

## Top Ten Seniors Named At PCHS

Top ten members of PCHS senior class are Kristen Brown, Stanley Buhrow, Diana Walton, David Eisenberg, Jerry Lockhart, Anne Sharpe, Nancy Brown, Christi Noward, Barry Haas, and Valerie Yontz.

Six hundred and eighty students were ranked at the end of the seventh semester. Students are ranked by four year semester grade records.

## Glebanoff Strings Earn Standing Ovarions

The Glebanoff Strings and Orchestra were the featured performers at the Pekin Community Concert on February 24th.

The orchestra received two standing ovations.

The concert, presented in the F.M. Peterson Theater on East Campus, was divided into two parts. The first consisted of traditional music for string ensembles and included Suite from *The Fairy Queen*, "Playful Pizzicato" from *Simple Symphony*, an excellent viola solo with string accompaniment, and *Introduction and Scherzo* by Caesar Giovanni.

After intermission, a piano, accordion, percussion, and harp were added to the ensemble. Then the orchestra proceeded to play a number of popular modern melodies. Among these: "Maria" from *West Side Story*, "Shenandoah" Theme from *Romeo and Juliet*, "Shangri-La" Lara's Theme from *Dr. Zhivago*, and *Zorba the Greek*.

# Sweetheart Ball--'The Look Of Love'

"The look of love is in your eyes." With these words, the theme for the 1970 Sweetheart Ball was set as "The Look of Love." Freshmen Chris Rhoades and John Shock; Sophomores Gwen Gilmore and Tom Barker; Juniors Nancy Pfeffer and Randy Akins; Seniors Beth Palma and Jack Horn reigned over the annual event as the class sweethearts.

The coronation took place at 10:15 p.m. with Larry Lancaster as master of ceremonies, Nancy Louchart and

Gloria St. Cerny announced the winners. Each couple walked through a line of students to their throne and Larry presented a rose to each girl. After photos, the class sweethearts lead a dance.

Tuesday, February 17, boys nominated girls and vice versa for East campus sweethearts. Wednesday, West campus nominated. With nominations counted and the top three from each class notified, the names were put on the ballots. Juniors nominated four because of a tie. Final vote was Friday the 20th, during the lunch hours.

Page IV entertained with songs like Jimi Hendrix's "Fire" and "Get Together." Chuck and Mary Perrin, dressed in suede bells, gave a half hour concert which included "Sundance" and Mary's favorite, "Proud Mary." The two groups got together on a selection from Bob Dylan's album, "Nashville Skyline."

Twisting spirals of pink, purple, yellow and red crepe paper decorated the East Campus cafeteria. A huge purple and yellow heart with "Love" inside was the center piece for the hall leading to the cafeteria. Signs saying that Love is "wondering what he is doing now," "... holding hands," "... a peanut butter and jelly sandwich," "... tickling," surrounded by red hearts hung from the cafeteria walls. The throne had a white backdrop and was surrounded by purple and pink drapes. Stream-

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SWEETHEARTS FOR '70: (seated) Beth Palma, Chris Rhoades, Gwen Gilmore, Nancy Pfeffer, (standing) Jack Horn, John Shock, Tom Barker, Randy Akins.

## Wolters Outstanding Business Student

Tapped as PCHS outstanding business student of 1970, Melissa Wolters says: "I was very surprised and honored when Miss Partain told me I had been chosen."

Melissa was chosen by a committee of faculty members and a counselor as the senior business student having the greatest potential for a successful career in business. Considered in determining potential were personality, grades, outside activities, and practical knowledge.

The Business Student of the Year program is sponsored by the Peoria Chapter of the Administrative Management Society and is designed to select and honor scholastically outstanding high school business students. Its purpose is to provide an incentive to business students to excel in their studies.

Melissa, her parents, and a business teacher, Miss Dorothy Partain, are invited to attend the Administrative Management Society meeting at the Pere Marquette on April 28, 1970. At this banquet Melissa will receive an engraved key as a memento.

Melissa ranks in the upper 10 percent of her graduating class. She is not only a business major, but she has also taken the college preparatory courses—two years of mathematics, two years of foreign languages, and four years of English. She has also been on the honor roll and high honors. Melissa maintains that she likes typing better than shorthand. Besides being a member of the

## Seniors' Test Date Set; Needed For Jobs, College

TB tests will be given to freshmen who missed the first test and seniors at East and West campuses on March 10, during the third hour. Seniors are receiving cards. They should be returned to their second hour teachers or the nurse after their parents have signed it.

Tests will be read on Tuesday, March 12. Those students having a positive result will take a bus to Oak Knoll for an x-ray at a later date. This positive result indicates that the person has come into contact with the disease, not that he necessarily has TB.

This year there will be a new doctor at the TB stand, Dr. Conklin. The former test administrator, Dr. Fast, has retired.

This test is more necessary than it seems. Immunization is the reason that there aren't more outbreaks of tuberculosis. Recently there has been an outbreak of TB in Washington, D.C.

This test is required for college medical examinations and for many jobs.

Pep Club, Secretary of the Girls' Club, a participant in the sophomore skit, a member of YWCA, and a participant in the Danny Thomas March for three years, Melissa enjoys art a

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## Career Exploration Offers Youth Choice Before College Years

Nationally known Scientists of Tomorrow is offering unique summer-time opportunities to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade high school students across the nation. Answers to many of the questions haunting students about their immediate educational and more remote career futures are sought.

This summer, in co-operation with Scientists of Tomorrow, seventeen divisions of twelve colleges and universities will hold one or two-week educational and career guidance institutes in various major areas of learning. Those boys and girls who want to find the answers to their questions before making that very important decision of "what to do" will attend.

The schedule of institutes offers opportunities for exploring the sciences and engineering, the liberal arts, i.e., those studies relating to communication in human relations, and specialized fields of endeavor, including agricultural research, forestry and wildlife management, dentistry, law, medical technologies, etc.

For more information see your counselor or write to Scientists of Tomorrow, P.O. Box 1349, Portland, Oregon 97207.

## Latin Students Ready For State Tourney

Twelve Latin students of Pekin High will participate in the 1970 District Latin Tournament at Chillicothe on Saturday, March 7.

Representing first year, Latin I, will be Laura Kennedy, Ernie Erlmoed, Heide Preston; Latin II, second year students, Brenda Davis, Bill Howat, and Janet Guengerich. Third year, Latin III students will be Mike Wells, Brad Lohnes and Corinne Ruch, with Latin IV, fourth year students Carol Walker, Edward Gorman and Sheila Harmon.

These students will write a two and one-half hour exam, participating with other Illinois Latin students in twenty districts in the competition. Papers will be graded on a district and sectional basis. All Superior Sectionals will go on to the competition at State finals at Illinois State will write a second exam for the state competition.

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## PGHS'ers Excel In Speech Tournament

Fade in — the scene was East Peoria High School's auditorium on Valentine's Day. Characters were portrayed by Pekin's speech team. The plot thickened as results of a long day's work were about to be announced. The final act ended as Pekin's team captured second place

sweepstakes, first place play and several outstanding individual speaker's awards. Pekin missed first place sweepstakes by three points. East Peoria won the trophy.

Results placed Lynn Bowen in prose and Lynette Knight in verse for first place honors. Gene Alessandrini was one of three at district participating in two events, and qualifying in both to go on to sectionals. Gene placed second in declamation, and original oration. Also placing second was John Wilson in original monologue and Mike Sanders in comedy reading. Holly Phanz placed third in serious reading.

## Pekin D.D. Hosts VICA Area Meeting

Pekin's Diversified Occupations Class hosted the area V.I.C.A. meeting Thursday, Feb. 19, in East Campus cafeteria. More than 200 students attended from a 20-county region.

A business meeting followed the banquet. Dancing was enjoyed later in the evening. Master of Ceremonies was Dick Blackburn of PCHS. East Campus Principal Lester Foote welcomed the students. James Cadin, director of vocational education at Pekin Area Vocational Center, George Glover, vocational teacher, and Leon Stokes, diversified occupations coordinator at PCHS, were introduced.

Presiding at the business meeting was Bill Hacker, vice-president of the V.I.C.A. region. Plans for the state V.I.C.A. meeting were discussed. Hacker, a PCHS student, is an auto mechanic trainee. Blackburn is also a Pekin High student, employed as an apprentice glazer.

Students attending represented Pekin, East Peoria, Beardstown, Springfield, Monmouth, Delavan, Illini Bluffs, Deer-Creek-Mackinaw, and Morton.

## PGHS'ers Advance To State Tourney

Lynn Bowen and Gene Alessandrini advance to state competition after placing in the top three at sectionals. Moline hosted the tournament February 28.

Lynn Bowen placed second in prose. She read from Gibran's *The New Frontier* and Kaufmann's *Up the Downstair Case*. Gene Alessandrini captured first place in Original Oration by speaking about the morality of war. He also won second in declamation where he read from *The Big Parade*.

Lynette Knight, Mike Sanders, Holly Phanz, and John Wilson also attended. Coaches Mr. Douglas Springer and Miss Donna Campbell accompanied the team in Moline.

State is held at Illinois State University April 3 and 4.

Contest play "T.V." received first place rank from all three judges. The satire's cast includes "Big Bad Brad" (Brad Bacon) "Clara Clock" (Debbie Dietrich), "Happy Bunny" (Gary Green), "Hippy Bunny" (Mary Harris), "Little Annie" (Lynette Knight), Chocolate Marvin (Gary Liming), "Baby Barbie" (Barb Reed) "Wonderboy" (Mike Sanders), and "Nameless Norman" (John Wilson). Team assistants were "Sara Sundial" (Yvonne Martin), "Doctor Dan" (Jeff Sarver), "Little Billy" (Monte Shaw), and "Strange George" (Jeff Strang).

East Peoria's play "The Hairy Falsetto" came in third, and Richwood's

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## Happenings

- 2—Regional Basketball Tournament (March 2-6)
- 4—Staff Meeting, EC
- 5—End of 6 weeks
- 6—Tazewell County Institute — School dismissed
- 7—Sect. Speech contest — Debate & Dramatics, Dist. Latin contest, NEDT — WC, rms. 103 & 205
- 9—Board of Education Meeting
- Illini Varsity basketball coaches' meeting at Galesburg.
- 10—Teachers' Alliance
- Sectional Basketball tournament
- 11—Sectional Basketball tournament Assembly — Open
- 13—Sectional Basketball tournament
- 14—Dist. Latin contest
- Music — State organization contests (solo & ensemble)
- 8th grade testing, WC red building
- 15—Boys' Club movie — EC theatre



### Does Anyone Care?

Second semester blahs? Laziness? Senioritis? What is the matter with PCHS students?

Nobody cares about anything anymore. Granted, it is second semester and everybody feels like laying off work for awhile. But is that reason to let the world population kill itself off with atomic bombs or environmental pollution?

The most important topics for Leeway or Lounge conversation nowadays is who is wearing what or who did what.

Whether PCHS students know it or not (some do seem to live in their own private world) some ecologists predict that by 1979 people will not be able to live because the environment will be too polluted.

Students scream for their rights! Well, they should take their responsibility along with their rights.

Everyone has the right to live; everyone has the responsibility to help keep the environment livable.

What can a high school student do to fight pollution?

First of all, get the facts! Don't form an opinion from what Joe or Jane says. Think for yourself. Read newspapers or just listen to the news. After you have the facts, form an informed opinion.

Act! Write letters to your representatives and senators stating your opinion. The right to vote might not be yours (yet) but congressmen still want to know how you feel about the important issues of today.

Find out! What is our community, county, state, doing to fight pollution? How can you help?

Talk to people! Prove that our generation does care about more than drugs and money. Show people that America's teens are not all riot-loving hippies.

Get involved!  
Care!

K.W.



RETURN FROM THE CENTER OF THE EARTH. That's the way it looks but these PCHS'ers are just returning from a field trip to Commonwealth Edison.

### Welding Class Tours New C. E. Plant

A recent tour of the Commonwealth Edison plant offered welding class members of the Area Vocational Center opportunity to see pipe handling operations first hand.

Sections of 12-foot diameter pipe are being installed underground to bring water from the Illinois River for cooling of the plant generators. The class toured the maintenance shop, welding and electrical areas of the industry. The welding classes, being taught by Mr. Jewett Wasson, also have toured CILCO and Mapleton Caterpillar plants.

There are two classes in welding this year. The morning class has 16 juniors, the afternoon group has 14 seniors. The youths make a variety of things which include equipment stands used at the center, glass top tables, nursery school chairs, etc.

Materials used for the projects are available at the center, or may be personal materials of the students. The class has done a large amount of welding for the PCHS campuses, assisted in some projects for the local Womens' Club, and the park road.

The class is designed to prepare students for a welding career following high school. Projects demonstrate all the types of jobs which a welder might confront. Mr. Wasson comments: "Boys enjoy this type of work, and have fun making things."

An "Open House" is being planned

at the Vocational Center on April 5 from 2 to 5 p.m. The Pekin area residents will be able to see the center, examine projects available in vocational education, and discuss the work of the students. Refreshments will be served.

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### Assistants Groove On Minor Credits

"Never a dull minute working on the PCHS switchboard," says Judy Waechter, student assistant who's earning an extra minor credit and escaping study hall! She answers incoming callers seeking PCHS information and personnel.

Many students are working as assistants in a variety of areas as the nurses' offices, deans' offices, counselors' offices, in the supply store, bookstore, branch finance offices, library, and for teachers who request assistants.

Debra Lynch feels that being an assistant "is a privilege." This is her second year as an assistant to Mrs. Henson, Spanish teacher at PCHS. She was chosen from an eighth hour study hall, and initial responsibilities included typing, doing errands assisting with papers. Debra feels that this helps her in her career-planning as she hopes to be a Spanish teacher herself. Another important qualification is that she likes Spanish and is doing well in the language studies. Debbie Johnson, who works in the branch finance office, also likes being an assistant. She helps with the office work, and runs errands. Debbie was chosen for this particular assignment since she knew how to handle incoming money.

If a student is interested in being an assistant, he should register with a counselor. Then, when someone requests an assistant, interested students are already listed. A student must have a free hour, such as study hall. Other requirements depend on what type of work an assistant would like to do.

### Choir Accompanist Jumps For Classes

"I would really, I should, I'd like to accompany, but I wanted to play the piano!" says Carol Peterson, former PCHS student now accompanist for the choirs.

Having played piano for eleven years, Carol is now being paid . . . instead of paying the teacher.

Playing for all but one class keeps Carol jumping to get from East to West campus locations on time. One day, when Carol was a few minutes late, the whole class shouted: "You're tardy!"

Next year, Carol hopes to teach piano, as well as play for the choirs. Teaching piano was to be a pastime for Carol, but currently, she doesn't have time to teach since she also accompanies the Melody Maids. As still another sideline, Carol is accompanist for the children's choir at Grace Methodist Church.

Carol's piano teacher through the years has been Mrs. Myers Mayberry.

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JUDY WAESCHTER, Office Assistant answers "Pekin Community High School" to incoming caller on school switchboard.

### One Gares Enough!

Dear Editor,

Regarding your article in the February 17, issue of your paper, "Pekinois" on "Oriental Discrimination?"

I felt that you should keep your name of the "Chink." I am sure that you meant to hurt or harm no one when you (or the people before you) gave your school its name.

I suggest, if you have not already done so, write a letter to Mr. Robert Mochinaga, and explain to him the story behind your school.

I have been to your school and I was very much impressed by it. I am sure that many people would feel very bad if you changed your school name.

Therefore, I say don't change your name. I go to school at Joliet Central High School which was founded in 1901 and I would feel bad, and so would many thousands of other people if we change our name.

Good Luck, I hope all your problems are solved,

Michael Magee,

Yearbook Editor

Joliet Central High School

(Editors note: It is ironic that the only response to the editorial in the last issue of the "Pekinois" should come from a student in another school. This is an example of the "I don't care-itis" that has struck most Pekin High students.)

Virtue is its own punishment.

I've got a turtle in my tank.

Long live the Easter Bunny!

If at first you can't succeed — Cheat a little!

### New Idea On St. Pat's Day-Green-Colored Popcorn

Sure'n begorra, it's time for a party, Miss O'Brien, Miss O'Flaherty, and Miss O'Hara!

Being fun-loving souls who like to give parties at the drop of a hat — even if it's the cap of a leprechaun, Irish colleens have a chance to show off their hidden talents on March 17.

St. Patrick's parties are always the fun kind, bound to be more bouncy than formal. Planning decorations can be a fun venture for a Colleen and her date. A social, inexpensive table centerpiece can be created by making an easy-to-mold popcorn shamrock. Be sure it's colored green!

Cut a shamrock pattern about 10 inches high and seven inches wide, using dark green construction paper.

Now, prepare a basic sugar syrup for glazing and molding three quarts of buttered popcorn. For this, butter the sides of a heavy saucepan. In it combine 2½ cups of sugar, 1 cup light corn syrup, three-fourths cup of water, one-half cup of margarine, and one teaspoon of salt. Bring to a boil, and stir until the sugar dissolves.

When the mixture reaches the hard-ball stage (250 degrees) remove from the heat and stir in one teaspoon vanilla, and one teaspoon green food coloring.

Set aside about one-fourth of the glaze, keeping it hot. Pour remainder in thin stream over popcorn in large buttered bowl, and mix well.

Working quickly, with buttered hands, pile popcorn onto shamrock pattern. Pack firmly and build to height of about two inches. Allow to cool. With a pastry brush, wet shamrock with remainder of glaze and let dry.

If the Irish colleens on campus don't mind having a party, the idea is still a perfect way to keep Mom or Dad's Irish eyes smiling — in addition to bringing a bit of glamour to the table.

### Ask Charlie . . .

Charlie Chan, the great Chinese detective, answers these questions asked him by a Pekinois reporter.

Q. Do you think students should let their homework pile up on them?

A. Blind man feels ahead with cane before proceeding or honorable personage might meet unexpected pit fall!

**Berghers**

**PISCES FASHION!**

The Piscean is often ahead of fashion . . . but is also fond of yesterday's classics. Sea Greens, Blues and Lemon Yellow are their favorite colors.



# Contacts Lost, Found In Potatoes

"Your contact is in my mashed potatoes?"

David Steinburg, formerly of Music Scene, tells the story about a girl who lost her contact lens in his mashed potatoes and tries to find it inconspicuously!

Contacts are very easy to lose — by falling out — as many wearers have discovered! One boy said that his contact lens fell out on a date — on her! He wasn't telling where they fell, but somehow his date didn't believe he was really searching for a contact lens.

Some people while wetting their contacts in their mouths, have lost them by accidental swallowing. One girl is said to have put hers in a glass of water which her boyfriend drank.

Nowadays, opticians sell more contact lens than ever before, especially to teenagers. Although they are very popular, there is a certain risk involved, says Dr. Taylor of the NEU Optical Company.

"People sometimes find that, after buying contact lens, their eyes can't adjust, and they just can't wear them. It is usually possible to tell beforehand if a person would be able to wear them," says Dr. Taylor, "by the shape of the eye."

Dr. Taylor says that the price of contacts is approximately \$50 to \$100

for a pair. Insurance for contacts can be obtained through the individual's own insurance company, or through an optical firm. It's not true that eyes become worse after adjusting to contacts, according to opticians. The main trouble is caused by possible irritation.

It generally takes a month to get used to contacts, wearing the lens for an hour the first day, two hours on the second day, etc. to build up tolerance.

Any color of contacts is obtainable. It is best to get them nearly the natural eye color since they tend to make the eyes look unreal otherwise. It is possible to obtain reflective contact lens (try gazing into those eyes!)

When the contacts are in, the color has no effect upon vision.

Contacts often have to be changed

just as do ordinary eye glasses. Eye examinations on a regular basis help to determine vision with contacts as with regular glasses.

The first contact lens were made in Germany. They were made out of glass. Later, a method was found to make them out of plastic which is lightweight and less fragile.

Most people use contacts because they feel they look "prettier" without glass frames. There are also certain other advantages. Contact lens do not frost up in cold weather — unlike eye glasses.

For those persons who have unusual shaped eye corneas — there's good news. Contacts can be purchased to correct this problem.

As they say: "Here's looking at you in contacts!"



CONTACTS MOD OR MAD? Contacts by Gail Baccheschi and glasses by Gary Quade.

## Speech Winner

Third place sweepstakes award went to Pekin's speech team following competition at the annual Mid-State-Nine tournament. Pekin tied with Academy of Our Lady, host of the meet, and Richwoods. East Peoria won first place trophy at the Feb. 21 events.

Rating superior and awarded med-

als were: Gene Alessandrini, original oration an oratorical declamation; Brad Bacon, serious reading; and George Jones, original oration.

A mark of excellence went to Lynne Bowen, prose; Mary Harris, radio speaking; Lynette Knight, serious; Mike Sanders, comedy; Judy Sylvester, original monologue; Jeff Strang, poetry; and John Wilson, original monologue.

## Tourney Time Comin';

The month of March has settled in, and with it comes "March Madness." More than 800 high school basketball teams start their campaign to the Illinois state championship.

First step in the journey for the major schools is the regional tournament. Pekin is host to the regional in the area this year. The tournament opened March 2, concluding March 6. Pekin's initial foe is Deemack in the 7 p.m. game on March 2.

### Tournament Pairings

- Monday:  
 (1) Pekin vs. Deemack  
 (2) East Peoria vs. Delavan District  
 Winner  
 Tuesday:  
 (3) Limestone vs. Washington  
 (4) Morton vs. Eureka  
 Wednesday:  
 (5) Winners of games 1 and 2  
 Thursday:  
 (6) Winners of games 3 and 4  
 Friday:  
 Championship between winners of games 5 and 6.

## Students Study Radio Techniques

"Turn tables," "air time," and "FCC" talk is a new language understood by PCHS students in WSIV's radio workshop for Pekin High students. "It's interesting and a chal-

lenge," says Dave Snell, a sophomore.

West Campus students learn to operate radio control boards, run broadcasting equipment, read commercials, and learn about public affairs. They study Federal Communication Commission (FCC) rules and will take the radio test in Chicago this summer. The group's field trip includes a visit to a prominent Chicago radio station.

Mr. Davis, program director for WSIV, is still looking for members to join the "explorers." Meetings are held on Saturday mornings. The course could be a beginning for an announcers or disk jockey's occupation.

Members are Phil Bolam, Rick Dickson, Ken Howdysshell, Byron Oesch, Judy Rogovin, Teri Schonert, and Dave Snell.

- Peace Is . . .  
 P—Prosperity  
 E—Equality  
 A—Accord  
 C—Calmness  
 E—Equanimity

## Where do you go from here?



## Engineering is a door to many careers

By Richard S. Frank, Director of Engineering, Caterpillar Tractor Co.

What's your idea of an engineer? An earnest young man running computers on a space project? A rugged individual surveying a highway? A busy consultant in a large office?

He could be any of these, because engineering opens the door to a wide range of careers covering many different jobs and activities.

At Caterpillar, for example, you'll find engineers in Research, Engineering, Manufacturing, Sales, Service, Personnel, Business Economics, and several other departments in the Company. This is true of other companies, as well, particularly the

automotive and aircraft industries. Engineers are also found in government, the military, law, and even medicine.

Most engineers have one thing in common—the practical application of scientific knowledge.

How can you tell if you might be attracted to engineering? You should have a real interest in mathematics and in things mechanical and scientific. You may enjoy taking things apart to see what makes them work. You need a basic curiosity, imagination and the ability to analyze problems.

You can start preparing in high school, of course, by taking the college preparatory course. Plan to take all the mathematics you can—as well as science courses, including physics and chemistry. Include some shop courses if possible.

You'll be absorbed in technical learning at college, and the flood of new scientific information seems to leave less and less room for elective courses. But avoid total immersion in engineering.

Keep interested and active in other things. Many companies feel a need for engineers with a well-rounded personality. There are other things to learn, such as how to handle yourself with people; how to talk, and how to write! So try not to confine yourself to accumulating technical knowledge only.

For more information, talk to your counselor or write your college.

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# Lumber, Shingles Used As Study Guide

Do away with books, but instead use nails, lumber and shingles as study aides?

This is what the PCHS building trades class is doing next year. The class will actually construct a home on a lot in Sunset Hills addition in Pekin.

This semester the class consists of 20 boys. Advisor-teacher is Mr. Henrikson. The program is a two-year course, open to junior and senior boys. Construction site will be Sunset Hills extension 16, lot 460 on Glenview Drive. Lot size is 70' by 117'.

During the first year of class, boys have theory. This includes the setting

up of survey instruments, bench marks, batter board set up, staking out basements, blue print reading, figure estimating, building finance, construction work, tools, etc.

The boys as a class will draw their own design for the house. According to Mr. Henrikson: "The drawing class that we have now is drawing up individual plans. This allows them to see what they are doing, and to help them learn 'how' to do it, rather than just listening to an instructor talk or reading about it."

Students who are juniors this year will begin building the house in the fall. Seniors will miss the fun, since they won't be able to actually work in the construction part. Juniors will do this. However, next year's juniors will have a big advantage. If the class doesn't understand how to do something, they will be allowed to go out and see the other seniors actually doing it — rather than just textbook data. Senior boys will be out on the construction site every day that the weather permits.

This is the first time that PCHS has had this type of project. A Peoria school built a house several years ago, but did not center the program under a vocational program.

Originally, the idea began when Superintendent William Holman and Mr. Cadigan set up the course in building trades. Once the house is built, it will be sold, and the money will be used for the purchase of another lot. Mr. Henrikson says: "The program will be self-supporting after the first year."

One point being emphasized: "We don't advocate that we're going to turn out boys to be craftsmen, but

we do want to get them acquainted with the different phases of construction, electrical work, etc. They are not guaranteed of being given an apprenticeship course, but to gain ideas on what they may like to do after graduation. Many boys may want to become building material salesmen."

Several guest lecturers have been to the class this semester, including representatives for different fields in construction. These persons answer any questions which students may have on procedures and future work. Mr. Henrikson pointed out that the specialized work area speakers are donating their time to come to the class, and that their help is very valuable for training students.

## Advance Sociology Aims At Independent Study In PCHS Experiment

Small classes in independent study topics may be the educational prediction for the future. Pekin High is already initiating this new look as an advanced sociology class project directed by Mrs. Evelyn Benneit.

Five students enrolled in the experimental class at the beginning of second semester. Students will receive one credit, and will meet daily three hour in the library seminar room.

Students usually work alone, choosing a particular field of study such as retardation, mental illness, etc. Then, they write papers on the impact of these areas on society.

The purpose of the new course is to further study in sociology. Requirements include: (1) completion of previous semester of sociology; (2) plans for further study of sociology in college.

Currently enrolled in the course are Linda Jeffery, Rita Fulk, Pam Viviano, Martha Flaty and Burt McNaughton.

# Decide On Your Own Society At PCHS

Would you like to start a society of your own?

Students in Mr. Earl Melcher's International Relations classes, were given the opportunity. Some felt it was acting in God's place.

It was right after a nuclear war. Only fifteen people were left in the world. All fifteen were in the same bombshelter. They had enough food for eight people to survive, so seven had to be killed. This was the job of the students — to decide who would start their new society. The people represented White, Negro, Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, young, old and different levels of education. They also had a prostitute, a person arrested for homosexual activities, and a mentally retarded child. They had people from all walks of life.

This experiment brought out the many forms of prejudices which everyone has. Many students didn't want to split up families. When it came to a medical need, there was a great discussion. There were three different people with a medical background: a nurse major, a senior in medical school, and a 66-year-old MD with general practice. The discussion was mainly between the senior in medical school and the 66-year-old

## Snowbirds - Pigs

### New East Campus Trend

That snowbunny at the East campus was no cold weather mirage. Girls gym classes at East campus went frolicking in the February 10 and 11 snows. Prepared for the snow by boots, slacks, mittens and coats, the girls braved temperatures and snowballs to sled and make snowmen.

One class built a snowpig and snowbird. The pig had four toes on each foot! The bird was in a nest with eggs. Another class built the snow-

doctor. Many wanted to get rid of the medical student for he had been arrested for homosexual activities, and was very bitter concerning racial problems. The problem with the doctor was his age and the fact that he had had two heart attacks in the last 5 years. The nurse was the one kept. Some wanted to get rid of the older people while others wanted to get rid of the children. The youngest child was only three weeks old.

Political views came up in the discussion, too. One man was discharged, along with other reasons, because he was very bitter concerning racial problems.

Other prejudices were: religion, race, and limited amount of education. What would your prejudices be? Who would you have saved? There were no easy choices!

## 'Honesty Is My Policy' Says Honest PCHS Soph

George Washington, Abe Lincoln and PCHS sophomore George Quinn all have one thing in common—honesty.

Recently George was walking to the West campus to watch a Saturday afternoon wrestling match. On the way he noticed something on the street. He bent down to examine it, and discovered it was a wallet containing \$80. There was no identification with the exception of a slip of paper with a name on it.

George returned home and began the search for the owner. With the aid of a phone book and several wrong numbers George finally reached the owner, also a West Campus student.

The student had taken \$120.00 out of the bank to buy a mini-bike. He put \$60 down and returned home with the rest, or so he thought. In the end,

George received a reward for his efforts. Everyone was happy.

# Black Unlimited Frightens, Convinces PCHS'ers For Black Culture Months

"It was frightening," said JoAnn McCloud, a PCHS junior.

"The acting was convincing," agreed Anne Cretaro and Ellen Griffiths.

They were talking about dramas given at Ashanti Umoja Center on February 15th. One-act plays entitled "Behold the Cry of the Black Ghetto" by Eugene Perkins and "And We Own the Night" by Jimmy Garrett were presented by Destination Black Unlimited. The performances marked celebration of Black Culture Month.

Destination Black Unlimited is a theater group originating from Chicago's Washington Park Field House. The purpose is to give young inexperienced blacks a chance in theater work that they otherwise might not get. There is no fee for the actors, and the group is supported by the shows they give. There is direction in drama, music and dance.

Director of Destination Black Unlimited is Paul Eden, assisted by

Cleveland Allen.

Destination Black was formed by a group of Blacks from Apple Arts Acting Guild in Chicago. The group broke up three and one-half months ago, but has reorganized. Sunday's performance was the first by the reorganized group.

The girls attending the performance are members of the Pekin YWCA, including Mary Funk, Anne Cretaro, JoAnn McCloud, Ellen Griffiths, Julie Onken and Jami Peterson, and Miss Margie Troutman, Y-Teen director.

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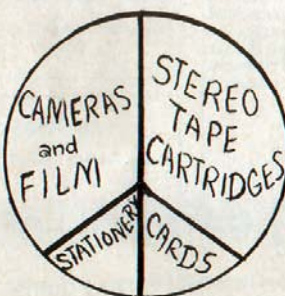
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## Voting Rights To Be Con-Con Issue Says Area Delegate; Fogal

"Voting age is going to be an issue in the Constitutional Convention," says Mr. William Fogal, former PCHS social studies instructor, currently a delegate at CON-CON in Springfield.

Mr. Fogal feels that the convention will probably approve a lower voting age, along with the lowering of other age laws. "Why not have a maximum voting age of around 65 if we have a minimum voting age?" queries Mr. Fogal. "A larger majority of older people vote, and they often vote down new taxes, even though the project would help the community." Although Mr. Fogal does not agree on lowering the voting age, he feels that it will occur.

Already deep into convention activities, Mr. Fogal has suggested to the CON-CON group that Illinois change to a unicameral system, that is only one legislative body. Currently, Illinois has a two house legislature, with 58 senators and 177 representatives.

According to Mr. Fogal, the unicameral system (currently only Nebraska has one house legislature government) would eliminate "back-packing." The legislature would be more efficient, less expensive since there would be fewer legislators involved.

## Need PCHS Girls To Help At Sakcots For Girl's Club

High school girls wishing to have fun and serve school, are needed to help at Sakcots and attend Girls' Club meetings! Satisfaction of serving school is the reason. Interested girls should contact Miss Marilyn Donnel in room B107 on East Campus.

What's a Sakcot? The letters stand for Tea. At Sakcots, teachers get together just to talk and relax. Girls decorate the tables and serve a dessert, coffee, tea, and milk.

## Sweetheart Ball . . .

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ers in read and white from the ceiling reached the elevated platform. Members of the Student Council spent most of Saturday decorating the cafeteria for the annual dance. In previous years the dance has always been in the West campus boys' gym.

Approximately 150 couples attended the dance, and the Student Council took in about \$500. The Page IV charged \$250 dollars for their performance while Chuck and Mary Perin charged \$75. Decorations and refreshments expenditures were estimated between \$250 and \$300.

Committee chairmen for the dance included Dave Smith, decorations; John Velde and Dale Masters, publicity; Lindsey Warner, tickets; Nancy Louchart, tickets; and Gloria St. Cerny, refreshments.

Chaperones were Miss Arden Masters, Mr. Tom Innis, Mr. Tom Morton, Mr. Virgil Newlin, and Miss Marla Hopper.

Student Council supervisors are Miss Judy Streid, West campus and Mr. Chic Renner, East campus.

Duplication of work could be eliminated, fewer bills would be introduced. The legislature would become more prominent, attracting more qualified persons to serve as lawmakers. The job would be a fulltime one rather than the current parttime requirement.

Mr. Fogal commended the CON-CON committee he is working with on the thorough job they had done in bringing in persons to testify for a one house legislature.

Politically, he added, one house government might not be good since some people would be out of a job!

On the other side of the argument, Mr. Fogal points out that some people feel we should have two city councils, two park boards, two school boards, since we have a two house legislature.

Mr. Fogal goes into constitutional reform with many ideas and enthusiasm. He is teaching State and Local Government, American National Government and Political Parties at Illinois Central College, currently on leave while serving as a delegate to the CON-CON. Married, he is the father of three children.

He is an avid reader, and likes outdoor sports.

Mr. Fogal commented that he has no future political plans pending the outcome of the Constitutional Convention.

## PCHS'er Is Digging On Tropical Fish

"You have to watch out for female fish, they're always getting in trouble by breeding with the male fish!" But this is not one of the fish business," says Clark Latham. Clark, a PCHS freshman, has been raising and breeding tropical fish for the past two years.

He started raising fish after he was in an automobile accident. A friend gave him a hamster and an aquarium. His father said "no" to the hamster, but Clark did keep the aquarium. Later on he started the hobby by purchasing some guppies.

Clark has five fish tanks holding 75 fish of twenty-five different varieties. He generally buys at least one fish a week from Waggin' Tail Pet Shop. Clark helps out at the pet shop every night after school as a volunteer. This arrangement brings him a discount on merchandise at the shop.

Clark is experienced in tank arrangement. He manages all of the tanks at the pet shop. One of his own tanks is unusual in that it is made out of a battery case. He keeps up with new ideas by reading books related to tropical fish, aquarium setups, etc.

Clark has tried "mix breeding" of tropical fish. He had luck with a swordtail and a platery. He sells fish, but mostly Clark says he is interested in "raising tropical fish and keeping them himself."

## Melissa Walters . . .

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a hobby, crafts and painting. She has a part-time job at Helen Gallagher's, Inc. as a key punch operator. This did not involve her typing and shorthand skills.

Being Business Student of the Year will be an asset to Melissa when she applies for other jobs and at college.

Melissa plans to attend the Vocational Institute at Southern Illinois University where she will major in the legal-secretarial field. Melissa recently had the opportunity to spend the afternoon at a lawyer's office where she acquired some helpful information about this field and also about Southern. She was given a chance to type letters to be mailed and given an idea of what a legal office is like.

"One of the most important things to learn in this field is to keep things confidential," says Melissa. "You can't discuss any business with anyone outside the office. If you do, you are apt to be fired immediately." She was also given the advice not to cheat because it makes it difficult to do things on your own.

## PCHS Child Care Class Preparing For Testing

Testing comes early, in the semester in PCHS child care class! On March 18, students under direction of Mrs. Roxanne Rayburn, will have lively four-year-old youngsters on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 through 12 o'clock, for actual "child care."

During past months, the students have been visiting area day-care hearing informative lecture. Four day-care centers have been toured, including the most recent, Carver Center in Peoria.

Rhonda Hartman, one member of the day-care class, says: "I plan to do this course gives me more information about how to deal with children." Students will plan the activities involving creative games, songs and language skills.

## Grethey's Art 6 Class Dreams Up New Trend In Pop Music, Art

Pop music or pot music? This question may be answered only by Mr. Dean Grethey, a teacher at PCHS Art 6 classes of Mr. Grethey are now involved in a project to design, construct and play a miniature clay instrument.

"Students may 'dream up' any instrument they want as long as it is functional. After the instruments are formed out the clay and finished, the students will actually play — sort of a concert," adds Mr. Grethey, "Maybe like the Battle of the Bands."

Students are already deep in the project, anticipating to finish by early Spring. Should anyone hear wierd tunes come from D building, it could be Mr. Grethey holding auditions for his "Battle of the Bands."

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## Orchard Says:

# Freshman Year Is Tough

"That college freshman year is the hardest year of all your schooling!" That advice comes from a former freshman-now-senior ISU student teacher Mr. Orchard, assisting with international relations classes of Mr. Earl Melchers.

"The new pattern of studying, reading, and taking notes causes many students to become frustrated and drop out," he adds. "And the teachers are impersonal!"

Queried about Illinois State University being a social school, Mr. Orchard commented: "You have to be kidding!" Planning to be a history teacher after ISU graduation in August, Mr. Orchard is concerned that the field is "full." He has a minor in physical education. Future plans also include serving in the armed forces if called. "I'll probably be drafted too; my number is 113 on the list, and I missed being number one by a single day!"

Mr. Orchard finds Pekin High quite different from the private school of Lutheran North which he attended in Chicago. He feels that PCHS has a better selection of courses, allowing students to get

## PCHS Latin Teachers Attend Joint Meetings Of ICC, AID In Rockford

PCHS Latin teachers, Mrs. Henrietta Davis and Miss Judith Streid recently attended the Illinois Classical League Conference at Rockford.

Mrs. Davis, state chairman of the Illinois Latin Tournament Board and a member of the executive committee, attended two meetings Thursday.

This was a joint meeting of the Rockford Society of the Archaeological Institute of America and the ICC. President of the Rockford A L A and ICC, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Mystery of the Etruscans."

Both teachers attended a special meeting of Junior Classical League sponsors where plans were discussed for the April 11 state convention for high school Latin students.

Illinois Department of Education spokesman, Mr. Merriman, announced three workshops for Latin teachers. These will be held in conjunction with modern language workshops.

Pekin area Latin teachers will attend an April 4 workshop in Springfield. Other workshop sites are Chi-

more from life. He prefers the location of the lockers and offices, and says it promotes a better atmosphere to study because of silence in the halls.

He has distinct memories of his high school days. "One gripe includes teachers who used monotonous phrases. I remember one who said 'in such of this case.' He also recalls learning that the earth was 6,000 years old. When I was at college, I found out the real truth!"

Mr. Orchard's advice to high school seniors is to choose a field of study that you like, and can really enjoy. "Ironically most college students are studying for a job, because of the money involved as a salary! 'College is,' adds Mr. Orchard, "fascinating, time consuming and enlightening!"

## Physics Experiments Are Tricky For PCHS'ers

Physics experiments are tricky things. Besides counting the number of times a pendulum will swing back and forth in a minute, students have to be careful about sources of heat, drafts, and the person in the deck in front of them. One slip and the experiment is a flop. Chemistry students can see "stuff" reacting in test tubes on crucibles, but physics students have no such luck.

Have you ever tried to measure how much heat it takes to melt an ice cube or how much friction is between a plank and a block of wood sliding down it? That's what is being done in Mr. Virgil Dollahon's room on lab days. You're in for shock — they're studying static electricity

## O. O. Class Officers

Office Occupations Class recently elected second semester officers. President is Jackie Broombaugh, with Shelbie Ackerman as vice-president. Becky Gay was elected as secretary, Neda Hopper as treasurer, and Linda Sutton as savings club treasurer.

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# Local Artist Mod Success

Collage? Misspelled collage? No! A collage is an abstract composition using various materials such as newspaper clippings, fragments of advertisements to create a design. Colors and lines are supplied by the artist.

Mrs. Dennis McNamara, wife of PCHS freshman football coach and driving education teacher, creates collages as a hobby!

Her hobby is currently on display for Pekinites to examine at the American Savings and Loan Association. Three of Mrs. McNamara's collages are being exhibited each month for the next three months.

She first became interested in art in the 7th and 8th grades, with thoughts of becoming an interior decorator or commercial artist. As a senior at Decatur Eisenhower Senior High School, Judy McNamara was named "Best Senior Artist." It wasn't until college, however, that she exhibited her art. She attended

Millikin University for one semester, then transferred to Illinois State University at Normal.

Although no particular artist influences her work, she is exploring variety in color and line. Mrs. McNamara says she is now working strictly on collages. Although her interest has been in the "hobby" areas, Mrs. McNamara confesses that she would sell her collages "if the price is right." Each collage takes from three days to a week to complete.

When she's not busy watching PCHS sports competition or practice, Mrs. McNamara divides her time between her art interests and homemaking. Coach McNamara attests to her abilities as a cook!

Colors may change in her collages — to a pink or blue emphasis with the arrival of the McNamara's first child in late April. However, Pekin will surely be hearing about and seeing more of this talented artist's works soon.

# College Application As Hard As College

An invasion of privacy! Some people complain about census forms, but obviously few of them have tackled college applications.

What's your marital status (single or married)? Have you served with the arm forces, if yes, before or after 1959 and you need your veteran's claim number. You may be asked for your selective service number also. If employed, you tell where. These are some of the questions on a typical college application.

College applications are not designed for the high school students alone. It is also written in for people who want to transfer, and people who have just received the chance to go. For this reason you will notice a lot of questions you cannot answer.

You are also given a health record which you must check out with your doctor. One question is: "Have you ever had, or do you have, any of the following: 1. back trouble, 2. bleeding tendencies, 3. convulsions, 4. diabetes, 5. dizziness, 6. gastular, 7. heart disease, 8. high blood pressure, 9. nervous tendencies, 10. re-occurring headache, 11. rheumatic fever."

You must give the last date that you received an immunization to diphtheria, poliomyelitis, smallpox, tetanus, and typhoid.

They are interested if you wear glasses, contacts or hearing aids. They like to know if you are sensitive to any foods or medication such as penicillin. Do you have any dental

defects which should be corrected? Have you ever thought of what ambulance service you would prefer to come to your aid? These applications think of everything!

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# PCHS Novice Debaters Place Third In Richwood's Speech Tournament

Pekin's novice debaters and individual events' speakers had a good weekend at Richwoods February 7. Debaters placed third in competition with twenty-seven overall speaker's points. Events speakers won third place sweepstakes trophy.

Debaters, with a record of six wins and two losses, were John Beard, and Mary Cleverger, affirmative; and Steve Mott and Joe Zehnder, negative. Topic for debaters this year is whether Congress should prohibit unilateral United States Military intervention into foreign countries.

Pekin's George Jones (original oration) and John Wilson (original monologue) won first places. Second places were won by Mike Sanders in comedy reading and Lynette Knight in poetry reading. Brad Bacon secured a third place for presenting a serious cut for his first time in competition for reading. Lynne Bowen placed sixth in prose reading. Debbie Kirk, extemporaneous speaking, and Bill Nichol, oratorical declamation, also attended. These speakers won third place sweepstakes trophy for Pekin.

Sweepstakes rating is awarded by the placement of speakers in final rounds. Central earned second place with one more speaker than Pekin in final. Homewood-Flossmoor, a Chicago suburban school, ranked first.

Richwood's tournament is unusual because it is open only for speakers who have not ended their first full year of speech competition. Twenty schools were present.

Mr. Thomas Tokarski, science teacher, drove students to Richwoods Miss Sandy Mann, 1969 Pekin graduate, traveled to Richwoods as time-

keeper for debate rounds. Coaches attending were Miss Donna Campbell and Mrs. Valarie Friedrich.

Richwood's tournament served as good preparation for district events. East Peoria High School hosted district February 14. Results of speakers and debaters will be in Pekinois next issue.

# Operation Breakthrough 'Get Right Down To It' By Tour Of Area Ghetto

"We get right down to the 'gut' issues," says Jim Sims, describing a new program, Breakthrough. Mr. Sims, chairman of Pekin's chapter of the Human Relations Committee, compared Breakthrough with a type of sensitivity training. A group of people meet and discuss issues of race and ghetto conditions. This gives the people involved better understanding of relationships between people.

Breakthrough was formed by Com-munplace, an organization in Peoria funded by several Peoria churches. The program consists of spending a weekend in Peoria's ghettos talking with people and viewing the situation as it is. The entire weekend will cost \$16. High school seniors, juniors, and sophomores may sign up for the program.

Groups will go to Peoria in mid-spring and summer. Persons interested in Breakthrough should contact Jim Sims for further details.

I'd rather switch than fight!

Attention car thieves: This car is already stolen. If no one claims me in 30 days—I'm yours.

# PCHS'ers Excel . . .

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entry was second in competition.

For those wondering about the strange nicknames, these were a help to relax thespians and speakers. The team invented skits and songs about their characters. Also in the nickname games were "Rin Tin Lynn" (Lynn Bowen), "Little Linnie" (Lynette Knight), and "Waldon Pond" (Gene Alesandini.) Ability to improvise, essential to actors and speakers, was given emphasis.

The top three plays and individual events speakers go to sectionals in Moline. The speakers compete February 28, thespians compete March 7. Speakers and plays finishing second or first in sectionals go to state competition at Illinois State University.

Miss Edith Harrod directs "T.V." Mrs. Valarie Friedrich, Miss Donna Campbell, Mr. Douglas Springer coach individual events.

# Los Conquistadores Meet; Bolivian Singer Entertains

Spanish songs played and sung with guitar accompaniment by a Bolivian student staying in Green Valley, highlighted the Los Conquistadores club meeting February 16. Marta Cortes is an exchange student currently attending Green Valley High.

Other special entertainment was given by Marilyn Cook and Sue Rampley. They showed slides they had taken in Argentina and Peru where they spent six months.

The club discussed a tentative field trip to St. Louis, Mo., in other business of the evening.

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## Justi Qualifies For State In '50' Pekin Swim Team Finish Fourth

In a district with 13 schools competing and a score board that only accommodates four names, it is quite an honor to be one of the four!

At the Illinois High School Association Swimming District meet held at Richwoods February 20 and 21, the Pekin tankers were so honored for the first time in history. The Chink swimmers took fourth place in that meet, one of the toughest districts in the state, and sent senior co-captain Dave Justi to the state meet at Hinsdale South. Pekin garnered 118 points for fourth place.

A powerful Richwoods squad won the meet with Rock Island and Moline close behind. Central finished fifth in back of Pekin.

To advance to the state meet, a swimmer must either place first or second in the finals or better an arbitrary state qualifying time. Pekin's Dave Justi advanced by the second method as he placed fourth in the finals of the 200 yard freestyle race, but equaled the state qualifying time of 1:55.8.

Other Pekin swimmers who advanced to the Saturday finals after Friday prelims included the medley relay team of Wally Quinn, Randy Monge, Bill Scarcliff and Greg Brinkman, which finished fourth. Brinkman also finished sixth in the 50 yard freestyle.

In the 100 yard freestyle, Justi finished fifth, and was only .4 of a second away from qualifying time. In the 100 yard backstroke, freshman Steve Frankenstein pulled a fourth, and Quinn placed sixth. Monge, a sophomore, placed sixth in the 100 yard breaststroke, and the 400 yard free relay team consisting of Brinkman, Steve Frankenstein, and Wally Quinn finished fourth in that event.

There were many outstanding swimmers in the meet. One was Rock

Islands Keith Gilliam. Gilliam, in what seemed effortless stride, cracked both the pool and district record with a 2:02.1 in the 200 yard Individual Medley. The second place was over eight seconds away. In the 100 yard butterfly, he broke a five-year-old record, and finished four full seconds in front of second place. Then, in the 400 yard freestyle relay, he turned in a 46.7 on his leg, which would better the state record by .7 of a second.

Another standout was Richwoods' Gib Leach. Leach, a sophomore, placed fifth in state last year. He broke a pool, school and district record in the 100 yard breaststroke, and singled out as a probable state champion. In all 37 swimmers qualified for state from this district with state champion probabilities among them.

## Justi, Haas PCHS Diving Champs

PCHS divers Senior Barry Haas and Junior Rick Justi never thought of diving as freshmen entering high school.

Barry thought only of basketball his freshman year. Deciding he lacked enough skill to continue, he concentrated on diving. Now in his third year of diving, Barry captured first place honors in the Mid-State-Nine Conference meet, and broke his own brother's diving record while doing so! Barry then went to district competition where he qualified 10th in the preliminaries, and moved up to eighth in the finals.

Barry hopes to enter the University of Illinois next fall, and to continue diving.

As Rick Justi entered PCHS, he had hopes of becoming a great swimmer. He swam during his first two

## PSA Favors Year-Around Pool

Support for a year round swimming program for Pekin swimmers got a boost February 17 in the formation of the Pekin Swimming Association.

Organized for both boy and girl swim activities, the informal unincorporated organization includes parents of swimmers and interested citizens of the Pekin area. Purpose of PSA is to give Pekin a swim program comparable to those in other communities, conditioning members to become expert competitive swimmers.

A training program will be sponsored by the PSA, concentrating on advanced swimmers who can swim freestyle in a practice session from one to two hours, covering a total distance of from one to four miles.

Various practice programs will be scheduled for conditioning and competitive workouts. Ability of the swim-

mer is the prime factor of eligibility to enroll, but normally an age of 12 years will be the beginning age of participation.

With the winter swim season drawing to a close, summer programs of teams at Mineral Springs, Sunset Hills and the Country Club will be getting organized. The PSA will help teams to swim their own schedule more effectively. Also, PSA hopes to enable swimmers from the pools and Twin Lakes to combine on occasion to attend some of the major AAU competition in the area. Swimmers would swim under auspices of the PSA.

Outlook for participating swimmers is encouraging, according to PSA officers heading the group. Serving as president is Mr. Jerry Hodgson, with Mr. George Hancock as vice presi-

dent. Mrs. Betty Frankenstein is secretary-treasurer. Coach is PCHS instructor Jim Peterson.

Annual dues for the association will be \$1.00 per adult member per year.

Retiring president of the Swim Team Bousler Club, supporting organization of PCHS swimmers is Mr. Robert Haas.

## Pekin Grad Is Drafted By Pittsburgh Pirates

Robbie Harms, outstanding catcher on 1968-69 second-place baseball team, was drafted recently by the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was one of 357 players from Illinois drafted in pro baseball's spring selections.

It all began when Robbie was contacted after the championship game at state by Gene Baker, a Pirate scout. He was also contacted after tryout camp which he has been attending since his freshman year.

If Robbie signs a contract, he will report in March to Niagara Falls, N.Y., in the minor leagues. There, Robbie and other rookies will develop their skills and get used to playing pro ball.

Rob expects it will be difficult to adjust from high school baseball to pro ball. Making new friends, and learning to play with other teammates will also be an adjustment. Robbie thinks the knuckleball will be the hardest pitch to handle. Right now, he believes that Johnny Bench of the Cincinnati Reds is the best catcher in either league. At Niagara, Rob will catch and maybe play third

baseball. While playing for Pekin, Rob won several honors. He was Mid-State Nine All-Conference catcher both his junior and senior years, and was selected as all-star catcher in the state tournament. Robbie said he was very thankful for the help and advice he received from Coaches Ron Masteteri, Jim Peterson, Virgil Morton, and Rich Lee.

Leadership and hustle, a strong arm, and average running ability are all qualities which a pro catcher must have, and Robbie Harms has exactly that!

years, but by the beginning of his junior year, Ric knew he "wasn't good enough to continue in speed or endurance swimming." Then he decided to concentrate on diving. This year, Ric has shown much ability and improvement.

Summer practice schedules are important believe these divers. However, because Barry spent most of the past summer in Germany, he wasn't able to get in regular practice. Ric, however, practiced during the summer, coached by former PC

HS diver Mike Thomas. He worked on new dives, and improving form.

Swim coach Jim Peterson, a former diver himself, has worked with Barry and Rick to improve as the season progressed. Ric planned to compete at district, but because of a broken car membrane, could not dive.

## Managers Face Various Duties

An electrician disguised as a PCHS basketball manager? Union electrician or not, PCHS basketball manager Mark Moekel fixed the lights

for the basketball tournament. What else do the basketball managers do? With the new, low-cut, converte style tennis shoes, they must tape every player's ankles. The low-cut shoes are now in style, but take away much of the support given by the traditional high-tops.

PCHS basketball managers, Mark Moekel, Bernd Huber, and Robert (Fuzzy) Rodell, also hand out towels after games and practices. They keep statistics of every game at home and on the road. During the Pekin Holiday Tournament, they played a big part in helping Coach Hawkins keep things in order.

## Basketball, Bowling Tournaments Spotlight GAA Spring Action

Beames, Joys, Jany, Duncans, Lynn's Loonybirds, Roadrunners, Roxy's Team, Swish's Swishers, and Carpenter's Co-ordination Clods are? They are the teams that make up the GAA basketball tournament. Tournament play began January 27 and will run until March 3. Each team consists of 8-10 players, playing a five man zone.

Every Wednesday after school, GAA girls go to Roxy's Bowling Alley and bowl two games a night. A tournament is being played right now with ten teams competing. They are: Hits and Mrs. Ferdinand's Fools, Gutterrats, Snakes, Spikes Strikers, Tree and her Leaves, Alleycats, Bowdi Bowlers, Holy Rollers, and Gutterguts. Each team is allowed to have four bowlers and one substitute.

Flirt — The girl who got the boy you wanted.

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## PCHS Baseball Drills Start

Pekin baseball Chinks, defending second place title in Illinois, and the M-S-9, has begun practice for the upcoming season. Players trying out for baseball that are not involved in a winter sport began practicing Monday, February 2, in the East Campus Annex.

Practices mainly consist of conditioning and strengthening of arm and leg muscles. Two hour practices are divided into three categories. First, players run stairs and do calisthenics to strengthen the muscles. Next, pitchers and catchers play catch while the infielders and outfielders field ground balls and do agility drills. Agility drills are five minutes long. Then, at the end of practices, all players run a mile.

This will be a very interesting baseball season for Pekin. Two new faces in the coaching field this year will be Rich Lee and Fred Reader. Rich Lee will be working in his first season as varsity baseball coach replac-

ing Jim Peterson, who retired last year as baseball coach. Fred Reader will be working in his first year as assistant varsity coach along with Tom Morton. Mr. Reader will also be the new freshman coach, replacing Rich Lee. Mr. Morton will be the sophomore coach. Seven regular starters on last years team have graduated. Mike Mathews and Roger Prouty will make up the bulk of this year's pitching staff. Both were in the starting rotation on last year's team. Pekin will be defending their second place M-S-9 and second place state titles of last year. Last years overall record was 19-11, while in the M-S-9 the Chinks were 10-5. Central was last year's M-S-9 champion.

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# PCHS Matmen Win '70 Sectional

For the past ten years, Pekin has won first or second at Sectional Wrestling meet, winning three championship matches at the competition Feb. 19, 20 at Champaign's Centennial High School.

Winning wrestlers were Jay Hough (115); Larry Coggins (123); Rich McCleod (145); Steve Taylor (155); and Mike Brown (180). All advance to the state meet.

**First Round:**  
 (98) Marty Hochstetler (P) Roger Stone (OC) (Pin. 3:00).  
 (115) Jay Hough (P) Mike Tucker (Morr.) (Dec. 5-4).  
 (123) Larry Coggins (P) James Huston (Ra) (Dec. 8-3).

(145) Rich McCleod — Bob Worener (Ra) (Dec. 5-3).  
 (135) Steve Taylor (P) Bob Jump (NU) (Pin 3:35).  
 (185) Mike Brown (P) Don Roth (BL) (Dec. 7-1).  
**Semi-finals:**  
 (98) Bill McDaniel (BL) Marty Hochstetler (P) (Dec. 9-0).  
 (115) Jay Hough (PE) Harold Adams (BL) (Dec. 19-0).  
 (123) Larry Coggins (PE) Les Williams (BL) (Dec. 4-1).  
 (145) Rich McCleod (PE) Don Johnson (HE) (Dec. 4-1).  
 (155) Steve Taylor (PE) Ted Trencher (Morr) (P). 3:35.  
 (180) Mike Brown (PE) Bob Rieke

OT (Dec. 10-3).  
**Championship:**  
 (115) Johnson pinned Hough.  
 (123) Larry Coggins (PE) Jim Tucker (Lim) 6-3.  
 (145) Ralph Leavitt (Mor) Rich McCleod (PE) 14-4.  
 (155) Steve Taylor (Pe) John Majors (BL) 4-1 (OT).  
 (186) Mike Brown (PE) Bob Scott (NU) 3-2.  
**Wrestle-Backs:**  
 (115) Jay Hough (PE) Nick Bridges (Lim) 7-1.  
 (145) Rich McCleod (PE) John Woodward (GSW) 3-2.

**Team Points:**  
 Pekin 53; Bloomington 47; Ottawa 42; Lincoln 28; Normal Com. 21; Normal U 20; Morton 17; LaSalle-Peru 12; Clinton 12; Fisher 9; Eureka 8; Washington 8; Urbana 7; East Peoria 6; Rantoul 6; Gardner 6; Limestone 5; Mason City 4; Pontiac 2; Herscher 1; Bismarck 1; Danville 1.

## 20-Game Statistics Compiled; Show 4 Chinks Over 200

Pekin's 20-game statistics find four players owning more than 200 points with Donn Deputy's 287 leading the way.

Randy Bouris' .720 is tops in the free throw department. Gary Guengerich leads the rebounders with 130. Pekin has three players shooting better than .400 from the field compared with its .392 team percentage. Following is a complete individual statistic chart:

Ave.	Player	FG	FT	TP
14.3	Donn Deputy	122-321	.380	43-63
11.2	Randy Bouris	79-208	.379	66-92
10.2	Gary Guengerich	86-191	.450	33-63
10.2	Mike Dickson	78-181	.431	48-76
3.3	Rod Zimmerman	24-56	.438	18-26
2.7	Mark Parish	24-67	.354	5-15
2.1	Dean Branch	15-47	.319	12-20
1.4	Chuck Hagen	9-34	.265	9-20
.5	Don Dray	3-13	.230	5-9
.1	Rick Weber	0-3	.000	2-2
.1	Ed Gheladini	1-1	1.000	0-1
.0	Jim Schmidt	0-4	.000	0-1
.0	John Thomas	0-1	.000	0-0
.0	Kent Davis	0-0	.000	0-0

## Lisa Umholtz Enjoys New Ski Hobby

Is she another Kiki Cutter, a fish, or a Comanche Indian? Lisa Umholtz, PCHS junior, could very well be any one of these. She has won numerous trophies and ribbons for her prowess in swimming and archery. Lately, Lisa has taken up a new sport — skiing.

Lisa skies with a friend who belongs to the Peoria Ski Club, at Alpine Valley in Wisconsin. "Skiing really isn't hard. After I watched an instructor and with the help of TV I didn't have too much trouble."

Some of the unpleasantities of skiing are the lumberjack boots that must be worn, getting your skis crossed up hill, and other skiers, who are oblivious to your presence. Not only does Lisa snow ski but she water skis too. She says, "It's easier on water than in the snow because in water all you have to do is hang on to the rope."

It's possible Lisa has a natural attraction to water that makes water skiing easy as she is a swimming instructor and a lifeguard at Pekin's YWCA. In the past and to the present, Lisa has travelled through out the Mid-West with five different teams. Her best stroke — breast stroke—has brought many awards.

A true Indian, Lisa is not, though she attributes much of her archery skill to childhood games. She placed first in a state tournament held in Springfield. Evidence of Lisa's accomplishments have spread far and wide, that is, in her home. One complete wall in the Umholtz household is covered with trophies from swimming to baton twirling. There are approximately forty-five trophies hiding the wall.

Lisa's future plans include more skiing to help develop the skill.

## Pekin Tops East Peoria For 10th Mid-State Crown

PCHS Wrestling team retained the Mid-State-Nine title for the 10th time in 11 years Saturday, Feb. 5. Pekin totaled 91 points followed by East Peoria with 73; Richwoods, 60; Spalding, 38; Manual, 33; Central, 31; Limestone, 31; Woodruff, 22; and Bergan, 19.

Marty Hochstetler (98), Jay Hough (115), Doug Anderson (130), Steve Taylor (155); and Mike Brown (185), placed first in the tournament.

Third places were won by Steve Strubhar (103), Larry Coggins (123), Bob Kieser (165), and Mike Lane (175).

Rich McCleod (145) took fourth. J. R. Friedrich (137) and Frank Metcalf (heavyweight) lost in first round action.

## PCHS Cinder Chinks Season Approaching

With the track season readily approaching, PCHS students can anticipate an open field for contestants. Pekin will have most events open due to the loss of Jim McQuinn, who moved to Florida; by the graduation of seniors, and the mid-term graduation of Phil Weidenhoff.

According to Tom Innis, PCHS track coach, the team to beat in the Illini Conference should be Richwoods, with the Chinks and Galesburg giving some good competition. Coach Innis anticipates the Mid State Nine title and last year's winner Central not far behind.

The Chinks schedule for the 1970 track season is as follows:

- Saturday, March 14 — Western Invitational — at Macomb.
- Wednesday, March 25 — Normal Invitational — at Normal.
- Tuesday, March 31 — Limestone — There.
- Thursday, April 9 — Bergan — Here
- Tuesday, April 14 — Central — There.
- Thursday, April 16 — East Peoria and Richwoods — at Richwoods.
- Tuesday, April 21 — Woodruff — There.
- Thursday, April 23 — Spalding — There.
- Saturday, April 25 — Normal Relays — At Normal.
- Tuesday, April 28 — Manual — There.

## Taylor, PCHS Senior, Places Fifth At INSA Wrestling Tournament



Steve Taylor, PCHS senior, placed fifth in the 155 lb. class at state wrestling, Saturday, February 5, at I.S.U. Steve was a 6-1 winner over Jim Torres of Mundelein Carmel for fifth place.

Torres only point was on a penalty for bad position in starting the referee's position.

In the first period, Steve scored a takedown and then an escape in the final period. Steve's final point was a penalty for Torres' stalling.

To move to the semi-finals, Steve defeated Conant's Ron Orthwerth 6-3. In second round wrestling, Steve came back with a 5-4 decision over Farragut's Ken Blank.

PCHS senior, Mike Brown, won first round competition and then lost in the quarter finals to Chicago Fenger's Steve Urbek.

Larry Coggins, Pekin's 123 lb. wrestler, also won his first round match by decision against Lane Tech's Larry Berger. Larry, a sophomore, lost to Aurora West's Tom Hughes in the quarter-finals with a score of 12-3.

With the new Wrestle-back system, all wrestlers who lose the first round matches, can advance if the wrestler who beat them wins in his next match.

Jay Hough and Rich McCleod lost first round matches but did not get wrestle-backs because both of the wrestlers who beat them lost their next matches.

## PCHS Basketball Players Growing Bigger, Better

Basketball players seem to be getting bigger these days. Freshman Coach Joe Venturi has a good example in freshman Don Davis, who's big in every sense of the word. Don is six foot, four inches. He wears a size 15 shoe! Bigness runs in his family. Don's brother, Ken, a senior at PCHS, is six foot, five inches. His dad is also six foot five inches.

Don dwarfs his teammates with his big frame and his 20 point average. After playing some impressive freshman games, Don's been promoted to sophomore ball.

The freshman team is having a good season under Coach Venturi. Twenty-five players makeup the team which plays on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30.

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