LEADERS OF PERIOD 2 Crimson Crier staff are Darcy Peschang, copy editor, Dan Murphy, co-editor, and Marilyn Fields, co-editor.

Crier Takeover Takes Place

The new staffs of the **Crimson Crier** were announced by Mr. Nicholas Peschang, their faculty advisor. The heads of each staff are Co-editors Marilyn Fields and Dan Murphy for period two, and Co-editors Laurie Anderson and Dave Johnston for period three.

Each of the staffs will print three issues of the Crimson Crier.

The second period staff includes the following: Copy editor — Darcy Peschang with assistants Debbie Bunch and Sally Strohbehn; Page one editor — Carol Swim; Page two editor — Vicki Marshall; Sports co-editors — Kevin O'Hern and Marc Gilliam with assistants Rhonda Osborne and Lynn Burris.

The Page four editor is Ben McAdams; Picture editor — Linnea Johnson; Photographer — Robbi Coatney; Exchange editor and assistant — Joanie Stockdale and Linda West; Head proofreader — Jean Carlson with assistants Judy Dobbler and Christie Liggitt.

The Business manager is Gail Learner; Ad manager — Jerry Mosenfelder with assistants Jim Whitesides, Laurie Green, and Judy Miers; Circulation manager — Susie Andich and assistants Jackie Ellis, Linda Thomason, Betsy Stalf, and Tom Wilson.

The period three staff was selected as follows: Copy editor — Sheri Gersick with assistants Diane Deyo, Debbie Carel, and Sharron Seymore; Page one editor — Ester Celnik; and Page two editor — Debbie Nice.

The Sports editor is Stan Lohmeier, assisted by Doug Lindy and Mark McKissick; Page four editor — Frank Thomas; Picture editor — Larry Cline; Photographers — Kathy Smith and Dave Kerler; Exchange editor and assistant — Kim Tomasesk and Susie Greenwood; and Head proofreader — Helane Golden and her assistants Susan Anderson and Mark Wilson.

Carol Goldstein is the Business Manager; Ad manager and assistants are Stephanie Heiwig, Jim Nelson, Larry Garcia, and Debbie Peck; Circulation manager is Monica Pealstrom with assistants Chuck Boughan, Barb Bernauer, and Dawn Cole.

To be eligible for the **Crimson Crier** staff, each of the students must have taken one semester of Journalism A, which consists of classroom study of journalistic techniques and writing practices.

After a study of all the jobs on the staff, each student submitted a list of his first three choices. Mr. Peschang chose the staffs on the basis of leadership, capability, dependability, and cooperation.

PERIOD 3 CRIMSON Crier executives are Dave Johnston, co-editor, Laurie Anderson, co-editor, and Sherry Gersick, copy editor.

Senior Girls Get First Aid, CD Training

Many senior girls of Rock Island high school are now capable of administering first aid in an emergency or of directing people during an atomic fall-out period. These girls have been given a three week course in First Aid and Civil Defense.

The classes take the place of the regular gym classes and are instructed by the respective gym teachers. Each girl is assigned to purchase a Red Cross First Aid Manual and is given a Medical Self-Help and Training booklet. Then the girls usually spend a week on Civil Defense and the remaining two on first aid.

During the first week the girls are taught the conditions of shelter living during a fallout period and how to cope with the problems which will arise. The remaining two weeks the girls devote to learning emergency care in dealing with such injuries as cuts, burns, fractures, animal bites, poisoning, and strokes. After passing the exams the girls receive certificates from the Red Cross.

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Exchange Assembly Season To Begin At Rocky With East Moline Jan. 31

For approximately fifteen years the exchanging of high school assemblies has been in practice in the Quad-City Area. The Quad-City Student Congress originated the idea.

The schools that Rocky wlil be exchanging assemblies with this year are East Moline on January 31, Davenport Central on February 21, Alleman on February 28, Davenport West on March 7, Assumption on March 21, and Bettendorf on April 18.

Assumption will be exchanging for the first time this year. The exchange programs are scheduled during the preceeding summer. Dates that are appropriate for both groups are chosen. The exchanging assemblies aren't always on the same days.

Mr. Murray Osborn, choral director, and Mr. Donald Kruzan, band director, chose the assembly. The program is usually staged around a group or groups from the school. Rocky's groups are the Chamber Choir and the Stage Band.

The masters of ceremonies will be Dave Johnston, Don Kelly, Howard Waxenburg, Mike Gordon and Jim Reed. They will change off on the programs.

Only parts of the program are certain. The stage band and the chamber choir will be doing some numbers together and individually. From the chamber choir Larry Cline and Gloria DeVacht will be doing solos.

As for the rest of the program Mr. Osborn said, "Several students have tried out and are now being considered for this year's program."

Semester End MeansChange For Majority

On January 20, 90% of Rocky's student body will undertake a semester schedule change. All students with changes will receive them in their senates.

The day will be very similar to the first day of school in August. Everyone—Sophomores, Juniors, and even some Seniors —will roam the halls of Rocky in search of their new rooms and further education.

The sophomores are the only class that will not undertake a great change. But it is different for most juniors and seniors. The juniors will be transferring from gym or study hall to drivers training or vice-versa. The seniors will be going from economics to government or vice-versa.

R.I. Art Students Can Earn Honors By Competing For 1969 Art Awards

Talented art students in high schools of Northern Illinois will have an opportunity to win honors for themselves and their schools by participating in the 1969 Scholastic Art Awards, sponsored regionally by the Chas. V. Wiese Co., Rockford, Illinois, in cooperation with Scholastic Magazines.

Wiese's will receive the entries for this territory and will present the exhibition of selected work in Wiese's North Towne Auditorium. The regional exhibition will be held from February 8-22. Entries are to be submitted during the week of January 20.

Gold achievement keys and certificates of merit will be the honors at the regional exhibitions. After the regional show, the best work selected from the key-winning pieces as "blue ribbon" finalists will go to national headquarters in New York City. There, they will be judged along with finalists from other regions for national awards.

In New York, juries of distinguished artists and educators will select winners of national awards, including 420 gold medals mounted on plaques with the winner's name engraved, 82 tuition scholarships to art schools and colleges, and over 500 honor certificates.

Special cash awards will be the Hallmark Honor Prizes of $100 for the best painting or drawing from each region, and the Strathmore Awards of $50 each for the best piece in each of the two-dimensional art classifications.

In addition, the photography division offers 269 cash awards in black & white and color photography as well as a scholarship grant of $1000.

Senior Invites Are Ordered In January

With first semester ending today, seniors will be starting to plan for the big day, graduation. All seniors will be ordering graduation announcements this month.

Smithcraft of Columbus Junction, Iowa, will be the printers of the announcements. However, one does not have to order from this company.

There are approximately 40 styles to choose from. All cards will be standard size and with an order of engraved announcements, each student will receive an engraved copper plate.

Students will get the order form in senate. The different types of engravings will be displayed in the trophy case in front of the office.

The approximate cost of the announcements will be about eight cents per announcement.

Students will receive the announcements about three or four weeks before graduation.

Y-Teens Sponsor Summer European Trip

Thirteen Rock Island high school girls will be taking part in a trip to Europe this summer. The girls are Jean Kalish, Mary Wilde, Sally Strohbehn, Patty Haines, Cindy Etzel, Shelly Hoskins, Judy Dobbler, and Lynn Duncheon.

Also going on the trip are Janice Wilkins, Pat Hickman, Ruth Kelly, Nancy Kelly, and Cathy Kibling.

In order to travel to Europe on this trip, one must be a member of the Y-Teens. The trip will take place from August 1-22, and the cost will be $631. However one must make a $50 deposit by February 28.

The $631 includes all transportation, three meals a day, English speaking escort, airport taxes, and tips to the bus driver and tour escorts, which include the YWCA staff.

On August 1, the group will depart from New York by KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines and fly to the Netherlands. They will spend their first three days in the Netherlands and then cross the border to Cologne, Germany.

After visiting Germany, the girls and their escorts will travel to Innsbruck, Austria. Then, on Monday, August 11, they will arrive in Italy. Six days later, they will arrive in Paris, France, where they plan to tour the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel tower, the cathedral of Notre Dame, and the famous art gallery, the Louvre.

After three days in the capital of France, they will fly to London for three days, and finally on Friday, August 22, the Y-Teens will arrive back in the United States.

More information about the trip may be obtained from Mrs. Mary Ann McKinney at the YWCA in Rock Island.

AUGUST 1 MARKS the day that these Y-Teens, Front Row: Janice Wilkins, Cathy Kelly, Sally Strohbehn, and Mary Wilde; Back Row, Shelly Hoskins, Lynn Duncheon, Cathy Kibling, Pat Hickman, and Judy Dobbler, leave for Europe.

Readers Place Fifth At Ottawa In Interpretive Reading Contest

Rock Island placed fifth in the fifth Annual Ottawa Interpretive Reading meet which was held Saturday, December 18, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Ottawa high school.

Twenty schools from all over the state participated in the tournament. Each school brought with it not only the students who were to compete but also two persons who were to assume the job of judging.

Five of the participating schools had contestants in the semi-finals. Each one of the schools had two persons who accumulated enough points to boost their school to one of the top five places.

Although Rock Island high school did not have anyone in the semifinals, Connie Peschang made a very good showing for her peers at RI.

Connie received a total of 18 points which was only one point away from the necessary 19 points to place. She did receive a Certificate of Merit for her performance. A total of 20 points was the highest score given and it signified a perfect score.

Each one of the readings was to last a maximum of six to eight minutes. The four types of readings were serious poetry, serious prose, humorous poetry, and humorous prose. All the readings were judged primarily on versatility.

Thirteen students, taking part in all of the four classes, comprised Rock Island's squad.

Lunch was provided for those in attendance and a guest speaker provided the entertainment.

"The speaker, Dr. Charlotte Lee of Northwestern Universtiy, is noted for her ability in effective reading, and is considered the top in her field in the nation," stated Connie Peschang.

Rocky Gives First GATB

The General Aptitude Test Battery was given for the first time to Rocky students on December 2-6. The main purpose of this test is to give students an opportunity to assess their aptitudes in the vocational field.

The equipment for the test was given to 400 sophomore students although it is available to any student in high school who wants to take it. The only restriction in taking it is that at least 10 students must take it at the same time.

It has been released to high schools provided that the person who is to give the test goes to Chicago for a briefing on the test. Counselors Charles Dyson and Ronald Stevens have had this briefing and are qualified to give the test.

This test is used by the Illinois Employment service and is valuable to the college bound as well as the non-college bound student.

Roomful Of Roses Cast; Jr. Play Now In Rehearsal

Cast and ready for rehearsals! That's the status of the Jr. Class Play, **A Roomful of Roses** by Edith Sommer.

The dramatic story of a family torn apart by divorce and lack of love will be portrayed by a predominately Junior cast, with the exception of 11 year old Nick Peschang, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Peschang, 2612 24th St., portraying the part of the young boy Larry.

The play centers around the lives of Nancy Fallon, played by Susan Anderson, and her daughter Bridgette, portrayed by Hadee Strupp. Others in the cast are John Bevill, as Jay Fallon; Beci Senske as Willamay; and Vickie Enburg, portraying Jane.

Jack Downing has been cast as Dick; Melva McAdams will play the part of Grace and Don Nicholson will appear as McGowan.

The play will be directed by G. O. Andersen, speech and dramatic coach at Rocky, with the help of assistant director Pam Titus.

Red Letter Days

January

18—Swimming—Guilford, Here; Wrestling—Dubuque, There; Washington — Here.

20—Report Cards (New Semester); Quad-City Swimming at West; Departmental Meeting.

24—No Assembly; Swimming — Rockford, There; Wrestling East Moline, There; West — Here.

25—Swimming — M.V.C. Sophomores — West; Wrestling —Here; Rockford West — Here.

27—Quad-City Swimming, Varsity — Here.

28—Wrestling — Prophetstown "B" Here.

31—East Moline Exchange Assembly; East Moline Here.

To Be Heard — Speak Up

America's youth have protested loud and long about their problems in making their voices heard among the cries for recognition. The problems of today's youth are multiple and complex to be sure and must be understood before they can be effectively remedied.

Young people, however, often pass up golden opportunities to be heard. Too often students avoid public meetings and conferences and excuse themselves by saying no one would listen anyway. It is the young people's responsibility to make their problems known, not the adults'.

For example, a conference was held recently in Moline which concerned only the problems of today's youth. The small number of RIHS students who attended was evidence of a lack of responsibility or concern by our students. If the problems are to be solved, it is the youth who must work to find the solutions.

Nixon Will Take Oath January 20; People Expecting Many Changes

President-elect Richard M. Nixon will take his oath of office on January 20. He will be undertaking quite a task and there will be a lot expected of him.

Concerning the Vietnam war: It is hoped that the war will be ended during Nixon's term of office, although the way that the war should be ended has not been agreed on by many Americans.

Many people feel that the United States should fight and work for a military victory. Others feel that the best way to settle the war is through negotiations. Still others feel that the United States should just pull out of Vietnam.

Concerning poverty programs: Many people see the need to tighten up procedures and eliminate waste in anti-poverty and welfare programs. It is also felt that people who are able, but are not working and are instead, drawing welfare payments, should be put to work. People hope that the President-elect and his cabinet and advisors can find solutions to these problems.

Many Americans across the country are demanding a crack-down on rising prices and taxes. However, they do not want Mr. Nixon to cut down too greatly on the budget for they fear that it may bring on a recession.

Other problems that Mr. Nixon will have to be concerned with are the foreign policy, laws, and the rising crime rate.

However, it would be hard for the President-elect to make these improvements on our situation in Vietnam and the United States unless he has the backing of the people of the US. American's should support Mr. Nixon, whether he is a member of their party or not. He can't do it alone.

Prep Goes Collegiate

by Debra Bunch

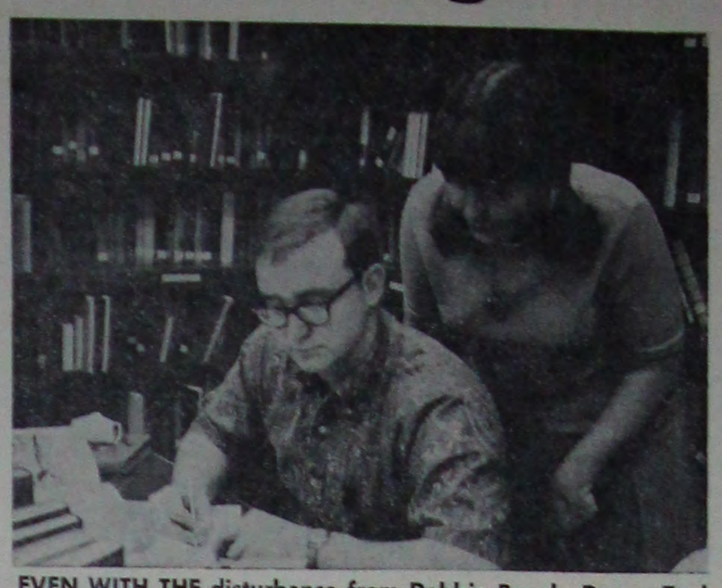
"My most memorable experience would have to be the two-and-a-half hour final exam," says senior Duane Taylor, speaking of his five weeks on a college campus. "I hope someone can participate in the course this year."

He refers to the Summer Humanities Institute on the campus of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, which ran from June 10 to July 12 and centered on the topic: "Romanticism: The Expression of Man's Limitless Self." Duane was one of 60 high school juniors and seniors chosen on the basis of grades, recommendations by teachers, and a 500 word autobiographical essay to attend the course last summer.

Into the short time of any weekday he had to squeeze in a lecture in one of the areas represented at St. Olaf — art, music, philosophy, history, and literature — plus a workshop and a dicussion in each of the two areas he was concentrating on, music and philosophy.

He spent a great deal of his free time in the music laboratory and doing independent study research. At the same time, he was to be reading twelve books of the Romantic Era, which included Bronte's **Wuthering Heights**, Shelley's **Frankenstein**, Goethe's **Faust**, and the **First and Second Discourses** of Rousseau. Recreational activities included three trips to the Guthrie Theatre, visits to two art galleries, and attendance at the Minneapolis Summer Pops Concert.

"It was a valuable introduction to college life," comments Duane, grinning. "I learned to collect and organize my thoughts quickly so I could write them down. Each week we wrote a subjective essay on themes such as whether man's conscience took precedence over civilization's laws and customs. The final week this was replaced by an essay on romanticism's relation to us."



EVEN WITH THE disturbance from Debbie Bunch, Duane Taylor perseveres.

Essay writing, however, was only a preliminary to the climax of the summer enrichment program. This was the final examination, which Duane dwells on as most memorable. Students were asked to identify the romantic features of music played and to name the qualities of romanticism as slides of art were shown. They were allowed a minute and a half on each. The remainder of the test demanded a summary of all the knowledge gained from five weeks of intensive study.

The only Tri-City representative, Duane distinguished himself at the Institute. He earned an "A" on his final examination, "A" for the course, and graduated third in the class of hand-picked students, being the top man in the class.

Plans for the Institute this summer are still tentative. Any student interested in participating in the St. Olaf program this summer is advised to write Dr. William Narum; Summer Humanities Institute; St. Olaf College; Northfield, Minnesota.

Says Duane, summarizing his summer course, "It was a fantastic experience."

Movies

Romeo & Juliet Now Thing Now

If you want to attend a "now thing" and feel joy, pain, sorrow, hatred, and love, by all means drag your date to **Romeo and Juliet.** Although it was written some 350 years ago, the enchantment and splendor of the Zeffirelli production makes the story as fresh as today.

Romeo and Juliet are portrayed by teenagers and not by the usual mature actor and actress, therefore it is easy for a youthful audience to "get involved." The language was Elizabethian and yet the performers couldn't have made themselves more explicit.

The costuming was designed by Danilo Donati and made by a firm in Italy. Some of the gowns weighed up to 60 pounds. They were authentic reproductions and elegantly depicted the Elizabethian age.

Any person, no matter what his age, would enjoy the spectacle of **Romeo and Juliet.** Adults find it most hard to accept the concept of such a blind love, but this is most appealing to a tabula rasa teenage audience.

Trade Winds

High school dress codes have come under fire at high schools all over the country. Franklin high school in Portland, Oregon, has attempted to solve this problem. They hold discussions during every Student Council meeting to talk over the problems that have taken place the week before.

The MATADOR from San Gabriel, California, tells how their student body chose their own set of rules to go by. Anytime a rule comes under fire a vote is taken by the entire student body. So far, both student and faculty have avoided conflict.

Students in Lahainaluna high school, Lahaina, Maui, Haright and left ballet leg, and one width of the crawl, as though what one person wears, everyone wears, and the faculty approves most of it.

Whereas most schools are having a hard time trying to get the faculty to accept their standards, some places, like Jefferson high school, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, have been able to work things out. They hold a vote every year during the first week of school. If the faculty disaproves of any of the rules, they meet in closed sessions to alter what is wrong.

Students who attend Kewanee high school, Kewanee, Illinois, have made it a habit to wear clothes that suit both their tastes, and the tastes of the faculty.

If all schools could adopt to faculty standards, and vice versa, there would be more time to discuss other, more important, problems.

Now One Year Old

Youth For Retarded Is Aid To Community

Youth for Retarded is an example of what a few ambitious, fun-loving young high school kids can do. Although it only started a year ago last fall at Rocky high, it has accomplished a great many things in the field of humanity.

In co-operation with the students of Rock Island high school, the other community junior high schools wanted to lend a helping hand. This is the origin of Youth for Retarded of Rock Island County.

The purpose of the club is to raise money through bake sales, car washes, dances, fashion shows, and selling candy. They in turn spend the earned money on parties for the retarded children.

The students in the program are under the supervision of Mr. Dick Colman and Mrs. Phylis Abbott. Through their guidance, the club has received much success.

The other persons, who hold responsible positions in the organization are Jeri Fox, president; Susie Cooper, second vice-president, and Linda Bomia, secretary. Retia Gouchanour is the treasurer and the only officer from Moline high school.

YOUTH FOR RETARDED members, Linda Bomia, Susie Andich and Jeri Fox, plan for this month's meeting.

The mentally retarded are divided into three groups. The first group contains pre-school children. They try to help these children by having parties for them and providing simple recreation.

The second group is the trainable group. These persons have an IQ of at least 35. Parties are held for them and other constructive gatherings in which crafts are taught.

The workshop is the third group. The age requirement for this group is 16 years and up. A Christmas gift exchange was scheduled for them at which a combo played. One of the more interesting activities slated for the workshop group was a sock-hop at which the participants tried to decorate their socks in the most interesting way.

A Big Brother committee has been set up to make it easier for those in Youth for Retarded to get the name and phone number of one of the mentally deficient. After obtaining their names, the members call and ask the parents of these individuals for permission to take the child out to a ball game and then for a bite to eat, or maybe a show.

The goal of Youth for Retarded, this year is, to have at least one of the mentally retarded taken out to an activity such as bowling or a show at least every other week.

Time Now For Resolution

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve." A grade of "C" may bring hope and a "B" may bring a smile, but what does an "A" do? It brings, most of all, satisfaction, the feeling of accomplishment.

This semester has come to an end, but what has it brought? Pride and Accomplishment of performance? Or depression resulting from lack of accomplishment.

It is easier to learn now — when at a small school. But one must graduate and perhaps attend a large university where it is harder to get additional help.

There is always time for learning, but what other time is better than now?

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Dr. SIMS talks to teens

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SORE THROAT — DANGER SIGNAL FOR STREP

"Red" signals danger — especially the redness of sore throat in a teen-ager. Here's why:

Sore throat — even a mild one — can harbor the deadly strep (for streptococcus) germ that causes rheumatic fever, the most deadly killer and heart crippler among children and teens of all contagious diseases.

Strep germs are also the culprits in many serious ear infections, kidney infections and a common type of pneumonia.

There are two important reasons why you should contact your doctor at the first sign of a sore throat!

1. Only he can determine if the sore throat is caused by the deadly form of strep germ that leads to rheumatic fever. Some types of strep, while able to induce sore throat and other symptoms of illness, are relatively harmless. It is the type of medically termed "Group A Beta hemolytic streptococcus" that is deadly.

2. Only your physician can prescribe the medication that will knock out strep throat before it leads to further trouble. Home-made and commercial remedies, including antiseptic mouthwashes and throat lozenges, have little effect on strep throat. Only penicillin and other antibiotics are effective against the strep germ.

Strep is also highly contagious and can spread from one person to the entire family in a matter of hours. For this reason, if strep is detected, your physician may wish to prescribe antibiotics for the entire family as a protective measure.

Most important, remember that strep is not only deadly, it is sneaky.

Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to have a terribly painful, raw throat, with accompanying chills and fever, to have strep throat. Even the mildest throat redness can signal danger.

Obey that signal by contacting your physician at once — it's the only certain way to protect against the ravages of rheumatic fever that strep throat can cause.

Recent Quad-City Flu Bugs Were Not From Hong Kong

It seems that many ordinary flu and common cold cases have been receiving unnecessary respect and awe. The average person has not had the Hong Kong flu. There have been only a handful of cases reported to the local Board of Health. The high point of the epidemic will not be reached until the later part of January.

The symptoms of the Hong Kong flu include temperatures from 102-105 degrees, dizziness, aching muscles, nausia, weakness, and headache. The common flu virus that many are sick with, has many of the same symptoms, but on a much milder level.

As is many times the case, talk and rumors have turned a common thing like the Influenza virus into a major epidemic. All one has to do to avoid getting this illness is keep himself clean, get plenty of rest, and keep away from friends who have the symptoms.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

"HOW DID IT TASTE — OTHERWISE?"

Matmen To Meet Moline Maroons Tonight in Rock Island Fieldhouse

Rocky grapplers will meet the Moline Maroons tonight, renewing the ancient rivalry, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rock Island fieldhouse.

Disappointment and frustration marked the Rocks annual meeting with Alleman, as the Pioneers delt the first dual meet loss to Rocky in the history of the series.

Coach, Chester Schultz and assistants, Don DeTaye and Walt Gerber, are working hard with the team to secure strength for the up coming and important district competition.

Seniors, Chuck McDowell, Ezell Turner and Mike Boultinghouse look forward with enthusiasm to their last tournament in high school competition. The district tournament will be held in Rock Island's fieldhouse on February, 14 and 15.

Blue Devils On Menu For Rocks Tonight

Coach Bob Riley sends his surprising Rocks to George Marshall Gym to battle the Davenport Central Blue Devils in tonight's Mississippi Valley encounter.

Rock Island has been this year's surprise in basketball, compiling a record of 6-3 preceeding their encounter with Moline on January 10. Before that game the Rocks were in second place in the M.V.C. with a slate of 4 wins and 1 loss.

SEASON SCORING:
FIRST NINE GAMES

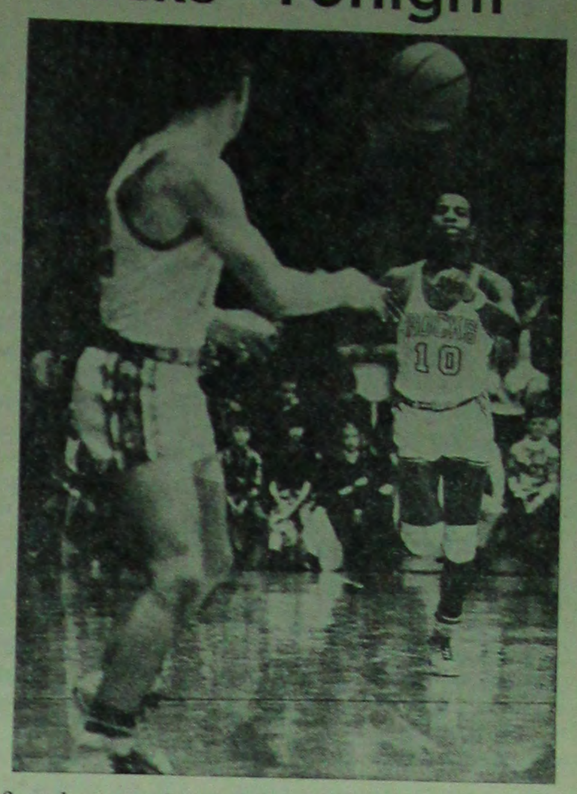
PLAYER	G	FG	FT	FG	AVG.
1. D. Briggs	9	40	34	114	12.67
2. B. Teague	9	49	14	112	12.44
3. F. Riley	9	41	17	99	11.00
4. M. Brooks	9	27	26	80	8.89
5. B. Hamm'g	8	19	31	69	8.63
6. C. Bates	9	25	16	66	7.33
7. F. Wood	9	14	9	37	4.11

Christmas vacation games provided the Rocks with 2 victories and one loss. On December 20, Rock Island tangled with the Pioneers of Alleman. Even though down by as many as 21 points, the Rocks battled back to within one in the closing stages of the game. The Pioneers held on to the win, by a score of 70-63. The following night the Kennedy Cougars invaded the Rocky fieldhouse and Rock Island got back for the previous night's loss by edging the Cougars 62-55.

Clinton's River Kings gave the Rocks their next test and the Rocks gave their season's record a boost by downing the Kings 70-61. Frank Riley led the Rocks with 18 points.

The weekend of January 3-4 provided the Rocks with two stern opponents and two hard earned victories. On Friday they tangled with Iowa City. After a late surge in the final quarter, which sent the game into overtime, the Rocks outscored the Little Hawks 5-2 and emerged 63-60 victors.

On Saturday the Aurora East Tomcats, coached by Ernie Kivisto, former East Moline coach, made a visit to the Rocky gym for a non-conference encounter. The Rocks proved they could do it again as they defeated the Tomcats by a score of 64-60.



RATED AS TWO of the finest guards in the MVC, Bernie Teague and Frank Riley connect on a fast break during a recent home game.

Rock Island Tankers Defeat West; Host Central; Beat the Blue Devils

Rock Island tankers had two swim meets before Christmas vacation got underway. Tuesday night, December 17, the Rocks traveled to Davenport West to defeat the Falcon's with a 58-37 score.

Numerous records fell in this meet. Winners for Rock Island were John Timm, Wolfgang Kristmantis, Stan Lohmeier and Dave Conrad in the 200 yd. medley relay. Marc Gilliam placed first in the 50 yd. freestlye with Ted Brown close behind him. In the 200 yd. individual medley, Keith Gilliam set a new school record and broke West's pool record.

Sam Karon and Stan Lohmeier both placed first in the diving and the 100 yd. butterfly respectively. In the 100 yd. freestyle Keith Gilliam set another record and Ted Brown placed 3rd in that same event.

Scott Boxman and John Timm placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the 100 yd. backstroke while Bob Lohmeier and Todd Anderson finished 1st and 3rd in the 400 yd. freestyle. The 400 yd. freestyle relay consisting of Boxman, Jon Duyvejonck, and Bob Lohmeier, and Marc Gilliam also set a new pool record. All of these wins added to the Rocks defeat over West.

Thursday, December 19, the Rocks hosted Davenport Central and defeated them with a 68½-25½ victory. Rocky won nine of the 11 events. Winners for the Rock's were the 200 yd. medley relay, consisting of Scott Boxman, Wolfgang Kristmantis, Marc and Keith Gilliam. Bob Lohmeier won the 200 yd. freestyle, while his brother, Stan, also came in with a first in the 200 yd. individual medley.

Sam Karon and Marc Gilliam won the diving and the butterfly events in that order. Keith Gilliam set a new school record in the 100 yd. freestyle, and Bob Lohmeier copped his second win of the night in the 400 yd. freestyle. W. Krismantis won the 100 yd. breaststroke and the 400 yd. freestyle relay team captured a first place.

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The delegation from the Quad-City area is shown with the keynote speaker, Dr. A. Lincoln Read, Senior Physicist, National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, Illinois. Delegates and their schools are: left to right, (seated) Lynne Gaberdiel, Bettendorf; Dr. Read; Sister Jane Frances, Chairman of the Science Department, Alleman; Pat VanDeVelde, Villa de Chantal. (standing) Frank Gorshe, Chemistry Instructor, Bettendorf; Tracy Stollberg, Rock Island; Stephan Holmgren, Davenport West; Gregory Bush, Alleman; Michael Graham, Moline; Edwin Motto, Assumption; Steven White, Davenport Central; and Orest Akulow, United Township, East Moline.

Quad-City Delegation Enjoys
10th Annual Youth Conference On The Atom

Sponsored by Iowa-Illinois, these Quad-Citians joined some 700 other top-ranked high school science students and instructors at the National Conference in Chicago November 21-23.

The Conference, which is conducted by investor-owned Electric Companies from all parts of the nation, is designed to present an authoritative picture of the peaceful atom in its various applications and to help advance interest in the study of science.

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Jan. Rotarians Are Chosen

The Junior Rotarians for the month of January are Dave Johnston and Rick Miers.

Dave is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Johnston, 1826-37th St., Rock Island. Dave is a member of the Key club and is president of the Dramatic club.

He has participated in three plays, **Night Must Fall, Philadelphia, Here I Come,** and **The Lady's Not For Burning.** Dave has directed a one-act play and is Co-editor of the second semester **Crimson-Crier** staff.

Rick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Wise, 1546-29½ St., Rock Island. Rick was 1968 co-captain of the football team. He is also a member of the Key club and the Letterman's club, is a senator and participated in intra-mural basketball. Rick will also participate in spring track.

The January Rotarians are the first to attend Rotary meetings of this new year.

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PRUNE SPEAKS

by Frank Thomas

Attention, new hobby enthusiasts! Automatic Typing is here. It's similar to automatic writing, often used by mediums, mystics, and other weirdos. I came across it as I was sitting at the breakfast table eating my Corn Smudgies. There was an interesting ad on the back of the package.

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Needless to say, I got the set. I studied the Book every morning over a bowl of Corn Smudgies. Basically, all one has to do is clear his mind of everything and his hands just start typing, automatically. So, today I'm going to try Automatic Typing for the first time. I've just finished my third bowl of Corn Smudgies (step one) and now I'm concentrating on absolutely nothing: mdiltkyhrukthink prunejduhl.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT for these Dolphinettes, who are doing a ballet leg.

Rocky's Synchronized Swim Team Attracts Over 50 Girls At Tryouts

Over fifty girls participated in tryouts for Rock Island's Girls Dophinettes synchronized swim team on December 20 and 21. The girls had been coming to work outs every Friday night for two months prior to tryouts. They worked on water ballet stunts along with improving their strokes and grace in the water. Tryouts are for the sole purpose of a show put on by the girls in early April.

Mr. Gary Ackerson, coach of the Rock Island's boys' swim team and sponsor of Rocky's Dolphinettes, was the judge of the event. Each girl was required to do one width of waii, have been even thought of having dress rules. It seems backstroke, breast stroke, and side stroke. Then the required stunts performed first the Kipp, then the back Dolphin, summer-sub, Barracuda, and then an optional stunt.

Besides the high school girls, there has been an addition this year. It consists of one act in the show made up of junior high girls from local school. Over Christmas vacation and until April, the girls will be working on the show.

Music Guild's 1969 Season Includes "West Side Story"

"Oklahoma," "Once upon a Mattress," and "West Side Story" will be staged for the 1969 season of the Quad-City Music Guild at the Prospect Park Auditorium in Moline. Mr. Frank Mack is the Guild producer.

Auditions for parts in all three shows, as well as for orchestra members, were held on January 5 and 12. The final audition will be held on January 19. Those auditionnig for "West Side Story" from Rocky are Dave Leetch, Dawn Cole, Debbie Peiper, Tim Herman, Dan Frank, Jack Downing, Diane Pirman, and Jim Reed.

Mr. Mack stated that the three shows provide "a greater variety of musical theater in one season than ever offered before and more great parts for local talent than ever before."

"Oklahoma!" will be staged June 19-23; 'O'nce Upon a Mattress," July 10-14; and "West Side Story," July 31-August 4. Each of the shows is staged for five nights, Thursday through Monday, with reserved seats sold for the first four nights.

Mr. Mack commented, "All three shows will appeal to all age groups with no 'adults only' disclaimer attached to any of them."

Skiers Leave For Chestnut

Rock Island high school's ski club is planning a ski trip to Chestnut Mountain Lodge at Galena, Illinois. The bus will be leaving at 7:00 a.m. sharp on Saturday, January 18, and will be returning at 6:00 p.m. that night. Persons going on the trip who do not own their own equipment can rent it once they get up there.

Mr. James Peterson, the sponsor of the club, accompanied a group of club members up to Mt. LaCrosse at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, during the Christmas vacation, and another big trip is planned.

This trip is going to be to Aspen in Colorado. It will be during the long Easter vacation and the transportation will be by train. This vacation will be for an entire week, and will cost the students individually about $200.00 apiece.

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Up to this date the staff has sold 775 yearbooks, but expects to sell many more before the year is over.

The yearbook is being printed by the American Yearbook Company with many changes throughout the complete book. One of the major changes will be a three-column layout instead of the traditional two-column one. Another change will be more color pictures; this year there will be over 15.

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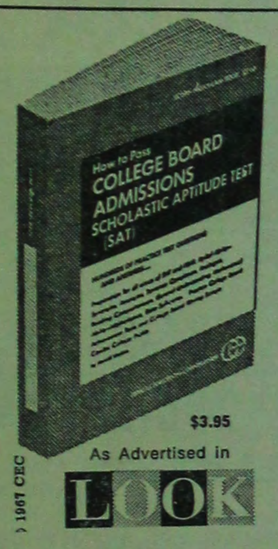

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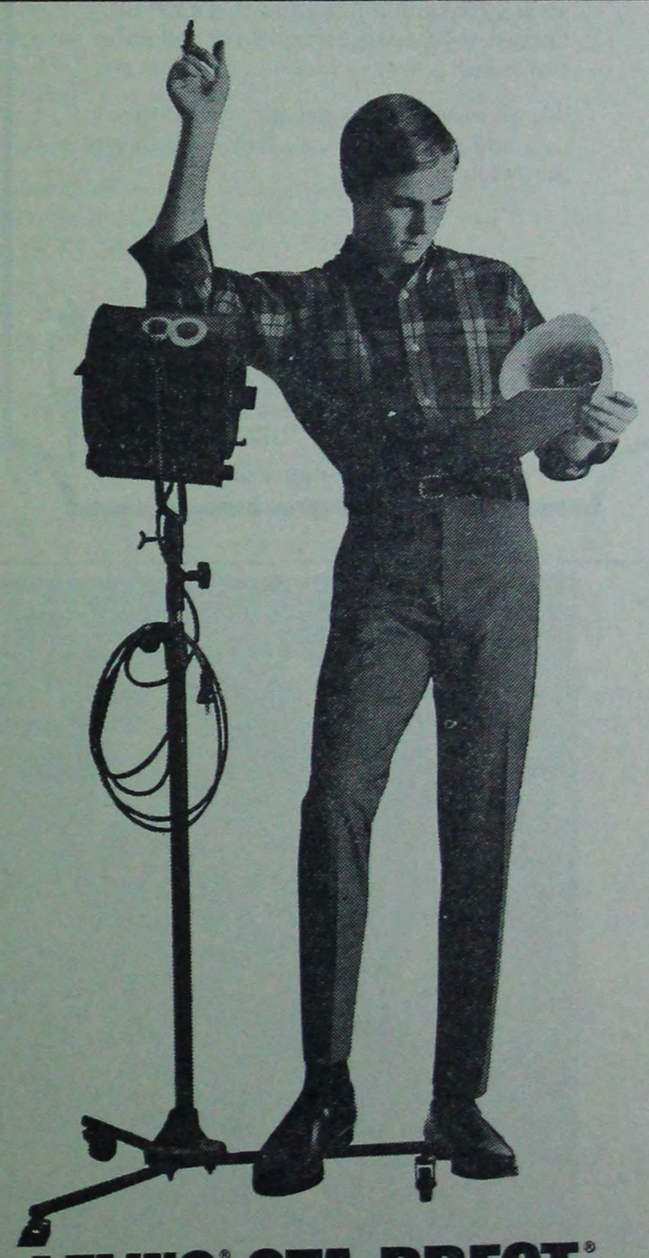

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