

Guidance Director Leads Orientation

The freshman class orientation of the guidance department was conducted by Mrs. Joyce Bayless, guidance counselor, on Friday and Monday, September 18 and September 23.

These students were instructed as to the use of the occupational files, which contain a wealth of information on numerous vocations and professions.

A large collection of pamphlets concerning several topics such as service in the armed forces, automobile driving, and higher education, is located on a table within the office.

In addition to these educational aids, many college catalogs and bulletins are available concerning Texas and out-of-state colleges and junior colleges as well. These catalogs provide necessary information about admission requirements, courses offered, and degree programs. All such aids may be helpful to prospective college students, and many of these materials may be checked out

PSAT Set for October 20th

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests will be given to junior and senior students on Tuesday morning, October 20.

The PSAT measures two kinds of scholastic ability—verbal and mathematical. Studies conducted in several hundred colleges throughout the country have shown that these abilities are essential to successful college work.

PSAT scores will be available in December. Juniors and seniors can use these scores to compare their verbal and mathematical abilities with those of other students in the same grade throughout the country and with those juniors and seniors who subsequently entered college. This information, considered with the secondary school academic record can help estimate ability to do college-level work.

An especially useful feature of the PSAT is its similarity to the College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test, required for admission to many colleges. Colleges that require the SAT of applicants for admission do not accept PSAT scores in place of SAT scores. However, since the PSAT and the SAT ask the same kinds of questions and measure the same kinds of abilities, the scores on the PSAT will give an early indication of how one will probably perform on the SAT.

Although the primary purpose of the PSAT is to help in developing plans for college, the test is also used by some scholarship sponsors in considering applicants for rewards. Senior National Honor Society students should take the test if they wish to compete for the N. H. S. Scholarships.

The one dollar fee for the test will be taken when the student reports to take the test.

'64 Yell Leaders Receive Honors

Four 1964 RHS cheerleaders have distinguished themselves as the first RHS students to win ribbons in the yell leading competition at the Southern Methodist University cheerleading school on the SMU campus in Dallas during the past summer.

The cheerleaders attending, Nancy Camp, Nancy Harrison, Carolyn Rasco, and Charlotte Balch, won a third place and two honorable mention ribbons. Twenty other schools were represented in the competition class. There were four winning places offered.

About one thousand girls from all over Texas attended this first of three workshops offered during the past summer. This first clinic lasted from Sunday through Friday, August 9 through 14.

Laurence Herkimer was the main instructor. Mr. Herkimer instructed the entire school each afternoon at the general assembly.

There were also classes giving the girls special training in tumbling and group yell leading. Pom-pom routines set to music were demonstrated each day.

Each night, yells were taught and the girls learned and practiced them. Nancy Camp, one of the Rockdale representatives, said, "We learned sixteen new yells. We really enjoyed attending the school."

From Your LIBRARY 250 New Books Added to Library

Approximately 250 new books have been added to the RHS library since the first of June. Books concerning almost any imaginable topic are among the new additions.

Whether one savors folklore, drama, classical works, political science, or space-age adventure, there are books available to satisfy his taste. Books of fiction and fact from periods of the past to the future line the library shelves.

In time with world events and public interest, several

books such as **The Lyndon Johnson Story**, **Cuba**, and **The Peace Corps** are available.

For those who love the sea, **Modern Surfing Around the World** is one of the many books concerning sports which await students who are interested.

Undecided careerists can find a sizeable collection of books dealing with engineering, medicine, acting, dentistry, and many other professions, while poetry enthusiasts may discover the new additions of poetry and prose collections.

1964 College Night Slated October 19

College Day and Evening activities are being planned for Monday, October 19. A combination program of day and evening activities is being planned.

An afternoon assembly program at 2:30 will give students an opportunity to hear Dr. James H. McCooklin, President of Southwest State College, discuss items related to college education.

All high school students and as many of their parents who can will attend this session. At 6:45 in the evening interested

P-TA Discusses Carnival to be At Junior High

Mrs. Douglas Key, president of the Rockdale Parent-Teacher Association, conducted the first meeting Tuesday night, September 15, in the junior high school cafeteria.

Other officers of the P-TA include first vice president and program chairman, Ben Russell; second vice president and head of the fund and finance committee, Bob Thompson; secretary, Mrs. Charles Thompson; treasurer, Mrs. Don Culp; parliamentarian, Eldon Ball; his-torian, Mrs. Ralph Nichols; publicity chairman, Mrs. Alan Clayton.

After the introduction of the new teachers by Mr. J. W. Moorman, the association voted to hold six instead of the usual nine meetings this year. These are to be held on the third Tuesday of every month except December, January, and May, which are considered to be the busiest months in the school year.

A report was given by the executive committee concerning the possibility of a carnival sponsored by the P-TA. There was a discussion from the floor and the association decided to have the carnival on Saturday, October 31. Plans for the event were left to the executive committee.

After the business meeting, Cokes and cookies were served. Mrs. Key expressed her wish to make the P-TA "of more service to high school students." Mrs. Key also expressed the P-TA's desire to get attendance up since it has fallen low. "We would like to have as many high school parents and teachers as possible attend the meetings," she said.

TEST SCHEDULE

Mrs. Joyce Bayless, counselor, offers the following test schedule for the students of RHS.

- ROCKDALE HIGH SCHOOL**
Ninth Grade Ability—November 10.
- Ninth Grade Achievement—November 11 and 12.
- Eleventh Grade Achievement—October 26 and 27.
- PSAT—Optional to juniors and Seniors—October 20 (Cost—one dollar).
- ROCKDALE JUNIOR HIGH**
Seventh Grade Ability—October 28 and 29.
- Seventh Grade Achievement—November 3.

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