

PENNY KING BEGINS REIGN

The annual AFS drive will be climaxed tomorrow, March 6, at a dance in the girls' gym. The drive was officially "kicked-off" Friday, February 27 amid skits, student talks, and the introduction of the 1971 Penny King candidates during a special assembly.

The week of March 1 has been designated the official drive period. During the week, students have contributed money in their senates and have voted for Penny King via pennies, nickels, and dimes in the cafeteria.

The Penny King and the subsequent dance is an innovation this year. Debbie Foley, AFS committee President, says, "We are really excited about the Penny King concept. With the drive on

a three level competitive basis we hope to go well over the goal." The dance, to be held March 6 in the girls' gym, begins at 8 p.m. and features a battle of the bands.

The sum required to bring a student from abroad is \$850. It is the responsibility of the AFS committee to raise the funds to bring one student over and the Rock Island Kiwanis Club covers the cost of a second student.

As in past years, the two senates that collect the most money in their sophomore and junior years combine, will host an AFS student in their homeroom during their senior year. Rock Island High School has played host to AFS students for the past 15 years.



AFS OFFICERS ROY Phelps, Debbie Foley, Lori Skafidas and Debbie Phelps are jubilant at the success of the Penny King Contest, AFS drive, and assembly, all part of AFS Week.

The Crimson Crier Musical Cast Announced

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Nine Week Grading Seen In the Offing

The report card grading system in Rock Island public schools is being evaluated for possible changes. Mr. Richard Brooks, chairman of the Report Card Committee, introduced the problem of concern in regards to the methods of reporting grades, and the intervals which reporting could be made.

The committee recommends a nine week grading period instead of the present six week period. Students who receive a mark of "D" or lower, or those who are not working up to capacity would also be graded at the end of the 5th, 14th, 23rd, and 32nd week. These mid-period reports would be sent through the mail to the students' parents.

According to Dr. Ben Litherland, the methods of reporting grades during the 1971-72 school year will be done by data processing equipment. At the end of each nine weeks the report cards will be sent to the parents and a duplicate card would be given to the student.

The committee will discuss the possibility of recommending weighted grades at their March meeting. Until a later date nothing definite is known.

Dolphin Crowned At Swirl

John Chappell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger L. Chappell of 1430-35th Avenue of Rock Island, was crowned king, Saturday, February 13, 1971 of this year's Y-Teen Sweetheart Swirl. The dance was held at the YWCA in Rock Island.

Following the coronation, John and his date, Miss Debi Foley, were given the floor for the traditional, "Kings' Dance." The evening's music was provided by

Ken De Wanz's five-piece orchestra.

Mary Ann McKinney, head of R. I. Y-Teens', Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Duncheon and sponsors from Rock Island high school made up the list of chaperons for the dance.



Chappell

Refreshments included red heart-shaped sugar cookies, and red fruit punch served in the YWCA cafeteria.

Swirl photographs were taken by Adolphi Studios for \$3.00 in the Meeting Room at the YWCA. Picture backdrops were painted by Tara Palmer and Peggy Sylvester.

The center attraction was a huge, purple oriental dragon made of paper-mache. Other decorative features included: fish ponds, Japanese lanterns, travel posters, painted cardboard geisha girls, colorful beads over the doorways, and Japanese lettering on the walls.

The dance ended at 11:00 p.m. and for most, the evening was topped off with dinner.

Over 120 couples attended this year's Swirl.

Graduation Robes Sport RI Colors

To rent red and gold gowns for graduation was the decision of the senior class at a class meeting. The new robes will break the tradition of wearing gray robes. Rocky has been one of only two schools in the state to wear gray robes. Boys will wear red gowns, and girls will wear gold.

Gown rental will cost \$3.75 for the cap, gown, and a red and gold tassel. The tassels may be purchased as keep-sakes for an additional \$.50, and also the caps for \$1. The rental company will handle measuring, shipping, and the repacking of the gowns.

The cast of South Pacific has been announced by musical director Murray Osborn. It includes Debbie Williams as Ensign Nellie Forbush, John Cochran as Emile de Becque, Debbie Foley as Bloody Mary, Roy Phelps as Lt. Cable, Yoko Yamada as Liat, and Mark Pence as Luther Billis. Assistant stage director is Jan Peschang.

Nellie is stationed on a South Pacific island during World War II, along with many sailors, who are biding their time until called into action. She falls in love with Emile, a debonair French plantation owner. Bloody Mary, a huckster, sells the sailors fake shrunken heads and other curios, and is looking for a husband for her daughter, Liat. The war closes in on the islands, and touches them all.

The musical will be present Friday March 26, and Saturday March 27. Student and adult tickets are \$1.00 and \$1.50 respectively.

Red Letter Days

MARCH

- 8- Report cards
- 8- Wrestling Banquet
- 15- In Service Day
- Periods 1,2,3,4
- 17- St. Patrick's Day
- 26-27- Spring Musical
- Until 22- Registration-ACT

Open Letter to Students

Self-Purification Can Cure Ills

by Principal Harold Voyles.

The greatest individual to live on earth is famous for his method of teaching and making a point in a conversation. I would like to copy his method and make a parallel between our high school and the circulatory system of the human body.

The brain and nervous system gives the instructions, and carries them to the various parts of the body. Here the action is presented, but it is the heart and the blood that cause life to exist.

Our student body is the blood of our school. It is pumped through the school by a heart that consists of desire, motivation, and an understanding of the necessity to participate in the activities of the body.

Blood must continue to keep itself pure by a constant removal of impure particles to carry out its duty to the body as a whole. It remains the same blood even after the removal of impurities, since we no longer use the practice of blood letting. A student body seldom improves by removal of its members. We don't help any by absorbing the impurities in the stream even though it does dilute it.

Self-purification is the answer, with antibodies such as courtesy, kindness, honesty, and self-control. By using these we will eventually have the type of student body we all desire.

Scapegoat Label Now Obsolete For RI Senate

In recent months it has been the usual custom for many students and faculty members to use the Senate as a scape-goat for all their frustrations about school. It has been the catch-all for inaction, apathy, and general discontent. But this label, whether merited or not by the Senate, can no longer be applied. It must now yield to positive and beneficial action which is occurring:

For the first time in Rocky's history the student body may gain the right to vote for Senate officers.

The first positive action of the "cafeteria crisis" is now being initiated. The final result of this may be the installation of candy machines in the cafeteria.

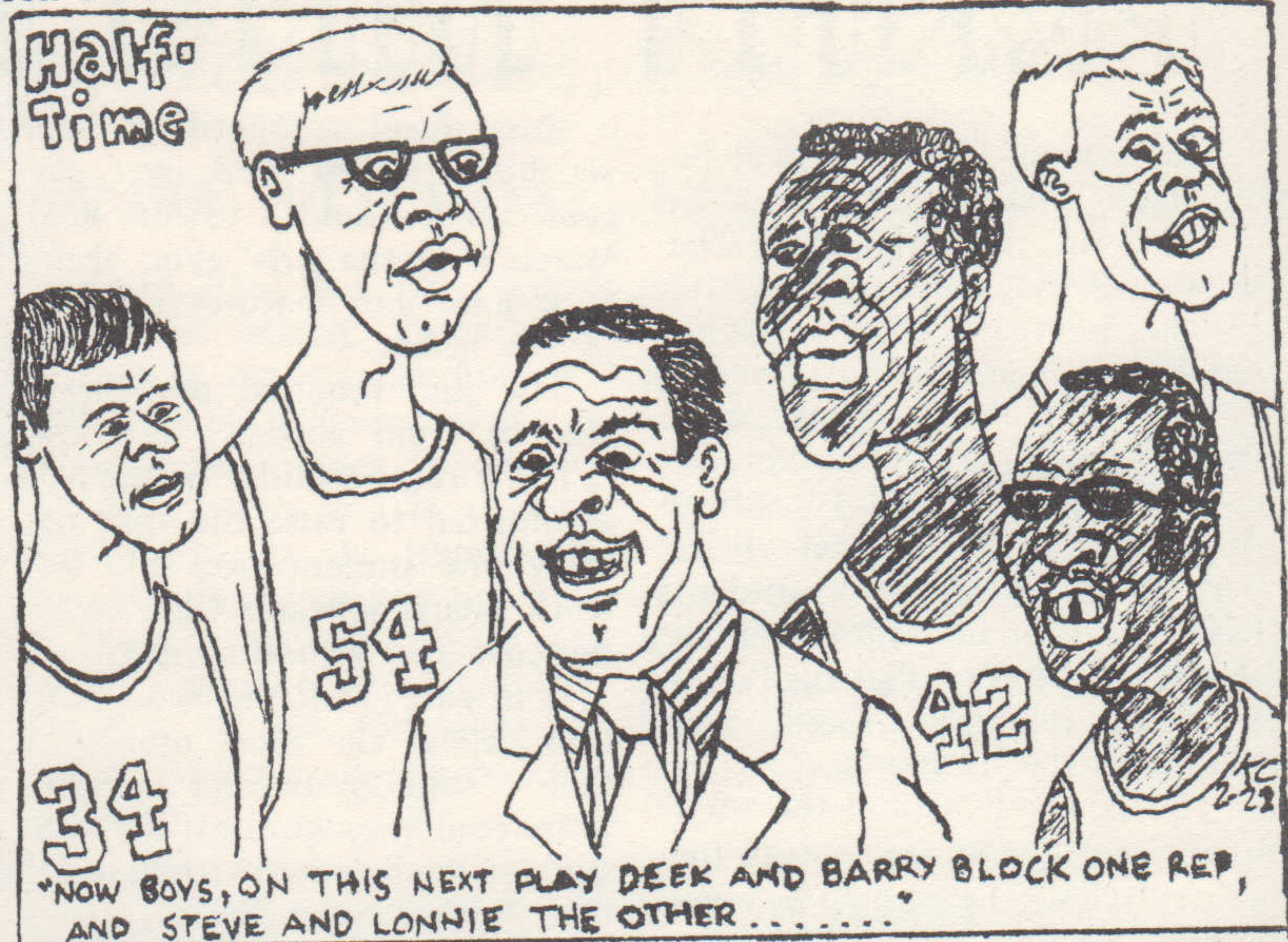
In a joint effort with Key Club, the Senate succeeded in their efforts to have a policeman assigned to the 17th Street intersection.

A "march against hunger" will debut in the Spring.

In view of these accomplishments, we feel the Senate's scape-goat status is obsolete, and we praise it for the new direction it is taking on behalf of the school.

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The Super-Section Sparkles With Exhibitions Of Sensational Spirit

"I dedicate my life to the proposition that all students should CHEER!!!!" Upon taking this oath, a Rocky student can become a member of the section: THE SUPER-SECTION.

The super-section forms the core of Rock Island student cheering. Section members meet before each game where they decide upon sideline cheers to be used and discuss ways to generate all-around spirit.

Section members can be identified by wearing headgear such as firechief hats, construction worker hats, cowboy hats, combat helmets, and ace pilot hats; by being garbed in various hues of red and gold; by thrusting red gloved hands in the air and giving the Rocky sign; and by vibrant vocal support of the basketball team.

Senior Drew Newton, spokesman for the section, says, "The section is one of the best things to happen to Rocky spirit. We promote both spirit and sportsmanship. We hope that the section will help propel the team to Champaign."

Review

Carpenters Are Close To You

by Cheryl Riley

On February 2, the Quad-Cities experienced the first standing-room-only performance in the Masonic Temple in over a year. Seven months ago Karen and Richard Carpenter were students at California State in Long Beach. Now they are one of the top groups in the country. They have received three golden singles, a platinum album, and a golden album. They have also been nominated for six academy awards, and have appeared on several nationwide TV shows such as Johnny Carson.

The brother-sister duo, and their four back-ups sang such songs as "Clost To You," "We've Only Just Begun," "Mr. Guder," "For All We Know," and a number of songs from their new album to be released March 15. However, the back-up team is not used in making the records. Karen



KAREN AND RICHARD Carpenter, and their back-up team performed to a standing - room only audience.

and Richard do the only singing and then their voices are overdubbed in the control room. During the performances, Richard plays the piano, and Karen plays the drums. The four extras provide the background music.

Along with the Carpenters was Podipto singing "Karen's Song" but it was the Carpenters who got the standing ovation.

Real Horsepower Still Fascinates Some Sr. Glee At ISU Clinic

by Rosemary White

Horsepower, four-legged type, is an increasing hobby in the Quad-Cities. Among those students at Rocky active with their horses are Debbie and John Chappel.

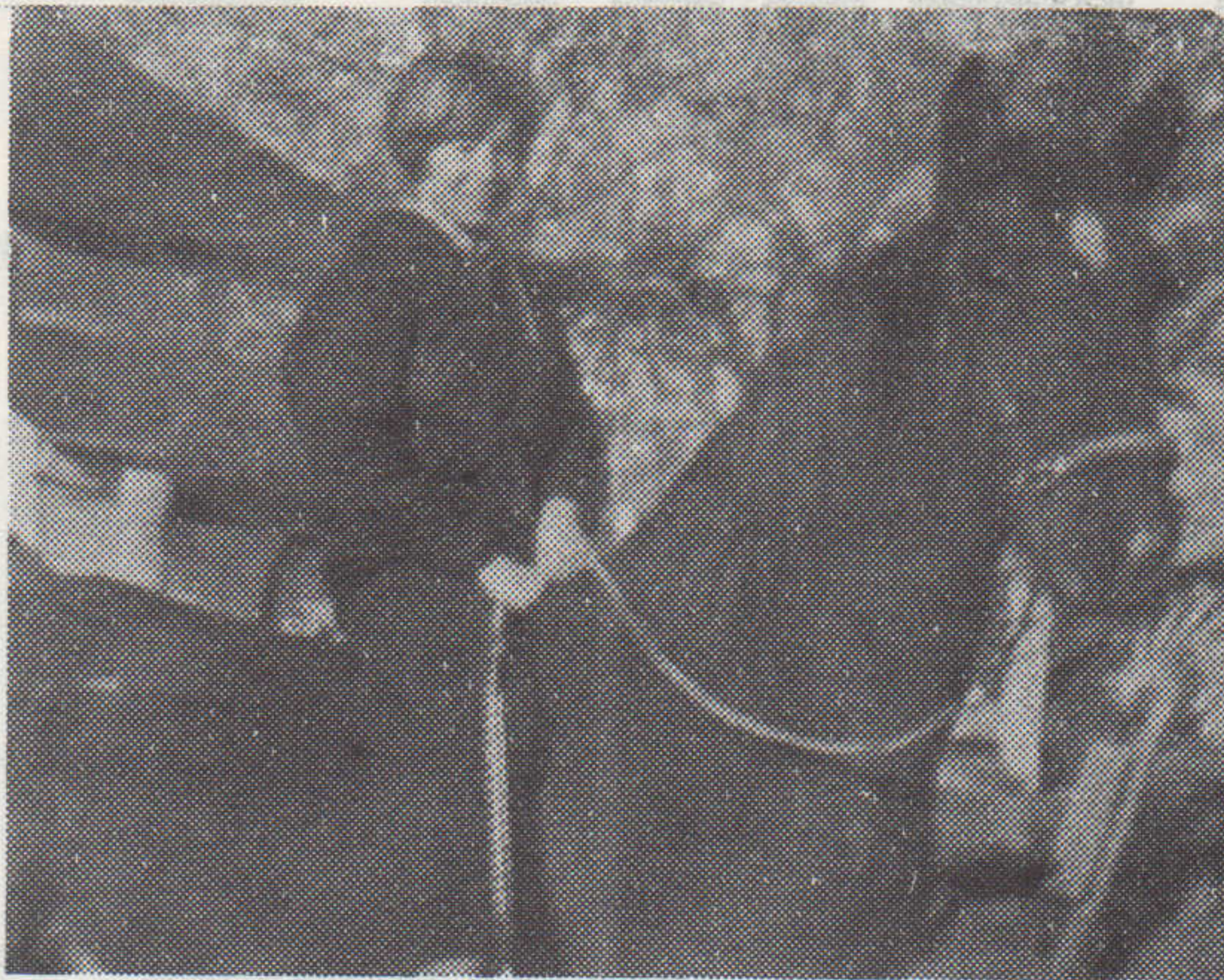
Debbie owns a black quarter-horse gelding named Scooter. She has won eighteen ribbons and two trophies during the two years that she has owned him.

John, showing his Arabian, Ibn Roteza, has placed fifth in the Illinois All Arabian Horse Show at Springfield, and has placed twice in local shows.

Debbie and Roy Phelps share an Arabian stallion, Dziadek. Roy rides for pleasure, while Debbie is active in showing.

Debbie spent the earlier part of summer training Dziadek, enabling her to show him later this summer. She has won three ribbons, two trophies, and competed in the Hillandale Saddle Club Queen Contest.

Ann Michelson owns and shows a quarterhorse gelding, Sheik. Her



RITA EWING AND Tuckee, show that a combination of skill and coordination between horse and rider are needed to look good.

horse has placed many times this summer, and was awarded the Jr. Pleasure High Point Trophy of the Hillandale Saddle Club.

Rita Ewing owns two horses: one is a saddlebred gelding named Tuckee, and the other is a quarter-horse gelding named Brody. In the past two years, Rita has competed

in many of the local shows, winning numerous places with both horses. She rides in costume classes on Tuckee, and in pleasure classes on Brody.

Other students at Rocky active with their horses are Debbie Steele, Mark Johnson, Rhonda Bennet, Morrie and Debbie Zukerman, Carla VanSpybrook, who ride for pleasure. Mary Maro, Nancy Braun, Steve Stropes, Becky Robbins, Sheryl Vrell, Rose White, are pleasure and contest riders. These are just a few of the horsey-set.

The Rock Island Sr. Glee Club visited Illinois State University, February 6, for a Clinic Festival, consisting of high school choirs. The 82-voice chorus was invited by John W. Ferrell, clinic director.

Murray Osborn, vocal director of the Sr. Glee Club, got the large group on the buses at 6 a.m.

After arriving, they appeared in a half hour concert without interruption for adjudication. The next thirty minutes the choir worked under the direction of Dr. Morris J. Benchy, a prominent clinician, who gave a critique on the group. Ten other choirs followed the same procedure.

Some of the arrangements sung by the Glee Club were Britten's "The Sycamore Song"; Bach's "Glory to God"; Salli Terri's "San Sereni"; Robert Mucaynski's "I Never Saw a Moor"; Pablo Casal's "Tota Pulchra"; and Lehman Engel's "The Three Ravens."

All of the numbers were accompanied by Jody Johnston.

Mr. Osborn stated that the outing was not for competition as such, but as a field trip to give the group added depth and experience.



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CHANGES COMING

It's Your Choice: Serve The Way You Want To

by Rosemary White

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace." This statement can be found in George Washington's First Annual Address to the Congress on January 8, 1790.

A form of the draft system was put into operation at that time, and a draft system has been in effect ever since.

Every boy must register at the local board in his county within five days after he reaches his 18th birthday. The board will then determine his selective service classification and notify him. The law requires that every physically and mentally qualified man between the ages of 18 and 26 face an obligation to perform at least 6 years of military service, which may be fulfilled by various combinations of active and reserve duties.

In order to be drafted, men must fall into the appropriate age group. The lottery, which has been considered perhaps the fairest form of drafting, determine the



EIGHTEEN YEAR OLDS receive their draft cards, not only for the service, but also for personal identification purposes.

order that they will be called for the service. The lottery determines the men's call date by their birthdates.

If the draft is not your choice, there are many other military service programs offered. There are various fields in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard. Each field has its reserve program. Its duration is from 3 to 6 or more years. Fields offered are officer

training, school candidates that train for occupational work in engineering, communications, and meteorology. There are vocational training programs in the missile, electronics and radar fields.

For those who feel that they can not and should not be drafted, they may register as a Conscientious objector. This does not relieve them from military service totally, however. There are various civilian jobs in maintenance of

the national health, safety, or interests.

Another deferment is that for an undergraduate student. This deferment only delays his induction until he has graduated, or, if he does not keep his grades up and attend at least 80% of the time, he may then be drafted.



Omega House Provides Free Draft Volunteer Army's The Answer

by Cheryl Riley

For those guys approaching 18, and in doubt of Selective Service laws and rights, there is now available thorough and professional counseling by draft counseling agencies. These agencies are perfectly legal and very confidential in most cases.

One such legal counseling agency in the Rock Island area is the Omega House at the south west corner of 39th St. and 7th Ave. The people of Omega House are operating on a non-profit basis to help people get the fullest benefit from their draft laws.

The main purpose of the agency, according to Winston Hamilton, a counselor at the agency, is to restore law and order to the system.

"I believe what Spiro Agnew says, we must have law and order into it," states Hamilton. "There is so much wrong with the Selective Service System you just wouldn't believe it."

If any legal hassles come up during a particular counseling session the agency can suggest attorneys who will deal in draft cases. Most generally there is no charge.

The meetings at Omega House take place every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening between 7 and 9 p.m. If you are in need of assistance in the area of draft counseling you can get in touch with Omega House by phoning 788-0718.

The Omega House is also operating on a "hospitality-house" basis. Anyone, male or female, who is in need of a place to sleep or eat can drop in and have a bed and a free meal.

Anyone thinking the draft is ending is mistaken. When the Selective Service law expires in June, members of the Pentagon and their political allies will be trying to keep the draft alive. President Nixon agrees that a volunteer army would be possible, however, he leaves the decision to the generals, but after this long they are not about to make the change.

Everyone agrees that the draft is dangerous for youth. Since 1965



THE FINAL DECISION on which service you choose to serve in is very important.

more than 1.5 million Americans have been inducted and more have enlisted under the draft threat. Some 30,000 have gone into exile and hundreds into jail. In Vietnam a draftee into the Army has two times the chance of being killed than that of an enlistee.

Those in favor of the draft say, "I did my time; why shouldn't they?" "Let's put some of those hippies in uniform," and, "It's their duty to their country." On the opposing side, one remarked, "Do you think the army is so bad you have to force people to join it?"

The army has changed along with everything else. There was a time when you kept your hair almost shaved, leaped to four-letter obscenities, lived out of a laundry bag, polished chunks of coal, and "volunteered" to spend the weekend looking for a swagger stick that a general dropped from a helicopter. Some congressmen are pushing for volunteer Army, which would allow long hair, sleeping through reveille, buying in the mess hall and go-go girls in the club.

G TO THE DRAFT

Students Register Opinions On Possibility Of A Co-Ed Military



Phelps

DEBBIE FOLEY: I can see no reason why women should be drafted. Man has always been the protector and provider, while the woman has remained at home to take care of the family. Our way of life is built upon the family system. Take that away and we're left with nothing. I am against drafting women, but I think these idiots who are running around demanding to be treated on an equal basis with men should accept the duties that go along with it—including fighting side by side with men on an equal basis.



Foley



Soderberg

They control the world, as they are the basis of the home. The mother-Goddess idea is instinctive to us. Women would make fantastic armies, as they would go all out and fight wars.

JOHN OSBORN: Women should be drafted. If women were fighting side by side with men, the morale of soldiers would be much higher, (perhaps the morals would be looser,



Osborn

but the morale would be great). Furthermore, in drafting women, the death rates would be equalized—we would kill off as many women as men. Also, imagine the distraction of the enemy if facing an army of beautiful women. Finally, women are smarter, craftier, and better looking than men. How could the enemy cope with an army of thousands of Mata Haris? Obviously, women should be drafted.

DEBBIE PHELPS: The draft is the last remnant of involuntary servitude left in the country. If we must retain the draft system, we should make the draft more fair. Deferments for reasons of occupation, fatherhood, and most graduate studies have been abolished. Why then, should only men be drafted? Why not women, too? Granted, today's women are not as fit as men, but with training there would be no reason for not having an army of mixed sexes. Besides, it would be a ball.

PETER SODERBERG I do not believe in the draft, but if it is really necessary, I think both sexes should be drafted. Men play at war. It's all a big political-power game. Women are more realistic. They have to

go through more emotional experiences than men, and are, therefore, basically stronger.

Youth Asks:

by Doug Frazer

"Is war ever justified?" This question is raised by both young and old—especially with respect to the Indo-China War. Both sides of the question can be defended. The following are opinions for and against war expressed by some of the greatest intellects in history.

No, I am not opposed to all wars under all circumstances.... (but) I am opposed to every war but one; I am for the worldwide war of social revolution. Eugene V. Debs

But those wars are also just, without doubts, which are ordained by God Himself, in Whom is no (injustice), and Who knows every man's merits. -St. Augustine

We must say what everybody knows but does not venture to say. We must say that by whatever name men may call murder—murder always remains murder and a criminal and shameful thing.

War Objector Status Changes

by Yoko Yamada

The draft situation has changed. One can be excused from the participation in war if he, by reason of religious training and belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in war of any form. This doesn't include essentially political, sociological, or philosophical views, or merely a personal moral code.

Church membership is not a requirement.

In 1970, in the United States vs. Welsh case, the Supreme Court broadened the definition of conscientious objection to include objection based on deeply held moral or ethical beliefs.

However, it doesn't mean he is completely exempted from draft. The alternative means of service have been provided. He can serve either in noncombatant service, or nonmilitary jobs. Noncombatant service includes those in the medical department, service in any unit that is unarmed at all times: while nonmilitary job is two years of civilian work con-

tributing to the maintenance of the national health, safety, and interest as the registrant's local draft board may deem appropriate.

What does a conscientious objector have to do? At age 18, he registers with his local draft board, and has to fill out the Form 100, the General Classification Questionnaire, declaring he is a conscientious objector. Then the board will send him the Form 150, the special form for Conscientious Objectors.

This form requires the registrant to claim for exemption, and also to answer the questions on his religious training and belief. If he doesn't receive an acceptable classification from the local draft board, he can request an appeal.

Help can be received from the National Service Board for Religious Objectors. (555 Washington Building, 15th and New York Ave., N.W. Washington D.C. 20005)

Can There Be a Just War?



And it is only necessary to say that clearly, definitely, and loudly, as we can say it here, and men will cease to see what they thought they saw and will see what is really before their eyes. They will cease to see the service of their country, the heroism of war, military glory, and patriotism, and will see what exists: the naked, criminal business of murder! -Leo N. Tolstoy

We don't want any more wars, but a man is a d— fool to think there won't be any more of them. I am a peace-loving Quaker, but when a war breaks out every d— man in my family goes. If we're ready, nobody will tackle us. -Smedley Butler (N.Y. Times)

War is the father and king of all: some he has made gods, and some free men: some slaves, and some free. -Heraclitus

JV's To Fill Varsity's Shoes In '72

With one game left in the season for Rocky's B basketball team, coach Hugh Johnson feels that the possibilities are great for an undefeated season. Through February 21 the J.V. squad sported a hefty 12-0 record.

As Bruce Hamming and company will not be with the Rocks next year, this season's B men will be filling their shoes. According to Coach Bob Riley, "Next year's varsity team will size up quite well with this year's squad."

For the moment Coach Riley

sees next year's team something like Willie (Touche) Seward, Jack (Double Barrel) Riley, and Brent (Ali) Allison shifting around the back court, with Lorenzo (Clyde) Turner in the middle, and a big battle between Marvin (Grasshopper) Haymon, Frank (Spearhead) Boyd, Ike Turner, and Bill (The Corpse) Lensch for the front sides. Coach Johnson said, "This team is amazing in the fact that no matter who the five starters are, they work as one solid unit, which account for their great success."

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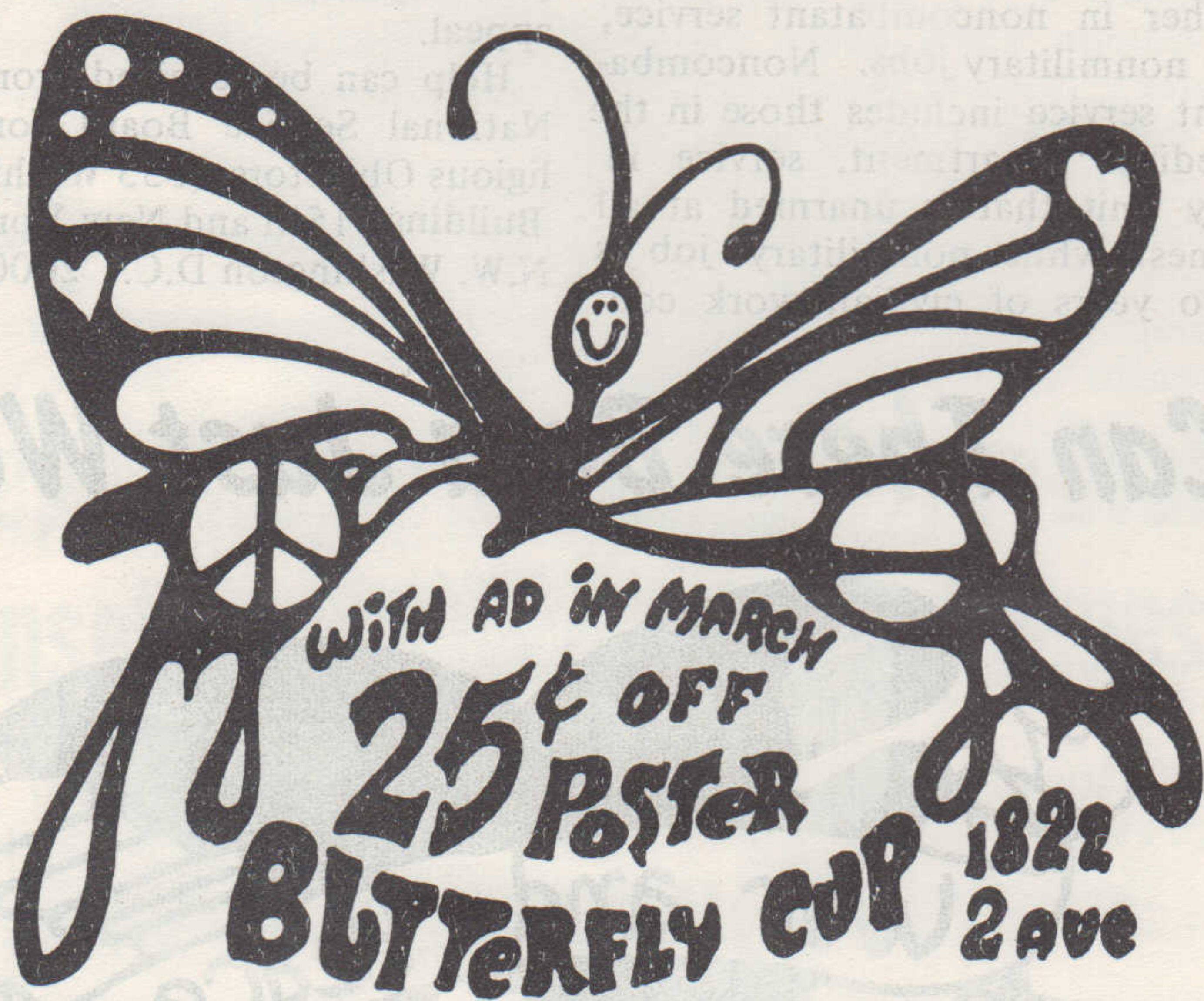
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Rocky Grapplers Pin Down District Mat Title

Rocky matmen fought successfully edging out East Moline 102-100, to win the District Wrestling Tournament held February 12-13 in the Rock Island High School field house.

The individual champs and runnersup in the District Meet later advanced to the East Moline Sectional held on February 19-20 in the United Township high school gym.

Six wrestlers represented R.I. High in the Sectional Meet. The individual champs from the District Meet who participated in the Sectional were 98-pound John Angel, 132-pound John Chaney, 155-pound Rob Hoffman, and 167-pound Rick Benz. The runnersup from District Meet who participated in the Sectional were

126-pound Ron Muskeyvalley, and 185-pound George Day.

In Sectional action R.I. tied Sterling 35 all to share the team title. Rocky had 3 wrestlers qualify for the Illinois state finals which were held February 26-27 at the University of Illinois in Champaign. Those grapplers who now venture on to state finals are champion Rick Benz, and runner-up John Angel and Ron Muskeyvalley.

When Wrestling Coach Chet Schultz was asked about the wrestling season he commented, "The boys have done well. They've always done well. Now it's just a matter of self respect and pride."

The Rocks hold this year's Quad-City Metro Conference and Western Big Six Conference championships.

Spring Sports Starts To Bloom As Weather Begins To Warm

Rocky is now ready to shelve basketball, wrestling and swimming for another year. Spring is nearing and baseball, golf, tennis, track and cross-country will soon take over the sports scene.

The prospects for the boys' and girls' tennis teams are excellent this year with many returning lettermen on each squad. After an undefeated fall season, the male netters will be trying to match the feat. They are led by senior Steve Briggs and sophomore Dick Hainline. The girls' tennis team, coached by Miss Emma Trackwell, had a winning fall season and are hoping to duplicate that record this spring. Marti Zukerman, Debbie Wisely and Jean Coberly led the girl netters during the fall.

Baseball will also be in the spotlight come fair weather, under the direction of Coach Carl Aronson. The boys are going to try to repeat gaining the Metro Conference title that they won in 1969.

Cross-country and track will get their piece of the action, with Coach Duane Bonsall directing both operations. Track will feature many returning lettermen, as is the case for the long-distance runners.

Under the guidance of golf coach Dave Wood the linksters had a fine fall season and will try to reproduce the results this Spring. The ball "fore" men are led by Marty Davis, Ted Stone, Tom Blakely, Reed Carlson and Doug Elliott.

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Rocky Cagers Battle Metro Teams In EM Regional

By Mike Zare

Loyal sportsfans, it's that time of year when students are as eruptive as Vesuvius and teachers are as strict as the wardens at Sing Sing. No, it's not a campus riot, but the East Moline regional. The Regional will commence March 1 and crown a new champion Friday, March 5.

After a disappointing third place finish in last year's regional the Rocky Cagers will try to win the crown after a five year layoff without the regional hardware.

The eight teams contesting for the Regional crown are Moline, Rock Island, East Moline, Alleman, Geneseo, Orion, and Riverdale.

Next year Erie, Orion and Riverdale will not play in the Quad-City Regional, since this is the last year the 745 Illinois High Schools compete against each other for the state title. In a recent ruling by the Board of the Illinois High School Athletic Association, next year's tournament will have schools with an enrollment under 750 compete in a separate tournament. Schools with an attendance over 750 will battle it out in a separate division.

The pairings in the East Moline Regional were Moline versus Riverdale at 7:00 p.m. and Alleman playing Orion at 8:00 p.m. on March 1. March 2nd found the Rocky five taking on Geneseo and

East Moline played Erie at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. respectively.

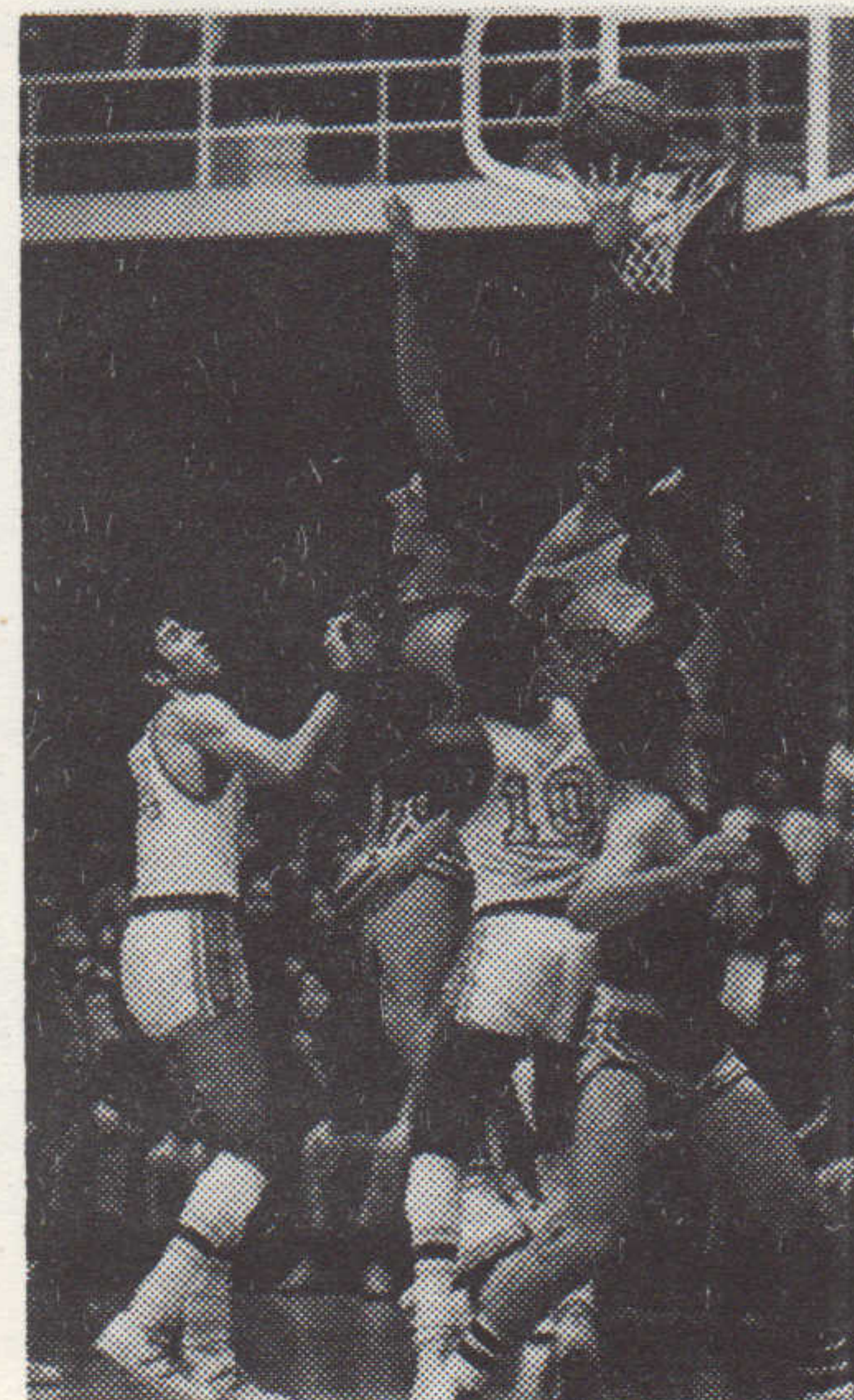
The probable tournament team is Bruce Hamming, Barry Barnes, Lee "Deacon" Atwater, Lonnie Boyd and Steve Fenton. These five will be backed by Jack Riley, Lorenzo Turner, Bobby Johnson, Vern McCullough, Willie Seward, Brent Allison, Marvin Haymon and John Johnson. According to basketball mentor Bob Riley, "The chance of winning the East Moline Regional is excellent."

This Regional shapes up as one of the most interesting in the state. Two of the area teams, Moline and Rock Island have been rated among the top twenty in the state and Riverdale is highly rated in the poll for small enrollment high schools.

After losing twice this season to a strong Moline team Rock Island will be out for revenge if they lock horns in the Regional. In that January 12 encounter the Rocks played a strong first half, but when Hamming received his fourth foul the team started to go downhill. Coach Riley said, "We played a lousy six minutes when Bruce was out," which turned out to be the factor that lost the game.

BARRY BARNES GOES up for another easy layup with Lonnie Boyd pondering the outcome.

Rocky has an excellent bench with Jack Riley filling in when the guards are not hitting, Lorenzo Turner is a versatile relief man who can play forward or center, Vern McCullough has been a most dependable substitute and Bob Johnson fills the forward spot well.



Tankers 3rd In District

Keith Gilliam, in breaking one district and two pool records in the 50 and 100 freestyle, led Rocky's tankers to a third place finish in the District Meet. Winning these events qualified him for the State Meet.

Other State qualifiers include Jeff Kolinchinsky for the 100 breaststroke, Bill Morgan, for his diving, and Ken Shoemaker in the

200 freestyle. The teamwork of Chappell, Kolinchinsky, Gilliam, and Jackson in the 200 medley relay will also send them to State.

Coach Fred Friedrichsen's group will represent Rocky at the State Meet on February 26 and 27.

All qualifiers, with the exception of Shoemaker, who is now a junior, will be making their Swan Song as Rocky athletes at the State Meet.

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Good luck in the tournament!



"Bounce down the hill from Rocky!!"

News Briefs

A North Central Association Visitation Team, headed by Dr. Brandt Crocker of Quincy High School visited Rock Island High School from February 23 to 26, for the purpose of checking Rock Island's self-evaluation courses, department facilities, individuals, and administration. The 39 member group reported its findings to the administration Friday morning.

Wrestler John Angel was chosen to be Prep of the Month at Rocky.

The wrestler has won 25 straight matches this season, and defeated an opponent at the Illinois State District Wrestling Tournament by a fall in 1:24.

The English requirement for graduation from high school has been changed from four to three years.

A new selective English curriculum has been approved by the Rock Island Board of Education for Rocky High students next year. The new curriculum will be a five-phase program, consisting of courses in which students have shown the most interest. Students may become eligible for different classes on recommendation of their English teachers.

The Key Club movie tonight will be "Cool Hand Luke." Other coming attractions to be shown in the auditorium include, "The Golden Age of Comedy," and "Tales of Terror."

A new environmental-human biology class has been approved by the Board of Education for next year. This will be a two hour, one semester course open to 100 students which will fulfill the high school biology requirement.

"The Section" is a new organization formed by students to promote enthusiasm at basketball games and other events. Membership cards were sold, and all members may sit with "the section" during games.

Keith Abel, Doug Elliott Are March Jr. Rotarians

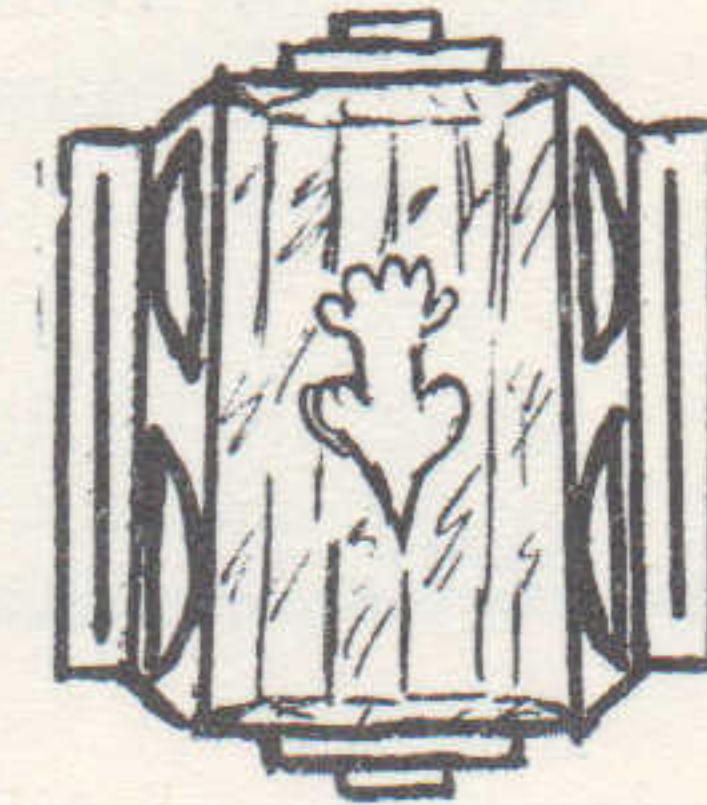
Keith Abel and Doug Elliott are named Junior Rotarians for the month of March. These seniors are representing Rock Island high school at the weekly dinners held at the YWCA.

Keith Abel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Abel who resides at 3624-24th Avenue, Rock Island. Keith has participated on the tennis team all three years and is a member of Ski Club. He has placed in the semi-finalist in the Illinois State Scholarship test. Also he is in the top 5% of his class and a member of the National Honor Society.

Doug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Elliott of 2420-6th Street. Doug is Vice-President of the Key Club and has been a member of the golf team for three years. He has been a senator in school and is also in the top 5%. Doug is also in the National Honor Society.

Class Rings Purchased By Class of '72

The Junior Class of Rock Island Senior High School had an opportunity to place orders for their class rings on Wednesday, February 3. Samples of the rings were being shown in the library trophy case so each junior could make his selection. A special class meeting was held at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium



to help each student complete his or her order.

The prices of the rings ranged from \$17.25 to \$30.75,



depending on size, stone, and type of ring. Each student had to deposit \$10 for the ring,

but the purchase of a ring is voluntary.

Brent Allison, Rosemary White, and Kathy Joannides, the Junior Class Officers, selected the styles for this year.

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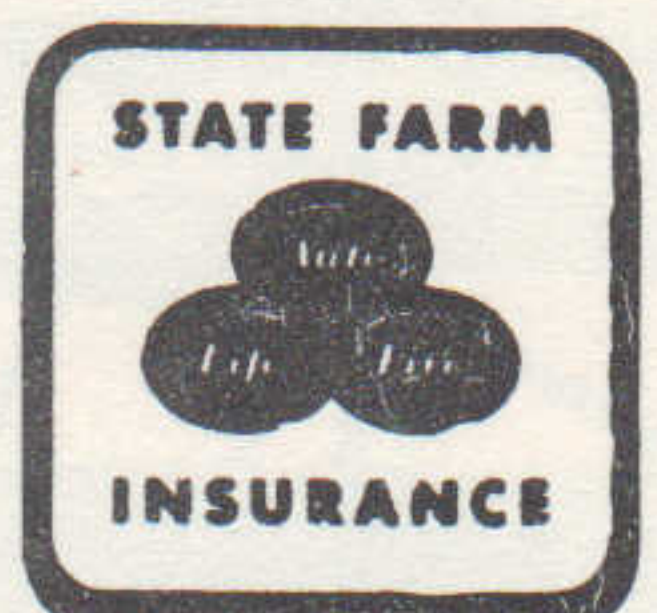
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