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SPECTRUM ENTRIES
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Seniors Named Merit Finalists

Debby Lavery, Ruth Rewoldt, and Bill Reed have been selected as finalists in the National Merit Program. This honor is given to only one-half of one percent of the graduating secondary seniors in the nation.

There are now 15,000 who remain in the Merit Scholarship competition. Out of these 15,000 there will be approximately 2,800 winners of the Merit Scholarships. The winners will be notified confidentially in the latter part of March and will be announced publicly by April 30.



Ruth Rewoldt and Bill Reed, finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program, look over a college entrance catalog. Not pictured is Debby Lavery who graduated at semester and is now a freshman at Missouri University.

McGhee to Supervise Summer European Tour

Where will you be June of summer' 69? How does a trip to Europe sound? Mr. Robert McGhee, Raytown literature instructor, is supervising a 40 day educational tour to Rome, Switzerland, Paris and England. The trip, sponsored by World Academy, entails morning classes (historical approach to English and French literature), field trips, social activities, and sightseeing.

Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors, the journey costs about \$880. It is good for six hours of

Juniors Plan Prom: Sign for Committees

Juniors who wish to help plan the 1969 junior-senior prom are asked to sign up for a prom committee in the counselors' offices, third floor.

Committees are now being formed for the planning of prom. As Mr. Starnes, director of prom commented, "It would be more fun and rewarding to the students if they were able to actually plan their own dance, as well as volunteering to help build decorations."

Listed in the third floor counseling center are the various committees and committee chairman. They are: decorations-entrance, Terri Wheeldon; walls, Nicki Alexopoulos and Jennifer

Band To N.K.C.

The RHS Orchestra participated in a conference concert at North K.C., Feb. 24. Schools represented in the conference were North K.C. High School, Oak Park, and Raytown.

The purpose of the conference was to provide an opportunity for the Orchestra to play before an audience, and to receive criticisms from a professional musician. The criticisms shall be useful to groups planning to participate in the music contests to be held in Warrensburg, March 22, and in Columbia on April 26.

Raytown High's Orchestra was aided by freshmen string players from Raytown Jr. and Pittman Jr. to perform. The selections they played were: the first movement from Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," and the first movement from the "Vivaldi Violin Concerto" Op. 3, No. 6.

Music Contest Scheduled Early

In order to provide help for students seriously studying music, State Music Contest is held yearly. This year the contest will be April 26, in Columbia, Mo.

Each individual student, or ensemble is coached by private teachers and school music directors during the year. Eliminations are then held to offer advice and encouragement to those with possibilities. This year vocal eliminations will be Feb. 27, and instrumental eliminations, March 3.

District Music Contest, in Warrensburg, Mo. will be held March 22. Again each entrant is judged by a professional musician, criticisms and ratings of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 are given. Those entrants receiving a one rating at district are eligible to go to state contest, which again consists of judging and ratings. If an entrant is given a one rating at state contest, he is awarded a letter from the school represented.

Spectrum

Raytown High's literary magazine is changing its form. It will now be in the form of a four page supplement issued quarterly in Rayflector.

Materials for publication will include any phase of the arts, such as: poems, essays, themes, paintings, sculpture, and even industrial arts projects.

Selections for use will be made by the Spectrum staff, with Rayflector staff members doing the lay-out and print work.

Students interested should take their entries to room 217 as soon as possible, as Rayflector would like to have the first supplement out before the end of third quarter.

Wheeldon, Jones to Ramrod Staff Ramizzou Head Named

Terri Wheeldon and Dianne Jones, RHS seniors, have been selected to head the 69-70 Ramizzou staff.

The staff, headed by editor in charge, Terri Wheeldon, and Dianne Jones, copy editor, will be responsible for the spring '70 publication of the school's year book. Other members of the staff named by faculty advisor Mr. Napier and Mr. Rentow, are Seniors: Jennifer Shontz, Debbie Powell, Julie Hinton, Patty Reynolds, Jill Light, Don Brown, Paul Schell, Mary White, Nicki Alexopoulos, Debbie Eberstrom, Vickie Patchin, Shelley Stewart, and Joyce Plank.

Juniors: Jana Reynolds, Marty Potter, Leslie Hancock, Sara Chittwood, and Kevin Zuzich. Sophomores: Kathy Redd, Kathy Johnson, and Nancy Morris.

Band to Lone Jack

Raytown's Stage Band played before 250 students in Lone Jack, Mo., February 20.

Mr. Schupp received an invitation to visit there for a performance, while preparing for the State Stage Band contest, February 22.

Some of the numbers they performed were: Flyin' Home, with a piano solo by Patti Prather. Coochie Frito Man, spotlighting Charles Copeland on trumpet and Jim Weinburg on drums; Rainy Sunday, featuring Terrin Krinke on baritone sax; Somewhere, and Joshua.

Glee Clubs To Compete

Ensemble eliminations for District Music Contest were held here Feb. 20-21.

Mr. Fulkerson, choral director, decided which of the twenty six ensembles, involving some 135 students, would go to the District Contest at CMSC on March 22.

The solo vocal eliminations were conducted Feb. 27 by Mr. Penticuff the vocal music director at Rockhurst College.

Both of Raytown's Choirs and Glee Clubs are working hard toward the District Contest.

Novice Creators

Exhibit Crafts

The Brush and Pallet Club is sponsoring a "Student Art Fair" May 10-11 in the RHS north parking lot. The fair will be from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both days.

Any student who has been wanting to exhibit any form of art work may now do so by contacting one of the Art Club sponsors: Mr. Leamon, Mr. Morris, or Miss Javorsek. So far, the included works will be oil painting, ceramics, sketches and sculpting.

The club will receive a small commission from the art works sold. This will be posted at a later date. Along with this the participants numbers will be posted. Each participant will be given a number for his or her works.

Fritts Presented "Scholastic" Award

To encourage student achievements in creative art, the National Scholastic Awards are presented yearly. The Scholastic Magazine sponsors the program for students in grades 7-12.

Classifications for entries include: painting, drawing, printmaking, design, sculptures, crafts, and photography. Several RHS students have entered the contest in each of these classifications.

Jeff Fritts has been notified of being awarded a certificate of merit for entering four pictures. His entries consisted of: a portrait, the Commerce Towers at night, the Christmas lights on the Country Club Plaza, and during rehearsal of the orchestra. As yet Jeff doesn't know which of his works have been chosen for the award.

Creations entered were sent to a regional contest. For the best entrants, gold achievement keys and certificates of merit were awarded. Then the entrants receiving gold achievement keys were again judged and the best received blue ribbons.

Youth Groups

Produce Drama

Five Raytown students have become involved in a church production of THE ROBE to be presented at the RLDS Auditorium April 3, 4, and 5. They are David Anderson, Wally Binney, Nancy Boyd, Chuck Erickson, and Lenza Smith.

The play is being produced by Zion's League youth groups of the Ridgewood and Pleasant Heights congregations of the RLDS church in Independence. It is to commemorate the Easter holidays.

THE ROBE is the story of the effect the robe of Christ had upon the life of a young centurion involved in the crucifixion of Jesus. Marcellus won the only rating of the martyr in a game; and through its influence, he becomes a Christian.

Chuck plays Demetrius, the slave of Marcellus. Wal-lis was cast as Marcellus' father. David plays the martyr Stephan. Lenza and Nancy have roles as girlfriends of Chuck and David.

South Came Tonight —

Bad Sportsmanship Growing Problem

Far too many people feel that being a spectator at a basketball game entitles them to boo and jeer to their hearts content. Jeering the referee, whether he is right or wrong, has become so popular as to classify it as one of America's favorite pastimes!

Jeering, instead of showing maturity, is one of the biggest signs of poor sportsmanship in a crowd of mature people. And now we find that bad sportsmanship is becoming a growing problem in high schools all over the state.

WHO CARES?

You may not be worried by this problem, but the Missouri Activities Association (MAA) is. Letters of warning have been sent to the principals of all Kansas City High schools, warning them to either crack down on conduct at games or face the consequences.

How severe could the consequences be? If the MAA feels that a high school is displaying extremely poor conduct and sportsmanship, it can and will take action against the school. The MAA has the authority to curtail not only athletic events for an entire school year (or longer), but it can also cease every other school activity including plays, speech tournaments, music contests, and even dances.

REF'S MUST USE JUDGEMENT

At every basketball game there are usually many calls at which the fans and referees do not agree. But in any sport, the referee is the judge and his word is law. He may not always be right, but you must remember that he has to use his own judgement on the calls. He can't see the game from the stands as you do, so he can't always be right.

TONIGHT A CHALLENGE

Tonight we play Raytown South at the South game that will prove to be a thrilling contest and a challenge in sportsmanship. Raytown beat South in the first outing, so both teams will be out to win. A rivalry like this can try even the best of sports, but let's show South we can do both, be good sports and win!

—Chris Brooks

Movie Review

'Bullitt' Creates New Detective Concept

by Barbara Shiner

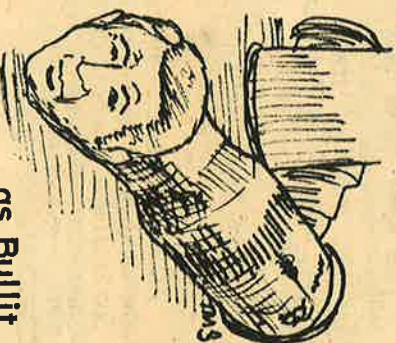
"Bullitt," starting Steve McQueen, sheds a new light on the common everyday detective story. Many new technique changes make this kind of film possible.

One major difference is the flawless performances of all the characters, whether they play major or supporting roles. The casting is perfect; the actors seem to be acting their own lives rather than the characters.

The director is skillful in bringing each part into the plot of the story with ease, to add its own variety. He shows a complete understanding of all the characters.

The best part of the whole movie is the photography. With proficiency, the moods are changed. The shadows, and blackness of the murder room are created with terrifying accuracy. Feeling the bumps and turns of the car chase, the horror of a wounded man, fear, anger, and surprise are all possible through this effective photography.

However, one flaw is evident. Although the performance, direction, and photography are at their best, the plot moves a little slowly. Except for a few very exciting scenes, the opposite is true of the jist of the movie.



Steve McQueen

Students View

UMKC "Macbeth"

"Macbeth," one of William Shakespeare's most famous plays was presented at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Playhouse from Feb. 15-22. Feb. 18, a group of English literature students from Raytown attended the play.

Mr. McGhee, senior English Literature teacher, was responsible for organizing the group attending this performance.

Curtain time for "Macbeth" was 8:15, which began the first of the five tickets was \$1.50 per person.

Students Attend

Saturday Seminars

Four students have devoted their Saturday mornings to seminars sponsored weekly by UMKC at the University Center. They are Michel Hall, Debbie Lavery, Bill Reed, and Ruth Rewoldt. Two of these seniors represent RHS every week at the classes offered by various University professors. A lecture is offered each seminar on anything from lizards to student dissent. A total of 14 meetings was scheduled for this school year.

Mr. Yust, senior counselor, was responsible for our participation in the program. He gave applications to students he felt appropriate. The applications were completed and sent to the university.

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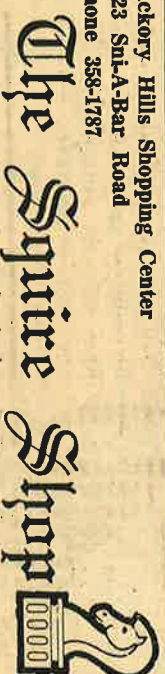
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Swim Team a Credit to School

Raytown's first swim team has proved to be the Cinderella team of the entire Kansas City area. Experts from area newspapers picked Truman to be the strongest team in the newly formed Suburban Eight Swim League.

But, through perseverance and hard work, the team has proven itself a contender for a place in the city standings. It has tumbled East out of its rank of third in city and captured the Suburban Eight Crown, with an 7-3 record.

All that can be said is that the team, composed mainly of juniors and sophomores, will have a great chance of being league champs next year.

Homecoming on Rocks

For the past several years, the fate of homecoming has been on the rocks. Poor support of homecoming has put it financially in a hole too deep to climb out of.

The 1969 Homecoming dance is a good example of poor support from the student body. While it is not the aim of the Student Council to make a profit on the dance, it does not wish to lose money either. Not enough tickets were sold to the dance this year to even come close to cover the expenses of the dance.

Mr. Hanks has stated that he is deeply considering doing away with the homecoming dance, and climax the homecoming festivities at the game. Whether this is to pertain to football home-

coming is not clear, since football homecoming is more financially stable and better supported than is basketball homecoming. If acted upon, the discontinuance of the homecoming dance could begin next year.

WHY CALL IT
HOMECOMING?

One reason for the poor turnout at the dance is that no effort was made to contact alumni, even the graduates of last year. Too many alumni feel that they are not welcome at homecoming and do not attend.

To contact alumni would take a lot of time, money, and effort; but if there are no alumni at homecoming, why call it homecoming?

Chris Brooks

Vandalism of Juke Box Only Hurts Yourself

When the Key Club installed the juke box in the cafeteria, the purpose was simply to provide music for RHS students before school and on lunch shifts. But students have taken the juke box for granted, even to the point of wrecking it.

Several weeks ago someone broke a glass panel out of the juke box and "borrowed" one of the records inside. If that wasn't enough, other records were stolen while the Key Club was waiting to have it repaired.

Of course the responsibility for repairs fell upon the Key Club who were responsible for any damages to it.

The Key Club makes money off of the juke box but now has to.
We now have the juke box back, with all the events of the past forgotten. But some students still continue to victimize the juke box. These students continue to tamper with the speaker system, without thinking of the damage they could cause (without the speakers the juke box is almost impossible to hear). This is a minor problem but can still cause enough damage to put the music machine out of commission.

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Artist of the Month



Artist of the Month Connie Dorrell displays her work.

Connie's Talent Display

Connie Dorrell, senior, has been named by the art department as February's Artist of the Month. A collection of her works in watercolor, tempera, and pencil is now displayed on the bulletin board in front of room 115.

Connie, who comes to Raytown after two years of art study at Ruskin, finds that the art student at Raytown has more freedom of individuality. "At Ruskin," explains Connie, "the emphasis was on the instructor telling you how to do something. Here at Raytown they let you do it for yourself."

Connie best expresses herself in pencil and she likes to experiment with different leads. People are her favorite subject, as the display outside room 115 will verify.

While Connie finds art interesting, she has no aspirations of making it her life work. "I just like to draw," she explains.

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Members of the faculty team are Mr. Bobecker, Mr. Cloud, Mr. Evers, Mr. Wiley, Mr. Warley, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott and student teacher, Mr. Scott.

Captain of the faculty team is Mr. Cloud. According to Mr. Evers he was "elected unanimously because he's got the biggest mouth."

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Y-Teens Prepare for Brotherhood Week

The regular meeting of Y-Teens held on Feb. 17, was highlighted by entertainment and refreshments.

Shirley Kyle, Kathy Soophy, and Chuck Erickson presented their interpretation of three pieces of bubble gum.

Plans for a Tri-City meeting at the downtown YWCA were announced. It will be held on March 8 and the theme will be "Getting to Know You" in observance of Brotherhood week. Plans for a Y-Teens trip to Europe were also told.

Candy for a money making project was passed out for the members to sell.

Romans See

New Leader

March 15, the Ides of March, is the current date set for the annual Latin Club party. This year the party will be held at Wildwood Country Club, where there will be refreshments served and a band for entertainment. Members are allowed to bring one guest.

The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of a Caesar and Cleopatra. Members from the club will be elected as candidates. During the evening there will be a ceremony where the winners will be announced. The 1969 Latin Club Cleopatra and Julius Caesar will then reign during the rest of the dance.

The candidates for Cleopatra and Julius Caesar will be announced at a later date.

Championships Begin Girls Volleyball

Girls volleyball intramurals will begin the first week of March. The championship team shall be announced at the conclusion of the one game elimination intramurals.

Teams must consist of eight to ten players, with the team and captain names designated.

At the end of the year, intramural letters are awarded to the girls who have accumulated fifty or more points.

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Mrs. Craig Serves Class Counselors

The subject of "Law Enforcement: Are we headed for a Police State?" was discussed Sat., Feb. 15 at the One Step Closer, a noted Raytown coffee house; the discussion ran from 9:30-11:30.

Brian Ticknor spoke to a group of about twenty-five. Mr. Ticknor had once been a Raytown detective, but quit because of the low pay.

Many questions were asked by the crowd; some were: "Will marijuana be legalized?" "Will prostitution and abortions be legalized?" "Do you believe in phone tapping?" "Do you believe in the Miranda vs. Arizona

Discussion of Morals By Raytown Detective

case?" (Miranda was not told of his rights in a murder charge and was released from jail), "What is the law about parking indecency?" and "What about the Chicago demonstrations?"

Mr. Ticknor answered all the questions except the last. He said he thought that marijuana, prostitution, and abortions were placing laws on morality and that this policy was wrong. On the discussion of the Miranda vs. Arizona case, Mr. Ticknor said he believed that Miranda should have been tried for murder and that the policeman who did not tell him of his rights be fired.

After working there, Mrs. Craig then applied at Raytown. She now serves as secretary to Mr. Yust, senior counselor; Mr. Starnes, junior counselor; Mr. Clark, sophomore counselor; and Mr. Youngs, counselor for both juniors and sophomores. Besides assisting the students with setting up appointments to see their counselors, Mrs. Craig helps each individual counselor in any way she can. She types letters, does general office work, along with numerous odds and ends.

Mrs. Craig has three children of her own; two teenagers, a junior and a senior who attend Raytown South High, and one first grader.

Chess Champs Earn Trophies

Chess club has been participating in tournaments with Lawrence, Kansas, and Shawnee Mission High schools.

Representatives from the club placed fifth out of twenty schools at the Shawnee Mission tournament. Dave Crim, president and Steve Estelman won all their games in their divisions and received trophies.

The club participated in a tournament at Sumner High school, Feb. 22. A match with Raytown South High school is also anticipated in the near future.

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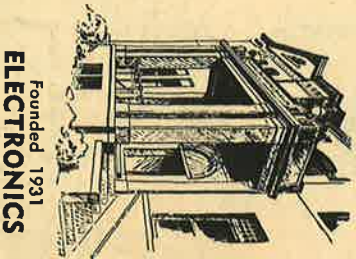
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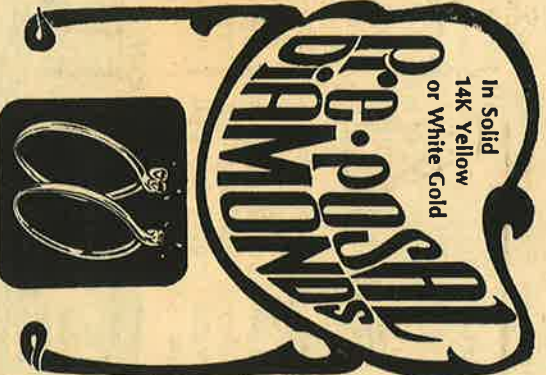
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Raytown's junior varsity basketball squad battered Ruskin and North Kansas City but were subdued by Center as they made their record 12-4.

Coach Wiley's junior varsity continued to roll Friday, Feb. 14, as they escaped with a 42-40 triumph over the Ruskin eagles.

Mark Plaster banged in the winning basket with less than 10 seconds remaining. Besides the clinching basket, Mark had 11 rebounds and 8 points. Jim Greene was the leading scorer with 9 while Mike McChesne scored 8. Greene snared 11 carsoms as he helped the Jays

take a 42-34 edge in rebounding.

Raytown's junior varsity failed to hold on to a 13 point lead as it dropped 58-56 loss to the Center Yellowjackets Saturday, Feb. 15.

Jim Greene paced the Raytown offensive attack with 22 points. Mike McChesne and Jim Hill chipped in 14 tallies each. The Jays hit 44.6% of their field goals and 55.5% of their free throws.

Jim Barnes and Greene pulled down 5 and 15 rebounds respectively as the Raytown 5 outrebounded the Center team 35-31.

The Raytown junior varsity crew jolted the North Kansas City squad Friday, Feb. 21, 75-59.

The Jays never were in trouble as they continued to build their lead in each quarter. Every Bluejay managed to get in the scoring column.

Mike McChesne ripped the cords for 22 points as he led all Bluejay scores. Mark Plaster contributed 12 points and spearheaded the rebounding total with 15.

Sprinters Outman N.K.C. and Paseo

Raytown's indoor track team snared its second straight victory Saturday, Feb. 15, at the American Royal exhibition hall in a tri-meet with Northtown and Paseo by a score of Raytown 53%, Northtown 39%, and Paseo 30.

Trackmen who placed first in their events were: Jerry Hughes in the 440, Bill Renick in the low hurdles, Lloyd Tolle in the half mile, Jerry Hughes, Gary Crutcher, Jim Robinson, and Doug Woody in the mile relay, and Jim Hill in the pole vault and high jump.

When asked to point out the outstanding player for Raytown in the meet Coach Park stated that Bill Renick ran a 7.7 low hurdles and that "that's moving out."

Jocks Junk Aces

The Iron Jocks almost lost their shorts Monday, Feb. 17, as the Five Aces gave the Jocks a scare 46-43 in the intramural championship game.

Teamates on the Iron Jocks are Jeff Bersuch, Warren Milliken, Rex Studt, Steve Gillespie, Geary Grantham, Tom Minton, Max Mitchell, and Mike Klausmeyer. Members of the Five Aces are David Novak, Paul Billington, Rick Charles, Steve Stimmins and Dan Hall.

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Damon Solty's (24), Jim Cesar (52), and Mike Wooley (22) pictured left from right are just three of the reasons why the Jays knocked off Ruskin and Center as they proved hard to handle in each game.

Jays Electrify Foes

Fighting and hustling all the time, the Raytown basketball has captured 6 out of their last 8 contests and currently own a three game winning streak. The Bluejays have conquered Ruskin, Center, and N. K. C. in the past two weeks. When asked about the teams current success, Coach Goddard explained, "Better defense is the key to our success. Everyone is hustling and helping each other out. Mike Wooley has come in and done a real good job for us. It's been a great effort on the part of all.

19 but the Eagles began to pull away in the third frame by taking a 44-33 lead. However, the Jays stormed back in the last quarter by outscoring the Eagles 27-12. Mike Wooley came off the bench and led the Jays with 10 tallies in the period.

In a game which had many Raytown heroes Randy Weber led the Jays in scoring and rebounding with 21 and 16 respectively. Jerry Swank spearheaded the Jays offensive attack with 10 points.

Jays Defuse Center

The Raytown Bluejays dimmed Center High School's hopes of capturing the suburban Eight Conference crown Saturday, Feb. 15, by fumingating the Yellowjackets 64-61.

Center forged ahead of Raytown in the first quarter 15-8. Damon Solty's and Randy Weber combined for 16 tallies in the second frame to cut the Yellowjackets lead to 36-30. The Jays wittled the margin to one in the third period as Jerry Swank and Mike Wooley gunned in 6 points a piece. Raytown evened the score at 55 all when Swank plunked in a corner shot and the Jays went ahead 57-55 for the first time as Weber hit one inside with 3:24 remaining to play. Center had the ball with 15 seconds left and the score 62-61 in Raytown's favor but failed to come up with the winning buckets as Jerry Swank stole the ball from Jim Doarn.

Weber led Raytown in rebounding with 18 and in scoring with 22. Jerry Swank swished home 16 points.

Jays Startle Hornets

Randy Weber swats the ball, Damon Solty's dribbles to halfcourt, starts to shoot but changes his mind, passes to Jerry Swank, Swank lays the ball up and in with 1 second left. Bang! Bang! Bang! The Jays capture a 55-53 conquest over the North Kansas City Hornets in overtime.

Commenting about the exciting victory, Coach Goddard stated, "We had that one coming," as he referred to the close games that we had lost.

The Jays had trailed most of the game and finally jumped ahead in the beginning of fourth frame when Mike Wooley connected for two points making the score 37-36. Raytown's lead reached its zenith when Randy Weber scored on a twisting layup putting the count at 45-38. The Hornets, however, put the game in overtime 48-48.

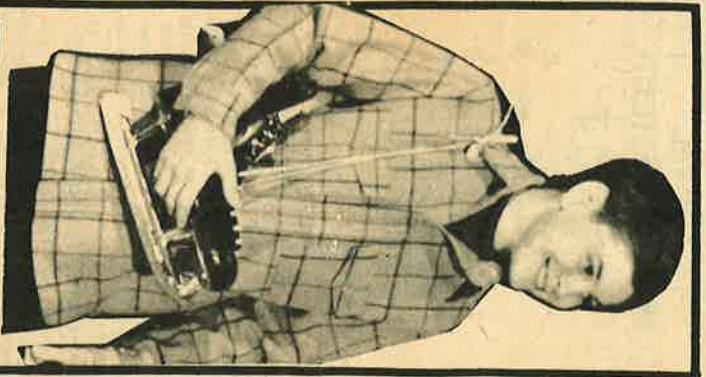


Jays Rattle Ruskin

Bedlam reigned at Raytown High School Friday, Feb. 14, as Coach Goddard's crew rallied behind the scrappy defensive play of Damon Solty's and the eye-popping shooting of Mike Wooley to overcome an 11 point deficit in the fourth quarter to take a 60-56 win over the Ruskin Eagles.

Both teams battled to a standstill after 16 minutes of play with the count at 19-

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