The Party's Over For 1970 Grads

Commencement exercises for the 651 students in the graduating class of 1970 will be at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 28, in the boys' gymnasium.

Paul Grossman, valedictorian, and Jeff Seidel, salutatorian, will address the graduating class. The valedictorion will deliver a speech to the class entitled, "The Importance of People." The salutatorian will comment on "The Value of the High School Education."

The class will be presented by Mr. Harold E. Voyles, principal, and accepted by Mr. Charles O. Austin, superintendent. Honors will also be awarded to students by Mr. Austin.

Preceding the awarding of diplomas to the class of 1970, Reverend William Grimes will speak on behalf of the Rock Island Board of Education. The Senior Glee Club will sing the Randall Thompson arrangement of "The Road Not Taken," by Robert Frost.

The Invocation and Benediction will be given by Reverend Parker Maxey.

LEADING THE CLASS OF 70 through their last moments at Rocky, Junior Marshalls are from left to right; Debbie Foley, Lori Skafidas, Bruce Hamming, and Steve Briggs.

The Baccalaureate Service for the 1970 class will be at 8 p.m., Sunday, May 24, also in the boys' gymnasium. The sermon, "The Future May Be Yours," will be delivered by Reverend Gerald Nichols.

The Senior Glee will sing Psalm 150, accompanied by the brass choir, and the Invocation and the Benediction will be given by Reverend John Breck.

Each year, four juniors are chosen to escort the graduating class into and out of the gymnasium. The Junior Marshalls for this year's commencement activities will be Steve Briggs, Debbie Foley, Bruce Hamming, and Lori Skafidas.

These four students were chosen from the juniors who were nominated by the junior counselors, Miss Marjorie Jones and Mr. Ronald Stevens, and approved by the administration. The senior class voted in their senates for the two boys and two girls of their choice.

The National Honor Society also has activities involving some of the 1970 graduates. Eighty-one students with a grade average of 92 or above were inducted into the National Honor Society at an assembly in the boys' gym on May 15.

The speaker was Dr. J. Thomas Tredway, a professor at Augustana College. A portion of the Honor Society formed a choral group and sang "Deep are the Roots."

The new members received a certificate and a gold pin upon being inducted into the society, and were then honored at a banquet sponsored by the Rock Island Rotary Club. The banquet was held at the YWCA in Rock Island on Tuesday, May 19, at 8 p.m.

High Percentage Of Rocky Grads Off To College

Seniors headed for college this fall might be interested in knowing that an estimated 60-65 per cent of the class of 1970 is at least considering the college campus this fall.

Office figures show that about sixty-five per cent of all seniors have requested transcripts sent to schools of higher learning. Also, an increasing number of seniors are applying to smaller and junior colleges. This is reflected in the growth of Blackhawk College, the opening of Marycrest College to men, and St. Ambrose College to women.

The junior colleges are expanding their facilities to better prepare the junior collegiate for finishing an education at a four-year college or university.

Among the students bound for four-year colleges, state universities are still the choice of a large number. Tuition at state schools is much lower for state residents.

In the event a student is rejected by a state university, that pupil needn't feel left out. Small private institutions will deluge the student with pamphlets and offers. For this reason a student is always able to find another place.

Percussion, Flute Soloists Stun Crowd

Under the direction of Donald W. Kruzan, the Spring Band Concert was held in the auditorium of the Rock Island high school, on May 14, at 8:00 p.m.

Two solos were performed. Damon Short was tympani soloist for "Tympolero", and Julie Lindorff was the flute soloist in "Night Soliloquy."

Numbers presented by the Concert band were R. B. Hall's "New Colonial March," the Lucona-Yoder "Malaguena," William Schinstine's "Tympolero," Forrest Buchtel's "Argentine" overture, and Mike Lecrone's "Tower of the Americas."

Symphonic band presented Martin Mailman's "Alarums," Alfrod-Erickson's "Purple Carnival," selections from the musical "Oliver," the Keenan "Night Soliloquy," directed by Mr. Terfler, and selections from Henry Mancini's "Mr. Lucky."

Largest of the two bands was the Concert Band, with 128 members and the Symphonic Band with 101 members. Some of the members that are in the Concert Band are in the Symphonic Band.

The Crimson Crier

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Advisor Choses Staff

Foley, Zukerman To Head New Fall Crimson Crier

Mr. Nicholas Peschang, Faculty Advisor for the **Crimson Crier** has announced the new staff for the fall of 1970. Debbie Foley and Marty Zukerman have been selected as Co-Editors. As the student directors of the paper they will be responsible for co-ordinating the efforts of all other staff members. Caren Sax, assisted by Rene Gorenstein and Amy Miller, was appointed Copy Editor.

Page editors, which are in charge of the page lay-outs of their respective pages are as follows: page one, Debbie Buntaine; page two, Sheila Sears; sports page, Ron Kennedy with Mark Broendel, Becky Schultz, and Jim McFarland assisting; and page four Lori Skafidas. Sandy Temple will be Picture Editor, Kathy Johnson, her assistant.

The task of Head Proofreader was given to Cindy Kay whose assistants are Darlene Kolsrud and Vicky Whitesell. Keeping an eye on the activities of other schools will be Sue Welsh, Exchange Editor. The position of Busines Manager was given to Teresa Lehnerer.

Linda Barr is the Advertising Manager. Her staff consists of Sue Downing and Bridget Kennedy. In charge of circulation, not only throughout the school, but also to all exchange papers and ad customers, is Circulation Manager Bob Miller. His staff consists of Alecia Michelson, Sandy Boswell, Joan Richter and Sharon Allen.

These students will be responsible for the production of the **Crier** for the first semester next year. All students have completed the Journalism A course, which is a prerequisite for being a staff member.

West Courtyard No Longer Naked

"What's that little thing in the middle of the yard?" "Is someone trying to be sarcastic?"

These were some of the remarks heard around the halls about Rocky's new addition — the senior tree.

At ten p.m. on April 30 Joe Weeks and Wolfgang Krismanits mysteriously planted the lonesome pine and escaped without being seen. The Senior tree was planted in honor of the class of 1970.

Nat'l Honor Society Banquet Held

A banquet for the 1970 National Honor Society was given by the Rotary Club to honor the Rocky N.H.S. members. The dinner was held on May 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Y.W.C.A., Rock Island.

Randy Doyle served as toastmaster for the event. Brad Appier gave the invocation. Mrs. Marie Gillette, high school instructor, extended faculty greetings and Debbie Bunch gave responses to these greetings. Speaker for the dinner was Dr. Harry Nelson, of Augustana College. The topic of his speech was "After Aquarius — What?" As added entertainment Elodie Arnett and Sheryl Greve performed a piano duet.

The chairman of the committee in charge of the banquet was Vicci Marshall. Other members of her committee included Beverly Banks, Arthur Breck, Peggy Bull, Debbie Bunch, Daniel Murphy, and Pat Ryan, The committee was under supervision of Mrs. Marguerite Pierce and Mr. Herbert Wagner, both high school deans.

AFS'ers Head for Home

The end of a school year means many things to many people. To Fanny Larre of San Ignacio, Paraguay, and Juhani Pekkonen of Elimaki, Finland, it is the end of an unforgettable experience made possible by the American Field Service Program.

As senior students at Rock Island high school Fanny and Juhani have participated in many activities. Fanny was a member of the Pan-American League, Ski Club, Senior Glee, Y-Teens, and A.F.S. Juhani belonged to Ski Club, A.F.S. and Key Club. Both students feel their eleven month stay in the United States was very worthwhile, educational, and enjoyable

Fanny and Juhani will leave Rock Island the end of June in order to briefly tour the United States before returning to their homelands in late July. Fanny will be welcomed home by her parents, a seventeen-year-old brother, Alberto, and a nine-year-old sister, Patricia. Juhani's Finnish family consists of his parents, a twenty-seven-year-old brother, Kalevi, and a twenty-four-year-old sister, Anneli.

Fanny Larre

Juhani Pekkonen

Graduation from Rocky is not the end of education for either Fanny or Juhani. Once home, Fanny will attend a Catholic University and study law for six years. Juhani must complete another two years of high school in Finland before future plans are made.

Both Fanny and Juhani hope to return to the United States someday to visit again with the "friendly people of Rock Island."

Exciting Year Ahead

New Watchtower Staff Selected

Anticipating a wonderful year, creating a wonderful book, the new Watchtower staff is already making plans for that to become a reality. This year's Co-Editors, Judy Miers and Sally Stronbehn, along with Mrs. Eleanor Conrad, advisor, have chosen the new staff. Debbie Buntaine and Lori Skafidas were selected as Co-Editors. Their job is to co-ordinate the workings of the staff.

The Copy Editor, Linda Barr, is in charge of writing copy. Senior Section Editor Becky Schultz and her assistants, Dorothy Cooper and Linda Moore, along with Senior Activities Editor Jan Peschang and Index Co-Editors Mary Leatherman and Lisa Mohr, all have the job of senior activities and pictures.

Co-ordinating Junior activities is Junior Editor Susie Gorsuch and her assistants Mike Burk and Lorri Leatherman. Sophomore class pictures and activities are under charge of Kathy Kibling with Lynn Turnbull and Heidi Doden as assistants.

Sue Madsen and Mary Cloninger, Organizations Co-Editors, have to see that all organizations are included in the book. Their staff consists of Missy Lawhorn and Kathy Klatt. Faculty Co-Editors Jana Miller and Carol Clark must get faculty pictures and organize them under their teaching subjects.

In charge of all sports are Doug Frazer, Sports Editor, and his staff of Howard Golden and Roxy Bell. Business Manager Gwen Foulkes and her staff of Becci Elmore and Vicki Green will handle sales and yearbook distribution. All publicity is under charge of Roxy Bell.

Photographers are Kathy Adams, Alan Hudson, Steve Brown, Jay Larson, and Rick Cassini. Both Co-Editors and the Head Photographer will attend the official yearbook clinic held at the University of Iowa in June. Mrs. Conrad, advisor, feels next year's book will be as exciting as this year's.

Results Of Survey Show Mixed Student Reactions

These are the results of the survey taken by the Afro-American History classes. Approximately 1800 students responded.

1. Do you think that Blacks and Whites should have more group discussions?

Yes 69%, No 17%, Undecid. 14%

2. Would you get involved in a race riot to help your race if you were not sure what the riot was all about?

Yes 22%, No 69%, Undecid. 9%

3. Would you support a Black Movement for a good cause?

Yes 49%, No 36%, Undecid. 15%

4. Do you support violent means as a way to settle disagreements?

Yes 10%, No 81%, Undecid. 8%

5. Do you feel that blacks are treated the same at Rocky?

Yes 48%, No 44%, Undecid. 8%

6. Do you feel that the school has done anything to improve race relations at Rocky?

Yes 35%, No 54%, Undecid. 11%

7. Do you feel that some teachers pamper their black students because they are black?

Yes 56%, No 35%, Undecid. 9%

8. Do you feel that there is enough racial tension at Rocky for there to be a large scale race riot?

Yes 38%, No 50%, Undecid. 12%

9. Do most teachers seem sincerely interested in improving race relations?

Yes 46%, No 40%, Undecid. 14%

10. Do you feel that you can relate to a counselor or teacher regardless of his color?

Yes 76%, No 17%, Undecid. 7%

Cheerleaders Ready For 70-71

The Rock Island Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleading squads for the 1970-71 school year were announced on Wednesday, May 6, by Mrs. Larry Nash, cheerleading sponsor. The ten girls, who tried out fourth period in the Girls' Gym with twelve others, were chosen by sophomore and junior Senate members.

Making up the varsity squad are Mary Cloninger, Carolyn Eagle, Denise Lowery, Susie Swedberg, and Debbie Williams, who will cheer at varsity football and basketball games. Carol Dean, Susie Gorsuch, Betsey Lambert, Dawn Tomich, and Kathy Weeks will cheer for R.I. swimming and wrestling meets as the new J.V. cheerleaders.

TO PROVIDE ROCKY with pep and go these girls have been selected as cheerleaders for the 1970-71 year. They are first row: Carolyn Eagle, Mary Cloninger, Debra Williams, Susie Swedberg, and Denise Lowery; back row: Dawn Tomich, Kathy Weeks, Susie Gorsuch, and Carol Dean. Absent: Betsy Lambert.

Girls wishing to try out signed up in the office and began one week of long practices and hard work-outs. Mrs. Nash helped the girls practice and perfect various individual acrobatics, an original individual cheer, and the group cheer. Senate members who judged were looking for pep, poise, and originality as the girls tried out.

The varsity cheerleading squad will attend cheerleading clinic this summer at Illinois State University, June 7-12. Money was raised to send the cheerleaders to clinic from the Senate-sponsored "Buy a Bod Day." Any student could purchase any senator for at least 25c and all proceeds went to the cheerleading fund.

Traditional Prom Held May 16 In Sheraton Ballroom

Somewhere Over the Rainbow decorations filled the Sheraton Rock Island ballroom for the Junior-Senior Prom held on May 16. The traditional celebration began at 8:00 p.m. and bubbled on until 11:30 p.m.

Guests danced to the sound of Hal Weiss' "Ambassadors." Cookies made by the Junior Class were munched on by many. The colorful gowns of the girls led to an exchange of friendly comments.

The ballroom began to empty as 11:30 approached leaving only memories behind for couples. Many couples continued their celebration over dinner that night and picnicking at nearby parks on Sunday morning following.

Junior Class members were responsible for the decorating and organizing of the Prom.

Red Letter Days

MAY

24—Baccalaureate in Boy's Gym

25—I.D. Pictures for Juniors in Auditorium

26—I.D. Pictures for Sophomores in Auditorium

28—Commencement in Boy's Gym at 8:00 P.M.

29—Senate 9:00 to 9:10 SCHOOL OUT!!

JUNE

18-22—Music Guild's production of **Little Mary Sunshine**

JULY

4-5-10-12—The Genesius Guild's presentation of Shakespeare's **Measure for Measure**

9-13—Music Guild's **Cabaret**

18-19-25-26—Genesius Guild's **Philocetes** by Sophocles

30-Aug. 3—Music Giuld's **Mame**

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

"GO AHEAD — ASK ME SOMETHING."

Moral Decay In Movies, Books

by Kenn Herbert

ENJOY LIFE! TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO THE MOVIES! It is a rare treat indeed to find a movie your whole family would want to see together, let alone one they could see together.

It is not unusual to see obscene words and/or pictures smeared all over the theater section of the evening paper. One looks at the advertisements and finds that well over half of them have X or R ratings.

No longer are the pictures in plain color. They are either in "throbbing adult color" or "steaming vivid color." No longer are the pictures filmed in the normal techniques. They are in **"sin-o-rama."**

Mr. Walter Allen, owner-manager of the Corral Drive-In Theater, stated that the new permissiveness in our society has brought about the new permissiveness in our movies. "We are living in a society where anything goes" stated Mr. Allen bluntly.

Regarding the movie rating system, Mr. Allen felt that either one of two possible systems should be adopted. "The system should be either anyone or general audiences admitted, or adults only should be granted admission" Mr. Allen theorized.

"The only pictures, excluding the Disneys and very few others, that make real money at the box offices are the ones made mainly for adults," Mr. Allen pointed out. "If the theater owner wants to make any real money, he must show these pictures."

A SCENE FROM a typical R-rated movie.

Not only is the recent permissiveness contained in the movies, but it has spread to the world of literature. It is not unusual to walk into any drug store or news agency and find books on such subjects as nomosexuals and lesbians. These are not informative books, but dirt written for dirt's sake.

Mrs. Fran White, manager-buyer for Strombeck's Book Store stated that books of an obscene nature or low moral standards have a big influence on people. "People retain 75% of what goes in through the eye-gate" Mrs. White quoted. In this manner, people who habitually read these books are those who are more prone to recreate most of what they read.

Perhaps the recent upswing in crimes of sexual nature can be attributed to the recent upswing in the publication of pornographic books and movies. A recent magazine article stated that "seven out of every ten sex crimes can be attributed to pornographic books or movies."

Since one faction of America's society is responsible for the recent upsurge in obscene literature and movies, perhaps this group needs a few visits to a good psychiatrist.

"A Place Is Only A Place. Leaving People Is A Sadness"—Frank Herbert

Although the graduating class of 1970 is composed of 651 distinct individuals, they all have one thing in common — they have completed their high school career. This statement may appear somewhat facetious, however it is the only common characteristic they share.

Among the all-state football players, the high ranking scholars, the spirited cheerleaders, the speech contest winners, the various club members, the musically talented choral and band members, and the sports enthusiasts, there are also those who chose to spend their time in their own little shells.

Many opportunities were made available at Rocky for the class of '70 with both extra-curricular and in school activities.

In the past three years there have been many chances for the making of memories. The majority of the students chose to become involved in some type of activities and these students will long remember their high school days.

How often is heard the statement, Rock Island high is only what the students make it. How simple and yet how true. Without students, Rocky would be only an empty building bereft of emotion. We have made our own memories.

Morality — Age-Old Concern

The fourth hour **Crimson Crier** staff has dedicated its second page to a subject that touches everyone throughout his entire life — morality. Man and his sense of what is right has been a question subject to philosophical probing ever since man was put on earth. It has progressed, just as he has, into a very complex problem.

Although, for the most part, the younger generation is concerned with morals as dealing with sex, the many other aspects of morality such as lying, cheating, stealing and religious convictions should not be forgotten. As all of us continue to survive in today's society, a loosening or at the very least, a changing pattern of moral standards is evolving before our eyes.

We find morals changing in regard to movies and art — even the world of literature has been invaded. Interviews with theatre owners and ministers reveal the involvement of business and the church. The controversy over our present sex education program and the radical change in dress represents a large and important part of the "new morality." By talking with ministers, priests and rabbis, and people of our community we have tried to gain insight into changing morals.

Rocky Deans, Counselors Give Their Views On Lying

by Karen Wickwire

One major aspect of morality is lying. Naturally in a high school the size of Rock Island, the deans and counselors are confronted with lying almost every day.

In an interview, Mrs. Marguerite Pierce, Dean of Girls, expressed her views on honesty. She stated, "Honesty is one of the most important characteristics a person can have." Lying tends to get the student in deeper trouble because he cannot usually remember his story and therefore must pile one lie on another. Eventually the truth comes out and the student has more detentions than if he had been truthful to start with.

Mr. Charles Dyson, Boys' Counselor, also is confronted with lying in his daily relations with boys. He feels that at one time or another every one is faced with the temptation to lie his way out of an unpleasant situation, but that does not justify the lie. He can often see a motive behind a lie, but he feels it is easier in the long run to be truthful.

Mr. Dyson, Mrs. Pierce, and most of the other counselors give the student the benefit of the doubt if there is any question as to the truthfulness of an excuse. Mrs. Pierce usually finds that those girls who lie most frequently, probably pick this up in the home from examples set by their parents. Usually when confronted with his lie, the student will admit the truth.

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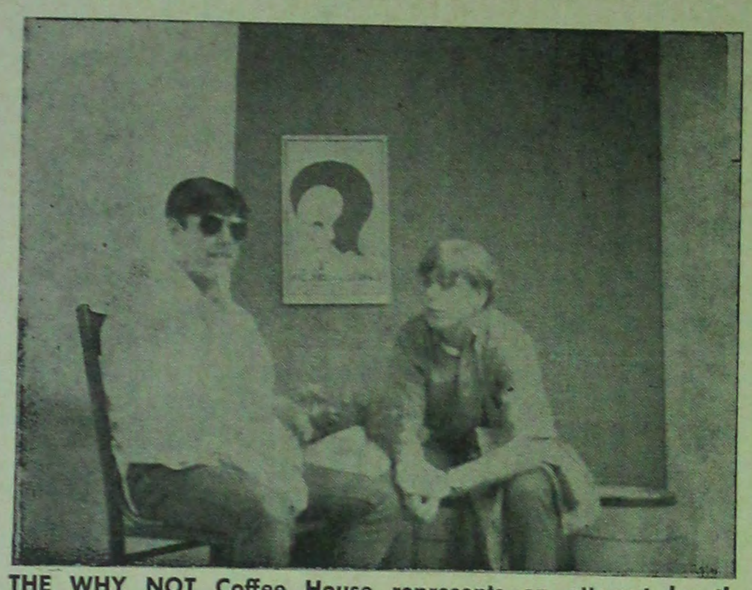

THE WHY NOT Coffee House represents an attempt by the Church to become more relevant to today's youth.

Concurrent Opinions

Four Dedicated Area Clergymen Reply to Queries on Today's Sex

by Robbie Huff

The dilemma of sexual morality represents a strange and sadly relative one. A classic example of immorality from the Bible is shown through David and Bethsheba, and for this act, not only they but their descendents were punished.

Four men, who know the Bible very well, comment on this facet of morality with clarity and conviction. These dedicated clergymen are Father Casper of St. Pius X, Rabbi Weinberg of the Jewish Center, Pastor Hauser of Bethany Baptist and Father Grubb of St. Anthony's, Davenport.

When asked if they believe there has been a change in morals, a concurrent opinion existed — a very definite, yes. In addition, they all agree that the matter is more discussed, more out in the open.

However, their reasons for this change are different. Father Casper considers the reason to be insecurity and the lack of predictability among the youth. Father Grubb feels that Rome is no longer the dictator and that Catholics are now making up their own minds.

Pastor Hauser believes that there is less fear of God in the hearts of youth and that there is a general breakdown of parental authority. Rabbi Weinberg feels that there is also an authority collapse.

When questioned if any connections exist between the church and the changes in society, all agree yes. Unfortunately the church is following the trends of society. In the words of Pastor Hauser, "The church has lost its 'Thus sayeth the Lord'."

To the question of whether or not the church has lost its relevancy to youth, all but Pastor Hauser agree that it has. Rabbi Weinberg states, "Actually the institution is not coming to terms with the tremendous problems of the modern world. Too great a reluctance exists to effectively change to meet these challenges.

"There is, unfortunately, a built-in conservatism in most religious institutions which fosters a desire to preserve status quo. On the other hand, there is a potential vitality within the religious institutions and there is the possibility to offer guidance to meet the current challenges whether it is realized or not depends upon the attitudes and activities of the people.

"Unfortunately, all too few people, including youth do not give themselves or the institution a chance to fulfill its potential."

Pastor Hauser feels that the Evangelical churches are continually striving to be relevant through such groups as Youth For Christ and Campus Crusade.

When asked if they consider birth control to be moral, there was an interesting difference of opinion. In Father Casper's opinion, "No, no more than war is moral!" Rabbi Weinberg replies that birth control is very moral, in fact, the opposite or overpopulation is immoral. Pastor Hauser and Father Grubb consider the matter to be relative and up to the individual respectively. Their opinions on abortion follow along the same lines.

Thus, the matter of morality remains relative to ones faith. Unfortunately, no hard and fast rules exist to govern an individual's actions. One's faith and one's ability to prevail upon his common sense are his only guidelines to set his standards of morals.

Individuality Through Clothes Makes A Man More Unique

by Paula Ekonomos

Man has two creators, his God and himself. His first creator furnishes the raw material of his life and the laws in conformity with which he can shape his own life at will. His second creator, himself, has marvelous powers that he rarely realizes. It is what a man makes of himself that counts. Until man can be truly filled with the knowledge of the majesty of his possibilities, until there comes to him the glow of realization of himself as an individual, his individuality may be shown through his appearance as well as his presentation.

The ancient Romans had an expression stating "Vesti Virum Fecit" — which means, "Clothes Make the Man." But does dress and grooming significantly assist man in the pursuit of his goals? Or is dress relatively unimportant if a man has mastered a dynamic presentation and other fundamentals of his profession?

To find the answers to these questions, figures were taken from a survey by the Research Institute of America. It stated 88% noticed the way a person's clothes fit, and that 58% of the people chose clothes to strengthen their morale. Consequently clothes have an effect on all.

WHO GOT THE short end of the deal? Photographed above are Jean Kalish and Becki Senske.

To Teach It Or Not To Teach It; The Battle Continues To Rage On

by Hadee Strupp

Within the past year, sex instruction has become perhaps the most debatable topic in elementary and secondary education. A great number of communities have revised existing school programs. More than 15 states have passed or are considering laws to prohibit, control, or investigate sex classes.

From the anti-sex education side of the debate comes the cry, "Teach children to read, not breed!" The pro-sex education side comes back with, "Take sex education out of the back room and into the classroom."

Sex education courses are not as new as most people think. Some courses go back 20 or 30 years, but for the most part it was in the 1960's that the classrooms replaced the alleys as a major source of a youngster's sex information. Today more than one half of U.S. schools now offer some sort of sex education course.

Grades seven through nine usually study the physical and emotional changes that come with puberty and talk about dating and boy-girl topics. High schoolers go into the moral aspects of sex, the problems of going steady, marriage, pre-marital and extra-marital relations, venereal disease and deviating sexual behavior.

All over the country groups have sprung up with titles like CHIDE (Committee to Halt Indoctrination and Demoralization in Education), POSSE (Parents Opposed to Sex and Sensitivity Education), and PAUSE (People Against Unconstitutional Sex Education). These groups did not become strong until they were joined by two anti-communist organizations — the Christian Crusade and the John Birch Society.

The Christian Crusade has posed such statements as "Is the schoolhouse the proper place to teach raw sex" and "They've thrown God and the Bible out of school and put sex education in." The John Birchers have pointed out a 1919 communist document which they say "advised revolutionaries to corrupt the young and get them interested in sex."

Educators and backers of sex education admit that mistakes have been made. They've also made clear that a good sex education program goes beyond anatomy and reproduction and the non-physical aspects of human growth.

Rocks Tie District

Netmen Take Invitational; Conference Win Repeated

The rugged Rock Island tennis team once again captured the Mississippi Valley crown posting another perfect season. The varsity team in order of position consists of Steve Briggs, Dick Hainline, Steve Brown, Bob Huffman, Scott Reid, and Larry Barker.

Rock Island held its first annual invitational tournament on April 18 with six schools competing. The Rocky netters took first place honors with 31 points. Ottawa was second with 29 points and LaGrange third with 23½ points.

Because of poor weather conditions only the singles matches were completed. Hainline and Brown secured first place in the second and fourth division. Second place titles were won by Briggs, Huffman, and Reid in first, third, and fifth positions. Barker, New Trier champ, was third in position six.

Rock Island tied for first with Moline in district competition, both teams gaining nine points. The match began May 9, but had to be completed on May 11 because of rain. The champion of the district will be decided at the state tournament in Champaign on May 22 and 23.

The team compiling the most points at Champaign will then gain the district title. The tough duet of Briggs and Hainline easily secured the title not dropping a single set on the road to victory, thus raising hopes for state honors.

Huffman, in singles play, advanced to the semi-finals before being eliminated by the district singles champion, Mark Suiter of Moline. Barker and Reid played through the quarter-finals giving the Rocks valuable points.

Early in the season the Rocks traveled to New Trier to compete in an invitational tournament with the top four teams in the state. Rocky placed third with Briggs-Hainline combination winning the doubles crown and Barker taking first place in the number six division. The junior varsity also remained undefeated in dual meets.

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RICK BEVANS TAKES batting stance to demonstrate Rocky's baseball team's batting ability.

Baseball Season Begins; Rocks Enter District Play

The Rock Island high school baseball team, maintaining a respectable fourth place standing in the newly organized Quad-City Conference, goes into district competition with a 5-8 season record.

The team has been guided by a nucleus of five players, all of these are seniors. The third base line has been covered by Dan Burkhead all season. Up the middle, Rick Bevans, the team's best hitter, and Rick Lewis one of the fastest ballplayers on the team, have also been regulars throughout the year.

Over at first base the newly activated Steve Harrington has been able to fill the job very effectively. These Seniors are also joined by John Bloom, who handles right field position. Juniors, Bruce Walker, centerfield, Lou Valsoano, leftfield, and Jack Pagett fill out the rest of the regulars.

The pitching duties are handled by Senior right-hander Hal Sackfield and Junior Southpaw Barry Barnes.

The season started off on the right foot with a very spirited 1-0 victory over highly touted Alleman. In that game the battle of the right-handers was won by Hal Sackfield over Alleman ace Bill Phanistiell. The Rocks second win came against Davenport West. In that game, Junior reserve Mike Patrick hit a homer and a double. The third and fourth wins came over arch rival Moline. The wins were attributed to strong pitching and very sound defense. The final victory came against the East Moline Panthers by a 1-0 score. The star in this game turned out to be Junior southpaw Barry Barnes, with help from Rick Lewis who scored the only run.

District has never been won three years in a row, and the Rocks have won two already.

RIHS Golfers Slip by Panthers; Girls Defeated

The Rock Island golf team downed East Moline in a close victory, 257-260, May 11, at Shorthills Country Club. Although Mark Vanderbeke of the Panthers fired a two-under-par 35, the Rocks still came out on top, headed by Tom Blakely's 40, with 42's by Doug Elliott and Ted Stone, a 43 by Marty Davis, and a pair of 45's by John Robison and Reed Carlson.

Reed Carlson led the Islanders with a 37 in a May 5 victory over Davenport West at Mill Creek Country Club. Rocky finished with a 243 to West's 266. Other individual Rock Island scores, besides Carlson's, included Ted Stone's 39, Doug Elliott's 41, a 42 by Marty Davis, and a 43 by Tom Blakely.

Ted Stone and Reed Carlson both fired 38's to lead Rock Island to a triumph over Assumption at Duck Creek golf course on May 7. The final score was Rock Island, 236, Assumption, 261.

The girls' golf team was defeated by Moline, 264-272, at Indian Bluff, May 11. The best score for Rocky was Mary Campagna's 43, followed by Debby Stone's 52, Joan DeBarr's 58, Mary Westmoreland's 59, and a 61 by Debbie Trapkus. The Maroons were led by Martha Silliman's 45.

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Rocky Sends Nine

Rock Island's Cindermen Finish Third In District Track Meet

The Rocky track team placed third in the district track meet held May 8 at the Rock Island high school stadium. The Rocks, led by Sophomore Robert Taylor and Senior Doug Stelling, fell short behind East Moline and Moline.

Despite a third place finish, the Rocks will send nine qualifiers to State. Qualifiers from Rock Island are Jerry Carpenter, Al Foster, Frank Frances, and Steve Kean. Also qualifying are Steve Lewis, Bob Scott, Doug Stelling, Robert Taylor, and Larry Williamson. East Moline will send 11 and Moline will send 12. The State meet will be held May 22-23 at Champaign, Illinois.

Robert Taylor, the Rocks sophomore star, placed first in the 440 yard run, and second in the 100 yard dash when he was nosed out by East Moline's Howard Strickland. Strickland tied the meet record at :09.8, a record set in 1932 by Moline's Flip Anders. This record has been tied by Banks of Rock Island in 1961, Williams of Moline in 1967, and by Merlyn Hood of East Moline in 1969. Also placing first for the Rocks was senior Doug Stelling, who edged out Moline's Rick Cameron in the long jump. Stelling made his best jump of the year by jumping 20'5".

Rock Island placed second in the pole vault, with both Steve Kean and Jerry Carpenter dropping out at 13'. Bob Scott placed second in the discus. The Rocks also placed second in the mile relay.

Third place honors went to Al Foster in the shot put and to Frank Frances in the 880 yard run. The Rocks placed fourth in the 880 yard relay. Steve Lewis placed fifth in the 100 yard dash and John Yeager placed fifth in the discus.

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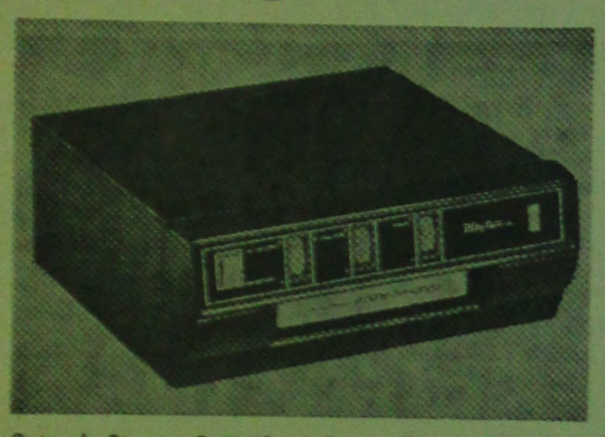

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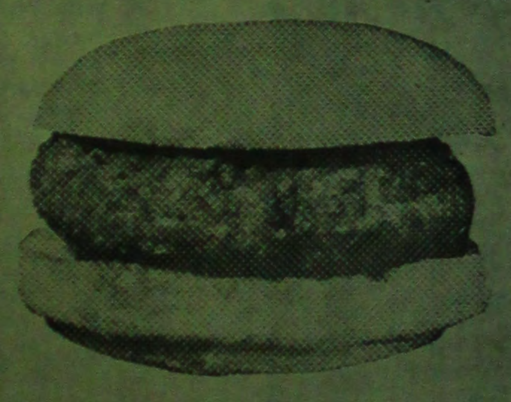

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Seniors Present Wilder's "Our Town" As Class Play

by Vicki Enburg

Our Town, by Thornton Wilder was presented on May 9 by the class of 1970 as the final dramatic offering of the year.

The cast included Joe Ullman as the Stage Manager, Beci Senske as ingenue Emily Webb, Dan Murphy as Emily's boyfriend George Gibbs, Sue Anderson and John Spurgetis as his parents, Deidre Epperly as his sister Rebecca. Sophomores in the show were Kevin Peiper and Burt Hulsbrink, doing quite well considering their lack of experience.

In some ways, the pantomime necessary for the show seemed to give the actors trouble. A few instances of doorknobs appearing and disappearing in odd places caused slight uneasiness.

There were, however, some examples of fine acting. Of special note was Craig Brown and Marie Carson as Mr. and Mrs. Webb. It was a joy to sit back and watch Editor and Mrs. Webb come alive from the first moment they stepped on stage until their final exits. Jack Downing as bitter Simon Stimpson communicated charmingly by means of his intoxicated stagger.

The high point of George and Emily's performances was the ladder scene, in part because of superb lighting and also the talents of the two actors. Cast, crews and Director, F. E. Malcolm are commended for a fine show.

C.W.T. Hosts Rocky Teachers At Tea

Mr. James Naylor, head of C.W.T. (Cooperative Work Training program), sponsored a tea for all teachers at Rock Island high school. The tea was held on April 23, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the living center at the high school.

The purpose of the tea was to inform the teachers on how the organization works and to display a few of the various jobs. There were about 13 students from C.W.T. participating in the tea.

The C.W.T. department is planning a banquet for the employers and a picnic for Mr. Naylor's class only.

CEDAR RAPIDS NO. 26 misses home plate by a few feet while Quad-City catcher tags him and looks to keep runners from advancing.

Quad-City Angels Could Grab Another League Title

by Bob Lohmeier

The Quad-City Angels of the Mid-West League are again making their presence known. With a host of new names and some of the better known players, the Angels have a chance of winning another of their many Mid-West League titles.

In an interview with Angels' Field Manager, Fred Laning, he commented that the general outlook of the team is very good. He also said, "The Angels seem to be especially strong up the middle of the lineup." That is catcher, shortstop, second base, and centerfield.

"With the addition of Sam Asford at second base and Rudy Mieoli at shortstop, we have the strongest double play combination in the league," Laning added.

When asked about the Angels' pitching status the Field Manager said, "we have a pair of starters who are the best in the league, with Jeff Pryor, a southpaw, and right hander Rick Hanson. But the relief help is what we are most concerned about. The bullpen right now has young, undeveloped talent that we feel will come through as the season progresses."

With the new rules of the minors saying that the mother major league clubs can call up any player at any time (in this case the California Angels) the Q.C. Club could be put in a jam. This worries Laning the most. "Our regulars are the basis of the club. We have no sure reserves that can fill a vacancy efficiently," he said.

When asked about support, Laning, who also does the budgetary planning said, "For a team that is in first place and trying their darndest, the people of the Quad-Cities sure aren't helping much."

Murphy, Miskowicz April Rotarians; Ayers, Ryan, Ullman Are for May

Dan Murphy and Lew Miskowicz were selected as Jr. Rotarians for the month of April. Junior Rotarians for May are Tom Ayers, Pat Ryan and Joe Ullman.

Dan Murphy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Murphy, resides at 4207 26th Avenue, Rock Island. In Dan's Senior year at Rocky he has been active in Drama club, Senate, Key Club, French Club and Young Republicans Club. He also is a member of National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, and is in the top 5% along with being a recipient of the Elk Scholarship.

Lew Miskowicz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Miskowicz residing at 3200 26th Avenue, Rock Island. During Lew's years at Rocky he has been a member of Key Club and Senate. He has also been on an intramural team. This year he was captain of the football team and at the end of the season he was placed on all four Illinois State teams. He rereceived the All-State and All-American awards.

Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ayers of 1215 25th Street, Rock Island. Tom was a member of the swim team for three years and a manager this year. He belongs to the Boy Scouts and Science Club. This year he participated in fencing and water polo in intramurals.

Pat Ryan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ryan who live at 3811 35th Avenue, Rock Island. Pat is a member of National Honor Society, top 5%, and is a recipient of the University of Illinois James Scholarship. He is an Eagle Scout and a member of Key Club, Science Council, and German Club, and has been a member of the Tennis team for three years.

Joe Ullman, son of Mrs. Maurice Ullman of 2720 - 30th Avenue, Rock Island, belongs to the National Honor Society, Teen Democrats, Key Club, Quill and Scroll and Pan-American Club. He was Editor-in-Chief of the **Crimson Crier** first semester this year and had the leading role in this year's senior class play.

The electives will sit in on Rotary meetings every Tuesday and will be guests for lunch. These meetings are held at twelve noon at the Y.W.C.A., Rock Island.

Joe Ullman Named Best Staffer

Joe Ullman was recently named as Rock Island high school's most valuable staffer of 1970. Joe was the first semester editor of the **Crimson Crier.**

These awards of recognition were announced and presented at a banquet which was held at the Blackhawk Hotel in Davenport, on April 24. The guest speaker at the banquet was Mr. Milt Morris. Mr. Morris is a well-known cartoonist for the Associated Press. This year is the third consecutive year the awards have been given.

Each year, this award is presented to one outstanding high school journalist from each of the twelve area high schools. This award is sponsored cooperatively by the **Times-Democrat** newspaper of Davenport and by the River-Cities Chapter of the Sigma Delta Chi professional journalism fraternity.

Area Students Vie For Scholarships; Rocky Senior, Karen Williams, Wins

Karen Williams, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Williams, 1816-12th Street, Rock Island, was the recipient of a three hundred dollar art scholarship for her further education in this field. She plans to use this scholarship to attend Black Hawk College next fall as an art major.

The third year art student was selected from among twenty-seven students from various high schools in the area. The Quad-Cities Art Directors Club, consisting of commercial artists in the area judged these students from samples of their art work which each had submitted.

Other Rock Island high school seniors vying for this scholarship were Suzann Gage, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Gage, 3415-35th Street, Rock Island, and Rebecca Sen-

the hearts of youth and that there is a general breakdown of parental authority. Rabbi Weinberg feels that there is also an authority collapse.

When questioned if any connections exist between the church and the changes in society, all agree yes. Unfortunately the church is following the trends of society. In the words of Pastor Hauser, "The church has lost its 'Thus sayeth the Lord'."

To the question of whether or not the church has lost its relevancy to youth, all but Pastor Hauser agree that it has. Rabbi Weinberg states, "Actually the institution is not coming to terms with the tremendous problems of the modern world. Too great a reluctance exists to ef-

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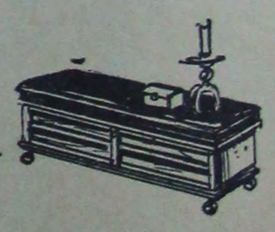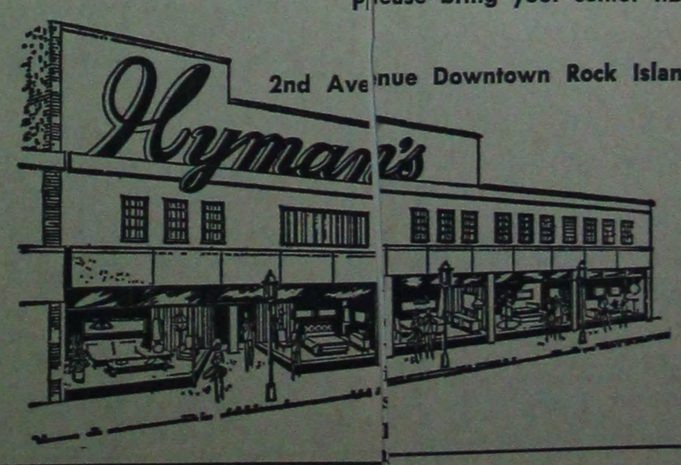
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