

Julie Places Fourth

Sixteen girls from the greater Kansas City area were chosen to compete in the finals for the title of Miss Teenage Kansas City. Julie Hinton, RHS Junior, was chosen as fourth runner up in the competition.



Julie Hinton, junior, fourth runner up in Miss K. C. Pageant.

Rayflector



Dance Scheduled For Dec. 21

The formal winter dance sponsored by Ramizzou, will be held from 8:30-11:30 in the cafeteria on Dec. 21. Tickets will be \$2.50 per couple. The "Upsetters" will supply music.

During the yearbook sale, the students who bought yearbooks nominated four couples to run for king and queen. The winning nominees are: Kathy Latz, Donna Mann, Kathy O'Hara, Sharon White, Dave Dickey, Tom Minter, Randy Webber, and Layton Yates.

In the future, the students will vote to decide the winning couple who will reign over the dance.

See Twitch In Science

Mr. Troxell's physiology classes annually study the workings of the muscle twitch, in learning the parts of the human body. A frog muscle was used in observing the latency, contraction and relaxation periods of the twitch.

Students aided Mr. Troxell in setting up the kymograph, an instrument with a circular rotating drum, used to record the different periods of the twitch. Smoked paper was wrapped around the drum. The muscle of a frog was attached to the kymograph and stimulus was applied, causing it to twitch.

Three arms touching the smoked paper moved to record the action of the twitching muscle. Lines recording timing and action of the muscle were transmitted to the paper.

"Best of Enemies" will be shown Friday, Dec. 20, in the auditorium. Students who sold at least one magazine in the Student Council magazine drive, will be excused from class to watch the film.

Salesmen To Reap Benefits

"Patch of Blue," "Wonderful World of Brothers Grimm," "Guns of Navarone," "Ten Little Indians," and "Robin and the Seven Hoods" were the other movies discussed at the Student Council meeting held Monday, Nov. 18.

"Best of Enemies" was favorably selected and will be shown Friday, Dec. 20, the last day of school before our Christmas vacation.

This year a cartoon will be featured before the main attraction. Vice-President Greg Grounds, explained the reason for obtaining the cartoon. "Most students are excited in expectation of the Christmas holidays and talk and cut-up during the first part of the movie. With the cartoon before, the students may relieve some of their enthusiasm and by the time the movie begins their attention will be focused upon the screen."

Students who sold at least one magazine will be excused classes that day.

WPA is Coming!

The annual WPA (Women Pay All) dance sponsored by Rayflector will be held Jan. 11 in the RHS cafeteria. Roaring 20's will be the theme for this year's dance, with emphasis on Bonnie and Clyde.

A charleston contest, a Bonnie and Clyde look alike contest, and the crowning of the king will be features of the dance.

King candidates will be nominated from all three classes this year in comparison to past years when the king was a senior. The nominees and the band to play will be featured in the Dec. 20 edition of Rayflector.

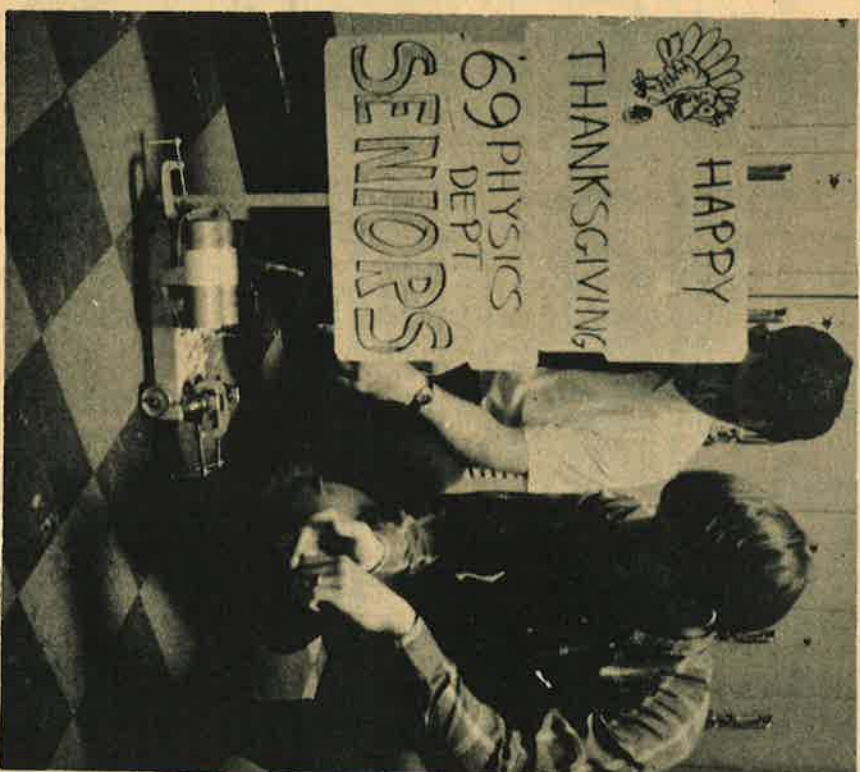
Physics

Foolery

Under the supervision of Mr. Wiley, Physics teacher, first, second, and third hour physics classes made a motorized cart. This cart moved through the cafeteria Nov. 27 with a holiday note "Happy Thanksgiving Seniors '69."

Brian Crane, inventor, was helped to assemble the art by Ron Sittes, in first hour. Second hour, Lynn Richardson synchronized the two motors. The rest of the physics classes helped to revise the holiday cart.

Mr. Wiley and his assistants gained praise and approval on their machine during lunch. Mr. Wiley says he plans to make another Christmas addition.



Mr. Willey and Brian Crane check out last minute details before sending motorized "what's it" on its duty run.

Jay Dates

December
6—BB Southeast (There)
7—BB St. Jo Central (Here)
9—Faculty party
11—French Club party
13—BB Southwest (There, Southeast Field House)
14—BB Jeff City (Here)
15—RHS Choral Concert
20—BB Oak Park (There)

"Romeo and Juliet" To Premier in Dec.

Mayor Illus Davis of Kansas City has scheduled a "Now Generation" Benefit Premier of "Romeo and Juliet" for December 19.

Before the screening of the show, The Classmen will be on stage, along with a showing of "Now Fashions," from Macy's. All proceeds go to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. The premier will be held Thursday at 7:45 p.m. at the Brookside Theater, 6325 Brookside Plaza. The \$2.00 tickets are now available at all Fox Midwest Theaters and WHB Radio. WHB has this to say of the premier: "Paramount Pictures brings to the screen this fresh and brilliant version of a story 400 years old and also brings to Kansas City a happening."

Fletridge School Observed by FTA

Fifteen members of FTA observed the new Fletridge Elementary school facilities as an example of what the club members can expect in schools if they teach.

Mr. Barnes, principal of the school escorted the group to the new rooms, counseling center, and teacher's lounge. One experimental classroom is carpeted to cut down on floor noise.

FTA will have an introductory meeting a week after second semester begins to recruit new members.

Winter Safety

The month of November became an early winter. Windy, freezing days and even snow was reported in the areas of Missouri. Here are some safety tips for winter driving:

1. check antifreeze
2. have a winter tune-up
3. tires—install them before first snow
4. get chains if needed
5. check defroster
6. replace windshield wiper
7. check brakes
8. check muffler
9. check lights
10. use seat belts

Be sure to avoid oversteering, overpowering, and overbraking. Don't release accelerator too fast—it may cause skids. To stop your car on snow and ice pump your brakes. Steer into a skid. Remember these and use them wisely in the winter months ahead.

Senior TV Celebrities

Five senior students were chosen to represent Raytown on Categories, a TV quiz program sponsored by WDAF. They are: Debby Lavery, Bill Reed, Bruno Riegel, Greg Runyan, and Mike Sundermeyer.

These students were chosen on the basis of their over all school records and collective knowledge in math, science, literature, languages, sports, social studies, art, music, and current events.

The program was taped December 3 and will be telecast Saturday, December 21, on channel 4.

Movie Review

Western Strikes At Society

by Frank Binney

The surprising popularity of the Clint Eastwood westerns, when other films of similar settings and violence have failed, must be accredited to the character of Clint Eastwood himself. Whether we realize it or not, most of us subconsciously feel helpless against the intricacies of our systematic society; so we enjoy watching someone upon whom the system has no bearing.

Clint Eastwood is that someone. He is tall, strong, handsome, and most of all, invincible. He walks down the street the way we would like to walk down it: feared, respected, and having the silent knowledge that he can handle anyone or anything that gets in his way. We can identify with Eastwood when he guns down a band of greedy banditos whose only crime was making fun of his mule because we have the suppressed desire to do the same thing to people who walk on us.

Viet Nam is one of the most controversial verbal battle grounds today. It is often difficult to decide what stand to take on the issue. We ask if we have a right to police the world and play Big Brother to nations like Viet Nam. On the other hand, it's hard to watch innocent people be subjugated and see communism spread a little farther.

Perhaps one of the best thoughts on the matter was voiced by Mr. Hanks in his memorandum on Veterans Day. He said in essence that it doesn't matter now whether or not we should be there, we ARE there. Our men in uniform know it and are doing the best they know how. Ask any soldier and he'll give you a handful of reasons why he is fighting. What is more, most men believe in the cause. As one Marine put it, "I'm fighting for my country and my parents who have given me so much; and my unborn children."

Still, there is trouble with getting some young men into the service. We don't see the men and boys mobbing the draftboards to volunteer as they did for the world wars. The "why" of this may never be known. Some feel it wrong, but there are enough who feel the responsibility of their country on their shoulders to take up arms.

When it will all end, no one can say. The peace talks are dragging on like the Korean talks did. We had a glimmer of hope with the bombing halt. Now we hear of fighting in the DMZ. Things don't seem promising, but the next few months will tell the story. One thing we may almost be sure of, they "won't be back til it's over, over there."

Editorial Comment by Paula Englund

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A Verbal Battleground Viet Nam

From the Editors' Desk

Traffic Safety

Traffic accidents are something that can and will affect everyone, sooner or later. Numerous students at RHS have already been a part of severe accidents and still have injuries. LeAnne Burton, RHS junior, is still in the hospital recovering from injuries suffered in a two car collision in October.

It is stifling how the rate of traffic accidents has sky rocketed in the last five years and has continued its upward move. One out of every three students at RHS this year will be directly affected by an auto accidents in the next three years.

To combat the growing accident rate, the Kemper Insurance Company will once again sponsor a national wide traffic safety campaign. The RAYFLECTOR, which will supervise the Raytown High School campaign, asks the help and compliance of the students and clubs.

We ask that every club set up a display or billboard, posters, or signs on traffic safety and the astounding damages and costs of traffic accidents. In this way the entire student body, by looking at displays and billboards in the halls, will become more safety conscious. Remember, the life you save may be your own!

While "Coogan's Bluff" lacks the traditional soundtrack which, besides a blazing gun, was often the only thing which gave Eastwood a sense of expression, and one certainly doesn't leave the theatre in deep thought about some inner truth, anyone feeling a little frustrated at society should enjoy seeing it.

Up until now, however, we could only long to return to our childhood concept of the uncomplicated wild west because harsh reality makes the idea of walking down a modern day street with a serape, stenson, and six gun seem stupid. But this is exactly what Producer-Director Don Siegle has attempted to do in "Coogan's Bluff." Siegle has Eastwood pitted against all the ills and evils of our society in the form of a modern Arizona deputy sheriff named Coogan who is sent to New York City to bring back a fugitive. Naturally, the cool of the "Man With No Name" is going to be a little diminished since the plot would have little credibility if Eastwood riddled the first person who made fun of his cowboy boots, but the well done action shots, like a hair raising motorcycle chase through the Cloisters, help to fill this void.

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Movies Not For Student Audiences

Editorial Comment by Chris Brooks

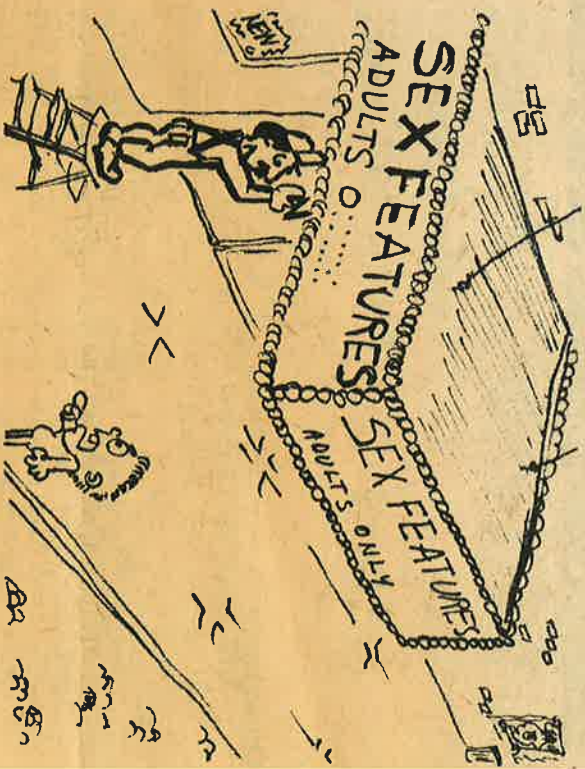
If you have looked at the movie ads in the newspaper lately, you have certainly noticed that of the movies listed, the majority are classified "for adult audiences only." These movies, dealing with overwrought sex and extreme violence, are not for or open for teenage audiences, even though the younger generation frequents movie theaters at most five times as often as do adults.

Public clamor is against the unrepentable movies, but Hollywood, as well as foreign film companies, continue uncasingly to produce them. These "adult" films are the no means the top rated motion pictures, nor do they "take in the money as might be expected."

Just the opposite "The Sound of Music," a musical starring Julie Andrews, is by far the top profit movie in history, along with winning an Academy Award for the best picture of the year.

You may say that "The Sound of Music," is a frea of nature. But there are other good movies like "Fanny Girl," "Finian's Rainbow," "Camelot," and the revived of "Gone with the Wind" have come to take its place. So now you see that there is an alternative to the overloaded sex movies.

Of course, some "adult" movies have been overpro



"Hey Mister, You spelled SIX wrong!"

nounced and don't really call for the mature audience rating. "The Boston Strangler," starring Tony Curtis, is one such movie that is violent but still comparatively good for teenagers. (It is based on a real life happening, murder, that everyone detests, but accepts as a part of modern society.)

The main problem with the new trend in movies is deciding what a "mature audience" is and then how to enforce it. Today teenagers mature earlier than they did even ten years ago, and, through TV, radio, and the newspapers, have been faced with the problems, head on. The "mature audience" sign, which is not always enforced, is more of a drawing card to underage teens than it is a warning. The nature of today's teens, as it has been for many years, is to do the opposite of what is good and what they are told to do.

There is no doubt that something must be done and done quickly. More "decent" entertainment must be provided if the morals of the new, as well as the old generation are to stay out of the gutter.

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On School Relations Discussion Centers

The Inter-School Relations Day at Oak Park November 23 was supported by 12 schools from the KC area. Raytown was one of those participating.

Various clubs and organizations sent representatives to the meeting. Going were: Diane Beck, Spanish Club; Chris Brooks, Rayflector; Mary Brown, Art Club; Charles Copeland, Band; Cindy Durbin, Cheerleaders; Skip Evans, French Club and Honor Society; Michel Hall, Drama Club; Diana Holtz, FHA; Shirley Kyle, Y-Teens; Nancy McCracken, Orchestra; Jennifer McDonald, Science Club; Donna Mann, Pep Squad; Sharon Martin, Latin Club; Cheryl Mooney and Terry Rhinas, Tri-R; Jim Trotter, NFL; and Tereresa Yeates, FTA.

Viet Girl Visits RHS

Nyugen Thi Cam Ha, 1966-67 RHS foreign exchange student from South Vietnam returned to RHS Nov. 21 to visit faculty and school friends. She will be staying in the U. S. on a five year student visa.

"I like the American system of education," Cam said. She will be studying to be a pharmacist at Park College in February, and is staying with the president of that college. When she completes her education in the U. S. she plans to return to Vietnam to practice pharmacy. She will be working at the Jones Store Company on the Mall after Thanksgiving.

Cam was interviewed by a KCMO television news reporter on Oct. 31. She was asked her opinions on the war in Vietnam. An article was also printed about her in the Kansas City Star. Cam believes a bombing halt would not be good.

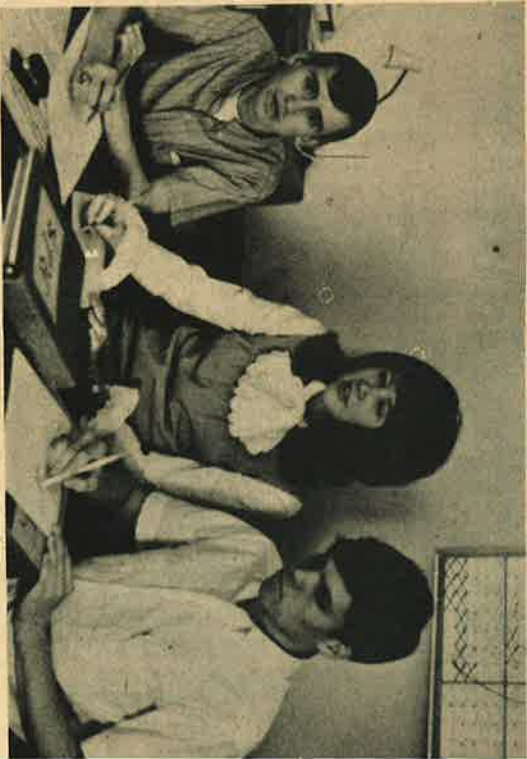
Spelunkers Go South

Exploring the extensive solution cavities and passages that honeycomb much of Missouri's limestone is the chief ambition and enjoyment of the Raytown Cave Club. Membership is limited to 20 RHS juniors and seniors of both sexes meeting the strict scholastic and physical requirements. Trip attendance is limited to only 14 members. The group is sponsored by Mr. Watts, math teacher, while officers are: president, Mike Quearry; vice-president, Steve Krueger; sec-treasurer, Janet Weston.

The club recently made its first trip of the year to Rollins Cave near Waynesville. Members describe the cave as having a large entrance which narrows down to a winding crawlway crossed in several places by an underground river. After about 1000 feet, the crawl opens into a wide, spacious, hall-like, passage. This passage, which continues in this size for several miles, is decorated by multi-colored stalactites and stalagmites, translucent draperies, onyx waterfalls, and root-like helictites. The advanced group reported that the cave was still of large proportions when their allotted time for exploration ran out; although towering clay banks were making progress slower and more difficult. Mud covered clothes of all the members attested to the stories of waist deep mud bogs which are found in several parts of the cave.

Nursing sore knees and tired muscles, the group camped for the night on the banks of the Gasconade River. After dinner, they were entertained by the underground sounds of the Cavers Five singing their popular hits--Somewhere Over the Guano, and Let's Go Down in That Hole, Joe. Sunday, the group went through Tunnel Cave, which resembles a long underground canyon, before returning home to Raytown.

Journalists Expand Community News



Janis Chaney, a senior at Raytown and also a member of the Rayflector staff, was chosen by the Independence Examiner to be the high school correspondent from Raytown.

Every Tuesday evening a full page of the Independence Examiner is devoted to news from numerous area junior and senior high schools. Each of the schools has one correspondent and they report on club news, special events and in general just what's going on at their school.

Y-Teens Collect Food

Y-Teen members have collected canned goods this year as they have in the past as a service project. The food will go to a needy family in the Kansas City-Raytown district to provide them with a Thanksgiving dinner.

Nov. 19 the owner of the Chateau Wig Salon spoke to the members on the care of wigs. The girls were also told what to look for when buying a wig.

Nov. 25 some of the members of Y-Teens will attend a World Fellowship Banquet at the Deramus branch of the YWCA.

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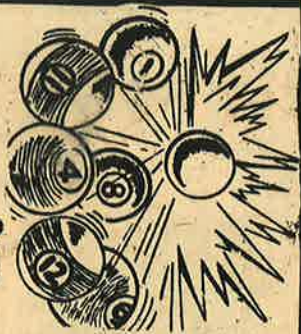
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From the sidelines

by David Noack, Sports Editor

In the wake of the 1968-69 cage season it is interesting to note that "Independence Examiner" had each coach in the Suburban Eight Conference to pick which team would finish first in loop play. The results were as follows:

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| Raytown | 1 |
| Center | 2 |
| Raytown South | 3 |
| William Chrisman | 4 |
| Truman | 5 |
| Ruskin | 6 |
| North Kansas City | 7 |
| Oak Park | 8 |

Tom Goddard, Raytown basketball coach, attributed the speed and the shooting ability of the players for the jays playing the role as the favorite. Goddard evaluated the teams chances, "If we don't have many injuries, and if we work hard with plenty of desire, I feel we have a good chance." Coach Goddard looks for Center to win the conference title if the jays fail to capture the crown. The average height of the team is 6'2" with Jim Greene leading the list standing at 6'4".

Returning players receiving letters last year are seniors Randy Weber, David Dickey, Jerry Swank, Larry McDaniel and junior Jim Greene.

Swank and McDaniel will play out front at the guard position. They both stand 6 feet tall. Greene will play at the post while 6'2" Weber and 6'2" Dickey will anchor down the forward positions.

Coach Goddard looks for juniors Steve Snelling, Jim Barnes, and Damon Soltyz to be able to relieve the starting five and provide the depth a championship team needs. Barnes and Snelling play forward and Soltyz plays guard.

Randy Weber has been selected captain by his team mates and is expected to lead the team in spirit and hustle.

Sportlighter

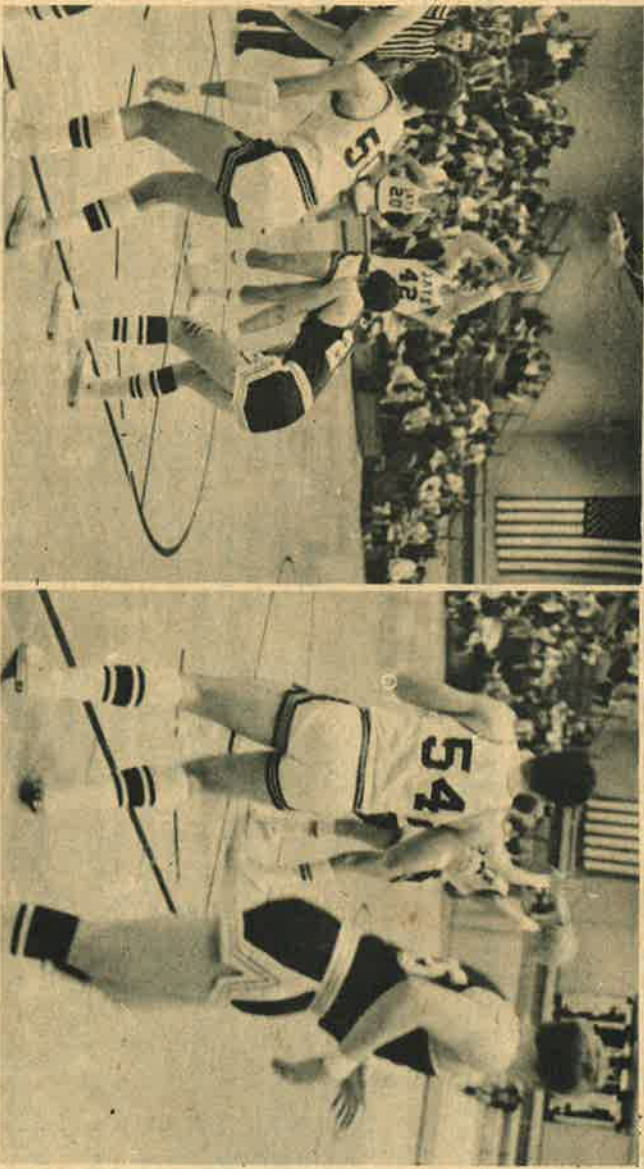


Layton Yates

Raytown's left linebacker and top tackler for the season is senior, Layton Yates. Of nine games he maintained an average of nearly ten tackles per contest, giving him a total of 88 for the season. Layton was voted first team all conference linebacker for his efforts.

Besides lettering two years in football, Layton has lettered once wrestling. Presently, he has a broken wrist, but as soon as it heals, he plans to join Raytown's matmen.

His other interests include swimming and diving, boxing, and gymnastics. He enjoys chemistry and anatomy, and plans to study veterinary medicine at Missouri University. He wishes to practice as a veterinarian in either Missouri or Colorado.



Jim Greene (42) at the line, Jim Caesar (54) and Dave Dickey (25) wait for rebound. Juniors upset seniors, 72-69. The annual Blue-White tilt tipped off the 1968-69 cage season, November 26. Jim Greene and Jim Barnes led the white with 20 and 14 points respectively.

Swimmers Compete Tonight

Swim Team will have a promising season this year," projected Coach Buck. Co-Captains selected for first swim team in Raytown's history are juniors, Scott Cauger and Jack Belshie.

Their stint goes farther than that of captains in other sports at Raytown. They are to help coach plan practices, determine which team members are to swim in the meets, and help out swimmers who are breaking rules.

The team is under the supervision of Coach Buck, a coach from Raytown South. Coach Buck feels "privileged to be able to coach such a fine team."

The 25 swimmers practice at the Raytown YWCA, one hour a day from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., 5 days a week. The strokers will all wear blue racing suits with two large white stripes on each side. Lettered on the white stripes will be RHS.

Four Clinch

All Conference

the team in tackles at the left linebacker spot. Dickey anchored down the right side of the defensive line at the end position.

Jim Legg, offensive tackle, and Gary Leeper, middle linebacker were selected for the second team.

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