

Bob Laird proudly displays his newly won trophies.

"Top Ten List" Puts Laird First

"Robert Laird is undoubtedly one of the best orators at RHS," says Mrs. Chaissen, speech instructor. Senior Robert Laird has been very successful in some recent speech tournaments while competing in such categories as oratory and extemporaneous speaking.

Robert took first place trophy in the oratory division with his speech on "Personal Identity" at the Oak Park tournament, Dec. 5.

Repairs To Be Made Throughout Holidays

Over Christmas vacation, new lockers will be installed on the second floor across from 217. Also during vacation the floors will be washed, waxed, and polished, blackboards will be washed, and the gym lockers aired out. No major improvements are planned for this school year other than the completion of the Phil Chittwood Memorial Building.

During the summer many improvements were made which include new aluminum doors and windows on the front of the building, and the installation of more telephones. In addition, the Vice Principal's offices were consolidated with Mr. Hank's office. The language lab was moved to 101 and Mr. Beissenherz's former office was converted into a classroom.

Canes To Be Sold

The Junior Class will be selling candy canes tomorrow on all lunch shifts, and before school in the library and cafeteria. The purpose of the project is to promote Christmas spirit.

The canes will be sold for 10 cents a piece and can be purchased to eat before 1st hour, with lunch, and during the afternoon movie.

Last year the class of '71 sold candy canes at lunch, but did not buy a sufficient supply and ran out second lunchshift. This year more canes were ordered to prepare for the selling.

Debbie Ireland, treasurer of the Jr. Class, stated, "Last year we only made about \$15.00 on the project and that was donated to the Christmas project. It's not the money that really matters, though, it is just to help promote the Christmas spirit."

Also at the Oak Park tournament, in the extemporaneous division, the second place trophy was awarded to Robert.

Another award of great standing was awarded to Robert this summer at the Key Club Convention held in Miami Beach, Florida, July 6-9. Robert competed against boys throughout the nation. His topic for his oration was last year's Key Club theme "Influence Through Example." Robert placed fifth in the nation.

Robert is at the top of the "Top Ten List" in NFL with an accumulation of 470 points. Robert is President of NFL.

Robert is also very active in Key Club where he holds the office of Vice President and is the Lt. Governor of the Kansas City area high schools in Key Club International. He is in charge of the Missouri-Arkansas District Convention that will take place April 3 and 4.

The convention is to be held at the Glennwood Manor Motor Hotel in Kansas City. Robert will give the main speech on the 1969-70 Key Club International theme, "Understanding-Pathway to Human Dignity."

Robert's future plans are to attend Northwestern College in Chicago and enter the fields of politics or radio and television speaking.

Follow Up On Fund

Excavation having been completed, footings laid, and the first floor walls poured, the Phil Chittwood Memorial Building is well underway. The building, located at the Southwest corner of the stadium area, will house equipment for weight lifting and body building. The date of completion is somewhat sketchy because of weather conditions. But it is planned to be completed during the school year.

As of Dec. 8, donations had reached \$6,126.00, and in addition materials and construction labor have been contributed. The ever increasing list of persons giving monetary contributions is too lengthy to list.

Those persons giving materials and labor up to this date include: Wayne Greene and Joe Don Smith, former RHS students, contributed by excavating the land; steel contributions were made by Joe Wynn and also by Alco Steel; half of the brick needed was contributed by Smith Brothers.

With the completion of the new gym building, the Student Lounge will be used solely for wrestling.

Council Aids Aged

This year's Christmas Project, promoted by Student council will take place at Jackson County Hospital.

On the day before Christmas, students will go to the hospital, give a program, and serve refreshments to 140 old people.

This year's Christmas Project will not cost the council as much in terms of money, but members feel that this type of program will promote the Christmas Spirit. This way members feel they will be giving a little love and friendship instead of the commercialistic type of gift.

Singers Entertain



Gail Goff, Surrounded by fellow choir members, practices her solo.

The RHS auditorium hosted a free choral concert on Dec. 14 at 3:00. Featured were the Concert and Sophomore Choirs, and the Boy's and Girl's Glee Clubs.

Opening the 60 minute program, the Concert Choir sang five sacred Christmas pieces from the "Medley of English Christmas Carols" combined with a piece called "Christmas Day." Included in the selections were "Glory to God," and a dramatic piece, "Night Journey."

Four selections from the "Ceremony of Carols" completed the program by the Girl's Glee Club. Among them was "A Christmas Wish" which Mr. Fulkerson, director, commented as "having a nice Christmas message to it."

Chosen for the Sophomore choir to sing were "Vivaldi's Gloria," "Pine Cones and Holy Berries," and the popular "Jingle Bells."

Bach's "Sing Me the Praise of God" began the program the Boy's Glee Club presented. In closing, a barbershop version of "Jingle Bells" was sung.

Commencing the concert was the Concert Choir singing the "Twelve Days of Christmas," "Christmas Is," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The Concert Choir will be on television Christmas Week on channel 5 during the Noon Edition.

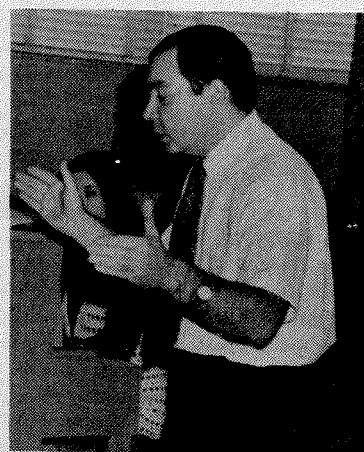
Students Honored

Continued from December 12 issue

The Outstanding Americans Foundation has announced that Gayle Goff, Diane Jones, and Greg Grounds have been selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1970.

These three students, nominated for this honor by the school administration, will compete for state and national awards in the Outstanding Teenagers of America Program.

The recipients of this honor were selected on the basis of ability and achievement. They will compete with other winners in Mo. for the Governor's Trophy awarded annually to the most outstanding teenager of each state. Each of the fifty state winners will be eligible for one of the Two National Outstanding Teenagers of America awards and college scholarships. One of the primary goals of the Outstanding Teenagers of America program is to bring to the attention of the American public the positive achievements and attributes of today's young people.



Mr. Fulkerson keeps a watchful eye on the music as he directs the choir.

The Curators Scholars Program is a scholarship designed to encourage high school students to attend Missouri University at Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla, or St. Louis.

The purpose of the program is: 1) to encourage capable high school graduates to go to college, 2) to encourage and reward high scholastic achievement, 3) to render the greatest possible assistance to each student through a carefully planned use of available funds for scholarships, educational grants, loans and work programs.

Curators Freshmen Scholars are selected in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement in college. These scholars are chosen on the basis of rank in class, test scores and principal or counselor recommendation.

The full amount of the incidental fee will be dropped during the freshman year and continued during the rest of college if the students maintain a cumulative grade average in the top 5% of the class.

Curators Freshman Scholars will be nominated by their respective high schools under the following conditions: 1) One scholar will be nominated for each 100 students or fraction thereof in senior class, 2) Such scholars must rank in the top 3% of total senior class, 3) They must rank in the top 10% on National Norms of a recognized test of college aptitude.

Courses Offered

ECONOMICS helps students to understand and appreciate our capitalistic economic system. This course promotes understanding of the economic problems of the businessman in conducting his business, as well as the economic problems of the workers in his relationship with his employer and his fellow workers. Economic analysis and logical reasoning are stressed in the areas of income and production, money and credit, competition and prices, and government control.

NOTEHAND is a personal use shorthand course designed to give students a tool for note taking. It is organized to give help on how to study as well as how to make effective notes when listening or reading. It is designed for the college-bound student.

CLOTHING I provides study and laboratory experience for: development of personality, appearance, poise, charm, grooming; application of color, line, design, texture in wardrobe planning, pattern selection for the individual girl; knowledge of common fibers and their properties, fabric construction, fabric finishes, fabric care, Federal textile laws; use and care of pressing and sewing equipment; unit method of clothing construction using acceptable techniques.

CLOTHING II provides additional experiences for: analysis of the family's clothing needs and budget; appreciation for style and fashion; current information on textiles, labeling legislation and fashion trends; judging ready-made clothes and buying fabrics wisely; care of wool and man-made fibers; unit method of construction with advanced skills; selection and construction of accessories; hats, purses, belts, shoes; and careers in fashion.

CLOTHING III provides advanced experience in: wardrobe planning, budgeting and merchandising, restyling, altering or remaking family garments, mending and spot removal; current fashion trends in design, color, texture, fabrics including imports, etc.; special fabric finishes with emphasis on newest developments affecting consumers; care of silk, linen and man-made fabrics; adapting commercial patterns to the figure;

STUDENTS: If you wish to make known your opinions on controversial topics, on any article in this paper, or on the school, the RAYFLECTOR will accept your written opinion. If, however, you do write a "Letter to the Editor", please sign your name, otherwise we are unable to print your opinion.

Censor Tramples On Viewer's Rights

by Steve Morth

A few months ago, a foreign film being exhibited at a local theater, was seized by officials who declared it to be obscene. The film, a Swedish export, had already suffered a similar fate in Kansas. Despite the fact that admission was strictly denied to those under the age of twenty-one, the almighty Censor still deemed it objectionable. Once again he has trampled upon the rights of the viewing public.

This incident, unfortunately, has not been what one could term an "exception to the rule." The Twentieth Century will be noted for many things, the least of which is not the incredible surge of realism in the arts, and the liberalization of censorship laws. However, as the above named incident clearly indicates, censorship is still all too prevalent in modern society.

For the first time, modern man finds himself engulfed in a major upheaval concerning traditional views on censorship. Audiences of today are confronted by the products of film makers who stubbornly refuse to flatly accept social and moral codes simply because they are "traditional." The value of such "products" remains today a hotly contested argument. One side barks that the films of today are nothing short of trash; the other side fluently replies that the films of today attempt to truthfully depict life in the state of realism that has been absent for far too long.

As ugly as censorship is, a certain amount of it is undeniably necessary. The rating system, initiated by the movie industry two years ago, is an earnest attempt to provide needed guide-lines for the industry without stifling the rights of the viewer. The GMRX system, as it is called, places all films into separate categories, depending on their content. This rating system allows the viewer to realize the maturity of the work before he decides to go see the film, as well as screening out impressionable minors and children. Of course, not every theater strictly enforces this system. However, the majority theaters do make an earnest attempt to enforce the system and it has resulted in fewer unhappy theater patrons, in most cases.

This is the type of censorship that is needed. This should assure that those interested in seeing a certain film, and only those interested, will go. Using the rating system, there should be few incidents where one happens to innocently stumble into a theater, only later to deplore the film's quality or content.

Many people today find themselves disgusted with the new wave art. Collectively titled avant-grade, the new concept of infusing realism into a film has met with much opposition. A common complaint is that "Nobody bothers to make any "good" movies anymore. They're all trash." This is a major problem with the new surge of realism. For so many years, realism was non-existent in the theater. It was all Father Knows Best or Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm. The dark side of life was ignored for the sugar and spice fantasies. Now, in direct contract to that total output of "sugar and spice" comes the new wave of realism. Current films unleash upon the public a generous view of that part of life which most of us would rather claim as a myth. Unfortunately, many films of this nature are unpleasant; but then, life is also an unpleasant experience at times.

If the new trend toward realism has any true advantages beside the widening of film maker's horizons, they have a tremendous teaching quality. We, in reality, can no longer wait until we are kicked out into life to learn about its hardships and frustrations as well as its joys and rewards. Art today must not only entertain; it must instruct.

I firmly subscribe to an "each to his own" thesis on life. If you believe a certain film to be objectionable to yourself, then don't go view it. The fact that you find it objectionable, however, should not, and does not, make your feelings law. One man's views should not infringe upon another's in this area. After all, nobody forces you into the theaters.

PERSONAL RECORD KEEPING is to help students develop the ability to do record-keeping activities that are required of an individual and to obtain some knowledge of keeping books for a family, an organization, and a business. The activities include maintaining budgets, keeping records of buying and selling, handling cash, preparing payrolls, and filing tax returns.

BUSINESS LAW acquaints students with common basic principles of law in order that they may carry on their business affairs more intelligently. The course helps a student form a constructive attitude and respect toward our system of courts, and make him more aware of the legal implications of his acts. Some of the topics studied are: contracts, bailments, debtors, creditors, negotiable instruments, and insurance.

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Industrial Training Absent In Curriculum

One of the outstanding results of the study of the 1965 high school graduates was the lack of preparation of students for the world of work. In our white collar, college orientated curriculum we have overlooked the rapidly developing blue collar fields and the students who formerly could go into the so-called common labor occupations. I do not intend to run down the importance of a college education as I feel it is most important in many instances but my comments are directed to the purpose of the post high school training and the part the high school can play in preparing for this training.

More high school graduates are now entering college or are planning to enter colleges with a curriculum orientated toward industrial education.

Whereas students could once go directly from high school into industry and receive training on the job, it is now important that schools cooperate with industry and with colleges to develop industrial orientated programs. Another facet of this is the fact that good introductory programs are being ignored by students and school personnel in many high schools in favor of meeting the ivy college curriculum requirements.

A recent study by James H. Earle of the Engineering and Graphics Department at Texas A & M University disclosed some facts which should be of interest to all high school students and counselors of high school students. While Professor Earle's study concerned only the drafting and graphics program, it in turn has many implications for other areas of pre-industrial training.

This study seems quite conclusive in stating that high school experience in drafting improved the students ability from 12 to 17 percent in college graphic courses. Even more interesting and meaningful was that 65% of the college teachers of various phases of college industrial courses considered one year of general drafting in high school necessary to provide a background for beginning college graphics, 15 per cent thought two years of general drafting, including specific units were needed, and 20% advised detailed semester courses in specialized areas at the high school level.

While the sole purpose of high school drafting and graphic programs is not to prepare students for college, it does this in the industrial areas but in addition it serves as an excellent background for the student who will be involved in any activity where the reading and understanding of drawings and prints are involved. Many colleges including the University of Missouri and Metropolitan Junior College recognize high school training in drafting and use it for advance placement or in some cases credit is allowed.

For students considering a study of Engineering, Industrial Technology and Industrial Arts or Vocational Technical education it would be well to consider an experience in one or more of the Industrial Areas now offered such as, Drafting, General Metals, Fundamental Woods or Power Mechanics.

At present there are many openings both full and part time in the field of drafting for both men and women.

R. M. Cochran

Students With Tickets May Be On UMKC Jury

Students who have received traffic tickets in Raytown may now find themselves occupying one of the twelve jurymen chairs located in the Moot Court Room at the UMKC Law Building.

The program, called the Trial Practice Program, uses students who have received traffic citations to sit as actual jurymen in cases presented there. The cases tried are actual accident cases, involving only property damage. The witnesses who attend are the real drivers, passengers and officers who were present at the time the accident occurred, and a member of the Jackson County Circuit Court will try the case.

Except for the fact that the lawyers representing the two parties are not actual attorneys but senior law students, the trial is exactly like those that take place in the Circuit Courts.

Upon hearing the evidence presented by both parties, the jury is then required to render a verdict either for or against the party suing. The decision reached by the jury is binding under law and the money involved will be handled according to their verdict.

It is meant to be interesting and educational experience, and, upon written verification of their attendance at the trial, the Raytown Court will suspend payment of their fine.

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Clublicity Spanish Xmas Party

Scott Cauger, president of National Honor Society, called the Dec. 12 meeting to order.

Mr. Hartman, Family Relations teacher and guest speaker, presented an interesting talk and showed numerous slides of the European tour several Raytown students profited from last year. Afterwards, there was a beneficial question and answer session on the last few trips and the future European tour open to all RHS students.

The theme for French Club's Christmas party this year was Apres Ski. It was Dec. 17 at 7:30 in Raytown's Ski Lodge (Library). The entertainment was provided by every French class. Buche de Noel provided by Andris was served. Santa Clause was also present.

Fourth and fifth year Spanish students journeyed to Norfleet Elementary school. Dec. 19. They told first and second graders about Mexican Christmas traditions.

Juniors and seniors in Mrs. Redd's first hour Spanish IV and V class made the trip during sixth hour last Friday. The sixteen students who participated broke into groups of two for each classroom.

One person told the children of Christmas in Mexico, after which the other taught them "Jinglebells" in Spanish. They then passed out candy.

The Raytown High School Chess Club brought home a 1st place trophy from Oak Park Chess Tournament Dec. 6. The victory was the 2nd consecutive 1st place win by Raytown.

The Chess Club not only placed 1st, but won 4 out of a possible 7 individual trophies. Raytown almost got 5 trophies, but Steve Eshelman tied for 1st in his division, and lost the toss-of-the-coin which decided the recipient of the trophy.

Future Teachers of America opened their meeting by discussing their annual Christmas project, which will be financed by the selling of "Blue Jay Buttons." The profits will go to helping buy Christmas gifts for kindergarten students in an inter-city school. The club also decided to visit a Rest Home and take gifts.

Y-Teens stuffed stockings for their Annual Christmas project on Monday, Dec. 22. The girls each brought a sock from home along with assorted Christmas candy and small toys.

The filled stockings will be given to underprivileged children. The club checked out several agencies in this area that care for the underprivileged children.

"We hope to be able to give the stocking to the small children at the Jackson County Children's Home. Our hope is to make someone's Christmas a little happier."

AFS Club sponsored a party, Dec. 17, in the school library, for Frida and Lars, AFS students. The purpose was to give clubs an opportunity to present their Christmas contributions to our foreign exchange students.

Invitations were sent to each of the clubs, and all RHS students were welcome. Punch and cookies were served; Christmas gifts were then presented.

Due to the fact that AFS Club has no treasury, the group decided that their contribution would be collecting money for Frida and Lars to call home on Christmas. They set up a box for the donations in the hall outside the main office.

The idea was borrowed from Pem-Day School, and Georgia Amar, sophomore, originated the idea of wrapping the box as a Christmas present.

Members of Spanish Club celebrated Christmas, Mexican style, Dec. 16 at Las Palmas Restaurant.

Due to financial problems, the club was not able to reserve the restaurant for a private party. So, the members traveled to Las Palmas for a Mexican dinner then had their entertainment and program during regular meeting time, Dec. 18.

The program included songs by Bunny Wilson, Mark Taylor, and Frida Cancino. Bunny and Mark accompanied the group on their guitars. The songs included "La Bamba," "What Child is This," and "Perfeles."

Bells For Peace Sold By AFS Club

For Peace to help the RHS Foreign exchange students.

The selling of the Bells For Peace by the AFS Club is one of the ways that the cost of bringing over the students is paid for. The Host family is responsible for the student's food and lodging, family trips, and modest birthday, holiday, and farewell presents in accordance with its own way of living. The AFS Club sends \$750 dollars to AFS/International which pays for the students overseas ship or plane fares. It supplies the student with a personal allowance of \$14 per month. It pays for the student's medical expenses, and necessary transportation within the United States.

The Host School generally furnishes the student with transportation to and from school, school lunches, school books and supplies, yearbook and class photographs, school activities fees, graduation expenses, school trips, gym suit, and other gym equipment.

This year's AFS Club urges you to support their Bells For Peace campaign to help make this year a happy one for our foreign exchange students.

Speakers To Oak Park

Members of the speech department traveled to Oak Park on Dec. 5 and 6 for a speech tournament.

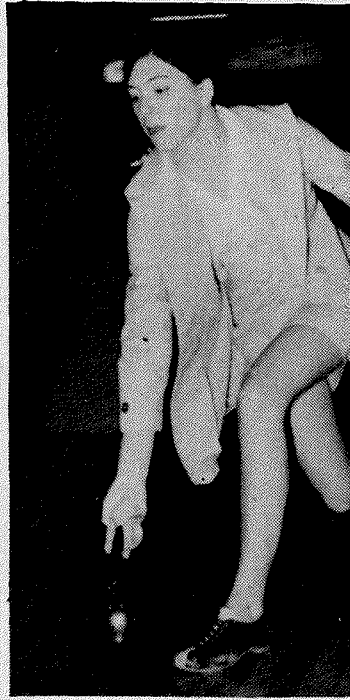
In individuals Robert Laird, Raytown's highest NFL Honor Student, represented Raytown very well. He placed First in Oratory with "Personal Identity," and Second Place in Extemporaneous Speaking. Doug Huff placed Third in Humerous Interpretation with Cyrano De Bergerac.

In Debate Danny Hall and Tom Tait in regular debate won 5 and lost 1. Other debate teams were Margaret Rinas and Doug Huff in novice, and Robert Laird and Ray Brewer in championship.

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Corsages a specialty



Girls in physical education classes display growing coordination as they practice techniques in bowling, trying to collect that strike.

Art Club

This year's Art Boutique in room 117 on Dec. 1-5 proved to be a success. It was a display of creations by RHS Art Club members.

They sold everything from foot stools to paper weights to candles, dip flowers, psychedelic shirts, and key chains.

The past art shows at Raytown High have been conducted as art fairs with paintings and drawings put on display and admission charged. This year Art Club members changed the trend and put on an Art Boutique. The difference is flatwork paintings and creative objects.

The money received will go to Art Club for a field trip. The trip will either be taken to Fulton Mo. to see St. Mary of Aldermanbury Cathedral, a reconstructed church brought from England; Abilene, Kan., to see Eisenhower museum; or to Warrensburg to see some artwork.

Show By Puppets

Mrs. Mary Lou James' Family and Child Development classes gave puppet shows for 3-5 year old children, Dec. 22.

The children were invited to spend the class period for a child's party given by the students. In each of Mrs. James' classes, hours 1-3 at RHS and hours 4-5 at RSHS, students divided into groups, where they made puppets, scripts, and scenery. Each group presented a puppet show in front of the class. Members of the class as well as Mrs. James graded each show and then the best one in each class was presented for special guests.

Mrs. James feels that through observation of children in the various age groups, enables students who don't come in contact with children to better understand them.

In Oct., Mrs. James invited babies and their mothers to her classes. Each mother gave a talk on the topic of what one day is like with a small baby. This included the feeding and bathing the child as well as the child's physical makeup, personality, and his capabilities.

In Nov., children ages 1-2 were allowed to come and play with toys made by Mrs. James' students. Each student was to observe one child and write a paper on his personality, physical makeup, and his reactions to the other students.

Retrospect Senate To Lead

Doug Huff

We of the Rayflector staff would like to extend our deepest regrets to Miss Helton's small toe. Miss Helton broke her small toe one night during a spirited water fight with her roommate, Miss Hellinger. Miss Helton in her haste ran into her bathroom door, hitting her toe. Out of water and in pain, she proceeded to jump up and down expressing yells of anguish. After a period of 30 minutes, some of the pain had left; her voice had left also.

And here we have a tribute to Miss Cusumano's earrings, all 230 of them. This tribute includes the gold peacocks, the silver pigeons, and the platinum fish. Be sure you don't forget the silver dangles, the gold wires, and the gray twirlees. The ones from Switzerland, France, Australia, and England. What will come next, the gold ducks or the silver turkeys?

I for one, and I am sure there are many others, would like to know who was responsible for breaking the bathrooms. Our bathrooms were out of order 4 days during the week of Dec. 1. The results of our broken bathrooms were many students running and a large number holding.

Contrary to popular belief, the school does own more than one record player and tape recorder.

Almond Bars Sold

Cooperative Occupational Education classes sold candy last week. The COE classes sold Russell Stover Almond Bars. The sale started on Dec. 3 and lasted approximately two weeks. The moneymaking project will be used for the employee and employer banquet and the spring contest to be held in Warrensburg.

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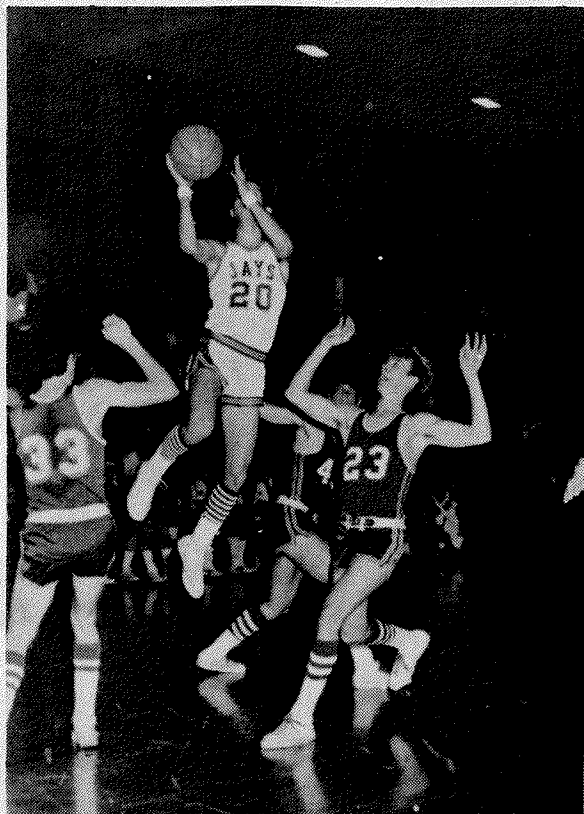
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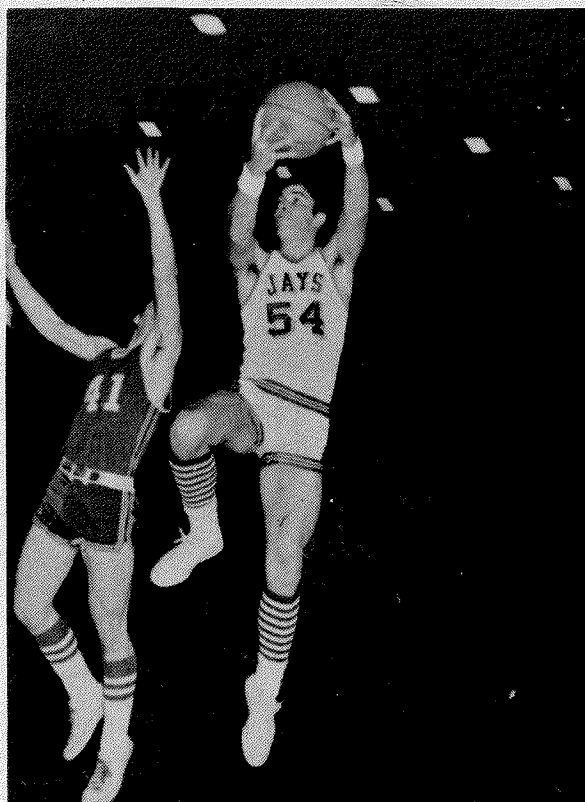
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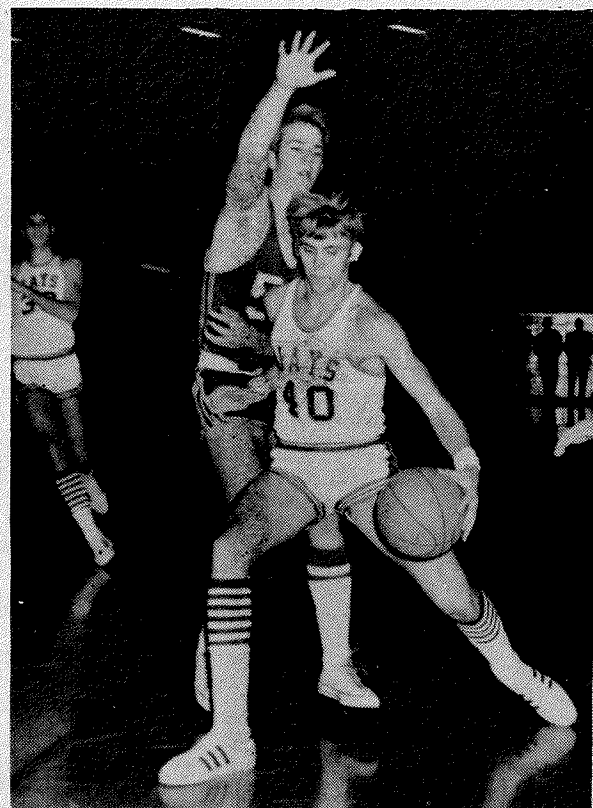
Raytown Conquers Tourney Foes



Damon Soltys (20) turns in one of his typical dynamic moves as he goes high in the sky evading Liberty defenders and puts in a twisting, driving lay up which brings the crowd to its feet.



Jim Cesar (54) proved to be a major asset in Raytown's tourney. He came off the bench in both games and sparked the team to victories. Here he is shown pulling down a rebound.



Steve Snelling (40) starts to drive for an easy basket but a Liberty opponent commits a foul while trying to stop him at the base line. Snelling made his charity toss.

Victory! How sweet it is!

Raytown's roundball squad proved to RHS fans that they are definitely a good team by smashing Liberty and St. Pius on successive nights to snare its own basketball tourney.

Friday, December 12, the Bluejays ran circles around Liberty by mauling their crew 93-64.

Liberty jumped ahead in the early moments of the game but Raytown stormed ahead to take a commanding 55-35 half time lead behind the 18 tallies of Damon Soltys. He finished with 23 points while playing an excellent floor game. Raytown emptied its bench in the second half. The Jays hit 50.8% from the field as Jim Greene and Steve

Snelling also hit in double figures.

Raytown had a tougher time stopping the St. Pius Warriors but Jim Greene and Jim Cesar combined for 12 points in the fourth frame to help the Jays win 59-53.

Jim Greene, Jim Cesar, and Steve Snelling scored in double figures with 18, 11, and 14 points respectively.

What had previously been the Jays weakness proved to be the key to their victories. Raytown had been beaten badly on the board in its first two games but the Jays outrebounded its tournament foes 111-53. The reason for the Jays success was the aggressiveness of Jim Greene and Jim Cesar. Greene

grabbed 10 and 18 rebounds and Cesar garnered 22 in the Pius contest.

Another reason has to be the overall play of Damon Soltys and Jim Greene. Damon and Jim collected 62 points combined in the two games. Soltys played the role as playmaker and Greene made baskets which were desperately needed. Jim Cesar also sparked the Bluejays to victory.

The conquests evened the Jays mark to 2-2 and moved the Jays momentum forward.

RAYFLECTOR'S all-tournament team consists of Damon Soltys, Jim Greene, Jim Cesar, Center's Verle Masan, who scored 40 points, and Pius' Danny Cambell with 37 points.

Matmen Rack Opponents



Coach Park Indoor Track Crew is shown working dilligently preparing to make their season a success. Captains for the team are seniors Gary Crutcher and Randy Schmidt. Coach Park expects a very good season.

Coach Brush's wrestling squad overpowered Center, Argentine, Shawnee Mission North, and Shawnee Mission Northwest Dec. 13 as Raytown's matmen walked away with the top slot in Shawnee Mission North's wrestling tournament.

Raytown's crew combined their efforts for a total of 86 points. Center and Argentine were the Jays nearest foes with 77 and 61 points respectively. Coach Brush stated, "The tourney enabled our kids to gain some needed experience. They

responded well as no Raytown wrestler finished less than third".

Top finishers for the Jays were Jim Taylor, Ron Brown, and Craig Guthier. Bill Yount, Mike Hanna and Larry Turner grabbed second place.

Coach Brush believes the team is working very hard to improve. He declared, "Everybody is working with good spirit and are putting forth good effort."

Raytown has four lettermen competing this year. They are Jim Taylor, Bill Yount, Larry Turner, and Ron Brown. The three senior lettermen Taylor, Yount, and Turner alternate as captains.

Brush believes Raytown will provide good competition for

conference foes. He explained, "We are young and inexperienced but we should improve each week."

He went on to say, "Raytown competes in the toughest conference in this part of the state so we will have to work hard to do well."

When questioned to name the top wrestler on the team, he responded, "Jim Taylor is our only undefeated boy and he qualified for state last year".

Other varsity competitors are Dave Yount, Bill Yount, Ron Brown, Steve Clore, Mike Hanna, Mark Trotter, Larry Turner, Phil Sides, Steve Larkins, Craig Guthier, and Randy Lemberger.

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