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Visiting Educators

Thirty-three educators from Missouri schools will be visiting here March 22, 23, and 24 to serve in the North Central Evaluation. This evaluation, which is conducted every 7 years, serves as a guidance for secondary schools to become aware of their overall needs for improvement.

The evaluation committee study curriculum, student activities, educational media services, guidance services, faculty, and administration.

Each teacher in RHS will be visited at least twice. A detailed report on the characteristics of youth and community, the philosophy and objectives of the school, and usefulness of the facilities will be given to the school in order for self-improvement in needed areas.

This evaluation is not a means to criticize a school, it is for self-improvement. If a school fails to make essential adjustments which are suggested by the committee, membership in the North Central may be revoked. In such a case, graduating students may find it difficult to be accepted in colleges because of the limited extent of their high school education.

Key Club Picks Liz

Liz Brown has been selected to represent the Raytown Key Club in a divisional Key Club meeting. Liz will compete against girls from Center, Raytown, RaySouth, Wm. Christian, and Van Horn at Raytown's Sweetheart.

If Liz is selected, she will go to the district convention on April 4th to represent District 4 at the Greenwood Motor Hotel.

Other candidates were Pam Hunter, Chris Faurel, Tina Amant, and Debbie Ramsey. Liz was chosen at the regular club meeting on Feb. 26.

Sr's vs Faculty

Faculty vs. 60-70 varsity football players of RHS, is the scene for the basketball game tonight in the RHS gym.

The game will begin at 7:30 with female faculty members cheering the elders on to victory. Price will be 50¢ beforehand and \$1 at the door.

The event is sponsored by Student Council with Donna Cullinow heading the committee taking care of all details. The game will take place in order to raise funds for AFS students next year. Student Council donated money to the cause early in January, but funds were cut short at that time. That is the reason for the extra project at this time.

"Crucible" Tells True Tale of Woe

Friday and Saturday, March 13th and 14th, Raytown High presented "The Crucible." The play was about the Salem witch trials in Salem, Mass. In this particular production, a group of young girls, afraid of being whipped for dancing, accused many of the villagers in Salem of bewitching them. The result of these accusations was death for about twenty innocent victims, and the imprisonment of over two hundred.

Characters in the play were: Betty Parris, Debbie Klutherson; Rev. Samuel Parris, Mike Coulter; Tituba, Gayle Goff; Abigail Williams, Diana Mangr; Susanna Walcott, Beverly Arnold; Mrs. Ann Putnam, Barbara Burkhorn; Thomas Putnam, Mark Mayer; Mercy Lewis, Martha Goodall; Mary Warren, Susan Wilson; John Proctor, Bob Brown; Rebecca Nurse, Sharon Higgins; Giles Corey, Everett Sanford; Rev. John Hale, Bill Herman; Elizabeth Proctor, Peggy King; Francis Nurse, Bruce Hudson; Ezekiel Cheever, Rick Martin; John Willard, Bob Enick; Judge Hathorne, Warren Ebel; Deputy-Governor Danforth, David Anderson; Sarah Good, Diane Coffey; and Hopkins, Tom Armstrong. Director was Drama instructor, Miss Soenen, student director was Jan Elton, and stage manager was Joanne McCullough.

The production last weekend was the culmination of over a month of rehearsals, and work. The crews that worked to make this play a success should be acknowledged. Chairmen of the crews were: Stage crew, Joanne McCullough and Debby Pippin; Lighting, Host Mann and Steve Gaffon; Publicity, Camyla Hillon; Props, Sue Thompson and Steve Smith; Costumes, Kaye Garnett; Tickets and Programs, Bev Arnold; Makeup, Nancy Durham; Set Construction, Don McElshon and Paul Meador; Set Painting, Linda Decker; and Sound, Curtin Clark.

A Victory in Debate

The Raytown Speech and Debate Squad traveled to Neosho, Mo. the 27 and 28 of Feb.

The Raytown Debate team brought home a pair of 3rd place trophies. Debaters receiving awards were Ray Brewer, Tom Tall, Robert Laird, and Danny Hall.

In individual events moving into semifinals from Raytown were Bob Brown and Robert Laird in Oratory, Barbara Lundford in Girl's Extemp, Doug Huff in Humorous Interpretation, and Laura Fernal and Bob Brown in Dramatic Duet.

Finalists from Raytown were Doug Huff in humorous, Robert Laird in Oratory and Laura Fernal and Bob Brown in Duet.

Laird placed 1st with Huff, Fernal and Brown receiving 4th places.

Key Club Aids Palsey Children



Gary Metzner dejectedly looks on as the opposing team doubles their scoring power with two balls.



Doug Huff grimaces as he strains to keep the ball from entering the basket.

Key Club can be proud of its record for service projects. One of their most important projects is their weekly visit to the Cerebral Palsey Center.

I had the privilege of going one Saturday morning, to see what the boys did. I was really proud of Key Club when I saw how the boys of the Center reacted when the Key Club boys came. One little boy, about seven years of age, came over to one of the cars and asked who we were. One of the boys said "Key Club," and the boy broke into a grin that spread from ear to ear, and started yelling, "Key Club's here! Key Club's here!" Within a few minutes, about seven other boys came to the cars and started talking to the boys. These boys at the center were so thrilled to see the Key Club boys, that their excitement was contagious. The three hours I spent there, were too short for the amount of joy the children showed at the presence of Key Club. The children played basketball and soccer, and seemed to enjoy every minute of it. The boys of the Center were really excited when the Key Club boys helped start a regular game of basketball.

A few days after I visited the Center with Key Club, I talked to Jim Collins, Key Club president, about their visits to the Center.

"An average of seven boys go each Saturday to work with the kids at the Center. I like to take two phones; one for maintenance, and another to play with the children," said Jim. Jim also told me that their visits to the Cerebral Palsey Center have been going on for two years, and that the boys who go to the Center are all volunteers. Jim commented that they have helped work at the Center by chopping down trees, working on the play area, and most important, playing with the boys.



As Mark Plaster prepares for the worst, one of the boys at the Cerebral Palsey Center throws him with a basketball.

To see children, who are stricken with Cerebral Palsey, playing basketball and soccer with huge grins on their faces, made me feel really proud of RHS Key Club. Key Club can be proud of their achievements because they have definitely brought joy to the children of the Cerebral Palsey Center. Key Club has other achievements to its name, but the work they have done at the Center earns a heart-felt thank you.

Leanne Chana

Royalty Selected

Pep Squad would like to announce the 1970 Pep Squad Queen Candidates, Bonnie Auld, Leah Hagdoen, Monica Kelly, and Shelby Stewart were selected at the meeting Feb. 24.

Members of Pep Squad nominated the girls that they felt did a lot for Pep Squad this year. The girls were to select four candidates from the list. Now, the members of Pep Squad will vote only on one of the four girls. The one receiving the most votes will be the queen.

The annual Pep Squad Dance is to be held March 21 in the school cafeteria. During this time, one of the four girls will be crowned queen.

Bonnie Auld is a member of Pep Squad; a second year Jaywalker, Jaywalker captain; Spanish club secretary; and a member of Honor Society.

Leah Hagdoen is a member of Pep Squad; a varsity cheerleader; parliamentarian of Drama Club; a member of Honor Society; a member of Latin club and a member of the concert band.

Monica Kelly is a member of Pep Squad; a varsity cheerleader; a member of French club; a member of choir; and a student council representative.

Shelby Stewart is a member of Pep Squad; a varsity cheerleader; a member of the Ramazon staff, and a member of senior senate.

All members of Pep Squad are urged to attend the dance. Admission is one dollar per couple. The Zone Blackwell will play from 8:30-11:30.

Staff Teachers Meet

Staff Selected

The 1970-71 RAYFLECTOR staff was selected and announced by Mr. Hary at a meeting, Feb. 24. Students were selected from applications previously offered. The new editing staff consists of: Leanne Chana, editor; Vickie Peasley and Joann McCullough, make-up editors; Richard Enderday, sports editor; Connie Myers, business manager; and Rick Hubbard, photographer. Kathy Tinkoff, Susan Gattoena, Julie Milligan, Jim Jacques, and Keith Gray.

Junior staff were selected as: Mike Francis, Karen Hagan, Tim Tuttle, and Teresa Necessary. Included in next year staff will be members from the '69-'70 staff: Mike Burton, Nancy Durham, and Doug Huff.

School was not in session March 13 due to the annual district teachers meeting.

This was the first meeting of the eleventh district, formed only last year to take the place of the Warrensburg meeting.

The meeting was divided into subject field areas and Law's Summit, Raytown, Raytown South, and Rulien were the hosting schools for the eleventh district. Other schools in the district include Pleasant Hill, North Kansas City, Fort Osage, and small suburban schools in this area.

Each hosting school had different fields of study; Raytown had the foreign language, music, and physical education.

At the meeting guest speakers discussion was about new techniques and concepts in teaching and problems faced in each area.

Musical Lyrics

Easy For Mike

Have you ever thought it might be fun to write your own songs, or even go as far as to cut a demonstration recording? Junior, Mike Burton, does much more than think about it — he does it.

Burton admits that it will be a difficult task to break into the folk scene with such giants as Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen, Pete Seeger, and Paul Simon already firmly entrenched, but he is optimistic, referring to his frequent performance at the Sign coffeehouse, at 16 Southwest Blvd., as being highly satisfying. "There are people in there that really grab on to the music!" Burton stated. "They don't just shuffle their feet and say great — they really mean it! And that is a good feeling."

How does one go about writing their own material? According to Burton, you simply go out and "latch on to a good guitar, sit down and wait for the music to come. If you're a writer, it comes." For Burton, it seems to come quite easily. To date he has penned almost 50 tunes, all of which border on the realm of rock blues or contemporary folk. Burton agreed that coming up with an original tune is the hardest part of songwriting. "I sit for a while strumming this and that, then something good snaps and the melody starts to form in my mind. Just like that, the chords fall into place," Burton explained. Apparently, this system works quite well for Burton as he has turned out a number of songs that are receiving careful consideration from local publishers. To date, Burton said that "Walkin' in the Sand" or "I'll Always Be Your Friend" seem to be his most commercially promising songs although he feels each new number is just a little better than the last one.

As for lyrics, Burton said, "They're easy. Anyone can do it. You just try to form a general philosophy on life, get some words, and rhyme it up. Put it together and you've got a song." Besides writing for himself, he has written for other groups of local prestige.

Although planning a summer trip to Nashville to "learn more about music and studio work, and just hang around a bit," Burton has had to be satisfied with a few trips to Damon Recording Studio in Kansas City, where he has cut several demos.

As his composing talent begins to blossom, Burton enlisted the help of several studio musicians. Friends Rich Fowler, Bill McCarty and Chuck Chapman of Jesse Blackwell group help Burton as back up men.

"It is a hot and cold type of career," contends Burton, "but, music is certainly not the blood and guts business it is chalked up to be. Most people are willing to help you out." Although he has seen numerous disappointments, he is optimistic of success: "Maybe Tomorrow."

Saint Patrick's Day Honors Irish Patron

Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland and the saint of the Roman Catholic Church, lived approximately from 387-463. He was born in Britain.

Patrick led a romantic life, full of adventures. He was captured by six pirates from Ireland, at the age of six. These pirates carried him back to Ireland and set him to tending the flocks of a chieftain in Ulster. Six years of slavery turned Patrick into a devoted Christian. Patrick escaped to France and became a monk.

In 432, a vision led him to return to Ireland as a missionary bishop. Patrick worked zealously in various parts of the island the rest of his life. His labors were so successful, he came to be known as the one who "found Ireland heathen and left it all Christian." Over 300 churches were founded by St. Patrick and more than 120,000 were baptized by him.

There are many legends about St. Patrick. One says that he charmed the snakes of Ireland down to the sea, so that they were driven into the water and drowned. Much else that is told is little more than legendary.

St. Patrick's feast day is celebrated March 17 throughout the world. Wherever there are Irish people, there will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Retrospect

It is rumored that RETROSPECT means something terribly naughty in Swahili. This is definitely not a true statement. However, will anyone possessing a Swahili dictionary please report to Room 217 after school today.

There's nothing so thirst quenching as a stream of 100% carbonated water trickling down your throat — especially if it doesn't come in a cup, which seems the fad nowadays at RHS. There have been numerous complaints centered on those curiously coke machines that sit in the commons and collect clean dust most of the time. If you press color, you will more than likely get lemon-lime. If you press root beer, you might get grape. And if you press grape, you probably won't get much of anything. Putting a quarter into those machines is a gratifying experience as your sensitive ears immediately pick up that groning sound coming from the machine's interior. Question: are they handoperated lemons for the lemon-lime? Or is it that little grape stomper doing his thing in your cup? In his bare feet? As for change, forget it. This is one slot machine that never comes up with three lemon-limes in a row.

The AFS Foreign Exchange Assembly was certainly fascinating. Ask Ronnie C. who literally devoured every word they said, as well as his peanut butter sandwich. Commenting on the Assembly, Ronnie C. replied quite honestly: "The sandwich was great."

The food in the cafeteria is steadily getting better and better because students are eating less and less.

And now, let's have a moment of silent meditation for the many school veterans who have been ruthlessly trampled under foot in the halls leading to the beloved cafeteria where Alka-Seltzer is the only thing missing on the menu. "A little learning is a dangerous thing; a lot of eating is worse." — Alexander Pope.

Why are Mr. Nagler's jokes never on his tests? Because his test questions are generally funnier than his jokes.

After the E-Club meeting, instead of applauding the guest speaker, all the lettermen stood up and shook their medals.

No. 54 in a continuing series of Intellectual Definitions. Gross: gross is a Girl Scout with tattoos.

Clublicity

The Y-Teams of RHS will be very busy the rest of 1970. Many things have been planned to end the year successfully.

March 10-12, Y-Team members will make food on all four lunch shifts.

A Mother-Daughter Banquet is scheduled for April 27 at the Mill Wheel Restaurant on 50 Hwy.

As an Easter project, the girls are making an Easter egg tree.

Choir, band, and orchestra are preparing for the District Music Contest April 4. In past years Choir, Band, and Orchestra have always received 1 ratings.

PTA attended the Annual Teachers Meeting which was held at Truman High School.

National Thespians will soon have its annual initiation where students active in Drama will become full fledged members.

Debbie Ireland managed gracefully split a tire on a baby-blue Mustang by skillful cutting a corner just a wee bit sharp. Let's see: that's \$150 for the wreck last fall, plus the antenna off her parent Thunderbird (this is where I maliciously mailed a US mailbox "I didn't really hit it! It jumped out in front of me!" quote Debbie I. And then there was the Cadillac last summer... and the Lincoln... and the Chrysler... and then the... but...

Poetry Corner

Take a man and put him alone,
Put him 13,000 miles from home,
Draw his heart of all but blood,
Then make him live in slime and mud.
That's the life I have to live,
And why my soul to God I give,
You peace boys talk from your easy chairs,
But you don't know what it's like out there.
You take your pills and have your fun,
Then you refuse to lift a gun,
I'll hate you till the day I die,
Because you made me hear a buddy cry.
I saw his arm in a bloody sheet
And I heard them say, "This one is dead."
It's quite a price he had to pay,
So you could see another day.
He brought you life by giving his,
But who gives a damn what soldier gives.

Written for Gary Davis
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Jaywalkers Will Choose Captains

Next year's co-captains, to be chosen by this year's Jaywalkers, April 22, will be announced at the Pep Squad Banquet, May 14.

Bonnie Auld and Michelle Bire, RHS Jaywalker Co-captains, will conduct the first Jaywalker tryouts, April 29, in the gym. Girls with a good record in Pep Squad and a minimum of 50 points are eligible. "There is no particular size restriction; I don't judge a girl on her physical characteristics," stated Mrs. Sandra Cornell, Jaywalker sponsor. The entrants which tryout in squads of four must compete in impressive marching called by Michelle and Bonnie. In addition, the girls are judged on their performance of a totally unfamiliar routine which the co-captains devised.

Rotation to music will be the deciding factor, May 6, as the present Jaywalkers choose the new members. Only a limited number of girls may be selected because Juniors in Jaywalkers this year automatically remain in for the next year. The 38 girl marching group is divided into nine squads of four and headed by two co-captains. If a position is made open in the middle of the year it is not filled. Mrs. Cornell feels that it would be unfair for the replacement because she wouldn't have the experience of the other girls.

Servicemen Tell Of Obligations

All senior boys were allowed to attend a meeting in the auditorium Feb. 24, with three representatives from the Armed Forces. The Air Force, Marines, and Navy each sent one representative to speak.

The purpose of this was to acquaint high school seniors of their military obligations. Each representative was given ten minutes to tell about the requirements for admission, boot camp, and what life is like in the service.

After the three men were finished, questions were answered for anyone who wanted to know a particular fact. This proved to be worthwhile for everyone that attended.

John Leads City

The Raytown High School Chess Club has brought city-wide attention to RHS by capturing 3 straight 1st place tournament victories, but Raytown also possesses the number one high school chess player in the city, John Rehboitz.

John Rehboitz has achieved the title of "number one" by losing only 1 game in the 16 he has played during tournament competition. During the three tournaments he has captured two 1st place trophies, and one 2nd place trophy. Some of John's other activities in chess are President of the Raytown High Chess Club, and Jr. Chairman of the Kansas City Chess Club. John enjoys chess because, "It's a stimulating hobby, and you never

stop learning about the game." John stated in reference to this year's club, "I think that this club has made the most progress, but we still need more members." John also extended an invitation for the public to attend the RHS Chess Tournament which is now scheduled for April 4.

RHS Buys Letters

The RHS student Council has voted the funds to buy letters to be placed on the school. Many felt that some sort of sign or lettering should be placed somewhere on the school so those passing by will know that this is Raytown High School.

As of yet, the chosen architect, has not chosen where, on the building the letters should be placed. The letters will be placed on the building sometime during the spring.

Flipper Sport In Physics Classes

Since Feb. 9, RHS physics classes have been sponsoring a "football tournament" to end all football tournaments, with the cooperation of Mr. Wiley, physics teacher.

The tournament is governed by a three-man unit titled appropriately enough, the Tournament Committee. The members of this Committee, Danny Gannon, Paul Schiel, and Mr. Wiley, collaborated on drawing up the Official Rules governing the contents as well covering the assessment of penalties. The Official Rules covered such specifics as dimensions of the football and "playing field" and measurements of goal lines.

Any RHS student was eligible for entry into the tourney for a "playing fee" of \$2.25, guaranteeing the student at least two games. After all registrations had entered, the total number of players were then divided into two separate leagues, titled respectively the Morning and Afternoon leagues. Upon completion of the finals, players will then be placed in winner and consolation brackets.

Games then added that, upon commencement of the finals, consolation "Superbowls" for the losers. Trophies, provided by the "playing fee", will then be awarded to the winners of the two games.

"Playing fee", will then be awarded to the winners of the two games. To date, the game-setting game was played by Bill McWilliams vs. Dave Rinn. The score in the game was 163 to 137 respectively. The low game, to date, was Mark Trotter vs. Jeff Wise. The score in that game was 37 to 19 respectively.

Events planned for the future include a Monopoly Tournament and a Golf Tournament, played this time on an actual golf course.

Annual Relations Day Sponsored By South

The Annual Student Relations Day Program was set up for area high schools to discuss problems in their own school and also problems that each school has in common. The fourth annual program started at 8:30, Feb. 21, at Raytown South High School.

The goal of the program is "Improving Student Relations Within and Among Conference Schools." To help bring about success, presidents of clubs met with other presidents of the same club to discuss problems. Some of the topics discussed were improving relations between "bitter" rival schools, school spirit, helping new students become acquainted with other people, and the treatment of visitors to the school. Problems dealing directly with the club itself was financing, attendance, and interest the club attains.

Clubs which were represented were: A.F.S., Art Club, Business Education Club, Class Officers, Future Homemakers, Future Teachers, Key Club, Foreign Language Clubs, Letterman's Club, F.C.A., Music Club, National Honor Society, Pep Club, Science Club, N.F.L., Student Council, Yearbook staffs, Y-Teens, and Intramurals.

Talent Search

Miss Cuamano explained that senior choruses is a very helpful money making project for the school, but if more acts were not solicited before long, Senior Choruses will unfortunately have to fold.

Perhaps the name implies that the show is only open to seniors. It should be clarified that it is open to the entire student body.

So, to all the great hidden talent in Raytown, we say, "It is time to give yourselves to the world!" Tryouts for Senior Choruses, it couldn't hurt, and who knows, maybe tomorrow - Ed Sullivan.

Anyone interested in trying out should contact Miss Cuamano, English teacher.

For the past two years, Senior Choruses, Raytown's talent show has failed due to lack of participation. In contrast with the past, the Choruses are once again on the verge of collapse.

Tryouts for the show were Jan. 10, 17, and 21. Despite the opportunities for one to try out, only seven acts were booked. All of these seven acts were musical - folk singers, pianists, and singers. So, the choruses are not only plagued with a shortage of acts, but also with a lack of variety.

The repeated failure of Senior Choruses can be attributed to two things - lack of interest or lack of acts. But that is not the point. The point is that Senior Choruses is failing.

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Pirates Stifle Hopes Of Trip to State

Coach Goddard's roundball team's hopes for a trip to state went down the drain March 5 when they faced the Passo Pirates at the Truman regional and were downed 81-62.

Raytown never had the lead but whittled it to 4 points during the second half but Passo shooters were just too hot for the Jays to handle. The leading scorer for the Raytown team was Steve Stirling who fanned in 20 points, most which came during the first half. Besides shooting well from the field, the Pirates dominated the boards with ease. This factor was the fatal blow.

The loss dropped the Jays

overall record to 12-9. This mark included with the junior varsity's (12-4) and sophomore's (11-5) records totals to a 25-18 for all Raytown basketball teams.

Next year's team will only have one returning letterman, Mark Heckman. The Jays will have to count on inexperienced varsity performers to make up their starting five besides Heckman. The Jays, however, have good height in Mark Stedt, Randy Dix, and Arthur Fox and good shooters with Heckman and Howard Knight leading the department so there is much potential so RHS should have a bright basketball future.

Cagers Move On To Other Sports

Members from the basketball team are now showing their versatility in the field of sports by transferring into baseball, track and golf. Their presence will add greatly to the showing of the teams.

Brent Carter, Kyle Martin, Howard Knight, Mike Kelley, Ed Bradford, Kevin Johnson, Mick McMurray, Chris Cox, Pat Herring, and Jeff Wise are competing for a spot on the baseball team.

Steve Stirling, Mike McGhee, John Seader, Jim Cozser, Mark Plaster, Glen Wade, Tim Nixon, Mark Johnson, Ken White, Art Fox, Dave King, and Mark Trull are channeling their talents towards the track squad.

Jim Cozser and Damon Stotys are now on the golf team.

Baseball Season

Begins March 21

Spring is here and so is baseball. Raytown will travel to Raytown South March 21 hoping to open their season with a crushing victory over the Cardinals.

Raytown was hit hard by the loss of most of their starters by graduation and will field an inexperienced varsity team. Second team all-conference second baseman, Bobby Tuttle, is the only returning starter and pitcher Harry Edmondson and outfielder Bob Lockler are the only other lettermen. The Jays will have to rely on the members

Sports Team Named

The girls' basketball sports day team has been selected by Mrs. Aspedon.

The girls making the team are: Seniors, Gail Eskew, Adelaide Eubank, Chris Lackey, Claudia Long; Juniors, Joyce Bedell, Wonda Davidson, Susan Eubank, Donna Gray, Debbie Pind, Sharon Simcox; Sophomores, Caroline

Farris, Terri Powell, Melodee Tristell, Becky Tuttle, Dian Williams. The captains voted by the team are: Claudia Long captain and Debbie Pind co-captain.

Pep Squad members are asked to attend the sports days; they will receive two points for the attendance.

Lackey and Long Lead Sports Day

Chris Lackey and Claudia Long are this year's volleyball sports day team captains.

Chris Lackey, Senior, maintains an "S" average even with her demanding responsibilities. She participates in all girls sports and is a member of Spanish club.

Claudia Long, Senior, also maintains an "S" average. She has participated in Sports Day teams since she was a sophomore. Volleyball her favorite play is the spike.

Both girls feel that girls sports deserve more recognition. They represent Raytown in Sports Days with other conference schools and the girls put in hard work at practice and in games. Both made it clear that they not only enjoy the experience, but they learn good sportsmanship as well.

Chris and Claudia showed disappointment at placing fourth in the William Christian Volleyball sports day. They feel that this was due to the lack of practice and experience. This was their first sports day and the other teams had participated in at least one other sports day already. Lately since the team has had more practice time the captain stated that they have improved, they know what to expect, and they are ready for the next sports day.

of last year's junior varsity crew to fill the other positions.

In their practice sessions, the boys have been working hard on fundamentals trying to mold all the potential into an efficient

team. Their efforts are worthy of your support so attend as many games as possible. Help the Jays start the season right with victory over South.

Tryouts Planned

Participants in the Varsity Cheerleading tryouts, April 14, in the gym, must have lettered in Pep Squad and have no grade below an M-. The Pep Squad members make their choice of finalists according to each girl's ability to do the required stunts. The girls are required to do flips, round-offs, cartwheels, splits, several specified jumps, as well as easy and difficult cheers which are taught to them by the cheerleaders. In addition a specialty of acrobatic jumps must be performed.

During an all-school tryout in the gym, April 24, the finalists will again perform various stunts. After the assembly the student body will return to their classes and vote for six cheerleaders.

After they are chosen the new cheerleaders will have a busy summer ahead of them. They must raise money for cheerleading camp, as well as begin practice for the year ahead.

During a special meeting of pep squad, March 31, entrants in the Junior Varsity Cheerleader Tryouts will perform yells taught to them by the cheerleaders, flips, round-offs, cartwheels, and specific jumps in the gym. Pep Squad will then vote by ballot, on the girls' ability and four will be chosen. The girls chosen will be announced at the next regular meeting of pep squad following the tryouts.

To be an eligible participant in the eliminations, a girl must have lettered in Pep Squad and have no grade lower than an M-.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are a relatively new idea at Raytown High. The first Junior Varsity Cheerleaders, Pam Davis, Connie Friedley, Monica Kelley, and Shelley Stewart, made their debut at the Blue White game, Sept. 6, 1968. They relieve the Varsity Cheerleaders from cheering at the JV and Sophomore games.

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