Pounce on the Pioneers

The Crimson Crier

Have a Happy Yule

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Vacation Prospects Raise Spirits

Annual Yule Basket Drive Brings In Money for Needy

During Rock Island high school's annual Christmas basket drive, this year, a total of $281.80 was collected. The money will be used to purchase canned goods and other foods which will be delivered to the families of needy Rocky students.

The names of the families were submitted to either Mrs. Marguerite Pierce, girls' counselor, or Mr. Herbert Wagner, dean of boys. Names could be given to the counselors by either welfare workers or students.

The collection began on Wednesday, December 4 and lasted only until December 5. On the first day, $75.95 was collected. On the following day, donations totalled $205.85.

The senate with the highest donations was Miss Lyons' senate, 120, with donations amounting to $19.07.

In the Christmas basket drive last year, $311.50 was collected.

SENATE OFFICERS, HELANE Golden, Frank Wood, and Howard Waxenburg discuss plans for the Senate sponsored Christmas basket drive. Missing is Laurie Anderson.

Laurie Anderson Is Recipient Of DAR Good Citizenship Award

Laurie Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Anderson, 1812 41st St., Rock Island was the winner of this year's good citizenship award which is sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Laurie Anderson

Laurie was selected by the Rock Island high school faculty. There was a choice of three girls, Marlise Riffel, Patty Scott, and Laurie.

Laurie has been active in many clubs and organizations at Rock Island high school. She was the sopohomore president of Y-Teens, secretary of the Pan American League and on the AFS committee.

Laurie is the secretary of the high school senate. Last summer, Laurie represented Rocky in the American Field Service Americans abroad program as she travelled to Greece and spent three months there.

Laurie was a semi-finalist in the Illinois State Scholarship program also.

The Fort Armstrong Chapter of the DAR bases its selection on dependability, including honesty and punctuality; service, including responsibility and cooperation; leadership; and patriotism, which is defined as unselfish loyalty to American ideals.

Laurie will later be honored with a luncheon and will advance to competition for the Illinois Good Citizenship award.

Rock Island high school's DAR award winner last year was Mary Jo Boynton.

New Year — New Law

Starting January 1, 1969, no person under the age of 18 will be granted an automobile operator's license in the state of Illinois unless he has successfully completed both phases of an accredited driver education course.

JUNIORS J.C. BEVILL, Pam Titus, Debbie Bunch, Ellen Batt, and Susan Anderson are just some of the Juniors planning to tryout for the Junior Class play.

'A Roomfull of Roses' Is Junior Class Play Choice

"A Roomfull of Roses" will be produced as the Junior Class play for 1969. The author of the play is Edith Sommer. Staring in the Broadway production of "Roses" was Miss Patrica Neal.

For an idea of what the play is like here are three reviews written for the **Journal-American** and the **Herald Tribune:**

McClain, in the New York **Journal-American,** wrote, "the end result is gratifying. It has the universal appeal of motherhood and the loneliness of youth; it also has the incomparable boy comic, the busybody next door neighbor . . . I don't see how it can miss . . . Miss Sommer's new play is about attractive people, and it is told with intelligence, taste, and a fine sense of the ridiculous in all age brackets. You'll like it."

The story, as told by Kerr in the New York **Herald Tribune:** "Nancy Fallon has, some eight years back, run off with a foreign correspondent, leaving a seven-year-old daughter at the mercy of an unloving father . . . Now the father is thinking of marrying again, and Bridget is temporarily shipped off to her mother. When Bridget comes, she is a chillingly defensive, arrogantly independent customer. She has been taught that it is most unsophisticated to mention one parent in the presence of the other; she is sure that it is unwise ever to love anyone, and she is eating her heart out in her defiant loneliness.

Red Letter Days

December

21—Kennedy Here; Wrestling, Sterling Here
23—No School, Christmas Vacation
24—Wrestling, Dixon There
27—Wrestling, Iowa City Here; Clinton Here
28—Wrestling, East Peoria Here

January

2—Return to School
3—No Assembly; Iowa City, There; Swimming, Carl Sandburg There
4—Wrestling, Clinton There; Swimming, Homewood There; Aurora Here
7—Wrestling, Alleman Here
9—Wrestling, Central Here
10—Moline Exchange, Moline Here
11—Swimming, Riverside There

School Board Endorses Rules

The Rock Island Board of Education, at its December meeting, adopted unanimously a report on rules of conduct for students at Rocky and at the junior highs. The school administration had been directed by the Board to review the rules and submit a report.

The action resulted from a visit to the November meeting of the Board by a few parents who asked for clarification of the rules. The parents wanted to know how discipline, including penalties, was being administered at the high school. One parent questioned whether the rules of conduct were fair, and whether they are being applied uniformly.

Members of the Board of Education and administrators said they felt that each case of rules infraction had to be considered on its own merits, but they said rules exist and are enforced.

After a month of review, the administration presented to the Board a written set of conduct rules and penalties. To Rocky students, the rules are not new. However, some of them have been put in written form for the first time.

Principal F. W. Aspedon told the Board of Education that he had asked the opinions of members of the Student Senate what they thought of the rules. Mr. Aspedon said the majority believed the rules were "just about right." He reported that some believed a few of the rules were too strict, and some were too lenient.

Between the November and December meetings of the Board of Education, there was a meeting with the Rock Island Human Relations Commission. Some of the issues discussed at that meeting were related to the questions raised by the group of parents who were concerned about rules of conduct. The basic question was whether racial tensions were creating incidents at Rocky.

After the rules of conduct had been approved at the December meeting of the school board, the Human Relations Commission reported that it believes the issue of racial discrimination at Rocky is "minimal," even though tensions do exist. But the Commission included in its report a statement that students had "by their own actions" prevented incidents which could have been explosive or disruptive.

The Commission encouraged formation of a Human Relations Club at Rocky, but stressed that enforcement of discipline must be left in the hands of adults.

Debaters Gain Experience In Two Tourneys

Four debaters represented Rock Island high school at a debate meet held at Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, on November 22 and 23. The four debaters were Linnea Johnson, David Gibberman, Bill Andrew, and Bob Martensen. They compiled a record of four wins and eight losses.

The only other area school which competed in the meet was East Moline which had three wins and nine losses. New Trier took top honors with Rich East second and Richwood third. Most of the schools in this contest were from Chicago suburbs and central and southern Illinois.

On Saturday, December 14, the Quad-City Metropolitan debate contest was held. The meet included six Quad-City schools, but Alleman did not compete. There were two divisions in this contest, varsity and novice.

The Quad-City Metropolitan meet was the first meet which included all the schools in the Quad-City area, according to Mr. William Armstrong, coach of the debate team.

Another debate meet which was held on December 14 was the Kewanee Invitational tournament. Twelve schools participated in this meet. The two divisions were varsity and nonvarsity. Four rounds were debated and the meet lasted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. Armstrong described his debaters as "very inexperienced." "However," he added, "the success or failure of the debaters really depends on the amount of work that they put in on their projects."

Rocky's Students Picked In Senate Attend Exchanges

Every year the Quint-City Student Congress sponsors exchange days. The Quint-City Student Congress meets the third Tuesday of every month at the different high schools. The schools who participate in it are North Scott and all the Quint-City schools except Davenport.

The exchange days are set up by the schools themselves. As of now Rocky is undecided on when its exchange will be held.

The schools decide how many students they want to come to their exchange.

On November 19, Bettendorf held their exchange and from Rocky they wanted one sophomore boy, one junior girl, and one senior boy and girl.

On November 26, the Villa held their exchange and they asked for one sophomore girl, one junior girl, and one senior girl.

The students from Rocky are picked in the senate. They must be a member of senate in order to be eligible to attend exchange days.

ACT Tests Given In RI Cafeteria

A.C.T. American College Testing was given December 14, 1968. The basic purpose for this test is essentially that it concerns academic and vocational fields of interest, also extracurricular achievements, the type of college housing he or she expects, extracurricular plans in college, the anticipated financial needs in college, and the plan of part time college or not. All of this will give the college an indication of what kind of person is considering the college.

Approximately 150-200 students participate in each testing. Mr. Edward Evans, assistant principal, was in charge of the test, which was administered in the Rock Island high school cafeteria. He chooses counselors or teachers to assist him in monitoring the test.

The next test will be administered February 8, 1969, and the registration deadline is January 6, 1969.

Holiday Brings Work As Well As Fun, Sports

Christmas and New Year's vacation this year will offer an excellent opportunity for seniors to visit the college campus of their choice. It will also be the much-needed pause that refreshes for all students.

This year's vacation will start at 3:45, and in some cases 2:45 on December 20, 1968, and school will resume at 8:00, and 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 2, 1969. This vacation will be particularly beneficial to the newly formed Rock Island high school Ski Club, and several trips to Chestnut Mountain will most probably be planned if the snow cooperates.

Another benefit of this long-awaited vacation will be that students can work jobs full-time and therefore make more money than they would usually during regular school attendance days. The vacation will not, however, cancel out any extra-curricular activities regularly scheduled. The basketball team will play Alleman on Friday, December 20, and they will play Cedar Rapids Kennedy on Saturday.

Other activities during the vacation will be wrestling, on the December 21, 24, 27, and 28.

Outstanding Science Students Attend Annual Youth Conference On Atom

The Quad-City area was represented at the 10th National Youth Conference on the Atom by nine of its most outstanding high school science students and two top-rated science instructors. The conference was held in Chicago on November 21, 22, and 23.

John M. Hollingsworth, assistant vice-president, Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric company, announced the Quad-City delegates and their respective schools. Representing Rocky was Tracy Stollberg, son of Mrs. Carline Stollberg, 3009 43rd St., Rock Island.

Other local schools in attendance were Alleman, UTHS, Davenport West, Bettendorf, Moline, Villa de Chantal, Davenport Central, and Assumption. The instructors were Sister Jane Frances of Alleman and Mr. Frank B. Gorshe of Bettendorf high school.

Sam E. Wilson, editorial assistant at Iowa-Illinois, accompanied the group.

The students from the larger schools were selected by their respective high school principals and those from the smaller participating schools were chosen by Dr. Edwin R. Erickson, professor of chemistry at Augustana College, on the basis of scholastic records, science courses taken, and extra-curricular activities, especially those in the field of science. The instructors were also chosen by Dr. Erickson.

IOWA-ILLINOIS GAS and Electric Company Scholarship finalists, Allen Carlson, Dick Hinrichs, Mark Perrin, Alan Nelson, and Scott Schade, relax after testing. Missing is Mike O'Melia.

Iowa-Illinois Announces Six Rock Island Semi-Finalists

Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric company has announced the semi-finalists in this year's scholarship program. Six RIHS students have been named semi-finalists.

Allen Carlson, Richard Hinricks, Alan Nelson, Mike O'Melia, Mark Perrin and Scot Schade are the semi-finalists from Rocky.

Moline high school has four semi-finalists and East Moline has two semi-finalists.

The benefit of the scholarship is being able to go to a four year college of your choice. The amount of the scholarship will vary from student to student depending upon the most of tuition, room, board, books and other fees at the college and the amount the student is able to contribute.

During the summer, Iowa-Illinois will give the scholarship winner summer employment.

The idea of the scholarship started in 1955. Three scholarships are given away every year. Since 1955 39 scholarships have been awarded.

To be eligbile one must be a US citizen, a senior in high school, a receiver of either gas or electricity from Iowa-Illinois, in the upper quarter of your class, or be recommended by one's principal.

One must also have a good school record in studies and extra-curricular activities. He must also have taken the ACT and the SAT test.

The finalist must also take the College Entrance Examination, Board Scholastic Aptitude Test and three achievement tests of his choice.

Crimson Crier Calls On Students To Squelch Rumors, Obey Rules

Because conditions at Rock Island high school have been the subject of public meetings in the community and have been discussed in newspapers, on radio and television, the **Crimson Crier** believes it is appropriate to make a few comments.

First, we believe that students and the tax-paying public should remember that the reason our school exists is to provide a high school education. We think there is some danger that exaggerations, rumors, and unfounded accusations about discipline and "incidents" could create a climate in which teachers, administrators, and school board members would find it difficult to carry out their functions as educators.

Second, we believe that the citizen who publicly called for the resignation of Mr. Aspedon at the December meeting of the Board of Education was not sufficiently concerned about what's best for Rocky. The school cannot be helped by tearing down the administration because of one man's personal dislike for the administrator.

Third, we believe that the students can help by not spreading rumors, by avoiding exaggerations, and by obeying the rules of conduct.

Finally, the **Crimson Crier** believes Rocky is a good high school, and that the vast majority of Rock Island citizens know it. Those who don't think so are welcome to come and see for themselves.

Scholars of Shakespeare Would Have You Cheat Not

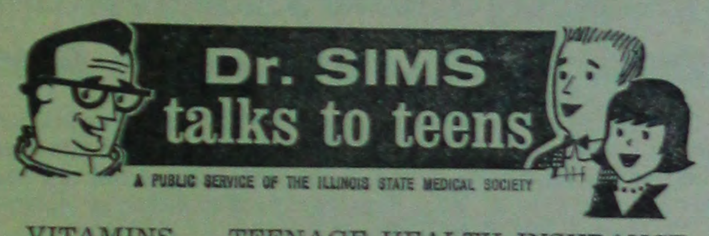
"This above all, to thine ownself be true." If one had a conscience, this statement would prevent possible cheaters.

There are many students who would persist in supporting their stand on cheating, saying that it is better to cheat for the grade than to go home and try to explain an F.

But if one's better judgement would speak first, everyone would know that the individual was taught to know better than to cheat and his constitution would not enable him to do so.

If every student had the foresight to see the embarassment and loss of character that results from cheating, more than likely, he would think twice before committing such an act.

No one benefits from cheating. Information one should have gained from his studies, and is obtaining from cheating may not be at his command at some future time when his career or even life itself may depend on it.



VITAMINS — TEENAGE HEALTH INSURANCE

Taking vitamins? Good!

While vitamin preparations usually are a waste of money for the average healthy ADULT, they can be valuable "health insurance" for the TEENAGER.

Here's why:

As a teen, you're in a constant state of "physiologic stress." That means you're building new body tissue at a fantastic rate, requiring almost twice the proteins, carbohydrates, fats, sugars, starches and minerals needed by most adults.

Vitamins play a vital role in this building process. Specifically, they act as catalysts to help other food elements sustain and replace healthy body tissue. They also keep vital body organs and organ systems functioning at top capacity.

Of course, there is no substitute for obtaining these vitamins naturally from an abundant, well-balanced diet. All too often, however, teenagers are too busy or careless to eat as they should. For this reason — plus occasional infections and excessive mental and physical activity that further increases physiologic stress — routine administration of vitamins is a sensible health habit for teens.

One note of warning: DON'T OVERDO IT! Some people think that if one vitamin pill is good, two or three is even better. Actually, oversaturating the body with vitamins, especially A and D, can lead to severe vitamin poisoning. What's more, the body can grow dependent on excessive amounts of vitamins, elevating normal daily requirements.

Needless to say, your doctor should advise you on what kind and how many vitamins to take. With his supervision and your own good sense, vitamins can help you look, act and feel your best.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

Battle Of The Bulge – Relocated At Rocky

by Laurie Anderson

"LOSE 10 POUNDS—FAST!!" "A BRAND NEW FIGURE IN 14 DAYS!" "FROM FAT GIRL TO BEAUTIFUL MODEL: SPECIAL DIET TIPS FROM THE GIRL WHO DID IT!" "HOW TO HAVE A BEAUTIFUL BODY!"

Every corner drugstore has its own more than adequate supply of the pamphlets and magazines which scream such luring headlines at every chubby passerby. Some people are easily taken in by wonder pills, gimmicky exercises and "knock-off-pounds-effortlessly" programs, but girls at Rock Island high school seem assured that the only real way to wear down a plump posterior is by diligent dieting.

Just about one out of every four girls at Rocky is on some form of "diet" either to control or lose excess poundage. While some of these diets are recommended and supervised by doctors, most are self-prescribed thinning therapies instigated by an overly snug skirt or a sidelong glance in a full-length mirror.

A quick glance around the cafeteria at noon, and the "one-out-of-four" maidens can easliy be spotted. Unshakable sophomores, undaunted juniors, and indomitable seniors vigorously decline proffered sandwiches and fruits, staunchly declaring, "No thanks, **I'm** on a diet."

SHARON SEYMOUR, LINDA Smith and Marsha Maurus are pious examples of dieters?

But then comes dessert time, and now observe the dedicated dieters knuckles whiten as she clenches her purse in an attempt to restrain herself from grabbing and ravenously devouring the ice-cream sandwich which her sveltely-thin tablemate now nonchalantly munches. "Of course they're fattening — but just one bite?"

So, our lovable lardbucket swallows her pride and the saliva which has been swelling in her mouth, and requests "just a nibble." "Aw, c'mon . . . You're on a diet!" is the prompt and shattering reply.

Some girls have run the gamut of fad diets. They have subsisted solely on everything from bananas to eggs to yogurt. One dedicated senior girl attempted to shed her baby fat by consuming only ice cream for a period of thirteen days. "It worked!" she declared. "I lost seven pounds!" But after ice cream for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, she now finds it the most revolting food on earth.

And there are those who look to the heavens for guidance in their fasting. Several Rocky co-eds consult astrological guides to aid them in their diet and exercise routines. **The Diet and Health Horoscope,** by Edward A. Wagner claims that all those born under the signs of Libra, Taurus, and Aquarius should beware of knee disorders during July and early August, caused by improper eating. Librans and Aquarians are also advised to ward off kidney ailments and excess weight by eating plenty of green peas, raw nuts, peaches, and figs.

It's heartening to know that dumpling-like damsels at Rocky are so devoted to eventually becoming successors to the ultra-slim and spindle-shanked Twiggy. But, if they are so devoted why, as soon as an appetizing meal appears in the cafeteria, is the lunch line filled with chubby co-eds who stoutly reassure themselves that "I can **Always** start my diet next week!"?

Xmas Spirit Created By RI Choruses

To help others get into the Christmas spirit the Rocky choruses presented their annual Christmas concert on Thursday, December 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

The Senior Glee Club was on stage first and they sang "Prophecy" and "Anunciation" by Ringwald, "Balulalow" by Chapman and "Hallilulia" by Handel. The Girls' Glee Club who came on second was in the shape of a Christmas tree. They sang "O Christmas Tree," a German carol, "A Christmas Folk Song" by Gardner, "Holiday Polka" by Large, "Christmas Choir" by Goell and Brown and "Noel, Noel" by Yetter.

Singing "Fun, Fun, Fun" by Catulouian, "Lullaby," a Korean carol, by Sargent, "Dawn was Creeping," a Polish carol and "Calypso Carol," a Caribean carol, with rhythm instruments was the Sophomore Chorus.

The Senior Glee Club was on stage again and they sang "Mangnum Mysterium" by Vittoria and "Mary Had A Baby," a spiritual, by Reese. Gloria DeVacht and Larry Cline sang solos in that song.

Ars Longa

PTSA Meeting In Art Rooms

by Russell Kennedy

The Parent, Teacher, Student Association held a different kind of program at their meeting on December 5. The meeting was held in the art rooms on the 3rd floor of Rocky high.

At first, the meeting consisted of electing a nominating committee. Then the meeting was turned over to Mr. Richard Klatt, art department head, Mr. Charles White and their 35 Art I, II, and III students.

More than 125 adults turned out for this unusual meeting. The large attendance was credited to the student art exhibit and demonstrations held after the regular meeting.

From Pistols To Pigs

by Carol Swim

Take a gun; melt it. What's the result? A pig, of course. The pigs aren't pink. They don't oink. They're 100-pound bars of metal made from melting small arms weapons at the Rock Island Arsenal.

The Arsenal is the only place in the free world to dispose of weapons for the United States Armed Forces. This is done by melting them in an electric furnace at 6,000° F. The liquid metal is poured into pigs and sold to scrap dealers. Machine guns, rifles, shotguns, bayonets, even switch blades and brass knuckles are shipped in sealed containers from all over the United States to be disposed of at the Arsenal.

As weapons become worn out and inaccurate, useful but not up to standards of the Department of Defense, they are collected for demilitarizations. This is to prevent guns from falling in to the hands of the underworld.

Demilitarization was formerly accomplished by cutting the barrel and receiver in half and selling the pieces to junk dealers as scrap metal. But the pieces were collected, welded together, and used for illegal purposes. The parts were also put together by reactionaries and profiteers and sold to foreign countries to be used in uprisings and revolutions.

THIS IS A "PT" Lectromelt furnace which is used in the melting down of firearms sent to the Rock Island Arsenal for disposal.

An alternative to melting is deep water dumping. However, the cost of melting is equal to the selling price of the pigs as scrap, making the Arsenal's method of demilitarization the most economical.

Military items other than small arms are disposed of in a variety of ways. Life rafts are slashed in three places, each slash 12 inches long, or cut in three pieces. Shroud lines on parachutes are cut through at the bottom hem band. The face piece of oxygen masks are slashed.

The Truest Gift

by Susie Wilson

Fascinated by the package with the big red bow
and surrounded by silence,
I crept with excitement and anticipation
wondering what the contents were.

But days have flown since this Christmas past
time has changed,
and I with time.

No more secret smiles on tongues that ache to tell
and no more drawn out suspense.

However, the joy remains,
a present, more deep and lasting.

The package with the big red bow
no longer holds the fascination and suspence it once contained

Yet —
It brings in itself a knowledge
of its true value, and now that, alone —
the thought and love behind the package with the big red bow —

Is to me, the truest gift of all.

TV or Not

by Paula Froude

The Christmas season brings to the screen many beautiful and exciting specials. The "Nut Cracker," a popular ballet, will be performed on Friday, December 20 at 6:30.

On December 22, Dr. Seuss' "How The Grich Stole Christmas," a cartoon special, will be shown from 6:00-7:00.

Christmas day, Leonard Bernstein will broadcast a New York Philharmonic Young People's concert.

On New Year's day, the traditional Cotton Bowl parade, and the Tournament of Roses parade will be viewed starting at 9:30 a.m.

Also on New Year's day are the college bowl games, featuring the great college teams from across the nation.

Trade Winds

Young people are gradually getting a stronger voice in the happenings of the day. One such example comes from the **Line O'Type,** Moline senior high school.

They make an interesting observation on young people influencing our films these days. "Young adults are now making their influence felt beyond the beach-surfing films in the motion picture industry.

"Arlo Guthrie, son of the late Woody Guthrie, will star in **Alice's Restaurant,** which begins its filming October 1, in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Arlo has released one album, which bears the same name as the movie.

"MGM is looking for the US town with the largest number of teens in proportion to the adult population to use as the location for their film The Impossible Years.

"Omar Sharif will play Ernesto Che Guevara and Jack Palance, Fidel Castro, in what may be the most controversial film of 1969 — **Che!"**

Another example of teenage influence today can be seen through legislature. Many teens are now fighting for a voting age of 18. In the Athens high school **Thumb Tack Tribune** from Athens, Georgia. Debra Kidd states, "Not all 18 year olds are adults capable of assuming adult responsibilities, but the majority is. There are a lot of 15 year old adults and by the same token there are a lot of 45 year old children."

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Swimmers Host Invitational Meet at Rocky; RI Is 2nd

Rock Island swimmers hosted the annual Thanksgiving Invitational on Friday, November 29. Because there was no school, the meet was held during the day.

The diving preliminaries started at 10 a.m. with the swimming prelims getting underway at 1 p.m. The finals started at 7 p.m.

Seven teams participated in this meet. They were Davenport Central, Davenport West, Hinsdale, Moline, Muscatine, Rock Island, and Cedar Rapids Washington.

The crown went to Washington with Rocky finishing close behind. Moline placed 3rd and West received 4th. Hinsdale was 5th with Central finishing 6th. Muscatine placed 7th in the meet.

Winners for Rock Island were, Marc Gilliam in the 50 yd. freestyle and the 100 yd. butterfly copping new records in both events. Keith Gilliam received a first in the 200 yd. individual medley also establishing a new record. Sam Karon set a new record in the diving event, and Rocky's varsity 200 yd. Medley Relay team consisting of John Timm, Wolfgang Kristmanits, Stan Lohmeier, and Ted Brown, paced to a first place finish.

Other places received by the Rocks were 2nd in the 100 yd. freestyle by Keith Gilliam, 2nd in the 100 yd. backstroke by Scott Boxman; the varsity 400 yd. free relay also placed 2nd, the help lead the Rocks to their second place finish.

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R.I. Joins High School Cage Poll

A poll will be conducted by eight Illinois high schools during the basketball season to determine who the students feel are the best teams in the state.

Five students from each of the eight schools will participate, with the first poll taking place after the fifth game of the season. The participating schools are Rockford West, Rock Island, Springfield, Pekin, Galesburg, Evanston, Collinsville, and Decatur. Anyone interested in voting should contact the C. C. Sports Editor.

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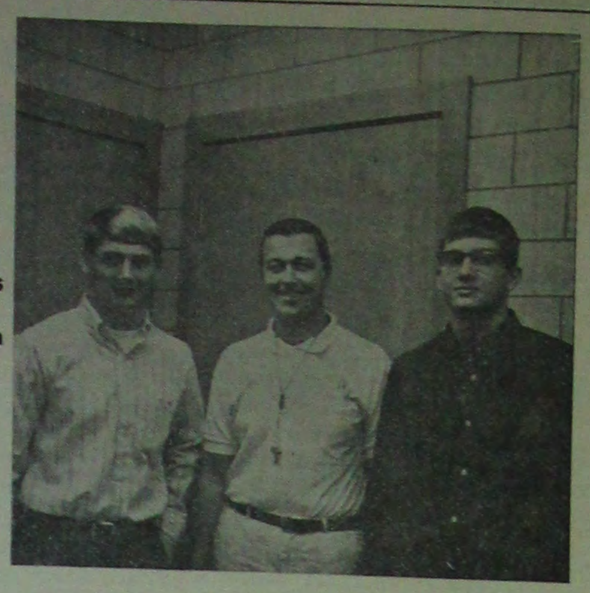

THREE REASONS FOR this year's swimming team's success are Marc Gilliam, Coach Gary Ackerson, and Keith Gilliam.

Rocks To Meet Pioneers Tonight; Like Meeting of David and Goliath

A modern day version of "David and Goliath" unfolds tonight at Moline's Wharton Field House, as Rock Island battles Alleman.

The Rocks have the shortest team in the Quad-Cities this year, with no one taller than 6'3" in the starting lineup, but have displayed excellent ballhandling and fine defensive play in their first few games.

The Pioneers are led by 6'11" center Jim DeDecker who is the tallest player in the area. They are sparked by Mike Leuch, 5'6" guard, who has displayed excellent technique in the Pioneers' previous encounters.

The possible starting lineups for tonight's game will find Frank Riley and Bernie Teague at guards; Carl Bates and Mark Brooks at forwards; and DeArmond Briggs at center. For Alleman, Mike Leuch and Jim Vandecasteele at guards; John Cornelis and Phil Terronez at forwards; and Jim DeDecker at center.

Rock Island opened its season at Quincy and during the first quarter it looked like the game could go either way. But, a failure to contain Blue-Devil center, Jeff Stollberg, allowed Quincy to pull away and the Rocks were never a serious threat after that.

The following weekend provided the Rocks with their first two victories of the year. On Friday night, December 6, the Rocks displayed their sharp style of passing, shooting, and ballhandling as they crushed the Davenport West Falcons.

The following night, the Rocks travelled to Rockford Auburn where a last-second follow-shot by Mark Brooks, provided the winning margin, 66-68.

On December 13 the Rocks traveled to East Moline to take on the Panthers. After an extremely slow start the Rocks came on strong the second half to lose only 77-71. Leading the Rocks were Bernie Teague with 19, DeArmond Briggs with 18, and Frank Riley with 14.

Grapplers Are Hungry For Win; Don't Like The Taste Of Defeat

The Wrestling team so far has compiled no victories, but Coach Chester Schultz has high hopes for the upcoming meet with Sterling. Coach Schultz stated earlier that the main trouble with the wrestling team was that they lacked experience. A further trouble that they have had this year is injuries.

The injuries have mended fairly well though by now, and the teammates voiced their enthusiasm for a win at the Sterling meet.

Some important contenders for the Sterling meet are as follows: Rick Bevans, Mike Boltinghouse, Ezel Turner, and Chuck McDowell.

The losses that they have suffered so far were to Kennedy on December 7, and later to Jefferson on December 14.

Three important meets that will be coming up during the vacation are on Tuesday, December 24, against Dixon, Friday, December 27 against Iowa City here at 2:00 P.M., and Saturday, December 28 against Peoria.

Coach Schultz stated in an earlier issue of this paper "What the team is lacking in experience they are making up in hard work."

Boys' Intramurals Bring Basketball, Bowling To Fore

Winter intramurals are now in full swing with bowling on Monday nights and basketball on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Mr. James Johnstone, the director, stated that this year the turn out was much larger than in previous years. He estimates that approximately 210-220 boys are out for both activities.

The bowling league has 16 teams with four boys on a team. Basketball has 10 junior, eight senior, and four sophomore teams.

To be eligible, one must not be particpiating in a regular winter sport. This is the only restriction. Intramurals are for boys who don't want to or don't have the time to go out for a major sport.

Drake's Relays

by Dave Drake

The name of the game is agony — the agony of persuading the body to absorb another football season of punishment, the agony of pushing oneself almost beyond the limits of physical endurance, the agony of defeats suffered and pains endured.

But the name of the game is also ecstasy — the shear joy of sharing ultimate victory with thirty-nine other strong young men — and in Instant Replay: The Green Bay Diary of Jerry Kramer, both the agony and the ecstasy of professional football spring boldly to life.

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Next to playing a full season for the Packers — an exquisite torture not recommended to everyone — **Instant Replay** is the perfect guide to the violent and often hilarious world of professional football. I have read the book and recommend it to all sports fans.

Rocky Gridders Honored; Awards Given at Banquet

Ken Johnson became a member of the 1,000 yard club in addition to other awards which were given at the Rock Island football banquet held in the high school cafeteria. Walt Stradley and Ken Johnson were the first two Rocky gridders to make an all-state team since Al Bream and Steve Wilson were all-state for the Rocks in 1964.

Johnson was picked on four all-state teams while Stradley was picked on one. Other awards were given to Harvey Chaney as the most improved and Doug Carpenter as the best blocker.

The 1968 co-captains were Rick Miers and Walt Stradley. Stradley was also the best defensive man and the leading star winner with eight star awards. This broke the old record of five star awards held by George Hoane and Dave Howell. The Rocks will be led next year by captain Lew Miskowicz.

Ken Johnson galloped 1,066 yards to be received in the 1,000 yard club. He was the first player in the history of Rocky to make the team, and was voted the most valuable player. Drake Devore was credited the best team man.

Coach Gary Embretson said that the 1968 football team was very fine.

Coach Embretson added, "We played for the Quad city championship, which in itself was a fine feat."

The Rocks finished second in the Quad Cities, having been beat by Central for the championship. The 1969 football squad also will be a fine one, according to Coach Embretson. Thirteen lettermen will be returning for the Rocks next year.

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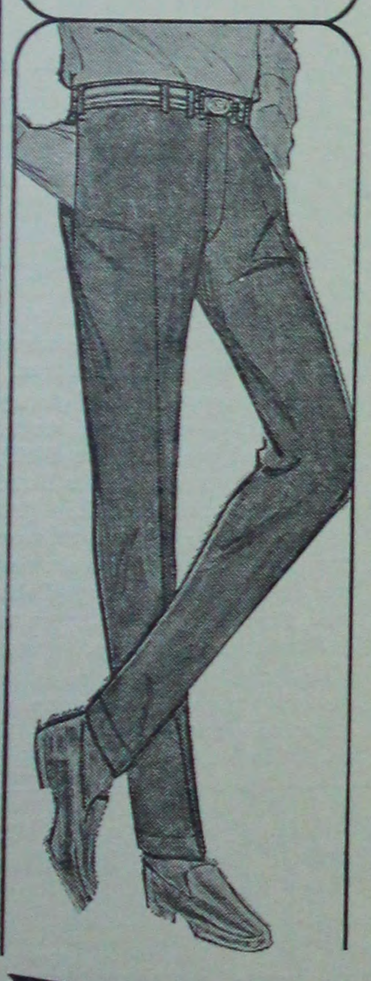

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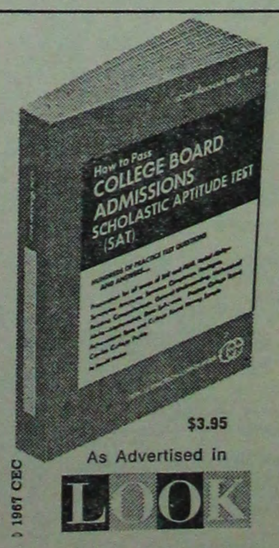

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Rotarians For December Are Carpenter, Stradley

Junior Rotarians for the month of December are Doug Carpenter and Walter Stradley. Doug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Carpenter, 2506 33rd Ave., Rock Island. Walter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Stradley, 2908 32nd St. Ct., Rock Island.

Doug is a member of Rocky's football and swimming teams and is also in the Letterman's club. He is in the top quarter of his class and is a semi-finalist in the Illinois State Scholarship program. Doug received the best blocker award at this year's football banquet and was Intramural fencing champion.

Walt is an active member of Rock Island's football team. He is a co-captain of the team and received the award for the best defensive player. He was the leading star winner.

Walter was also on first team All Mississippi Valley, All Western Illinois, and WOC Metropolitan team. He was on the Quad-City second team and he received special mention on the All State team.

Walt is also a major letter winner in baseball. Other clubs that he belongs to include Ski club, Letterman's club, and the debate team. He is treasurer of Key club.

Pom Pon Section Is Again Organized

Once again, this year Rocky's Pep club has organized a pom pon section. This proup is composed of 49 sophomore, junior, and senior girls who will sit in the designated section for the Pep club.

At the November meeting, Pep club members helped in making the red and gold crepe paper pom pons. Then each member of the section was assigned one red and one gold shaker. In addition to this, they will don bright red, long-sleeved sweatshirts with the R.I. insignia stamped on in gold.

Twice a month the section members practice various chants with the pom pon routines, which are to be demonstrated at the basketball games. During actual playing time, however, the girls do not use the pom pons as it impedes the spectators view. But during the timeouts the girls put on an exhibition of bright red and gold.

This is just the second year that the pom pon section has been in existence. In previous years the whole Pep club merely sat together and wore white blouses to show their club memberships. However, Gloria DeVacht, chairman of the section, feels that the bright school colors add enthusiasm to the games.

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PRUNE SPEAKS

by Frank Thomas

Shortly after my report on Zond 6 was printed, I was paid a visit by two suspicious-looking characters in trenchcoats. The bald one with the monacle stepped forward as the other ghoul with the eye patch smiled with flagitious intent. "Ve haff been tolt zat you did a no-no. Ve haff vays to repay you for at. Ve haff not lost our touch from ze last var," he screamed.

They then proceeded to poummel, pound, flail and pretty much beat the fizz out of me. They worked on me, oh . . . eight or nine hours. Next thing I knew, someone was shovelling me into a dust pan and carting me to a hospital. I was just lying there on a table, crumpled out of my gourd, when a nurse started asking me some questions.

"Now, sir, your name? Mother's maiden name? Maiden name of your oldest living aunt on your father's side? Social Security number? Have you ever won a lottery, pool, political election or other fixed decision? Have you ever-"

"Lady, my body . . . It's broken. I can't even find my left arm!"

Anyway, I finally got a room and they sent up a doctor.

"Zey tell me you haffink pain. Ve haff ays to stop ze pain . . ."

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For you **Funk & Wagnall** fans, here's the definition of the month: **GUNK** — opening your chocolate ice cream cup and finding "Hi" written on the inside.

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Students Present, Direct Plays

Last November 19 the Dramatic Club presented an evening of four one-acts. This year the plays were picked by the students and directed by the students. The plays were **Man With the Tranquil Mind**, directed by Jean Rosenquist, **In Triplicate, Please!** directed by Dave Johnston, **It's Only a Game**, directed by Jack Downing and **Antic Spring** directed by John Robinson.

Appearing in In Triplicate, Please! were Debbie Foley, Kim Hutchinson, John Robinson, J. C. Bevill, Ben McAdams, Susan Schultz, Jerry Mosenfelder, and Debbie Bunch. The play was about a man whose business was dwindling away. His secretary was in love with him but he was more interested in his dilapidating business to see this. Finally his secretary's secretary falls in love with him. His innerself appears on stage and he finally realizes this love. While in the meantime his secretary falls in love with her secretary's boy friend. The business begins to prosper again and all live happily.

In **It's Only a Game**, however it was different. The play starts sadly, then livens up and then is sad again. Appearing in this play was Randy Doyle, Joyce Apple, Mark Wilson, Jack Downing, Jerry Mosenfelder, Bridget Kennedy, and John Robinson who took the place of ailing Jeff Romeo.

In the play Joe Carr had no social life at all. One day his wife managed to get him in a card game to take the place of a sick friend. He had a fine time but the other players didn't like him. Finally after two weeks the person he was filling in for recovered and the others asked him to leave. So he did. After he left he went right back to his sad environment again to stay.

Starring in **Antic Spring** were Roy Phelps, Sue Matin, Jim Lohmier, Ellen Batt, J. C. Bevill, and Bridget Kennedy. The play had three plots that merged into one no plot. The play was about high school students who kept breaking up and then going back together again.

Man with the Tranquil Mind's cast consisted of Diane Pirmann, Vicky Enburg, Janice Peschang, Marie Carson, Jackie Hoener, Debbie Foley, and Mike Zwer. An excellent printer who thought he was an excellent speaker realized that he wasn't and returned to the printing trade.

BEHIND THE SCENES are some members of the Dramatic Club who presented four one act plays on November 19.

Rocky Speakers To Ottawa; One-Act Goes To Plantation

Rock Island high school's drama department was represented at the annual Ottawa speech contest on Saturday, December 14. The 13 students which represented Rocky were Alma Herrera, Vickie Enburg, Beci Senski, Becky Shultz, and Pattty Sutton.

Also in the contest were Val Fairchild, Connie Peschang, Janice Peschang, Sharon Swim, Sue Madsen, Don Nicholson, Jim Lohmier, and Ann Moskowitz.

Twenty schools attended the speech contest but only five of them placed. Rock Island high school was not one of the top five.

Everyone in the contest was required to read four selections by four different authors in four different categories. The categories included serious prose, humorous prose, serious poetry, and humorous poetry. The students could pick their own reading material.

On Thursday night, December 12, the drama department put on their production of **Man with the Tranquil Man** at The Plantaton in Moline.

The cast of the one-act play was the same as when it was put on at Rock Island high school with the substitutions of Connie Peschang for Debbie Foley and Cindy Herdt for Jackie Hoerner. The play was performed for a group of ladies from the Farmall works.

Quad-City Area Students Organize SWF: Peace Through World Law

Dubbed the Student World Federalists (SWF) by their parent group, United World Federalists (UWF), a group of young people in the Quad-Cities are organizing to promote world peace through world law.

With headquarters in Moline, the students are trying to establish an area chapter of the national SWF. UWF has been around since the UN was born, and has been working to strengthen the power of the world talking table.

Basically it backs the concept of a limited world government which will operate on enforceable laws. The club feels that a revised UN structure could be the basis of this government.

Immediate plans of action for the club include education the public to awareness of the feasibility of world government and working for local candidates who back SWF policies.

On a national level the clubs have people who closely observe the UN and who work with Congress. Several Congressmen including recently elected Alan Cranston of California, belong to UWF. Celebrities Steve Allen and Henry Fonda are members, as is author Mark VanDoren.

"Right now we are just trying to find people who are interested in working for SWF," says the group's organizer Kathy Gibson, a senior at Moline. "After we get a solid core to work from, we will really get moving. But the amount accomplished will depend on the support we get from young people."

"Anyone who wants to join or desires more information is urged to contact me at 1801-47th St. Ct. in Moline," she added.

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