Muzzle the Grayhounds

The Crimson Crier

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The Great Pumpkin Appears Tonight

Our Debate Team Looks Promising, Says Armstrong

Rocky's debaters participated in a novice tournament in Moline on Saturday, October 25. The tournament had three rounds of competition.

Mike Dockterman, a sophomore, and Rory Thompson, a junior were on the affirmative team. The negative team was made up of Ken Slivken, a sophomore, and Scott Caulpetzer, a senior.

On November 21 and 22, Rocky will enter the Illinois State University debate tournament, at Normal, Illinois. There will be six rounds of debate with two-man teams debating both sides of the topic.

On December 6 Rocky will enter the Kewanee debate tournament and the Quint-City Metropolitan Area tournament.

"The Prospects for the 1969-1970 debate year are promising. We only lost one member of the varsity team through graduation, and we have several promising sophomores," commented Coach William Armstrong.

The question posed for the debating squad this year is what should be the United States commitment to foreign countries; the affirmative standing resolved: That congress should prohibit unilateral U.S. military intervention in foreign countries.

Last year the varsity debaters had a record of four wins and eight losses at the Illinois State University Invitational debate tournament held at Champaign, Illinois.

A CROWD LISTENS to the list of dead soldiers on Moratorium eve, October 14, at LeClaire park, Davenport.

RIHS Students Participate In Viet Nam Moratorium

Eighty-seven Rock Island high school students walked out of school after fifth period and others wore black arm bands and "Work for Peace" buttons as their part in the nation-wide Viet Nam moratorium October 15.

Petitions were circulated which condemned the war as a misjudgment and miscalculation on the nation's part.

Other events scheduled as a part of the moratorium in the Quad-Cities area included a candle-light parade on the eve of the day of protest, an ecumenical service at 8 a.m. at St. Ambrose College, teach-ins and movies there at 9:30 a.m., an anti-war convocation at Augustana College at 10 a.m., and music and speeches in Davenport's LeClaire Park.

All Quad-City demonstrations were peaceful, with a trend toward non-violence prevailing across the nation that day.

According to junior Rory Thomson, organizer of the Rock Island Steering Committee, the moratorium participation at Rocky as "an enormous success in that students walked out of school without our use of P.A. announcements to communicate with them."

Thomson stated, "I believe that they are both forms of political expression, the Nixon rally (which students last fall were allowed to attend with parental consent) and the peace demonstration and that getting out of school to attend a peace rally is as justified as seeing one's favorite candidate when he is in town."

Rocky Celebrates Education Week

National Education Week, November 9 through 15 will be highlighted by Open House, November 13, when Rocky opens its doors to parents and shows them what their children are being taught and how.

During this week there are TV commercials and posters concerning the purpose of the week's dedication.

Rock Island's elementary and junior high schools also hold their Open Houses during National Education Week.

On the night of Open House, while they are following the schedules of their children, parents will be able to meet their child's teachers. The teachers will explain what is expected of students in class, what grades are based upon, how much homework is given, and what amount of parental guidance should be employed.

If parents wish to have personal interviews they must contact their child's counselor. Teachers, as the past has proven, will not have enough time to talk about personal matters concerning one particular student.

The schedule for this year's Open House has not been made up as of yet by the administration. The schedule may be similar to last year's with the exception that the periods may be of a different length and the passing time between classes may be lengthened.

The schedule will certainly have the parents following their child's class schedule. Monitors will be in the halls in case any of the adults have problems finding rooms.

Open House will more than likely start out with the parents hearing an announcement from Mr. Harold E. Voyles, principal of Rocky, while they are in their student's senate room.

In the past, Open House has lasted from 7 to 9 pm. This year's hours are still undecided.

The turnout in the past has been very good and teachers expect this year's Open House to be no exception.

Open House is the only opportunity the parents have in the entire school year to come to Rock Island high school and observe the ways in which their children are being educated. Parents will also have the chance to inspect the new teaching facilities such as the driver simulators in the Theory room.

Further information on the schedule of Open House will be given to the student at a latter time.

REHEARSING AN EXPERIMENT for Open House are Debbie Andrews and Diane Akin, students of Mr. Robert Motz's biology I class.

Comedy Chosen As Drama Club's Fall Production

My Three Angels is Rock Island's first dramatic offering of the season. The comedy, written by Sam and Bella Spewack, based on Albert Husson's **La Cuisine De Anges,** is this year's Drama club choice.

The story revolves around three convicts in a French colony who are allowed to roam free. They work in a store for a proprietor, his wife, and daughter. The daughter has a boyfriend from England who has an uncle. The uncle is a regular bad-guy, and the convicts do away with him. Another character enters the scene, Adolph, who is a snake who disposes of the bodies of anyone done away with.

The convicts uniquely help the family back to prosperity in a number of amusing events. The play has seven male parts and three female parts. A movie was made of this play and the cast contained Humphrey Bogart and Aldo Ray.

The play will be presented on November 21 at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Student tickets are $.50 and adult tickets are $1.00.

Tryouts for the play were held on Thursday and Friday, October 16 and 17. A recall was held on Monday, October 20. The cast includes the three convicts, portrayed by Peter Soderberg as Joseph; J. C. Bevill as Jules and Dan Murphy as Alfred; and Mr. and Mrs. Ducotel and their daughter Marie Louise, by Dan Russell, Julie Dalkoff, and Ellen Batt respectively.

Debra Bunch is Madame Parole; Mark Wilson is Paul, Marie Louise's boyfriend; Jim Lohmeier is the Lieutenant, and Tim Herman is Marie Louise's Uncle Henri Trochard.

Advanced Placement Tests Bring Record Credit Hours

The Rock Island high school class of 1969 surpassed the previous record of 140 hours in 1965 by earning 194 semester hours of college credit in advancement testing last spring. Three members of last year's graduating class, Duane Taylor, Mickey O'Melia, and Allen Carlson have begun college this fall as second semester freshmen as a result of the program.

Advanced Placement Testing Program examinations were administered last May by Herb Niemann, Co-ordinator of Gifted Education and Testing.

Tests were given in the areas of American history, biology, chemistry, English, European history, French, Latin, Mathematics and Spanish.

Over 1,000 colleges and universities across the nation recognize the examinations and permit credit for certain scores.

The three-hour tests, which consist of one-third objective items and two-thirds essay items are graded on the following scale: five, extremely well-qualified; four, well-qualified; three, qualified; two, possibly qualified; and one, no recommendation.

According to co-ordinator Niemann, "Contrary to the belief of some, advanced placement students when placed in advanced sections do succeed quite well. Studies have shown that between 70 and 80 per cent or more of these students will receive grades of A or B within the particular course work."

Vicci Marshall Is Semi-Finalist Award Winner

Vicci Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall of 1213 14th Street, Rock Island, has been selected as a semi-finalist in the sixth National Achievement Scholarship for outstanding black students. Vicci was also one of the six semi-finalist for the National Merit Scholarship.

From 1,500 candidates, 325 students can win achievement scholarships next spring. Semi-finalists are selected from 35,000 Negro participants from more than 4,500 nationwide schools.

The scholarships are sponsored by corporations and corporate foundations. Approximately 100 of the semi-finalists will receive four-year awards. The values range from $250 per year to $1,500 per year, with $1,000 to $6,000 over a four year period.

Black students compete in the achievement program and National Merit Scholarship competition, but no student can be awarded both scholarships.

The Ford Foundation made this program possible by a seven million dollar grant to the National Merit Scholarship Competition in 1964.

Association and Federation Members Attend Institutes

While members of the Rock Island Education Association attended the 49th annual meeting of the Blackhawk Division of the Illinois Education Association in the Boys' Gym of Rock Island high school on October 10, members of the Rock Island Federation of Teachers attended the 12th annual fall conference of locals 791 and 1782 of the American Federation of Teachers in the Moline senior high school auditorium.

Both institutes were fully approved by the Rock Island county superintendent of schools and the administrations of the Rock Island and Moline school systems.

The agenda for the association's meeting included three speeches, **Creativity — Its Nature and Nuture** by Dr. James Smith, an author and professor at New York State College; **Teachers and Minority Group Relations** by Dale A. Robinson, a former junior high social studies teacher and the national association's associate secretary for field studies; and **Education for What?** by Dr. Albert Burke, a former Yale professor and educational consultant for the National Broadcasting Company.

Speakers at the federation's conference were Con-Con nominee Bill Armstrong, a student panel from Moline high school, Steve Ullis formerly of Upward Bound, Frank Volante of Citizens for Moral Decency, and Dr. John Wolfe of the American Civil Liberties Union.

For entertainment, Les Wilkinson of Galesburg showed the film **Land of the Mayas.**

Miss Pauline Van Eaton, Rock Island high school librarian is the president of the Rock Island Education Association and Ted Dickerson, Rocky social studies teacher is the president of the Rock Island Federation of Teachers.

Scot Doellinger Is Representative At Conference

Scot Doellinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Doellinger, 2421 38th Street, Rock Island was one of nine outstanding high school students selected from the Quad-City Area as delegates to the 1969 National Youth Conference on the Atom.

Scott Doellinger

The conference was held October 23 to 25 at the Sheraton - Chicago Hotel. The youths were accompanied by two area high school instructors and attended the conference as guests of Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company.

The students were selected by their respective high school principals on the basis of science courses taken, academic records, and extra-curricular activities in the science field.

In Chicago, the Quad-City delegation joined more than 800 other delegates from all over the United States. During the conference there were trips to the Museum of Science and Industry, Argonne National Laboratory, and the National Accelerator Laboratory.

Scot is an active member of Science Council, which includes Radio Club, Science Club, and Camera Club. He is also a chemistry assistant.

Illinois Science Teachers Hold Grass Roots Seminar

The Illinois Science Teachers Association presented "Science At The Grass Roots," on October 17 & 18 at Augustana College and Rock Island high school. Guest speaker was Dr. Abraham S. Fisher of Nova University, Florida.

Dr. Fisher talked on the standings of students in the biology classes, where the low, medium and high students are all taught the same things at the same speed.

Mr. Robert Motz and Mr. Frank Robinson, two teachers at Rock Island high school, gave talks on "Developing a High School Summer Field Biology Class.

The Science Seminar began at 5 pm Friday with registration, the John Deere Planatarium banquet and panel discussion at Augustana. Mr. Charles O. Austin, Jr., superintendent of schools in Rock Island, gave a short address of welcome which lasted lasted 15 minutes.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the seminar opened at 11:00 am and lasted until 2:30. There were 50 workships spanning the fields of mathematics and science. There were workships for kindergarten, grade school, jr. high, high school, and college. Each seminar lasted for forty minutes.

Sixty exhibits were held in Rock Island high school's field house on Saturday morning for Sr. high school and College, and also for the general interest of all who attended the workshops.

Schools participating in the seminar were all the public schools in Rock Island, and schools from all over the state of Illinois. In all, 500 teachers attended the 35 seminars and 15 workships. Mr. George H. McMaster was coordinator for the seminar.

Vote December For Black Hawk Tax Referendum

Rock Island County voters will consider the Black Hawk College Referendum on Tuesday, December 2. If approved, the measure will increase taxpayers contribution to Black Hawk College by seven cents per $100 assessed property evaluation-or approximately $7 a year for property valued at $10,000.

A contribution means that thousands of youths who cannot afford a four-year college expense of costly private training will have a chance for a college education.

Black Hawk College has done numerous things for our community. It has provided a low-cost education for 13,000 persons. It has continued to operate at a low tax rate and has developed skills and training for thousands of youngsters and adults.

The tax rate set up by voters in 1961 cannot be stretched anymore to operate the college because of sky-rocketing costs of almost everything and because of Black Hawk's growth.

If this referendum does not pass, Black Hawk may be forced to revise its open-door policy and to limit its enrollment to about one half of current levels, referendum advocates stated.

Marti Sells Civic Center Art Work

Marti Kaisen, an Art III student at Rock Island high school, sold one of the paintings she had on exhibit at the Hauberg Civic Center October 6. The painting, entitled "Dawn," was sold for the price of ten dollars to a gentleman from Viola, Illinois.

This wasn't Marti's first sale. She sold three other paintings last summer that are on display at a private residence in Dallas, Texas. All four paintings were made with acrylics, a paint resembling oil paints, but which in reality is water soluble.

Marti, who has been painting since she was in grade school with the encouragement of her parents and art teacher, won second place at the safety poster contest at Washington junior high school. Marti also has great talent in sculpture. She had a piece of sculpture entered at the Civic Center.

Marti Kaisen enjoys art immensely and hopes to pursue it as a career in the future. As for her plans in the near future she plans to enter her art at the Container Corporation Show later this year.

Red Letter Days

November

1—X-Country State, S.A.T.

6—Sophomore Football — Clinton There 6:30

7—Football—Clinton There

11—No School

13—Open House

17—Sophomore Football Banquet

19—Varsity Football Banquet

21—Dramatics Club Play

22—Wrestling — Savannah — Here 2:00

25—Orchestra Concert

27—No School

Parents to Face Twentieth Century Educational System At Open House

The change in school life during the past twenty years has been as dramatic as the growth of knowledge in the world. Not only have today's students new things to learn, but the necessity to learn them has increased.

Accompanying these academic advancements are changes in teaching situations and techniques. Rock Island high school is keeping up with these developments as it enters the 1970's.

Again this year the administration has taken the wise step of setting aside one night to give parents a chance to examine their investment in knowledge, their investment in the future of the world.

The Crimson Crier urges you to invite your parents to visit Rocky on November 13.

Tell them what you think of your school, its teachers, rules and facilities. Allow them to take an interest in these things for one night. Then send them on their merry way to school. When they return, talk it over and see what you can do to improve your life as a student.

We have observed that some parents become much more sympathetic with their offspring's problems after frantically following a day's schedule of classes through the rather roomy halls of Rocky.

Month of November to be Tribute to Lense-wearers

In the search for beauty, many people, both near-sighted and far-sighted, abandon the shackles of spectacles and begin the struggle of adjustment to contact lenses.

With tomorrow beginning National Contact Lense Month, it is time for a well-glassed society to reflect on its more progressive members.

It is also time for that society to see what it can do to aid these "forgotten people" with the tiny pieces of plastic in their eyes. It goes without saying that the athlete should look with sympathy on his teammate's loss of the transparent disc during time of play. More than this, he should actually stoop so low as his hands and knees in the pursuit of said disc.

It is only moral the we as Americans help the blinkers. When a friend's circle of conceit slips from the pupil to the lid, all action must stop as you look into his (or her) eye for the diaphonous disc.

Pity the man whose lense slips into his drink as he gulps down his favorite beverage. More importantly, remember to give the contact-wearer a hand (in the eyes) in November.

Campus Quips

Trade Winds

The **Proviso Pageant**, from Proviso East high school, in Maywood, Illinois had a rather amusing article in their October 9 issue. It seems as though Mr. Duane Glos, a custodian, along with four other custodians discovered more than two dozen turtle eggs while sifting the north football field. A few of the eggs were cracked, but those still intact were taken to the Biology department to be hatched.

Also at Proviso East, a rate referendum is coming up. Proviso East is in financial difficulty and without sufficient funds the school will fail to function as a public institute of learning. Taxpayers will vote on November 8 on whether to pass a new rate referendum. It has been a little more than 12 years since the last rate referendum was passed.

The **Clarion**, from Lincoln Southeast high school in Lincoln, Nebraska printed an editorial on the project of a mall. The students have had projects in the past two years to keep interested and active in something. In 1968 they had a project called Emphasis Politics '68 — last year they had an all school drive to buy a suit of armor. So far the plans for the mall are being made although it cannot be completed in one year.

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Iron Butterfly Is Very Heavy

by Tonda Poma

The super-heavy sound of the "Iron Butterfly" reverberated among the rafters of Davenport's Masonic Temple recently as hundreds of young people blew their minds to the acid-rock beat.

Sunday, October 19, the "Iron Butterfly" appeared in two concerts at the Masonic Temple in Davenport. Also appearing with the "Butterfly" were "Crow." "Crow" gave the appearance of not having changed clothes for a month. They threw around their equipment, and one picked up a mike and threw it on the ground.

The Iron Butterfly showed that they enjoyed being able to play for the young people in the Quad-Cities, even though they had not slept for three days. They played their million dollar hit, "IN-A-GODA-DA-VIDA" Meaning "Garden of Life" for 30 minutes. Other songs included in the concert were, "Fields of Sun," "Are Ya Happy?" "In the Time of Our Lives," in and "Soul Experience.

Doug Ingle, organist and leader for the group commented that it was hard to get started.

"We had to play in a back-alley nightclub in California. Most of the nightclubs wanted known groups that played top 40 stuff, but in this place, we could play our own material.

THE IRON BUTTERFLY, a super-heavy group with the vibrating sounds of today, played at the Masonic Temple in Davenport on Sunday, October 19 for two concerts. The group from left to right is Lee, bass guitar; Erik, lead guitar; Doug, organ and leader for the group; and Ron, the drummer.

We played 5 sets a night, for 6 nights a week, and for $35 a night," he stated.

Doug writes most of the songs for the Butterfly. He mused, "Sometimes I may sit for 35 hours writing. I start out playing the piano with a tape recorder. The tape lasts about 5 hours, and by that time the subconscious begins to take over, and from then on it's my subconscious creating the sound."

When asked about drugs, Doug stated plainly, "I do not use them!"

Nine Night Custodians Clean Up

by Tonda Poma

Ninety percent of the cleaning done at Rock Island high school is done by the nine night custodians. These nine men work until the wee hours of the morning getting the school rooms ready for the next day.

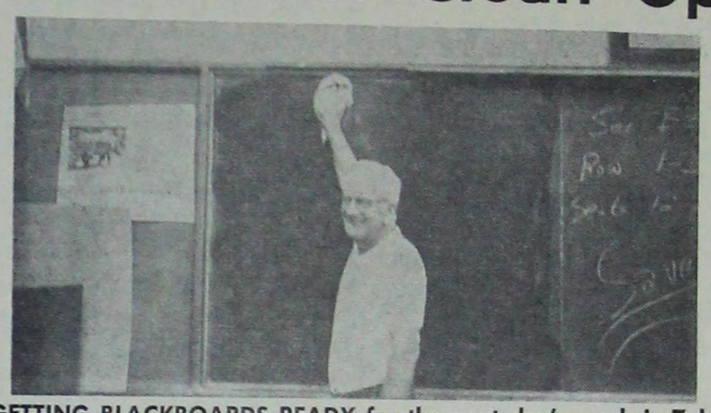
The custodians dust window sills, mop floors, clean the blackboards, and clean the halls.

Mr. Zeke DeWitte, a retired restaurant owner, takes care of cleaning the cafeteria and library. Mr. Harold Utke, a retired policeman, cleans the old section of the 3rd floor. Mr. Ed Clow, a retired mailman, takes care of the art rooms, physics room, chemistry room, and the new part of the second floor.

Mr. Clarence Bailey, who used to sell carpeting at Bailey carpeting on 11th Street in Rock Island, cleanses the concourse and the main hall in front of the office. Ed Nagle, a retired grocer, scours the main office, the second floor halls, and the student lounge.

Mr. Rex Summers, also retired, sweeps both study halls. Guy Hodson, who is a retired milkman cleans the new part on the first floor on the north side.

Mr. Melvin, former factory worker, retired to work as a custodian cleaning the gym, both boys' and the girls', and Mr. Clarence Dusenberry who retired from Farmall, cleans the south part of the first floor.



GETTING BLACKBOARDS READY for the next day's work is Zeke DeWitte, a member of the night custodial staff.

These nine men also have to scrape off the gum from the floors and desks.

During the summer, the nine night custodians join the day men in cleaning the school thoroughly. All the furniture, that means desks, tables and chairs, must be cleaned. The floors swept, scrubbed, waxed, and buffed. All the windows need to be washed and broken panes replaced.

They wash out all the lockers and scrape off all the little odds and ends that students tape up on the locker doors. The walls are washed and all pictures must be cleaned.

The custodians come in on three different shifts. Zeke comes in at 1 p.m. until 9 p.m., Harold, Ed, Clarence B., and Clarence D. come in at 3 p.m. until 11 p.m. and Guy, Melvin, and Rex come in from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. At 7 a.m. the day men come in. The day custodians then take over the job of the night men and keep the halls swept.

Records

J. S. Bach Organ Works Performed On Famous Organ

by Marie Carson

Next time you buy a record, buy classical. Bach (SF9200) is best. This album is a collection of toccates and fugues performed by Professor Michael Schneider on the Luneburg organ.

This may call for a definition of terms. A toccata is an improvisation on the organ intended to exhibit the player's touch. A fugue is a composition containing a main melody with an added melody for accompaniment.

Bach used the toccata and fugue mainly the same as the other composers of his time but with one difference — he composed with his emotions. Also, he could sustain the fugue long enough that the climax was believable.

The opening of the toccata is violent and detached almost to the point of being grotesque. But contrapuntal melodies seep into the structure and bring the piece into the smoother but still exciting main episode. The composition then reverts back to the toccatal theme and is sustained through the conclusion.

Students Discuss Black Princess, Moratorium

PRO — BLACK PRINCESS

Black students at Rocky recently requested a black princess. The requests have offered two courses of action, one to have a black girl as part of the homecoming court, and two, to have an entire black Homecoming court.

Vicci Marshall

It appears that the student senate does not feel that either of these is the right path to follow and it has defeated the motion for a black princess. Many white students do not seem to understand the significance of a black princess and why black students are so involved in this issue.

Rocky's homecoming queen and her court supposedly represent the school, but to blacks they represent only the white students at the high school.

The idea of an integrated court has some merit. One extra place could be added to the court and be reserved for a black girl. This might cause opposition which could claim that a black princess would be discriminatory toward other minorities but it would satisfy most of the black students at Rocky.

The Homecoming royalty raises school spirit and enthusiasm, black students at Rocky, no matter how small their number, are entitled to share in this enthusiasm and feel included in extracurricular as well as academic activities.

CON — BLACK PRINCESS

Tish Burke

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." The preceeding is part of a well-known quote of Thomas Jefferson. This pertains indirectly to the idea of having a black pricess as part of the court at the homecoming festivities. Both blacks and whites are equal, so why should the blacks think they are entitled to have something special in their favor?

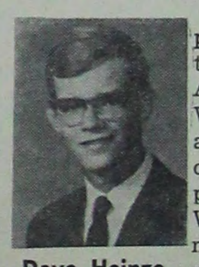
There were black girls on the ballots for homecoming queen this year as there has been in the past, but just because they have not been elected to the court is no reason to think that the blacks are being discriminated against. There was fair representation. A princess and court would take away a lot of the honor of being named a queen.

I personally voted for a black girl as one of the finalist for the queen's court, and so did a lot of other white people. The Senate vote was 42 nay and 39 yea for a black pricess and court. The black's should realize how close this vote was and how many whites voted for a court.

The fact that the blacks were able to bring this idea to the Senate and have it voted upon should point out that their race is represented equally.

PRO — MORATORIUM

The war in Vietnam is the most crucial issue of our age. It has cost the U.S. 39,000 lives and $100 billion. It has torn the nation in two, and it casts a dark shadow on our relations with other countries.



Dave Heinze

We became politically entwined with Asia after World War II and a subsequent recovery plan in Europe. We applied many of the same principles that were successful there to completely different Asian conditions. We tried to impose our own political and social aspirations on the Asian people; but because their societies rose from cultures and experiences that are not those of the West, our course of action has become a fatal mistake. Few can deny that we fight now not only because of commitment, but because of errors of judgment made repeatedly about the realities of Vietnam.

Yet we do have an obligation to the people of Vietnam. Our obligation is to insure that they have the right of self-determination. But the destruction we create will only make a workable political future for them more difficult.

This is what the participants in the Moratorium believe. On October 15 we took our stand in a united effort and said, "We want no more bloody battles. We want no more Americans killed in a futile war. We want U.S. troops out of Vietnam now. We want Peace."

CON — MORATORIUM

Bob Martensen

The moratorium held on October 15 must be declared a great operational success. However, in order to judge its real success, I think we must ask ourselves just what the practical accomplishments and overall effects of the moratorium were.

The first question we should ask ourselves is whether or not this will further the peace effort. Is there any doubt that Mr. Nixon wishes to end the war as soon as possible? Further pushing can do little if anything. Terms which were unacceptable to the president on October 14 are no more acceptable now.

Next we should ask ourselves about the effects the moratorium can produce. Can it be denied that criticism on such a large scale serves to discredit the U.S. in the eyes of both her own people and the world? If our true goal is peace, why have there been no demonstrations against North Vietnam's hundreds of violations of truces?

Why have there been no demonstrations calling for North Vietnamese withdrawal from the South? There is a very great and very unjust unbalance between the criticism of the two sides and the moratorium has added to this unbalance.

If the moratorium could not accomplish its goal of peace, can it be called successful? And if it was not successful, but served to further harm our nation, can it be called right?

THE THREE WINNERS of the International Championship Swim sponsored by Labatt's, at Lake Ontario, including Harry Wickens, who represented the United States, finishing third place in the meet. First place went to a Dutch swimmer, middle, and second place to an Argentinean, left.

Frogman To Teach Scuba Diving

by Mike Weindruch

A highly popular sport, scuba diving, will be the subject of a new course offered at Rock Island High School. The instructor will be Mr. Harry Wickens, of the English department.

The skin diving group will meet twice each week from 8:00 at 10:00 at night. Fee for the eleven week course is $16. This includes the cost of renting the tank and air. An instructive book on the fundamentals will be issued, which the participant may keep.

This course is opened to both boys and girls. Only requirement is that each person must supply their own suit, mask, fins and a snorkel.

Mr. Wickens has had much experience in the field of swimming and scuba diving.

Attends Purdue

After graduating from a Florida high school, Wickens enrolled in Purdue University, in Lafayette, Indiana. At Purdue he tasted his first competitive swimming.

In his three years of varsity swimming, he set nine of ten existing school records and six pool records. He also broke three Notre Dame pool records.

Becomes Frogman

After competing in his senior year, Wickens joined the Navy as a frogman. One of his most memorable experiences was when he was one of six frogmen assigned to recover the space capsule of astronaut Virgil "Gus" Grissom.

Wickens went back to Purdue to finish his education after being discharged from the Navy.

Restaurateur

Upon graduation from Purdue, Wickens went to Berkely, California, where he operated a restaurant. During the summers, however, he competed in long distance swimming. In this type of swim event, there are two team members. Each swimmer swims for a couple of hours and then they change. This event lasts 24 hours.

In 1967, Mr. Wickens and his partner finished second, earning 1400 dollars apiece. They also finished second in 1968, but their winnings totaled 1300 dollars each.

Lacks Sweetness

Last summer the two man team led at the 12 hour mark. However, during the night, Wickens was rushed to the hospital. He was diagnosed as having a lack of sugar. It seemed that he burned all of his natual sugar and also the liquid glucose that he was taking.

Later last summer, Mr. Wickens entered the Labaatts World Ten Mile Championship, held in Lake Ontario in Canada.

Third In World

He trained for six weeks, swimming four or five miles a day. In this meet, he finished third, behind a Dutchman and an Argentinian. (shown above).

His reward for his third place finish was 1,200 dollars.

As a result of his high showing in recent swimming competition, Wickens has been asked to endorse certain products. One of these is Speedo swim suits. He also writes for a swimming magazine, **Swimming World.**

Besides his duties as a sophomore English teacher, he will coach the sophomore and junior varsity swim team.

Undefeated Rocks Roll; Tackle Hounds Tonight

by Doug Lindy

An undefeated season is definitely in the minds of the Rock Island Rocks as they go after their eighth consecutive victory without a loss against the Burlington Greyhounds at Public Schools stadium tonight.

Win Q-C Crown

The hearty Islanders won the Quad-City Metropolitan Conference championship as they squeaked out a 22-21 victory over highly touted Davenport Central.

Led by halfbacks Bob Johnson and Bruce Walker and quarterback Rick Bevans the gridmen hit the ends and rolled up a total of 261 yards on the ground.

Johnson rolled up 129 yards personally as Walker had 48 yards and Bevans tallied 32. The Rocks' Lew Miskowicz, battering fullback, still managed 58 yards despite the Blue Devils' keying on him.

PAT Blocked

The margin of victory came as the Rocks' Alvin Foster stormed through the line to block the point after attempt following the Blue Devils' third touchdown.

Also to be lauded for their defensive attributes were Pat Quinlan, Tom Minich, Chuck Seyb, and Mitch Halett. Time after time, they broke through the line in the closing minutes to nail Central for big losses.

Johnson, who was the game's leading rusher with 129 yards, made it look easy as he repeatedly shook tacklers to grind out that extra yardage.

Harder Hurt

The Rocks were without big 256 pound tackle Jim Harder last Friday; he injured a knee in practice. He is, however, hoping to be ready tonight as they meet Burlington.

Burlington Blanked

The Greyhounds were humiliated last week as Moline ground out a 30-0 victory on Burlington's own home field. Burlington just couldn't get started as they watched Moline march up and down the field only to be thrown back time and time again by the Maroons' powerful defense.

The Greyhounds' fumbles added to the Maroons' cause as they total four miscues. Although Burlington rolled up 201 yards on the ground they managed only 28 yards through the air, completing three of fifty-one.

No Sophomore Game

The Pebbles won't be in action tonight as Burlington is bringing no Sophomore team. They will, however, travel to Clinton next Friday and will try to improve on their 6-1 overall record.

Last Friday the Little Rocks handed Central's yearlings a 28-14 defeat. Standouts for the Pebbles this year are speedy Bob Taylor, Mike Thomas, Bob Williams, and Jack Miskowicz.

Time Out
Intramurals Are Varied

by Mike Weindruch

In most high schools, only the star athlete has a chance on any kind of team. However at RIHS, any student can have the enjoyment of extra curricular sporting activities in the intramural program.

Physical Education Head, James Johnstone, is in charge of the after school sports.

During the fall the boys played football and water polo. Teams entered in the football league were led by the first place team, captained by Scott Boxman.

As winter begins, intramural bowling, basketball, and fencing teams compete.

The basketball league is divided into three divisions; sophomore, junior, and senior.

As spring rolls around, bowling teams are still participating.

Each boy who wants to be a part of the program must contribute a dime. This money enables the winning teams to receive champ patches.

Besides having a program just for boys, Rocky's intramural fold includes girls.

During the fall the girls compete in water polo. In the winter they play basketball, while in the spring they have track and field activities.

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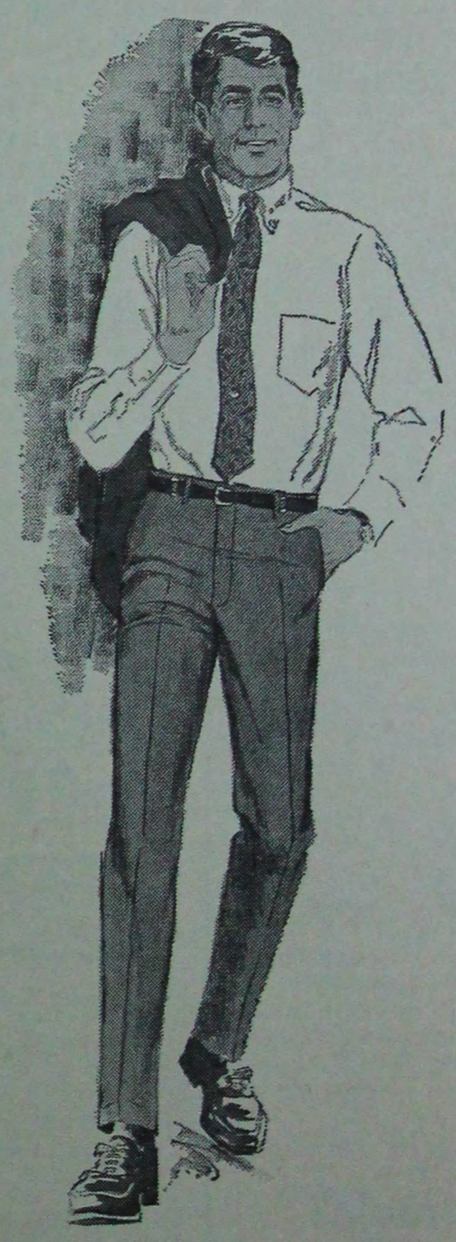

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An RIHS Student once Again Plays Post Office With her Beau Andrew

by Marie Carson

Dear Andy,

Things are really rolling here. A couple of weeks ago at homecoming besides our regular homecoming queen we had a Black Princess. Well, not to be left out, the Jewish kids and then the Catholic kids and then the Turkish kids wanted to be represented. Finally we had so many princesses that the only minority left was a group called "girls who aren't princesses."

I've got this fat friend, Shirly. When we stand up together we look like the number ten. Well, she was at my house and there were two of my mother's cinnamon rolls, a big one and a little one, on a plate.

So I said, "Have a roll, Shirl," so she took the big one and I said, "I wouldn't have done that." So she said, "What would you have done?" and I said, "I would have taken the little one." So she said, "Well, you've got it."

I can't stand all the bigots around here. Especially the Nazi bigots and the Communist bigots and the Turkish bigots. If I had my way, all the bigots would be shipped off to Australia.

Tomorrow's Saturday. I think I'll go downtown and watch them put up St. Valentine's day decorations.

My chemistry teacher has a beard. I never know whether to ask him for a formula or a cough drop.

I bought some the new kind of mascara, eye liner, eye shadow, highlighter, foundation, powder, and blusher all for only $15. It only takes me an hour and a half to put it all on, but the best thing is it looks so natural.

I'd better close now. I have to read this book called "How To Budget Your Time" and it's already 11:30.

Love,
Marie

KAREN BARKAS' ORIGINAL painting entitled "Orpheus and Eurydice" is one of the many works on exhibit in the Davenport Municipal Art Gallery.

Local Talent On Display At Davenport Municipal Gallery

The Seventh annual Mid-Mississippi Valley Exhibition is now on the main floor of the Davenport Municipal Gallery at 12th and Division Streets in Davenport.

One of the works which won an award was "Will Her Second Marriage Last?" by Charles White of 1032 21st Street, Rock Island. Mr. White, who teaches art at Rock Island high school, won $175 for his 3-D painting done in wood, aluminum, and acrylics. The award was presented by the L. W. Ramsey Advertising Agency.

Other awards included the Paul Norton Water Color Award, won by Robert O'Hare's "The Sky Is Falling" and the Fred L. Ray Memorial Award won by Tom Chouteau's acrylric collage "Shadrack and Others".

"Old Time", a watercolor by Arthur Neahring won the Theone Rostenbach Memorial Fund Award. Also winning an award was a ceramic sculpture entitled "Position No. 7" by Steven Kemenyffy of 1237 15th St., Rock Island. The award was $25.

The Epadler Portrait or Figure Award of $100 went to Dennis M. Dake for his acrylic painting "Great American Heritage." Julian Norman's "Silo Landscape," an acrylic painting, won the Davenport Newspapers Award.

The Freeman-Glickman Furniture Company Award was won by Robert J. Burguson for his work "Moon Landing," also an acrylic painting.

A. Ben Jasper of 4621 26th Ave. Rock Island won the Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Neuman Award for his "Moon Pavilion" done in acrylic, wood, and cotton.

The Mid-Mississippi Valley Exhibition will continue through November 2. The Municipal Art Gallery is open from 10 am to 4:30 pm Tuesday through Sunday and is closed on Monday.

School Assemblies This Year Have Limericks, Tongue-twisters

Throughout the school year, there will be a variety of assemblies, most of which were not seen last year.

November 7 will be the Schetter assembly on yoga. Schetter will give the history of yoga, what it consists of, and where it comes from. He will also demonstrate simple and complex yoga exercises. Schetter became a professional tumbler at age 13 and his wife and five children are considered one of America's most physically fit families.

November 21 will be the Magrum Assembly, a magic act. On December 12 there will be an Army Dress Review Assembly, dating back to the early 1800's. December 19 will be the date for the Christmas Assembly which will include the Chamber Choir and the band.

January 16 will be the Human Relations Assembly. During the month of February there will be an Augustana Assembly, which will consist of their band and the Sahlstrom Assembly, "An Actor's Showcase."

Sahlstrom will do a few limericks, a tongue twister, a children's poem, the "Cremation of Sam Magee" and Stephen Vincent Banet's "John Brown's Body."

As in the past there will be exchange assemblies with other schools, but the administration has no dates on these.

Shortage of Engineers Predicted

The National Science Foundation estimates that in order to maintain its rate of economic growth, this country will need 718,000 engineers within this decade. All of the American universities however are not expected to graduate more than 450,000 during this period.

A report by the National Academy of Science states "In the years ahead, the nation's needs for scientists and engineers will increase at a faster rate than in the past. Although the supply of this manpower will also increase, it may not keep pace."

Similarily, the Engineering Manpower Commission reports that employers estimated that employment of engineers would rise steadily in the early 1970's and that the projected supply of new graduates would continue to fall short of requirements.

Their conclusion, "It appears that the supply of engineers will continue to remain inadequate to meet the demand." For the individual engineering graduate there should be a continuing increase in the number of job opportunities and a continuing increase in the starting salary.

Dean Busby, of Wisconsin State University - Platteville's College of Engineering, said, "Society's needs in the decades ahead will call for engineering talent on a scale never before seen in the United States."

High school students with science and engineering interests are encouraged to complete as many math and science subjects as their high school programs will allow.

AKSELS EPIKS

Love Machine Out of Order

by Aksel Epik

The Love Machine was the greatest disappointment I had regarding a novel. I discovered that Jacqueline Susan had created another monstrosity to keep **The Valley of the Dolls** company in the trash can.

The characters of this modern novel are a collection of the elite group that label themselves "The Beautiful People." In reality they seem so ugly and repulsive that it shatters the imagination.

Robin Stone is The Love Machine, the ambitious and ruthless man who conquers all by his magnetic and charismatic personality. Amanda is the best payed and most sought after model in New York. Her only hang up is Robin Stone, who never returns her love, not even at the end.

Maggie Stewart is the young movie star who aims for the top and doesn't care who gets in her way of obtaining Stone's love and a glamorous movie career. Judith is the elegant and very rich wife of a network president.

What shocked me about this novel was not the excessive use of four letter words, sex, illegitimacy, violence or adultery, but the number of readers who were duped into buying this book because of the $75,000 worth of publicity poured into it. I guess that's the stuff of which best sellers are made.

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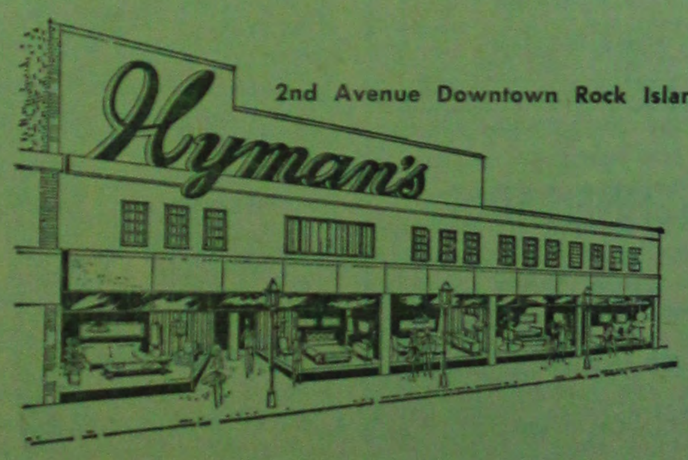
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