

Baccalaureate, Commencement End School Year for '68 Seniors

Seniors Prepare to Leave

The Baccalaureate Service for Raytown's 1968 graduating class will be held May 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the school gym. The Invocation will be given by Lundy Larmer. The RHS Choir will sing "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place," and Ron Lemmon will be the featured vocalist in "The Divine Mercy." Ric Price will accompany him on the piano.

Mr. Plaster of the Raytown Church of Christ will give a sermon and to conclude the program, Ken Collins will give the benediction.

Commencement Exercises are at the RLDS Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Thurs., May 23. Beth Leonard will give the Invocation to initiate the program. "The Road Not Taken," will be sung by the Senior Choir.

The annual Honors Assembly will be May 15 during fifth and sixth hour to recognize outstanding members of the student body.

Honors Assembly

Academic scholarship presentations are to be the most important part of the assembly. However, scholarships in music, sports, and speech will also be awarded.

A representative from Phi Beta Kappa will announce the top five academically rated students in the senior class of 1968, NCTE winner, Bill



THE CHEERLEADERS for the school year 1968-69 are 1 to r.: Molly Moore, Jenness Ziegler, Cindy Durbin, Sharon White, Cheryl Cole, and Kathy Latz.

Outstanding Teen-agers, Paula Welch and Ken Collins, and National Merit Scholarship winners will be recognized for their superior achievements.

Special presentations such as the Dantforth Foundation will honor one boy and one girl of the senior class with a Leadership Award. Other corporations will provide monetary donations to outstanding students of their choice.

In addition to senior honors, the Student Council for 1968-69, composed of both juniors and sophomores, will be announced.

Joy Dates

- Today—NHS Picnic Baseball, Oak Park at RHS
- 11—District Track Meet at Center
- 13—6th Hour - Commencement robes distributed Baseball, RHS at Lee's Summit
- 14—Band Banquet
- 15—LAST DAY FOR SENIORS

- Honors Assembly Yearbook distribution, 5th and 6th hours Baseball, Truman at RHS
- 16—Pep Squad Banquet Commencement and Baccalaureate practice at 8:15 Locker refunds for seniors
- 18—State Track Meet at Columbia
- 19—Baccalaureate Services -8:00 p.m. - RHS Gym
- 23—Commencement Services - 8:00 p.m. - RLDS Aud.
- Last Day for Sophomores and Juniors

Voices Praise Spring



RHS SPRING CHORAL CONCERT, featuring the Choir, under the direction of Mr. Larry Keisker.

Directed by Larry M. Keisker, the "Spring Choral Concert," was April 23, 8:00 p.m., at the RHS auditorium. The evening began with the Girls' Glee Club singing: "O Come Let Us Sing Unto The Lord" . . . Kent A. Newbury; "The Blue Swan" . . . Carl F. Mueller; "High Hopes" . . . James VanHusen, arr. Hawley Ades. The accompanist was Ruth Rewoldt.

The Sophomore Choir, accompanied by Judy Wheeler, sang: "I Hear A-Voice A-Prayin'" . . . Houston Bright; "Go Away From My Window" . . . Luigi Zannelli; "Rock-A-Ma-Soul" . . . Wayne Haworth, which was directed by Mr. Don Shaver, student teacher, and the soloist being Gayle Goff, and "Country Style" . . . James Van Heusen, arr. Harry Si-meone.

Nerves tightened and tears rolled down the cheeks of the six girls chosen for varsity cheerleader. Cheryl Cole, Cindy Durbin, Kathy Latz, Molly Moore, Sharon White, and Jenness Ziegler received their note of congratulations at the pep squad meeting, April 30.

Tuesday proved to be a very happy occasion for the six girls selected, even though the '67-'68 cheerleaders took a long time to open envelopes, and find the girl whose name appeared inside. The '68 cheerleaders also got their exercise by walking around several tables to reach the lucky girl, who in most cases was only a few steps away.

Welch to Vice-Principal

Senior Counselor Assumes New Post

It has been announced that Mr. Karl Welch, senior counselor at RHS, will assume the office of assistant principal here next year. He will join Mr. Beissenherz in this capacity after being a member of the RHS faculty for 13 years.

Mr. Welch received his high school education at Chilhowee, Mo., where his father has been superintendent of schools for 30 years. He then joined the Marine Corps and served four and a half years in the Korean conflict. Returning to Missouri, Mr. Welch entered Central Missouri State College, where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Arts and Social Studies, and a Master's degree in Guidance. He joined the RHS faculty in 1955 as an Industrial Arts teacher, and, in 1960, became a counselor. In May, 1967, he received a Special-

Denise to Attend Summer Speech Camp

Denise Duncan, sophomore, will attend the Summer Speech and Debate at the University of Kansas, June 16-July 28, 1968.

The Speech and Debate Camp offers a complete program of forensic activities for both beginning and advanced students. A tournament will occur July 19-20 to recognize excellence in the participants.

Denise will choose six of the following 50-minute courses: Beginning, Intermediate or Advanced Debate; Persuasive or Informative Speaking; Beginning or Advanced Interpretation; Beginning or Advanced Dramatic Interpretation; Duet

22 Nominated to Quill and Scroll

The 22 candidates recommended for Quill and Scroll from RHS have been approved for membership. Representing Rayfector class are: Bill Stites, Shiley Houk, Peggy Moad, Juan Cruz, Tim Blevins, Don Meiners, Linda Baker, and Kathy Hovis. Representing Ramtizou are: Linda Adee, Geneva England, Cindy Heim, Cindy Jones, Kathy Jones, Janet Klaric, Jeanne Krohn, Gary Lakey, Beth Pendleton, Barbara Stillely, Ralph Shaw, Mary Townsend, Sue Vida, Teri Wren.

Members of Quill and Scroll must be in the upper one-third of their class, be of junior or senior classification, have done superior work, and be recommended by the supervisor. Students must also be approved by the executive secretary of the Society.

Welfare Statism Violates Laws of Nature, Society

Editorial Comment
By Bill Stites

While reading THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO, I was struck by the following words as being particularly applicable to our day and age:

Hitherto, every society has been based . . . on the antagonism of oppressing and oppressed classes. But in order to oppress a class, certain conditions must be assured to it under which it can, at least, continue its slavish existence. The modern laborer, on the contrary, instead of rising with the progress of industry, sinks deeper and deeper below the conditions of existence of his own class. . . And here it becomes evident that the bourgeoisie is unfit any longer to be the ruling class in society. . . because it is incompetent to assure an existence to its slave within his slavery, because it cannot help letting him sink into such a state that it has to feed him, instead of being fed by him. Society can no longer live under this bourgeoisie, in other words, its existence is no longer compatible with society.

The value of Marx's words lies not in direct interpretation, as today's worker, obviously, is no longer sinking below the conditions of his own existence. However, let us view another, a growing, condition in the light of these words: let us consider the welfare state.

In the welfare state, we may observe a society based, not upon class antagonisms, but upon the principle that a man's existence should be assured, regardless of his productivity; regardless, in fact, of his status in society, whether it be beneficial or detrimental. It is a society where, through governmental institutions, those who will not earn a living are fed by those who will. In other words, it is a society where the socially unfit are allowed to propagate at the expense of those who realize and fulfill their social obligations.

In the words of Charles Darwin, such a state is "contrary to the laws of nature, where survival of the fittest leads to the improvement of the whole.

The encroachment of the welfare state in America is a recognized fact. Under the auspices of Christian princi-

ples, a program has been established wherein the beneficiaries are lulled into a state of social complacency. In other words, by feeding and clothing those who do not work, we are removing the stimuli which would impel them to do so. Content with their lot, these social misfits can see no reason to work or even educate themselves. There is, in effect, no social improvement, regardless of the financial benefits derived. To be responsible for continued existence in a socially detrimental class does not, it seems to me, coincide with any principle of Christianity that I am familiar with.

To conclude, unless we discontinue a program which breeds ignorance and cripples the economy; "love our neighbors as ourselves," we are liable to find that our government is "no longer compatible with society."

Five Chosen for Boys State

The American Legion will sponsor Missouri Boys State on the campus of Central Missouri State College. It will be of one week duration from June 15 through June 22.

Five junior boys have been selected from Raytown High School to attend Boys State '68. They are Paul Evans, sponsored by Kiwanis, Jim Fischer, sponsored by Rotary, Greg Runyan, sponsored by the Jaycees, Ron Stites, sponsored by Kiwanis, and Mike Sundermeyer, sponsored by Optimist. These boys were chosen on the basis of leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty, and service, and must have been between the ages of fifteen and nineteen as of June 15, 1968.

The purpose of Boys State is to supplement instruction courses in schools and to "educate our youth in the duties, privileges, responsibilities, and rights of American citizenship through a system of learning by doing." This program is not a recreational camp but purely an educational one.

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By Bill Stites

As you probably know, this is the last issue of Rayflector for the 1967-68 school year. Undoubtedly, some of you wish it was the last issue, period. However, the paper will be published again next year, and those of you who didn't like it this year have one of two alternatives: 1) Suffer; or 2) Take an active part.

If someone approaches a member of the Rayflector staff with a complaint, the most common response (excluding, "Blame Stites'") is: "If you don't like it, sign up for journalism next year." Of course, anyone familiar with journalism class (especially its insane sponsor and tyrannical editor), would avoid this action like the plague. Possibly a more practical solution rests in reader response, via letters to the "Dear Editor" box. It is my understanding that Rayflector received more of this type of response in the 1967-68 school year than in any of its preceding years, and we certainly have attempted to follow a lot of the good advice offered therein.

It is because of this response, and the monetary support the student body and local advertisers have given us (for which we are extremely grateful), that I am prompted to believe that next year's Rayflector will be a great improvement over the current volume. We've already mentioned the possibility of a six-page paper on a permanent basis, as well as the acquisition of a lot more photography equipment, etc.

The existence of a school newspaper is a privilege that every school should take advantage of. It is a means of communication aimed directly at the student, in language with which he is familiar. With proper support, it can prove to be an educational and unifying institution. It is quite obvious to me that we are rapidly approaching such a level of support, and I can guarantee that the results it will bring will satisfy just about everybody.

To conclude, I, personally, have been thrilled and pleased with the support you have shown this newspaper. It has been a great pleasure to have served you as its editor, and I can only hope that you have enjoyed the experience half as much as I have. Of course, if you haven't been tickled pink (and didn't write us any letters), you still have an alternative: join the staff next year. Although it will have the same sponsor, I understand that next year's editor won't be nearly as bad. . .

Thank You Mr. Welch

—Class of '68

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Opti-Mrs. Send RHS Girls to Summer Camp

The Raytown Opti-Mrs. will be sponsoring two girls from Y-Teens to attend the Midwest Y-Teens Summer Conference at K-State-Manhattan, Kan., June 23-28.

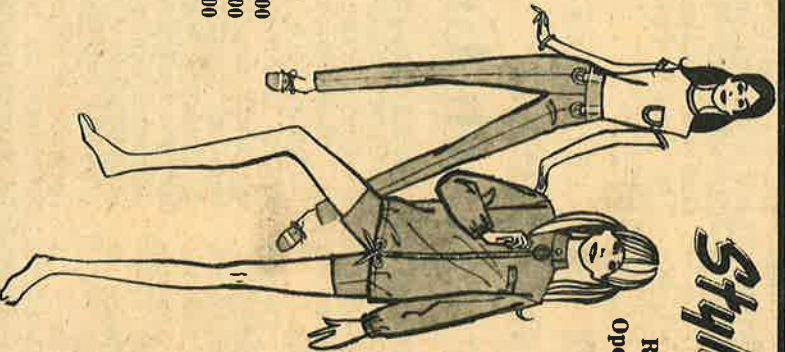
The theme of the conference will be "Hello Out There, World!" Program areas will be "The New Morality," International Relations with emphasis on Viet-

nam, and Race Relations. Some of the many interest groups will be folk singing, politics, sensitivity, and college and careers. There will be work shop in worship, membership, publicity, and world fellowship to name a few.

The RHS Y-Teens will sponsor three girls in addition to the ones sponsored by the Opti-Mrs. All the girls attending will be the officers from the club. They are: Shirley Kyle, Tobi Kelle, Lynn Lake, Linda Riley, and Camilla Huer.

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1968 Senior Ballot



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Ken Collins



JOLLY GOOD

Janice Rice

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CLASS CLOWN

Gary Lakey

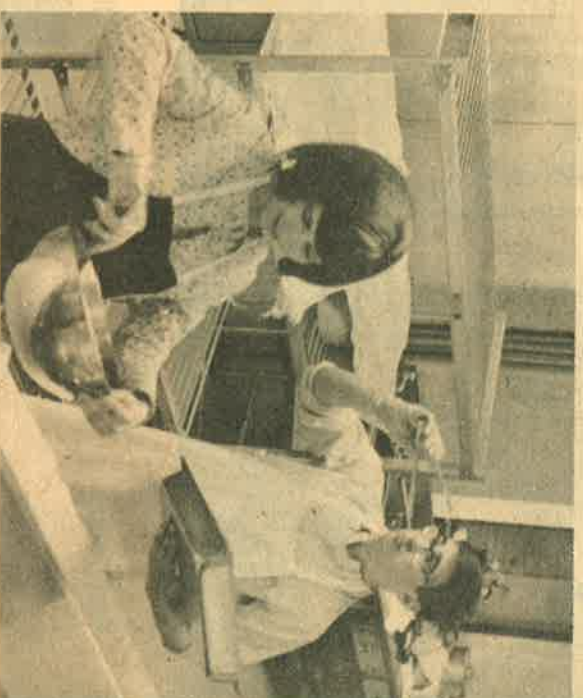
Peggy Moad



DONE MOST FOR SCHOOL

Bill Stites

Kathy Collins



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Vicki Swenson

Bill Stites



WOLF AND FLIRT

Ronnie Holmes

Sue Jones



BEST ACTRESS & ACTOR

Bill Anderson

Beth Leonard



BEST LOOKING

Ronnie Holmes

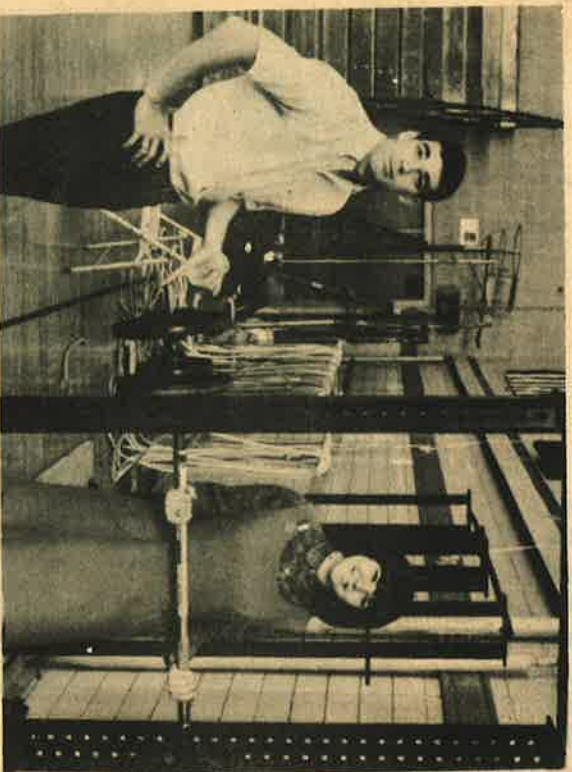
Beth Pendleton



TYPICAL BLUEJAY

Richard Prewitt

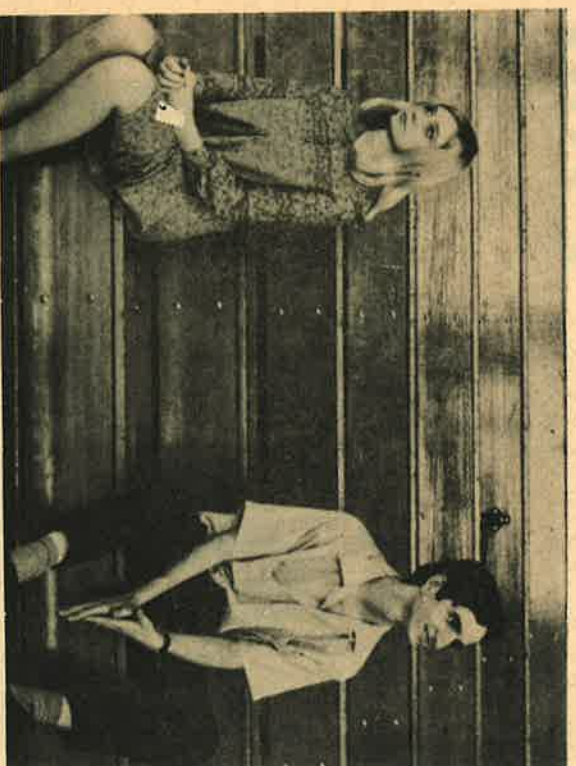
Paula Welch



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Ken Collins

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MOST BASHFUL

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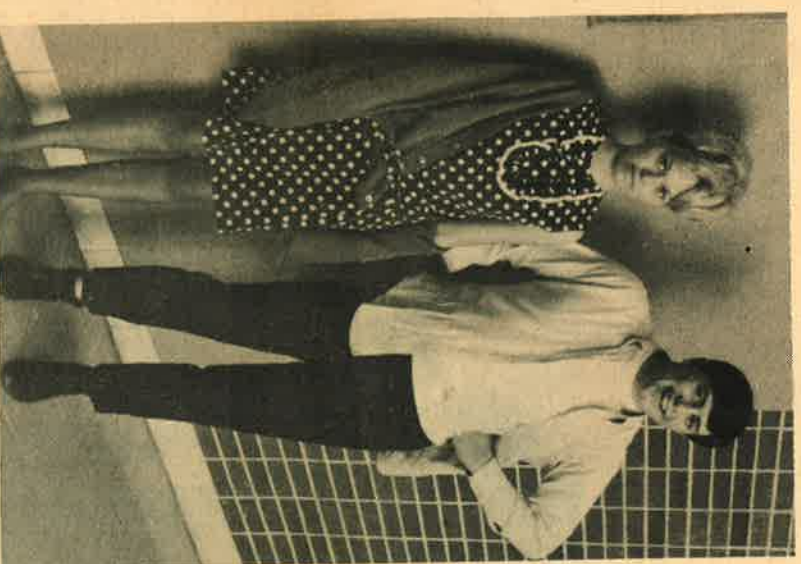
Juan Cruz



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Nancy Shontz

Neal Goodson



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Barb Endicot

Dennis White



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Tom Fenske



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Linda Adee

George Saleh



MOST POPULAR TEACHERS

Mr. Rice

Mrs. Tade



CUTTEST COUPLE

Bob Carter

Susie Leslie

Seminar Candidacy Honors Mrs. Nichols



Mrs. Nichols, speech teacher, to attend American Seminar in Pennsylvania.

Summer Registration June 10 at Rolla

Registration for the summer session at the University of Missouri-Rolla will be June 10. Classes will run from June 11 to Aug. 3 when summer commencement will be held.

Over 130 summer courses will be offered including those in ceramic, chemical, civil, electrical, mechanical and aerospace engineering, metallurgical and nuclear engineering and mining and petroleum engineering, engineering mechanics, chemistry, mathematics computer science, physics, management, humanities, social sciences and military science.

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Mrs. Nichols, speech teacher, has been selected the Missouri candidate to attend the American Seminar at Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, July 8-16.

Mrs. Nichols is involved in many speech functions including: Chairman of the Forensic Committee; Member of the Speech Advisory Board; and National Forensics League, just to mention a few.

At this seminar, Mrs. Nichols will hear and discuss with outstanding authorities the problems facing America in the mid-Twentieth Century.

Twelve of her 20 years of teaching were spent in the Raytown School District. Mrs. Nichols has taught Speech and Debate at RHS for the past nine years. She received her BA and MA Degrees from U.M.K.C.

Spectrum Out May 13

Spectrum, RHS's literary magazine, will go on sale sometime during the week of May 13.

Included in the magazine will be poetry, prose, music compositions, foreign language, and two pages of photos, which will include both art work and industrial art projects. The cover was designed by John Labuda, Senior.

Linda Sorenson, editor, commented, "Spectrum will be a big improvement over last year's edition. Also, it contains something that will appeal to everyone." Price of the magazine will be determined after expenditures are figured.

Commerce Trust give Seniors Tips

Commerce Trust Bank will again this summer present its College Preview Program. The program is presented to help the college-bound high school seniors adjust to the transition from high school to college. This is a major step in the social, academic, and financial affairs of any student. The program gives first-hand information about college life that cannot be provided in catalogues.

Held in the Commerce Tower, 9th and Main, downtown Kansas City, Missouri, this informative service has been attended by more than 5,000 college-bound seniors since it was first offered in 1963. It is the only program of its type in the United States.

The program which lasts about 2½ hours is presented Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings from late June until the end of July. Visiting students will tour the bank and attend an informal seminar conducted by five outstanding college students representing colleges and universities from various parts of the country.

Some seminar topics will be study habits, incidental college expenses, college fashions, social customs, etc., as well as any other subjects that guests might wish to discuss. After the program refreshments will be served and each guest will receive an 80-page booklet "Off to College." Each guest will also receive an attractive gift that will be useful during his college years.

Individuals or groups who are interested in the program are invited to telephone the College Preview Program Office at VI 2-7500 to arrange a convenient afternoon or evening for attending.

Juniors to Science Program



Debbie Lavery, RHS representative to the University of Mississippi and Bill Reed, RHS representative to the University of Mississippi this summer.

Lavery And Reed To Summer Camps

Two RHS juniors have been honored by being selected to attend summer science training camps. Bill Reed is spending nine weeks in Louisiana and Debbie Lavery is spending six weeks in Mississippi.

Bill will leave June 4 for the Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. He will be involved in the study of Modern Physics which will include quantum mechanics, high energy particles, super conductors, and spin resonance.

Debbie will leave June 6 for the University of Mississippi where she will study mathematics, including abstract algebra, number theory, and higher geometry.

In order to be accepted to these training camps they had to fill out application forms along with writing an essay. Both Bill and Debbie went through nerve-racking experiences concerning their application information. Bill's essay was lost and he had to write another one after the deadline. He



College Preview Program

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Cinderman Gary Lakey displays his style of high jumping to Rayflector's camera.

Golf Season at End; RHS Record is 5-1

With the season drawing to a close, the Raytown Bluejay Golf Team proudly boasts a 5-1 conference record in the Suburban Golf League.

In an earlier game, Frank Munden, a senior, broke an existing school record to lead the Jays to a conference victory over Center at the Swope Park Course.

In the latest game, Dave Robinson was the game medalist for the Jays as Raytown defeated Truman 119-128 at the Swope Park Number One Course. This is the third straight victory for the Jays in six starts.

Much time and practice have gone into these victories recorded by the Jays. The team practices between two and three hours each weekday as well as several hours each weekend.

Jays Boost Record to 7-5

Diamondmen Blast Northtown

Jays Down

Eagles, Patroits

in the hot box, Northtown's catcher threw the ball away and allowed both Herring and Dickey to score.

Meeting Northtown a second time at Macken Field in North Kansas City, Raytown squeaked by the Hornets 1-0 May 1.

Jim Legg went all the way on the mound for the Jays, holding Northtown to a two-hitter. Dave Dickey supplied three hits on three trips to the batter's box.

Raytown's score came in the third inning when a triple by Mark Moore allowed Jim Legg to score.

Raytown Diamond Men were victorious in two games May 6th. At 3:45 the Jays met Ruskin and triumphed 8-2. Home runs by Mike Herring and Bob Her highlighted that game. Bob Her was accredited with the win.

At 7:30 the Jays met Truman and upset the Conference leaders 2-0. Jim Legg got the win and pitched a four hitter.

The Jays now have a 7-5 conference record.

Sportlight

Gary Schroer

Playing third base for Raytown's baseball team this year is Gary Schroer, senior. Besides last season's diamond experience with the Ban Johnson League's Country Club Dairy team, Gary also played basketball for Raytown as a junior and sophomore.

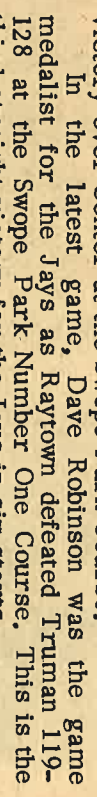
A member of the National Honor Society, he carries an E-grade average and is currently serving as treasurer of the Key Club.

Conference Proves

Tough for Jays

Raytown Cindermen placed seventh in the Conference Track meet May 3. Ken Collins scored the most points for the Jays. Ken won seconds in the High and Low Hurdles.

Other individuals placing included: Larry Farnner; fourth in the discus, and Dave Bradley, fifth in the mile. The Jays also placed fifth in the 440 yard relay.



Cinderman Gary Lakey displays his style of high jumping to Rayflector's camera.

Jay Cindermen Take Fifth In Santa Fe Relays

Blue Jay Cindermen finished fifth in the Santa Fe Relays April 25 and 26.

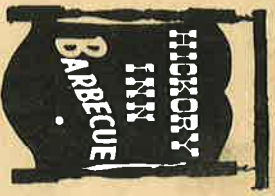
Ken Collins brought home two medals. Ken placed second in the 330 yard intermediate hurdles and fourth in the 220 yard dash. Dave Bradley and Steve Snelling finished third and fourth respectively in the mile run. Randy Schmidt placed fourth in the mile run. The Jays also took fourth in the two mile relay.

Team Experiences Reversal of Fate

In their first District Tournament game, Raytown's baseball team defeated Lee's Summit 18-2.

By defeating Lee's Summit, Raytown moved into the quarter-finals of the Tournament.

Meeting St. Joseph Benton on April 27, the Jays fell 3-1 to their opponents. Although Jim Legg's pitching held St. Joe to six hits, Raytown tallied only four hits in the contest



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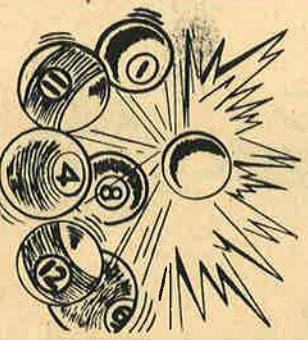
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