

# Ramsey Record

## VP Wins in Record Poll

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## Am. Ed. Week Focus on Black People in Am. Life

American Education Week, November 10-16, is being observed by Ramsey students and faculty by pointing up the role of black people in American life. Emphasis will be placed on black contributions to American life and culture as an integral part of regular classroom instruction in many departments. Special units, speakers, field trips, visual aids and displays will be used in addition to regular curricular emphasis.

Plans are being made to invite local prominent athletes, both black and white, to visit health and physical education classes. Social studies classes will schedule appearances of speakers who will outline minority history. English units will include outstanding works by black authors, primarily poets and biographies.

The science department plans to identify important contributions of black scientists in Amer-

ica. The art department will display representative works of black artists and encourage students to visit the Minneapolis Institute of Arts to see the most extensive and important exhibition of black artists organized in this country this year. Works of leading black artists from all over the United States will be shown through November 24.

## Leadership Officers Attend Student Council Workshop

Leadership Class president Linda Johnson, vice president Barry King, secretary Pat Duffy and seventh grade counselor, Miss Gobell attended the Hennepin Division Junior High School Student Council Workshop at Elim Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale last Wednesday. The all-day workshop was sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Student Councils.

Approximately 50 schools from Minneapolis and suburban school districts participated in this second annual meeting. Students heard experts in the field of student government and communication present new techniques in school leadership. They then reacted to the speeches in small group meetings and exchanged ideas with individuals from other schools on how to solve some of the common barriers to the most effective student councils.

ience called "Thanksgiving Counterpoint" Wednesday, November 27. The program will relate the original story of Thanksgiving to contemporary observances and attitudes. Any student interested in performing in the auditorium program may volunteer in Room 213. Mrs. Klein is looking for musicians, actors, dancers, and artists.

### Happenings

Today - Halloween  
- All-Stars vs. WESAC at Bossen No. 1 7:45'  
Nov. 1 - U of M Auditorium  
5 - Election Day  
6 - All-Stars vs. Giant Valley at Parade Stadium  
8 - End of Marking Period  
- 7th Grade Party 3:15  
10 - 16 - Am. Ed. Week  
11 - Veterans' Day Auditorium  
13 - Am. Ed. Week Auditorium  
15 - 8th Grade Party 3:15  
22 - 9th Grade Party 7:00  
27 - Thanksgiving Auditorium  
28 & 29 - Thanksgiving



Leadership Officers: Beth Hutton, Treasurer, Barry King, Vice President, and Linda Johnson, President.

## Coming Attractions

A Veterans' Day auditorium, November 11, will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the original armistice ending World War I in 1918. Mr. Griffiths is organizing a faculty singing group to sing several appropriate numbers. Marine Sgt. William Pruett, who recently returned from Viet Nam, will be the guest speaker.

Mr. John Patton, a singer from Macalester college, will present an auditorium program November 13 in honor of American Education Week. Since the emphasis of this week at Ramsey will be on black people in American life, Mr. Patton will include representative Negro spirituals and folk songs in his varied program of music.

To get into the Thanksgiving spirit, Ramsey students will see and hear an audio-visual exper-

The Record conducted a presidential poll to find out how Ramsey students would vote in the national election Tuesday. The results were rather interesting.

Vice-President Humphrey won by a slim margin, receiving 48.5% of the votes. Richard Nixon received 45% of all votes cast. Governor Wallace received only 6.5%, or less than average according to the national polls.

In the race for Fifth District Congressman, Donald Fraser won a fairly substantial victory with 55% of the vote while Harmon Ogdahl polled 45% of those cast.

The question concerning parents voting habits shows Republicans and Democrats coming out exactly even, each receiving 37%. Independents registered 26% of the total, revealing that the students are more partisan in their attitudes than their parents.

A few students couldn't resist the temptation to treat the poll lightly. Pat Paulson received a predictable 15 votes and Tiny Tim, Mr. Hornby, Mr. Scherer, and the Communist Party all received one vote.

The results show the trend of thought at Ramsey. If this poll is any indication of national attitudes, then it is sure to be a close and exciting election.

## Student Teacher Gets Experience

A student teacher, Mrs. Seifert, will help Mr. Johnson, the home economics teacher in room 102. A student teacher spends time in a public school taking over classes with the help of an experienced teacher to practice becoming a teacher. Mrs. Seifert will be here from October seventh until December sixth.

After student teaching at Ramsey, she will return to her classes at the University of Minnesota where she will graduate March 15, 1969. After graduating she would like to teach at a Minneapolis Public School.

She is teaching three seventh grade sewing classes and she says so far the students at Ramsey seem very friendly and helpful to her.



Student teacher, Mrs. Seifert.

# UF Needs School Goal

Ramsey students contributed an estimated \$350 to \$400 to the United Fund this year. This is a small sum compared to what we could have given and compared to the contributions given by our school in the past.

We think part of the problem is the limitations put on fund raising activities during the drive. Why are ninth grade homerooms the only ones allowed to sell in the halls?

We realize the United Fund prefers secret, personal pledges of support. But, let's face it. That technique doesn't work with young people as it does with adults. Teenagers aren't motivated by the same sense of responsibility and charity that their parents are. They need an immediate, tangible goal, contest, stimulus, or competition.

If we are going to make the attempt at all, then why only go half way? Next year let's make it possible and really encourage everyone in the building to make a 100% effort to support the drive for the 87 combined agencies of the United Fund. It would make more sense and more dollars, too!

# Slipping Students Take Note

In the middle of every marking period, long white sheets of paper may be taken home via students for parents to sign. Those who might not recognize them are lucky. They are called progress reports, or more accurately, lack-of-progress reports.

Students shouldn't ignore them. They are a warning that something is wrong and must be corrected by report card time in order to get a passing grade. They probably indicate that one isn't working up to his capacity or to the limit of his ability in the eyes of the teacher, who wants to give him one last chance to get to work.

If anyone was the unhappy recipient of a progress report, or if he is so unfortunate in the future, we strongly urge him to GO TO SEE THE TEACHER ABOUT IT. He should talk it over, even if he thinks he knows what the problem is. Often just the discussion helps to better understanding between teacher and student. And, many times teachers have good suggestions on how students can improve their performance in their class.



# Letter to the Editor



To the Editor:

The ninth graders are the oldest and supposedly most mature students in our school. We should be, because we've been here the longest and we are the most respected group of students. Why then are most of the new lunchroom tables and chairs given only to 7th and 8th graders?

Since the 9th graders aren't going to be here next year to enjoy an entire lunchroom of new furniture, I think the least we can expect is to be able to occupy the new half this year.

### Review

## Space Odyssey is Psychedelic Trip

by Karen Nelson

The men involved are two astronauts chosen for flight and three hibernants, deep-frozen until their talents are needed. The machine is Hal, a near-human computer that is brilliant but evil. The mission is man's lonely search among alien stars for his intelligent equal or master. The title is "2001: A Space Odyssey," a fantastic cinerama trip that hurls the audience through space at 100,000 miles an hour to a world that "dazzles the eye and gnaws at the mind," says Life.

A completely new and unusual psychedelic roller coaster of an experience through space, "2001" provides some of the most unusual and exciting visual and technical happenings ever filmed," says Time. It is a light show with special effects that border on the miraculous, really too fantastic to be believed.

"2001" is an MGM Stanley Kubrick production and it is still showing at the Minneapolis Cooper Cinerama Theatre. See it for a wild trip without LSD.

I am sure the 9th graders are just as capable as the 7th and 8th graders in keeping the new tables and chairs in good condition. I certainly wouldn't want the little dears to suffer an emotional upset during their stay at Ramsey by having to eat at old lunch tables, but if we had to suffer through it, why shouldn't they?

I am sick of running my nylons on those chewed up stools and table legs for the last two years and I am sure the other 9th grade girls feel the same way. If the school doesn't owe me for the nylons, at least let me sit at the snag-free furniture for my last year at Ramsey, anyway.

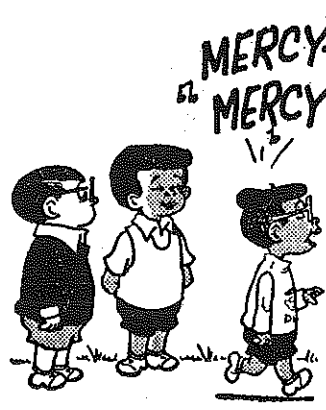
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# Great Books Great Chance

Did you know that reading can be a most enjoyable pastime if one become involved in a good book? There is a special way to become involved in a book: by discussing it. Great Books club is a chance to read and discuss the classics for recreation and enjoyment.

It is evident by the large number of students who have signed up for Great Books this year that there are many avid readers at Ramsey. Robinson Crusoe and Jack London's Short Stories are two of the selections that will be read by students.

The meetings will be held every other Tuesday after school in the teachers' lunchroom for seventh and eighth grade students. The three volunteer discussion leaders are Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Stephens, and Mrs. O'Neal.



# Red Cross Adopts New Youth Program

The Red Cross has developed a new program of service to the aged called "ADOPT A GRAND-PARENT". Junior high young people can volunteer to be a pal to a nursing home resident.

On a person-to-person basis the teenage volunteer remembers the oldster's birthday and other holidays by calling or sending a card, corresponds regularly by letter, and occasionally visits the home to lift fallen spirits.

Also, school classes, clubs, or organizations could adopt the residents of a nursing home as a special project. It would make a good year-round homeroom activity.

This year over 50 nursing homes and hospitals in the area have requested help from the Red Cross Youth Office in finding entertainment programs for their patients. In homes for the aged, entertainment is warmly welcomed and this overwhelming demand indicates its value.

Ramsey Red Cross representatives are looking for soloists, vocal and instrumental

groups, dance and drama groups, magicians and novelty acts, etc. to provide cheer needed throughout the year. Music, phy ed, and English classes would be logical sources for such groups.

In addition to these activities, the Metropolitan Cultural Arts Center has been formed to provide cultural education including drama, music, and visual arts to members of the distressed and disadvantaged areas of our community. Youth volunteers are needed to work as instructor aides in the program. The center plans to hold courses in contemporary dance, ballet, drawing, painting, sculpting, drama, and a number of musical workshops.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these exciting and satisfying projects as an individual or as a group, contact Miss Allen in room 111. She will explain the programs further and help you get involved. Help is badly needed and you are encouraged to volunteer your time and energy to make these programs successful.

## Ninth Grade Health Classes Hear Heart Surgeon

"A heart transplant is technically a simple operation", said Dr. Aldo Castaneda to the ninth graders Friday, October 18. "Just stitching the organ in place is not hard; it is the reactions of the body to the new heart, or rejection, that cause concern."

Dr. Castaneda is a member of the surgical team at the U of M hospitals where pioneer work was done in open heart surgery and a heart transplant is possible any day.

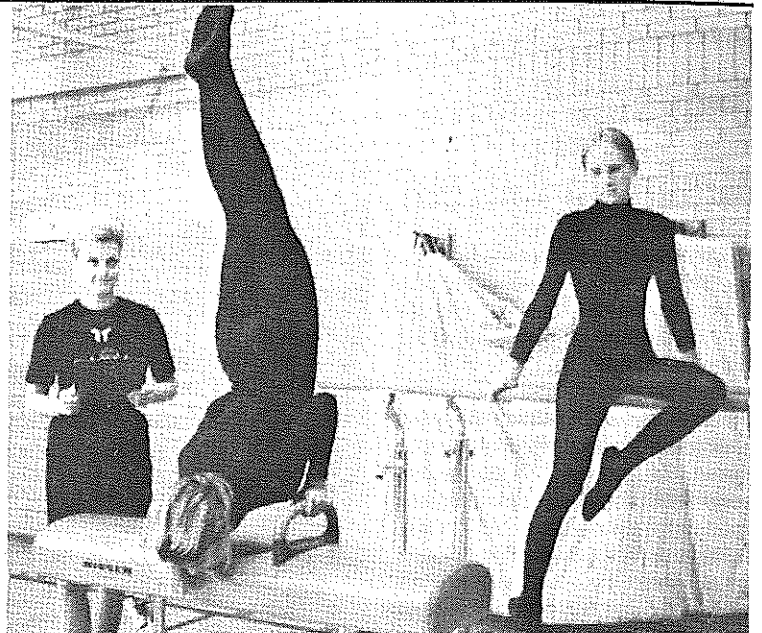
"The only reason we haven't done one is that we don't have a recipient. We could have transplanted the heart of the same donor whose kidneys, pancreas, and duodenum we used for transplants last month, but we had no one who needed it", the doctor said.

Dr. Castaneda showed slides to the combined ninth grade health classes of the structure of the heart, heart tissue, diseased and damaged hearts, heart valves

and artificial replacement valves. He explained the process of replacing malfunctioning valves by using the heart-lung machine which pumps and oxygenates the blood to by-pass the patient's heart while the patient is undergoing surgery. Slides also illustrated the history of



Dr. Castaneda answers questions



Mrs. Jones provides the commentary on gymnastics for the parents at Open House. Mary Lepp (9) and Cathy McGoldrick (9) are the performers.

## School Shines for Open House

Teachers, administrators, and the building itself put their best collective foot forward last Tuesday evening for the annual visit of Ramsey parents at PTA Open House.

Everything was neatly in order and scrubbed bright and clean. Show cases and bulletin boards sported interesting displays while teachers sported fancy hair-

dos and Sunday suits.

Parents followed their student's program and met with each teacher in their classroom for ten minutes. The presentations by teachers included objectives of the course, textbooks and materials, expectations of students, and answering parents' questions.

In the girls gym, parents were treated to an exhibition by gymnastics by Katy Heidleberg (8), Beth Hutton (8), Mary Lepp (9), Cathy McGoldrick (9), and Carilee Witta (9). Mrs. Jones explained the stunts the girls did on the parallel bars, the horse, and the balance beam.

The orchestra played in the auditorium all evening under the direction of Mr. Evanson. This served as a soothing resting refuge for tired parents. The art rooms had colorful displays of masks and recent drawings.

Eighth and ninth grade leadership class members served as guides for parents who didn't know their way around the building. As usual, parents complained about the "ridiculous, illogical, and confusing" numbering system of the rooms and the number of stairs they had to climb without benefit of escalator or elevator. Despite these handicaps, however, most parents were favorably impressed. They generally felt that the talks by the teachers were informative and the discussions over coffee and donuts were congenial.

open heart surgery, its development, and techniques.

"The U of M hospitals has always been the leader in heart surgery, and more recently, in transplants," the doctor said. He attended the U of M graduate school in surgery and physiology from 1958-1963 and was a classmate of Dr. Christian Barnard, the first doctor to do a heart transplant in the world in South Africa.

Dr. Castaneda was born in Genoa, Italy, attended grade school in Munich, Germany, high school in St. Gallen, Switzerland, and attended the University of San Carlos in Guatemala where he graduated summa cum laude before coming to the U of M. He has published many professional papers and is a member of 15 professional societies. He is in the process of becoming an American citizen. All these accomplishments and he is only 38 years old.

# All-Stars Beat Bryant Capture League Lead

The Ramsey All-Stars defeated Royal Arcanum 21-0 at Northeast Athletic field last Thursday without the help of seven members of the team who were suspended for a week prior to the game. Scott Baglien ran from the ten yard line for the first touchdown and caught a pass for the second after a 30-yard pass was completed to Tim Schultheis. Steve Hanson grabbed a pass and ran it for the final Ramsey score making it 21-0.

The Ramsey All-Stars beat their arch-rivals Bryant 29-0, October 19 at Bryn Mawr. Bryant had a 4-0 won-loss record going into the game, but the All-Star victory put them on top of the park board standings with 5 wins, no losses, and 1 tie.

Jeff Middlebrook, team captain, made 15 of the 29 Ramsey points in the game by making two touchdowns, kicking two points-after-touchdowns and running for one. Scott Baglien and Bob Floyd both made touchdowns and Jim McKinney fell on a loose ball in the Bryant end zone for a safety. The All-Stars played hard to validate the KDWB prediction that they would beat the Bryant "rambling blues".

Tuesday, October 15, the All-Stars tied Minnehaha Falls Athletic Council 0-0 in a battle of defenses. Ramsey was hindered by the absence of Bruce Ellis and the weather. The two most exciting plays of the game were a 41-yard punt by Paul Domholt and an intercepted MFAC pass by Scott Baglien.

Neither offense could create an advantage until the last two minutes when Scott Baglien ran 33 yards around right end to get down to their 20 yard line. The All-Stars then moved to the ten in heavy rain, but the game ended as it had begun, 0-0. After the game, Coach Lee Carlson said that "the All-Star offense stunk".

The All-Stars played Faldeen and beat them 7-0 Sunday, October 6. The only touchdown made by Ramsey was on an interception made by Jeff Middlebrook,

better known as "cowboy". Faldeen threatened twice but the All-Star defense held both times. Bruce Ellis, first string right halfback, sustained a dislocated wrist injury in the game that will keep him out the rest of the season.

The All-Stars defeated Victory Memorial 36-6 the first

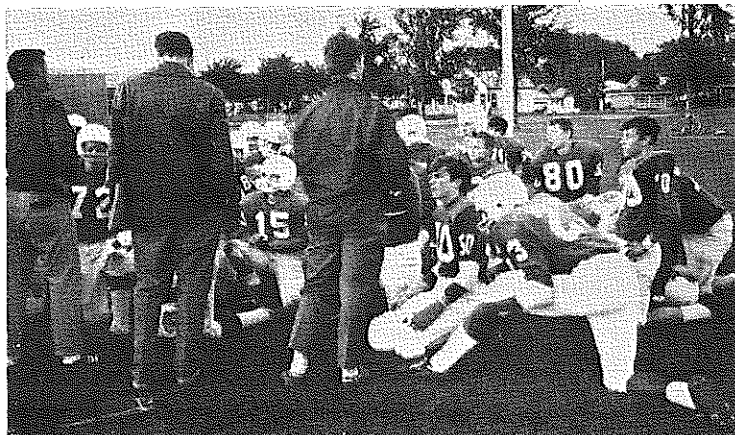
Tuesday in October. The Ramsey offense was good but their defense allowed a long drive in the second half that resulted in a touchdown. Ramsey's offense scored a touchdown each time it had the ball but coach Carlson said the defense wasn't good and would need more work.



Scott Baglien lands in the end zone for the first All-Star touchdown in the first quarter.



Ramsey linemen give quarterback Jeff Middlebrook plenty of time and space to get off a pass for long yardage against Bryant.



All-Star coaches give half-time pep talk to the team. Injured halfback Bruce Ellis, 23, is kneeling in the foreground.

## GAA, BAA Team in Co-ed Sports

The 8th and 9th grade turnout has been good in BAA. But, in 7th grade only 5 out of 16 homerooms have signed up to play.

The winners in touch football competition will be determined by a round robin, Mr. Lindskog reported. The homeroom that wins the most games is the champion for that grade.

The 9th grade boys are playing elimination tennis now, and doubles in badminton will be started for the eighth and ninth grades soon.

The next activity will be volleyball where the boys will team up with the girls for co-ed tournaments. Each team will consist of three boys and three girls.

The 9th grade boys gym classes will also team up with the girls gym classes for extra practice in volleyball. Start thinking of names for your volleyball teams.

## Y Organizes Teen Center

Where is it happening? At the Y. A teen center is being started for all students after school and some evenings.

Paul Norman, secretary of the Washburn Y and coordinator of the center said, "It's like this. You are your own bosses. This is to be your organization. I'm just here to help make arrangements and plans." In other words, it will be up to the students involved to plan their own parties, outings, and activities. Anything is possible, the only requirements are enthusiastic students to participate and offer ideas and suggestions.

The Y-Teen council or governing body is made up of Terri Jackson, Linda Johnson, Anne Mayes, Karin Jackson, Arlana Greene, and Veneta Shepherd. The first meetings were discussions of the purposes and goals of the program.

Watch for listings of activities in the Record. Then become involved yourself. Everyone is welcome.

Answers to Personality Profile are 2, 1, 2, 3.