are Marc Gilliam and Frank Wood. Marc is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne V. Gilliam, 1625-26th Street, Rock Island, Illinois. Marc is a member of the varsity swim team and has won numerous awards. His latest achievement being that of 5th in the Men's Nationals. He also holds the Illinois state record for the butterfly. Marc is president of the Lettermens Club.

Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood, 2804-38th Street, Rock Island, Illinois. Frank is a member of the varsity basketball and track teams, as well as the lettermen's club. He is also president of Senior Glee, and a member of Rocky's Chamber Choir. Frank was elected president of the Senate for this current year.

The Junior Rotarians for the month of September are the Junior Marshals from the year before. From October through May, the Junior Rotarians are chosen by the faculty.

Marc and Frank attend Rotary club meetings once a week during their fourth period class.

Over 700 Persons Are Now Registered For Autumn Adult Education Program

Over 700 persons have now registered for the adult education classes which are sponsored by the Rock Island public schools.

Mr. M. C. Bergwall, who is the assistant superintendent and is in charge of adult education related that this year's enrollment is approximately the same of previous years. This is thhe 21st year in the city of Rock Island for the adult education program.

Most of the classes will begin on September 23 and there will be four credit courses offered by Western Illinois University in Macomb, which now have enough students enrolled to be added to the curriculum. Learning Disabilities, another credit course, is scheduled to begin on September 17.

Mr. Bergwall stated that those persons who have registered in classes which will be dropped will be notified. The reason that these certain classes may be dropped is that too few people have enrolled.

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THE ELATION OF the newly elected Sophomore Cheerleaders, Carolyn Eagle, Suzi Swedberg, Mary Cloninger, Jana Miller, and Warnice Steward, can even be seen from this distance.

Sophomore Cheerleaders Chosen

Every fall the task of selecting the Sophomore cheerleaders falls upon the shoulders of the Junior and Senior senators and several teachers. The girls selected to represent the Sophomore Class were Mary Cloninger, Carolyn Eagle, Jana Miller, Warnice Steward, and Suzi Swedburg.

The sophomore girls who were interested in trying out signed their name on a list in the office. They met one night after school and the varsity cheerleaders showed them several cheers. There were practiced. The tryouts were held fourth hour in the auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 12.

The girls were judged individually and in a group. For the individual part of the tryout the girls were requested to do such acrobatics as a cartwheel, a jump, and the splits. Five girls were in each group for the group part of the tryout. There were three groups this year. For their scores the girls could receive from one to three points on their ability and presentation.

Selected last spring were the varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders. The varsity members are Michaela Demps, Deonna Durkee, Marsha Maurus, Leanna Nelson, and Laura Swedberg. The Junior Varsity members are Candy Cheek, Roberta Coatney, Marcia Glassner, Leah Hisey, and Judy Knox.

All of the cheerleading squads are coached by Mrs. Marsha Nash.

Rocky Offers Many Extra Activities To Please All Of Its Student Body

Rock Island high school offers a variety of extra curricular activities and these were presented by the presidents of the various organizations to the students on Friday, September 13, in the auditorium. Each leader gave a small speech on his own club, encouraging the students to join. Many different clubs were represented.

For those who enjoy athletics and athletic competition, Rocky offers the Girls Athletic Association, Lettermen's club, Pep club, and Dolphinettes. Inter-school competition for the boys includes football, track, tennis, and golf in the fall, swimming and basketball in the winter, and baseball, tennis, golf, and track in the spring. A girl who is interested in inter-school sports can participate in tennis and golf in the fall and the spring.

For the academic students there is the Science club, the Camera club, the Literary club, the Key club, and for those who are interested in politics, Rock Island high school offers the Young Republicans and the Teen Democrats. The purpose of the political clubs is to promote political interest and to help the candidates of their choice.

Other extra curricular organizations at RIHS are Y-Teens, Hi-Y, Future Nurses, Future Teachers, Future Homemakers, Dramatic club, French club, Latin club, German club, Pan-American League, and Civic Government club.

Each club sponsors certain activities for its members only. These activities range from a picnic in Blackhawk park to a trip to Chicago. The activities are also financed by the certain clubs. A common way to obtain the money is to work in the concession stands during the home games.

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Watchower Gets Change, New Adviser

There have been numerous changes made in the 1969 staff of the WATCHTOWER, Rock Island high school's year book. Junior assistants have been recruited and are presently serving on the staff. This year, each assistant is assigned with a senior member to a specific job. "This provides for greater organization and more efficient work," stated Helane Golden, editor of this year's WATCHTOWER.

Also new to the staff is the teacher-advisor, Mrs. Donald Siegel. Mrs. Siegel is new to Rock Island high school, and is replacing the retiring yearbook advisor, Mr. Nicholas Peschang.

Along with a new advisor comes a new room. WATCHTOWER now meets daily in room 323 during seventh period. They also have been provided with a "yearbook office" which is equipped with several tables and cabinets for working and storage space.

To begin work, the staff put up numerous signs and posters in strategic spots along the halls which read, "This is the year of the yearbook." One enthusiastic staff member commented, "We feel that this year's annual will be a great one, and that strong advertisement is important in order to let others know it."

The yearbook will be published by the American company this year. The staff also decided on a three-column layout instead of the traditional two-column one. The annual will be on sale in the mornings before school and in the evenings after school.

Ellison's Elucidations

by Bill Ellison

My mean old tom cat is meaner than usual these days. I suspect it has something to do with the Rock Island city council. Demosthenes the cat, so named for his feline eloquence, is visibly indignant about the action of the council, which has solemnly proclaimed that Demosthenes and his friends must be jabbed in the rump with a sharp needle and must wear about his neck visible proof that he has paid his taxes and is duly registered at city hall.

Demosthenes' viewpoint deserves serious consideration. After all, even people don't have to submit to a needle in the rump against their will, and they don't have to carry proof that they have been registered on a punch card by a little man operating a digital computer somewhere in the dark recesses of city hall.

With baleful stare and heavy stomping of feet on the carpet, Demosthenes reminds me that the city council is 20 years behind the times. When Adlai Stevenson was governor of Illinois, he braved the ire of the Bird Lovers' Lobby and vetoed a cat control bill passed by the legislature.

Stevenson wrote: "The problem of the cat vs. the bird is as old as time. If we attempt to resolve it by legislation, who knows but what we may be called upon to take sides as well in the age-old problems of dog vs. cat, bird vs. bird, or even bird vs. worm. In my opinion, the State of Illinois and its local governing bodies already have enough to do without trying to control feline delinquency."

Demosthenes and I may picket city hall, demanding repeal of the cat control ordinance.

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