

Ave Atque Vale Rocky: Seniors

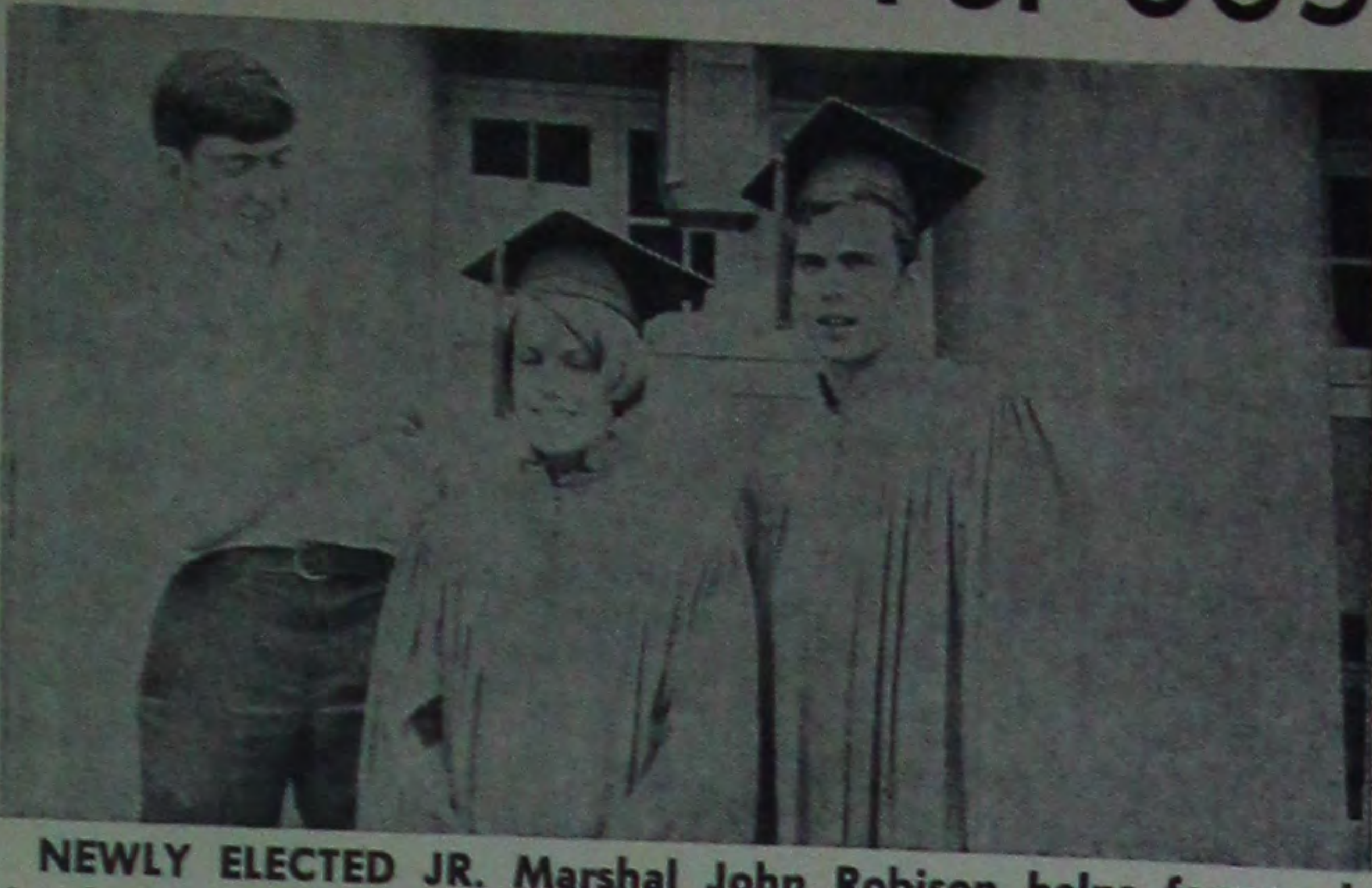
May 29 Commencement For 665

Approximately 665 students will culminate their high school years with graduation on May 29. The commencement exercises will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the field house.

Salutatorian Duane Taylor will speak on the topic "Do Your Own Thing." The title for co-valedictorian Sharon Engel's speech is "Steadfast As A Rock." Allen Carlson, the other co-valedictorian, will speak on "Success." The Reverend William Bennett, from First United Methodist Church of Rock Island will give the invocation and the benediction.

Principal F. W. Aspedon will present the class of 1969, followed by Mr. Charles O. Austin Jr., superintendent of the Rock Island public schools, who will award special honors to outstanding students from the class. Mr. William C. Bell, representing the Rock Island board of education, will award the diplomas.

The Senior Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Murray Osborn, will provide music for the commencement ceremonies, including a musical adaptation of "Choose Something Like A



NEWLY ELECTED JR. Marshal John Robison helps former Jr. Marshal Jackie Freshwaters with her cap as another former Jr. Marshal Frank Wood looks into the future.

Star," a poem by Robert Frost.

The Baccalaureate service will be held on May 25, at 8:00 p.m. in the Boys' Gym. The speaker will be Reverend Allan Nelson, president of the Ministerial Alliance.

The eighty-seven members of the National Honor Society were presented their membership pins during the assembly held on Friday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m. Father John Reel, priest at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, was the guest speaker. The Senior Chorus again sang, this time a selection

from The Sound of Music, entitled "Climb Every Mountain."

This year's graduating class has the distinction of being the first to have Mr. Aspedon as principal for all three years. Many new changes have been made during their high school years. For instance, both the concourse and the new addition were opened while the class of 1969 attended Rocky, as well as the new wing of the cafeteria, along with the enclosure of the famous "senior ledge."

Seniors Choose Junior Marshals For Graduation

Four juniors will be leading the seniors down the aisle to graduation on May 29. These Junior Marshals will be John Robison, Robert Lohmeier, Marcia Glassner, and Judy Knox. The school counselors drafted a list of qualified juniors from which the senior class voted.

John Robison, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean C. Robison, 1423 35th Avenue, is president of the junior class, next year's president of the Key Club, and a member of the varsity debate team.

Bob, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lohmeier, 3325 26th Street, is a member of the varsity swimming team, and a Letterman.

Marcia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glassner, 2605 26th Avenue Court, is a member of the Senate, the cheerleading squad, and the Y-Teens cabinet.

Judy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Knox, 3127 36th Street, is a cheerleader, and a member of GAA and Y-Teens.

AD, Former Football Coach To Retire After 28 Years

H. V. Almquist, athletic director at Rocky for the last 28 years, has announced he will retire at the end of the present school year. Before coming to Rocky, he served as football coach, basketball coach, tennis coach, and athletic director at Augustana college.

While at Rocky he coached football, basketball, and was athletic director. His over-all football record is 198 wins, 93 losses, and 23 ties. During his 13 years at Augustana, Almquist had a fine record of 65-29-12.

This record included two unbeaten teams, 1932 and 1934. These are the only unbeaten teams in the college's history. At Augie he also served as head basketball coach compiling a 112-61 slate. In 1943 his team set the all-school record with a win-loss percentage of 21-3.

That team also took part in the Olympic Trials. In 1935 he took over as director of athletics and held that position until he came to Rocky. While serving as football coach at Rocky, his teams have been more than successful.

His over all record at Rock Island is 133 wins, 44 losses, and 11 ties. This record covers 21 seasons and 20 championship teams. These championships include 10 in the old Northwest Conference, 9 in the Quad-City, and 1 in the Mississippi Valley.

This record also took into account only two sub .500 seasons and five unbeaten, untied teams. These teams played in 1944, 1949, 1952, 1953, and 1960. During his playing days in Minneapolis, he was a three time all-city selection.

He attended the University of Minnesota where he was a two time all-Big Ten selection. Adding to those football honors, he was chosen for the All-American team in his senior year.

Lees Leaves For South of Border On Music Tour

Brian Lees has been selected as one of the 32 members of the Purdue Summer Music Camp to tour Mexico and Central America this summer.

The three week jaunt will start as Brian leaves on June 7 for Miami, Florida, for a three day stay. From there the musicians will travel to Mexico and continue south, touring all of the countries between Guatemala and Panama.

Members of the traveling group were selected on the basis of their accomplishment during competition held during the music camp last year. Brian was percussion section leader last summer, making him eligible for the coming trip.

Lees, 17, is a Rocky junior and is currently the percussion section leader in the Rock Island high school Symphonic Band. A member of P.B.U.N.E, he has reached the rank of Executive Prune.

Brian plans to continue his music education after graduating from high school. He wants to major in percussion at college and upon graduation teach drumming.



THE NEW CRIMSON Crier staff pauses from preparations for next year's paper for a picture. They are, standing, Tish Burke, Debi Jo Pieper, Millie Lawrence, Debbie Yeoman, Marie Carson, Jim Manson, Mike Weindruch, and seated, John Gartelos, Joe Ullman, and Linda Nies. Missing from the picture are Tonda Poma and Aksel Epik.

Next Newspaper Staff Revealed; Ullman Named Editor-in-Chief

A thirteen member staff headed by Joe Ullman, newly appointed Editor-in-Chief, will assume duties of the Crimson Crier for the fall semester of the 1969-70 school year.

Backing up the Editor will be the new copy Editor John Gartelos and Page Editors Linda Nies, page one; Tish Burke, page two; Mike Weindruch, page three (Sports Editor); and Marie Carson, page four.

Completing the Editorial staff are the newly appointed Picture Editor Debbie Yeoman, her assistant Aksel Epik and Head Proofreader Jim Manson.

Millie Lawrence, Business Manager; Tonda Poma, Ad Manager; and Debi Jo Pieper, Circulation Manager, will comprise the Business staff of the 1969-70 Crimson Crier.

Announcement of the staff was made by Mr. N. L. Peschang, faculty advisor of the paper. Mr. Peschang based his selections on the quality of work completed by the students during Journalism A. Also taken into account in making the decisions were dependability, leadership, and the students preference in jobs.

The new staff, rating as one of the smallest in the paper's history, inherits the job that is currently occupying two staffs and sixty students.

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Second Assistant Principal To Be Chosen For Rocky

Next fall, a second assistant principal will be appointed to Rock Island high school. The duties of this new principal's aid will include supervision of curriculum and administrative duties.

He also will take charge in the scheduling of students and changing of these schedules during the school year, teacher inservice training; with the responsibility for instruction, including innovations and experimentation, and obtaining substitute teachers when needed.

Also included will be the scheduling of assemblies and activities and supervising the activity and club programs of the high school during the school year.

Mr. F. W. Aspedon, Rocky's principal, mentioned that this job will not carry the routine responsibility of attendance or discipline. The person appointed

will be expected to assume administrative responsibilities in case of emergencies, or in the absence of the principal or assistant principal in charge of student personnel.

Mr. Aspedon also commented, "It's more than needing help; we have to meet more demands . . . We need a specialist to fill in these 'gaps.'"

The person chosen for this position must hold a valid administrative certificate — a life or all-grade supervisory certificate, or an administrative certificate with the general administrative endorsement.

Those interested, who are employed in the Rock Island District, were asked to indicate their interest by writing to the superintendent of schools.

\$500 Presented To Rocky Senior By Playcrafters

Senior Diane Pirmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pirmann of 3230 13th Avenue, was the recipient of a \$500 Scholarship from Playcrafters Inc.

Three scholarships are awarded annually on the basis of acting ability. They include a \$500, and \$200 and a \$100 scholarship. Diane, representing Rock Island high school, won the top scholarship by defeating student representatives from seven area high schools.

Each student competing for the scholarships was required to do an 8 minute monologue or play cutting of a serious or comic nature. These pieces were then presented at the Barn Theatre before a panel of judges. The persons expressing the most talent were awarded the scholarships.

Diane combined a comedy monologue, entitled "Rumplestiltskin" and a serious cutting from "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" for her performance.

Diane's contributions to the area theatre productions are numerous. They include performances in Genesis Guild, Quad-City Music Guild and Jr. Playcrafters.

She has appeared in many high school productions. "Thieves Carnival," "The Lady's Not For Burning," "Night Must Fall," and "Separate Tables" to name a few.

Diane is also a member of Rocky's Golden Girls, a Drama Club officer and a Y-Teens member.



NEWLY SELECTED VARSITY cheerleaders are caught in the act of practicing. They are (top row) Candy Cheek, Leah Hissey, (bottom row) Judy Knox and Susie Kelleher, Missing at the time the picture was taken was Marcia Glassner.

Cheerleading Tryouts Held May 7; Junior And Senior Squads Chosen

Six faculty representatives and the sophomore and junior Senators chose next year's junior and senior cheerleaders from the girls who tried out on May 7. Eight girls tried out for the varsity squad and sixteen tried out for the junior varsity squad.

The girls who were chosen as junior varsity cheerleaders are Mary Cloninger, Carolyn Eagle, Denise Lowery, Jana Miller, and Susie Swedberg. These girls will cheer for wrestling and swimming and junior varsity football and basketball. The junior varsity cheerleaders will attend a clinic at the University of Illinois in July.

Candy Cheek, Marcia Glassner, Leah Hissey, Susie Kelleher,

and Judy Knox were chosen for the varsity cheerleading squad. They will cheer for all varsity football and basketball games. This August they will go to a clinic at the University of Iowa.

This year's sophomore cheerleaders were Mary Cloninger, Carolyn Eagle, Jana Miller, Warrice Steward, and Susie Swedberg. They cheered at the sophomore football and basketball games.

The junior varsity cheerleaders were Candy Cheek, Robbi Coatney, Marcia Glassner, Leah Hissey, and Judy Knox.

The varsity cheerleaders were Micheala Demps, Deonna Durkee, Marsha Maurus, Leanna Nelson, and Laura Swedberg.

Linnea Johnson Represents Rocky At Ill. Girls' State

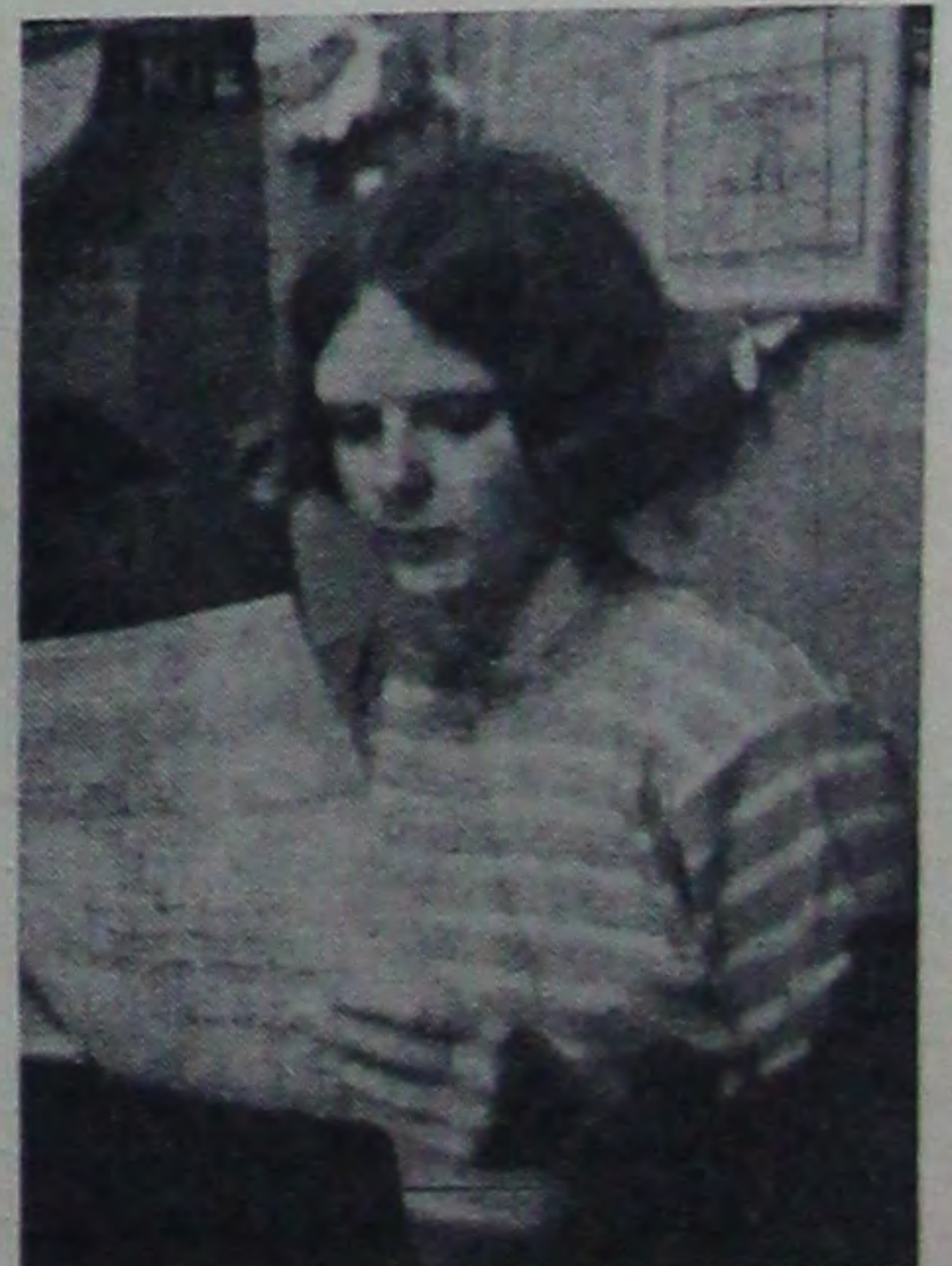
Linnea Johnson, Crimson Crier picture editor has been selected to attend this year's Illinois Girls' State at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois.

The week of June 17 through the 24 has been set aside for these girls to allow them to simulate the running of the Illinois State Government. Five hundred and twenty five girls from all across Illinois will be attending.

Linnea was sponsored by American Legion Post 200 and those selected for this honor were judged and appointed on the basis of each girl's interest in civics and government, honesty and leadership, cooperation and contribution to heighten the morale in the community and the school.

The procedure of selection was through interviews with ladies of the American Legion. Mrs. Charles Wilcox was chairman of the election committees.

Also chosen were alternates who would take the place of any



Linnea Johnson

girl if she were unable to attend the Girls' State. The alternates from Rock Island high school are Sheryl Greve and Debbie Bennett.

Linnea is in Debate I and Varsity Debate II, she also participates in Y-Teens, the Human Relations Club, intramurals and is on the AFS Club Cabinet.

Melodie Will Be Hamburger During Her AFS Summer

Rocky fraulein Melodie Maisenbach will spend the summer as an American Field Service American Abroad in Hamburg, Germany. Melodie will be hosted by the Hermann Heinhorst family and their daughter, Sabine.

Melodie will leave Moline on June 26 and fly to New York for a briefing before departing for Hamburg and a five day language camp. Melodie received notification of her selection from AFS International on May 14.

Rocky has another potential American Abroad in junior Brad Appier. Brad may be notified of his placement in a foreign home anytime from now to the June 26 departure date.

The AFS Committee has also received word that Rock Island has been selected as a site for a three-day stop-over on the 1969 AFS Bus Stop tours. Thirty-eight returning foreign students and two chaperones will be hosted by members of the Student Committee and other interested students from July 6-8.

Summer Brings Blood, Sweat and Tears Plus Many Other Activities

Although the school year is slowly but surely coming to an end, (three more days and one hour, to be exact!), many activities are coming up.

On May 24, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., Blood, Sweat, and Tears will appear at the Masonic Temple.

This summer, Genesis Guild, under the direction of Don Wooten, will present four plays. The first, "Comedy of Errors," by Shakespeare, will show from June 27 to 29, and again July 4-6. "Bacchae," by Euripides, will be presented July 12, 13, 19, and 20.

The third play, also by Shakespeare, is "The Merchant of Venice," to be presented July 25-27, and August 1-3. The final play, "The Wasps," by Aristophanes, will show August 8-10. Open tryouts will be held June 1 and June 8, at 1:00 p.m. in Lincoln Park.

Quad-City Music Guild, directed by Frank Mack, opens its season on June 19 with "Oklahoma." This will show through June 23. July 10-14 are the dates for the Guild's second performance, "Once Upon A Mattress." The season closes with "West Side Story," July 31 — August 4.

Could They All Have Died In Vain? Let's Remember Them Memorial Day

How many of the senior high school's 18 yr. olds know that May 30 is Memorial Day? How many even know what it is? To be frank, not enough.

Memorial Day has been designated as a national holiday to honor those who died in the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and lately the war in Viet Nam. That adds up to a lot of men who thought this country was something to save, something worth dying for . . .

But what has become of our national conscience . . . ? Pick up a newspaper. Do you read of men lining up to defend their country; of men paying tribute to those who died in defense of those "inalienable rights" one hears about? No! What you do read about are draft dodging, flag burnings, and other desecrations at the expense of our country's pride. This is what America has come to. And the vast majority of the people have come to accept it passively. Perhaps this is the saddest thing of all.

What happened America? What has the world done to you that you should tolerate such contemptible actions? Were those men wrong? . . . Could so many have died in vain?

Aid to Parochial Schools Cause of Much Confusion

Proponents of state aid to parochial schools have found themselves under heavy fire recently as a result of a bill sent to the state legislature. The bill, if passed, would allocate a sum of money per student attending non-public schools.

Taxpayers argue that they are not obliged to support private schools. At the same time, parents of students attending parochial schools feel that they help support public schools; therefore, public school parents should reciprocate.

Parents whose children are enrolled in private schools remind us that they are paying high tuition in addition to taxes. Supporters of the bill have contended that it will be a great deal less expensive to pay the extra tax for the parochial school aid than to pay the tax necessary to educate all students publicly.

To add to the confusion, many defenders of the legislation want the state aid scot-free, meaning that they will not tolerate any state regulation. This point has obviously proven aggravating to public school students who are benefitting from the same state revenue and its close regulations too.

Some parochial schools threaten to close if the bill is not passed as tuition will have to be extravagant. We say "threaten" as taxpayers' pocketbooks are supposedly better off with the passage of the bill. Now that we are sufficiently confused by the issues, the outcome should be quite interesting.

A Funny Thing Happened While Registering For Draft

by Howard Waxenberg

The law states that any male who is both mentally and physically qualified and eighteen years of age has an obligation. The obligation is six years of military service. Since I just turned eighteen, I felt it my duty to fulfill the first part of my obligation by registering for the Draft. I also felt it my duty to avoid being fined ten thousand dollars for failing to register for the Draft.

I remember entering a room marked "Draft Board" and immediately saluting a man in uniform. The janitor said I did not have to salute him and told me to sit down. A lady then started to ask me questions. I could tell that she was connected with the military because of the Marine tattoo on her arm.

After signing the form, I started to realize what I had just done. I had bound myself to my country for six years and was happy to do so, but as I left the Post Office I kept wondering to myself whether learning how to fight and kill was the best way to serve America.

Keeps Students Busy

Rocky Students Get Q-C Music Guild Roles

This year, twelve Rocky students and one faculty member will help comprise the casts of the three musical productions to be staged this summer for the 1969 season of the Quad-City Music Guild at its Prospect Park location.

Oklahoma! will be the first of the three musicals and will be presented June 19 through June 23. The Rogers and Hammer-

stein production employs three Rocky students as dancers. They are David Leetch, senior; Debi Peiper, junior; and Jackie Hoener, sophomore.

Rehearsals for Oklahoma! began before casts were officially announced on January 28, and have been going on every Tuesday and Thursday night at the Butterworth Center Garage under the direction of Gary M. Clark. Musical direction is done by Charles DeCamp and choreography by Larry Dennhardt.

The second production of the season, Once Upon A Mattress, is being presented July 10 through July 14. The first read-through was held February 20, and winter rehearsals were scheduled from March 11 through April 17, also during evenings at the Butterworth Center Garage. Mattress' directors are Louise Murphy and Otto Meisner for music, with choreography by Myrna Matlick.

Mr. F. Eugene Malcolm, business law teacher at Rocky, has a lead in Once Upon A Mattress as the King. Rocky Chorus member Irwin Spady has a minor role as a gentleman of the court. Two other court gentlemen are Doug Downing and L. T. Eckles, both 1968 graduates of Rock Island high school. Dave Leetch



LARRY CLINE DISCUSSES his role in Music Guild. He has a lead role in West Side Story.

Grads Advise Seniors

by Steph Heiwig

As the end of school rolls around, many Rocky seniors are getting ready for college. There are a variety of little unexpected needs and luxuries that the college bound students seldom anticipate. Some Rocky graduates have some advice for the college bound seniors.

Gary Newberry, Rock Island high school class of '68, who attends Western Illinois University warned, "Remember to take an electric pop corn popper and a small coffee pot because some schools don't serve dinner on Sunday nights."

Some graduate girls who were canvassed said you should find out the color of the rooms so that you and your roommate can choose bedspreads, curtains, lights, and other decorations. Many of the college students canvassed remarked that a freshman should be sure to bring an alarm clock that is reliable — and loud enough to wake even the heaviest sleeper.



QUIET CAMPUS LIFE awaits the graduating seniors with college plans. Shown here is the newly dedicated Augustana College observatory-planetarium complex.

Among the other things mentioned by the polled college students were: taperecorders, radios, hair dryers, aspirins (in large quantities), No-Doze, ear-

plugs, stereos, guitars, umbrellas, swimming suits, and all your old Cliff's Notes. One student added comically, "Don't forget your tooth brush!"

And so it is with mixed emotions that Rocky students look forward and back on the freshman year of college. Jean Rosenquist said that she was "anxious but apprehensive" about college. Frank Riley was quoted as saying, "You never know till you get there." Vickie Ekonomos said that she was "happy" about going to college.

"I look at college as my opportunity to break into show business. I'm going to U.C.L.A.," elated Howard Waxenberg. Barry O'Dean looks forward to college with "joyful anticipation with overtones of elation." Gail Hansen looks forward to higher education with "disgust."

Other common emotions toward going off to college were fear, anxiety, worry, dread, disgust, and joy. But, no matter how a Rock Island high school senior looks toward college he should always remember one important thing — his tooth brush!

College Today An Absolute Must? Other Fields Offered To Students

College isn't the answer for everyone because every person is an individual human being.

"There are many opportunities for girls not going to college," commented Mrs. Marguerite Pierce, dean of girls. Some go to beauty schools and others may go to a business school.

There are girls who get jobs after graduating. Attending school as a part-time student and working part-time seems to work out best for some, while others may get married.

As with the girls, some boys get full-time jobs immediately after completing high school.

There are also vocational schools that teach such things as drafting, pattern making, and other mechanical skills.

Another possibility for boys is an apprenticeship in a field such as carpentry or sheet metal. A few boys learn to be barbers. As for joining one of the branches of the service, this depends on the individual.

If college isn't the answer, don't despair. There are other fields open.

Understanding Is Main Goal As Human Relations Begins

Promoting equality and integration at Rocky and in the community is the main purpose of the newly-formed Human Relations Club, under the sponsorship of Mr. Charles Oestreich and Mrs. Earline Peterson.

Currently HRC, along with the Future Teachers Club, is sponsoring a free-of-charge tutoring program for anyone interested in getting help in a course which is giving him some problems.

A morning class is held from 8-9 and another afternoon class from 4-5 in the library. Those interested may contact Mr. Oestreich, Mrs. Peterson, or Melvin Grimes, HRC president.

Grimes commented, "The tutoring program will be continued during the summer, but right now we're concerned with getting more members."

He went on to say that the club expects to have various activities next year, such as dances and parties and will begin to expand the club's format to different programs in the line of public relations as soon as they have concluded canvassing next fall.

Departing AFS Exchange Students Evaluate Foreign Years at Rocky

by Tony Canny

"Do you ever get attacked by animals on your way to school?" "Is Chicago really run by gangsters?" These two questions asked by an American and South African respectively, clearly illustrate how ignorant many people are of others' countries.

Everyone has his idea of a stereotype from a foreign country, and I was surprised when the American men I met did not all wear Butch haircuts, sunglasses, levis, sneakers and cowboy hats. I think many people were amazed to see me for the first time and not find me clad in animal skins and speaking Junglish.

Basically everyone is so much more similar than they are dissimilar, and consequently sincere conversation can swiftly lessen these differences. My stay in the U.S. has been so short, and yet Rock Island now feels as though it is a short way away from Pretoria, instead of at the other end of the earth.

Learning to snow ski, play volleyball, basketball, etc. have been exciting experiences for me, but getting to know people from this and other countries has been even more exhilarating. Traveling through a country is interesting, but living with its people helps one to learn far more about it.

After a while one feels so at home that it becomes difficult not to think of oneself as having gone to school here all your life. My year at Rocky has been most enjoyable and I'm sure I will be able to change people's ideas of the U.S. when I return home. I hope South Africa now seems a little closer to you.

by Sylvie Mathe

"Have you ever attempted suicide? Are you a Communist? Do you intend to kill the President of the U.S.A.?" These first contacts with the American authorities made me wonder about the mental health of my fellow-countrymen and also, after a while, about the mental health of Americans . . .

My first sight of the United States was disappointing. I was expecting to see a gigantic sea of sky-scrapers and I found myself in Kennedy Airport which is as flat as can be.

Then, it was Rock Island . . . just as every Foreign Exchange Student, I had hoped to spend my year in California or Florida. Rock Island did not ring any bell in my mind nor in anybody else's. So I told my friends: "It's a suburb of Chicago on the Mississippi." Sorry . . .

Among my numerous new experiences, I learned to ice-skate, to date, to respect curfew and drinking laws (these strange institutions) and to eat corn on the cob. I also realized that all Americans are not rich, that they don't all live in sky-scrapers, eat food out of tin-cans or wear cowboy hats. But my most important discovery concerns people.

The human soul remains the same all over the world. People live, love and die for the same ideals whether they come from the U.S.A., South Africa or France. My contacts with students of Rocky have been thoroughly wonderful, and I can only hope that you learned from me as much as I learned from you. I wish to thank you all for hosting me this year and you can be assured it will be with tears that I will leave you.



DAWN COLE, TIM Herman, and Millie Lawrence rehearse segments of the musical score for West Side Story. This will be the final musical for the 1969 season.

is also a dancer for the cast of Mattress.

The third and final musical of the 1969 season is West Side Story, by Laurents, Sondheim and Bernstein. This type of musical would naturally require more roles for young people, and nine Rocky students have roles in it. Larry Cline will portray the ill-fated Tony. Larry has had major roles in the Rocky spring musicals during his three years

in the Rock Island music program.

Other cast members include Tim Herman, Dawn Cole, Deanna Durkee, Millie Lawrence, Dave Leetch, Debbie Foley, and Dan Frank.

West Side's rehearsals began the week of April 20 and usually are Tuesday and Friday nights under the direction of Clyde Walter and musical cooperation of Mallie Williams.

Prune Speaks

by

The Great Emancipated Prune

Ever since I was in fourth grade I've dreamed of being a high school student so I could drink, smoke and speed just like the big kids.

Well, I finally made it and now I'm about to leave. My impressions of Rocky have changed a little in my three years. Here are some other students' thoughts on this institution:

Rocky is being kicked out of class for chewing gum when you're just putting the rubber bands on your braces.

Rocky is not having to worry about losing your class ring because the day you got it you jammed your finger and it won't come off.

Rocky is telling off a teacher under your breath and learning she can hear a pin drop from three miles off.

Rocky is walking a girl to class and telling her what a great person she is and her saying something like, "I'm sorry, I wasn't listening. What did you say?"

Rocky is getting a "B" on an English test over a book you didn't read.

Rocky is P.R.U.N.E.

Rocky is a teacher threatening to give a quiz if the class doesn't quiet down and you threatening to tear it up and he threatening to send you to the office and you daring him to and the class doesn't and the teacher does and you do and he does and they do.

In my last inch of type I'd like to relate a wise old Hikauiwi Saying: When brook runs smooth in summer, bullfrog sings like tufted grossbeak. Having said that, I shall end. Take care, Think Prune and support your local toggle switch.

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COACH HOD LUNDEEN obviously "measures up" since he was chosen Athletic Director for the Rock Island public schools.

Lundeen Is Named Athletic Director; Replaces Retiring Shorty Almquist

Head track coach Howard "Hod" Lundeen has been named the new Athletic Director for Rock Island, replacing H. V. "Shorty" Almquist, who retires this year. Lundeen has been a coach and teacher in the public school system for the last 23 years. Lundeen has been the head track coach for the last 11 years and head of the cross country squad for five years.

Lundeen's first coaching assignment came in 1946 when he served as line coach on the sophomore football team. Two years later, he moved up to the line coach on the varsity. Then in 1953 he came into track as an assistant. Five years later he took over as head coach for the track team. In 1961 his track team won the first state track title for Rock Island.

Lundeen graduated from Bradley University after attending Knox College for a year. While at Knox he was captain of the freshman football, basketball, and track teams. During his senior year he was captain of Bradley's football team. He also participated in basketball, track and wrestling while at Bradley.

As athletic director, he will supervise and coordinate the complete athletic program in the school system. He will also share in the responsibility of filling coaching vacancies with the school board and the school administration.

Tennis, Golf Close Fine Seasons

Rock Island's powerful tennis team, after being upset twice by Moline and Bettendorf, bounced back to successfully defend their district title. Playing in their last district meet were seniors DeArmond Briggs, Steve Flack, Jerry Carstens, and Jeff Emry. Competing for the underclassmen were sophomore sensation Steve Briggs and junior Bob Huffman.

All Briggs Singles

In singles competition it was all Briggs. Both DeArmond and Steve made it to the quarter finals and the finals with DeArmond outlasting his brother in two sets. The scores for the inter-rivalry was 6-2, and 7-5.

In reaching the finals DeArmond beat DeKalb's Gary Nelson, 6-0, 6-0, in the quarter final round and Alleman's Jim Moran, 6-1, 6-1, in semifinal competition.

Sophomore Steve won 6-0, 6-1, over fourth seeded Wayne Johnson of Sterling in the quarter finals, and then beat second seeded Dave Baker of Rochelle, 6-0, 6-3.

The doubles teams of Steve Flack-Jeff Emry and Jerry Carstens-Bob Huffman both went

into quarter finals for the Rocks picking up precious points for the Netmen.

Altogether the Rocks poled 15 points. The district runnerup was Sterling with 13 points followed by Moline with 9, Alleman with 8, Freeport with 5, Dixon 4, DeKalb 4, Rochelle 3, East Moline 2, and Rock Falls and Mount Morris 0.

Drop East Moline

Rock Island closed its season May 14 rolling over East Moline 6-1. The win brought the teams over-all record to 16-2. Their Mississippi Valley record stands at 12-1. The only losses were to Moline and Bettendorf.

DeArmond Briggs closed out a fantastic high school career as he defeated his man 12-3. That brought his high school career total to 62-2 in singles competition and 57-2 in doubles.

Boys' Golf

Rocky's boys' golf squad earned a second place finishing in the Quad-City golf tournament. The Rocks scored 823 total points in the meet second only to Davenport West's low score of 803 for the five round tournament. Central was third with 830 fol-

lowed by Moline with 854 and East Moline with 892.

The second place finish earned the Rocks a berth in the Mississippi Valley tournament to be held at the Clinton Country Club at a later date.

In the last round of the meet Rock Island's Bob Bailey was medalist with a low round of 36. Clubman Doug Brown blistered over the greens with a 151 for the five rounds. West placed second, third, and fourth to pull out the close win with Bailey placing fifth for the Rocks with an over-all score of 157.

Girls' Tennis

The girls' tennis team rolled home with two consecutive victories, one against Pleasant Valley on May 6, and the other against previously undefeated Davenport West on May 12. Rocky's female netsters have compiled a seven meet winning streak, having defeated Moline girls by a 3-2 score; Bettendorf, 9-3; Davenport Central, 5-2; and East Moline by a 3-2 margin. The girls' team currently ranks fourth in area competition.

Girls' Golf

Rocky's girls' golf team may still have a shot at the Quad-City area title. After soundly defeating Moline by 45 strokes, Rocky girls proved themselves ready for a return bout with their only loss, Davenport Central. Last year, Rocky was first in the Quad-Cities in competition against Moline, Davenport Central and Davenport West.

Trackmen Travel to Peoria For Final Meet of Season

Today the Rocky track team will close out their 1969 season at the Woodruff Relays in Peoria. Their dual meet record is 6-0, the best in recent years. In championship meets they have gotten no lower than third; this is in competition with some of the best teams in the state. On May 9, the track team successfully defended their district title by defeating pre-meet favorites Moline and East Moline.

Those that went to state for the Rocks are Frank Wood and Reggie Boswell in the high hurdles, Frank in the lows, and the 880 yard relay of Tom Cole, Bob Taylor, Harvey Chaney, and Jim Armstrong. Also representing the Rocks at the state meet on May 17 was Larry Begyn in the

mile, Tony Canny in the 880, Dan Havemann in the discus, Drake Devore in the shot, Jerry Carpenter in the pole vault, Bob Williams in the long jump, and the mile relay of Larry Begyn, Reggie Boswell, Ben Farrar, and Tony Canny.

Team points for the district meet were Rocky first with 63 points, Moline second with 58½, East Moline third with 45-7/10, and Geneseo with 11 points. There were more teams, but they figured little in the points, and only one from a small school won an event. This was last year's state champ Tom Swan from Princeton. Other standouts in the meet were East Moline's Merlin Hood, who tied the meet 100 yd. dash record with a 9.8, and Duane Smith, who broke the two mile record by thirty seconds.

Adding to this championship, on May 13, the thincads successfully defended their Quad-City track title. The Rocks piled up 84 points, far ahead of second place East Moline with 54½. Moline ended up with 51 points. Winning for the Rocks were Frank Wood in both the hurdles, Larry Begyn in the mile, Bob Williams in the long jump, Tony Canny in the 880, and the mile relay of Larry Begyn, Ben Farrar, Brian Hawkins, and Tony Canny.

Tank Talk

by Stan Lohmeier

One of the biggest events since the merger of the N.F.L. and the A.F.L. has taken place. This event is the transfer of three National clubs to the American league. The three clubs are Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and Cleveland. The Colts will play in the same division as Boston, Buffalo, Miami, and the world champion New York Jets.

Cleveland and Pittsburgh will play in a division with Cincinnati, and Houston. This move of the three clubs marks the final detail in the merger agreement between the two leagues. The new leagues of the National league have not been agreed on.

Moving to a more in-season sport, we find the scrappy Chicago Cubs still leading their division. Other division leaders as of May 12 are Atlanta, Baltimore, and Minnesota. These division leaders should change many times throughout the year. The two divisions that should change the most are the Cubs and the Orioles. They should be challenged by the now cold Detroit Tigers and the St. Louis Cardinals.

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Juniors, Sophs Elected To '69-70 Club Offices

G.A.A. Members Choose Post Nominees

The G.A.A. narrowed down the list in the girl's gym to those nominations for next year's offices: Nominees for President-Vice-President were Marti Kaisen, Susie Kelleher, Pam Talboom, and Candy Wall. Nominees for Secretary-Treasurer were Linda Barr, Bonnie Howell, Lisa Miers, and Debbie Williams.

The G.A.A. members were to vote for two girls in each group. They also voted for the Junior and Senior Cabinets which will total twelve members combined. The G.A.A. had a Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 20 as their year-end activity.

Osborn, Curry to Head German Club

The German Club recently wrapped up its year's activities by electing junior Ann Osborn as its president for the 1969-70 school year.

Other elected posts were filled by sophomores Tim Curry, vice-president; Carlene Bingaman, secretary; and Roy Phelps, treasurer.

Guided by mentors Mrs. Marijane Bowman and Miss Marcia Anderson, these underclassmen will have the task of planning the activities, projects and programs to keep the German Club busy next year.

The group was headed this year by seniors Frank Thomas, Jody Geist, Debbie Wiedenhoeft and Patti Jo Soderberg.

Ski Club Announces Its New Officers

The new Ski Club officers for the 1969-70 school year are: President, Paul Eagle; Vice-President, Jim Lohmeier; and Secretary-Treasurer, Susie Sherrard.

This school year's officers are: President, Lisa Chaney; Vice-President, Gary Greenleaf; and Secretary-Treasurer, Margaret Priebe.

The Ski Club, sponsored by Mr. James Peterson, offered four trips to its slopes. Three of the trips were to Chestnut Mountain in Galena, Illinois and the other trip was to Alpine Valley, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Mr. Peterson is no longer the sponsor and the club is now looking for an available one who is willing to take his place. Next year's activities will be planned by the newly elected officers and the new sponsor.

Art Breck Science Club President

The 1968-69 officers of the Rocky Science Club stepped down to let the new officers take over. The new officers are as follows: President, Art Breck; Vice-President, Debbie Stone; Secretary-Treasurer, Sheryl Greve; Public Relations, Carlene Bigaman. The Science Club advisor is Mr. John Stone.

The Science Club planned a steak supper on May 22, the supper consisted of steak, potatoes, and a salad, and was held at Blackhawk Park. Each member donated 50 cents in order to attend.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS are,
back row,
Scott Boxman,
John Robison;
middle, Pam
Mason, Joan
DeBarr, Art
Breck; 2nd
front, Ann
Osborn, Lee
Rakus, and
Paul Eagle.



Boys Hi-Y Club Elects New Officers

As the school year draws to a close, the Rocky Boys Hi-Y Club elected their future leaders. The officers appointed are as follows: president, Scott Boxman; vice-president, Pete Josephson; secretary, Tom Scott; and treasurer, Hal Sackfield.

The sargeant at arms is Tom Minick; chaplain, John Swift; and the bouncers Rick Bevans and Pat Quinlan. The faculty supervisors are Lester Anderson, Don Reed, and Frank Ryner.

Hi-Y is mainly meeting at the YMCA where the group takes advantage of the available sports facilities. Occasional field trips or group gatherings at a member's home round out the routine.

As of this article, no future plans of the club have been announced.

Nominations Made For Y-Teens Posts

The Y-Teens held a meeting for nominations for next year's officers and they are as follows: Peggy Bull, Rene Miers, Sally Strohbehn, and Sandy Thomas were up for President. Lynn Duncheon, Bonnie Howell, Kathy Kibling, Lisa Miers, Chris Reed, Carol Stencil, Roxanne Swank, and Debbie Wisely were nominated for Vice-President.

Joan DeBarr, Patty Haines, Karen Klatt, and Teresa Swale were up for Treasurer. And the nominees for Secretary were Debbie Fullerton, Susan Grossell, Mary Leatherman, Rebecca Nauhbauer, Patty Rollins, Barb Shaner, Kathy Seville, and Debbie Steele.

Year-end highlights of the Y-Teens included a boat ride on the Tom Sawyer, May 11, with the girls bringing their dates and a Senior Farewell dinner on May 20. One of the most successful projects of the Y-Teens this year was sponsoring a needy family at Christmas.

P.R.U.N.E. Starts 2nd Year in May

Prunes' Rights Upholders Never Ending, an organization dedicated to the cause of the Prune, noted the first anniversary of its establishment on May 15.

During May the Great Emancipated Prune is issuing official promotions to deserving members. Many Prune Minors will be given the Knighted Prune rank, while some of those already knighted will gain the Executive Prune rank.

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Dolphinettes Select 1969-70 Officers

The Dolphinettes elected their officers for next year on April 24. Leading the club in its 1969-70 year will be LeeAnn Rakus, president; Cindy Kay, vice-president; LuAnne Beinke, secretary; and Jean Kalish, treasurer.

The members of this year's club voted for the officers after the cabinet nominated girls for each post. Girls who did not attend the meeting received ballots in their senates.

The Dolphinettes also entertained the Tri-T Sorority on April 19 at the Sheraton Motor Inn pool. Certain groups from the previous water show were selected to be in this performance.

Key Club Officers Announced

The newly elected officers of the Key Club are: President, John Robison; Vice-President, Larry Barker; Secretary, Pat Ryan; and Treasurer, Art Breck.

The officers that will be finishing out this year are: President, Steve Buller; Vice-President, Mike Gordon; Secretary, John Borden; and Treasurer, Walt Stradley.

Sending students to the Presidential conventions at Miami and Chicago was just one of the projects of the Key Club. The fifty members also sold football programs and Rocky license plates.

Joan DeBarr: Pan-Am's New President

The newly elected officers of Pan-Am along with the club sponsor, Mr. Blomberg, will plan the activities for next year. Next year's officers are: President, Joan DeBarr; Vice-President, Diane Potter; Secretary, Patty Sutton; and Treasurer, Tish Burke.

The officers of Pan-Am that will serve through the end of the school year are: President, Lynette Beinke; Vice-President, Diane Potter; Secretary, Tish Burke; and Treasurer, Joan DeBarr.

In September eighty students signed up to join in on the activities offered by the club. Among the many happenings were: the annual Taco tasting party, the Pinata party, and Spanish dancers from UTHS. A Chicago trip is in the plans for next year.

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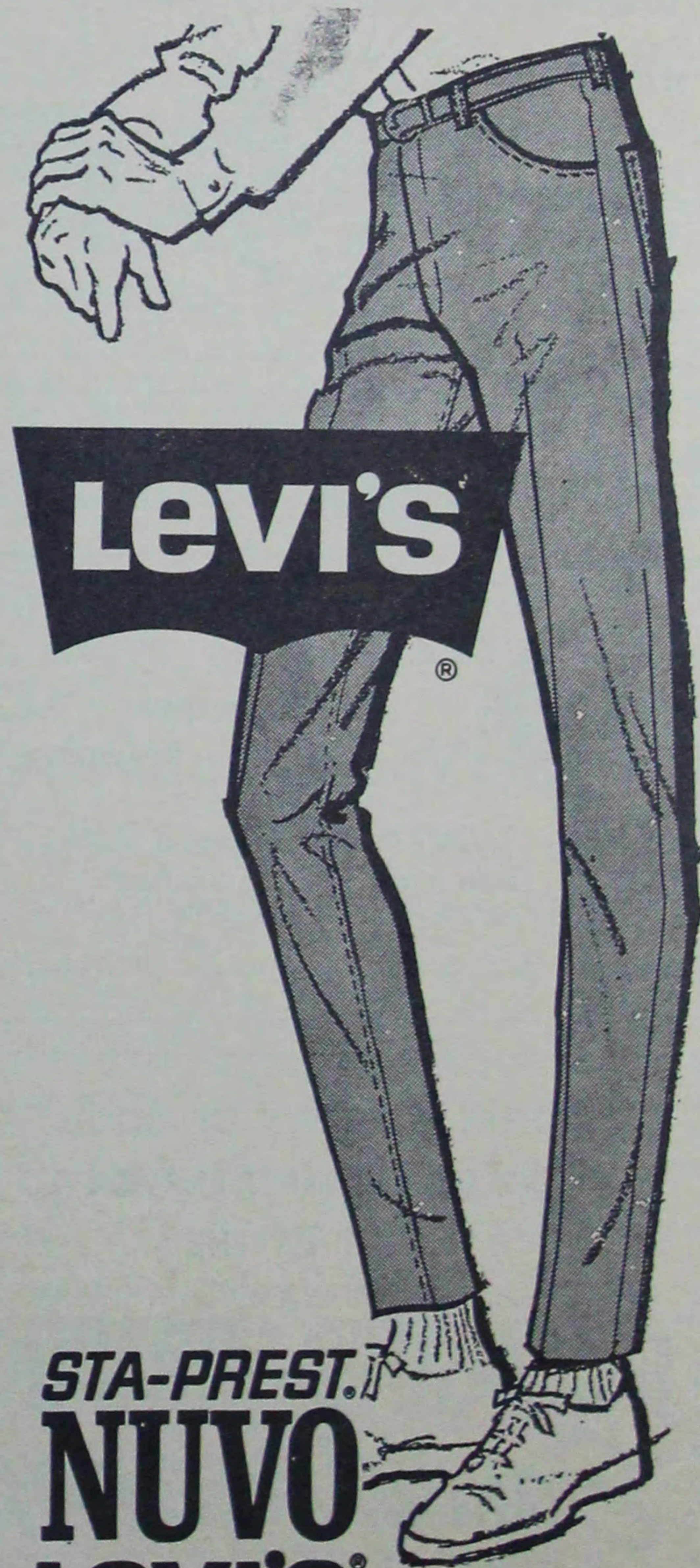
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