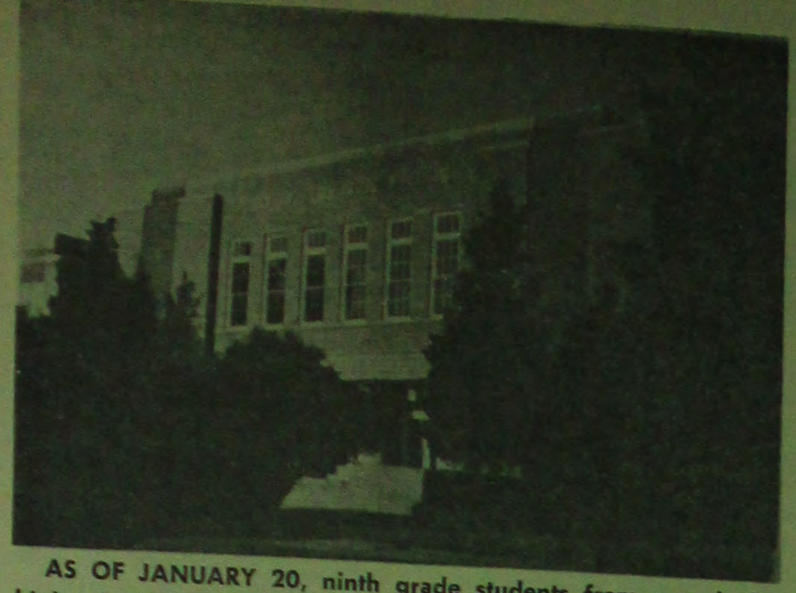

AS OF JANUARY 20, ninth grade students from area junior high schools were considered as high school students although not attending the building.

Freshmen Join Rocky Ranks

Along with a new name comes new faces. For Rock Island High School, recently changed from Rock Island Senior High School, the rule is no exception. Beginning the record semester, January 20, ninth grade students from area junior high schools are regarded as high school freshmen.

The new high schoolers are able to represent Rocky in athletic, music, speech and dramatic events. Academic grades received during the ninth grade year become part of the students permanent record and are considered as high school grades.

In order that freshmen be taught on the same level as sophomores, juniors and seniors, ninth grade teachers are required to meet standards set by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Fewer than 50 high schools in Illinois fail to meet the accreditation standards for teachers, but Rock Island is one that does.

The school administration recommended to the Rock Island Board of Education the reorganization of the three-year high school system to a four-year system. More than 700 high schools in Illinois are organized as four-year high schools.

The Board approved the recommendation along with a program whereby high school students will be able to attend vocational education classes next year at United Township High School, East Moline. Rock Island joins United Township, Orion Riverdale, and Rockridge high school districts in participating in the program. Rock Island students will attend on a tuition basis. Courses being offered include welding, machine shop, auto body repairs, and auto mechanics.

The Board of Education also adopted a recommendation adding home economics occupational courses to Rocky's curriculum. The courses will be in the form of work-study programs.

Before the changes, Rock Island's school system consisted of one year of kindergarten, six years of elementary school, three years of junior high and three years of high school. Now, the system consists of one year of kindergarten, six years of elementary school, two years of junior high, and four years of high school.

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Students Plan To Tour Europe

For the fourth consecutive year, the People-to-People High School Student Ambassador Program is sponsoring a summer trip to Europe. This trip, open to high school students, upon recommendations, has three main purposes: It promotes international friendship, it educates the visitors, and it provides the broadening influence of travel in foreign lands.

The student ambassadors will visit thirteen countries including Communist controlled East Berlin, Prague and Czechoslovakia. They will also tour Scotland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, France, the Low Countries and England. One of the biggest features of the trip will be staying at the home of some of the people of the different lands. The student will be able to stay with the families for a period of four or five days. During this time the ambassadors will be able to exchange ideas and meet new acquaintances.

This year, Mrs. Beula Sandway, who has acted as the area director for two years has assigned Mr. Kenneth Koch as the director for this trip. He will serve as the guide.

The student ambassadors will meet six times before they leave the United States. The meetings will acquaint them with the countries they are going to visit.

There are certain qualifications that you must meet before you may be considered as a candidate to be a People-to-people ambassador. One of the qualifications is being capable of properly representing and speaking for our country abroad.

They will be carefully selected through a written application, health examination certificate, and personal screening interviews. To qualify you must have a good school record and an interest in people and international affairs. Most of all you must have a desire to understand the people of other countries.

Editorial Appears In Press Review

The editorial "Right To Public Assembly Threatened By Mob Action" written by Bill Ellison and appearing in the September 27 issue of **The Crimson Crier** was an "Editorials . . . Choice of the Month" feature in **The School Press Review** for December. This magazine is the Journal of the Columbia Schoalstic Press Association.

Rocky Debaters Post 3-5, 6-2 Record at East Peoria

Two Rock Island High School debate teams traveled to East Peoria Community High School on January 11, to compete in the 11th annual Speech Invitational.

Debating for Rock Island in the sub-varsity competition traditional debate were John Robison and Debbie Bennett on the Negative and Duane Taylor with Maynard Siegel alternating with Marty Leftstein.

The Junior Varsity finished in second place in the tourney with the highest number of speaker points in that division. Peoria Richwood took first place with a 7-1 record. Rock Island had a 6-2 record, and 14 schools participated.

The Rock Island Varsity was made up of David Heinze and Bob Martensen on the Negative and Bill Andrew and Linnea Johnson on the Affirmative. The varsity posted a 3-5 record in 4 rounds of cross - examination style debate. Peoria Richwoods took first in this division.

The Peoria schools offer the stiffest competition at sectional.

By meeting them in preliminary competition the team felt that they could be better prepared to take them on in the battle to see who goes to state.

This year, cross-examination debate will be featured in most tournaments for the first time. While this style makes points of direct clash stand out, it also requires that a debater be cool-tempered, quick-thinking and extremely well-read.

Rocky debate coach, Bill Armstrong, commented that he was very pleased by the J-V performance. He also said that it was a good indication when the 1st year Rocky debaters compete in a tournament and post a 3-5 record when other area schools have returning lettermen and post an 0-8 record.

SENIOR SENATE MEMBERS Dave Wynes, Helane Golden, and Howard Waxenberg study provisions on school rules, for next week's meeting.

18 Member School Rules Review Committee Recently Formed At R.I.

A committee to review school rules has recently been formed at Rock Island High School. The committee will number eighteen and will be made up of ten teachers, seven students, and one representative of the administration.

The ten teachers are Mr. John Stone, who acts as head of the group, Mr. William Armstrong, Mr. William Ferrill, Mr. William Hardin, Mr. Jerry Janecke, Miss Marjorie Johnson, Miss Marsha Lyons, Mr. Robert Motz, Mr. Charles Oestreich, and Mr. Richard Sias.

It has been decided that seven students will represent the student body, three from the senior class, two from the junior class, and two from the sophomore class. They are seniors: Helane Golden, Howard Waxenberg, David Wynes; juniors, John Robinson and Mary Wilde; and sophomores: Debbie Foley and Grey Carlson. The administration representative is Mr. Edward Evans, Assistant Principal.

Mr. John Stone stated that the purpose of the committee is to make a continuing study of the school rules in order to help them keep up to date. He feels that as time changes there is a possibility that the different rules will change also. It is hoped that when something does come up, the committee will be able to solve the problem. He added that if anyone has any questions, they should contact him.

Class Rings Selected By Junior Class

Class rings will be ordered by most of the juniors on January 29, 1969. The rings are ordered from Josten Jewelers in Minnesota. The junior class officers will have the honor of picking out the styles that will best suit the rest of their fellow classmates.

A representative from Jostens fits the students for the right ring size. Then the students pick out the ring of their choice. The price range is from $8.95, for a girl's miniature, to $28.80, for a boy's extra-large. There is a $5 deposit when the rings are ordered and the balance is paid when the rings are delivered.

The check is payable to Rock Island High School, not Josten Jewelers. At the first of May, there is an average of 90% of all juniors ordering rings and by the end of fall there are nearly 100% receiving rings.

Music Dept. To Present "Charley"

The two act musical comedy, "Where's Charley?" which is based on the comedy "Charley's Aunt," has been selected for the spring musical to be presented at Rock Island High School at 8 P.M., April 11-12 in the high school auditorium.

Music and lyrics for "Where's Charley?" were composed by Frank Loesser and the musical adaptation was written by George Abbott for the comedy.

The casting for the comedy started the latter part of this month and may continue into February.

Vocal music for "Where's Charley?" will be managed by the director of vocal music, Murray J. Osborn, a business education teacher, F. Eugene Malcom, and the director of the orchestra, Jerome P. Hart, will assist him.

Two years ago, the first musical that was presented by the music department was "Oklahoma." "Guys and Dolls" was last year's presentation.

"The New Ashmolean Marching Society and Students Conservatory Band," and "Once in Love with Amy," are two of the songs included in the musical.

The sale of the tickets for the musical comedy, "Where's Charley?" will start in February, the month before the presentation. People will be able to purchase tickets from persons in the vocal department or any member of the comedy.

Q-C Student Congress Planning All-School Art Exhibit For May

Quint-Cities Student Congress is now preparing for an all-school art exhibit to be held May 3-25. (The dates are only temporary.) It is to be held at Davenport Municipal Art Gallery.

The art show will be open to all students from grades 9 to 12. Each participant will be entered as a student from his prospective school, but all competition will be on an individual basis.

The five areas of competition include: 1) oil, 2) sculpture, 3) pottery, 4) prints, and 5) drawing. Each student will be required to fill an application and no entrance fee is required.

Quint-Cities Student Congress is an organization, of delegates from the student councils of nine area high schools, to promote sportsmanship between the various high schools in the area.

The president of the Quint-Cities Student Congress is Steve VanSpeybroeck, Alleman; Vice president is Bev Freeman, Bettendorf; Secretary is Criss Stolmeier, Assumption; Treasurer is Bill Frye, United Township.

Members representing Rock Island High School are Laurie Anderson, Frank Wood, Toni Canny, Sylvie Mathe, Howard Waxenberg, Debbie Foley, Nancy Schneider, Helane Golden and Assistant Principal Edward Evans.

Mr. Richard Klatt, art instructor at Rock Island High School, says to contact him or Laurie Anderson, student director of the art show, for any further information.

March of Dimes Drive Is Success

This year, as in the past, Rocky did its part in the annual March of Dimes drive. Contributions were taken in Senates over a four day period. This period began January 21 and continued through January 23, with Tuesday January 27 added.

One hundred nine dollars was collected the first day, $120.29 the second, and $111.16 the third day. There was also the opportunity to give at home basketball games. One hundred thirty dollars was collected at the Moline game on January 10. Donations were taken at the January 26 game and will also be taken at tonight's game with East Moline.

Rocky has always made an impressive and generous gift to this drive. In 1966, for example, $1,133.72 was given. This total was topped in 1967 when Rocky students gave $1,250.11 and $1,232.12 was the amount collected in 1968.

The money is always put to good use. Millions of less fortunate persons benefit from the offerings of others. Children and adults both are aided.

MARK BROOKS, RICK Miers, Howard Waxenberg, Marc Gilliam and Frank Wood; king candidates for the February Swirl, relax in the student lounge during a hectic day.

Slate Of Five Candidates Selected For Coronation At Sweetheart Swirl

Five senior boys were chosen as candidates for King of the Sweetheart Swirl at a recent Y-Teens meeting. They are Mark Brooks, Marc Gilliam, Rick Miers, Howard Waxenberg and Frank Wood.

Coronation, the high point of the February 8 Swirl, will be at 10:30 when the King will be crowned and his court introduced. All Y-Teens girls may vote for one of these candidates after buying their tickets.

The Y-Teens sponsored Sweetheart Swirl will be held in the Y.W.C.A. gymnasium with the chosen theme of Heavenly Hearts. Complimenting the theme will be decorations of hearts and cupids with basic colors of blue, green, gold and white.

Illusions of clouds are planned with the use of dry ice in a fountain surrounded by cherubs.

Music will be provided by Kenneth Wand and his orchestra and pictures will be taken by the Rock Island High School Camera Club.

Girls eligible to attend the Sweetheart Swirl must have three service projects, attended at least two meetings, and have helped on decorations for an hour on Saturday morning. If she has only two service projects she may come at 7:00 A.M. Sunday morning and help take the decorations from the Swirl down.

Tickets will be three dollars and can only be purchased after an hour of work on the decorations. Each year the Y-Teens sponsor the formal turnabout dance where the girls ask the boys and are responsible for the expenses of the evening. It is usually a more enjoyable evening for the boys because the girls are treating for a change.

PTSA Panel To Discuss RI Relations

The Rock Island Senior High Parents, Teachers, Students Association will meet on their regular evening, the first Thursday of the month, February 6, in the Rocky library at 7:30 p.m.

On the agenda for this month's meeting is a report by the nominating committee and then election of new officers for the 1969-70 school year. In accordance with Founders Day, recognition will be given to past P.T.S.A. past president. There will also be a panel with a question and answer period in accordance with the theme and February's phase of it.

President Mrs. Irene Bergeson announced that the year's theme, "Let's narrow the generation gap," will be amended this month with "By sharing our concern for better human relations." Discussing this topic then will be Mrs. John E. Breck as moderator along with Mrs. Holger Lund, Mrs. Ethel Sherlock and Mrs. Herbert Kramer participating. In the past the meetings have covered curriculum and scheduling, awareness of the generation gap, appreciation of art and the next meeting on May 1 will cover auto safety.

Mrs. Bergeson urges all interested to attend this meeting.

Red Letter Days

January

31—East Moline Here; "Arms and the Man" Playcrafter — Barn Theatre, Moline

February

1—Wrestling — East Moline Sophs There; Swimming — M.V.C. Varsity Washington; Dubuque There

2—Friends of Chamber Music — Augustana College

4—Swimming — Assumption Here

7—Schmidt Assembly; Jefferson Here

8—Wrestling — Washington Here; Swimming — Thornridge Here; Galesburg Here; A.C.T. Test; Sweetheart Swirl

12—No School — Lincoln's Birthday

Changes In School Will Produce Problems, Answers

Rock Island Senior High School is no more. It is gone forever, never to return. Rock Island High School has taken its place, however. The change in name resulted from the decision of the school board to include ninth grade pupils as full-fledged students of Rocky.

Freshmen are still to attend classes at their respective junior high buildings but will now be able to participate in many activities that were formerly reserved for upperclassmen. These activities include athletics, debate, music, and drama.

The new arrangement will provide for greater flexibility in the school system by allowing the high school building and facilities to be used by ninth graders.

One of the problems resulting from the change may be that of establishing an identity for ninth grade students. A student attending one school and belonging to another one may feel that he is in a kind of limbo. Looking at the other side of the problem however, the pupil may be able to pick up "the best of both worlds."

Grades for college entrance will now be averaged starting in the ninth grade. This possibly will place additional pressure on the college-bound student. Whether or not this pressure is good or bad is debatable.

The modern trend in education has been to the four year high school, and there no doubt will be both problems and solutions found in the new arrangement. Only time will tell if the change will be a wise one.

Remember When We Had Assemblies On Every Single Friday Morning?

Students grumble. Teachers try to explain. The routine of school seems a bit more routine than it has in years past. There are no Friday assemblies on the regular basis that previously existed.

Why not? One reason is the higher price for paid assemblies this year. This obstacle, however, only leads to the root of the problem — some of the students' reactions. Why pay more for an assembly that teachers may have reason to believe students do not appreciate?

Unfortunately, last year some of the students earned notoriety for themselves and their less vocal, more appreciative classmates as being one of the worst audiences in the Quint-City area. Therefore, last summer it was decided that since Friday assemblies are a privilege and not a right, the number of assemblies would be cut. This cut's goal was to reduce the "taken-for-granted" attitude toward assemblies among some students.

The result of the fewer assemblies has been that students have averaged only one Friday a month when they could break from the groove of everyday school activities to be entertained, to be a little more painlessly educated, to cheer as a group for the school teams.

Some students apparently have not yet learned their lesson. They continue to try to disrupt the assembly programs, greatly detracting from the enjoyment of their fellow students.

The point can be repeated for emphasis: Assembly programs are not a right but a privilege. Conduct yourself as young adults or they can be reduced to . . . nothing.

Snow, Ice Offer Annual Driving Hazards To Rock Island Drivers

Winter is here and along with it comes ice, snow, and hazardous driving. If you want to be sure that 1969 is one of your safest years, try following some of these winter driving tips.

Begin by equipping your car with snow tires or chains. Though they do provide traction, neither will permit you to drive on a slippery pavement at normal speeds. Speed should be reduced to correspond with conditions.

Watch the car ahead of you. Make sure you have enough distance between cars to stop safely. Remember that even though a road seems clear, frost and patches of ice like to lurk in shady spots, at intersections surrounded by tall buildings or trees, on the north and west sides of hills, bridge floors, and at the bottom of banked curves and crowned roads.

Always watch for danger spots ahead. It's a fact that at 32°, when ice is wettest, it takes twice as long to stop as it does at zero. When driving on packed snow, at 40 mph it takes 336 feet to stop. On ice or sleet at 40 mph it takes 745 feet to stop.

Be sure that all windows are clear and visibility is at its best. Regularly check windshield wipers and defroster to see that they are in proper working order.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

"-WELL, THEN, IF YOU'RE NOT HAPPY IN CHEMISTRY MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING IN MUSIC OR ART?"

Dubbed Little Chicago

RI Looney Legend Lives On

by Lauri Green

Twenty years of scandal, fear, and destruction play a bizarre role in the history of Rock Island, and a certain newspaper called the **Rock Island News.** Its founder and publisher was John Looney. Its purpose was blackmail.

No filthier, more libelous newspaper has ever been printed in the United States. The head lines often read: "Accuse Mayor of Stepping Out on His Wife," or "Moline Jeweler — Dope Fiend," "Prominent Banker — Consort of Prostitutes." All these stories were written in the foulest language and no respectable person would be caught dead reading them.

Occasionally the items were true but usually they were completely false accusations. Looney would inform a prominent citizen that a certain article, injurious to his reputation, was about to appear in the **Rock Island News.** The citizen would often "pay off" to avoid the publicity, whether the accusation was true or not. The more valuable the name, the higher the price to keep any "story" out of the paper.

This is how John Looney made his money — blackmail. He used the excuse that his paper was crusading for justice and morality.

In 1908, the grandfather of Mr. Dale Walker, (Davenport resident) took over the newspaper by gaining controlling stock. The next night the press was destroyed by a bomb and Wally Wilmerton was nearly killed. Looney was blamed.

Shortly afterward, while standing in his dining room, Looney was shot. He believed Wilmerton was the culprit and it is the blood from this wound that still stains the floor at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Dale, who recently bought the home from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schubert. It is a large white house overlooking Blackhawk Road.

John Looney

Today this stain is the last grim reminder of Looney's "hideout" that hasn't been changed. It was found that no amount of sanding would remove the spot.

The twenty-five room monstrosity was first purchased by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Penniston who spent seven years remodeling it into the pleasant English Colonial home it is at present. In order to do this they removed the three tiered front porch, third floor ballroom, and secret staircase leading from the third floor to the ground level and "getaway" cars.

The Pennistons also closed up a tunnel leading from the basement to the Looney barn, which for many years was the scene of illegal cock fights and bulldog fights. Looney charged admission, together with a percentage of the bets for his brutal pastime. The barn has also been fashioned into a home since then.

In 1909, Looney took over the Rock Island News again, moving it to a garage beside another of his houses known as "Looneys-roost at 2012 16th Avenue.

From this time on Looney was surrounded by body guards. He rarely bathed and always looked dirty and unkept. He had been married but his wife died shortly after their son, Conner, was born.

A gang riot occurred when, in 1912, Looney was beaten, almost to death, after printing a scandalous story about Mayor H. M. Schriver, who did the clubbing personally. An innocent bystander, Raymond Swingo, was killed and several others wounded. A month later Looney went to his ranch in New Mexico where he stayed for nine years.

Looney revived the Rock Island News again in 1916, putting Dan Drost, his old henchman, in control under the watchful eye of John Looney. At the same time, Anthony Billburg, one of the former lieutenants under Looney, formed a rival syndicate. This meant war to the cunning vice lord who returned in March of 1921 to fight. He kicked out Drost who joined Billburg in forming a new paper to smear the "king" gangster.

Now Looney was at the height of his power. Police and city officials bowed down to him. He sold protection for "bootleggers" and those who didn't "pay off" were raided. Because of prohibition, the people who were raided had to hire Looney as their attorney (at tremendous fees) in order to get off with a fine instead of a jail sentence.

There was nothing anyone could do to stop John Looney until Bill Gable, a saloon owner, could no longer afford Looney's "protection" and turned some of his cancelled checks to Looney over to federal agents. On July 31, 1922, Gable was murdered while entering his tavern. Court evidence showed the hail of bullets that cut down Gable to be Looney's handywork, but they let it drop.

A short time later, Conner, 21, John Looney's only son, was shot and killed in an ambush meant for his father. Looney protected himself at his son's funeral by personally picking the armed pallbearers. The trials that followed resulted in the conviction of Anthony Billburg for twenty years and George Holsapple, George Buckly and Dan Drost for fourteen years each.

Organized crime was going out. Looney lost his strange control over city officials and eventually was indicted for the murder of Bill Gable. The headlines of the last edition of the Rock Island News edited by Looney read: DEATH OF THE LOCAL ROCK ISLAND NEWS; VICE CONDITIONS OF THE CITY WHICH NEWS HAS FOUGHT FOR YEARS ALMOST CLEANED UP; Cost J. Looney His Only Son And Has Seen His Reputation Blasted By Argus Liars, But Sacrifice Was Not In Vain!

In 1925 Looney went to prison. After serving nine years at Stateville, he was released in the charge of his daughter, living in Texas, because he became very ill with tuberculosis. That was in 1934.

As far as Rock Island is concerned John Looney died forty-three years ago. No actual record of his death is known. Some say he died at his daughter's home, others say he was seen in the Quint-Cities in the last year.

Afro-American Heritage

Black Music — Song Of A Past

by Vicci Marshall

"Go down Moses, way down to Egyp' land, go and tell 'ole Pharoah, to let my people go." Are these words still sung today? What were the feelings and background of a people who sang this song?

In the early 17th century, slaves were first brought to America. Black men were different from other Americans, and this difference kept them in bondage for 300 years.

Slaves were Christianized and most turned to God as their only hope for freedom. They worked from sunup to sundown and often sang to ease their labor. From this people and this life, came songs such as "Go Down Moses," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen." These were slow haunting songs telling of the desire for a deliverer and life as it was for the slave.

Blues was another facet of black music. It was sung during another era. The Afro-American was free legally, but still a slave of ignorance and poverty. His life was simple enough; it consisted of food to eat, a roof over his head, a job, and his family.

He raised children and loved them and sometimes the situation in which he raised his children destroyed them. Sometimes the condition in which he lived destroyed him if not physically, emotionally, killing his will to live.

He sang the blues to tell others when some part of his world collapsed. Therefore the main topics of blues songs are sad, but resigned to the black man's fate. They are dealt with realistically and simple and their effect lies in others' understanding of them.

"At last that blessed day has come, and I don't care where you come from, we're movin' on up." "We're A Winner," a popular song, reflects the black man's increasing pride in his race. Today, black music is generally categorized as "soul" music. This term takes in spirituals, and rhythm and blues along with popular music. This is an erroneous term because all music is an expression of the soul. "Soul" music is not distinctive because it expresses the soul but because of what is in the soul it expresses.

THE HANDS OF Duramani Janet play on a pair of bongo drums; one of the first black musical instruments in history.

The Afro-American soul is full of many things; remembering the past, the African heritage, the heritage of slavery, the long road to freedom; seeing the present, increasing opportunities, and looking forward to a brighter tomorrow. With broader horizons for all men. It's music "soul" music, reflects these things.

The black man's history can be traced through his music. The black past is a medley of songs, some joyous, many mournful, but all beautiful and meaningful.

Trade Winds

High school students across the nation are participating in educational projects that are preparing them for the time when they will be on their own. The exchange papers received by the **Crimson Crier** staff are always full of interesting stories about organizations and programs that are going on right now. Here are three examples:

Students from Tucson High School in Tucson, Arizona participate in a unique organization. The **Cactus Chronicle** reports that students from this school attended the 7th session of the Arizona Model United Nations. In this model of the international peace-making body, the students represent different country's delegations. In this way over 700 students from all over Arizona learn how the U.N. works.

A tutoring program has been aided by the students of Lane High School in Charlottesville, Virginia. **The Lanetime** reports that each student volunteering for the program is given one to three pupils to instruct in either math or phonoetics. Most of the students participating in the program are members of Future Teachers of America. They state that though the work is hard and requires a lot of preparation, they enjoy doing it.

Bunch's Bibliomania

Potok's Chosen Breathes Love

by Debbie Bunch

Mr. Chaim Potok has written a unique book. **The Chosen** may at first skimming seem to have little appeal — a mere relating of a David and Jonathan friendship between two Jewish boys. Yet **The Chosen** is a love story in the deepest sense of the word, although it offers no hint of romance.

The love expressed here is love which too frequently makes our "sophisticated" society snicker or turn up its collective nose in scorn. It is true love, not pulp from movie magazines. Love cements together Danny Saunders, a proud Hasidic Jew, and Reuven Malter, equally proud but an "apikoros," a non-Hasidic Orthodox Jew. Love binds both boys very tightly to their fathers. Love fetters the two of them to their religion.

The plot of this book is not intricate, but it is masterfully compelling. The tale in its most basic form is of two boys trying to fulfill their obligations to themselves. One, Reuven, does this by his decision to become a rabbi, while his friend Danny must renounce his father's rabbinic ambitions for him. Yet beneath this plot, so profound in its simplicity, slumbers the real significance of the book.

An ancient philosophy motivates **The Chosen** — the idea that love is the most important, the most meaningful thing in life. Yet Mr. Potok has written a unique book — simply because in a time when it is neither fashionable nor profitable, he reaffirms his inmost beliefs. **The Chosen** is a book which demands something of the reader's heart as well as his mind.

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Rocks Tangle With Panthers Tonight; Lose Miss. Valley Lead To Wash.

"We'll beat them," announced coach Bob Riley about the Rocky-East Moline basketball game to be played tonight at the Rock Island field house.

The last encounter between the Rocks and the Panthers showed the Rocks making a fighting come-back from a bad first half to lose 77 to 71.

Coach Cliff Talley of East Moline will possibly start these players in the Panther go tonight: Darrell Samuels and Dave Vickroy at the forward positions, Malcolm Samuels and Bennie Haliburton as the guards and Greg Davis as their center.

The Rocks post four players with double figures. They are Bernie Teague, Frank Riley, DeArmond Briggs, and Bruce Hamming. These players will, with Mark Brooks, be the possible starting line up for the Rock Island Rocks.

The East Moline Panthers will have one advantage over the Rocks — height. With speed, tremendous ballhandling, and shooting accuracy, the Rocks, averaging less than six feet, should break this barrier and show an exciting game to the fans.

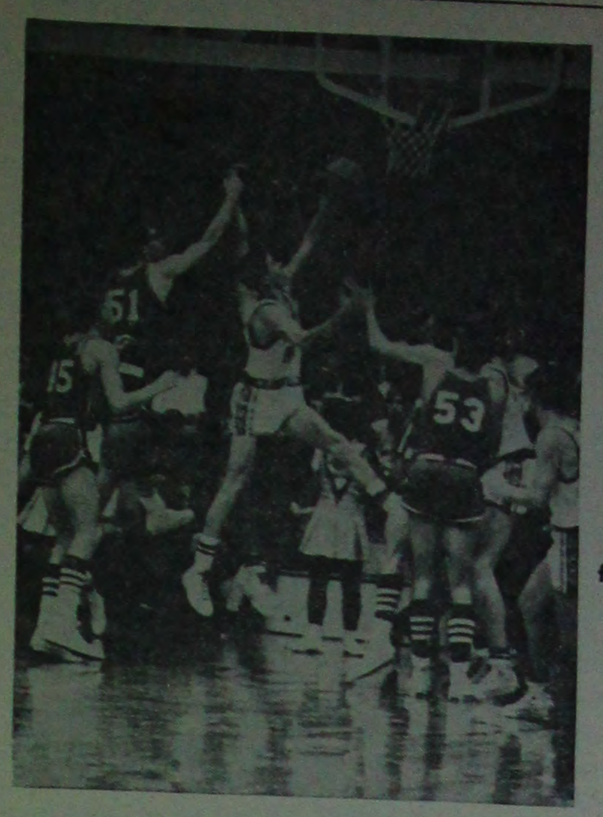
On Jan. 17 the Rocks traveled to Dav. Central for their sixth victory in a row. After losing a big lead, the Rocks rallied for a 71-67 decision over the Blue Devils. DeArmond Briggs took team scoring honors with 18 points. The next night saw Washington at the Rocky field house. After being down by 14 points, the Rocks made a brilliant come-back to lose 67-66. Riley took team scoring honors with 15 points, while Brooks, Teague, and Hamming accounted for 14 each.

Then coach Bob Riley took his surprising Rocks to Dav. West to claim a 69-44 win over the Falcons. The Rocks rolled all over West, forcing them to make 24 turnovers. Ten of the West errors resulted in Rock Island baskets. DeArmond Briggs led the Rocks in scoring with 21 points. Teague was next with 13, Riley had 11 and Bates added 10.

The next night showed the Rocks smothering Rockford West, the last remaining unbeaten prep team in Illinois, by the score of 75-49. The Rocks tough defense, using the press most of the game, was a key factor in Rocky's easy win. The Islanders out scored West in every period and went into the last quarter with a 23-point lead. Guard Frank Riley led the Rocks with 20 points. The Rocks have now compiled a 10-4 slate.

SEASON SCORING: FIRST TEN GAMES

Player:	G	FG	FT	TP	Avg.
1. Bernie Teague	10	57	15	129	12.90
2. DeArmond Briggs	10	40	37	117	11.70
3. Frank Riley	10	47	20	114	11.40
4. Bruce Hamming	9	28	40	96	10.67
5. Mark Brooks	10	30	27	87	8.70
6. Carl Bates	10	28	18	74	7.40
7. Frank Wood	10	14	13	41	4.10



THE PRESSURE MOUNTS in the Rocky field house as Mark Brooks leaps above the opposition to retrieve the ball and and score for the Rocks.

Sophomores To Compete In Wrestling Tournament

For the first time in the history of Rock Island wrestling, the Pebbles will compete in a sophomore wrestling tournament to be held in East Moline February 1. Preliminaries get under way at 9 a.m., with semi-finals rounding out the morning schedule at 11 a.m. In the afternoon, the consolation matches begin at 1 a.m., while the finals are scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

Teams entered in this extremely tough meet include Rock Island Alleman, Bettendorf, East Moline, Riverdale, Davenport Central, Galesburg, Moline, and Rock Island. Bettendorf is slightly favored to win over East Moline. Bettendorf sophomores are undefeated while East Moline has been beaten twice, both times by the Bettendorf Bulldogs.

Stand-outs for the Rocks include Ron Banks, Rick Benz, Mike Hodge, and George Day. These Rocks will battle for ribbons in the first, second and third places. Trophies will be presented to first and second place teams.

The Varsity wrestlers will take on an undefeated Cedar Rapids Washington team on February 8 at the Rocky field house. Washington's grapplers take on a Rocky team which sports a record of one win and eight losses in Valley competition.

Coach C. A. Schul'z quipped, "This will be a very difficult match and those who win could possibly make it through District and Sectional competition." Varsity standouts include Rick Bevans at 145 pounds, and Ron

Two Undefeated Teams Survive In Intramural Basketball Tussle

Intramural basketball has gotten down to the final weeks of two undefeated teams and two other teams with just one loss.

So far, the two undefeated teams are Steve Buller's team with a 3-0 record and Bill Soward's with a 4-0 slate. Two other teams have only one loss. Both Bob Lindsay's and Bob Bailey's teams have identical 3-1 records with three weeks of games still remaining.

The Junior leader is Dan Henry's team with a 5-0 mark.

Mr. James Johnstone, head of Boys' Intramurals, says he plans to hold an all senior elimination tournament at the conclusion of regular play.

Instant Replay

by Lynn Burris

With all the emphasis on professional sports, the amateurs still manage to hold their ground. Here are some examples to prove it.

Brian Kusel, 9, of the Sheeler-Winston Swim Club of Miami, established a national age-group record during a meet at Cypress Gardens when he swam the 220-yard freestyle event in 2:34.0, an improvement of 2.7 seconds on the former mark.

Darwin Bond, 16, of Dobyns-Bennett High School in Kingsport, Tenn., set a state mark in the 440-yard dash with a time of 48 flat, then lowered the national record for sophomores to 47.5 at the Southeastern junior championship meet in Atlanta.

Mike Music, a seventh-grade halfback, led Tulsa's Whitney Bears to the city title with 42 touchdowns and eight conversions. He gained 1,436 yards in 109 carries, a 13.1 average. Then he went 1,080 yards on kickoffs, interceptions and punt returns, one for 100 yards.

Tommy Jones, basketball captain at Crane High School, Crane, Texas, is leading his team with a 38.8 point average in 12 games. For the past two years he has been named an all-state guard; in football he was all-district as an offensive end and also as a defensive back.

Al Zimmerhanzel, 43, of Alvin, Texas, golfing only three years, sank two holes in one during a round at the Hillcrest Club. His score was a par 66, two strokes below his average. His first ace came on the 200-yard 2nd hole, second on the 160-yard 10th.

Sim Byrd led Troy (Ala.) State to a 43-35 win over Texas A&I for the NAIA championship, by passing for 324 yards and five touchdowns. In two playoffs Byrd passed for 527 yards and 11 TD's. In the regular season he completed 207 of 324 passes for 28 touchdowns.

Rick Collard, 18, of San Jose, Calif., a senior at Pioneer High School and the captain of its water polo team scored 76 points in 12 games. He has scored 30 times in 35 attempts.

Rocky Tankers Vie For M.V.C. Crown Tomorrow

The Rock Island tankers are hoping for a title victory tomorrow as the Rocks enter the Mississippi Valley Conference meet at Washington, Cedar Rapids. The host Warriors, will be defending their M.V.C. title.

Rock Island, Moline and Davenport West, will be the definite title contenders stated a team member.

The Rocks and Maroons go into the meet with one conference dual meet loss. These losses come from the hands of the Iowa state champs, Cedar Rapids, Washington.

The Warriors, with one loss, bowed to the Davenport Falcons. The Falcons received only two defeats which came from the hands of the Rocks and the Maroons.

The Rocks will be led by seniors Marc Gilliam in the sprints and butterfly, Stan Lohmeier in the butterfly and relays, and John Timm will give strength in the medley relay and backstroke.

Junior strength will be shared by Bob Lohmeier in the freestyles, Scott Boxman in the backstroke and relays, Jon Duyvejonck in the distance freestyles, and Wolfgang Krismanits in the relays and breastroke.

Sophomore, Keith Gilliam, will be a strong threat to the Falcons in the freestyle and individual medley.

February 8 the Rocks host Thornridge. February 11 the Rocks are at Moline, and February 15 they travel to Peoria Richwoods.

Rocks Lose; 49-46

The Rock Island tankmen won seven events but failed to stop New Trier East, in dual meet competition, Saturday, January 25. New Trier who has won fifteen of eighteen State championships downed the Rocks 49-46 at the Rocks' pool.

Marc Gilliam set two new school and pool records in the 50 yd. Freestyle, and the 100 yd. Butterfly. Keith Gilliam set a new record in the 100 yd. Freestyle and Bob Lohmeier set a new record in the 400 yd. Freestyle. Both of these were school records.

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First Semester Successful For Student Senate

The Rock Island High School Senate, a recommending body composed of student representatives, held the last meeting of the fall semester on January 7. Throughout the first eighteen weeks of school, the Senate accumulated a total of $815.94. In the past school year the Senate has sponsored various fund raising drives. These drives were the United Appeal, the Christmas Basket Drive, and the Red Cross. Senate also contributed $35.00 to the **Argus** and Milan Santa Claus Fund.

During the fifty-five minute meetings, the Senators discussed such problems as the conduct in the student lounge and cafeteria and throwing toilet paper at football games.

Other activities of the Senate included the Homecoming parade, decorations at Christmas, and having representatives at P.T.S.A. meetings and Open House.

Rocky Coeds Are Ball Attendants

Eighteen Rocky students were chosen to be attendants for the 1969 annual Mardi Gras Charity Ball which will be held at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Rock Island, on February 15. The Ball is given by the Junior Board of the Visiting Nurses Association.

Students chosen as attendants from Rocky are Laurie Anderson, Lisa Chaney, Gloria DeVacht, Vickie Economos, Jackie Ellis, Paula Froude, Helane Golden, Gail Learner, Cathy Mosenfelder, Marsha Maurus, Leanna Nelson, Margaret Priebe, Dawn Shoemaker, Laura Swedberg, and Susie Wilson.

Sue Freeman and Ann Wheelan were chosen from the Villa de Chantel, and Angela Chirekas was chosen from St. Katherines.

The eighteen girls will be wearing white floor-length gowns with capped sleeves and jeweled neckline. The dresses were fitted and purchased at the Bridal Boutique.

The annual attendants tea was held January 19th, at 1:30 p.m. at Hauberg Civic Center. This will be the first time the Junior Board of the Visiting Nurses will have an opportunity to meet the attendants.

ANTICIPATING THE UPCOMING Mardi Gras, Gail Learner and Jackie Ellis pause before continuing their search for apparel.

The dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Following dinner, pictures will be taken. At 11:45 the coronation will take place.

This year's publicity will stress the civic activities of the attendants.

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Literary Club Broadens Scope To Lure Members

Under the direction of Mr. Frank Fessler and Miss Marsha Lyons, the Literary Club of Rock Island High School has broadened its scope and widened its horizons to bring in many newcomers to the literary field.

The Literary Club is divided into two sections which function separately and carry out their own ideas. The literary criticism section is headed by Miss Lyons and the creative writing section is sponsored by Mr. Fessler.

The literary criticism group is concerned solely with the reading and interpretation of many of the great books of all time. In order to participate in this half of the club, all a person is required to do is read the book that will be discussed at the next meeting. Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month in the living center.

All a student has to do to become a member of the creative writing group is to attend the meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of every month in room 229. At the meetings original manuscripts written by the students are discussed and criticized.

The creative writing section of the Literary Club also publishes a collection of its best manuscripts annually along with illustrations submitted by students of the Art Department.

Entries to be submitted for the publication should be started immediately according to Mr. Fessler:

"Any student who wishes to have his original picture, poem, or literary gem in the magazine should begin now because it will give the entrant more time to work on his entry, since the deadline for submitting materials is the first week of March."

Other details regarding the publication of the magazine are to be released at a later date. Mr. Fessler hopes that many will participate.

Encore

Mendes' Look Around Meaningful

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This is the best way to enjoy the greatest album by Sergio Mendes and Brazil '66 entitled "Look Around." It's purposeful and has deep meaning. It goes beyond the Brazilian beat and appeal. It has something deeper.

Contained in this album is the title song and the Academy Award nomination "The Look of Love." But the real appeal of the album lies in the discovery of the unknown songs. For example, Mendes wrote in addition to "Look Around" an inspiring number called "So Many Stars." It's soft feature of the excellent female vocalists is unsurpassed by any other group. The poetry itself is beautiful.

Sergio Mendes

By taking Lennon & McCartney's "With a Little Help From My Friends" he achieved a whole perspective for it. In contrast he becomes very flippant in his arrangements of "Batacuda" and the "Frog" which are both meticulously done.

The real highlight of the album is in the song "Pradizer Adeus," which means good-by. Mendes sings it in a low, throaty melancholy voice. It was also interesting to note that he has no vocal backup here.

In conclusion, this album could have no better name. The aspiration, sadness, and flippency all add up to a group very much in love with life. Just "Look Around."

Benton's Banalities

Being An Accounte Of Those Events That Are Ignored Bye Lessor Peepul

by Benton McAdams

With the southwest addition to the school in 1958, and the northwest addition in 1967, the greatest of traditions is slowly being destroyed. This, of course, is the can-can tradition.

I do not refer to the dance, but rather to the great restrooms in the old section of the building. (They are naturally called can-cans because for every one for the boys, there is one for the girls.)

The six main restrooms on the three floors of the old building are a magnificent monument to plumbing, a veritable Old Faithful of flushworks. These six commodius commodes house ninety-nine units, more than the Illinois statehouse can boast of.

These palaces of plumbing are built of great slabs of stone, massive metalworks, great gleaming pipes, and wells of water. Truly, they are a showplace of which to be proud.

But, alas, these beautiful grottos are being shunted away into obscurity. Little hovels unworthy of the name lavatory are replacing them. Paltry works of six, or eight units take the place of shrines of fourteen, sixteen yea verily, eighteen units.

The old monuments that are left are quietly disintegrating. The metal no longer gleams. The water merely trickles where it formerly rushed unchecked, and the stone is cracked and chipped.

This must not be allowed to continue. The water closets must be saved at any price. In the hope of saving these venerated vestibules, a group of civic minded students have formed the CRRVP. (Committee for the Rescue and Renovation of Victorian Plumbing.) The student body must support this organization before the last great disaster strikes our restrooms, and they disappear entirely, and go to that great resting place of all plumbing, the used john dealers.

Before it is too late, send your contributions to the Editor of this paper.

Sophies Initiated

The formal initiation of the new G.A.A. members was held in the cafeteria, January 21, after school. Each sophomore, junior, and senior, participated by lighting their candle by the light of one of the officers candle, and by repeating the pledge of the Girls' Athletic Association.

To become a member of the club, each prospect had to obtain a minimum of twenty-four points in the varied after school activities that were offered to the girls. Available to them were gymnastics, basketball, trampoline, swimming, and bowling.

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