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School is back in full swing, as the fall events come back to Rockhurst again. We, of the Prep News, hope that the entire student body will get behind the Rock activities, just as they did in 1965-6. Let 1968-9 become a year that everyone will proudly remember.



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Campus

New Staff Comes to Rock

This year, Rockhurst welcomes nine new members to its teaching staff. The PREP NEWS found each of these men very personable and eager to begin the academic year.

Fr. Michael Durso, S.J., will be a busy man even though he teaches only one class. Fr. Durso has taken over many of the administrative duties formerly handled by Fr. Kloster, who has taken over Fr. Mattione's position as President of Rockhurst High School. Fr. Durso will handle such matters as scheduling and individual academic problems. Fr. Durso received most of his training at St. Louis University but spent last year at St. Beuno's College in Wales.

Mr. Edward Acker, teaching Sophomore English, has come to Rockhurst from St. Mary's High School in St. Louis. He received his education at Boston College. Mr. Acker is investigating the possibility of starting a Glee Club. The last Glee Club at Rockhurst was in 1965.

Another new English teacher this year is Mr. Roger Jackson. After four years of

teaching and coaching basketball and baseball at Ward High School he decided to give Rockhurst a try and he says he is pleased with the switch. Mr. Jackson is a Rockhurst College graduate and obtained his Master's in Guidance and Counseling this summer at U.M.K.C.

Another transfer from Ward this year is Mr. Michael McWilliams. Mr. McWilliams is teaching biology here in the new lab. After graduating from Kansas University with his Bachelor's degree, Mr. McWilliams worked with emotionally disturbed children and taught evening classes. At present Mr. McWilliams is busy working on his Master's degree and building additions to the lab. These include a darkroom, greenhouse, aquarium and an animal room.

Mr. Thomas Melancon, S.J., teaching French and Latin, comes from McBride High School in St. Louis. In addition to his teaching duties he is helping run the Pool Room.

Yet another English teacher new at the Rock! This time in the person of Mr. William Lehman. Mr. Lehman received his Master's from Rockhurst College and has taught at various Kansas City schools including Center, Northeast, Westport, and Central. His last position was that of Language Arts Specialist at the Southwest Missouri Educational Improvement Center.

Mr. David Bishop, S.J., holds a Master's degree in History and teaches American and Modern European History. He also has

New teachers on the faculty this year are (L-R), Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Zeller, S.J., Mr. Lehman, Fr. Zupez, S.J., Fr. Durso, S.J., Mr. Jackson, Mr. Bishop, S.J., Mr. McLancon, S.J., Mr. Duke, and Mr. Acker.



an A.B. in Philosophy which may come in handy in the Poster Club, of which he is faculty moderator. As if that were not enough work, Mr. Bishop is also in charge of the Mission Collections.

Senior and Junior Chemistry are the teaching duties of Mr. Darrell Zeller, S.J., Mr. Zeller received his B.S. in Chemistry after attending Rockhurst College and St. Louis University. Mr. Zeller also is cross-country coach. He mentioned that this year's team has fine potential.

Another new teacher from St. Louis this year is Fr. John Zupez, S.J. Father has attended such schools as Notre Dame, Washington University, Spring Hill (in Mobile, Alabama), St. Louis University, Regis, and Rockhurst College. He holds a M.A. in Math and has his Master's in Theology. When he taught at Regis High he was also a tennis and ski team coach. Father has also worked with the Upward Bound project.

The number of honor points received for the different grades are listed below.

Difficulty Levels	IV	III	II	I
Course Grade	Honor Points			
97, 98, 99	13	12	11	10
94, 95, 96	12	11	10	9
91, 92, 93	11	10	9	8
88, 89, 90	10	9	8	7
85, 86, 87	9	8	7	6
82, 83, 84	8	7	6	5
79, 80, 81	7	6	5	4
76, 77, 78	6	5	4	3
73, 74, 75	5	4	3	2
70, 71, 72	4	3	2	1
Below 70	0	0	0	0

In spite of all these changes grades will still be proportionate to the amount of work done. This will be true no matter what grading system is used. It seems that some things just never change.

Grading System Changed

A past complaint of Rockhurst students was that the method of obtaining class ranking and honors worked against a student taking five solids or the more difficult courses. The administration, in an effort to remedy this situation, put the mathematics teachers to work revising the grading system. What they have come up with is designed to be more equitable than the previous system. This grading system, called the "Honor Point System," is based on three elements: (1) how well a student performs in his courses, 2) how many courses a student takes, 3) how difficult the courses are.

The courses that are in the fourth and hardest level of difficulty are the Advanced Placement courses in English, History, Calculus, and Physics. The courses that are in the third level of difficulty are Advanced Topics Physics, Math III advanced, Math IV Calculus, and Latin IV. The courses that are in the second level are as follows: Math III, Math IV, Probability, Math IV Analytic Geometry, Latin III, French III, Spanish III, French IV, and Spanish IV. All other courses are in the first level of difficulty.

Yearbook Tradition Revived

The administration of Rockhurst has agreed to revive the student yearbook for this year. Originating in the middle of the 1967-68 school year, student enthusiasm, which has now reached a peak, has provided the impetus which has brought back the yearbook.

Headed by Mr. Frank McGreevey, faculty moderator, and Mike Bowen, editor-in-chief, the annual will be a composite of all extra-curricular activities carried on at school including Clubs and Organizations, Athletics, Dramatics, Intra-murals, Dances, Faculty, Students plus much more. With an expected 152 pages, this hardback book, published by the Inter-Collegiate Press of Overland Park will consist largely of photographs, along with two color spreads. The write-ups will make up only a small portion. Tom Locke

and his photographic staff will be seen frequently around the campus taking pictures.

Sales manager Mike Pasano says that yearbook subscriptions will go on sale about the time this article appears. The price has been set at \$6.00 per copy. There will be no ads in the yearbook. With each subscription, the student will be permitted to suggest a title for the yearbook. A special committee will then vote on a name.

The yearbook staff reminds all students that their cooperation and support are needed to make the Rockhurst yearbook a success.

briefs

The September 6th Mixer with the London Wood netted \$280.

Rockhurst will appear on WDAF's Categories high school quiz show in January.

The Juke Box has been placed in the Rec Room at the request of the students.

Film Study will show "High Noon" and two "W.C. Fields" movies this year.

The pool tables and ping-pong tables were recovered this summer at considerable time and expense.

Biology Arrives

A new elective has been added to the sophomore curriculum — biology. Construction and outfitting of the lab cost approximately 33,000 dollars — and more equipment will be installed in the future.

The new lab took over the old English room 17 and most of the general science room, crowding the Physical Science classroom into the northwest corner of the ground floor.

Besides providing for the study of the usual frogs and birds, the lab has a special

room which contains a greenhouse to study plant growth and development, and an animal room to study behavior and anatomy of caged white mice, hamsters, chickens and snakes. And for those who wish to study fish, there are aquariums on the sideboards.

Mr. McWilliams has also set up a "dark-room" to study bacteria with light-sensitive equipment.

Soph Religion Changes

Social justice, racial problems, emotional maturity, and relations with the opposite sex are only a few of the topics to be discussed in Mr. Thomas J. Tobin's new religion classes. They are new in subject matter and presentation. No texts are used, just paperbacks. But by using films, tapes, contemporary music, and discussions, instead of "questions and answers," Mr. Tobin hopes to communicate with his classes. The classes, only fourteen to twenty students, meet twice each week in Room 121 which has been remodeled in a conference room atmosphere.

According to Mr. Tobin the new classes are based on the theology that revelation Did not stop with the writers of the Bible but has continued in some form to the present. This teaching method, says Mr. Tobin, is sound from a psychological standpoint as well since students enjoy these classes and, therefore, profit more.

Mr. Tobin emphasized that the success and continuation of this system depends on the attitude and cooperation of the students.

The thrill of discovery. Mr. McWilliams' sops soak up the knowledge in the new Biology Lab.



OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: THE YEARBOOK

The recent announcement of an organizational meeting of the Yearbook staff brings a long sigh of relief to many students. To some, it caps a three-year personal effort. To others, it is merely "something we'd like to have, so —." All say that they want a yearbook. But will they pay money for it?

The seniors will obviously have to carry the load in this campaign. Much rests on the yearbook drive. Since it is the first big school project, the tone of the school year will be set by its success or failure. Many things have been said about how the class of '69 is going to be better than the class of '68. So far, it's nothing but talk. This is the time to act. The senior class has always envied the class of '66 for their unity and spirit. They think that they have the potential to be just as good as that class, if not better. Here is their chance to put that potential into action.

Yet, even 100% senior backing will not make the yearbook a success, if it is nothing but senior backing. The yearbook is a school project, not a class project; it needs the entire school's support. The juniors can see what failure spells. Hopefully, so can most of the sophomores and freshmen. No yearbook this year means no yearbook next year, or next year, or next year. If a yearbook is to be published at Rockhurst High School in the following years, it must start now.

Just how much we want the yearbook will unfold in the next three weeks. As of now, it is NOT a reality. This school function will depend on student activity, spelled s-u-b-s-c-r-i-p-t-i-o-n-s. The dedication of a few people like Michael Bowen has given the school a chance to add a new dimension to itself. Let's use the opportunity.

ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY

The lights begin to twinkle from the
Rocks:
The long day wanes: the slow moon
climbs; the deep
Moans round with many voices. Come,
my friends,
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.
Push off, and sitting well in order smite
The sounding furrows; for my purpose
holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars, until I die.
—Alfred, Lord Tennyson



Impressions of a Jesuit Companion

The sudden death of someone you have known and lived with and admired and liked has a way of numbing the mind that no other event or thing can accomplish. Father Burton's sudden death this summer had such a numbing effect upon those of us who were conscious that early afternoon of July 23rd that his heart — already seriously injured some five years before — might cease to beat. After the numbness of sudden death lessened, certain impressions about his character, gained over years of close association, began to emerge.

I was most impressed by Fr. Burton's fidelity to prayer and to his set pattern of Jesuit

A donation at Father Burton's wake began the "Father William A. Burton Memorial Scholarship Fund," which will be used to provide financial aid for needy Rockhurst students. The fund now stands at \$465.00. Additional contributions are welcome from former students of Fr. Burton and others who wish to help perpetuate his memory.

life under difficult circumstances. Although plagued through his Jesuit life by illness, his first priority seemed to be his deep devotion to God in prayer — the Mass, the Divine office, his meditation, his wide spiritual reading.

His strength of character carried him through a life of almost continual ill-health. In the last five years of his life, he had to face the possibility of sudden death, his heart having been severely damaged in 1963. Yet as best he could he continued the pattern of Jesuit life as a priest and a teacher.

Of all the Jesuit teachers on the staff, he, perhaps, could best take over those needed



Fr. Burton, smiling as usual, stopped between classes last spring for this picture used in last year's Senior Issue of the PREP NEWS.

positions in a teaching staff which inevitably changes from year to year. He preferred to teach his specialty, American history, in which he had an abiding interest. As circumstances arose, he found himself from time to time the librarian. He taught Greek for which he had no particular affection, the new mathematics, moderated the school paper. For a man so interested in history, such tasks were not easy, but in the need of each school year, he undertook what was required in order that the school might function, submerging his personal interest.

So his life was largely hidden work — cataloging of books, preparatory work for class and the aftermath, the correction of papers in the evenings. Always friendly, he cultivated a nonsense-type of humor and never complained about the ill-health allotted to him. He was no rejector of human life in any of its phases. The night before he died, he cheered the Cardinal baseball team as it staged a ninth inning rally. No one had any doubt about his political affiliations.

Symbolically, in his room after his death were the many books still to be catalogued and made ready for the next school year. A life without fanfare, his lot was the laborious academic work without which a school cannot function. His reward is our gratitude and love, and his glory is the mansion God prepares for those who seek His will by joyfully submerging themselves and finding themselves in prayer and work, in obedience and in suffering.

Memories of a Student

My graduation from Rockhurst is not very far in my past, and I know that in many ways it never will be. One experience that for me will tower above the others was knowing Fr. Burton as a teacher and a friend while I attended Rockhurst and after I graduated.

Fr. Burton was a historian who also taught Greek and Latin, but my first encounter with him as a freshman was in a math class. In reflecting on it now, it's clear to me that his merely teaching a subject which he had to learn himself as he kept a few steps ahead of his students was typical of so many of the things Fr. Burton did. He never merely taught any of his classes. He took a tremendous pride in his students, but his love of teaching made his pride unselfish and his seemingly hard tasks a joy.

I recall my sophomore year when he taught history — his major field. His inner enthusiasm for the course was tremendous but never showed itself flamboyantly. He quietly gave of his time to preparing his notes, preparing daily tests, and making review sheets for his students in an abundance that is truly rare. His was a dedication that blossomed in giving, and he never ceased to give.

In my junior and senior years at Rockhurst I knew him as a Greek teacher. A serious heart attack took him from his classes much of my junior year. In the hospital though his desire to come back hid very well the illness that would eventually take his life. Even then he spoke of "being back next year — maybe sooner." He returned and taught the year I graduated, and I can recall that the only changes in him were physical. He continued in the same spirit. His illness, though serious, never affected his attitude toward students.

After I graduated I returned to visit him when I could. His conversation inevitably turned to his students, both past and present, and the plans he had for his classes. He taught only a limited number of courses his last three years, yet he was as involved in them as ever.

In his twenty-one years of teaching at Rockhurst Fr. Burton taught and befriended many students. What he taught is unimportant now. His greatest lesson — his example — will still be taught in the hearts of those who knew and will remember him.

Joe Galate

Features

Deferments: How Valid?

Some two and a half years ago, General Lewis Hershey thoughtfully advised local draft boards that students who protested the draft or the war in Viet Nam by sitting in, parading or otherwise making a nuisance of themselves could be punished by having their student deferments converted to 1-A classifications. The Supreme Court, of course, soon informed the good General that his extensive powers did not include the right to suspend the First Amendment; Congress, however, was not satisfied with simple judicial intervention, and in the 1967 amendment to the Universal Military Training and Service Act, provided that college students were hereafter to be deferred by law rather than at the discretion of local boards. Were it not for this benevolent chain of events, only luck and twelve pages of the calendar would separate the average Rockhurst senior from a free set of olive drab fatigues.

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of Selective Service is the system of deferments. The draft's originators, acting on the consideration that everybody could not be drafted, justified deferments with several questionable premises: 1) We should not draft workers who perform essential services; 2) it would be silly to put the life of a nuclear physicist in danger while leaving a garage mechanic at home; 3) a man can't support a child on army pay, and making his wife work would deprive the child of parents. Therefore fathers should not be drafted: 4) people who are mentally and physically deficient do not make good soldiers and therefore should not be drafted.

This analysis is refreshingly simple, but the passage of time has created problems in respect to these premises. Concerning premise number one: the United States will never again have to induct all draft age males. There will always be enough people for both the army and jobs, and no one, at age 19, is incapable of being replaced.

Number two: the chances of dying while in the army, even with the war in Viet Nam, are the same as those of dying in civilian life: one in four hundred.

Number three: a man who gets married while liable to induction, and then fathers a child, should probably not have his stupidity rewarded. *Stupidness*

The fourth problem is that deferments are used to insure that the number of people drafted is close to the number eligible for induction, rather than to weed out the unfit. Before Viet Nam and its high calls, 50-90% of American youth failed physical or mental tests; when it became necessary to draft many more men, however, the ranks were filled easily. Either our national health underwent a dramatic and rapid improvement, or physical and mental standards proved incredibly liberal after the war started.

Undeniably, the draft has its problems. But institutions supported by the Pentagon and Southern Senators tend to endure. The draft will probably be with us for some time.

Mike Bowen

Boppin' Around at KUDL

Ask any redblooded American under 19 years old in K.C. what his favorite radio station is and he'll say, "Why KUDL of course!" To investigate what makes it the number one teen station in K.C., to see first hand its operation, to find out where it is and what are the "Boss Jocks" really like, your daring do-nothing Prep News reporters went straight to the one place where these questions could be answered - the broadcasting complex of KCJC-FM and KUDL-AM.

Have you ever noticed those five red and white towers along I-35 and 87th street and wondered what was under them? Did you at the same time notice that your reception of KUDL was deafening you almost to the threshold of pain? If you had investigated further, you would have found that nestled among the 8 foot Sunflowers and other weeds was a small, perhaps shabby white building with composition roofing. If you had entered this building, besides getting 5

years for interfering with a federally licensed station, you would have noticed a startling transformation from what looked deserted to a busily operational and fully equipped modern radio station.

One half of the station is divided into four cubicles. The first one is the recording room where the sponsors record their insane commercials, where new recordings are audited, and the only place that you're not handicapped by the music. The recording is done on tape cartridges for flexibility and to relieve engineers from the boredom of cuing commercials. The second room is the News room. This is where the two teletypes are located and where Don Gledden, the sometime news director, literally buries himself in paperwork. Incidentally, both stations use the same news room.

The third room is the broadcasting room for KCJC-FM, a 75 kilowatt stereo multiplex station which is progressive 14 hours a day. For the simple reason that it is electronically impossible to have its antenna in the same location as KUDL's, they telephone the signal to the other office at 62nd and Eby. KCJC uses selections from its hundreds of stereo LP's during the day, but after 4 p.m.,

it turns into the Voice of Psych-Rock.

The fourth room, KUDL, has advanced equipment for a small station and its five directional phased antennae provide 5 times the R.F. power of an omnidirectional antenna such as WHB's. Thus, a five kilowatt station like KUDL has a signal five times stronger than a station which is not beamed.

Commercials are on tape cartridges which can be inserted into any of the six tape players. Only two turntables are used in each station but they are capable of cueing in 1/10th of a second. The control panel is a monstrous ten channel preamp-mixer.

The transmitter is reported to be only two years old and valued at around \$25,000. So much for the minor technicalities.

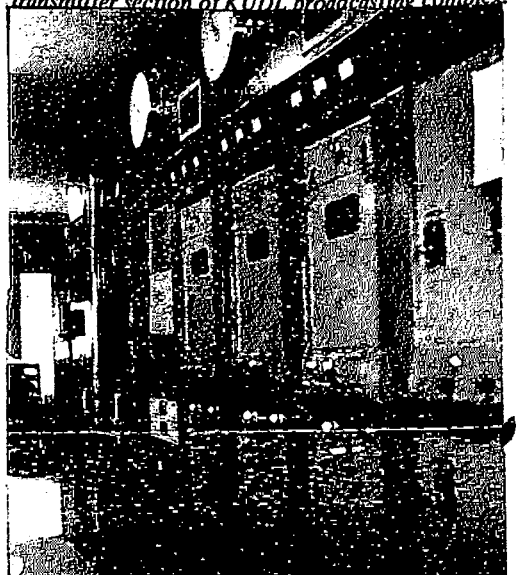
In closing, the "jocks" are regular nice guys off the air (with the possible exception of R. W. Walker who has to be "pulled around with a leash" according to a fairly reliable source—the hit line operator), but while working they become raving animals except for J.P. Soul, who by the way is rated as the best D.J. by the authors — he gave us a free record!

Bob Marnett
Tom O'Brien

Signery: Anyone trespassing here would have to be a criminal, an idiot, or a Prep News Reporter. We leave the choice concerning Bob Marnett and Tom O'Brien up to you.



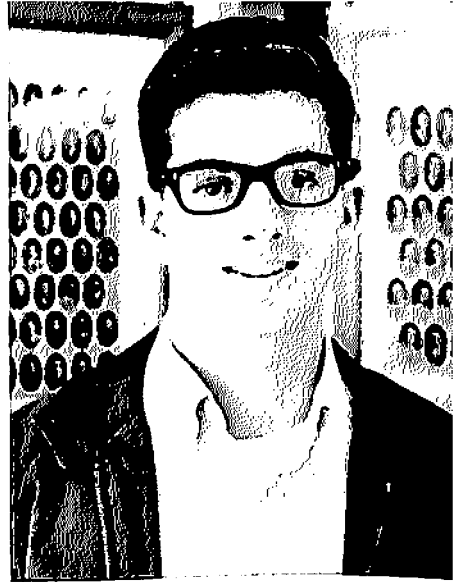
Thingimajig: These are the ovens that cook the food that Rockhurst students eat? No, this is the transmitter section of KUDL broadcasting complex.



TOP OF THE ROCK

He's Good and He Knows It

BULLETIN: Tom Cooney cares! No kidding, he really does. Really. So if you hear any rumors about Tom wanting to quit as Student Council President, don't believe 'em — and if Tom should try to convince you that he's going to resign as City Youth Mayor, just ignore him. Because the fact is, in his three years at the Rock, Tom has never quit anything, never refused any responsibility. You name it and he's done it — floats, dance decorations, clean-ups, paper drives, carnival drives, football, basketball, homeroom rep., class president, Boys' State. If you weren't familiar with Tom, you'd think he's crazy to do all that. If you are familiar with him, you know he's crazy. Nobody but a nut, on top of all his other responsibilities, would have agreed to handle the football program for this year. But then, Tom's like that. And if you don't believe me, just ask some of the chicks he's yelled at driving down Ward Parkway. But Tom is also a very serious, hard-working person, a capable, efficient leader, and above all else, a terribly honest individual. He's not afraid to say what he thinks — to fellow student or faculty member. He's the type you can rely on. So, fellas, if you have a problem, go see Tom. He cares. Just ask him.



COONEY

Mike Pasano

Meet the Pres

If anyone in Rockhurst deserves this article, it's Mike Lewer.

Mike started right off freshman year affecting those around him. This effect spread to the point where today Mike is one of the best-liked members of the class of '69. Junior year shows this when he served both semesters as Home Room Representative and was elected

LEWER



president of the senior class for the '68-'69 school year. Mike's cumulative average has been well above 85 for the last three years. Last year he attained second honors the first two quarters and first honors through the second semester, ranking third in the Junior class at the end of year.

When not studying, Mike has kept himself busy by playing football all four years and going out for the track squad sophomore and junior years. He also won his division in the intramural wrestling tournament last year. And when he is not working for the school, he's working on his car or some other extra-curricular from St. Teresa's Academy.

Like I said, no one deserves this article more than Mike Lewer.

John VanBuskirk

Pictures

Mr. Bishop, S.J., seems amused at the fact that his two workers are crowding away from the picture.

In pain. Dan Hanover, varsity lineman, is making the best of a leg injury which has kept him out of the first few games.



The "Guess how many mistakes are in this picture" contest. Wrong already. Actually, it was carefully planned — an example of painstaking measures taken by the photographer to get himself into the picture.

What are they looking at? Mike Lewer, Senior Class President, Tom Cooney, and Mark Owens, chairman of the Pep Rally committee seem to be admiring Doug Albers' letter sweater during a break in the after-hours StuCo meeting in the Library.



SPORTS

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Poses Double Threat

This Friday the Hawklet eleven travels to southern Kansas to meet their interstate rivals, the Kapaun Crusaders. This rivalry, dating back to 1957, shows Rockhurst, with four consecutive wins, in the lead five games to two. The Crusaders will be looking for revenge after three straight lopsided losses. The football team cannot afford to look ahead to the Ward game for Kapaun poses a mighty tough step for Rockhurst.

In their freshman year, this year's Kapaun seniors went undefeated; and just last year, as members of the J.V., lost only once. Going by last year's roster Kapaun looks to have a lightweight backfield built for speed, with a big line averaging about 190-195 lbs. Their previous record proves they will be no pushover. Their quarterback, Angulo, could prove a problem for our secondary, with their emphasis on passing. As in 1966, busses for the Kapaun game will be sponsored by the school. Following the game there will be a mixer.

As the start of football season rolls around, football prognosticators all over the city, both sports editors and stadium buffs, attempt to pick the most crucial games of the year. Some choose the S.M. North-Lawrence game, others prefer the S.M. East-S.M. North game, teams that repeatedly come up with tough, hard-nose gridders. Yet to most, the two-county battle of the titans between Rockhurst and Ward remains the true test of superiority. Ward is a team that doesn't finesse its opponents, it beats them with basic football. Hard running and blocking are what they throw at the other team. Precise execution is what Coach Maurice (Moe) Werner preaches. And this manner of play must work, for Ward has a 25-2-1 record over the past three years, including three victories over Rockhurst by the total score of 72 to 19. For Rockhurst's Senior football players, this is a big game. When they came as freshmen, the record



"YOU REALLY DON'T THINK THEY'LL NOTICE, HUH?"

between the two teams was 7 and 7. Now it stands Rockhurst 7, Ward 10.

This year the "Rock" has 12 returning lettermen, including Dan Boylan, Vince Nowak, Chris Whitaker, and Jerry Bauers, to name a few. Dan Hanover, another senior, will be a doubtful starter depending on the status of the strained ligaments in his knee. This year Ward will again have Letterman Bob Wenski spearheading their passing attack with Tim Nagerney, a 10 flat 100 yard dash man, on the receiving end. Scott Martin and his younger brother Dave are other starters in the backfield. A Ward football player, when asked of this year's team, said, "We believe this year's team to be much better than last. We're especially going to have a real strong line."

Last year's Rockhurst team was building up to a peak after winning the Kapaun game, yet the following week the team stumbled and fell. This misfortune came in the form of the Ward game. Through the first three quarters, the game looked to be quite successful with Rockhurst holding a one touchdown lead. But Ward battled back with Wenski passing over the heads of Rockhurst's secondary into the outstretched arms of Nick Kanatzer. In the final seconds, Rockhurst recovered a Ward fumble and had the ball on the Ward 17 with time enough for four plays. A fourth down pass was thrown to Chris Whitaker, standing in the end zone, only to be tipped out of his reach by a diving Wardonian. Rockhurst's confidence never really recovered during the remainder of the season.

Bill Strobach

What's in Store For '68?

After a long, hot summer, and many two-a-day practices the Rockhurst football team kicks off a new season. Varsity football coach, Alton Davis, has groomed his team for another tough season. Looking over the schedule, the Hawks play the usual perennial powers and rivals such as Kapaun, Ward, Miego, and De La Salle. Nor is there any rest for the team since there are no open dates.

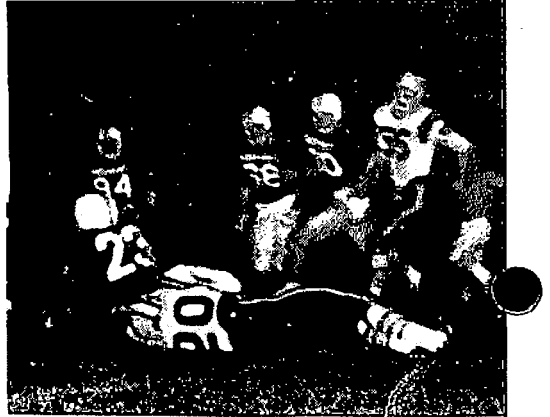
The team lost much experience due to last year's graduation. There are only two starters returning this year, both on offense: Jerry Bauers and Dan Boylan. But with such talent as this year's seniors possess, this lack of experience is hardly noticed. There are just too many players to be cited individually, but these few do deserve some mention: Frank Ryan returns at fullback after being out last year; Bill Schoonover and Jerry Reardon add speed to the backfield; Kevin Fahey, Dan Hanover, Vince Nowak and Chris Whitaker bolster the defense; and Jerry Bauers and Dave Tremble the spark plugs on defense. Overall, the defensive line averages 190 pounds and the offensive line average 180.

However, injuries have already begun to plague the team. Paul Disser and Jerry Reardon are recovering from ankle and thumb injuries, respectively. Mainstay on defense, Dan Hanover, will be out for four weeks with a strained ligament in his knee, suffered in the Blue-White Scrimmage. Mike Coupe suffered three or four broken ribs in the Blue-White game and will be out indefinitely.

The junior varsity, freshman and freshman B-teams should not be overlooked. These men will determine the future of Rockhurst football in the near future, since the varsity is stocked plentifully with seniors.

The coaching staff has undergone a few changes. Added to Coach Davis' staff is Coach Mike Peterson, who is running the defense. Coach Loeffelholz returns as offensive line coach. Mr. Cowan is the JV coach pending notification of his draftboard, and is assisted by Mr. Jackson, the line coach. Mr. Tuckness leads the "freshman troops" assisted by Mr. Duke, the backfield coach. Mr. Kottenstette commands the freshman B-team.

No games this year can be taken for



Bill Schoonover is tackled from behind, as Dennis Egan looks on, in the Southwest game.

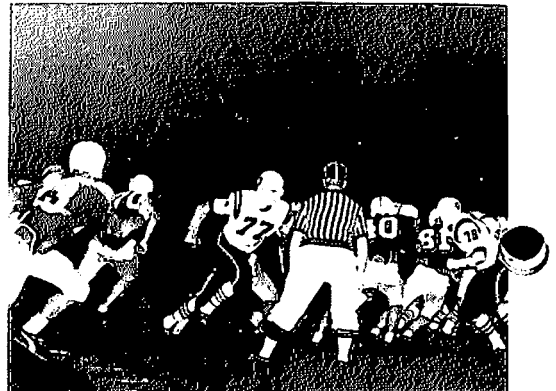
granted, because teams, whether rated number one or not even rated, play their best against Rockhurst.

Louis Jakobatz

Stiff Defense Gains Tie

Rockhurst opened its 1968 football season with a come-from-behind 7-7 tie with the Southwest Indians. The contest was in doubt until the very end, when, with 24 seconds left, Southwest faked a field goal and overthrew their end in the end zone. The contest was highlighted by the stiff goal-line defense of the Hawklets, as twice in the last half they stopped Southwest drives knocking on the end zone. In the first drive Jerry Reardon

Frank Ryan and Steve Dunn, with Bill Schoonover and Kevin Fahey pursuing, stack up the Southwest runner near the Rockhurst goal line.





The shame of it all. An unidentified senior hides his face at the prospect of coming in second to a junior (Jerry Ryan), with Bill Pierron trailing.

intercepted a pass in the end zone. The second drive the Hawklets stopped Southwest twice from the three yard line; then Southwest removed themselves from the goal line with a major penalty.

Southwest scored first, with a long pass to Tom Pincetl. But early in the third quarter Rockhurst fired back, with Frank Ryan consistently gaining yardage on the ground. Dan Boylan bucked over from the two, and Herb Sizemore kicked the extra point, thus settling the final score.

Jim Walterbach

CROSS COUNTRY

New Coach Takes Control

The cross country team started its season on September 19 in a dual meet against De La Salle. This is the largest cross country team (23 members) ever fielded during the five years of the sport at Rockhurst. This season the team will be under the direction of a new coach, Mr. Zeller S.J., who replaces former coach Mr. Len McCabe, S.J. His team will be an experienced one

composed of seven seniors, five juniors, seven sophomores, and four freshmen. Leading the squad are seniors Mike "Bug" Roche, Bob Winsky, and Mike Noack; juniors Joe McCarthy (who has run the best two miles this year), Tim Jones, and Phil Brewer; and sophomore Ronnae Coleman. Seven meets are on tap this season. Only time will tell how much improvement has truly been realized.

Tom McGraw

INTRAMURAL

Noontime Warriors Battle

The players are ready, the teams are ready, the leagues are ready, and with a swift kick by moderator Mr. Nickel, the intramural football league is off and bouncing. Yes, after gulping down their lunch, students will again be allowed to mangle each other on the football field. This year the captains are optimistic that the quality of their team play will measure up to the originality of the team name. The freshman-sophomore captains, attempting to match the way they play, were inspired by names such as "George of the Jungles" and "Cake Eaters." The veteran junior-senior captains chose more subtle names such as "Brothers of the Byrd," and "Gridiron." And the quality of players? When asked if he could single out any great players Mr. Nickel replied, "Why, I can't, because . . . they're all so great."

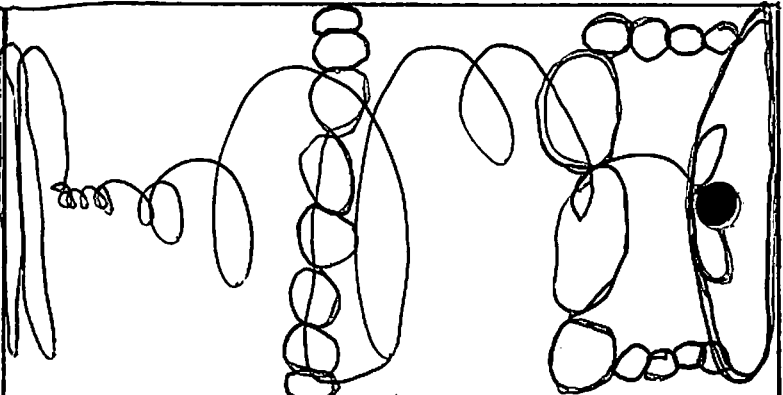
Pat O'Malley

Chris Turner points the way for Phil Brewer and Tom Kolarec.





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