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Letterman's Club Updating Group; Constitution To Set Forth Aims

For many years, the Letterman's Club has been just that, a club for athletes bound together by one common interest — sports. This year, the club has compiled a constitution as a first step in the revision and updating of the organization.

The Letterman's Club aims are to unify the athletes, promote school spirit as exemplified by the Letterman's Assembly, work for the best interests of the club, sponsor activities beneficial to the club and school, subsidize athletic programs, and promote proper conduct among the members.

Many new policies will hopefully be set in action, such as a membership committee to review prospective members for approval, school spirit, fund raising, and initiation committees.

Emphasis is placed on proper conduct. Arrest, drinking, taking drugs, or an excessive amount of detentions will result in probation or removal of the letterman.

"These are just proposals," explained Rick Miers, a member of the Constitution Committee. "To become a part of the constitution, these rules must meet with the approval of the members."

Ten Courses Offered For 1969-70 Year

Plans for 10 new courses have been recently confirmed by Principal F. W. Aspedon. These courses will be offered to juniors and sophomores presently attending Rocky for the 1969-70 school year.

Home Economics Occupations is being offered to both boys and girls who will be 16 at the start of school next year and who have passable grades. This course is similar to D.O. or CWT. The students who would participate in this program would be obliged to take one related course and their two solid courses, then be free to work at their prospective occupation the remaining half of the school day.

A minimum of 15 hours work a week has been established. Some of the fields of work which will be available will be day care centers, hospitals, restaurants, hotels and motels, custom tailoring and drapery making, day nursery, and laundry and dry cleaning.

An extensive vocational education system has also been established for the upcoming school year. These courses offer an extension of the existing training already available to the students of Rocky but will be held at United Township high school. The areas these courses will include are vocational welding, drafting, machine shop, graphic arts and electronics.

The students enrolled in these courses will be obliged to meet two hours daily at U.T.H.S. Entirely new vocational areas are being announced in the fields of auto body shop, auto mechanics, air conditioning and refrigeration. A three hour course in vocational building trades will also be available.

A course in Afro-American History is being considered while a possibility in the mathematics department may be the addition of two courses involving analytical geometry and probability and statistics. No definite inclusive plans for these courses has yet been made.

The registration deadline for these courses is tentatively set for March 15.

Rocky's Debaters Make Third Place In Augie Contest

Rock Island debaters picked up a third place tie at the Augustana College debate tournament held the weekend of January 24 and 25. The tournament was attended by 26 area schools.

The winning teams were announced at a banquet held the afternoon of Saturday, January 25, in Westerlin Hall. Rocky's squad, with a 9-3 score, was awarded a four-way tie for the third place spot. They tied with Davenport Central, Bettendorf and Clinton. Davenport West copped first place honors and second place went to Freeport.

The team's adviser, William Armstrong, sent eight of his debaters to a tournament in Sterling held the weekend of February 7 and 8.

The debaters and Coach Armstrong are now preparing for the sectional tournament to begin on March 8.

ELEVEN OF THE TWELVE seniors who are members of Quill and Scroll are, front row left to right, Laurie Anderson, Patti Jo Soderberg, Jackie Freshwaters, Cindy Jones, Carol Goldstein, and Marilyn Fields; back row, Mickey O'Melia, Monica Pealstrom, Dan Harris, Helane Golden, and Dave Johnston. Missing from the picture is Bill Ellison.

Twelve Quill & Scroll Members Chosen For Journalism Ability

This year twelve students have been selected as new members of the 1968-69 Quill and Scroll Organization. All the members of this honorary journalism society have been chosen on the basis of the fulfillment of the national and school requirements. These requirements have been changed from year to year.

This year's members include Laurie Anderson, Bill Ellison, Marilyn Fields, Dave Johnston, Cindy Jones, and Mickey O'Melia, all of whom are, or have been co-editors of the CRIMSON CRIER either in their junior or senior year.

Other members include Jackie Freshwaters, page one editor of the first semester CRIMSON CRIER, and Senior Activities Editor for the **Watchtower**; and Helane Golden, Editor-in-Chief of the **Watchtower**, and Head Proof-reader of the second semester CRIMSON CRIER.

Also, Carol Goldstein, Organizations Editor of the Watchtower, and Business Manager of the second semester CRIMSON CRIER; Dan J. Harris, Copy Editor for the Watchtower; and Mickey O'Melia, Sports Editor for the Watchtower.

Also, Monica Pealstrom, Circulation Manager for the second semester CRIER, and School Life Editor for the **Watchtower**; and Patti Jo Soderberg, Assistant Editor-in-Chief of the **Watchtower**, and Picture Editor for the first semester CRIMSON CRIER.

Only a senior can qualify for local chapter membership. To qualify for national membership of the organization, one must be either a junior or a senior. All members on both national and chapter level must rank in at least the upper one third of their class in general scholastical standing.

These candidates must also have done superior work in some phase of journalism or school publication work, such as writing, editing, business management or publication.

For the local chapter, candidates must be on both the Watchtower and CRIMSON CRIER staffs, a co-editor of the CRIMSON CRIER for one semester, or be Editor-in-Chief of the Watchtower.

Rock Island High Teachers Enter City Council Race

Two Rocky teachers are among the 13 candidates for the City Council running in the February 25 primary in Rock Island. Howard Lundeen, an incumbent, and Mrs. Earline Peterson, a newcomer to the council scene, are the teachers in the contest.

The thirteen people vieing for councilmen are: Pete Cassini, Francis D. Fisher, Chester O. Hale, Jeremiah B. Jamison, Jacob Knanishu, Howard M. Lundeen, James M. Mcfarland, Jack A. Mahar, Mrs. Earline J. Peterson, Jerry E. Phelps, John T. Powers, Mrs. Frances H. Purcell, and Bill Stewart.

The three men running for mayor are James H. Haymaker, Albert S. Stebel and Charles E. Heriford. Haymaker is completing his first four-year term in office as mayor and is owner of Haymaker's Cleaners.

Stebel, who has always lived here in this city, is employed by Adel Furnace Wholesalers of Bettendorf. Heriford is winding up his eighth year on the Rock Island City Council and is the owner of Chuck Heriford Appliance, Rock Island.

Mr. Lundeen teaches mechanical drafting and has been head varsity track coach for the past sixteen years.

Mrs. Peterson teaches the Special Education classes for students of high school age who are unable to attend regular classes.

MIKE GORDON, HOWARD Waxenberg and Larry Begyn await their final instructions for the game where they will be buddies to underprivileged children.

Key Club Initiates New Service For Underprivileged RI Children

Key Club, the Jr. branch of the service organization Kiwanis, undertook a new project this month designed according to club president Steve Buller, "for neglected boys with the opportunity of experiencing the simple pleasures that have been denied them due to a financial situation, loss of a parent or poor environment."

The program began on a trial basis on January 10, when Mike Gordon, Larry Barker, Howard Waxenberg and Larry Begyn took four underprivileged boys to a basketball game.

"The four boys were very outgoing and at no time during the night was there any hesitancy or reluctance in the conversation discounting any problems that might have been encountered as far as keeping them talking," remarked Gordon.

The co-operation on the project has been widespread and due to this the buddy program will soon be expanded so that other key club members will be able to participate.

Girls Taking Clerical Practice Class Explain Course To Crimson Crier

Recently, girls taking Clerical Practice, taught by Mr. Kenneth Johnson, were interviewed by the **Crimson Crier** and they described what they learn.

Every girl has a different unit or station for every day of the week she is there. She receives training on all machines, and can easily operate each after she has completed the course. There are many different machines, and each has a different job or purpose.

Karen Robinson, fifth period, says that the Full Key Adding Machine can add and multiply columns.

Betsy Stalf in describing the I. B. M. Executive Transcriber said, "It is operated by magnetic belts inside which there are letters and memorandums recorded which dictates them to the typist to increase her speed and accuracy. It is used by businessmen for recording their correspondence to be transcribed on the typewriter using acceptable business English and good typing skills."

Stephanie Kahling, on the Automatic Printing Calculator, said, "It can add, substract, multiply, divide, and print the answer on a tape."

Kathy Davis explained, "The Ten-Key Adding Machine can add, subtract, and multiply. All girls learn the touch system on all Ten-Key machines."

Kathy Ryan commented on the memograph machine, and said, "I learn to type out stencils and correct them, run the machine, and run the stencils through."

The purpose of Clerical Practice is to intergrate a variety of business skills and to provide an environment where students can use their skills as they would in an actual office situation. This course strongly stresses typing on both electric and manual typewriters, filing, the use of business English, and business math. There are units in proper use of telephone, grooming, job application, and interview, also the use of a variety of business machines.

Speech Contest Is To Be Held At East Moline

Twenty-six elocutionists of Rock Island high school under the direction of Mr. Guy Andersen will battle with Moline, East Moline, Geneseo, and eight other high schools for the District Speech Championship on Saturday, February 15, at United Township high school in East Moline.

The ten categories in which the students will participate are extemporaneous speech, serious reading, comedy reading, after-dinner speech, verse reading, original monologue, radio speaking, prose reading and a play called "THE ADDING MACHINE."

Out of the twenty-six students, seventeen will be in the play "THE ADDING MACHINE." The play is a comedy about a man called Mr. Zero, who after being nagged by his wife, tries to get a raise but doesn't and then kills his boss. The characters in the play are named by numbers like Mr. One and Mrs. Two.

The students have been working on their speeches and on the play for the past six weeks.

Sophomore Chorus, Orchestra Concert Slated For Feb. 25

The intertwining of the 88 voices of the Sophomore Chorus with the Rock Island senior high Orchestra performing **The Breeze and I** from the **Andalucia Suite** by Cuban composer Ernesto Lecelona, will be the highlight of the combined Sophomore Chorus and Orchestra concert February 25.

The Sophomore Chorus, under the direction of Murry Osborn, will perform such numbers as **Your Shining Eyes**, an English madrical by Thomas Bateson, a 16th century composer; **Darkness is Falling**, a Danish folk song by Charles Winther; and selected numbers from Brahms' collected folk songs. Also some contemporary numbers will be done, including **September Song** by Kirt Weil.

The 50 members of the Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Jerome Hart, will perform 6 numbers including **Buglers Holiday** and **Swing Suite** featuring various sections.

The Concert starts at 8:00 and admission is free.

Red Letter Days

FEBRUARY

14—Moline, there; District Wrestling, here

15—District Wrestling, here; Swimming — Richwoods, there

21—Davenport Central, here; Sectional Wrestling; District Swimming

22—Sectional Wrestling; District Swimming

28—Alleman Assembly; Alleman, here; State Wrestling; State Swimming

29—State Wrestling; State Swimming

Cost Rises

AFS Sponsors Assembly To Dramatize Fund Needs

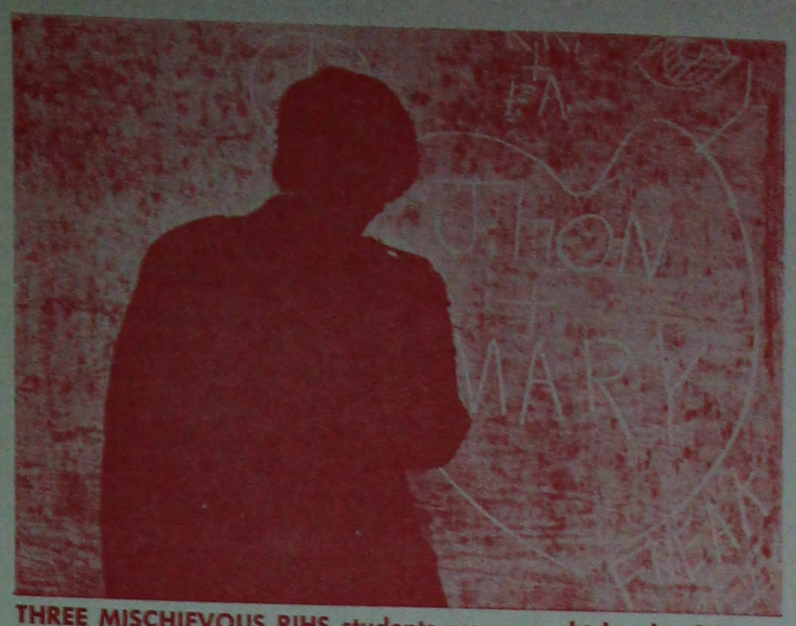
A special assembly, put on by the A.F.S. Student Committee will be used to generate enthusiasm in the programs of the American Field Service. The annual A.F.S. drive will be held the week of February 17 and the assembly used as a dramatization of the A.F.S. appeal.

The sum required to bring a student over from abroad has risen from $750 to $850. In past years it has been the responsibility of the A.F.S. Committee to raise the funds to bring a student over and the Rock Island Kiwanis Club covers the cost of a second student. Rocky has played host to A.F.S. students for the past thirteen years.

In addition, the Committee has decided to pay part of the costs of any American Abroad candidate from Rocky who is accepted as a finalist in the program. The amount needed for this contribution will be somewhere between $100 and $500.

Previously, the senate that collected the most money in their sophomore and junior years combined would host the A.F.S. student in their homeroom during their senior year. Now the Committee must rely heavily upon contributions of the student body as a whole.

The assembly will feature skits and talks by A.F.S. members.



THREE MISCHIEVOUS RIHS students were caught by the Crimson Crier while scrawling graffitti messages on the walls of the new addition's concourse.

Graffitti Type Of Creative Writing But Not Encouraged In School

What is Graffitti? Is it an Italian movie director? No! Is it a pink polka dotted animal in the zoo? Afraid not! Well, maybe it's an exotic island in the Carribean? Wrong again!

Graffitti is a type of creative writing. Some kinds plagiarize, such as "John loves Mary"; and some kinds are original, such as "Darnel Moore is the Casanova of ninth street." Both forms appear in all manner of public places — sidewalks, magazines, floors, doors, tables, books, desks, and bulletin boards.

Graffitti comes in different styles and categories. There are the romantics who write, "Steve likes Karen and Donna adores Bob," but this doesn't seem too romantic when written on restroom doors.

There are also the humorists who write quips like, "We eat rum balls for Christmas, Poncho Villa rides again, Popeye eats ripe olives, Donald Duck has web feet, Chinese Chimp verses Montana Monkey, and Tiny Tim doesn't really tip toe through the tulips, he stamps through them."

These are great for the humor column in a newspaper or a comedy show, but not for the front of a locker on third floor, or on a table top in the library.

To all those who are or would be graffitti artists, consider using your talent for writing your next term paper instead.

School Spirit Is Revived By The Ladylike Lettermen

Yes, Virginia, there is school spirit!

Everyone was upset: the teachers, the administration, the cheerleaders, and most of all the players. It seems that they had heard that our school spirit had died.

Well, Virginia, and everyone else concerned, on Friday the 24th of January, the lettermen successfully revived a floundering spirit. The cheers they lead were great and the contests were better. The big question is whether it was their cute cheerleader costumes or their well placed balloons that stirred the student body enough to do some spirited cheering.

It seems, however, that some of our students only get involved enough to cheer when our team gets a bad break. It is at these tense moments that everyone joins in a rousing cheer of "You-You-You . . ."

We hope that school spirit is just beginning to blossom and that it will not slack down again. Much of the thanks belongs to the girls of the pom-pon section, the cheerleaders, and the lettermen; but a lot of the cheering is done by the average students. The Rocks are good and with the help of the entire student body they may do better.

Yes, Virginia, school spirit, as well as God and Santa Claus, is alive. And, we would like to thank you, all your little friends, and the lettermen for bringing spirit back.

Cupid Can Crush Devil Any Day If Hearts Only Show The Way

Love is a form of hate. It's true. Although it's obvious they're opposites, love is actually an extreme type of hate. However, we suggest love over hate simply because you can destroy more devils that way.

Love is caring for others and helping friends and then the other-not-so-friendlies. It's highly contagious and can even hit the targets of those with closed hearts.

It is entirely possible that our country and her international neighbors could be susceptible to the potion themselves if its inhabitants display the proper respect towards the law of the land and its leaders.

Yes, love could truly go universal. What could we all fight or worry about after the worldly problems were solved? To think the world could be living in harmony someday!

One's love for another is expressed so often each year on Valentine's Day, why then can't we prove our love towards the whole world each day? We can if we try.

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Abstract Artists Misunderstood

by Larry Garcia

A splash of sensuous color and a strict, regemented row of seething shape and mass lift and twist its way around and through the canvas. Many people today have no time for objects which cannot be classified or categorized.

I wonder if abstract art can be fully appreciated by someone who sees art only at its face value or for what it represents in real life. Can this type of painting, which I have described above, survive in a pragmatic world? Abstract art had to evolve sometime and the creators of the abstract knew exactly what they were doing artistically as well as mentally.

The abstract painting exists because there had to be some form that expressed emotion, emotion evoked not from realistic images, but creates images which represent emotion in its basic form.

Anyone can make a painting which has no representations of objects from earth in it. The conception and thought behind a painting, however, and the ability to back up the painting verbally, is what makes a person an artist instead of someone who is just performing a meaningless act of painting.

The understanding of abstract art becomes easier if a person, while observing it, rides with the waves and stops reading in or comparing the shapes and objects in the painting to realistic images.

New Movie Code Aimed At Guiding Parents; A First

For the first time in the history of the American motion-picture industry, all essential elements involved in motion pictures have come together to institute a voluntary national film rating program to guide parents, with a special consideration for children.

This announcement was made at a press conference recently by Jack Valenti, President of the Motion Picture Association of America and several associates.

This film rating program became effective on November 1, 1968. All motion pictures released since November will be carrying a rating.

In stating the reason for the new program, Jack Valenti said, "Our primary concern is children, and that concern is the dominant reason for the voluntary film rating program."

"Every effort is being made," said Valenti, "to acquaint the public with the details of the rating program. In the months ahead, it is our hope that through our nationwide program of public education people will come to understand the rating symbols and their meanings. All daily and weekly newspapers in the country are being urged to carry these rating symbols on their amusement pages as a service to their readers."

Below is a description of the voluntary Film Rating Program.

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St. Valentine Vs. Lupercalia

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 as a festival of romance. People send greeting cards called "Valentines" to their sweethearts, friends, and relatives. Verses on many Valentines contain tender thoughts, but others include humorous pictures and sayings. But almost all ask, "Be My Valentine."

The Romans celebrated their feast of Lupercalia as a lovers' festival for young people. Young men and women chose partners for the festival by drawing names by chance from a box. Then the partners exchanged gifts as a sign of affection.

After the spread of Christianity, churchmen tried to give Christian meaning to the pagan festival. In 496 Pope Gelasius changed the Lupercalia festival of February 15 to Saint Valentine's Day on February 14. But the sentimental meaning of the old event has remained to present time.

In the United States Valentine's Day became popular in the 1800's at the time of the Civil War. Many Valentines of that period were hand painted, and usually showed a fat cupid whose arrows pierced a heart. Many of these old, fancily decorated Valentines have today become collectors' items because of their beauty and originality.

Called Snow White Dove

Ferlin Husky Invades Quint-Cities

by Laurie Anderson

"And here he is . . . the star of every stage he steps on, that 'Snow White Dove' himself, Ferlin Husky!" And out bounds Ferlin, bowing graciously left and right to the cheers of a conglomerate Grand 'Ol Opry audience at the February 2 country music spectacular in Davenport's Masonic Temple Auditorium.

I say conglomerate because how else could you describe an assemblage of farmers, bank presidents, blue-collar workers, and shoe-shine boys? The women present dressed in anything from cocktail dresses and mink coats to blue jeans and bowling shirts. And male plumage was just as diverse.

But once the house lights dimmed, members of the crowd seemed to lose their individuality. The unifying agent for this mass was simply an intense interest in Country-Western music.

Some may scoff, and say that all Country - Western music sounds alike. True, the underlying beat is often the same and the Southern accents do become a bit tedious, but if you stop and listen to the lyrics, you'll find a fundamental bit of truth in every song.

Ferlin Husky

Headliner for the show, Ferlin Husky, commented that true Country - Western music, like "soul" music, must come "straight from the heart, Dahling." Mr. Husky was a dazzler attired in a costume directly in keeping with his "Snow White Dove" sobriquet. He wore white leather cowboy boots, white pegged pants with three-quarter length coat, white lace-front formal dress shrit, and a ruby stick pin.

Anyone Can Go To College With Help Of Scholarships

by Dave Johnston

The old saying "Where there's a will, there's a way," must have first been uttered by a high school senior seeking a higher education. If there's a desire to attend a college, university, or technological institute, there's a way to do so regardless of financial conditions.

The number of scholarships available to Illinois students seems inexhaustible. They range from state teachers scholarships to scholarships sponsored by the Western Golf Association to scholarships for specific fields of study.

Teacher scholarships are awarded annually at the end of each school year to recognized public, private and parochial schools maintaining the twelfth grade. Rock Island high school is awarded nine such scholarships.

The principal of the school submits to the local county superintendent of schools, the names and addresses of all students who rank scholastically in the upper half of their graduating class. The students must present a letter to the school principal signifying their intentions to prepare to teach in the Illinois public schools. This is a requisite for obtaining such a scholarship.

Two four-year county scholarships are also awarded annually. Applicants for these scholarships must take an examination prescribed jointly by the presdents of the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University and a president appointed by the Teachers College Board.

The two students in the county who score highest on the test are awarded the scholarships. Requirements for applying are. (1) resident of the county in which application is made, (2) completion of a four-year high school course of study.

A sampling of other scholarships available to Illinois students include such scholarships as the $300 International Nickel Company Scholarship awarded to a freshman enrolled in mining, metallurgy, or geology at the University of Illinois.

Trade Winds

"Gee, I wish I had a bike. No, not a motorbike, but a bicycle, a velocipede propelled by rotary pedals." THE MATADOR, from San Gabriel high school reports that there are advantages in cycling. Although the bicycle may not be the fastest means of transportation, "auto-produced smog is abetting lung cancer, and coronary disease is on the upswing."

More advantages are listed as, "real air conditioning, great visibility, no smoke, good exercise, and easy on the gasoline bills." If some brave souls do try cycling to school, the only problems they may face will be tire-deflaters.

Students from George Washington high school, Cedar Rapids, Iowa have a solution to the problem of an acceptable table shape at the Paris peace negotiations. Total elimination of a table is the plan. THE SURVEYOR relates, "It (the table) could be replaced with individual booths or carrels such as those used in foreign language laboratories. These could be equipped with head sets, microphones, and voting equipment. "The booths could also solve another problem, that of an agreeable seating arrangement for the negotiators.

"One solution would be to place the booths on wheels and allow their inhabitants to move them wherever they wished. Since the booths would be completely private, no one would know by whom they are sitting anyway."

Do you know that it costs $300,000 to drop out of school today? THE KONAH, from Senteniel high school, Missoula, Montana relates, "That's the difference between what the dropout's lifetime earnings probably will be and those of a young man with five years of college." THE KONAH asks all would-be dropouts to first answer some questions before dropping out.

1. Are my feelings based on facts?
2. Can I get a really good job if I quit now?
3. Do I really understand what I'll be missing?

"Use plain old dollars and sense," may be good advice.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

"-AN' FURTHERMORE — MY STUDENTS SEEM TO BE EASILY BORED BY MY LECTURES."

Tankmen Visit Richwoods In Last Dual Meet Of Year

The Rocky swim team, fresh from a second place finish in the annual Mississippi Valley Conference swim meet, will travel to Peoria Richwoods for their last dual meet of the year. After this meet there are only the districts and the state meets left.

The Rocks, sporting a 10-2 record as of Feb. 4, will meet the Peoria team at 2:00 on Saturday. The Rocks will be led by senior Marc Gilliam in his specialities the 50 yd. freestyle and the butterfly. His sophomore brother, Keith, will be expected to swim his favorite strokes, the Individual Medley and the 100 yd. freestyle.

The diving chores will be handled by senior Sam Karon and junior Rick Grossell. Helping to get points in the distance events will be juniors Bob Lohmeier and Todd Anderson. Scott Boxman and John Timm have carried the backstroke chores the whole season and are expected to swim in this event Saturday.

Helping out in both relays and possibly the butterfly will be senior Stan Lohmeier. Junior Wolfgang Kristmantis and sophomore Jeff Kolinchinsky are expected to swim the breaststroke with Wolf making his second stroke the Medley Relay. Ted Brown will round out the Medley Relay with Jon Duyvejonck making up the free relay.

In the last four dual meets, the Rocks have met two of the top five teams in last year's state meet. The two teams were Thornridge and Moline. They have also swum against Davenport Assumption and Rockford East and West.

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Rocks Meet Moline Maroons Tonight As They Renew Traditional Rivalry

The Rock Island Rocks travel to Wharton field house tonight to renew what is possibly the oldest rivalry in basketball history, as they take on the Moline Maroons. This will be the one hundred seventy-first meeting of the two ball clubs and it should turn out to be a typical Rocky-Moline game.

It is noted, however, that in the first encounter with Moline this year in Rock Island field house, the Rocks pulled off a big 85-57 victory. In that game big Bruce Hamming, 6'7" sophomore center of the Rocks came off the bench late in the first quarter and scored 16 points before the half-time buzzer.

He ended up with 27 points to top all scorers. Bernie Teague also hit into double figures, bagging 17 points along with Frank Riley who had 15.

The Rocks are expected to utilize the fast break with Riley and Teague leading the way. They have accounted for most of the turnovers which have resulted in victories for the Rocks. The quickmen have forced opposing teams to average over seventeen errors per game, while only averaging around ten themselves.

Another contributor to the Rocks success is their scoring punch as they are averaging over 67 points per game. This is attributed to a very well balanced scoring attack.

The Rocks brought a 10-4 record into the East Moline game after beating such highly rated teams as Aurora East, Rockford Auburn, and Rockford West.

Moline is 5-4 in the Mississippi Valley conference and has beaten highly-ranked Quincy, and Cedar Rapids Jefferson. The Maroons are lead by guard Max Hansen and forward Curt Anders. Both are experienced players and spark the team greatly.

To give an example of how the earliest encounters went, in 1928 the Maroons annihilated the Rocks by the "awesome" score of 23-15.

It is also interesting to note that in 1929 the Rocks were lead by a giant six foot center by the name of Durkee, who could score from every angle of the floor. Starting guard and captain of the team was agile "Knees" Wilhelm who lead the Rocks to a regional victory only to go down to defeat in district competition.

Tank Talk

by Stan Lohmeier

The sixth annual Rock Island Sports Banquet brought many well known sports figures to the Quad-Cities. Headlining the affair were Virgil Carter, Chicago Bear quarterback; Stan Wright, Olympic track coach; Gene Oliver, Chicago Cubs utility infielder; and former Rocky great Gary Carlsen. Bill Schuster, Rocky's number two prep backstroker in the nation, was also recognized.

Another annual event also took place during the last week. This was the well publicized pro football draft of college players. As expected O. J. Simpson, the Heisman Trophy winner from U.S.C., was the first round choice to the Buffalo Bills. The Bills got the right to pick O. J. when they ended up with the worst overall record of both leagues.

George Kunz, tackle from Notre Dame, was picked second by the Atlanta Falcons. Picked third was Purdue's two year All-American, Leroy Keyes. He went to the Philadelphia Eagles. Former Rocky All-Stater Al Bream was taken in the fourteenth round by the A.F.L.'s Kansas City Chiefs. He will join former Iowa teammate Ed Podolak. This makes the third Rock Islander active in pro football today.

Wrestlers Host District Teams

The 1968-1969 wrestling tournament will be held at the Rock Island field house tonight and tomorrow. Participating in the meet will be high schools from Erie, Orion, Port Byron, Fulton, Prophetstown, East Moline, Moline, and Rock Island.

Preliminaries will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the semifinals and finals taking place on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively.

According to varsity wrestling coach Chester Schultz, both East Moline and Moline are noted for their great depth and balance and are considered to be the teams to beat.

The Rocks have only one win in Mississippi Valley Conference competition. Cedar Rapids Washington remains on the top of the league, with an undefeated record.

Only four seniors make up this year's squad which includes Chuck McDowell, Ezell Turner, Mike Boultinghouse, and Steve Hefley. Heading up the underclassmen are Rick Bevans, Keith Atkins, Bob Gathright, and Ron Banks. Banks, who is just a sophomore, was city champ all three years in junior high school with an impressive record.

Coach Shultz commented, "The wrestling squad has been hurt by boys who, though potentially good matmen, did not come out for the wrestling team because they thought they wouldn't be any good. What our team lacks in experience it makes up for in grit."

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Ken Bowman

While at Rock Island high school "Kenny" participated in many activities, but football is what he really excelled in. He played center on offense and on defense he played middle guard both his junior and senior year. During that time he was rated the best lineman in the Quad-Cities by opposing coaches. He was also dubbed the bulwark of the Rocky line because of his tremendous size and surprising speed and agility.

The junior year for Ken was an exciting and rewarding one. The Rocks were 5-2-2 that year and managed a tie for second place in the Mississippi Valley Conference. During that year Ken picked up the experience he needed to become one of the most highly regarded centers in the area.

In Ken's senior year the Rocks weren't expected to scrape their way out of the cellar. Although the Rocks slaughtered the Maroons 20-6, and the Pioneers 27-7 they still had an up and down season and ended up in fourth place with a five and four record.

Many honors were bestowed upon Ken in 1959. First off he was chosen the team's most valuable player; an honor that usually isn't given to a lineman but with Ken's all around ability on both offense and defense he rightly deserved the award. Later on that year Ken was voted to the all Metropolitan team as the first string center. In November of 1959 Ken was voted an all-stater along with half back Larry Hatfield.

Ken Bowman's football ambitions didn't end there. He attended Wisconsin University and established a name for himself at a national level. During his senior year with Wisconsin the Badgers won the Big Ten conference with Bowman as their starting center.

He now holds a position with the Green Bay Packers, one of the best football machines to be invented. Ken started in both of the Super Bowl games the Packers have played and won in and is a main cog in the Packers' plans.

But the main thing to remember about Ken Bowman is that he was a Rock Island Rock, and Rock Island high school is proud of Ken Bowman.

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February Marks Important Holidays; Doesn't Just Fill Up Calendar Space

The month of February, short as it is, plays a very important part in our schedules. Without February, January would be a boring 59 days long or else March would have to arrive in the dead of winter.

In addition to this profound thought, February is loaded with holidays and festivals. Not only are there predominant days like the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington or St. Valentine's Day or even Groundhog Day but also there are other special days, ignored by many, that need to be recognized. Days like . . . well, like these:

How many people know that the territory of Illinois was officially organized by act of Congress on February 3, 1809?

Of considerable interest to a certain group of "forgotten" people is the fact that on the fifth of this month, in 1892, Siberia recorded an all-time low temperature of -94°.

Lincoln and Washington aren't the only famous people who were born in this month. The seventh marks the birthdays of baseball great George Herman "Babe" Ruth (1894) and English author Charles Dickens (1812). The ninth president of the United States, William Henry "Tippecanoe" Harrison, was born on February 9, 1773.

In Milan, Ohio, on February 11, 1847, a baby son was added to the Edison family. The proud parents named the boy Thomas Alva Edison. Tomorrow, the fifteenth, is Galileo's four-hundred and fifth birthday. Finally, one of America's most famous cowboys, William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, was born on the twenty-sixth of this month.

Pirate admirers have already missed the Gasparilla Carnival held February 10, in Tampa, Florida. Started in 1904 by local businessmen, this celebration is named for Jose Gasparilla, a pirate. The festivities begin as "Ye Mystic Krewe" of Gasparilla takes over the city.

On the outside, February is just a short month with two, maybe three special days. But when anyone takes time to find the lesser holidays, February becomes special again.

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Prune Speaks

by Frank Thomas

As the guy in the story to the left of this column so aptly pointed out, February is a short but albeit important month, with many obscure or unknown holidays.

Remember the girl in third grade who sat across from you in 3-W: You were the only one who ever spoke to her at the beginning of the year. But then you were 4'3", the tallest guy in the class; you had to set an example.

You knew she liked you a lot when she was the pitcher at recess and hit you three times with the ball. Then you traded her your ham and onion sandwich for a peanut butter and broccoli on rye sandwich. It didn't matter much that you hated ham and she detested broccoli; it was the thought that counted.

When February came, you remembered that Valentine's Day was only a couple of weeks away so you started to save your money. You shoveled your walks, took the same Pepsi six pack back for a deposit refund four times and even cleaned up the basement.

By February 13 you had 35¢. Not bad mileage out of a six-pack of empty Pepsi bottles. You took your fortune to the drug store and bought her a valentine with a real cloth flag on it and a Hershey bar.

Next day at recess you threw snowballs at her again; but today you didn't pack them as tightly or throw them as hard. When you went back inside, you didn't even steal her mittens.

After school you went up to her and gave her the card and the Hershey bar. She said, "Aw, you nut," and gave you half of the candy bar. Then you chased her down the sidewalk to the patrol boys and hit her with your notebook.

LAURIE ANDERSON, MONICA Pealstrom and Kathy Smith get ready for the Ski Club trip with a little horseplay in the snow.

Skiers Celebrate Lincoln's Birthday At Galena's Chestnut Mountain Lodge

Wonder where the action was on Lincoln's birthday? At Chestnut Mountain, Galena, Illinois. Ski buffs from Rocky's Ski Club took advantage of the holiday to spend a day and a half skiing.

They traveled after school on Tuesday in order to give them time to ski that night under the night-lights. They then ate dinner provided by Chestnut Resort and dashed to the slopes again.

The skiers spent the next day skiing, too — for a total of $18.00. This fee included the rental of ski equipment, rope tow, and dinner and sleeping accommodations for the night. A breakfast, lunch, ski rental, and rope tow fee was also added in this package deal.

The ski trip was chaperoned by Mr. James Peterson, the Ski Club adviser.

Another bus traveled to Chestnut Wednesday morning, filled with those who wished to ski just for the day.

The Ski Club got discount rates on skiing prices since February 12 is considered a week day, not a holiday by ski resorts.

Ski enthusiasts have been preparing for their bout with the slopes all year at exercise classes held every Thursday night at the YMCA. Group activities such as volleyball and basketball were in evidence as well as individual exercises.

Ski club officers include Lisa Chaney, President; Gary Greenleaf, Vice-President; and Margaret Priebe, Secretary-Treasurer. This year a small membership fee has been charged to provide for membership cards.

Merit Test Is February 18

Potential National Merit scholars will be given a chance to prove their skill on Tuesday, February 18. The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test will be administered in the cafeteria at 8:00 A.M.

A fee of $1.25 is charged to all those taking the test battery which is designed to measure educational development in English usage, mathematics usage, social studies, natural sciences, reading comprehension, and word usage. The first 250 students who registered for the test will be tested.

Scores from the testing will be received by the school in May 1969 and will be given to the students along with a handbook containing information about the program and the interpretation of the scores.

Fifteen thousand U. S. students will be selected as semi-finalists in mid-September on the basis of their scores. Semi-finalists who have high Scholastic Aptitude Test scores and an endorsement by their schools attain finalist status. Every finalist is awarded a Certificate of Merit and is considered for a National Merit $1000 Scholarship.

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February Junior Rotarians Gordon And Rich Chosen

Junior Rotarians to be honored this month are Mike Gordon and Miles Rich.

Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gordon, 3317-26th St., Rock Island. In his sophomore year, Mike participated in the Area Speech Contest, track, and was a senator. He was also the Giant Slalom Champion at the Rock Island Surf Club Second Annual Invitational Meet. For the past three years he has been on the football team.

This year Mike is a letterman, in the top 5% of the Senior Class, a member of the National Honor Society, Vice-President of Key Club, participates in Intramural Basketball, and is High Priest of the Rock Island Surf Club. He is a member of South Park Presbyterian Church, Rock Island.

Miles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rich, 3501-15th St., Ct., Rock Island.

In his sophomore year he was a member of the Sophomore Chorus, and a member of the cast of the musical **Oklahoma.** During his Junior year, he was a member of Pan-Am League, a Young Republican, and on the Golf Team.

This year Miles again is a Young Republican and on the Golf Team. He is also active in Intramural Bowling, is on the Senior Honor Roll, and was an Illinois State Scholarship Semi-Finalist. He is a member of B'nai Brith Youth Organization, and the Temple Emanuel, Davenport, Iowa.

Next fall he will be attending the University of Colorado at Boulder. His hobbies include boating, skiing, and stamp and coin collecting.

Miles and Mike will attend the regular Tuesday meetings this month at the Rock Island Y.W.C.A.

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