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National Honor Society Admits Eighty-Seven

The National Honor Society was first organized at Rock Island high school in 1937. In its thirty-second year at Rocky, there are eighty-seven students qualifying for 1969 membership. This year's National Honor Society members were announced on February 24, by the co-sponsors: Mrs. Marguerite Pierce, and Mr. Herbert Wagner.

These eighty-seven scholars recently met with the Deans, and elected the following students to serve as officers: Mike Gordon, president; Howard Waxenberg, vice-president, and Lynette Beinke; Secretary-Treasurer.

To become a member of the National Honor Society, one must have at least a 92.0 average in a five semester grading period. Also, these students must excel in service, leadership, and character. This year, forty-three girls, and forty-four boys fulfilled these requirements.

The present Honor Society membership for the class of 1969 is high. An all-school assembly will honor these eighty-seven scholars. Also, a banquet will be held during May to honor the students and their parents.

The National Honor Society members include: Laurie Anderson, William Andrew, Robert Bailey, Michael Barkau, Lawrence Begyn, Lynette Beinke, Julia Bertelsen, Craig Bolt, John Borden, Patricia Bowman, and Christine Boyles.

Also DeArmond Briggs, Katherine Bromley, Steven Buller, Susan Camillo, Alan Carlson, Douglas Carpenter, Jerry Carstens, Esther Celnik, Pete Cohan, Gary Davis, Mark DeBarr, Gloria DeVacht, Daniel Downing, Carolyn Duhlstine, Deonna Durkee, Dale Egeberg, William Ellison, Sharon Engel,

Other members are: Kenneth Enstrom, Robert Epperly, Carol Evans, Murray Ezring, Deborah Fenton, Jackie Freshwaters, Jody Geist, Robert Gindlesparger, Helane Golden, Michael Gordon, Gail Hansen, Cindy Harless, Richard Hinrichs, Cynthia Jones, Deborah Kerns, and Rebecca Lawhorn.

Also, Sheila McCarley, Gayla McMaster, Albert Martin, Pamela Milligan, Mara Mitchell, Alan Nelson, Debra Neuhaus, Barry Odean, Michael O'Melia, Monica Pealstrom, Tamara Pelton, William Penwell, Mark Perrin, Teresa Peterson, Kathy Pfundstein, Patty Reese, and Daniel Reinhart.

Other members also include: Miles Rich, Marlise Riffel, Jeanette Sabbe, Scott Schade, James Schroder, Patricia Scott, Dawn Shoemaker, George Smith, Tracy Stollberg, Walter Stradley, Nancy Strahl, and Christine Swanson.

Also, Laura Swedberg, Carol Swim, Duane Taylor, Frank Thomas, Larry Thomas, Sharron Turner, Richard VanSevern, Bonnie Wagner, Jane Wahl, Howard Waxenberg, Diane Wood, David Wynes, and Michael Yazbec.

Kiwanis Candidates Are Revealed

The 1969 Kiwanis Karnival will be climaxed by the crowning of the "Kiwanis Kween" in the Girls' Gym on April 18, the night of the carnival. Fifteen girls, representing organizations from the high school, are vying for the crown.

They are Laurie Anderson, representing Lettermen Club; Lynette Beinke, representing Pan-Am Club; Kathleen Davis, representing Home Economics; Paula Froude, representing GAA; Johnette Hiner, representing Senior Glee Club; and Bonnie Knapp, representing Ski Club.

Also, Rosella Langdon, representing CWT; Sylvie Mathe, representing French Club; Monica Pealstrom, representing Y-Teens; Sue Peters, representing DO; Diane Pirmann, representing Dramatic Club; Margaret Priebe, representing Pep Club; Dawn Shoemaker, representing German Club; Laura Swedberg, representing Key Club; and Edna Togerson, representing Future Nurses.

Although Kiwanis Karnival candidates represent only one club or organization, this year's candidates are affiliated with many different things. Margaret Priebe is the president of Pep Club, but Pep Club boasts five of the fifteen candidates in its membership.

At least four have been student senators. There is one cheerleader in the crowd, and one French foreign exchange student, with one having spent a summer in Greece.

Three have been on The CRIMSON CRIER staff, with two in Quill and Scroll. Three of the four languages taught at the high school are spoken.

CANDIDATES FOR KIWANIS Carnival Queen prepare for the festivies. Pictured are Kathy Davis, Bonnie Knapp, Laura Swedberg, and Edna Togersen; Back row, Margaret Priebe, Johnetta Hiner, Lynette Beinke, and Sylvie Mathe. Missing from the picture are Paula Froude, Diane Pirmann, Rose Langdon, Laurie Anderson, Dawn Shoemaker, and Monica Pealstrom.

'Green Tuesday' Sponsored For Student Support

A "Green Tuesday," to signify the use of "Greenbacks," or money involved, will be sponsored by the PTSA Organization in Springfield, Illinois on May 6.

This day is being held to help pass a bill for a higher increase in state tax support for school students. Anyone interested in helping this needy cause are urged to attend. Transportation will be by charter bus.

The main purpose of the Parents, Teachers, and Students Association is to work for school children and youth. There are at the moment 775 members, of which 67 are students.

Events coming up are: the Mock Convention, April 9, which will prepare the people who are going to Springfield for "Green Tuesday," and a state delegation will be going to Chicago April 17, 18, and 19, to attend the meeting on legislation.

Miss Teenage America – Melissa Babich, 16, Cuddy, Pa. (a suburb of Pittsburgh) – will serve as Teenage Chairman for the 1969 Easter Seal campaign, March 1 to April 6.

College Night Planned For April 21; Juniors And Parents To Be Present

Approximately 350 students and parents are expected to come to the Rock Island high school auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, to attend the annual College Night activities.

The evening's proceedings will follow a proposed general format. At 7:00 the juniors and their parents will meet in the auditorium for a half an hour to be welcomed by Principal F. W. Aspedon and to be given an outline of the plans for the evening.

On College Night approximately 30 college representatives will be present. A student and his parents will have half-hour sessions to meet with any three they choose.

Co-ordinators for the affair are Mrs. Ruth Schuck and Mr. Charles Dyson. Mrs. Schuck stated, "The school urges all college-bound students and their parents to avail themselves of the opportunity to learn about costs, curriculums, and special offerings of the colleges represented on this special night.'

Jr. Teachers Start Careers At Rocky High

Seven student teachers entered Rock Island high school to learn the basic fundamentals of teaching high school on March 10.

These student teachers will remain at Rocky for the rest of this school year. For the first part of their stay, their job will be to listen and observe the teachers' various techniques in teaching their classes.

For the remainder of their stay, they will actually take over the teacher's job and apply what they have learned to the students in their classes. They will be solely responsible for lessons, tests, and discipline.

These new student teachers are Carolyn Tucker, English 231, with Mrs. Ruth Brauch; Susan Molinelli, Art 306, with Mr. Richard Klatt; Duange Bernage, German 133, with Mrs. MariJane Bowman; and Brian Brunsvold, Biology 301, with Miss Dorothy Hall.

Other new student teachers at Rock Island are Susan Sunduland, Spanish 155, with Mr. John Blomberg; John Knox, Journalism and English 226, with Mr. Nicholas Peschang; and Mary Jordan, Biology 321, with Mr. Robert Motz.

Separate Tables Filled

Thirteen seniors have begun rehearsals for the Senior class play SEPARATE TABLES to be presented May 2 and 3 in the high school auditorium.

The play by Terrence Rattigan is actually two one-act plays combined under one cover, with the first play being TABLE BY THE WINDOW. It is the story of a young couple, John Malcolm, played by Dan Harris; and Anne Shankland, portrayed by Diane Pirmann, who are divorced by the strong love that should be binding them together.

The rest of the cast includes Jean Rosenquist as Miss Tanner; Alma Herrera, Mabel; Pam Long, Lady Matheson; and Stephanie Heiwig playing Mrs. Railton-Bell.

Also cast were Connie Peschang as Miss Meacham; Michele Peters, Doreen; and Don Kelly, Mr. Fowler. Laurie Anderson will play Miss Cooper and Lyle Burwell will portray Mr. Stratton.

The second play TABLE NUMBER SEVEN is centered around the life of Major Pollock, played by Dave Johnston. The Major leads a double-life, deceiving the people in his hotel as a retired army man, but who in real life is a forlorn and lonely person. Sharron Turner, cast as Sibyl Railton-Bell, is the only other change in the cast from play one.

Mr. Guy O. Andersen, speech and dramatics instructor at Rocky, will direct the play. He will be assisted by Russell Kennedy.

SEPARATE TABLES is a two-set play that will be designed by senior Jim Reed. Sign-up sheets for volunteers to work on the set, costumes, publicity, props, lights, and sound are in room 117. "All interested seniors should sign up as soon as possible," stated Mr. Andersen.

Dolphinettes: Dance To Old and New As They Splash To Synchro-Swing

The Dolphinettes will hold their annual water show on three nights this year: Thursday, March 27, Friday the 28, and Saturday the 29 at eight o'clock each night. Tickets will be $.60 for students and $1.00 for adults, and may be purchased before and after school and at lunch in the cafeteria.

This year's theme will be Synchro-Swing and will be portrayed with dances ranging from the Minuet to Rock and Roll. There are 45 girls in 15 acts taking part in the show. The narrators are Diane Pirmann and John Robison.

The girls, under the direction of Coach Gary Ackerson, have designed and built the scenery themselves. They work an hour each week on scenery in addition to attending practices at 7 and 8 in the morning and after school. The girls also wrote their own routines and designed and make their own costumes.

This year there are 10 junior high girls who are in a Square Dance routine. This is to teach them basic stunts and to prepare them for when they are in high school. It also gives them more of an opportunity to create stunts of their own.

The profits from shows in past years have gone for underwater speakers and $100 to AFS. The president of this year's club is Debbie Fenton.

TWENTY-THREE SKIDOO and the Dolphinettes are ready for you with the senior Charleston routine of Bonnie Knapp and Geri Gellerman, front row; Lynette Beinke, Debbie Fenton and Becky Lawhorn, back row.

Crier Staffer Elected Mayor By Boy Scouts

Citizenship Day marks the annual takeover of Rock Island government by area scouts. Frank Thomas, Rocky senior and **Crimson Crier** fourth page editor, was elected mayor of Rock Island on the Progressive Citizens Party ticket. Frank, and other elected officials, will take office tomorrow.

Does Anybody Here Know Where Charley's Aunt Is?

"Where is he?" exclaims F. Eugene Malcolm. "She's late for rehearsal. Oops! He's late again!"

Confused, reader? So is the cast of "Where's Charley?," a musical comedy by Frank Loesser with adaption by George Abbott. Alan Nelson, playing the dual role of Charley Wykeham, and his Brazilian aunt, Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez is the only one not confused. Just who and what he is will be made public April 11 and 12 in the high school auditorium.

This is the story of two students at Oxford University with chaperone problems—they want one! The 1890's were different weren't they?

Larry Cline, in the role of Jack Chesney, is Charley Wykeham's roommate, and the two boys' guests for graduation ceremonies are Amy Spettigue, played by Dawn Cole, and Gloria DeVacht as Kitty Verdum.

Mr. Spettigue, who is portrayed by Mark McKissick, is greatly appalled at the thought of his neice and ward having no chaperone while with the boys. Jack and Charley, realizing this, take the matter into their own hands.

Still more complications arise when the real Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez, played by Becky Taylor, under the name of Beverly Smythe comes and recaptures the heart of a former beau, Sir Francis Chesney, portrayed by Jim Olsen.

Registration For Summer School, Payment Of Fees Due By June 6

The summer school session will begin Friday, June 6, and will last for six weeks ending July 18. The registrations and payment fees must be completed on or before June 6, but students completing their registration by May 16 will be given first opportunity in filling classes. Students failing subjects second semester will have a chance to register between May 28 and June 5.

The tuition for a two-hour, one-half unit course is $25.00 and a four-hour, one-unit course is $50.00. The biology-four-hour course is $60.00 and swimming, a one-hour, non-credit course is $12.50.

The one-half credit courses meeting two hours daily are advanced algebra, art enrichment, American government, economics, shorthand, and personal typing. The one-credit courses meeting four hours daily are algebra I, American history, biology I, chemistry, English 10, 11, and 12, plane geometry, Spanish I, and world history.

Regular daily attendance is mandatory as the school will reserve the right to drop any student who is absent four hours or more either semester. Two tardies count as one-hour absence.

It is best that most try and register by May 15 as the final registration will determine if additional classes are to be organized.

Red Letter Days

MARCH

27-29—Dolphinettes Water Show, RIHS pool

27—Quincy Assembly; "New Names in Latin American Art," Augustana Centennial Hall Gallery, 10-4:00 Thursday-Saturday, 2-4:00 Sunday

28—No school, teachers' institute

29-31—No school, spring vacation

31—Audubon Series

APRIL

1-7—No school, spring vacation

11-12—"Where's Charley?" Rock Island high auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

18—Bettendorf Exchange Assembly

21—Report cards; College Night

25—Kober Assembly

26—A.C.T. Test

Congratulations To Rocky Scouts As They Assume Elected Posts

Citizenship Day is a cooperative effort between the city of Rock Island and the Blackhawk District, Boy Scouts of America. It is an attempt on their part to acquaint the city's youth with the workings of a city government and the election of city officials.

Tomorrow is Citizenship Day and several Rock Isalnd youths will take over the city. These young men, ranging in age from 12 to 17, are members of area Boy Scout troops and posts who were elected by fellow Scouts on Saturday, March 15. Rock Island high school is represented by senior Frank Thomas, who will serve as mayor; sophomore David Nixon, city manager; John Cliff and Tom Ayers, city councilmen; and Bruce McCormack, who will be city clerk.

The campaigns began at a caucus held February 8, in Rock Island City Hall. Here the two parties were organized, picked candidates for mayor, city councilmen, city treasurer, and clerk and drew up a party platform. For the following month these two party candidates arranged campaign literature and set up speaking dates at many troops and posts.

The emphasis of the campaign was not just to vote for a particular party but to Vote. Importance was placed on participation in the election and the significance of learning about the city government structure. On election day, appointed election judges registered the voters and explained the use of the voting machine.

The Crimson Crier would like to congratulate these Rocky students on their election to these responsible posts.

Desirability Of Single Song Is Brought Before Senate

While sitting in the sophomore cheering section at the last pep rally, we overheard some of the comments of the dimpled darlings that occupy those seats in the balcony. As the student body rose and reverently prepared to sing the school song, one soph fidgeted uncontrollably and wailed "Which song are we singing?" While another perturbed pupil pondered aloud, "Do I know this song?" Still another Pepple called for a solution to the problems caused by having two school songs . . . simply eliminate one of them!

And those upperclassmen in their letter sweaters are attempting to do just that, and relieve the agony of each incoming sophomore, and the whole song, for that matter, when they are confronted with the prospect of learning not one, but **two** fight songs for their alma mater.

The Lettermen have brought this unique situation to the attention of the student Senate. They have compassionately recognized the need to adopt one uniform spirit-boosting song for all sports.

Let's Quit Arguing Over Petty Things And Back The Revised Dress Code

"Give them an inch and they take a mile." This aptly describes the situation with our proposd dress code. The student members studied the questionnaires we filled out and summarized them to the best of their ability into the form presented to the Senate on March 12.

The code was a sort of compromise between a general code using "questionable" as its standard and a very specific code. The general code's disadvantages are obvious. Equal enforcement becomes impossible when punishment is completely subjective.

On the other hand, a lengthy "ultra-specific" code would present us with problems such as a neighboring school has experienced. They ended up with a set of rules less liberal than they had before. Teachers and administrators have backing for being picky about dress. Inevitably, a compromise was necessary, and it was formulated.

We are exhibiting our immaturity by not appreciating the privilege given to us by the administration and faculty to draft a sensible code. Rather than arguing about the difference between culottes and pantdresses, we should back the code presented to us. A step in the right direction is more important than petty differences of opinion concerning a dress code.

Drop-out Rate Lower Here Than The National Average

Students, beware! You may become one of the 15 to 18% of Rocky students who drop out within a year. This average compares favorably with the national average of 30%. If you are a girl, your chances of dropping out are slightly higher.

The highest drop-out rate comes in the summer between the sophomore and junior year since many who turn 16 fail to enroll in the fall.

There are many reasons for the loss of manpower in the classroom. Ranked highest are a lack of interest and marriage, followed by a lack of achievement, illness, poor conduct, military service, and pregnancy.

Fortunately, the drop-out hasn't always seen the last of the schoolroom. Many return to school after one semester, after securing short duration or seasonal work which offers little — or no future. He flys from job to job, unsatisfied with any occupation. Discouraged, he readily returns for his diploma or enters the service where schooling is also available. Most girls leave to marry and raise a family.

Frequently, the drop-out gets into trouble with the law and spends time on probation or in a correctional institution. Before you drop out, ask yourself this question, "Is it worth it?"

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Major Flood Feared By Many

by Debbie Nice

An ark, or at least a row boat, might be just the thing needed by you river lovers this spring.

The 1965 flood caused great damage and loss of property. This spring the Quad-Cities area can probably expect another such flood, possibly worse.

Dr. George P. Cressman, Weather Bureau director in Washington, said, "There is no doubt that there will be severe — perhaps record-breaking — floods on the upper Mississippi this spring."

The crest in the 1965 flood was 22.5 feet, 7.5 feet above flood stage. This year it is very possible that it will again reach 22.5 feet and maybe even higher.

The final crest will depend on three things: first, how much it snows in March; second, how fast it thaws, and third, how much it rains as the high water moves downstream.

The snow usually begins to melt in the last week of March and the crest then reaches Rock Island about the third week of April. The three floods, 1951, 1952, and 1965, crested at Rock Island on April 28 because the melting started a week later.

Governor Richard B. Ogilvie asked state agencies to set up disaster planning meetings. The Illinois Civil Defense Agency will hold such meetings in various towns along the river to prepare for a possible major flood.

Supervisor Robert L. Hubbard said that the county's only concern was the Meredosia Levee in upper Rock Island county. If it breaks like it almost did in the 1965 flood, the Mississippi river would cut through lowlands and come down the Rock River.

Supervisor Cal J. Reddig said that a break in the dike would flood about 20,000 acres in upper county to Hillsdale, Erie, Barstow, Osborn, and possibly Milan. "It could make Rock Island an island again," he added.

AS PREPARATIONS GET underway for an anticipated 1969 Spring flood, many recall their experiences with sandbagging in the 1965 flood. Students from Rocky and other Quad City schools received national recognition for their contributions in the earlier flood. Present conditions indicate a worse flood this year than in 1965.

DEBBIE NICE SURVEYS the '65 flood marks.

Movies

Funny Girl Gets 8 Nominations

by Debbie Peck

With eight Academy Awards nominations, the movie FUNNY GIRL, a William Wyler — Ray Stark production, should receive at least five of them, including BEST PICTURE, BEST ACTRESS, BEST MUSIC, BEST SONG and BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS.

Barbara Streisand should receive best actress for her performance as FUNNY GIRL, Fanny Brice. Fanny Brice was a Jewish chorus girl in an old theater in New York during the twenties. She became famous not for having the best looks, but for having one of the best voices and being one of the most outstanding comediennes of her time. Miss Streisand fitted the part perfectly.

Kay Medford is up for best supporting actress. She played the part of Fanny's mother, who owned a New York saloon.

Omar Sharif wasn't at his best. He was Fanny's husband, who gambles for a living. He didn't act as well as he did in Doctor Zchivago.

Best cinematography, best film editing and best sound achievement are the other three awards that can be received.

Steph's Stuff

True Grit Book To Be Movie

by Steph Heiwig

One of the best books on the bestseller list this month is **TRUE GRIT.** It is the touching story of a fourteen year-old girl who vows to avenge her father's death. Now, this may sound very melodramatic but Charles Portis, the author, makes the story richly rewarding and full of real emotion.

TRUE GRIT is a western but not in the sense of wild Indians and cowboys. The little heroine decides that if the law is not going to punish her father's murderer — she must. This quest takes her and her two friends through many a harrowing experience.

This book has been made alive by Paramount Pictures with the help of Kim Darby, John Wayne, and Glen Campbell. With a cast like that and a terrific plot the picture should prove to be one of the best of the 1969 season.

But, don't wait for the movie because you won't want to miss reading the climax of the book which involves our heroine falling into a snake pit.

The title of the book comes from the vocabulary of the tough little girl. She uses the word "grit" to encompass her idea of courage, fortitude, and determination. I feel that she showed real "grit." If you are in the mood for an interesting, touching, and truly memorable book pick up a copy of **TRUE GRIT.**

Tenor Visits Rocky

Brown Sings For "Glee"

by Mark McKissick

One of the world's top 12 tenor soloists, William Brown, came and spoke to the Senior Glee chorus. He then proceeded to give them a private concert (1 number) in which he demonstrated the "proper technique and style necessary for any self-respecting vocalist."

But before singing, the veteran tenor related several of his more interesting experiences and talked of the general public's attitude toward any truly cultural exhibition. He stated, "Only 3% of the American public ever see a 'live' showing of talent in one year. This includes the crowds of teenagers attending 'Rock' concerts.

"This means," he went on to say, "that the number of people watching Johnny Carson in one evening on T.V. exceeds those attending live performances for the space of one year."

In his lecture, it became clear that Mr. Brown had been instructed as an Affiliate Artist to say a number of things that he might have otherwise omitted. With arms outstretched, he praised the Affiliate Artist program as the greatest development in the arts since patronage, calling it "a truly noble answer to a crying need."

Late in the period, Mr. Brown asked that the chorus sing a few selections from their repetoire so that he might offer some constructive criticism. After hearing them he showed great pleasure concerning their diction saying, "I would associate your sound with that of a college chorus. It is a superior sound."

Mr. Brown started as a trumpet player in a jazz band. He received his masters degree from the Indiana School of Music. He is now in the process of getting his Doctorate from the Peabody Institute at Baltimore, Md.

As a featured soloist with the United States Navy Chorus, the young tenor has made many White House appearances, performing before Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. On Christmas Eve, 1967 and 1968, he appeared in John LaMontaine's opera **"Shepareds Playe"** on ABC television with the Washington Opera. As a leading artist with the Lake George Opera, Mr. Brown premiered the rote of Feste in David Amramis' opera, "Twelfth Night."

In addition to his duties on campus and those in the community, Mr. Brown will be appearing with the New York City Opera, and with several leading orchestras throughout the country.

Mr. Brown

The Affiliate Artist Program is significantly distinguished from the usual "artist-in-residence program." It allows the artist to remain an artist persuing his career with his educational duties being administered in two week stretches at various points in the school year.

According to Mr. Brown, the Affiliate Artist Program is destined to become an accepted part of the higher educational system in America, a country where such talent is often unrecognized.

LOOKING AT THE results of their survey in the senates, members of the Dress Code committee tabulate the students' wishes.

Senate Adopts Revised Dress Code; Faculty and Board Approval Pending

Moustached young men and culotted cuties may be the coming thing at Rock Island high school, pending the passage of the new dress code devised by the student portion of the Student-Faculty-Administration Rules Committee. T-shirts, sandals, and boots will be permissible in the new code along with the formerly forbidden moustaches and culottes.

The code was compiled after some 2,300 questionnaires were reviewed. These questionnaires were distributed to the student body in senates and the grueling task of summarizing them went to Howard Waxenberg, Helane Golden, and Dave Wynes.

The next step in passage of the infant dress code was to submit it to the student Senate for its seal of approval. After considerable debate, the Senate accepted the rules, but they tacked on an amendment stating that girls should be allowed to wear sandals without socks or nylons.

The code will now be returned to the Rules Committee for further revision and passage. The final say, however, will be had by the school board and the administration.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

"AFTER A BRIEF LECTURE — WE BROKE UP INTO SMALL DISCUSSION GROUPS."

Tank Talk

by Stan Lohmeier

This weekend another year of college basketball will come to an end with the N.C.A.A. tournament at Louisville. Meeting in the semi-finals will be the U.C.L.A. Bruins and the Drake Bulldogs. In the other semi-final game the second ranked Tar Heels of North Carolina will meet the Big Ten champs, Purdue.

The final game should pit the first and second ranked teams of the country. The Bruins should make it three championships in a row. In the consolation game Purdue should stop the hot Bulldogs and take the third place trophy.

Now that the baseball players strike is over and the spring training camps are well under way I think it is time to try and pick who is going to be in the '69 World Series. Representing the American League will be the World Champions Detroit Tigers.

Facing them will be last year's National League champs, the St. Louis Cardinals. The series this year won't take all seven games. I pick the Cards in four, Gibson winning two and Briles and Carlton combining for the other two.

Coming closer to home we find that in the Iowa state finals at Des Moines two Mississippi Valley teams are in the top sixteen teams of the state. Number one seeded Cedar Rapids Washington and Clinton are the two conference representatives.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE major spring sports, Diane Deyo, girls tennis; Bob Bailey, boys golf; Gail Learner, girls golf; and Jeff Reed, baseball, take time to discuss their upcoming schedules.

'69 Spring Sports Begin

Boy's Tennis

Rock Island high school has always been known for its superior tennis teams, and this year should be no exception. For the last two years the netmen have been undefeated in Valley competition.

The Rocks will be led again by senior star, DeArmond Briggs who placed first in the state last year. Rounding out the top six will be sophomore sensation Steve Briggs, seniors Steve Flack, Jeff Emry, and Jerry Carstens; and Junior Bob Huffman. The Briggs boys are expected to place high in both singles and doubles competition in the state tournament.

The Bettendorf Bulldogs are expected to give the Rocks the only trouble this year as they have been practicing all year round on an indoor court. Other strong competitors include Sterling and New Trier East.

Coach Bob Motz is very excited about this year's team and says that they have the potential to go all the way. He expects the Briggs brothers to capture at least one first between them, whether it is in singles or in doubles competition.

Girl's Tennis

Over forty girls have come out for tennis this spring, including new seniors, new juniors, a large number of sophomores, and for the first time a few freshmen. Practice began March 12, when they began to eliminate.

Although the fall season wasn't very bright for the girl racketeers, with their only win being against Davenport West, coach Mary Brent is hopeful about the upcoming spring season. Leading the team this season will be returning regulars Diane Deyo, Debbie Bennett, and Susie Wolff. The first game will be against Davenport Central, on April 8.

Baseball

Coach Carl "Boats" Aronson remains optimistic despite the fact that the team's prospects are "questionable." Heading up the predominately senior team will be Jeff Reed, Walt Stradley, Cliff Nice, and junior Dan Burkhead.

Many of the positions are up for grabs and competition is fierce. At the beginning of the season nearly thirty-five boys came to tryouts. The Rocks will probably suit a team of about seventeen this year.

Handling the mound duties will be Jeff Reed, and according to coach Aronson, Jeff will be the number one pitcher this year. Helping him out will be Cliff Nice (who is also a great utility man) and Mike Crawford who is a senior transfer student. Dave Berg, junior, will also be seeing plenty of mound action.

According to Coach Aronson the Rocks are in a very tough district with Davenport Central and West giving the Diamondmen the most trouble. Moline also is a strong competitor.

Aronson also added that if the Rocks work real hard and are prepared mentally that they will place fairly high in Mississippi Valley Competition.

Boy's Golf

The Rock Island golf team will try to improve on their District championship placing as they start this season off by competing with Alleman on April 7 at the Indian Bluff golf course in Milan.

The clubmen sport a very busy schedule this year having fifteen meets along with competing in the district tournament. Highlighting the team's season will be matches with Galesburg on April 17 and Clinton on May 13. District competition gets under way May 9 at Galesburg with the State tournament to be held May 16 and 17 at Champaign.

Carrying most of the load this year will be Bob Bailey and Bob Lindsay, who are the only returning lettermen on this year's squad. They will be helped out by seniors Doug Brown, Stan Lohmeier, and Tom Kaller. Gary Forslund and Jack Clinton are also expected to beef up the senior contingent. John Robison is the only major junior on the team.

This year the sophomores were well represented as many of the underclassmen were at the first meeting. Some of the sophs include Ted Stone, Tom Blakeley, Doug Elliott, and Marty Davis.

Girl's Golf

Over twenty girls have come out for spring golf this year, including returning seniors, juniors, and a lot of new sophomores. Last year's medalist, Gail Learner, will be heading the team along with returning regulars Susie Wilson, Laura Swedberg, Mary Campagna, Laurie Anderson, and Debbie Stone.

Coach Frank Youngquist was very pleased with last year's undefeated season. With so many regulars returning, the girls are very hopeful about the upcoming season. The first match will be April 21 with Moline at the Mill Creek course.

Riley's Boys Finish Season with 14-10; 2nd in Regional

Picked to finish in the second division in the Mississippi Valley race the Rocks ended up in fourth place with a record of 9-5. This year the Rileymen featured a running offense and a tight defense. This running offense was figured to be the main reason for their upset victories over Rockford West, Rockford Auburn, and Aurora East. In non-conference games the Rocks ended up with a 3-4 record playing such ranked teams as Alleman, Quincy, Galesburg, and the two Rockford schools.

Leading the Rocks were seniors Frank Riley, Frank Wood, Carl Bates, Bernie Teague, and DeArmond Briggs. Also the promising 6'-7" sophomore Bruce Hamming saw plenty of action. Making post-season honors were Frank Riley, all Quad-City first team, and Bernie Teague, all Quad-City second team.

In the regional tournament the cagers started off with a win over Erie by ten points, 68 to 58. Next in line for the fired up Rocks was East Moline. The roundballers won this game by 7 points 68 to 61. Alleman, downed the Rocks in the next game 58-48.

Cindermen Journey To Western; Take on U.T.H.S. in Dual Meet

Opening the indoor track season the Rocks traveled to the Macomb Invitational at Western Illinois University, March 15. A total of sixty-four teams, representing three states, traveled to the meet. No team points were counted up but several Rocks finished high.

Jerry Carpenter

Placing high were Jerry Carpenter, third in the pole vault; Steve Keane, sixth in the pole vault; and Mike Timion seventh in the shot put. The Rocks' two mile relay consisting of Ben Farrar, Tony Canny, Ted Larson, and Larry Begyn, ran in the first heat breaking the old record by seven seconds. Then in the second heat the Clinton River Kings broke their record by six tenths of a second. The Rocky time was 8:25.6.

Rounding out the indoor season for the cindermen were meets with Central, Tuesday, March 18; West, March 25; and East Moline, Tuesday, March 27. The Normal Invitational is on Tuesday April 2. Starting out the outdoor season the trackmen will meet Davenport Central on their home grounds. This meet will be on April 8. Central was one of the two teams to defeat the Rocks last year.

In the next dual meet the Rocks will entertain always-tough Moline. The Maroons were the second team to defeat the Rocks last year in dual meet competition. Next for the Rocks will be the Clinton River Kings, on April 22. Then the cindermen will entertain the West Falcons in the Rocky stadium on April 29.

The following dual meet will pit the Alleman Pioneers and Assumption against the Rocks in their first double dual meet of the year. Rounding out the dual meet schedule will be Merlin Hood and the East Moline Panthers.

In championship competition the cindermen will compete in the Moline Invitational, The Davenport Relays, the Normal Relays, The Clinton Gateway, and the Woodruff Relays.

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Y-Teens Lenten Services Move Students at R.I.

The Y-Teens lenten services were different this year, as the agenda not only included student speakers but also professors from area colleges. The services were held from March 24 through March 27 at 8:00 a.m. All students were urged to attend and students in 8:00 a.m. classes were allowed one period free to attend a service.

Each program included a prelude, a call to worship, hymns, scripture, a sermon by a special speaker on one certain aspect of Lent, student singers, a benediction, and the postlude.

The speakers were: Monday, March 24, Mr. Jim Ziel; Tuesday 25, Mr. Ed Hamming, professor at Augustana College; and Thursday 27, Dave Johnston and Frank Thomas, both seniors at Rock Island high.

The day chairmen were Lynn Gay, Themis Joannides, Pattie Haines, and Julie Blick. Their job was to set up the auditorium for each daily service and to select ushers. The chairmen also saw that there were enough programs and that the speakers and singers were able to make the service.

The singers consisted of students from Rock Island high: Monday, Larry Cline; Tuesday, Patty Bunger; Wednesday, Gloria DeVacht; and Thursday, the Chamber Choir.

A MODERN WILLIAM Tell, Terry Goodman, president of Rocky's new Archery Club prepares to shoot the apple off Michele Millett's head as Sheila McGinnis steadies it.

Archery Club Formed At Rocky; Officers Elected

A whine is heard and a blur is seen; then the spinning shaft slams quivering in the bullseye. This scene is becoming more common at each meeting of the newly-formed Rock Island Archery club.

Interest in the club was aroused when Mr. James Johnstone, intramural director at Rocky, announced possible plans for a new club. The student response was favorable, and the club was started. As of the present, Rock Island is the only area high school to have such a club.

The club is sponsored by the Moline Archery Club, and affiliated with the National Field Archery Association. Instructors from the Moline Club are Pete Fontenoy and Bob Barth.

"The main purpose of this club," says Pete, "is to get more kids interested and participating in the sport." The club is also in Junior Olympics. Since archery will be an Olympic sport in 1972, these clubs are being started to try to develop some youngsters who might aspire to an Olympic team position.

Since this is an amateur club, no one may accept awards, but badges of recognition can be shot for, and awarded whenever the particular score is reached. The officers elected are president, Terry Goodman; secretary, Chuck Boughan; and, treasurer, Michele Millett.

The club meets every Thursday night at seven in the pit room. The club is open to Rocky students, and materials are furnished.

Fish Members Show Love By Helping Others

A new society called Fish has been organized in the Quint-Cities recently to provide help for people in this area. Taking the first letter of each word of Jesus Christ Son of God Savior is, in Greek letters, the meaning of the word Fish.

The organization itself is just a group of people who want to express their love and concern for their neighbors. Any one can be a member of Fish or call Fish for help. You don't have to be a Christian or a member of a particular church.

There are many things high school teens are able to do—for instance, babysitting, locating needed articles, yard work, transportation or reading to and/or visiting elders, teens, adults, or shut-ins.

You work one day a week or one day a month depending on your free time. You stay at home until contacted by the Fish answering service; then you contact the people assigned and go to work to help them in whatever problem they have.

If you'd like to be a member of Fish just call 764-3353 or mail a commitment card to Mrs. Sue Young at 4526 7th Ave., Rock Island, Illinois.

Prune Speaks

by Frank Thomas

A while back I was in the cafeteria when a thought struck me, along with three cottage cheese salads, a prune pit and two jellos. Why, I asked myself, is this abundant ballistic genius being wasted in random attacks? Why not pit these guys against each other?

I took this idea to a friend who prefers to remain nameless. (If I used John's name he'd kill me.) We agreed that war games might be the solution to the loss of many lives. We then set up some ground rules.

— Combat shall commence seven minutes after the start of first lunch and continue for twenty-three minutes, followed by a seven minute cease-fire to allow for medical aid, troop transfer, ammunition restock and official ruling on team status. This schedule is followed through last lunch.

— Two sides shall be organized. They shall be called the Red and Gold teams. A little school spirit can't hurt. The lunch staff from line "A" shall be assigned to the Red team and the line "B" staff to the Gold team. The cashier shall act as a neutral arbitrator for prisoner exchange.

Two adult combat judges — to be named Quisp and Quake — shall be present at all times to determine victory status, based on direct hits, casualties and surrenders. Their decisions are final, pending assassination.

On the first combat day casualties were light. My team scored four jellos, a taco dog and an ice cream cup while the Gold only scored one cottage cheese and an Armour hot dog. After the cease-fire we lost the gravy girl, but, after a brilliant sneak attack, we captured a dishwasher and the west snack bar. The second day was deadly; we had pizzas.

That day, after a suicide attack by the Gold team the judges ruled the Red team the winner and, based on total casualties, awarded the victory prize: 48,716 detentions.

A Pit Band Is Important To A Musical

A very important but not often noted part of every musical is its small orchestra that plays below the stage in a pit. This orchestra is quite often called the pit band. However, this name is not appropriate since any musical group containing string instruments is not considered a band.

Under the direction of Mr. Jerome Hart the pit band for the spring musical "Where's Charley?" has practiced every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday seventh period for the past month. The small orchestra must work continuously on the preciseness of attacks and the perfection of tone. The over-all sound must be kept at a medium in order for the singers to be heard clearly.

The pit band is composed of nine violins, two violas, three cellos, two string bass, one piano, one flute, one oboe, three clarinets, one bassoon, two bass clarinets, two trumpets, one trombone, two French horns, and a snare drum.

The stringed instruments carry the melody with the singer, while the woodwinds and the brass are used to obtain special effects, such as the opening or closing of a door.

"Where's Charley?" will be performed on April 11-12 in the auditorium at 8 p.m.

All Language Clubs Offer A Very Exciting, Fun Year

The 1968-69 school year has been an exciting one for all the language clubs, with even more exciting plans to finish out the year.

Tomorrow the German club will go to the Amana Colonies. The club members will eat at a real German style restaurant. They will visit the woolen mills, furniture factory, and the bakery.

At earlier meetings the German club had a picnic at Loud Thunder, a food tasting party, a Christmas party, and meetings where they presented German plays. The president of the club is Frank Thomas.

The French club has also had an exciting year. At one of the meetings the members learned to play French games, and at another they had a food tasting party.

Miss Shirley Harding, speech teacher at Washington junior high, spoke on her trip to France, and Sylvie Mathe, French foreign exchange student, showed slides of her home country.

The club plans to go on a trip to Chicago before the end of the year. Julia Bertelsen is president of the group.

The Pan American League, on February 26, saw and heard the famous Silvis Fiesta Dancers: Luiz Sierra, Tereza Belman, Bernarda Prieto, Pamela Sarugoza, Angela Molina, Enrique Sierra, and Ruben Sierra.

The club is planning a bus trip to Chicago, which will include a visit to a Spanish restaurant. Lynette Beinke is president of the group.

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