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Semester Exams

Discussed by Student Council

Raytown's Student Council discussed plans for future scheduling of semester testing in a meeting Monday, Jan. 27.

It was a general complaint of most student Council members that teachers of required and elective courses crammed final exams into the last few days of the semester. This could mean some students might have as many as three to five of these tests on the last day of semester.

After discussing the pros and cons of scheduling semester tests on certain days for certain courses, a committee was chosen to solve minor problems and to formulate an acceptable plan to present to the faculty. Chairman for the committee is Shirley Kyle, with Kathy So-phy, Chuck Erickson, Doug Meador, John Hill, and Sara Chittwood as committee members.

Mr. Hanks felt the council should keep suggested restrictions for testing to the very minimum. He also added that final semester exams should be scheduled and conducted in three to four days.



Soenen Takes Place—

Buckingham Leaves

Due to Family Illness

Miss Rosemary Buckingham, Raytown's drama teacher, left Raytown Feb. 5, to go home due to her father's illness. Miss Buckingham said, "I'm sorry to be leaving Raytown. I've enjoyed working with the students and faculty of this fine school."

Miss Buckingham received from her students candy and roses as a token of their esteem. Students expressed hope that Mr. Buckingham would improve enough to allow Miss Buckingham to return next year.

Ruth Rewoldt Named

Future Homemaker

In National Contest

Ruth Rewoldt has been named 1969 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Raytown High on the basis of her score in a written knowledge and attitude test on homemaking given to senior girls here Dec. 3.

Ruth's achievement makes her eligible for state and national scholarships. She also received a silver charm from General Mills, sponsor of the Betty Crocker Search.

A state Homemaker of Tomorrow and runner-up will be selected from the winners in the state. The state winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship, and her school will receive a complete set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. The runner-up will earn a \$500 educational grant.

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow from Missouri, along with those from all other states and the District of Columbia, each accompanied by a school advisor, will join in an expense paid educational tour of Washington D. C. and Colonial Williamsburg, Va., this spring.

The national winner will be announced at an American Table dinner in Williamsburg. The choice will be on the basis of her original test score plus personal observation and interviews during the tour, and her scholarship will be increased to \$5,000. Second, third, and fourth ranking Home-



makers in the nation will have their original scholarship grants increased to \$4,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000, respectively.

Thespians Sponsor Valentine Dance

Tonight Drama Club is sponsoring a Valentines dance immediately following the Raytown-Ruskin home basketball game. Profits from the dance will be used to buy trophies for Thespian tournaments and later for the Drama Club Banquet.

The teen town will be in the RHS cafeteria till 11:30 p.m. for Raytown Students only.

Jay Dates

- February
- 14—RHS-RSHS dual swim meet, Raytown YWCA
- BB, Ruskin—here
- 15—Ruskin Speech Tournament
- BB, Center—here
- 17—Soph. BB, Center—here
- NMSQ Test
- 21—BB, North Kansas City—there
- District in Swimming
- 25—BB, Wm. Chrisman—here
- 26—Ruskin-Raytown Choral Concert
- 27—All-school pep rally
- BB, Raytown South—there.

Quartet Performs

The Central Missouri State College String Quartet performed Tuesday, Feb. 4, for the RHS Orchestra, and second hour Glee Club.

The numbers performed were: Beethoven's Quartet, Op. 18, Minuetto; Nocturne, the third movement of Badin Quartet; Second movement of Anon Wedren's String Quartet, Op. 28; Minuetto and Finale of Hydn's The Lark; and Liebestrend's Fritz Kreisler.

The purpose of the quartets visit here was not only to perform, but to try to interest students into attending CMSC, as a music student. Each summer CMSC encourages Orchestra, Band or Choir members to spend a week donated to music study. A scholarship is given to one student, a junior or senior from each high school in the area, who is interested in the summer course.

Exchange with Ruskin—

Two Choirs Combine

The Ruskin High School Choir will participate in a concert exchange with the Raytown High School Choir here Feb. 26.

The exchange will consist of an approximately 40 minute assembly with each choir presenting a 20 minute program, and finally combining to sing "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" by Edwin Fisinger.

Last year marked the beginning of the exchange between the two schools with Ruskin being the host. Mr. Tarry, the Ruskin Choir director, and Mr. Fulkerson, the Raytown Choir director, both have hopes of the program continuing in the future.

Starnes Clan Gains Addition to Family

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Starnes became the parents of a 7 lb. 10 oz. baby girl, Amy Lynne, on Monday Jan. 27. Amy, the Starnes' first child, was born at Research Hospital.

Mr. Starnes taught history and occupations here for three years. Once he had obtained his Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling, he began his career as a counselor. He is now completing his second year of counseling here at Raytown High School.

Iron Butterfly Turns On K. C.

The Iron Butterfly and Grateful Dead (noted rock musicians) visited K. C. Feb. 5, at Memorial Hall in Kansas City, Kans.

Each group played for 1½ hours to a crowd of over 3,000 young people.

Some of the songs presented at the concert were: "In-A-Gadda-Da Vida" and "Unconscious Power."

Climaxing the concert was the igniting of the stage by the Iron Butterfly.

Art Classes Tour

Nelson Gallery

Mr. Leamon's allied arts classes are spending today touring the Nelson Art Gallery.

It is the group's first field trip of the year and was organized to give the students a chance to see examples of art work, thus making the study of allied arts more meaningful.

The students traveled to the gallery by bus and will spend the day viewing paintings and sculpture that are related to their study of the arts.

Mr. Leamon said, "I hope the experience of viewing and hearing discussions about the works of art will create a better understanding and appreciation of art, and help to develop the ability to judge between good art and bad art."

In addition an architectural field trip is scheduled for later this year.

Girls Present Simplicity Fashions

Nineteen girls from Mrs. Schupp's clothing classes modeled Simplicity dress pattern clothing in a fashion show, given Feb. 4 for the sixth hour home economics and business classes in the auditorium.

Mrs. Pat Marshall, Simplicity stylist, aided in modeling the new fashions. Popular styles the Peasant, Indian and Victorian look. Styles from dress-up to sportswear.

Mrs. Schupp instructed her students' fashion course and aided with modeling fashion presentation.



Jennifer Boswell displays her joy over being crowned 1969 Basketball Homecoming Queen.

Movie Review

Colorful "Oliver!"

Has Frolicing Twist

by Carole Vigil

Anyone who wishes to see the film "Oliver!" from written by Lionel Bart's viewpoint—as a light-hearted, colorful musical—is certain to be delighted by this presentation. The avid Charles Dickens fan who is looking for an identical copy of "Oliver!" had better look somewhere else.

Lionel Bart's "free adaptation" of the classic "Oliver Twist" has been lifted from his stage play by screen writer Vernon Harris and transformed into this lively, happy film of the life and times of London youths and thieves. "Oliver!" takes the young title character from a workhouse to his escape into the hands of the elderly pickpocket, Fagin.

Dickens' version of the story is far more tragic, probably because he intended to criticize the social and moral conditions of his times. Bart's main intention seems to have been to put his viewer into a happy mood. "Oliver!" deserves credit for being a gay musical. It is filled with gorgeous songs and the pageantry of skillful dancers moving in lilting harmony. Dickens' original story seems only as a vehicle for this fast-paced, frolicking music.

"Where is Love," poignantly mirrors Oliver's grief over being an orphan. The artful Dodger, Oliver's friend and Fagin's accomplice, introduces the song

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College Classes Offered During Summer Months

Opportunities are offered to a limited number of high school juniors to acquire college credit and become oriented to college life during the summer months. Many colleges over the U.S. offer summer classes on the freshman level for the student in the upper rank of his class.

Courses offered at various colleges include: foreign language, history, math, music appreciation, political science, sociology, psychology, speech, engineering and computer science.

Course studies range from three to nine weeks in length. Many scholarships are offered. Fees vary from small room charge to full enrollment.

Because there is a limited amount of enrollment, juniors are urged to obtain enrollment information from the counselors office. Most colleges have only selective enrollment of 25 to 50 students for the summer; so the sooner the applications are in, the better the chance to be accepted.

Comical Routines Liven Third Hour

One of the highlights for the overworked student is the small scale "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In" each day during third hour. The daily bulletin has become more than just a time for important announcements, it has evolved into a comic spot that brightens the students day.

Antics Give Lift

To some students the comic portrayals of coming events are quite ridiculous and unnecessary, and should be discontinued. But are they actually a waste of time with no merits? Not really, for the comedy antics of talented students provide a psychological lift to both student and teacher, to help break the monotony of the everyday school routine.

Comic commercials benefit not only the audience but the organization sponsoring the commercial as well. Through extended periods, more students tend to take notice of humorous commercials and look forward to the ludicrousness of the following days bulletin. Humorous commercials tend to sell the product better than an ordinary bulletin.

Has Disadvantages, Too

While full of good qualities, humor on the announcements can go to far, too. Competition for the funniest commercial has produced announcements that teachers turn off because they aren't worth listening to. Such commercials tend to make students overly rowdy and too full of life.

But on the whole, humorous commercials add a lot to the school day and tend to liven classes (at least third hour). Keep up the good work but don't over do it.

—Chris Brooks

Uninvited Guests Cause Rowdiness at Dances

The growing crowd of uninvited guests at school sponsored teenowns has led to consequences that tend to get out of hand. Students from other schools, who are not guests of Raytown students, have been the cause of several fights at past dances.

EDITORS NOTE—A school sponsored dance can be defined as any dance by an RHS organization, whether it is held in the school cafeteria or on any Consolidated 2 property.

School policy states that only Raytown students and their dates are allowed at school sponsored dances. But the policy has not been followed by many clubs when they sponsor a teenown. Anyone with the money for admission has been let in, no questions asked. From friction between these students and RHS students, fights have arisen, just as the administration has warned.

If something is not done by clubs that sponsor the dances, Mr. Hanks has threatened that he will terminate all teenowns for the rest of the year, unless a club submits a written statement of who they intend to admit to the dances and how they plan to enforce it.

Of course the written statement is no good unless it is enforced. With the threat of no more teenowns, clubs had better forsake the few extra dollars made from non-RHS students or be faced with no teenowns at all.

—Chris Brooks

Vocational Training Further Education

by Mike Sandridge

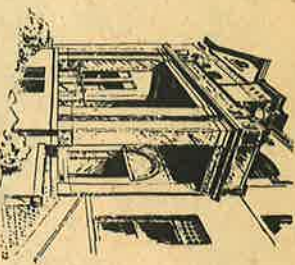
As the importance of specialized vocational training increases, many students will see the need for education and enroll in vocational training courses. Many vocational training schools have been opened to provide facilities for greater numbers of students, but most students still find themselves faced with a difficult decision in choosing a vocational

school. Though most vocational schools have high educational standards, many do not. Great caution and the advice of an authority are necessary if the student is to avoid unethical vocational schools.

It is important to be aware of all the aspects of a vocational school before a final decision is made. Time, money, and the opportunity for a secure future are all resting on your decision, so consult the Better Business Bureau and your counselor before enrolling for vocational training.

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Hours of Practice Reward Jaywalkers

Marching to the tunes of the school band as half-time entertainment at home games are the RHS Jaywalkers. Each routine is the result of hours of practice and discipline upon the part of the drill team itself and their instructor, Mrs. Cornell.

Mrs. Cornell makes certain each routine is perfected before the public ever sees it. The girls must learn about 15 such routines during the school year.

The requirements to join Jaywalkers are equally rigid. The girl trying out has to be a junior or senior the subsequent year. The prospective must also be a member of Pep Squad, and must have an M average in her studies.

There are two tryouts before admittance into Jaywalkers. The first requires the girls to drill in front of the older members. The older members then vote on whom to accept. Having passed this barrier, the girl is then taught a few drills by Mrs. Cornell. Then, along with three other hopefuls, the girl must perform a routine in front of the critical eyes of the Jaywalkers. If they pass this test, they are asked to join the ranks of Jaywalkers.

Honor Society Celebrates at Annual Banquet

Present members of the National Honor Society, sponsored by the counselors, attended the club's annual banquet February 6 at Stephenson's Restaurant.

The banquet was planned as the last recreational activity before the new members are to be inducted. Entertainment was provided by RHS students Chuck Erickson, Skip Evans, Shirley Kyle, Kathy Sophy, and the singing team of Botts and Ralston. Leslie Botts, a senior at Grandview High School, and David Ralston, a senior at Truman, specialize in folk-rock. They started their vocal appearances just this winter.

RAYFLECTIONS One Year Ago

Raytown is to have a closed lunch shift for next year. Cindy Jones is crowned basketball Homecoming Queen.

Raytown's mat men win the district tournament.

Five Years Ago

Pam Peters becomes basketball Homecoming Queen. Three Raytown students exchange places with three Ruskin students for a day to compare schools. The cast for "I Remember Mamma" is busy preparing for opening night.

Ten Years Ago

Mr. Fugate's biology lab loses three of four bats brought in for observation. They are believed to be in a ventilator shaft.

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College Students Gain Teaching Experience

Many student teachers have come to Raytown High School this semester to obtain their student teaching experience.

Mr. Sheldon Sloan and Miss Maryfrances Cusumano are both student teaching under Mr. McGhee.

Mr. Sloan, a graduate of Maine Township High School in Des Plaines, Illinois, is now attending CMSC where he is majoring in English. His many interests include art, bowling, and rugby. He has played on the rugby team at CMSC and has enjoyed it very much.

Miss Cusumano graduated from Raytown in 1965 and has been attending UMKC where she is majoring in English. Fencing, modeling, and traveling are among her many interests.

Student teaching for Mrs. Cornell is Miss Teresa Woolf, a graduate of Van Horn High School who is majoring in physical education at CMSC. She likes all sports, especially swimming, and also enjoys dancing.

Student teaching under Mr. Waters, is Mr. Dee Edwards. He graduated from Raytown in 1964 and is attending UMKC. He says, "I find the subject interesting and like to sit and talk with the kids. Also, having three months vacation appeals to me."

"I want to help the students realize what a great subject English is. If I do that, I will have, accomplished something," says Miss Chris Martin, student teacher under Miss Krumstiek. She is attending UMKC where she is majoring in English.

Miss Miriam Hattery, a graduate of Marshall High School in Marshall, Mo. is currently teaching under Mr. Napier. She is attending CMSC where she is majoring in Social Studies.



Student teaching under Mr. Ramsey is Mr. Tom Smalridge, a student at CMSC who is majoring in Social Studies. Mr. Tom Gaines, a major in Industrial Arts at CMSC, is student teaching under Mr. Droz. He likes hunting and camping, and also enjoys photography. Student teaching under Mr.

Morris is Miss Linda Price, a Raytown graduate of 1965. She is attending UMKC where she is majoring in Art Education. Miss Sandra Randolph, a major in Business Education, is student teaching under Mrs. Hudson. She is from St. Louis and is attending CMSC.

Dan Discusses Radio Announcing

Dan Diamond, twenty-four year old WHB radio disk jockey, visited Speech IV Jan. 14. He discussed the business of radio broadcasting and his experiences at the WHB radio station.

Mr. Diamond is a 1962 graduate of RHS and edited Rayflector his senior year. He told the class he broke into the broadcasting field by working around the industry in his youth. He sent a tape recording of his voice to a radio station and was given a job interview. Mr. Diamond told about advertising, programming, and rating systems used at WHB.



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A season of long and hard practices, shadowed at times by illness and poor tournament standings, finally paid off for Coach Brush and the wrestling team as the varsity matmen walked away from the Southeast field house as district champions. Fighting it out in the finals with Southwest and Truman the jays took four first places, two seconds, and five fourths to leave 3rd place Truman in the dust and edge

out Southwest by one point: 85-84. Eight area schools are represented in district. Going all the way for 1st place medals in the three day bout were Jim Taylor-95lb weight class, Larry Frank-112, Ted Henrich-

114, and Larry Turner 165. Tom Lytle-103 and Woody Duncan-154 took second place honors while Bill Yount-120, Ron Brown-127, Gary Sides-133, Jim Brown-138, and Greg Potts-heavyweight placed fourth.

Raytown Cruises On 7-0 In League

East High went down to defeat when Raytown's tankmen splashed a 56-35 victory Friday, Jan. 31st at East's pool.

The Raytown swim team dampened East High's hopes of retaining their title of third in city. Now Raytown swimmers hold first in conference and third in city with three meets left in the season.

Swimmers who captured first in their events were: 200 yard medley, Mike Day, Tim Moran, Scott Gauger, and Rick Bloom; 400 yard freestyle, Rick Bloom; 50 yard freestyle, John Renken; 200 yard individual medley, Jack Belshe; diving, Alan Elkel; 100 yard back stroke, Mike Day; and 100 yard breast stroke, Tim Moran.



Backcourt wizard Jerry Swank (21) vaults decidedly above Truman defenders for two.

Cagers Win 1 of 3

Raytown's varsity basketball team managed to win 1 out of 3 outings against Suburban Eight teams although they dropped a double overtime game to Oak Park. The jays' next game is Friday, Feb. 14 against Ruskin.

Jays Drop Squeaker

Victimized by foul trouble, the Raytown Bluejays dropped an 85-82 loss Tuesday, Jan. 28 to the Oak Park Northmen after two periods of overtime play. Jerry Swank, Randy Weber, and Steve Snelling fouled out. Randy Weber paced all Raytown scorers with 17 tallies. Larry McDaniel followed with 15 and Jim Cesar contributed 13. The jays were outshot by the Northmen 40.8% to 39.6%. The jays were outshot by the Patriots set the nets on fire as they rattled the basket at a 50.8% rate. Raytown only shot 36.2% of their field goals. Randy Weber led the jays with 20 points and 12 rebounds.

Pats Gun Down Jays

Raytown failed to get even with Truman as the Patriots out scored the jays 46-23 in the second half to capture a 77-58 win Friday, Feb. 7. The jays jumped out in front in the first two quarters to take a 35-31 lead at the half, but the jays turned cold and the Patriots set the nets on fire as they rattled the basket at a 50.8% rate. Raytown only shot 36.2% of their field goals. Randy Weber led the jays with 20 points and 12 rebounds.

Indoor Track Begins

Raytown's indoor track team galloped to a 49-47 victory over Ruskin Saturday, Feb. 8 at the American Royal exhibition hall. Members of Coach Park's crew which claimed first in their events were Jim Hill in the 60 yard high hurdles, Randy Schmidt in the mile, David Lafferts, Rex Schowengerdt, Phil McGeorge, and Pat Campbell in the 880 yard relay, Jerry Hughes in the 440, Bill Renick in the low hurdles, Captain Lloyd Tolle in the 880, and Dave Leffert in the pole vault.

Juniors Crunch Three Foes

Coach Willey's juniors continued to improve their record as they chalked up victories over Oak Park, North Kansas City, and Truman making their basketball mark 10-3.

Raytown's J.V. derailed Oak Park 65-56 with Jim Greene supplying 18 points and John Perdue clearing the boards for 12 rebounds Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Guards Mike McGhee and Damon Solty's also scored in double figures with 16 and 10 points respectively. Jim Barnes pulled down 10 cars for the Bluejays.

Raytown shot 40% from the field and 63.7% from the free throw line.

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In the words of Coach Coddard at the pep rally, Thursday, Jan. 23, Jim Cesar is one good reason for our current win. According to Coddard Jim is the first boy, this year, to have a really good game at the center position. The game he was referring to was the Jay-Christmasman contest, in which Jim came up with eight points and 15 rebounds.

Junior center Jim Cesar, otherwise known as "C-boy," considers his best performance thus far to be the Oak Park game (with 13 points and 14 rebounds, one must agree). Although the jays were beaten, it took the Northmen two overtimes to do it.

When questioned about the team's future, Jim asserted, "I'm looking forward to a fine second half of the season and I hope for a strong showing in the Regional Tournament," (March 2-7).

Jim said most of his spare time is spent doing chemistry, but he also enjoys swimming and being a red blooded American boy, loves to watch the girls.

Being an apt student, Jim plans on college with his principal interests in math and engineering. He also has his sights on athletics.

Jim was asked, "What are your goals?" He replied "Twenty or thirty a game."

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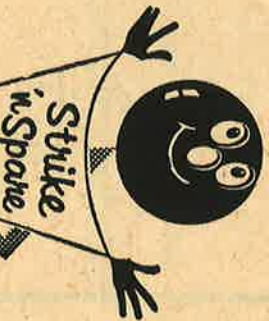
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