First Drama Opens –

'Indians' To Be On Stage Tonight

The Drama Club is presenting as its major production of the year, "Ten Little Indians". This is the first drama that the Gerard Thespians have produced and the indications are that it will be the finest play in the history of the school.

The cast consists of: Nick Toth (the judge), Ann Swiger (the secretary), Jerry Koger (a policeman), Julie Bell (rich and spoiled), Carl Rispoli (the general), Sharon McDonald (Spinter), Kevin Campbell (Playboy), Jean Delmonico (the nerve specialist), Mary Jo Lorentz (Housekeeper), and John Casciato (the Butler).

The play is directed by Miss Meryl Mills, with assistance from Gary Benjamin. Fr. Louis Perreault, Technical Director, guided the stage crew and directed the stage manager, Mike McNamara. In charge of make-up are Faith Ray and Isabella Cummings. Becky Zeigman heads the publicity committee while Gary Benjamin controls the lights.

Its a thrilling and cleverly written murder mystery, and the artistically done sets provide a stimulating background for the enjoyment of the suspense-filled audience.

On behalf of the Drama Club, president Ann Swiger thanks Fr. Lachowsky, Miss Mills, Sr. Renata, Sr. Inez, Bob Carricart, Mike McNamara, and Fr. Perreault for their great help.

Rehearsing the sitting room scene are Nick Toth (Wargrave), Sharon McDonald (Emily Brent), Kevin Campbell (Marston), and Jerry Koger (Blore).

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Students Of The Month

Nick Toth was chosen as Student of the Month for January. Nick, a senior, known as Gerard's funny man, has been active in the Drama Club, as well as Master of Ceremonies for assemblies and pep rallies.

After four Seniors were chosen consecutively as Students of the Month, two members of the Class of '70 were chosen.

Maureen Warner, an honor student and president of girls' homeroom 117, was elected in February. Her extra curricular activities include: National Honor Society, Student Council, Drama and Pep Clubs, and **Trailblazer.**

Barb Magri, March Student of the Month, called her selection "a great honor" and explained she is "very pleased about it". She is Vice-President of the Junior Class and active in Student Council and Pep club.

Finally, Edwina Rickard, was elected in April. Edwina is a member of National Honor Society, Sodality, and Pep Club, and is Co-Captain of the Pom Line.

M. Fleming – Talent Plus

Amidst the red and gray clad crowd of Gerard, walks a very busy and highly talented girl. **Although only a Freshman,** Mary Fleming leads a life full **enough to keep a Senior's head** spinning.

Mary describes herself as being a very "affable person in general. You have to be, in a family of nine children, (of which six are boys) to survive. And sometimes it gets very 'wacky.' "

Her major love is music, and if you have ever had the enjoyable experience of listening to her, you can certainly see why. She is most well known as the winner of the Talent Show sponsored by the CYO of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Scottsdale, of which Mary is Secretary. Her interpretations (accompanied by her guitar) of "Universal Soldier," and "Jet Plane" won for her the $50 grand prize.

Besides the Gerard Folk and Guitar Club which she originated, Mary is active in four other singing groups; the OLPH choir, a regular folk group which sings for masses and church services, a dinner party group, and last but not least, a Mellow rock group. Besides being a guitar player, she has also played piano for over six years.

The technical side of the theatre, such as make-up and costumes, fascinates Mary. "I've never tried acting, but backstage work still contains plenty to hold me. I love it all," she says.

Mary loves Gerard and is very glad she came here. So, with all of these "likes" isn't there anything she dislikes? "Yes there is one thing, I hate to get caught in curlers!" **Oh well!**

Mary Fleming

Four Place In Science Fair

At the recent Arizona Regional Science Fair, four Geradians received recognition.

Senior Larry Vinesky placed second in the Applied Physics; Engineering catagory with his project, "The Theory Behind Gas Lassers." He also received the Army Aviation Award and the Arizona Junior Academy of Science Award for "Best of Show" with his entry.

Carl Schwent and Tim McNamara, both of the Class of '70, achieved second place in the Physics classification, and third in the Earth and Space Science group, respectively. Tim also received the Air Force Award for his project.

Finally, Mary Kieron, a Sophomore, placed second in the Zoology grouping.

Prom To Be April 19

This year, the junior-senior prom is going to be really fabulous! The Juniors have been working on decorations and earning money since September, and now it is almost ready. The prom will be held at Del Webb's Townhouse on Saturday, April 19, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. "Camelot" will be the theme and Gerard's first prom queen will be announced. She will be chosen from the 3 Senior attendents, Edwina Rickard, Cathy Hicks, and Laura Preach. Junior attendents are Barb Magri and Mary Helme.

The dress is formal and the cost will be $5.00 per couple. Since the prom is given in honor of the seniors, only juniors will have to buy tickets, but these must be purchased in advance.

The sympathy of the facullty and students is extended to **Robin** and **Pat Hargrave,** in the death of their father, and to **Margie** and **Suzi Connor** in the death of their mother.

English III Presents Poems

In an effort to give her students "a chance to communicate what they have experienced in studying modern American poetry," Sister Mary Carolin is having her Junior English classes present a "modern poetry program."

The second and third period's program will be held on Thursday, April 17, while the fifth period group gives its presentation Tuesday, April 22.

Invitations are being sent to the parents and friends of participating students.

Various groups in each class are preparing their interpretations of the different forms and themes of poetry today. These topics include: "the Negro and Poetry," "Modern Poetry from Beginning to End," "the Brotherhood of Man," "Modern Songs," "Walt Whitman and Bob Dylan," "Uplifting America," and "Hatred and Violence."

Students will express their ideas through the media of movies, slides, tape recordings, records, and pictures.

Each individual will also present a creative notebook of poetry containing any subject and arrangement he desires.

Sister Carolin explained that the program will "give the students a chance to create . . . new ways of acquainting audiences with tht modern idea of poetry . . . to see the relationships between the better music of today and its meaning in our life, and . . . to enrich the backgrounds of (the students) themselves and others."

Yes, Virginia, there is a "Trailblazer".

P.S. I wouldn't want this message to fall into the wrong hands, so please memorize it and then DESTROY YOURSELF!

CONFIDENTIAL

Mini-Editorials

1. *Alienate yourself from the deplorable practice of donning unacceptable garments when the aforementioned are forbidden.*

OR—WEAR YOUR UNIFORM!

2 *Disorder upon the countenance of the Lord's terra firma is unjustifiable.*

—DON'T LITTER THE GROUNDS!

3. *Invest one particle of your currency to witness the Thespians' cultural masterpiece.*

—BE SURE TO SEE "TEN LITTLE INDIANS" THIS WEEK!

4. *Exhibit your limitless co-ordination, stability, and power of audience appeal—the multitudes breathlessly anticipate your performance.*

—TRY OUT FOR "TALENT UNLIMITED" NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 13!

5. *Preserve the sod, to inhale the verdure.*

—KEEP OFF THE GRASS, POTHEADS AND HOTHEADS!

If information is Your bag- read Trailblazer!

'Dope Stop' Program Set

" 'DOPE STOP' is a new drug abuse prevention program introduced by the Maricopa Mental Health Association," announced John P. French, Association President. This is in conjunction with the resolution announced in December by the Association to earmark funds in a concentrated effort to reach 100,000 school children on the dangers of drug use.

"DOPE STOP" is a community-wide program of Maricopa Mental Health Association designed to reduce the alarming increase in the use of drugs among sub-teens, teenagers, and young adults. The slogan "COPE WITH DOPE" has been adopted solely on the basis of impact — although marijuana, LSD, etc. are not considered as dope, but are no less important is the "DOPE STOP" program.

The Maricopa Mental Health Association will be distributing over 10,000 posters to schools, churches, libraries, and all public gathering places over the next several months. A Volunteer Bureau will be coordinated, and anyone wishing to participate or offer services on the "DOPE STOP" program may write to Maricopa Mental Health Association, 3033 N. Central, Suite 409 — or telephone 266-5626.

Seven-Steps Lead To Hope

Convicts and ex-cons are frequently lumped into a group known as "lost causes." Until a group of ex-cons headed by Bill Fry decided to take positive action to remedy the situation, that's where they stayed.

group they started, called 7-Step Organization, has d its help through 11 to anyone who wanted ate this organization has ly successful and has s an intense example to everyone, that tough things can be accomplished with effort. Seeds have been planted in bar- is strong evidence that things are growing.

ren, parched ground, and there

Mr. Sorrell Tells Of Vista Volunteer Experiences

Many young men and women devote some of their spare time iin the summer to work on government projects including the Peace Corps, Vist(a, and Head Start.

History teacher and head basketball coach at Gerard, Bob Sorrell, worked as a Vista volunteer during the summer.

"Vista stands for Volunteers in Service to America," stated Mr. Sorrell. "It is a nationwide program designed to instruct and entertain children of low income families."

"I worked as a Vista associate," said Bob," that is, I had other volunteers working under me." Coach Sorrell begins his Vista work early in June and finishes up his services just before school begins in late August.

Mr. Sorrell did most of his work with Negro children in South Phoenix. He went on to say that it is really hard to believe that in a progressive town like Phoenix, that there are some people who cannot afford an education.

Mr. Sorrell spoke of his most rewarding moments as a Vista volunteer.

"I'll never forget the time when I took a group of youngsters swimming in my apartment pool. It was hard to get them out of the water," commented Bob.

He also recalled the time when he took his group to the Phoenix library. Not many of his group had a library card and Mr. Sorrell felt that they should not be denied the chance to read all they can.

"I feel that everyone should, at one time or another, volunteer in some form of social work. Not only is it rewarding, but it really does help unfortunate children," stated Mr. Sorrell.

Farewell Ike

General Dwight David Eisenhower is gone.

The great sports fan, the internationally loved leader, the former Army Chief of Staff, President of Columbia University, and Commander of NATO, will not soon be forgotten.

Through his two presidential terms—as through his entire life—he lived as a "True American".

Have we enough courage to follow his example?

'Charlie Brown' Scores Again

The smash musical hit, "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," is being presented at the Palace West Theatre until April 27. All the actors are either making their acting debut in a production of this kind, or they came from the Broadway troupe of the play.

The acting in this play was exceptionally good. You were not given the feeling that you were watching adults play children; rather, you were given the feeling that the real children, the inspirations for the comic strip, from which this play was taken, were right there in front of you. Lucy was a joy to behold. She was at her crabbiest. She was the center of attention when she spoke because her voice and tone were such that they could not be ignored. Linus and Snoopy were very cute. Linus' words of wisdom were beautiful and striking because they came from one so young. Charlie Brown was, of course, at his most incorrigible.

Costumes were not used. The characters were identified either by something they carried or by what they said. At the beginning of the show Snoopy carried a supper dish and a bone. Peppermint Patty had a jump rope.

If you're looking for a little happiness, a great many laughs, go see "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown".

Tots Feted

Senior girls' homeroom 221 played the part of the Easter Bunny for 39 1st graders of Sacred Heart grade school last Wednesday, April 2nd. The boys and girls sat at their desks while many of the girls served punch and different kinds of cookies. While the children were eating the Seniors mingled among them asking them questions about their schoolwork and their families. After eating they were all ready for some games. Edwina Rickard and Anne Ronan organized a game of pin the tail on the donkey, while Ann Rispoli and Marie Jennett kept the children excited by another game. Then came the moment long awaited for, the distributing of the Easter baskets made by the se nior girls. Eager eyes had been watching them until they could start nibbling on the many pieces of candy in each basket. More entertainment followed as the girls sang "Here comes Peter Cottontail." The children added the final touch as they sang a newly learned Easter song. Thankyous and goodbyes were exchanged as the girls left.

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Snoopy Sez:

Dear Snoopy,

I have a problem. There is this one boy I like that always bugs me. Sometimes he says things to me that hurt. What can I do?

Signed,
Confused

P.S. He's pretty popular.

Dear Confused,

If he "bugs" you, he must be interested — otherwise he wouldn't bother you at all.

Most probably he doesn't even realize he's hurting you with his comments.

For the time being, just play it cool — you'll soon be able to tell how he feels about you. Also, don't be discouraged — he may not be as popular as you think.

Snoopy

Tim Coughlin Connects

Varsity Record

Lost 3, Won 7

Name and Position	BA
John Paletta, Capt., catcher	.391
Carl Brandenberger, l field	.312
Ed Roberts, right field	.287
Glenn Roberts, center field.	250
Jay Nunez, 2nd base	.227
Bob Pina, short stop	.222
Jim Pina, right field	.222
Peter Glenn, 3rd base	.214
Terry O'Neill, pitcher	.200
Jim Etter, 1st base	.200
Doug Cook, pitcher	.142
Mark Ewan, 3rd base	.142

PITCHING

Name	ERA	W	L	SO	H	R
Terry O'Neill	0.62	4	1	32	23	5
Doug Cook	2.52	2	1	32	10	12

Gerard Sports

Five Golfers Seek Title

After the throngs who first tried out for this year's Golf team, Coach John Nunez narrowed the golf team to just five boys necessary for match play. Louie Bastillo, a freshman, is this year's medalist with an average score of just 37; one over par. Next is Mike Lessard who plays 2nd with a fine round of 41. Tom Benscoter who had much trouble at the beginning of the season has finally come to his own as he and Gary Benjamin, known to have one of the strangest approaches to the ball in golfing history, exchange continually the third and fourth spots on the team. Tom Kucera plays fifth. Three of the players returned from last year, Gary, Mike, and Tom B.; their best score so far is a 215, only two strokes off of last year's school record. In their only conference match to date they beat Tolleson by better than fifty strokes. They continue to look better, with heir minds set on bringing Gerard athletics the first state title ever.

'Sole Power' Is Their Bag!

"Give a man a fish, you feed him for a day—Teach him to fish and you'll feed him for a lifetime."

Dig?

That's the American Freedom from Hunger Foundation's bag. And over seven hundred kids and adults did their thing not long ago in Palm Springs, California by taking part in a thirty-mile walk in the California sunshine. With me?

You're not?

Well, it's like this. This Foundation is with it. It's not just going to give hand-outs. There's no future in it. They use their donations to teach people to support themselves—get them going and let go. Like the money from the 70 acre-model farm in Madagascar.

And its the now generation who pulls in the money by getting the whole community involved.

Student leaders organize a walk, and enthusiastic students and even adults volunteer to be walkers. It's not a demonstration, its practical. Each marcher receives a sponsor card and gets as many sponsors as he can to sign a pledge of so much money per mile that the walker can make. Would-be sponsors can also sign up in churches, offices, schools and clubs to sponser a walker.

The Palm Springs walk was the sixth of these nationally publicized walks.

Well kids, next fall it will be our turn to help the world, and to show Phoenix what the now generation can do. The idea will soon be proposed to Student Council and from there the Intra—City Student Council will spread the idea. Those of you who want to get with it, get in touch with Kathy Bell, Kay Saunders or Julie Bell.

And remember the Marchers motto:

SOLE POWER!

Sophomore John Lorentz in Action

Frosh Win

The freshman girls, overwhelmed by success, challenge any brave sophomores or juniors to a game of football. In March, the Frosh humiliated the Seniors with a score of 20-12.

On the offense for the Frosh team were Debbie Angullo, Eileen Lander, Helen De Chicco, Vici Calcagno, Caree Lester, Cathy Sutter and Cissy Salcido. Defense consisted of Mary Pat Hines, Vicki Schnaffer, Shawn Shrebrenick, Mary Kay Weller, Michelle Ficcarra and Shannon Maloney. Touchdowns were made by Helen De Chicco and Vicki Calgagno and Debbie Gomez. The extra points are credited to Mary Pat Hines who flagged a Senior after she recovered an incomplete pass in the Frosh goal zone.

Seniors Lynn George and Mary Jane De Michele made the first touchdown. The other scorer, Joyce Barbieri made a touchdown on a quarterback sneak. Other members of the senior team were, Anne Ronan, Sharon Smith, Alice Wachowski, Linda Friend, Maria Elena Canalez and Ann Rispoli.

Have You Ever Wondered?

Have you ever wondered if you could promote brotherhood?

In Phoenix, there's an organazation for teenagers with just that idea as its goal.

The I.H.S.B.C. (Inter-High School Brotherhood Council) brings together young people concerned with our society and helps them to realize these hopes.

Membership is open to any high school student who feels a need for action.

Interested people can call Don Eagle at the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

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Track Line-up

Varsity Track consists of the following:

Steve Stark—who has been running fine for the team. He ran the 100 in 10.1, the 320 in 23.3, and the 440 in 51.0.

Mike Ronan—who has run a 50.9 miles.

John Lorentz—is this years team H.L.L.H.

Mike Jessen—who joined late in the season is t hrowing discusses. Even though this year's team has yet to have a victory, the 880 relay team did set a school record. Mike, himself set a record with a discus throwing of 131. The old record was 125.

The relay team consists of:
Steve Stark, '69
John Lorenut, '71
Dennis Bourque, '72
David Jahntz, '71
Their record time was 1.36:7.

Bowl with the Gerard League

Wagon Wheel Lanes

Phoenix, Arizona 85018
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Artists Break Sound Barrier

Hey! Have you ever noticed how your classmates have little brown or white specks all over their faces and shirts and sweaters and rings and watches and . . .?

Or maybe, while in the vicinity of room 210, you've overheard a pounding and crashing that you mistook for World War II revisited?

Well, the "measles" covering your friend ("even his SHIRT?") are only fragments of the two hundred pounds of clay and hundred pounds of plaster that Sister Renata has acquired for her Art students.

And that deafening noise near the "battle zone" is part of the smashing and pounding process that helps to refine the clay.

Sister's three Art I classes are learning to mold, and later, hopefully, to carve the clay. Besides experiencing the different qualities of it, Sister hopes they'll also learn "to apply the elecents of design (including shape and texture) to it's plastic form."

Main problems students encounter include air pockets forming in the interior of the clay, (senior Maggie Schulte's purpose in Art is "to get the STUPID air bubbles out"), and refining the clay into straight-edged geometric shapes. One student also brought out, "it ruins my fingernails", while Sophomore Carol Clark commented, "My father's knife (pen-knives are used to separate portions of the forms)" will never be the same."

First year Art students can look forward to working with clay the rest of the quarter, as Sr. Renata has ordered an additional hundred pounds of the stuff.

Her Art II and III class, on the other hand, is experimenting with a variety of different medias. Among them: woodcuts, ceramics, pastel drawings, etchings, mobiles, silk screens, oil paintings, and plaster carvings.

"This way," junior Becky Ziegman explains," everyone can do their own thing."

Ann Conner's "own thing" is a pastel portrait of a Southwest Indian, while Pete Ganerelli is working on a woodcut of a base containing flowers. Dan King gets the award for originallity with a plaster carving of a foot underneath a hand holding an eyeball. How 'bout THAT? ! ! !

Finally, the third period Art Appreciation class, through the use of movies and filmstrips, is presently observing Ancient Egyptian art forms and discussing their relationships to the Art of the 20th Century.

Peace!

G. H. S. Tunes

Well gang, KRIZ has one, KRUX has one, and **now** Gerard too, can boast of having its very own music survey! Here is **OUR** list of hits:

Gerard Top Twenty

1. "Leader of the Pack" — Fr. Lachowsky
2. "Friday on my Mind" — Student Body
3. "Fakin' It" — Exam Week
4. "By the Time I Get to Phoenix" — Mt. Carmel bus
5. "Louie, Louie" — Fr. Perreault
6. "Nothing Can Stop Us Now" — Student Council
7. "Bend me, Shape me" — P.E. classes
8. "1-2-3" — Fr. Evanstock
9. "Sounds of Silence" — Broken Mirror
10. "PENNY Lane" — La Banque de Paris (in room 159)
11. "We Gotta Get Out of This Place" — Senior Class
12. "Happy Jack" — Coach Marchiello
13. "Keep the Ball Rolling" — Basketball team
14. "Light My Fire" — Fr. Miller
15. "96 Tears" — Monday Morning
16. "I've Got Rhythm" — Fr. Perreault and the Drum Corps
17. "I Believe" — Fr. D'Ostilio
18. "Chewy, Chewy, Chewy" — Caterer's Room Soup
19. "You better Sit Down, Kids" — Fr. Dougherty
20. "Something Stupid" — This column

Bits & Pieces

*If all you Father Dougherty fans are wondering where your fearless leader is, he's attending a N.C.E.A. (National Catholic Education Association) Convention in Detroit. Further discussions of Uncaused Being will resume with his return on Monday, April 14.

*There are presently 6,500 books in our library—MINUS the two overdue ones I saw in an anonymous frosh's locker yesterday.

*Melody Lee, junior, flew "American" (airlines) to Cleveland to visit relatives last week. She'll be back April 14.

*Will Father Perreault REALLY ever have a "French fit"? Does the French Academy have rules about THAT, too?

*The newly-formed Y.C.S. (Young Christian Students) group is reportedly a great success! Naturally — Sister Inez IS the moderator.

*Who Says Father Evanstock counts on his fingers?

*Jo-Ann Barbieri and Robeva Chavez are constructing a full size model pipe organ in the Art Room. So far, they've collected approximately a dozen shopping bags full of different sized tin cans with which to build it. Their only problem is finding a permanent location for it after completion!

*An anonymous junior observed that 9 out of every 10 boys here at Gerard wear something blue or yellow everyday. Look around next period — she's right!

*Julie Bell, of the class of '70, is flying to Palm Springs the SAME DAY that California is supposedly going to fall into the ocean. Julie, who's excited about the whole thing, explains, "I think it would be a real adventure! Governor Reagan (who'll just happen to be in Arizona at that time) is a BIG CHICKEN!"

*For Christmas, Father Miller wants a chocolate bar from everyone in the school.

*Yes, Mike (Hines) there IS a Gerard!

*"Mondo Campo," the recently filmed student movie, has been called a hit! by some and something else by others.

*There was a folk mass celebrated for the junior class in mid-March at John Wilkenson's house. The turnout was good, and those who attended really thought it was great.

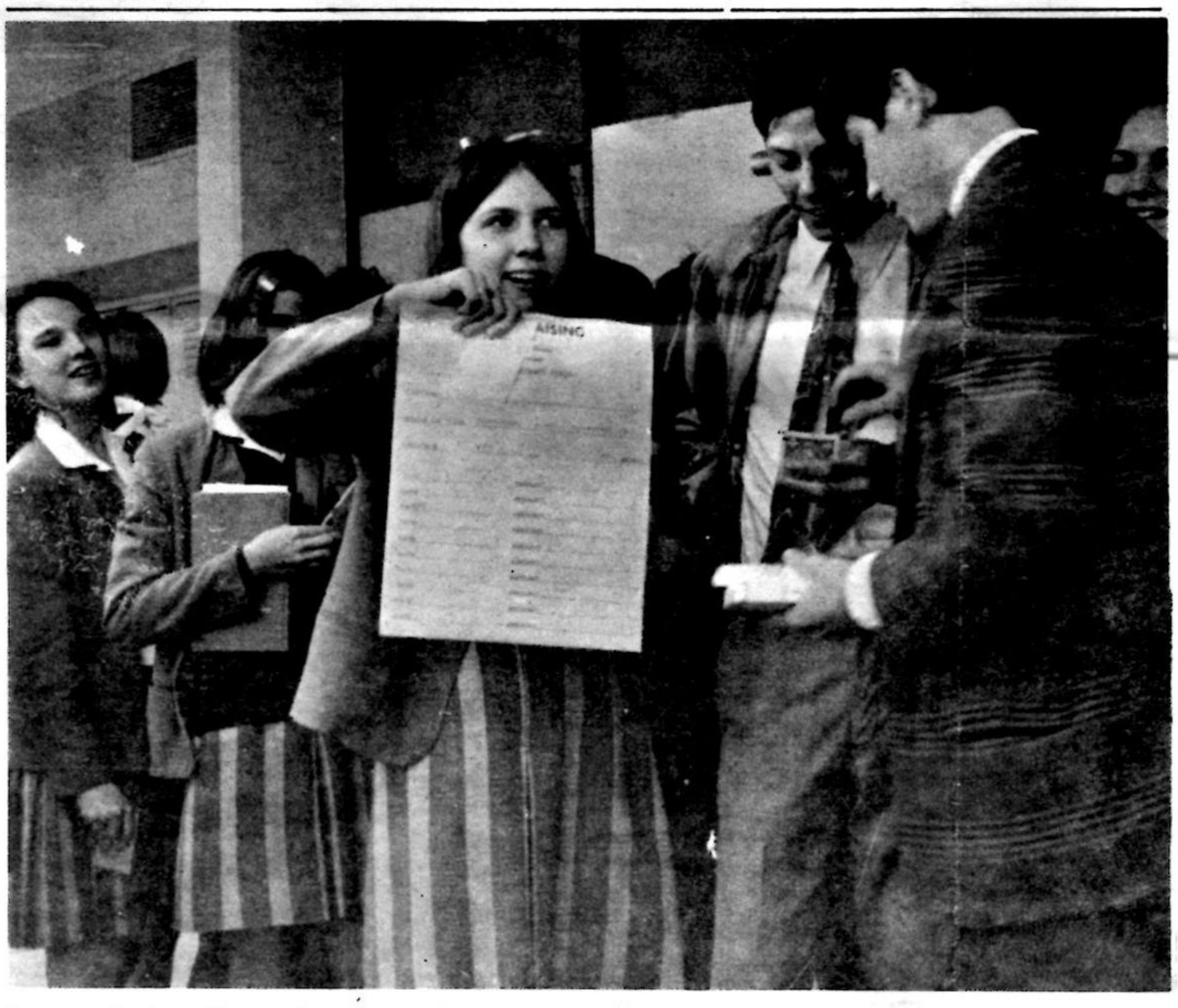
*Debbie Paluszak, although president of the Future Teachers felt on the spot teaching current events in 1st period American history.

*Spanish III continued its intellectual pursuits with a discussion on the existence of the Easter bunny. The "con" side won.

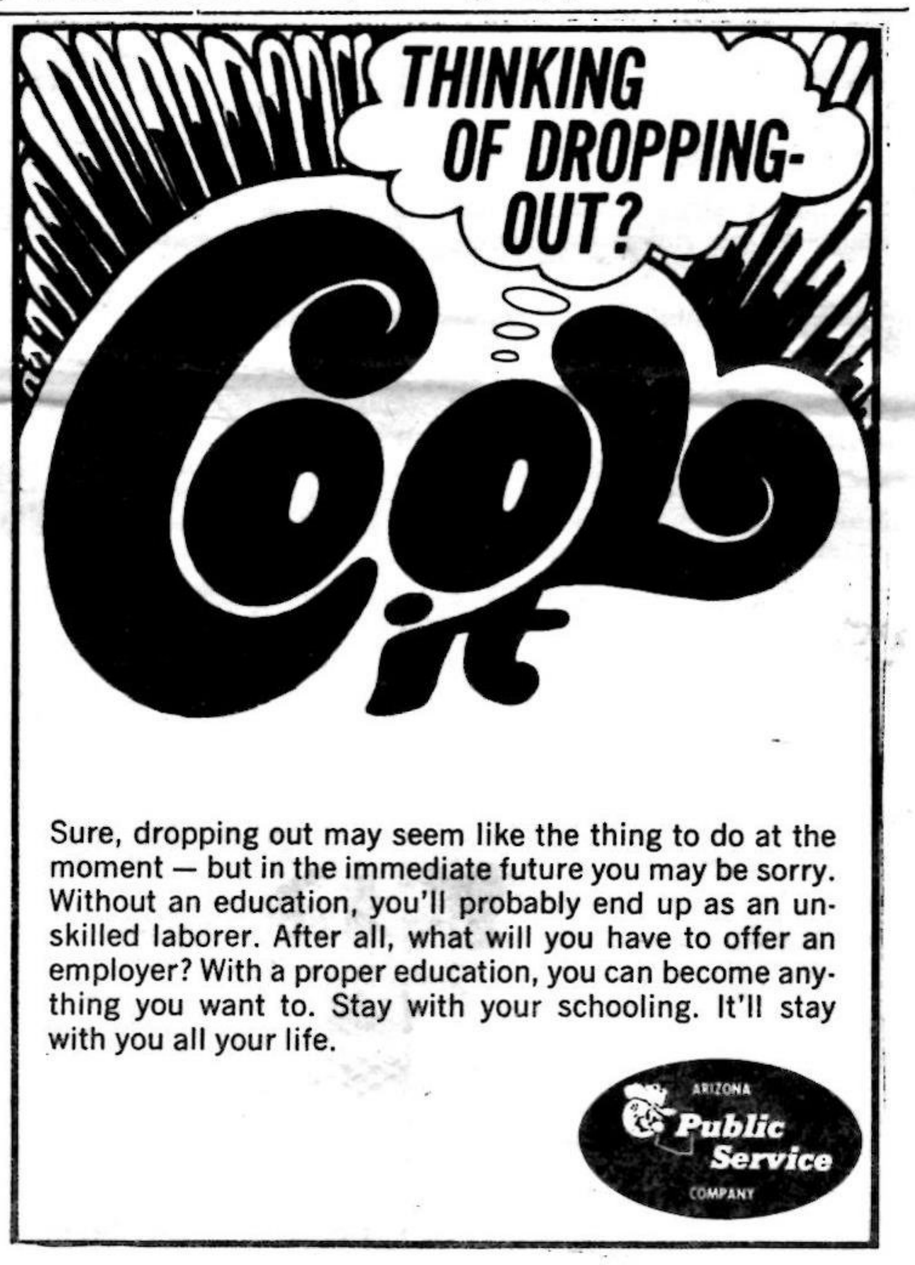
*The Junior Class is selling student directories for 35c each. Buy one and see if YOUR name is spelled correctly!

*The Juniors have bought 30 boxes of remaining World's Finest Chocolate. If everyone sells his quota, (4 bars) the class will make $240.00 profit, leaving over $300.00 in its treasury for next year. GET OUT THERE AND SELL, JUNIORS!

*Last but not least: "Whoa, gents, you're way off base!"



Ronette Zardus, '71, reminds Dave Branch, '71, to buy chocolate from Homeroom 161, but Joe O'Neill, '71, seems to have made up his mind.



Sure, dropping out may seem like the thing to do at the moment — but in the immediate future you may be sorry. Without an education, you'll probably end up as an unskilled laborer. After all, what will you have to offer an employer? With a proper education, you can become anything you want to. Stay with your schooling. It'll stay with you all your life.

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