

The Crimson Crier

spring ... when the world is puddle-wonderful
-e.e. cummings

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38 Evaluating ...

Educators Visit Rocky

Student and faculty members of Rock Island High School were visited by 38 educators who sat in on various classes, while they were in progress on February 24 through 26.

These educators represented the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools headed by Dr. Brandt Crocker.

The purpose of their being here was to evaluate the school's curriculum and recommend ways to improve the present program. They will also take into consideration the teacher's self-evaluations of their individual classes.

This is the first time such a program has been undertaken at Rocky High. Schools should be evaluated every seven years.

Mr. C. L. Anderson, head of Rocky's mathematics department and also head of the steering com-

mittee for this evaluation program, stated that the group found the morale of Rocky students to be high.

Dr. Crocker will receive all the written reports of the educators and compile them into one booklet. A copy of this booklet will be sent to Rock Island High School and distributed among the school officials.

The findings of the group made them feel that the evaluation program is a great opportunity for educators to suggest ways to improve and benefit students.

A dinner was also held in the school's cafeteria on Tuesday, February 23. It was attended by representatives of the evaluation team, steering committee, the administrative staff, and members of the board of education.

Sivill and Myers On Top Of Rock Island's Senior Top Ten

"It takes a lot of hard work but once you're there it doesn't seem like it was work at all," states Kathryn Sivill, valedictorian of the 1971 senior class. Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sivill, of 1140 40th Street, Rock Island. Kathy has a grade point average of 97.05, to top the senior class. She might attend Augustana College here in Rock Island.

Bill Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Myers of 4026 25th Avenue, Rock Island, has been named salutatorian. Bill has kept up a grade point average of 97.04, just a hair behind Kathy.

Claiming the number three berth is Sue Salak who has an average of 96.86. Next in line is Sherry Albercht with a 96.81 average. John Johnson is number



K. Sivill



B. Myers

five with 96.65. Patty Sutton placed number six with a total average of 96.56. The number seven spot is awarded to Luanne Beinke with a 96.52 average. Cathy Creger has a 96.50 for the eighth spot. Number nine is Janet Bertleson with 96.45, and number ten is Wilma Bradley, who rounds out this elite group with a 96.41.

"SECTION" BOOSTS SPIRIT

Most of the clubs at Rocky have been formed to fulfill a definite purpose such as community service. Rocky's newest organization, "The Section", is no exception, and it certainly fulfills its purpose: to generate school spirit.

"The Section" started as a group of fourteen boys creating a stir of enthusiasm at both home and away games. The idea caught on, others began cheering with them, and the small group has grown to what is today Rocky's largest

organization. Over four hundred students belong to the group, whose pledge is, "I dedicate my life to the proposition that all students CHEER!!!"

Rocky's new cheering section is not only vocal, but also visible. Members are encouraged to wear designated Section outfits, such as the white shirts and bow ties seen at the East Moline Regional. The red and gold beanies, cowboy hats, hard hats, and original creations seen at this year's basket-

ball games were also encouraged by "The Section," as was the wearing of red "Rock power" gloves.

"The Section" loudly cheers with the cheerleaders, but also has many original cheers. Section members join the cheerleaders on the floor for the ROCKS cheer, demonstrating the line, "Yes we are the strongest ones!" And all Rocky supporters know the tip-off cheer: "Give me an E-X-L-A-X! What's that spell? Ex-Lax!

What's that mean? Go, go, go!" Another traditional Section cheer is yelling "Hi, Don!" to WHBF sportscaster Don Sharp, an official Section member, before the start of each game.

Despite the loss of Senior officers Drew Newton and Jack Lund, "The Section" will next year live on through underclassmen officers. Dwight Nelson and John Hollman. The enthusiasm shown for the organization this year insures it as a Rocky tradition for many more football and basketball seasons.

Red Letter

Days

MARCH

20: Indoor Track-West (H)

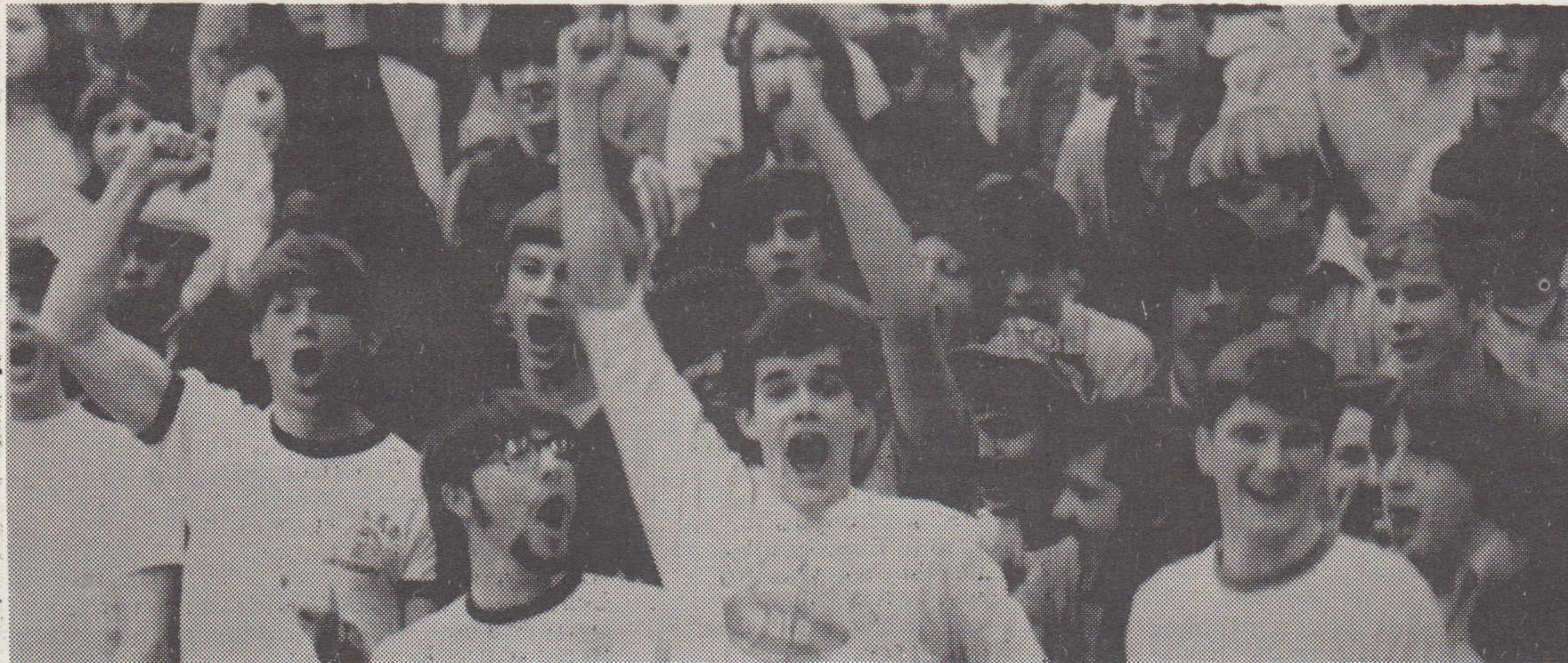
21: First Day of Spring

23: Q.C. Indoor Track at Macomb

26-27: Spring Musical

31: Boy's Tennis-Sterling (H)

31: Girl's Tennis-Central (H)



THE SECTION WHOOPS it up for the Rocks at basketball games and ushers in the new decade of the '70's with a new Rocky tradition.

Seniors Anticipate Graduation; School Year Approaches End

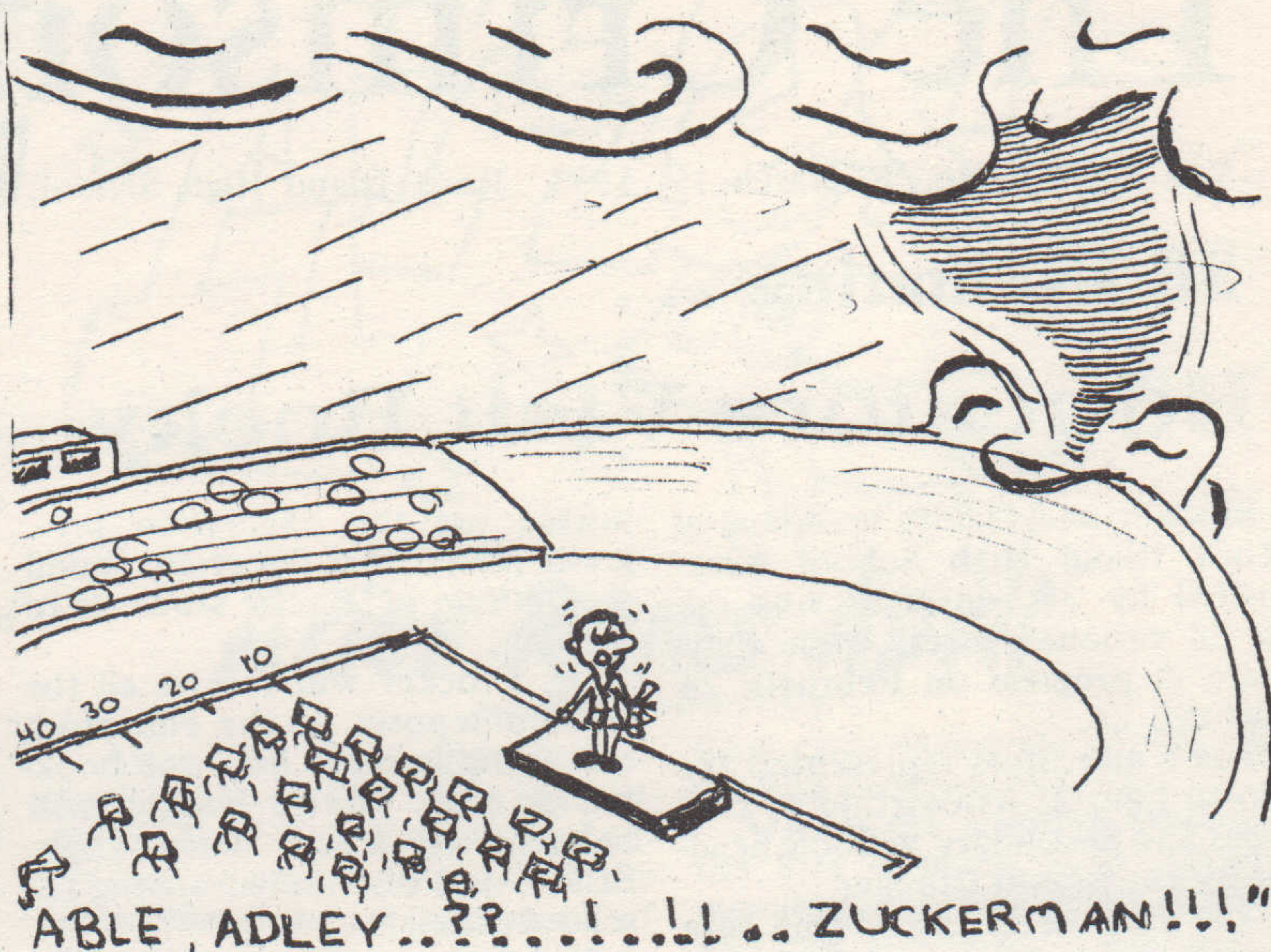
The party's almost over, and the seniors turn their thoughts toward graduation. It has been suggested by the senate and approved by the senior class, that this year's graduation ceremony should be held in the stadium. By holding graduation in the stadium several problems will be solved. Two of the main problems are those of seating and the problem of the heat.

Although the question of "what will we do if it rains?" comes up, there is a simple solution. The seniors will simply rehearse the ceremony both in the stadium and in the gymnasium. This arrangement has been successfully used

by other high schools.

One of the points against graduation in the stadium is that of a five second delay in the loud speaker system. Hopefully, the senior class will be able to get a portable sound system, which will solve the problem.

You only graduate from high school once, and it should be an occasion which you look back on with happy memories. There seems to be no sound reason why graduation should not be held in the stadium. Having graduation in the stadium would allow for free expression in decorations, and perhaps be the start of a new tradition.



Spring Fills The Air The World Creates Itself Anew

Now that most of the snow has disappeared, one can begin to notice signs of Spring. The trees and the flowers are preparing to bloom. The grass is changing color from brown to green.

The yearly epidemic of Spring Fever has once again infected Rocky High. The symptoms of this malady occur in the form of lagging step, sidelong glances out the window, and the counting of the days until that wonderful time.... SUMMER VACATION!

But, "Must all of happiness be in the future?" No. There are

things we can look forward to, to alleviate the situation: Spring Vacation, in-service days, weekends, and prom, to name a few. However, the final and complete cure for Spring Fever at Rocky is graduation. The seniors know this and are preparing for it by ordering gowns, senior keys and announcements.

For all of us, a curtain rises on Spring. The world is creating itself anew. The gloom of winter is fast disappearing from our eyes and minds. With restless anticipation, we welcome the first touch of Spring.

Arbor Vitae

In plain of gold
With warrior bold
The Green Man stood
Upon the lee.
With sword of stone,
The battle-born.
He hews his way
Along the Tree.
On White-Earth plain
With crying pain
The blood of man
Is spilled again
For horse-lord, Sun;
Earth-Mother, Moon;
and Horn-god, Garanhir,
In wood.
Rune-druid stone of fire force.
Mikr burns in water's way.
In starlight sky
With fire cry
The die is cast
In stranger ways.

by Peter Soderberg

Various Rites of Spring Are Found To Originate In Men's Pagan Past

The season of Spring has always been considered important, especially by ancient man. Spring is the season of sacrifice and rebirth. In the ancient pre-Christian pagan religions of Western Europe, it was the time of the "death" of the god of winter and the "re-awakening" of the goddess.

This ancient goddess was the Earth-mother, the creator of all things, and of Spring and Summer. She was known as Diana, Ceres, Aphrodite, Vesta, the Mother, Cerdydwin, and Epona; and is best known to us today as Mother Nature or Mother Earth. The Virgin Mary of the Christian religion

is another form of this ancient deity. Another name for the goddess, Eostre (whose feast day is the first day of Spring, March 21) seems to explain the origin of the term, "Easter."

In Springtime, as the powers of the goddess during the winter months, dies as a divine sacrifice for the peoples of the Earth. This legend and the customs and holy days involved with it probably varied from tribe to tribe amongst ancient peoples but always remained basically the same in an attempt, which was sometimes only symbolic, to explain the return of life to the Earth.

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Israeli, Egyptian Dignitaries Give Views

by Tim Curry

A crowd of well over 400 people gathered Friday, February 26, to hear Shaul Ramati, Israeli Consul General in Chicago, present the Israeli view of the Mideast conflict. His address opened the Third Annual Quad-Cities World Affairs Conference, held for the first time at the Deere and Company Administration Center, Moline.

Israel's aim, according to Mr. Ramati, is peace. "We're entitled to no less than that," he said. Noting the size of the twenty-two-year-old country, he admitted that Israel even "cannot afford to win a war."

Egypt's President Sadat's recent offer to open the Suez Canal

if Israel withdraws her troops from the area is encouraging for Israelis, according to Ramati. He said that it may be semantic advance, but that words are important.

He sees the value of the offer, however, as rather dubious. Since Egypt would benefit economically from oil shipping if the canal were re-opened, Mr. Ramati thinks Egypt is saying, "I am ready to let you give me this, if you will also give me this."

At a similar session of the conference on Saturday, February 27, The Honorable Ashraf Abdel Latif Ghorbal represented the Egyptian point of view. He is the United Arab Republic's Minister Plenipo-

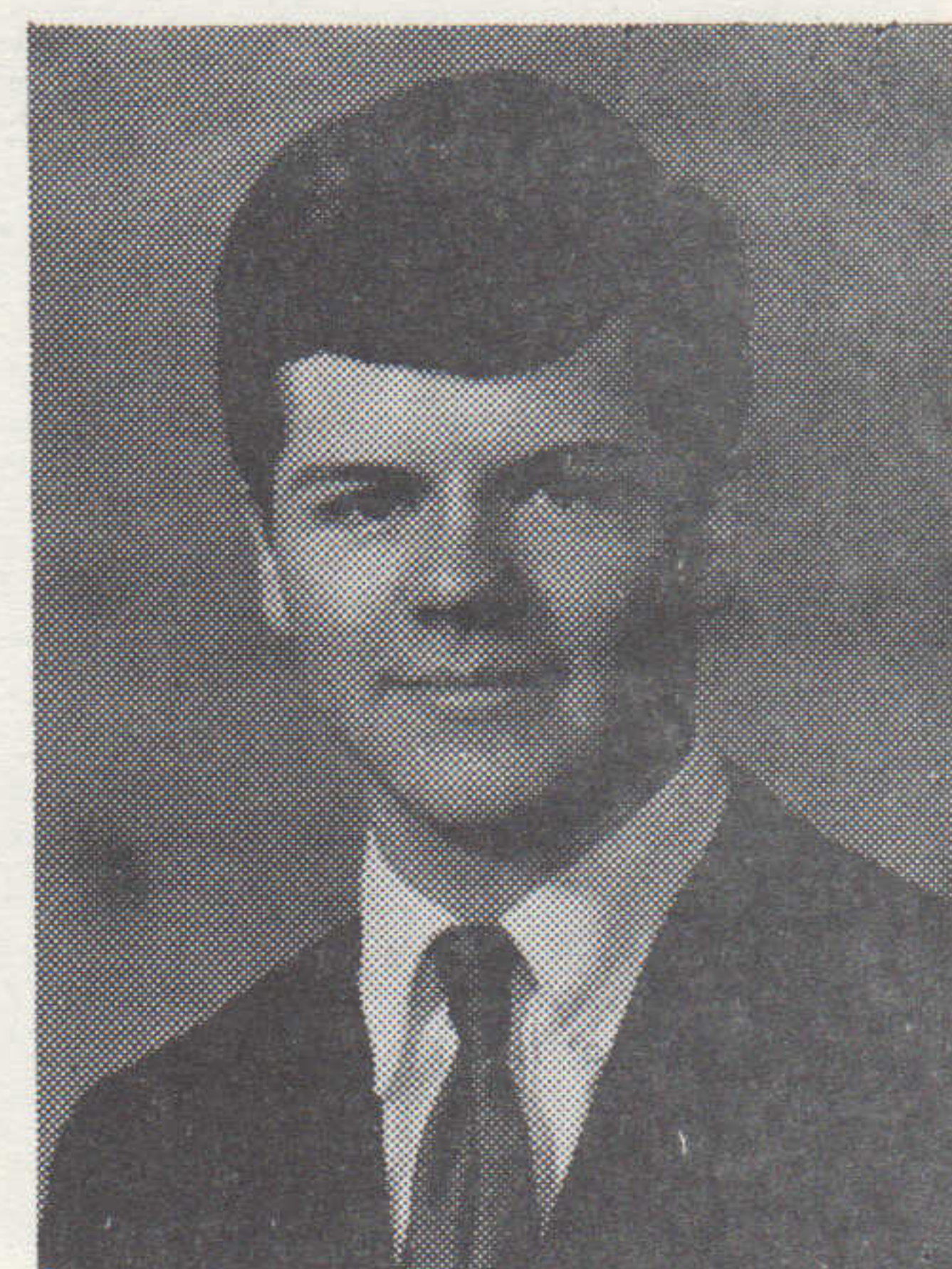
tentiary in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Ghorbal's primary concern was with the Palestinians left homeless when Israel gained statehood in 1948. Some have lived on 11 cents a day, always hoping to return home or to receive compensation for their 22 miserable years as refugees. And Ghorbal quoted Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir as saying, "They did not exist."

The Egyptian official commented on Israeli imperialism, saying that Israel's objective is to protect her lines and to make them grow when circumstances allow.

He also sees the possibility of an international crisis caused by the situation. With the United States supporting Israel and the Soviet Union aiding Egypt, the threat of a nuclear war is inevitable. This, according to Ghorbal, necessitates the positioning of Russian nuclear weapons, SAM II and SAM III, in Egypt.

Mr. William Hewitt, Chairman of the Board of Directors, had offered the Deere Administrative Center for the conference, which is sponsored by Augustana College, and the Quad-Cities World Affairs Council. Mr. Hewitt opened the conference by introducing Mr. Ramati Friday evening.



Doug Frazer

Rock Island Boy Participates In Capital Workshop

Meeting and questioning prominent senators kept a Rocky student, Doug Frazer, quite busy last week. Doug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Frazer, 3239-36th Avenue, Rock Island.

In Washington, D.C., for the Washington Workshop, a program for students of American government or history, Doug talked with Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts. Also on his schedule was a discussion of the Indo-China war with General Westmoreland at the Pentagon.

Doug's headquarters for the session was Mount Vernon Junior College, Washington. There he heard lobbyists favoring the SST who spoke March 9.

Although Doug chose a winter session, similar programs are conducted during the summer months. Summer sessions last 12 days, while winter sessions are week-long. Registration is made through Government or History teachers.

To Doug Frazer, the Washington Workshop is well worth the cost, which is around \$200. He describes the experience with superlatives. "It's just great," he said, and recommended the program to all student interested in government.

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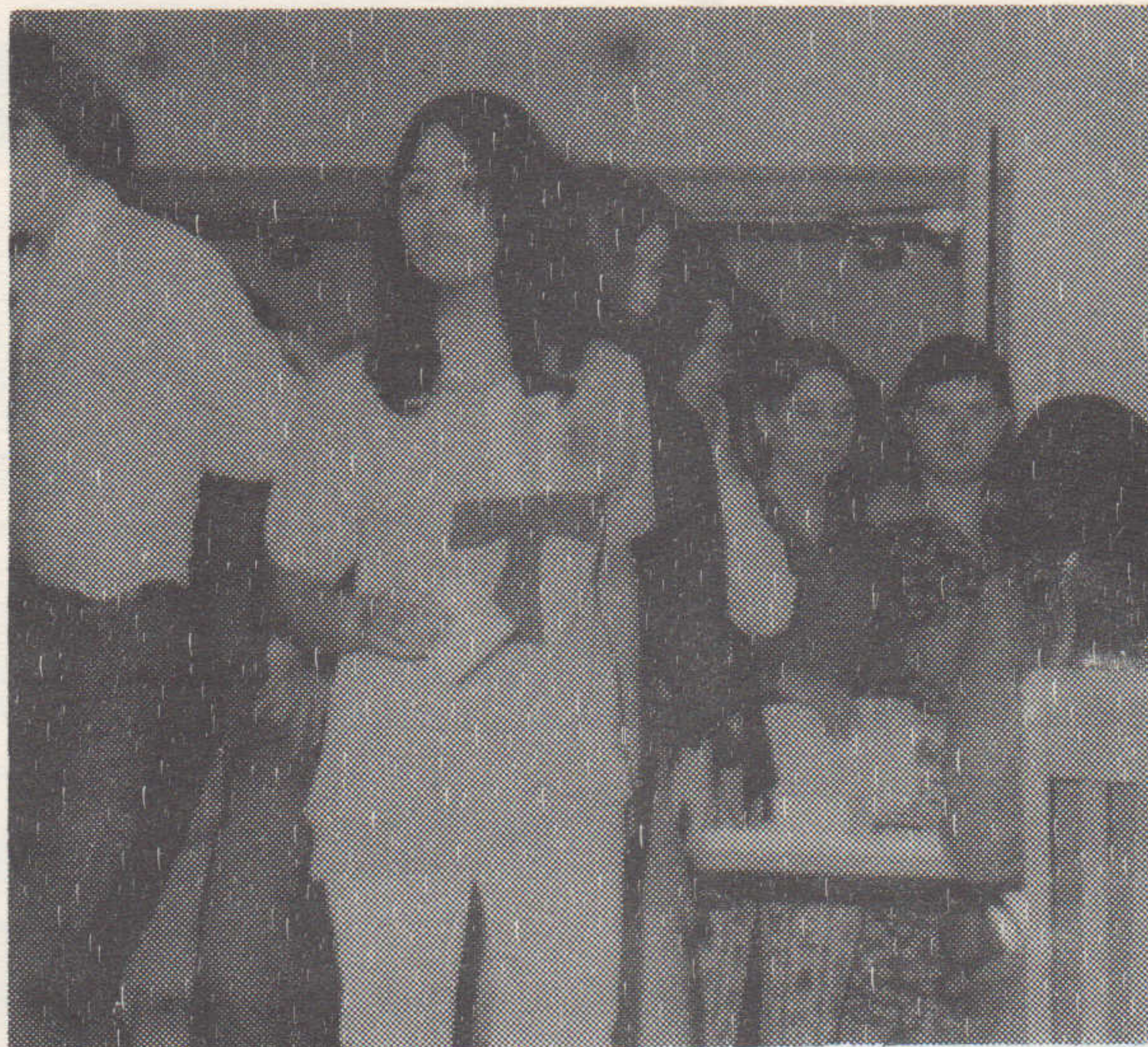
evening for moonlight

bowl

FUN and PRIZES



JANE VADENBREEN AND Pam Pfeifer await The Joyful Greetings from Mrs. Pierce, Dean of Girls. Some 970 students waited for admits to class in lines that, if combined, would stretch from the Girls Gym to the Auditorium. The line lasted two hours and forced many students to mist part of their second period. (Photos by Ted Stone)



The morning of February 22nd dawned a typical dreary, cold, winter Monday. The grey dawn revealed the dark fingers of the oaks groping futilely towards a concrete sky. Flecks of precipitation dropped noiselessly from the somber vault of heaven to the cold ground below, as they had done for the past eight hours and would continue to do for the rest of the 24

Meanwhile, students of Rock Island High were greeted with the cheery word that, while the rest of the schools, clubs meetings, etc., were closed and/or cancelled, Rocky would remain open, one of only three schools in this eight-school area to do so.

Grumbling loudly, many a student turned over, asking nobody in particular why-in-the-world school couldn't be cancelled. Couldn't the school see it was terrible outside? The answer, we red-facedly admit, was "no." The school official to ask, Mr. Charles O. Austin, Jr., to be exact, was in Trenton, New Jersey, far from the slippery streets and snow-covered sidewalks.

But, back to our story--

While the school building may not have been closed, nearly half of the people who make up the school, the students, were gone. Almost 1,000 of the school's 2,500 students, decided that it was (too cold/ warm/ light/ dark/ much fun) to go to school, and these 1,000 let the rest of the

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student body wend their unhappy way through the empty corridors.

But all was not sunshine and roses for the out-of-school student. Many found that good-ole' Mom had lost a lot of her good ole', and they had better get out there and shovel the driveway before their father got home, or else. Too, many mothers, forgetting the hard-won knowledge of children they learned last summer, began to think less often of the children as angels and to think more often, "Why me?"

The next day, school life resumed its normal, if somewhat erratic, course. However, the results of the Monday snow/sleet continued to raise its ugly head. The excuse lines stretched an estimated 250 feet, down the East-West corridor on the North side of first floor, and to the main library doors in the front of the building. The lines eventually disappeared by 10:00 a.m. however, at least one student is reported to have waited over an hour in the line.

Tabulating the results of that day, we found that 504 boys were missing, and another 466 girls skipped.

So, what does all this add up to? It means that 38 of you boys were lonesome that Monday. And if that isn't a bit of earth-shaking news, I don't know what is. (Ed. Note: That's right—you don't know what news is!)



REATES PROBLEMS



Final Curtain For Basketball Season

by Jim Lohmeier

What happened to this year's basketball team? This was the year of great expectations and great heartbreak. This year's team was far one of Rock Island's most talented teams. Few people realize how much practice and extra time is put into making a team one of the finest in the area.

Many things have been accomplished in this season. For one thing, school spirit has improved

a great deal. The forming of "The Section" attributed to this. They turned the cheering section from a few people into an entire school body, not to mention parents and fans. New records were also set and broken.

However, mistakes were also made. At times, it seemed the team depended on the playing of Bruce Hamming too much. Several games were lost because of missed freethrows. When certain players were taken out of the game, the other players seemed in doubt of their own abilities. Many people seem to blame the coach for this.

Little credit has been given to the B-Basketball team, coached by Assistant Coach Hugh Johnson. They turned in a season record of 12 wins and no losses. Scoring was lead by Lorenzo Turner, Jack Riley, Brent Allison, and Willie Seward.

This year's team had dreams of the conference title and on to state. Some year, maybe our dreams will come true.



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Track Stars Out Of Hibernation

"This year's track team has a lot of potential and will improve as the season goes on," says Head Track Coach Duane Bonsall. Indoor track season for 1971 began March 2 in a meet against Moline.

One of the team's strong points is in the sprinting of Robert Taylor, a well-known sprinting star in

both his freshman and sophomore years. Other strong members of the sprinting crew are Cleveland Ellis and Steve Lewis.

Rock Island hurdlers, Del Thornton, Jesse Perry, and Ernie Bea are expected to be the determining factor in many meets this spring. Two of the strong distance runners, Dave Willets and Don Guier will improve with experience as the season progresses.

In the field events, the Rocks are led by Al Foster in the shot put, John Yeagar in the discus, Marvin Haymon, Keith Miller, and Don Logan in the high and broad jump, and Greg Carlsen in the pole vault.

Dolphinettes Plan Show

"Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," "Love Story," and "The Graduate" are a few of the movies that will be portrayed in

water ballet by the Rock Island Dolphinettes this year. Dates for the Sixth Annual Water Show are April 15, 16, and 17, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

Tryouts were held during February. Groups were determined by the girls year in school and the score in tryouts. The show this year is composed of fourteen acts.

Poise, precision, and practice are becoming more important to each Dolphinette as the three night performances near. Under the direction of Coach Gary Ackerson, the Dolphinettes practice every morning from 6:45 to 7:45 and every night from five o'clock to six o'clock.

This year's show will also feature five boys from the swim team. They will assist the girls in five routines. The boys are Bill Morgan, Jim Lohmeier, Kenn Shoemaker, Al Jackson, and Mark Greenleaf.

This will be the Sixth Annual show of the Dolphinettes who were formed in 1966.

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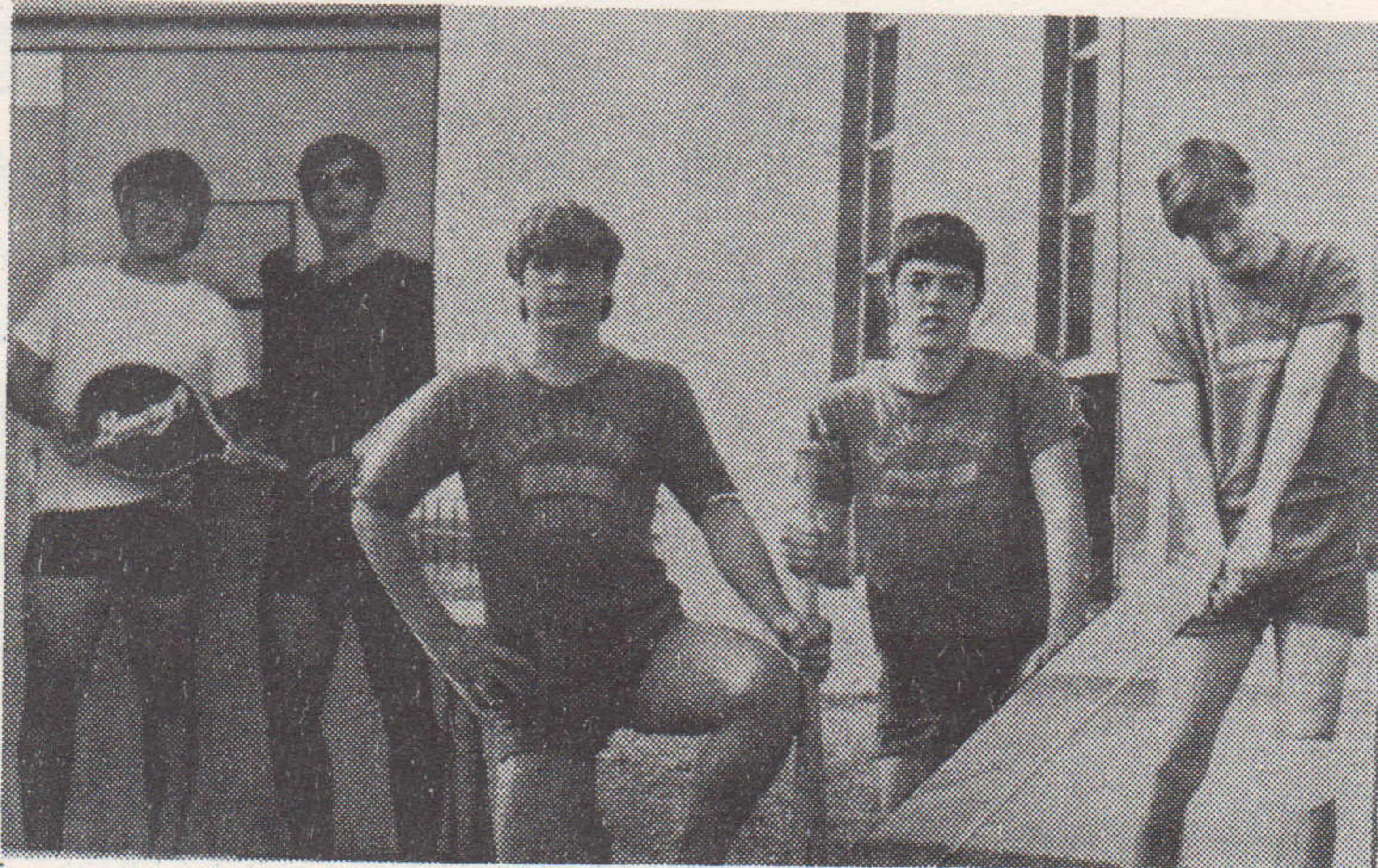
Courts Open To Netsters For Practice

Rock Island is famous for turning out winning tennis teams. This year will hopefully reveal no exception.

The spring edition of the Rock Island's boy's tennis team has begun training for the upcoming spring season. Coach Bob Motz's netmen will begin their season March 31 in a meet against Sterling. Senior Steve Briggs will again lead the squad to the hope of another undefeated season. He will be backed-up by a strong squad.

Even though snow may frequent the tennis courts, the girl's tennis team has been training for almost a month. Under the direction of Miss Emma Trackwell, the girls run one mile every night in the gym, do exercises, and practice basic tennis skills.

The female netters will open the 1971 spring season with a match against Davenport Central, March 31. The team this year is planning on the strength of several underclassmen to play on the varsity squad.



TENNIS, BASEBALL, AND GOLF athletes practice diligently for the coming spring season.

Baseballers Play With Experience

With many returning varsity baseball veterans from the 1970 season, experience and talent should lead the Rock Island baseball club to a great season. The team will be guided by Head Coach Carl Aronson and Assistant Coach Jim Seeley.

A strong pitching department is expected from Barry Barnes, Jack Lund, and John Johnson. Adding to the balance of the pitching staff is Junior Dave Breiby.

The slugging attack will be led this year by Senior Jack Pagget. Backing him up will be Bruce Walker, Gary Reiff, Mike Patrick, Scott Grabau, and Ron Kennedy. Promising juniors, Mike Thomas and Orlando Edgeron, fit into the plans of a successful season.

Rock Island's team turned in a record of eight wins and twelve losses for the 1970 season.

The Rock Island club's first game is April 6 against 1969-70 Iowa State Champs, Davenport Central.

Add Sectional To Golf Tournament

There will be a new way of determining the tournament teams in golf this season. This year another tournament division has been added, the Sectional. The tournaments listed this year are District Sectional, and State. In previous years there were only District and State Tournaments.


Coach Dave Wodd's team will be very strong with the top five golfers this year earning major letters. Returning lettermen are

Tom Blakely, Marty Davis, Reed Carlson, Doug Elliot, and Ted Stone.

According to Coach Wood, Davenport West and Moline will give the Rocks the most trouble in the Metro Conference this spring. Galesburg will give the Islanders a run for the title in the District meet.

The golfers start their season, Monday, April 12, with a match against East Moline.

If you are not going
to **East Moline**
this spring, bring this
egg down the hill and
get a free fry!



WE ALWAYS TREAT YOU RIGHT

Rocky Debaters In UTHS Sectional; Seniors Advance To State Tourney

The Rock Island high school debate team, under the direction of Mr. Phillip Dennis, competed along with 42 other teams in the sectional tournament at the United Township auditorium March 6.

The debated topic was: The Federal Government Should Establish, Administer, and Finance Programs to Control Air and/or Water Pollution in the United States.

Senior Rory Thompson and junior Mike Docterman placed twelfth with a record of 3-1 and a total of 182 speaker's points. Seniors Craig Sandusky and Doug Martin placed sixth with a record of 4-0 and a total of 185 speaker's points.

These two will advance to state competition to debate on the same topic with approximately 125 other teams March 26-27 at Illinois State University. Craig is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Sandusky of 2528 35th Avenue, Rock Island, Doug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin of 3636 35th Avenue Court, Rock Island.



Aries Rams April

by Peter Soderberg

Aries, the Ram, (March, 21-April 20), is the first sign of the Zodiac. It is a symbol of offensive power- a weapon of the gods, therefore an implement of the will. The Babylonians sacri-

ficed rams during the period when the Sun occupied this sign.

Aries is the Leading quality of the Fire element. It is positive, movable, dry, hot, fiery, and violent. Its symbolic interpretation is that of a sprouting seed; fire in eruption; a fountain of water; the head and horns of a ram. Aries is the embodiment of Self, the will to manifest, the adventurous spirit, desire, initiative and courage. Aries is ruled by the planet Mars. This sign rules the head and brains.

The gems are the diamond and the amethyst. The fortunate day is Tuesday and the fortunate numbers are six and seven. The colors are shades of bright red and best locations for success are large cities.

The natives of this sign have active and dynamic personalities. They possess natural, charming manners and good mental powers. They are fond of having others look up to them and have the power of intuition and of persuasion. They are often inspired to action and are courageous to the point of daring.

Emotionally, they are sensitive, tender, affectionate, and passionate. Aries are easily angered and are inclined to hold a grudge. They are loyal to their work and friends and can be generous to the point of foolishness.

Winners In Essay Contest Are Advanced

Brotherhood Week was honored this year at Rocky by holding a brotherhood essay contest. Students who wished to participate were to write an essay on brotherhood and turn it into the office. Assistant Principal Ellis Schaffer, after receiving the papers, turned them over to Doug Fraser and his committee to be read. Doug and his committee selected the winning essays.

The winners of the essay contest are as follows: In first place was Valda Sanchez, 427-8th Street, who was awarded \$15.00; second place went to Kathy Johnson, 1604-22nd Street, who was awarded \$10.00; and third place went to Janet Diane Miller, 3012-10th Avenue, who was awarded \$5.00.



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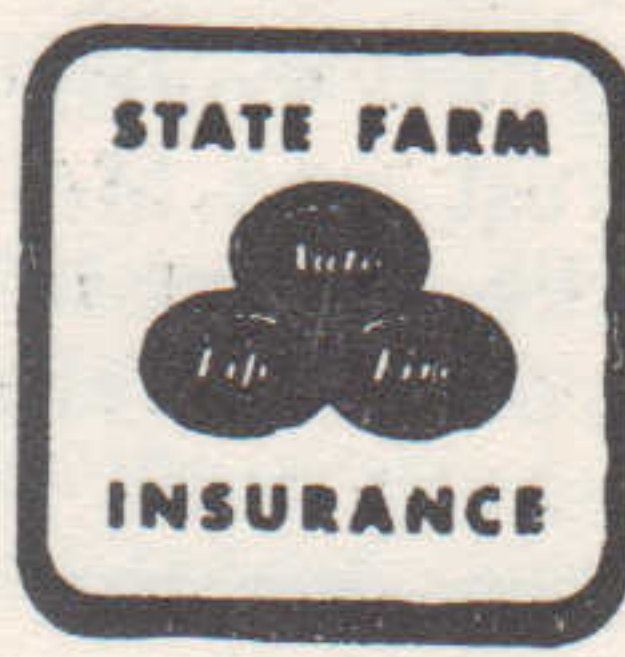
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