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White Answers On Drugs In Q.-C.

by Jim Whitesides

Narcotics dominated a recent interview of Chief Investigator Jack White of Rock Island County Sheriff's Office, by a **Crimson Crier** reporter.

Regarding the recent crackdown on narcotics offenses, Mr. White stated, "The force has been turning more attention to the growing prevalence of drug abuse since Sheriff Boyle took office about two years ago."

The next question focused attention close to home. "You said that there is an increasing amount of traffic in drugs. Is this just in our area."

"Drug abuse and trafficking is no new problem, but as far as its prominence in the Quad-City area, there has been a marked increase within the last few years."

Mr. White was then asked if he thought that this was the result of some organized underworld effort.

"The Syndicate controls the heroin market, and there has been some evidence of its dealing with marijuana on a multkilo basis."

Questioned as to the distribution of drugs such as pep pills, barbituates, and LSD, Mr. White replied, "Well, most of these drugs and quite a bit of the marijuana traffic are handled by kids."

An inquiry was then made as to the psychology of pushing dope; why do people sell narcotics? Is it worth the risk? What are the chances of either dealer or user being arrested?

Many wholesale dealers are known to make up to four thousand dollars a week. The guy who is selling on the street is usually just paying for his habit, and the odds that he and the user will be arrested are very high. In fact, either or both will spend most of their lives in prison if they continue."

Mr. White replied to a question about his opinion of changing the penalties for narcotics offenses saying, "The possession or sale of class "A" narcotics, including marijuana, is a felony. Possession of amphetamines, barbituates, and others classed as dangerous drugs, is a misdemeanor. We are against any lessening of the penalty for possession of marijuana to a misdemeanor, as the whole truth is not yet known about this drug. I personally feel that possession of LSD should be made a felony."

Mr. White also supports education of the public to avoid drug addiction.

"There are several films out to schools and other organizations, which show people what they are really getting into when they begin drug use. In addition, we are, obtaining samples and materials for displays of the various narcotics which are, subject to abuse. No matter what the police do to put an end to this problem, we rely on the public to give us their assistance and support," he concluded.

ROCKY'S TOP TEN, seated, Alan Carlson, Sharon Engel, Duane Taylor, standing, Lynette Beinke, Gail Hansen, Dick Hinrichs, Julia Bertelsen, Mickey O'Melia, Scott Schade, and Marlise Riffel smile with satisfaction.

Deadline For Entries is March 10

Entries for the literary magazine are to be deposited in the appointed places before 4 p.m., Monday, March 10.

Deposit boxes for the literary entries are in the main office and in room 229. All art work should be given to Mr. White or Mr. Klatt and photography entries are to be given to Mr. Stone or Mr. Charles Armstrong.

Requirements for submitting literary entries are as follows: all entries must be typed or printed; poems, stories, or essays are acceptable; only one poem should be on a page; page number and title should appear on each page of a multi-page entry; do not sign the entry but enclose entry in a sealed envelope with the signature on the outside.

Art work must be black and white sketches only; however, the style of expression and subject matter are at the discretion of the artist.

Only black and white photographs can be used. Any student of Rock Island high school is eligible.

The literary magazine published last year by the Literary Club was called **Ale.** Judges for the magazine were selected from the club members. The name for this year's magazine has not yet been selected.

BLACK POWER SYMPOSIUM speakers Rev. Roy Morrison, right, and Dick Gregory, third from right, discuss issues with Eric Thomas, Judy Johnson, Bill Norman, and Rosita Bullock.

Augie Black Power Symposium Is Termed Successful By Sponsors

The term "black power" was defined, analyzed, criticized and put into action at Confrontation '69, a Black Power Symposium held at Augustana's Centennial Hall on February 7 and 8.

Speakers featured at the Symposium included Dick Gregory, civil rights leader and comedian; Roy Innis, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality; the Rev. Roy Morrison, a Chicago Baptist clergyman; Andrew Hatcher, former White House associated press secretary; the Rev. Jesse J. Jackson, director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Operation Breadbasket; and acting as moderator, the Rev. Charles S. Smith of Bethel African Methodist Church, Davenport.

Four sessions were held, one on February 7, and three on February 8. Crowds averaged about 1,500 at each of the four sessions and 2,200 tickets were sold for the entire event.

The Symposium was sponsored by two Augustana student organizations, the Afro-American Society and the Representative Assembly. Confrontation '69 cost these organizations an estimated $5,500.

Leading off at the first session was the Rev. Roy Morrison who discussed tribalism and the caste system in America. "Churches are one of the strongest bastions of tribalism in the country today. Labor unions are another," he noted.

The Rev. Mr. Morrison feels that the goals of the Black Power movement are "adequate housing, meaningful employment, and competitive education."

"The triumph of white tribalism is the destruction of the Negro man. The race problem will not be resolved in my lifetime, but will transcend man's tribalistic instincts," concluded the Rev. Morrison.

Thirty-seven year old Dick Gregory then bridged the generation gap with fiery oratory that brought the crowd of over 1,900 to its feet at the conclusion of his address.

The civil rights leader stated that black power is not against the white man, but is against what he called "institutionalized racism." Among the groups attacked by Gregory for practicing "institutionalized racism" were politicians, the press, the armed forces, colleges, lawmakers, capitalists and boards of directors.

Mr. Gregory then asked the young people to make a copy of the Declaration of Independence when they returned home, and to pay particular attention to the paragraph containing these words; ". . . We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — . . . That whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it . . ." He warned, "If you continue to treat enemies better than you treat Negroes, we will burn this country down."

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Jim Anderson Has Poetry Published

Jim Anderson, a junior at Rock Island high school, has gone creative. Jim is in the process of publishing a book of poems written by himself. The book is called **A Cold, Cold Day.** Jim explained that it was written and dedicated to his brother, Rick, who was killed in a car accident last year. Its contents cover many subjects of everyday life including a special emphasis on his feelings towards death.

After graduation, Jim intends to enroll in the Palmer Correspondence College where he plans to learn more about the writing field. He later plans to make writing his career.

IHSA Contest Nets Rocky Fourth Place

Rock Island high school placed fourth in overall points at the Illinois High School Association district speech contest, held Saturday, February 15 at United Township high school.

The contest play, The Adding Machine, **took fourth place also, with Jeff Romeo and Susan Anderson in the leads of Mr. and Mrs. Zero. Although the play will not go to another contest, it will be presented for the Bettendorf Community Theater in March.**

Those who placed in individual events were Patty Sutton, third in after-dinner speaking; Jean Rosenquist, third in comedy; and John Robison, first in extemporaneous speaking. These people will attend the sectional speech contest in Geneseo.

Other who participated in individual events were Connie Peschang, prose reading; Benton McAdams, poetry reading; Diane Pirman, drama; David Johnston, original monologue; Don Kelly, radio speaking; and Debbie Bunch, original oration.

Mr. Guy Andersen, speech teacher, selected and coached those who attended the speech contest.

Top 10 Has Two Ties

Co-valedictorians head the list of the top ten scholars at Rock Island high school. Sharon Engel and Allen Carlson tied for top honors in the 1969 senior class. Duane Taylor became this year's salutatorian. A three-way tie for the number four spot gave that position to Lynette Beinke, Gail Hansen and Dick Hinricks. Seventh place went to Julia Bertelsen and eighth to Micky O'Melia. Ninth and tenth place honors were received by Scott Schade and Marlise Riffel respectively.

The ten academic leaders of the senior class participate in a number of varying activities. All four language clubs are represented — French, German, Latin and Pan-American. In the area of sports, the scholars participate in tennis, dolphinettes and golf. Some are members of Y-Teens, A.F.S., and Senate. Watchtower, **debate, Literary Club, and Junior Rotarians further broaden the fields of interest.**

This year's senior class boasts 665 students. Of this number, 86 are members of the National Honor Society.

Founded in 1921 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Society was organized for scholastic achievement. Membership is also based upon leadership and service. The chapter at Rock Island high school was organized in 1937. At the end of the seventh semester, seniors whose grade averages are 92 or above are automatically eligible for membership.

Three and a half years of burning the midnight oil seems to have paid off for the top 10 scholars of this year's graduating class.

RIHS Rates 76 Finalists In State Scholarship Program

Rock Island high school boasts 76 finalists among the 365 winners from the Western Illinois area in the Illinois State Scholarship Commission Program.

They were among a total of 15,253 Illinois high school student winners named in 1969-70.

Representing Rocky are:

John R. Alcorn, Laurie A. Anderson, William E. Andrew, James L. Andrews, Robert S. Bailey, Larry P. Begyn, Lynette S. Beinke, Julia S. Bertelsen, Kathleen A. Blades, Craig R. Bolt, Patricia A. Bowman, Christine L. Boyles, Dearmond E. Briggs, Kathryn M. Bromley, Reynold W. Brune, Steven E. Buller.

Also Gregory A. Bush, Susan M. Camillo, Allen M. Carlson, Douglas Carpenter, Jerry E. Carstens, Peter S. Cohan, Dennis J. Darland, Gary L. Davis, Kathleen Dougherty, Daniel E. Downing, Deonna R. Durkee, Martha A. Egges, William D. Ellison, Kenneth D. Enstrom, Murray Ezring, Joan M. Fitzgerald, Jeffery B. Gahn, David Garber.

And Robert Gindlesparger, Michael D. Gordon, Gail R. Hansen, Cynthia A. Harless, Kathleen A. Hartwig, Richard L. Hinrichs, Rose Ellen Kennedy, Karen A. Kerner, Carol E. Kimbel, Charles E. Kluck, Kathy Joe Krone, Rebecca L. Lawhorn, Michael J. Lusson, Albert Martin, Sheila A. McCarley, Mara L. Mitchell.

Also Michael Moore, Alan K. Nelson, Debra J. Neuhaus, Barry L. Odean, Michael O'Melia, Monica J. Pealstrom, Constance A. Peschang, Teresa Peterson, Kathy J. Pfundstein, Patricia J. Reese, Miles W. Rich, Marlise R. Riffel, Scott H. Schade, Dawn Shoemaker, Irwin A. Spady, Christine E. Swanson, Duane W. Taylor, Frank A. Thomas, Larry R. Thomas, Sharron G. Turner, Bonita J. Wagner, Jane M. Wahl, Deanne K. Ward, Howard K. Waxenberg, Kathryn A. Wickwire and Dianne Wood.

Dr. Lloyd S. Michael, ISSC Chairman, announced that 7,007 students were offered monetary awards totaling $4,757,822. Honorary awards were conferred upon 6,574 students. Having selected out-of-state or unapproved institutions, the remaining 1,672 students qualified for Certificates of Merit. More than 43,000 students competed in this program.

Candidates were chosen according to their class rank, financial needs, and ACT Test scores given through the American College Testing Program. A semi-finalist class was named. Each semi-finalist was sent a State Scholarship Application which he used to file for a Monetary Award, an Honorary Award, or a Certificate of Merit.

Of the 120 Illinois public and private institutions, 112 have been selected for fall 1969 enrollment.

This year the juniors will have the opportunity to take the ACT Test on April 26.

Top Spot Is Taken By RI At Sterling

Rock Island high debaters achieved the best overall record at an invitational sponsored by Sterling high school on February 8th. The winning record was 13 wins, and 3 losses.

The junior varsity team was the only team to be undefeated in the entire tourney with an 8-0 record. The varsity team had a 5-3 record, giving them 6th place. Out of the 20 schools entered, Mendota was declared the winning team, boasting a 7-1 record.

The junior varsity negative consisted of Doug Martin, a sophomore, and Scott Calpetzer and David Heinz, juniors. The affirmative was comprised of Marty Lefstein and David Gibberman, both juniors.

In the varsity division, the affirmative was upheld by Bill Andrew, a senior, and Linnea Johnson, a junior. Challenging as the negative were John Robison and Debbie Bennett, both juniors.

Other area schools such as United Township participated. UTHS posted a 4-4 sub-varsity record with 5-3 at the varsity level.

As the debate season tapers off, the decisive battle remains for tomorrow, as four varsity debaters will travel to Geneseo for sectional competition. Sectional consists of four rounds of cross-examination debate, followed by a play-off round if needed to determine the top teams who will represent the section in state competition.

The Independent Study Program Tried at Rocky

The independent study program started by Mr. Philip Dennis, who teaches European History, is really becoming popular this year. He started the program in his European history classes because he felt that students planning on attending college should have experience in budgeting their time and working on a long term paper.

The program is voluntary and there are eight students at the present time involved in the program. They go to the library four days a week and prepare a fifteen page term paper which is due at the end of the six-week period.

On Friday of each week, the students have an independent seminar in the class room. In the seminar they discuss such topics as romanticism, liberalism, and socialism. Seventy-five per cent of the grade for the student is based on their discussion and contributions in the seminar, because there are no tests.

Most of the students involved in the program like it because they have no daily work from class, and they are free to study independently. Mr. Dennis believes that the program has been started successfully in the science classes also.

The program has had a successful beginning. Mr. Dennis hopes that the practice of independent study will be continued in the school system in the following years.

Red Letter Days

MARCH

7—Regional Basketball
12-14—Sectional Basketball
14—Bishop Assembly
15—Macomb Invitational Track Meet
17—Audubon Series
18—First Round—State Basketball
21—Assumption Exchange Assembly
21-22—State Basketball
21-23—"A Streetcar Name Desire" — Playcrafter Barn Theatre, Moline
23—Friends of Chamber Music—Marycrest College
27—Quincy Assembly

Civil Rights Would Not Be Problem If People Observed Human Rights

It seems that in the struggle to find some kind of far-off identity or some blessed place under the sun, people have lost sight of what ought to be their goal — treating their fellow man as an equal.

Civil rights would not even be a problem if people would only realize that everyone has certain human rights. Civil rights laws would not be necessary if mankind followed the unwritten human rights laws.

The color of a man's skin does not indicate the color of his heart. After all, as a popular song asks, "What color is God's skin?"

A black hand is capable of doing the same things that a white hand does. It can perform a delicate brain operation as well as shine shoes. It can carry the briefcase of a successful businessman as well as other people' luggage.

All men may not be created equal, but all men have the same basic human rights. It is only when people realize this that there can be harmony between the different races.

Human rights and human hearts do not come in colors, but they do come in sizes. As respect for other men's human rights increases, the size of the individual heart proportionately becomes larger.

Age-old injustices cannot be rectified to any great extent, but a start can be made on correcting today's wrongs. It is a very simple thing to do really, a child is capable of doing it. Instead of looking at a man's skin, look at his heart.

Famed Southern Journalist Ralph McGill Sucumbs At 71

Ralph McGill, a Southern journalist noted for his columns and editorials denouncing prejudices in the U.S., died last month, two days before his 71st birthday.

Mr. McGill was a kind of conscience for the South. Because he loved her, he repeatedly lashed-out at her prejudices, and tried to correct them. Although many Southerners dislike him and his ideas, they could not ignore his straight-forward and sincere articles.

In 1958, McGill won the Pulitzer Prize for his editorial denouncing the bombings of a newly integrated high school in Tennessee, and of an Atlanta synagogue. He called it the work of "rabid, mad-dog minds" and added: "When the wolves of hate are loosed on one people, then no one is safe."

Some other incidents that angered Mr. McGill were the definance of Governor George Wallace in 1963, when it came to integrating Alabama schools; and the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. His last column was directed at Robert Finch, the new Health, Education and Welfare secretary. In it, he wrote: "The freedom of choice plan is, in fact, neither real freedom nor a choice. It is discrimination."

Mr. McGill had the courage and talent to fight discrimination. There is no doubt that he will long be remembered for his tremendous work in this area. What the United States must do now, is to find others who have the courage to take up where the editor of the Atlanta Constitution left off.

Who Says You Don't Owe Anyone Anything For Inalienable Rights?

"No one owes anyone anything for freedom of life, Liberty, and pursuit of happiness." So states the Moline **Line O' Type** in its January 18 editorial, "Involuntary Servitude." The theme of this editorial is best stated as: Freedom is a right, not a privilege.

Oh yes, the Declaration of Independence contains the oft-quoted reference to inalienable rights. But what precedes this line? A recognition of the fact that men are "endowed by their Creator" with these rights, hardly an assertion that men have followed suit. The document itself is a testimony to the contrary.

Although man is endowed from birth with rights to personal freedom, these rights are overpoweringly ignored now, as they were in 1776. Liberty is a luxury. It is a high-priced item, and one in constant danger of being stolen. Yes, everyone who has liberty has a great debt to pay. That luxury was purchased with someone's blood, with someone's brain.

"Involuntary Servitude" was an editorial strangely combining truths with half-truths. "Freedom is the right to choose, right or wrong," it declares. This is true. The writer wishes to point out that the American way is not the best way for everyone.

First, however, everyone must have the freedom to choose his way. The God-given right is not necessarily a man-given right. Any person who has the good fortune to be free, owes someone something, even for the right to throw his freedom away.

Rock Island Loaded With Interesting Historical Facts

by Judy Dobbler

Like most cities, Rock Island has a fascinating history. Most people living here know that Rock Island was once the home and hunting grounds of Chief Black Hawk.

However, very few know that Daniel Webster once owned a portion of Rock Island, that Rock Island had the worst Conferedate prison in the north, and that Chippiannock cemetery is the oldest cemetary in the midwest.

Probably the most exciting day that Rock Island has ever experienced was the day they hanged the Long brothers and Granville Young for the murder of Colonel Davenport. Five thousand people turned out to see it.

Dred Scott, a slave from the south, once lived in Rock Island. He was the cause of the famous "Dred Scott" case which formed mixed emotions over slavery and which helped elect President Lincoln.

Few people realize either that the Harper House, now over one hundred years old was once the "finest hotel between Chicago and the Pacific coast." Newspaper reporters from all over came to get a full scoop on the fantastic Harper House which was "a quarter of a century ahead of the town."

Afro-American Heritage

What Is Black Message?

by Vicci Marshall

Black Americans have been talking for hundreds of years, giving life to their thoughts through speech. They have also been writing, giving eternal life to their thoughts by means of the written word. Just as the thoughts of black men are varied, so is black writing varied, influenced by each human emotion.

Early black writers' interests were centered largely on freedom for the slave. Frederick Douglas, one of the most prominent Afro-Americans of the 19th century, was a fiery abolitionist and owned the "North Star," an abolitionist newspaper. He also wrote an autobiography, as did Booker T. Washington, each telling his "success story" and the story of slavery plainly and simply.

Later, after emancipation, the mood changed somewhat. While some black writers continued to be concerned with the race problem, others wrote simply to express emotions felt by all men. Paul L. Dunbar wrote lilting story poems using southern dialect just as James Lowell used Yankee dialect for **The Bigelow Papers.**

Countee Cullen wrote poetry reflecting both his emotions as a man and his emotions as a black man. In the poem "Heritage" he asked, "What is Africa to me?", questioning his heritage as so many after him would do. Pulitzer Prize winner Gwendolyn Brooks' poetry tells also of her humanity; her blackness does not limit her to the writing of black poetry.

EXAMPLES OF THE growth of black literature can be found on library tables everywhere.

Contemporary black literature, however, seems to be dominated by the Angry Black Men. Richard Wright is one. In each of his books, from **Native Son** to **Black Power** to **Black Boy**, his message is the same, "White Man, Listen!", while he tells his story and explains his anger. LeRoi Jones is one. His plays tell of black people driven mad by 300 years of futile anger.

Dick Gregory is one. His books and speeches advocate the righting of the American people's wrongs either peacefully, if possible, or violently. Langston Hughes is one. With sarcastic wit he reveals his thoughts through the character Jesse Semple, ". . . when the law ain't on the side of civil rights the law ain't right, it's white!"

James Baldwin is one. In his straightforward essays and his fiction, such as Going To Meet The Man, **frankly dealing with the inhuman treatment of blacks by whites in the South, Baldwin vents his anger.**

What is the Black Message? Was it the early cry for freedom? Is it the song of black men who want to be men; of black women who want to be women? Is it the cry of the rebels, protesting against the unfairness of life in The White Man's World? It is all of these. Who can hear the Black Message? Who can understand it? Who will answer it? Is there an answer?

Review

Jr. Cast of Roomful Does Excellent Job

by Benton McAdams

"With a little more rehearsal, it could have been great." These words of one of the cast members perfectly described **Roomful of Roses,** the junior class play, presented February 21 in the Rock Island high school auditorium.

The cast, led by Hadee Strupp as Bridget, and Susan Anderson as Nancy Fallon, did a fine job.

The play is the story of a young girl, Bridget, who is sent by her father to live with her mother for a few weeks. Bridget's parents have been divorced some years before as a result of a love triangle.

Bridget's father had hardened her against the world, teaching her to be callous and cruel, and wiping out the notion of love from her memory.

Bridget's mother must try and teach Bridget that there is more than hate in the world, and just as this goal is reached, Bridget's father, played by Don Nicholson, appears on the scene. But the barrier of hatred has been broken, and Bridget chooses to remain with her new family and friends.

Comedy relief was well provided by Vickie Enburg, as Jane Hewitt, and John Robison, her brother Dick. Melva McAdams, as the pair's mother, also helped provide breaks between the heavily dramatic scenes.

The rest of the cast, including 11-year-old Nick Peschang, Beci Senske, and J. C. Bevill, beautifully succeeded in their characterizations.

Bunch's Bibliomania

Aristocrat Told with Mildness

by Debbie Bunch

Conrad Richter's **The Aristocrat** gentles the reader from the moment he begins the story. "It troubled me when my father told me that from now on Miss Alexandria wanted me to sleep in her house," the boy narrator states. The rest of the story follows suit — a series of simple statements which have no pretensions of doing anything but telling their tale.

Miss Alexandria, eighty-three years old, deaf, alone, asthmatic, cannot be said to dominate the book — dominate being far too harsh a word to describe any conceivable action of the lady best described in the title, "The Aristocrat." Instead, with invincible mildness, she permeates the book — she benignly "controls" the book.

The Aristocrat is, to put it in its simplest form, a portrait, a portrait of an age. The author paints for us a remarkable likeness of the Miss Alexandrias of the world, and reflected in their faces is a genteel portrait of time past, of the days of leisure and noblesse oblige.

Told as a simple schoolboy narrative, the Richter book is no less than that. In the most straightforward style imaginable, **The Aristocrat** retells the old "behold, all things passeth away" tale. It is mild, for Miss Alexandria in her old age and with her old ways could not exhibit a passion and remain an aristocrat. And it is singularly charming.

New Student Left Asks Help of Liberals to Destroy Status Quo

by Linnea Johnson

The American Dream has rounded a corner and is moving down a road marked with signs. Most say 'STOP" and "DANGER" while only a few warn "YIELD."

It all adds up to a fluid and archaic movement of S.D.S., Students for a Democratic Society. They explained their view in the Port Huron Statement of 1960.

"We are people of this generation, bred in at least modest comfort, housed in universities, looking uncomfortably to the world we inherit . . ."

The ideology of the movement seems to be one of humanistic appeal, even though it is often lost in the chaos and violence of the mass demonstrations and sit-ins. When S.D.S. marched on Washington, protesting the war in Vietnam, their president, Carl Ogelsby, said:

'There are people in this country today who are trying to build this movement, who aim at nothing less than a human reformation. And the humanist liberals must understand that it is this movement with which their own best hopes are most in tune. We radicals know, and we can understand your occasional cynicism, exasperation, and even distrust. But we ask you to put aside these and help us risk the leap. Help us find enough time for the enormous work that needs doing here. Help us build. Help us share the future in the name of human hope.

But people still question. They ask what these kids are doing for the future by their ruination of universities and cities.

Dick Gregory condones ripping down the establishment, literally and figuratively, by quoting the Declaration of Independence.

"But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, persuing invariably the object evinces a design to reduce them under despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government and provide new guards for their future security."

Gregory construes this to mean that people can burn and destroy the establishment, even when they have no answer.

But look at the fallacies in his rationale, and that of S.D.S. also. A few questions arise to indicate these fallacies. How many of these demonstrators are really working for a cause they believe in, "humanistic reform" as Ogelsby puts it?

Do they propose an answer? Is the status quo so bad that we have to tear it completely down? One is reminded of what Winston Churchill said: "Democracy is a very bad form of government, but all the others are so much worse."

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

"I LIKE YOU, ELLEN, BUT YOU ALWAYS SEEM TO BE ON TH' DEFENSIVE."

Trade Winds

Across the nation, high school students are very aware of the political state of the country. In direct contrast to the defiant militant groups, they are banding together to persuade people to exercise their voting privileges and inspire a love of freedom in the hearts of Americans.

One example of this is reported in The Western Breeze, an exchange paper from Western Hills high school in Cincinnati, Ohio. Students at that school observe what they called Americanism Week from February 17-20. They replaced worn-out or torn flags in their school and erected a permanent plaque in honor of the Vietnam dead. The purpose of this week was to "really make people aware of the blessings of freedom and prosperity enjoyed by citizens of the U.S." According to their school paper, the idea was a big success.

The student council of Lyons Township high school, La-Grange and Western Springs, Illinois have begun a referendum campaign with the there "Push your Parents" designed to get voters to the polls. More than twenty groups are involved in this program.

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Area Teams See Winning Slate

As the Regional tournament ends tonight with the championship game, Moline, East Moline, Alleman, and Rock Island have shown a winning season to their own fans.

Moline

Max Hansen, first choice for the coaches Quad-City team, led Moline this year. They have beaten Quincy, Jefferson and Rock Island. The Maroons lost close games to East Moline and Alleman. The Panthers edged Moline in over-time and lost to the Pioneers by one point.

East Moline

This year the Panthers were led by Greg Davis, Dave Vicroy, Malcolm and Darrell Samuels and Tom Haliburton. They beat Moline twice and are 1-1 with Alleman. Darrel Samuels and Tom Halliburton are first choices of the coaches Quad-City team for the Panthers.

Alleman

The Pioneers have been ranked in the top five in the state all year. They have three men on the Quad-City team:

Jim DeDecker and Phil Terronez are on the first team and Jim Van de Casteele is on the second. Early in the year Alleman won the Pontiac tournament.

Rock Island

This year's Rocks beat many of the top ranked teams in Illinois. The Rocks upset the third ranked team in Ill. Rockford West and also beat another Rockford team — Auburn. After making two comebacks the Rocks lost to Alleman and East Moline. In Iowa competition Rock Island lost to C. R. Washington, first ranked team in Iowa all year, and Dav. Central. Guards Bernie Teague and Frank Riley led the Rocks this year and are on the second Quad-City team.

Rock Island vs. Central

Two weeks ago the Central Blue Devils travelled to the Rock Island field house to battle the Rocks for the second time this season. Coach Bob Riley hoped for the game to be a replay of the last one, but the score of 70-69 was in favor of the Blue Devils. The Rocks led the whole game and it looked like the Islanders would win until the last half of the fourth period. Frank Riley led the Rocks with 19 points.

Rock Island vs. Alleman

Rock Island Rock's lost their last regular-season game to Alleman's Pioneers in a hard-earned 66-53 battle last weekend. The Pioneers put the finishing touches on the finest regular-season record in their history, running their total to a 21-2 slate. Rock Island, hit by a late-season slump, carried a 12-9 record into the Regional Tournament which started earlier in the week. The Rocks led in the early stages of the game, 8-6 and 17-16, but the Pioneers hit moments later to stay on top. Frank Riley and Mark Brooks led the Islander attack with 15 points each, while Jim DeDecker led the Pioneers wih 23.

SEASON SCORING:

FIRST TWENTY GAMES

Player	G	FG	FT	TP	AVE.
1. F. Riley	20	108	62	278	13.90
2. B. Teague	20	116	41	273	13.65
3. D. Briggs	20	88	57	233	11.50
4. B. Ham'g	19	56	74	186	9.78
5. M. Brooks	20	57	50	164	8.20
6. C. Bates	20	50	40	140	7.00
7. F. Wood	19	24	19	67	3.56

Faculty Trounces Tired Lettermen In Annual Tilt

The Letterman-Faculty basketball game was held February 20 in the boys' gym. The lettermen battled in a losing cause to a strong faculty and lost by the score of 75-56.

The nucleus of the lettermen's team was centered around Rick Miers and Kevin O'Hern at forwards, Ken Johnson at center and Larry Begyn and Jim Swift at guards. Leading scorers were Jim Purcell and Kevin O'Hern with thirteen points and Ken Johnson added ten.

The starting five for the faculty were Thad Crews and Jack Nelson at the forwards. Ben Clark at center, and Frank Youngquist and John Benn handled the guard spots. The faculty was led by Thad Crews and Jim Seely each with sixteen points and Frank Youngquist with nine points.

In the past eighteen years the faculty has won 16 of their 18 games leaving the Lettermen with a winning slate of two games. In a quote from one of the leading players, Ken Enstrom stated, "The faculty has dominated the lettermen for 16 years and will do so for years to come."

Even though the lettermen lost, they had much support from the student body and the varsity cheerleaders.

SAM KARON EXECUTES a back dive in competition for the Rocks.

RI District Swim Champs; Take Sixth in State Meet

Rocky finmen won the District Swimming Championships held at Moline high school, February 21 and 22. The Rocks piled up 250 points, Moline was second with 245 and Peoria Richwoods was third with 240.

The Rocks captured five individual first places enroute to the team title.

Keith Gilliam knocked four seconds off the previous record in the 200 yd. individual medley with a 2:04.2. The old record was 2:08.3.

Marc Gilliam tied his own record in the 100 yd. butterfly of 51.7 and won the 50 yd. freestyle in 22.9.

Sam Karon remained undefeated by taking the diving with 347.65 points. The final win for the Rocks came in the 400 yd. freestyle by Bob Lohmeier.

The Rock Island Tankers finished 6th at the Illinois State high school swimming meet held at Evanston high school, February 28 and March 1. Hinsdale Central won the meet for the third consecutive year. New Trier East was second and Evanston was third.

Marc Gilliam broke his own record in the 100 yd. butterfly, swimming the century in 50.8 seconds. His old record was 51.8. He also won the 50 yd. freestyle in 22.0 seconds, three tenths off of the record. His younger brother, Keith, a sophomore, took fourth place in the 200 yd. individual medley and second in the 100 yd. freestyle, barely losing to Gary Conelly of Moline. They both were under the state record. The 400 yd. freestyle relay of Jon Duyvejonck, Stan Lohmeier, Scott Boxman, and Bob Lohmeier finished seventh to round out the points for the Rocks.

Cindermen Hope for Good Season; First Meet Slated for March 15

Rock Island high school track squad is busily preparing for the opening of the season, March 15, when they travel to the Macomb Invitational Track Meet.

This season the cindermen have many returning lettermen. This year the team will be lead by Larry Begyn, who last season set a school record of 4:23 in the mile. Also returning this year will be hurdlers Frank Wood, Ken Johnson and junior Reggie Boswell. Tom Cole, Harvey Chaney, Jim Armstrong, and Marc Gilliam will take care of the sprints while Ken Enstrom, Ben Farrar, Tony Canny, and Gary Greenleaf will handle the rest of the distance races. Kevin O'Hern and Darnell Moore are expected to run the quarter mile.

Leading the field events will be Drake DeVore, Bob Carbone, in the shot put and discus. Bill Nelson and Ken Johnson, in the high jump, Tom Keane and Greg Carlson will be pole vaulting.

Rock Island, last year's district champs, have many tough meets ahead of them. After the Macomb Invitational the Rocks travel to Norman, Illinois for an indoor meet at Illinois State University on March 29. The Mississippi Valley Conference Indoor meet, which will be held at Iowa City on April 3, is one of the most important meets going to be held.

Instant Replay

by Lynn Burris

Was Vince Lombardi's retirement the biggest story in the NFL last year? It most likely was because the Green Bay Packers suffered greatly. This rumor started back in 1967 but Lombardi did not have any part in it. He was just concerned with getting the Packers into the Super Bowl and winning it.

Coach Vince Lombardi molded some of the greatest players, like all-pro guard Jerry Kramer, ever to play in pro football. The Packers won five world championships and lifted Lombardi's nine-year record with the Packers to a 89-29-3 slate.

After his Super Bowl victory Lombardi retired in February, 1968. When he did retire he announced that he would continue with the Packers as their general manager. Then after a while Vince Lombardi discovered the pains of his non-coaching job. He was recorded on saying, "I miss the fire on Sunday. I never knew I'd miss it as much." This set off another Lombardi's rumor: that he will be on the sidelines again — but not with the Packers.

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Spring Musical "Where's Charley?" Cast; Rehearsals Ready to Start

The cast for the two act musical comedy, "Where's Charley?" has recently been selected for performances on April 11-12 at Rock Island high school at 8 p.m. in the auditorium.

Having leading roles are Alan Nelson portraying Charley Wyekeham; Dawn Cole as Amy Spettigue; Larry Cline playing Jack Chesney; Gloria DeVacht as Kitty Verdun; Sir Francis played by Jim Olson; Mark McKissick portraying Mr. Spettigue; and Becky Taylor playing Donna Lucia Alvadorez.

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 director of vocal music, Murray J. Osborn will manage the vocal music for the comedy. A business education teacher, F. Eugene Malcom, will handle the staging and Jerome P. Hart, director of the orchestra will take care of the instrumental music.

"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 original story was by Brandon Thomas, with the first Broadway production presented in 1949.

The sale of tickets for the musical will start in February, a month before the presentation will be given. Anyone will be able to purchase tickets from persons in the vocal department or any member of the comedy.

The first musical that was presented by music department was "Oklahoma," the second being "Guys and Dolls."

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Junior Rotarians Are Chosen For Month of March

Ben Farrar and Daniel Downing were selected as the Junior Rotarians for the month of March. They will attend weekly luncheons sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Ben Farrar is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Farrar Jr., of 2450-26 Street, Rock Island. Ben's activities include track, cross country, and Letterman's Club.

He has also participated in the Pan-American Club, Senate, the swim team, AFS, and the Ski Club. Ben served as the vice-president of the Hi-Y Club. After graduation Ben plans to attend the University of Iowa, where he will major in Pre-Law.

Daniel Downing is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Downing of 3237 37 Avenue, Rock Island. Dan is a member of the National Honor Society. In the fall he plans to enroll at the University of Illinois where he will major in Engineering. As a sophomore, Dan was a member of the football team.

The Rotary Club, an international organization, meets every Tuesday afternoon at the Rock Island Y.W.C.A.

The Junior Rotarian program sends 16 senior boys from Rocky and 16 boys from Alleman to the club each year.

Encore

Cream Tradition Continues

by Linnea Johnson

"Disraeli Gears" is a typically Cream album. If you like the Cream sound for thirty-two minutes without variation, it's great. If you don't, their single attempt at a change will convince you that you never will and that they will never get any better..

The Cream, in finding their selling sound, has stayed with it for all but a minute and a half of their album. But that minute and a half makes you appreciate the rest of the album, even if you don't like the Cream. It's a type of ballad about a woman whose baby has died. The angels come to her and tell her that her baby was so thin that it slid down the bath tub drain, and that her baby is happy now. At the end someone mutters "Want to do it again?" We can all be thankful that a silence followed and no one answered yes. Somehow, the American teen doesn't seem ready to buy this style; or maybe condescend to it would be more appropriate.

The rest of the album follows the Cream tradition faithfully with "Sunshine of Your Love" and an oddly intriguing number called "Tales of Brave Ulysses" which provides a little incentive for thought. The rest of the album is repetitious Cream.

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Benton's Banalities

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

by Benton McAdams

It is my most grave duty to warn the populace of a Most Heinous Plot (Which will not, accidentally, affect the reader's sinus condition.) to destroy them. It is indeed a horrible plot and plan, formulated in a clandestine kitchen in the Negev desert.

The entrails of the plan are thus: The Architects of America have become tired of children, and youth in general. According to reliable retort, these men have devised a parabolic scheme whereby to divest the country of its youth, and children in general. The architects reposed to install all drinking fountains at such a level as to seriously inhibit the drinking of water or any other liquid therefrom.

Now, to be inconspicuous, the plan had to be undertaken. This was done by Elihu the Eulogizer, the best mortician in the nation. The plan was begun in 1937. At this time the mean height (and, in some cases, the pleasant height) of the American student was only 4'3".

At this time the students had no trouble getting water. But litle did anyone know (except, of course, the architects, who were, after all, in on the thing from the ground floor) that by 1968 the mean height of the students would increase to 5'10", an increase of a foot and a half, which made it somewhat difficult to walk.

THE TERRIBLE WEAPON of the Horrible Architects lies in wait for victims.

At any rate (4½ per cent annually, in reality) the effects of this most terrible deed are now starting to make themselves felt. There are more casualties every day. Students bent permanently at a 90 degree angle are everywhere. They made the fatal mistake of bending over, and then couldn't get back up. Horrible. They look like battering rams. Except the girls, who look a little bit like battering ewes.

Further, the pipes were designed to stop delivering (which, it must be understood, requires great labor) water after a passage of time, so that those few students who do try to bend over far enough to taste a few drops of water are thwarted, and die of thirst.

This eville plot must be fought, something must be done. We must march on the architects, and force them to drink from their own troughs. (After this, we can give them some trough syrup, and send them on their way.) Let us rise up and demand that this injustice be corrected. Such out-houses against humanity are not to be tolerated. Let us furthermore and utmost passively assist this plot to destroy us. "Sic Temperature 101°."

—Black Power

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Opening speaker for the February 8 morning session was the Rev. Charles S. Smith who felt that "everyone is living in some kind of ghetto, the blacks in theirs, the whites in a ghetto, the poor in a ghetto."

Mr. Roy Innis then stepped up to the lecturn. He expressed the view that "there needs to be a solution to the race problem to the satisfaction of all, both Black and White alike." Innis felt that this could only be achieved through the involvement of each and every person. He believed that the Afro-American should be given the freedom to formulate the answers to their own problems and control their own destinies.

Dick Gregory

Session 2 of that day began with the address of Andrew Hatcher who offered a seven-point program to alleviate racial tensions. It included a limitation of white immigrants, a broader tax base, and democratizing labor unions, "the next great confrontation in this country."

The last session of the symposium had as its principal speaker the Rev. Jesse Jackson. He stated that white youths can participate in the Black Power movement by "Toleration of people of other races, sharing of knowledge and skill, and joining with other men of vision to right wrongs." The Rev. Mr. Jackson believes that the American Negro is "dependent upon enemies for food, clothing, shelter and tragically, a definition of ourselves. But we're now starting to stand up on the inside."

The Augustana Black Power Symposium was termed an apparent success by its student leaders. Some members thought that the success of this venture might justify similar programs in the future.

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Infant Rules Committee Is Under Way

The new Student-Faculty-Administration School Rules Committee has met three times as of March 4, on January 28, February 18, and March 4. The committee, led by Mr. Richard Sias as chairman, has considered the following subjects:

1. The committee has established a statement of purpose which includes such points as studying the existing rules and suggesting recommendations for change to the administration after open discussion of these changes.

2. The Committee turned the problem of developing a dress code over to the Student Senate.

3. The abolition of detention in favor of some other disciplinary action has been discussed, and a subcommittee has been appointed to work out alternative courses of action.

4. Meetings will be held twice a month unless there is no agenda for such a meeting. The chairman may call off meetings if there is no agenda.

5. The necessity for extending the senate period has been discussed to allow more time for discussion of school problems. Teacher sponsorship of the senate has also been discussed.

6. It has been moved to recommend a strict and uniform enforcement of theft, attendance, swearing, disrespect, and fighting rules. The recommendation states that no person should be favored over another. This is not a recommendation for reform, but a statement calling for enforcement of existing rules. This has been seconded, but **not** voted on.

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