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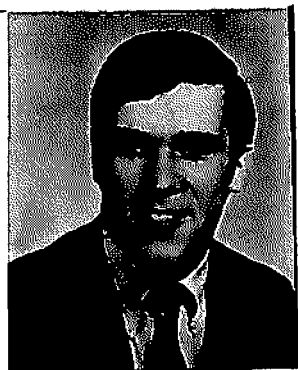
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for President

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Campus

INNER CITY

Christmas in the City

Christmas at St. Martin's center, in Leeds, was made happier this year through the efforts of Rockhurst High School. The canned goods donated by the student body were most appreciated by people in the area.

The Christmas party, held at Bethesda Baptist Church, on Monday the 23rd, was attended by Mr. Tobin, S.J., Mike Muehlbach, Jim Melody, Bill Fitzpatrick, Ed Reidy, Dave Stringer, and Santa Claus, portrayed by the unconquerable Br. Gaiter, S.J. A few days earlier at another party, Santa was played by Mr. Tobin, but he had a little trouble with the costume. It seems the pants had no belt. The party Monday evening included a Christmas play, a short service and gift giving by Santa Claus, alias Br. Gaiter.

More than forty cans of cookies were distributed by the center this year. Ladies from St. Ann's church, circle 2, donated

Brother Gaiter, head of the Inner City program, poses for our roving Prep News photographer.



their time and baking talent.

Christmas Day was a happy one down at St. Martin's center. Shirley Kammerer, who runs the center, her parents, Mike Muelbach, Ed Reidy, and Dave Stringer visited homes in the area. A family gathering took place at Charlie and Susie Pratcher's. The Pratchers expressed their thanks for the canned food from Rockhurst.

January 4th was moving day for Mrs. Perry, whose house has been declared unfit for human habitation by the City Health Department since last April. Mrs. Perry moved to her sister's home. Mike Muehlbach helped her pack and was assisted by Patty Fitzgerald of St. Teresa's Academy.

Patty and Mike, along with Mike Roche, Rod Stewart, Brian Murdock, Mark Kuzila, and Mr. Crowe, taught the area children swimming. This program will start again in February.

Many thanks to the students who showed concern and donated their time and energies to make the Canned Food Drive successful.

Harold Livers assisted Mike Lillis (director of Garrison Center) in their Christmas program. Ed Cotter has been volunteering his leisure hours to forming a basketball team at the Center.

Bob Cotter and Dave Murphy tried their luck at running the movie projector at the Boy's Club, which started off their Christmas Vacation.

Browns' Center became the "Center" of attraction when their monthly orientation turned out to be a soul-stepping class. After pitching in to help decorate the popcorn-evergreen tree, all volunteer workers at Browns' were shown some of the basic steps in the new popular "Soul dancing". Chuck Koehler, Tom Koehler, Dave Leavitt, John Charmley, and Bill Fitzpatrick head some of the student volunteers working at Browns'.

NFL IN REVIEW

As usual, Rockhurst High School has put out another first class Speech and Debate team this year. And it is a team which is again solid in all areas.

In Debate, Rockhurst is especially strong. Heading the squad is the Debate team of Mike Pasano and Bill Williams and the team of Mike Bowen and Lucian Piane. The Juniors look strong with the likes of Randy Barron, Tom Krissek, Dave Courtwright, Fred Duchardt, Terry Schwartz, Dan Bukovac, and Chip Campfield. Leading the Sophomores is the team of Rick Krizman and Bob Hughes. Pat Gorman, Richard Henige, Brad Shurmantine, Jeff Abraham, Scott Andre, Mike Lyon, John DeGood, Len Navikas, Chris Sirridge, and Brad Thedinger all compose one of the strongest Sophomore squads Rockhurst has produced. Rounding out the Debate platoon is another fine flock of Freshman debaters, including Phil Snow, Gary Piane and Larry Jennings.

Rockhurst has capable men in every phase of Individual events. Pasano, Piane, and Thedinger look good in Original Oratory. Bowen, Williams, Courtwright, and Barron have excelled in Extemporaneous Speaking. Shurmantine, Egan, and Poskin have done well in Humorous Interpretation, as have Krissek and Shurmantine in Dramatic Interpretation. Filling out the Individuals are the Duet Acting teams of Shurmantine and Wall, Krizman and Hughes, Duchardt and Barron.

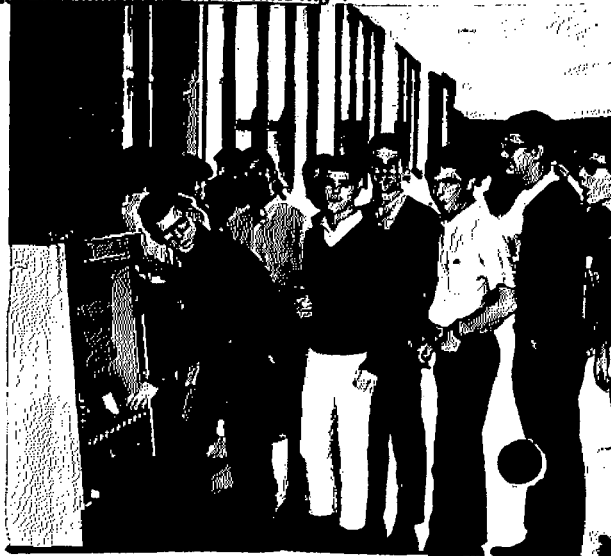
With a squad as strong as this, Rockhurst cannot help but win a few trophies. In Debate, Rockhurst teams have walked away with a bevy of trophies. Pasano and Williams took first place at the Washington High School Debate Tournament. Bowen and Piane took second at Shawnee Mission North, as did Barron and Krissek at Shawnee Mission East. Barron and Krissek also made the quarter-finals at Shawnee Mission North, as did Pasano and Williams at William Chrisman. In Individuals, while the coveted First Place Trophy seems beyond the reach of the Speechmen, the team as a whole has done well. Terry Schwartz took second place in the unusual field of Radio-Newscasting at Raytown. Randy Barron won second place in Extemporaneous Speaking at Oak Park, and Mike Bowen took third place at North Kansas City in the same event. Lucian Piane recently won second place in Original Or-



atory at the William Chrisman Speech Tournament.

This has been a very good year so far for the Speech and Debate squad. And one must remember that the year is only half over. There still remain many tournaments at which the Rockhurst Speechmen can prove their skills.

During the cafeteria boycott, candy consumption was boosted to an all-time high.



ELECTION PREVIEW

With all the hubbub of Student Council elections dominating the school's calendar, perhaps now would be a good time to take a long look at our present system of student government. There are faults in it; no one has any illusions about this. Some are bred by the very structure of student government; others can be solved by the right leaders. It is our responsibility to search out for these men. Below and on the following pages the candidates have been given space to present their ideas and qualifications. We urge you to read these carefully and critically before voting in the primary Tuesday.

PRESIDENT

Dennis Egan

As President of the Student Council there are several things I would like to see accomplished and several areas which could be remedied.

One of these areas is that of communication between the administration and the student body. An example of lack of communication and cooperation can be seen in the boycott of the cafeteria before the holidays, in which many students were grumbling of hunger for having heard nothing of the boycott and consequently forgetting to bring their lunch.

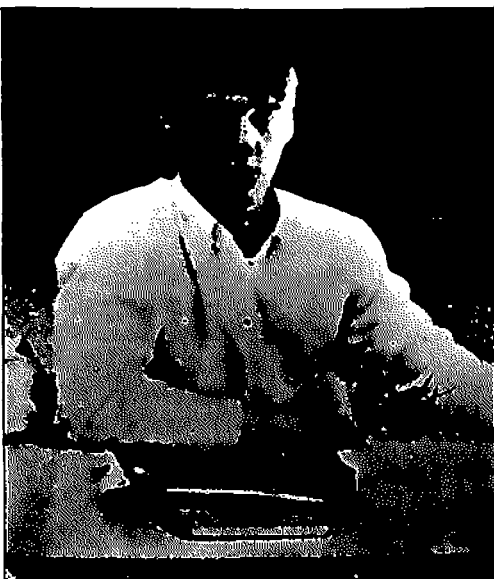
I would like to better coordinate the various committees throughout the school. These committees, unknown to many, are the sole responsibility of the President, who appoints the committee leaders, who, in turn report all action to him. The purpose and function of many of these committees is a secret to the student body. For this reason they are somewhat ineffective; at least, not as effective as they should be.

Another area of concern is participation in school money-making projects and functions, the most recent and well-known problem being the lack of support and consequent failure of dances. In this area, I believe a problem of paramount proportions lies in promotions and publicity of which we have very little. Students want a fine dance

and a big name band for such as the Inaugural Ball, and yet poor attendance causes funds to fall short on expenses such as the band salary, decorations, etc. This deficiency is felt in the pocket of the Student Council and the dance is tagged as a failure, no matter how much fun a student and his date may have had. Large scale promotions of the dances could bring students out and make the dances successful financially.

These are a few of my ideas put basically and simply, but hopefully they are useful and truly attainable goals. This is not all, but I would like to be presenting the remainder of my platform before the faculty and student body in the election assembly.

To many who know and like him well, Denny Egan is the man most qualified for the task of coordinating and successfully running the Student Council of Rockhurst. He has experience in Student Council, having



been Vice-President of his freshman class, and it is only because of his participation in numerous other activities that he has been prevented from thus far running for a major office. Junior year, when he could have run for office for the first time, Denny was busy lettering on the football field, playing basketball, running track, and even giving it a go in speech. He has been an active member of the letterman's club for two years, an intramural participant who even played on the F.T.I.T. championship team sophomore year, he has performed for the Cuesters in the annual spring musical, worked on paper drives, dances, and carnivals; he has written several articles for the *Prep News*, was offered the editorship of a yearbook section which he turned down since he was starting at offensive end in football. He has been a member of the former "A" class since he came here, and the National Honor Society since Junior year. His sense of humor and well-rounded personality has made him well-liked by his classmates and fellow seniors as well as all who come in contact with him. Denny does not put up the false facade of being hung up on the cliched and often talked about "school spirit" at the Rock. He just sees something that has to be done and goes out and does it. He usually does it because he wants to, and/or likes to, and if it's a school function, it usually benefits the school. That's just the way he is. He would very much like to become President of the Student Council. He wants to. It's that simple. I know he would do a good job.

Rill Williams

Mark Owens

Mark Owens has proved that he is capable of handling the responsibilities assigned to Student Council President. In four years of association with the Student Council, he has gained the experience so vital in fulfilling the task of President. His dedication is shown by four years of Sodality and three years of inner city work at Brown's Center. Mark's cheerleading last fall and his reception of the R Award Freshman year clearly indicate his enthusiasm. His natural leadership quality is shown by his chairmanship on the



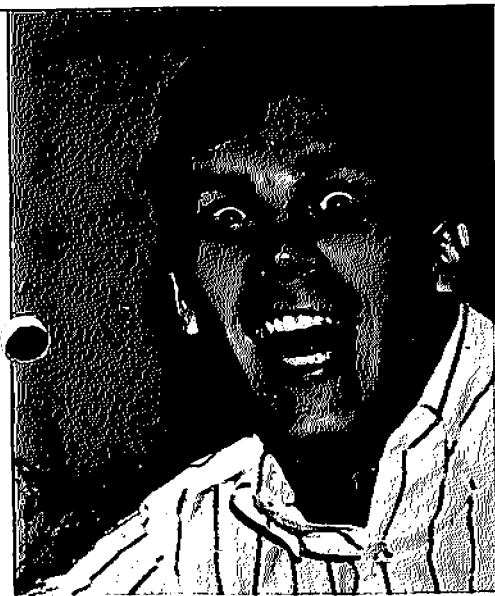
School Spirit Committee and his ability to get people like John Woods and Orrie Cowan involved in school functions. He's willing to try anything once and he's open for all kinds of ideas and suggestions on anything to improve the school. His willingness to listen is only exceeded by his zeal to get things done. Once Mark has started something, he won't rest until it is assured or run into the ground. Mark's strongest quality is the fact that he's nobody's yes-man. If he doesn't like what's going on, he'll tell you. He is not afraid to say what he thinks or do what he feels is right.

Kevin Fahey

Dave Tremble

Student Council President is a job which does not require any political knowledge or anything like that. It requires work and ability to listen and to communicate. Dave Tremble has shown by his accomplishments that he has these qualities. Four years of football has shown he has the knack for work. His contributions to the Brown's Center also exemplify this. He showed also that he was able to listen and communicate by being elected a homeroom rep and then Secretary of the Student Council. These jobs gave him experience.

The confidence of his peers won him election as a cheerleader his junior year.



These achievements prove that Dave Tremble definitely has the ability to do a good job.

John Barry

VEEP

Bill Hoskins

What are the qualifications needed to be Vice-President? There are only two. The ability to lead and the desire to do so. In the election, there are three candidates and two alternatives. We choose Bill Hoskins and change.

Ferdy Belz
Paul Disser
Jose Jimenez



Rockhurst abounds with talent. Why shouldn't we put it to use? The great variety of activities here should be run by a greater majority of the students. We do not need new events. The old must be rethought and reorganized.

Leadership at our school is consistent. But are you satisfied? Choose between a repeat of the first semester or a gamble for something better.

Enthusiasm, numbers and organization will bring the bands you want to Rockhurst. Organization begins in the homeroom. The band committee should and must be elected by the student body. The committee will then be representative of each class and, hopefully, each group. No single individual can be substituted for the work of many. The Vice-President's power must be delegated, not hoarded, or the job simply won't get done.

Solve the problem. Change. Create a new attitude which will grow from the dances. With imagination and more people, we could begin with a big brother program or even a summer camp for the kids of the inner city. There is much to work for.

Talking about school spirit, analyzing the basketball team, promising big bands will do little good. Work will.

Ray Kramer

Many reasons have stirred me into running for Vice-President of your Student Council. The major one of these is my growing concern towards Rockhurst and the direction it is going. Rockhurst has the potential for being a leader among the schools in this area. The action we take this year could be a determining factor towards the outcome.

Even though the year is nearly over for the Seniors, we have a responsibility to future graduating classes. If I am elected Vice-President, I intend to work in the Student Council and on my own to initiate new programs and activities for underclassmen. Through these programs I hope to keep all underclassmen better informed and give them more of a chance to take part in Rockhurst. One of these plans will be a car pool composed of willing juniors and seniors who will drive freshmen and sophomores to away



man football team (over 200 pounds of him) but he wasn't quite fast enough. When track rolled around so did Ray. His track career was cut short by a bad case of pneumonia.

Ray decided that although he couldn't help Rockhurst as an athlete, he could do other things. Ray joined intramural teams, worked on dances and worked on cleanups Sunday mornings. Ray has helped wherever he could; Poster Club, Dance Committee, *Prep News*, skits for the rallies. He beat on the drum at football games, and finally broke it. He's cheerleader now, and Ray wants to be the Vice-President of the Student Council. Ray's experienced and hard working, and he's got a lot to offer Rockhurst. I'll vote for Ray. He's the best man we could have for our Vice-President.

Mike Lewer

games. It is my intention that through these various activities there will become a better cooperation between the upperclassmen and the underclassmen. If we fill this now existing gap, I feel Rockhurst, as a whole, will enjoy success around the city.

Also, as Vice-President, I guarantee to continue the quality of bands we have been enjoying the past semester. I will try to respond to your requests concerning the type of bands we are to have. With a little cooperation, we can and will have entertaining dances and mixers.

The paper drive has always been one of our chief sources of income at Rockhurst. I promise to devote much of my time towards the success of this paper drive. With a keen sense of competition between the classes, I am sure we will have a profitable paper drive.

I am ready to work for you and Rockhurst. I will need some cooperation from you. With your help, I feel that we will be able to look back on this semester and call it a success.

Who is Ray Kramer? Why is he running for Vice-President of Rockhurst's second semester Student Council? What can Ray do for Rockhurst?

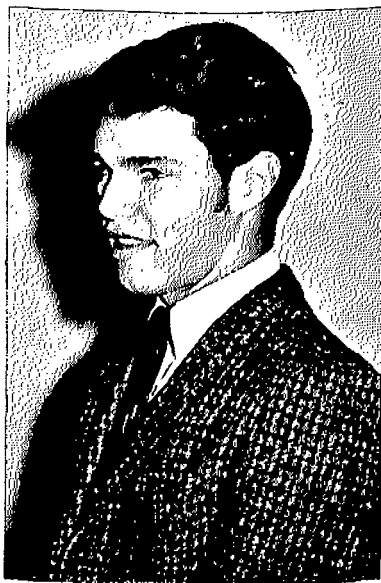
I've been with Ray now for four years, and it's taken me about four years to really get to know him. I talked to Ray about what he did as an underclassman. He laughed and replied that he really hadn't done a lot his first two years; anyway, not as much as he wanted to do. For example, freshman year Ray tried out for the fresh-

Bill Williams

If elected Vice-President of the Student Council, I would support the adoption of the following proposals:

1) Have girl cheerleaders elected from the three local Catholic girl schools. The election of the girls would be based on the same standards which Kapaun, Pem Day, and Rockhurst College use. The girl cheerleaders would promote enthusiasm and attendance at the game by both girl and boy students. To further promote attendance, it might be possible to establish a pep club in each of the girls schools.

2) The establishment of a Communica-



tions Committee between our school and the girls schools to help plan our schedules without conflicts and to increase the publicity of our mixers and encourage attendance at them.

3) Attempts should be made to procure more adult rides this year for the carnival. In addition to this, I think a suggestion should be presented to the administration which would allow Rockhurst students to go on the rides free for an hour or so at the beginning of the carnival Friday after school. It is unlikely that this would detract significantly from the profits of the carnival, since the students would come at night anyway.

4) Finally, we come to what is probably the most important function of the second semester Vice-President — to promote a successful Spring Dance. To insure a successful dance, plans have to be made far in advance, the most important of these being to contract a good band. I am presently working on a proposal which would enable us to get a big name band for the Spring Dance, and by "big name", I mean a band in the range of *The Association*. If the prospects of having *The Association* for the Spring Dance interest you, vote for me in the primary, and the details will be explained at the election assembly.

Since he came to Rockhurst High School, Bill Williams has made his presence felt in school activities. Ranking first on the entrance exam, Bill followed this up with academic excellence, accumulating a 93+ average in his four years here at Rockhurst. However, this really is not important, other than to show that Bill has the necessary intelligence for the job. What is important is the fact that Bill received good grades while actively being involved in several activities. Serving this year as the President of the N.F.L., Bill effectively organized the speech tournament this year involving over thirty schools from four states. The tournament was run very smoothly with few complications and was quite successful.

Over his four years here at Rockhurst Bill has shown his initiative and interest in

the school by working on class floats, carnivals, paper drives, dances and cleanups. He has been active in intramurals, being on the F.T.I.T. championship sophomore team and is captain of *The Shotguns*, who are favored to win the senior basketball league (favored, that is, by *The Shotguns*). Furthermore, he was the recipient of the "R" award last year, and is a member of the Cuesters, the National Honor Society, the Letterman's Club, and is the Chief Editor for the Dance Section this year in the Yearbook. Bill definitely is not lacking for experience in the Student Council; he has been homeroom representative twice and last year was Treasurer for the first semester.

Finally, Bill is specifically qualified for the Vice Presidency because he has connections with bands, having played in various ones for the last five years. For all of these reasons I feel that Bill Williams is the best man for the Vice-Presidency.

Tom Cooney

SECRETARY

George Donnelly

The job of the Student Council Secretary is to relate to the students exactly what goes on during the Student Council meetings.

I believe that there has been one major problem throughout the first semester and that was one of communication between the Student Council and the Student Body.



There were a number of reasons for this; 1) Students not interested in Student Council, 2) Students don't care what happens in their Student Government, 3) In homeroom, students are just plain bored. I think one way to improve this communication problem would be through more effective minutes and agendas.

At Rockhurst we have a good Student Council system, but it takes strong leaders to make it work. If elected Secretary I would try to provide the needed leadership to not only work with the other Student Council members but also enough leadership to run the third highest office in our Student Government.

An important point that has never been brought out in the Student Council elections is that the Secretary's job is primarily one of work. The Secretary must stay after school working on Student Council business from anywhere from one to four hours, three or more nights a week. George Donnelly is a student well-qualified for this job. He has been a football manager for the last two years, lettering this year. If you don't know how much work that is, just ask Mr. Davis. George has also participated in football, basketball, and softball intramurals since Freshman year, and he has experience with the Student Council, serving as Home-room Representative the first semester this year. So if you want a capable, hard-working Student Council Secretary second semester, vote for George Donnelly!

Bill Abboud



Leo Kallenberger

My name is Leo Kallenberger and I am running for the office of Student Council Secretary. In the following, I will tell you why I want to be secretary and list my qualifications. I am not happy with the school concerning the attitude of the students. I do not blame this on the students, but on lack of activities the students want and poor timing of the events we have. I will correct this by better advanced planning and finding out what the student body wants. My qualifications are a strong desire to better the school and an ability to find out the problems of the students. I ask you for your vote and wish to thank you for reading this.

Dan Bukovac

A secretary is a man that has to be the communicator between the students and the Student Council. To do this he has to be adept and willing to accept this responsibility and one who can arouse the interest of the students. He has to be able to communicate clearly with others so as to forego misunderstandings or misinterpretations by students. Dan Bukovac has been one of the

most prominent junior members of Rockhurst's Speech department. His achievements are further supported by the five solids he has held this year and last including French and Latin. He has also found time to be an active member in the CTI since his freshman year. This shows his ability to organize his work and activities and still come out on top. And this is what the office of secretary needs and has needed for quite a while. A secretary must be able to write down, organize and type up the minutes of the meetings without having to bother the faculty moderator and the other officers. Even though Dan lives more than 20 miles from school, he has not allowed this to infringe on his ability to commute back and forth in pursuit of his activities. His responsibilities surpass those of many people and his perseverance overcomes even more in order to make Rockhurst more a part of him and more meaningful for him. The time has come to change the administration and it's each student's responsibility to do the changing. Take the hint and make Dan Bukovac your "responsible" Student Council Secretary.

Bill Strobach

TREASURER

Rick Holland

This year I have heard and watched the school spirit of Rockhurst gradually weaken. There has been much discussion concerning the school spirit, and many are trying hard to build it back up. I don't believe that Rockhurst has lost its original school spirit, it is just at a low ebb. Many blame this year's first semester Student Council. The Student Council is not the one to blame although the second semester council can do much to help.

Many people believe that all the Treasurer does is keep track of the money, but he does play a much bigger part in school events. The Treasurer is in charge of the publicity of the school events. He is also in charge of counting the ballots at an election.

A big problem this year has been the

lack of support of the mixers and dances. Better publicity can help solve this problem. If elected, I will do my best to get posters and news of the school to the other schools.

Remember this year's low school spirit can be brought back up through a good Student Council the second semester.



The success of any organization depends largely on the people who run it. Each phase must be run by a capable and enthusiastic person. Our Student Council is no exception.

Rick Holland has all the qualities needed for success as Treasurer. During his time at Rockhurst, Rick has participated actively in all phases of curricular and extra-curricular activities. He has constantly gained first or second honors.

Rick has been a member of the Student Council and has also participated in many Student Council activities.

Sports, also, have played a big role for Rick. He has been a member of the Rockhurst football, track, and wrestling teams for two years each.

In my opinion, Rick's qualifications point him out as the man for Treasurer. On election day, vote for success - vote for Rick Holland.

Mike Mitchell

John McManus

Ever looked under the hood of the family car? Looks rather complicated if you don't know much about car engines. What would you do in the situation where your car broke down; could you repair it without calling a service station? Would you even be able to handle a flat tire?

Basic mechanics is something that seems to be left out in school. I don't see why, cars provide our transportation to and from school, and become even more important as we grow older. So why not start a car club — a club where any student can join who is interested in learning more about cars.

New ideas seem to make the Student Council a success. This idea of a car club is one example that the Student Council could adopt and make a part of school activities. The whole basis of the Student Council is to take in the new ideas received of the students in homeroom and in school improvements and try to put these ideas into action. The school seems to unite when a new idea is brought up; one good example of this was the student boycott. Without new ideas the Student Council becomes stale and routine so everyone loses interest. The S.C. officers also have the responsibility of



submitting their own new ideas in order to make the Student Council an even greater success. This is where the treasurer takes over. The treasurer externally is in charge of a rather dull job, yet he influences the Student Council a great deal by entering new ideas into the meetings, ideas ranging from ways to make money to ways of generating student interest. Don't be misled, many things aren't as easy as they look; one of them is being treasurer. As treasurer I will try to bring in as many new ideas as possible to make the Student Council a better representation of the student body.

The major qualification any person needs to do a job right is desire. John certainly has this; just look at the way he's thrown himself into activities. If you were ever at school on an October Saturday, you probably saw John working, often alone, on Homecoming decorations. Or you might have noticed, if you ever checked to see who worked on your school paper, that John is the only junior editor; he's earned it through hard work. Add to this the respect of others shown by electing him homeroom rep and basketball cheerleader, and you've got a highly qualified candidate in John McManus.

Bob Fowler

Brian O'Malley

In this article to advocate myself as Treasurer of the Student Council, I will concern myself with one of the Treasurer's main duties, that of director of publicity. The school's publicity of upcoming events is the cornerstone of the treasury. Informing people of upcoming events is the starting line of our social activities to insure success.

Previously, the Treasurer has merely kept track of the balance of the Student Council's financial status. I have several ideas which would keep me busy not only counting the money but adding to it substantially. I will concentrate my efforts here today on an increase in the pre-sale of the carnival tickets. It would be profitable if a

senior alumnus of each grade school represented here at Rockhurst would return to his school and explain the carnival and its functions to the grade school students, especially the young lovers. In addition, outside groups and organizations of other schools might be interested in participating with the reduced pre-sale rates.

I have expanded on the carnival simply because it is the greatest source of income for the Student Council. This year the number of rides will again be increased, assuring even greater success than before.

I would like to introduce to you Brian O'Malley, my candidate for the office of Student Council Treasurer. Brian, besides being an active member of his parish youth group, has played basketball and ran track, when not centering the ball for the Rockhurst football team. This year he was voted to be our Junior Varsity football squad's captain. Brian exhibits a constant capacity for leadership on the gridiron, a capacity which I am sure he will continue to display as Treasurer in our Student Council.

Brian is not new to student government. In both his Freshman and Sophomore years, he served as homeroom representative, and this year he has been involved in a

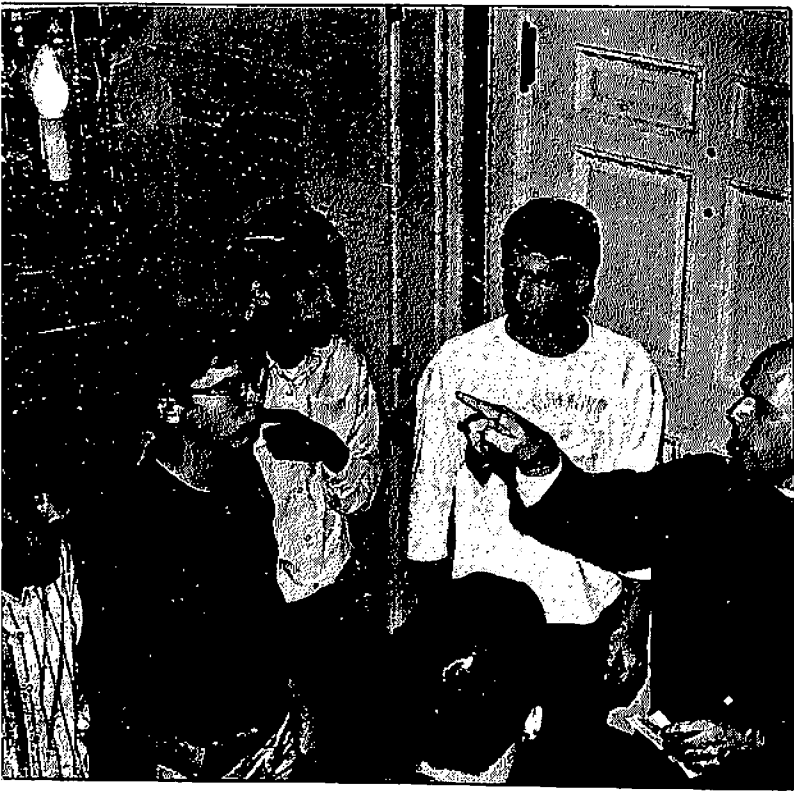


number of committees besides lending an able hand to dance preparations.

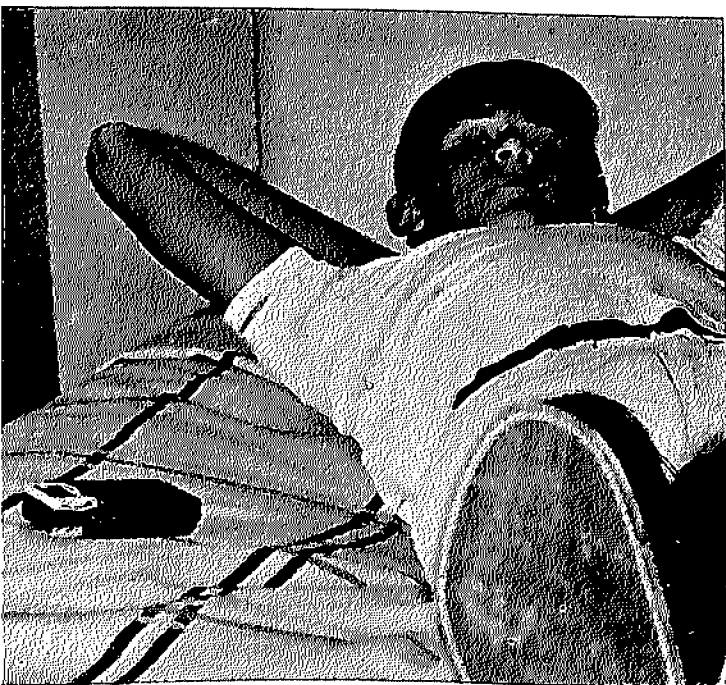
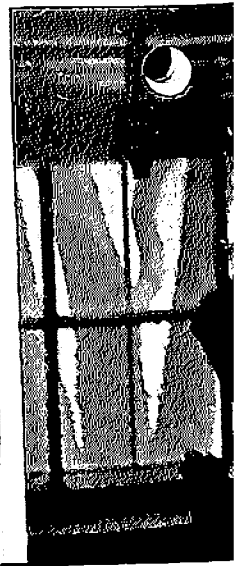
Brian has some ideas for the office of Treasurer in which I see genuine merit. I think if you take the time to read them over, you will elect Brian O'Malley as your next Student Council Treasurer. Thank you.

Mark Thornhill

Rockhurst vs.
De la Salle
at Mason-Halpin
SATURDAY!



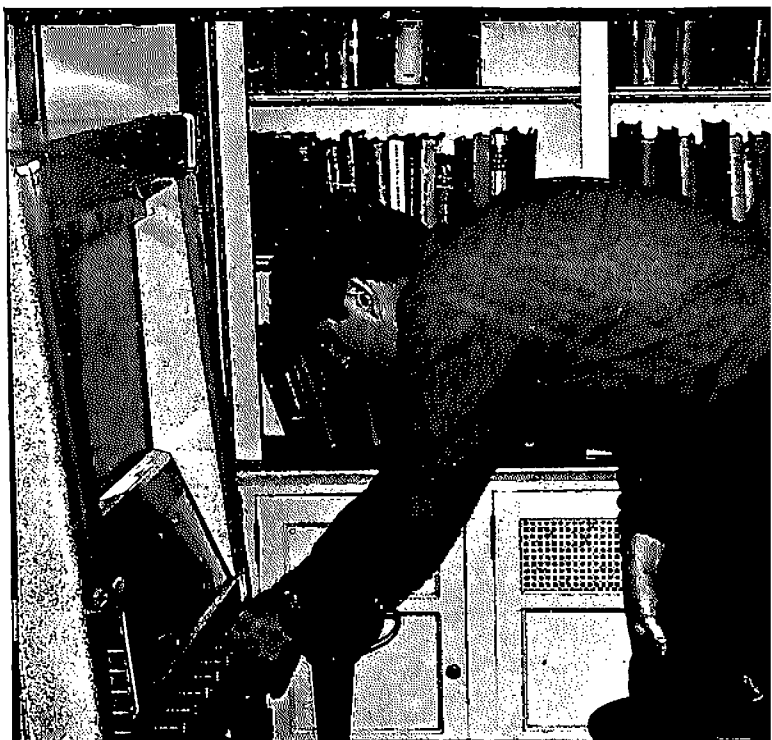
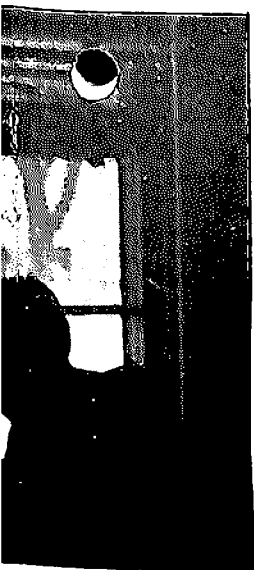
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Every year the Seniors are taken to a retreat for a three day closed retreat at a house in Missouri. At the house, which is assigned rooms and given a schedule, "a good retreat is made in silence and quietness. They are told that they may read pamphlets, meditate, go to church, etc. It has been reported that quite a few of the Seniors go to drive-in movies or as far away as they can, not exclusively. In addition to the retreat, some of the group generally gets up to mischief (illicit) or creeps about the house. The continual din screens out the chapel. \$6.50 for this pack of cigarettes is given at conferences, though, the mood is not in full attention to his short (20 minutes) celebrated in the chapel. God is not disgusting. THE FOOD IS GREAT. The man goes home with an extra ring of fat and a good retreat is any indication of the joy of a satisfying as far as discipline (nothing about).

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TOP OF THE ROCKS



LOCKE

The Dirty Old Man

What is a Tom Locke? That's a good question, yet one that is easily answered. A Tom Locke is first and foremost a student, and a very good one at that. Tom has easily managed to rake in one honor card after another. He also has recently been chosen as one of nine semi-finalists from Rockhurst in the National Honor Society Scholarship Program. To those who know him, this seems very little for a guy who seems to study so much.

Actually, Tom is much more involved at school than that. If there are team pictures, assembly pictures, dance decoration or clean-up pictures to be taken, you can always rely on Tom to be there helping out the *Prep News* now for his fourth year. He is now the "smile, please" man for the yearbook. Tom has always shown talent in the field of acting, whether it be a Southern gentleman, a backwards farmer, or just an old man, Tom does the job and does it quite well. Tom has also been able to pick up two football intramural trophies by providing the strong blocking on the champion "Friends of Freud" in '66 and again in '68. Yes, Tom truly is a remarkable man and has long deserved this title.

Doug Albers

Lennie-Bird

Just what kind of guy is Lennie Peters? This is rather an unfair question to ask, and most difficult to answer. First of all, Len is not one of the loud-mouthed leaders of the Senior class. You won't see Len giving school spirit at a pep rally, or writing highly critical articles in the *Prep News*. He doesn't show his feelings that way. He doesn't need to.

The way Lennie feels is expressed in his work as an active Sodalist for the last four years. The boys at Brown's center who play football with him know Lennie. Sure, Len has done all those things the other leaders have; he ranks 33rd



in the Senior class on composite average, he has been in Student Council for over two years, he is a varsity letterman in basketball, and he is a member of the National Honor Society. Len is a leader all right, but a leader in action, not word.

Lennie is one of the funniest guys in our school. I ought to know; I've been the subject of many of his jokes. In addition, he is on the Zeugirt's football and basketball teams, and is one of the original Zeugirts. But the greatest thing about Lennie is his likableness. After talking to him just once, you have to like him. After all, how many guys do you know who hate Len Peters?

Ken Hager

ST. LOUIS OR BUST!

Again next month, Rockhurst will make its biennial trek across Missouri to engage with its St. Louis foes in a weekend of basketball. This year, especially, it is important to clarify what is called "the Cross-State Doubleheader". When Rockhurst travels to St. Louis next month, is it Rockhurst the basketball team or Rockhurst the school?

In the past it has been Rockhurst the basketball team, plus those hardy few who could charter a bus and find parents to chaperone their trip. Just what is the point of this? Throughout the year it is said, rightly or wrongly, "Attend the games," and "Support your school!" — except St. Louis. This points to a terrible anachronism in logic. If St. Louis is different, why play them. Tradition is a poor reason; no one should be guilty of blindly repeating past error. There can be no legitimate reason if no one cares about the games.

Last year's game showed that St. Lou U High does care. They came to win, to upset us, to show us that St. Louis is better than anything that Kansas City has to offer. Well, they showed us. They beat our magnificent no. 1 ranked team and may have wrecked the year in doing it. They also showed us something else. We saw the personality of a sophisticated St. Louis school; it wasn't pretty. They came wearing Nazi helmets and leather jackets. They shouted profanities at us throughout the game. When they won, they trampled the floor of our gym, the only school we've ever played who could boast of the distinction. Then at our mixer, some amused themselves by setting fire to coats. We have not forgotten.

Rockhurst is one of the most well-behaved schools in Kansas City. Its students are not poor losers; Joplin is ample proof of the point. We feel that the school has a duty to make a St. Louis trip available to anyone who is proud enough of his school to want to go. Rockhurst is not University High — we wouldn't stoop so low.

Neither Here Nor There

Catholic students who attend Catholic colleges are confronted with a dual problem: they must take Theology, and they don't receive any mail, causing them to feel lonely. By not admitting their faith, they not only eliminate the Theology requirement, but they insure that they will receive free copies of The Power of Positive Thinking, The Way to God: I Found It Was Protestant and other \$7.95 paperweights from Bible-belters who are at least interested in saving his soul, even if they don't particularly care about the rest of him.

Before realizing their objectives, however, the students must face one last obstacle: the Freshman councillor, who has confronted this kind of faker before, and who knows the value of Theology.

In order to guide the student past this barricade, we provide the following simple catechism of correct answers for the interview.

Counsellor: You say you're an agnostic?

Student: Yes sir.

C: How could you be an agnostic if you came from a Catholic High School?

S: Well, sir, to be honest, I lost my faith in my Sophomore year.

C: What caused this loss?

S: An individual that I associated with.

C: Who was he?

S: Well, he was an archery nut who was always throwing the dollar-bills around. Naturally we called him Bucky Bowman.

C: And it was his great arguments against Catholicism that convinced you?

S: No. It was his great arguments in favor of Catholicism.

C: I don't understand.

S: Well, at a time of racism, violence, riots, war and starvation, Bucky said the four great sins were Drinking, Driving, Sex and Stealing.

C: Didn't he just say that those were the four great sins of teenagers?

S: Oh, yes. For adults, they were: Birth Control, Missing Mass, Disrespecting the Bishop, and Not Supporting Catholic Grade Schools.

C: Aren't those pretty bad?

S: Not compared to murder, hatred, hypocrisy and indifference.

C: But most adults don't commit those sins.

S: No thanks to Bucky Bowman.

C: Isn't that sort of a frivolous reason to abandon your faith?

S: It's better than James Joyce's, and look what happened to him.

C: James Joyce died in despair and unhappiness.

S: But he died rich.

C: Money isn't everything.

S: Tell that to Cardinal McIntyre.

C: You're arguing in circles.

S: So did Bucky Bowman.

C: You mean you're going to give up Catholicism just because you met one Catholic who turns you off?

S: I'm afraid that that's about the size of it.

C: But suppose everybody felt the way you do?

S: Then I'd be a fool to feel any differently, wouldn't I?

Student Section

In Defense of Folly

In view of the fact that certain Seniors have taken to criticizing the Student Council, I would like to take this opportunity to defend it. There are many examples in history of dynamic and high-powered legislative bodies: The Roman Senate under Caesar; the Estates General under Louis XIV; the Reichstag under Der Feurer; the House of Lords under anybody. Rockhurst's Student Council compares with all of these.

It has been charged that the Student Council lacks the initiative to take action in a crisis. This is untrue: when the cafeteria situation came up, for example, the Council sprang right into action and discussed the matter. If adjournment had not gotten in the way, something probably would have been said.

The Council also handled the new Constitution well. Rather than voting for or against it, the Council, in an exercise of great ingenuity, decisively voted not to debate it. It has been further charged that the Council is only a rubber-stamp for the president. The apparent basis for this is the assertion that all the votes are unanimous. This is also untrue. A recent survey revealed that on no less than three motions in the past term, there were as many as five dissenting votes.

Another vile attack has been that homeroom sessions are pointless. This hardly needs to be answered. I will let the experiences of the students rebut it, as they recall the rapt attention paid to the representatives' discussions of vital issues.

One upperclassman has even said that the Council lacks communication with the students. How absurd! What could be more explicit than, "Bring your cans to homeroom"?

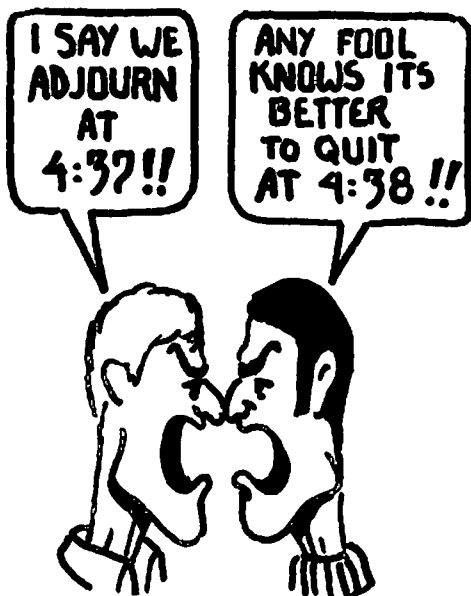
In closing, all of these indictments were leveled by a certain left-wing debater, who is bitter over past defeats in the student government processes. But he has never been a member of the Council, and the simple fact that he belongs to the N.F.L. and took A.P. History as a Junior do not qualify him to comment on this matter. The students, however, know the real story. They should not and they will not let sweeping generalities blind them to the true worth of their fabulous student council.

Michael Bowen

FROSH VIEWPOINT

Last month the *Prep News* had an article quoting the remark "nobody cares". I think that quote is wrong because the Freshman Class of "72" does care.

Maybe the problem of lack of spirit is that it is killed where it starts, Freshman Year. Each year the freshmen arrive full of spirit and pride at being a student at Rockhurst. Then what happens? The spirit and willingness to work is slowly lost. Why? Because this group, that is usually the most eager to work for the school, full of ideas and enthusiasm soon learns the following things: As Freshmen, we are joked about, laughed at and treated with a fond pat on the head, like the newest baby in the family, but never really taken too seriously or really listened to. We are expected to work hard on all projects, but we are not allowed to take part in the mixers and fun afterwards. The excuse is that "if the Freshmen come, no one else will". Of course, the people saying this won't come anyway, and it has been proven that the best attended and best



money making mixers this year were those attended by the Freshmen. Sure, a few acted up, but that is a situation that can be remedied.

Then comes Sophomore year, with a little less drive, when the class rears its head again. You are still an underclassman and unless you have a lot of drive, not too many listen to your ideas outside of your own class. By Junior and Senior year, you have your drivers license, a job and a girl; so it is hard to get started working on school projects with your increasingly crowded schedule, especially since the habit hadn't been formed and encouraged as an underclassman. But here again, you will find the same few "old reliables" that have been carrying the load as underclassmen repeating their performance as upperclassmen.

The problem of game attendance was mentioned. Rockhurst has had the same 2 or 3 cheers for the last 20 years. Why not have a contest for some new ones to add to these few standards? (A school victory song was submitted before the DeLaSalle football game but got lost in the shuffle of disinterest.) A school makes a better showing in the stands with a little unity and variety in its cheers. An organized showing of blue and white sweaters in the stands would give a team a feeling of solid backing.

There are a great many students with worthwhile ideas but who are a little on the shy side about vocally presenting them. Maybe a suggestion or idea box could be put up.

Your underclassmen have the willingness, spirit and time for school activities, so if you want to build school spirit, start with those who have it and keep it alive.

There will always be those that jest at the workers and ideas, but they usually have little to offer themselves or lack the initiative to put forth their own ideas. Yet, if given a job, they usually work well and enjoy themselves. So assign jobs and committee positions to underclassmen and let the upperclassmen use their experience to guide, encourage and help start the tradition of working for the school from the very beginning. Start a tradition at Rockhurst and begin working with the Freshmen so that when they take over as upperclassmen they will be prepared to lead. Started at the freshmen

level, with responsibilities increasing Sophomore year, the experience and spirit of the Sophomores and Juniors will be the biggest asset the Seniors have in leaving behind them a strong spirit at Rockhurst.

Sean Mulcahy

RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS

Last month, in the *Prep News*, an article was written in defence of the John Birch Society. A close examination, however, will show that the ultra-conservative, super patriotic groups aren't that great, in fact, they're actually dangerous.

The first problem is that these groups tend to be racist. It would be unfair to say that every member of the John Birch Society is a racist, but due to the extreme right-wing nature of the group, it has an unusually high ratio of racially prejudiced members.

The second problem is that these groups tend to be hypocritical. They condemn H. Rap Brown for yelling, "Get your guns," but what do they do? They stockpile grenades, bazookas, and machine guns. They claim they are trying to save the country from the "Reds", but what are they doing? They are doing more to destroy this nation than all of their imagined Communist plots combined.

The third problem with these groups is that they tend to stereotype people who oppose them. For example, anyone left of center automatically becomes a "Communist".



nist". Anyone who advocates civil rights or black power becomes an "anarchist". Anyone who advocates any type of social reform becomes a "socialistic agitator".

The fourth problem of ultra-conservative groups is that they are doing much to contribute to the atmosphere of violence in the United States. Militant groups such as the Minutemen who gather and stockpile weapons go far in furthering the growing acceptance of violence as a means to an end in America. The KKK's violent tactics against Negroes in the South helped contribute to the racial hatred which erupted in Watts, Newark, and Detroit.

The fifth problem with these groups is the super-nationalism which they generate. "What's wrong with that?" you might ask. The trouble with super-nationalism is that it is usually the condition which precedes the coming of a totalitarian and/or fascist government. Hitler and Mussolini first had to whip up Germany and Italy into this condition before they could make the transition to their form of fascist government. The guys who were yelling, "If you liked Hitler, you'll love Wallace," at the political rally weren't kidding.

The final problem is all the "Law and Order" slogans these groups throw around. Fighting crime through constitutional means is fine, but beating protestors, making illegal arrests, greatly expanding police power at the expense of the Bill of Rights, and repressing minority groups are signs of a kind of American neo-fascism which is developing in this country.

To love your country is one thing, but to express your patriotism through active participation in groups which threaten the existence of American democracy as we know it, is quite another.

David Courtwright

Non-Conformist #23-A-4106

Once again, almost as if by a rare combination of grand tradition and sinister predestination, the student body has fallen prey to the annual spectrum of apathy; ranging from indifference and inaction to complete resignation. The indications are

apparent, the reactions are predictably stereotyped. The novice demagogues berate the guilty students for their faulty sets of standards and priorities. Many a noble football player has pledged his body and soul as a sacrificial offering to the captive audience of a pep rally in the hope that his humble oblation might serve to unite his fellow students and swell the ranks of the cheering, mindless masses only to have the heartless and fickle minions desert him in his hour of animal struggle. The dances, despite their lavish cardboard artifacts, are failing to attract adequate support. The custers frequently play to audiences smaller than the cast. And what can be done to repair the disastrous cracks of disunity, to once again forge the disintegrated student population into a monolithic community of equals? Luckily nothing.

Tom Locke

FIRST SEMESTER HONORS

SENIORS

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| 1. Terry Kalahurka | 6. John J. Conley |
| 2. Mike Pasano | 7. James Egan |
| 3. Lucian Plane | 8. Bill Williams |
| 4. Craig Broskow | 9. Bob Pierron |
| 5. Charles Schleper | 10. John Stott |

JUNIORS

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Terrence J. Schwartz | |
| 2. John Kusek | 7. Thomas Krissek |
| 3. Randy Barron | 8. Bob Peterschmidt |
| Chip Campfield | 9. Joe McCarthy |
| 5. Ed Byrne | 10. Pat Cindrich |
| Jim McCarthy | |

SOPHOMORES

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Scott Davis | 6. John Harmless |
| 2. Paul Pierron | 7. Robb Gilford |
| 3. William Barr | 8. John D'Agostino |
| 4. Tom Bizal | 9. James O'Leary |
| 5. Charles Overfelt | 10. Lenny Navickas |

FRESHMEN

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| 1. John DeMott | 6. Steve Rohner |
| Timothy Rundle | 7. Don Fitzgerald |
| 3. Joseph Schroer | Daryl Grovenburg |
| 4. Tim Dierks | 9. Richard Kasper |
| 5. Greg Muleski | Richard Riedel |

SPORTS

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Shot by the Breeze

For the benefit of the Rockhurst students who were not at the game (not including those on retreat) Friday night, January 3, the Rockhurst Hawklets were defeated by the Ward Cyclones, or Kolich and Dercher, 68-60.

The game proved to be a closer match than most people expected. From the opening tip-off until late in the fourth quarter, Rockhurst was never out of the game. The first quarter saw the Hawklets down 15-8. Also, here was the first evidence of "foul" trouble, which later would foil the Hawklets' chance of winning. Seven of Ward's points were converted at the charity stripe. It is also important to note that only two players scored Ward's 15 points, Kolich and Dercher. Ward's formerly high scoring guard, Bob Wenski, was held scoreless by Bob Dugan for this quarter, and the following two. In the second quarter, Rockhurst and Ward both scored 18 points, making the half time score 33-26, in favor of the Cyclones. Don Rau, Mike Mandl, and Jim Grasser provided the scoring.

With the half time break, the Hawklets came out and with three straight goals by Don Rau, pulled within one point of Ward. Then the Cyclones were passed up by the Hawklets 40-37. But two free throws by Pete Dercher brought the Cyclones back within one. The equal scoring continued and at the end of the third quarter, Ward still remained on top, 47-46.

It was at this time, when the ball game was slowed down, by the multiple number of fouls on both teams. The main Ward drive was sparked by Bob Wenski, who poured in three straight goals and one lay up, to put Ward ahead 60-50 with 3:53 to go in the game. Dick Grindinger had previously fouled out, and Chris Whitaker, Jim Grasser, Don Rau, and Mark Stipetich had four fouls. Ward then employed an effective stall offense

and scored three easy buckets. Their remaining four points came from the charity stripe, as Grasser, Whitaker, and Stipetich fouled out. Rockhurst then took advantage of frequent Ward fouling, and when the final horn blew, the score read Rockhurst 60, Ward 68.

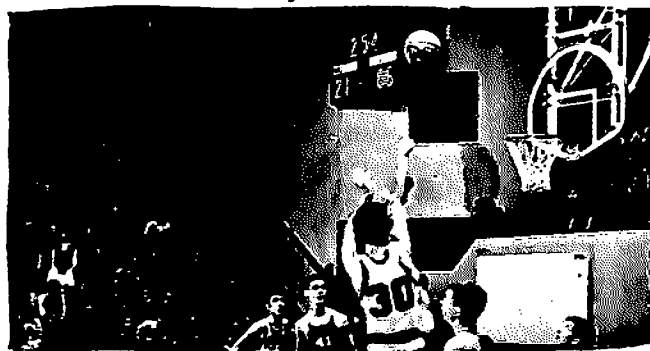
Don Rau was the leading Rockhurst scorer with 21 points, followed by Mike Mandl and Kevin Wall with 12. Pete Dercher of Ward led all scorers with 25, nine of them coming from the free-throw line. Nick Kolich was next with 22, 12 points coming from the stripe.

Rockhurst outshot the Cyclones from the field, hitting on 20-52-38% fielders, compared to the Cyclones 19-56-34%. The main difference in the scoring comes as a result of the 32 fouls on the Hawklets, including two technicals; thus, giving Ward 30 points from the charity stripe. Ward committed 24 fouls, giving the Hawklets 20 points from the line. A total of 56 fouls, were committed by both teams. All in all it was a disgusting game.

LEE'S SUMMIT TOURNEY

At the start of the Center game, it looked as if the Hawklets might win their second game of the season. Kevin Wall and Dick Grindinger scored 10 out of the Hawk's 16 points, giving Rockhurst the lead 16-13 at the end of the first quarter. But cold shooting shot down the Hawklets, as they connected on only three field goals, all by Mike Mandl. Incidentally, Mandl scored all eight points for the Hawks that quarter. Center on the other hand, kept up good shooting, led by Gary Palmer and Jim Day,

Mike Mandl puts in one of the few field goals in the first half against Truman, in the North Kansas City Tournament.



who put the Yellowjackets in the lead at the half, 30-24.

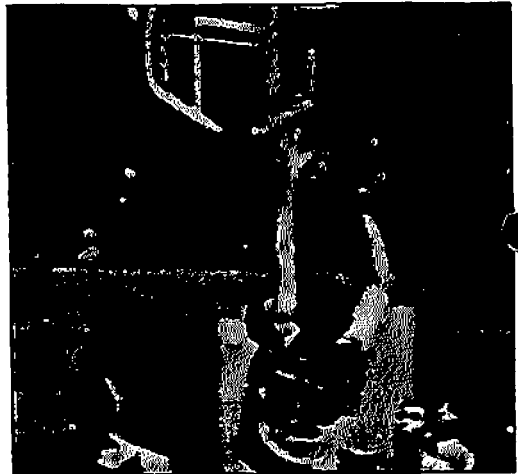
In the third quarter, the Hawklets again relied on Mike Mandl for the points as he poured in eight from the field. Kevin Wall and Dick Grindinger each scored four points in that quarter, also. But Center's Jim Day and Joe Farb kept the Yellowjackets on top 55-46. Gary Palmer virtually led Center to victory by scoring 10 points in the final quarter. The Hawklets were plagued by cold shooting as they converted only five field goals. The final score was Center 76, Rockhurst 60. Mike Mandl led the Hawks with 21 points, followed by Dick Grindinger with 11, and Kevin Wall with 10. Palmer led all scorers with 23, while Farb had 17 and Day had 14.

The second game saw the Hawklets defeat the Grandview Bulldogs, 76-46. After a fairly low scoring first quarter, Rockhurst really poured it on in the second, outscoring Grandview 23-9. Mike Mandl had 15 points in that quarter to give the Hawks a 36-17 halftime lead.

The balanced scoring attack continued for the Hawks in the second half, as Mike Mandl pumped in 5 points, while Wall had 6, and Grasser and Rau had 4. Grandview again could not hit from the floor, nor could they take advantage of their foul shots. However, the Hawklets took advantage of their foul shots as they converted 9 out of 10 free throws. Overall, they made 18 of 21 from the charity stripe for 84%. Mike Mandl led all scorers with 22 points, while Kevin Wall had 17 and Don Rau had 12. For Grandview, Don Shiefelbush led the scoring with 15 and Key Wyatt had 11.

On Saturday night, the Hawklets met a determined effort from Lee's Summit, but thanks to an inspiring second half, the Hawklets won 69-54.

The first quarter was played very closely by both teams; the score being 16-13 in favor of Rockhurst. Kevin Wall pumped in 8 of the Hawklets points, as the rest of the team provided equal scoring. Lee's Summit scored half of their points from the free-throw line: they were 7 for 7. But the second quarter proved disastrous for the



Jim Grasser showed his hustling form putting in a fielder against Truman in the NKC Tournament. The Hawks lost this one to the Patriots, 44-36, in an exciting finish.

Hawks as they put in only two field goals. Lee's Summit made only four from the field but added 9 out of 12 from the free-throw line which put them ahead 32-27 at the half.

With the start of the second half, Rockhurst's field goal shooting picked up, and the Tigers free-throw shooting fell down. The tough Hawklet defense allowed the Tigers to three field goals, putting the Hawks ahead at the end of the third quarter, 46-40. Lee's Summit's poor shooting continued into the fourth quarter, as they hit on only 3 of 16 shots from the field. However they were 8 for 10 from the foul line, which kept them somewhat in the game. Rockhurst continued to hit at a 50% clip from the field with Mandl scoring 7 points. Kevin Wall led all scorers with 23 points, while Mike Mandl had 13. Tom Shirk led Lee's Summit with 14 points followed by Chuck MacDonald with 12. It is also interesting to note that the Tigers scored 26 points from the charity stripe, as the Hawklets had committed 27 fouls.

At the end of the game between Truman and Center, the whole Hawklet team walked on the floor (much to the dislike of the Lee's Summit officials) to receive their well deserved consolation trophy.

WRESTLING

Hawks Show Their Form

As some of you may already know, Rockhurst has a new varsity sport, wrestling. This sport is coached by Mr. Tuckness, who alone has brought wrestling from a noontime intramural and organized it into a full-fledged varsity sport.

The team does not have an outstanding record. It has won only one of its dual meets. This was against Shawnee Mission East, in a welcome 49-5 rout. But even in defeat there were victorious members of the team. Among those that have constantly turned in consistent performances are Don Pierron, Darrel Grovenberg, Tim Brunham, Jim Egan, who is 5-1, and Mike Meyers, who has only been defeated twice. There are many more who have competed but were not able to succeed.

In the rout of SM East there is no one that can really be singled out. For the Hawklets won all but one of the events. But in the SM East Tournament there were a number of outstanding performances. Thanks to Ed Holland, Tim Burnham, John Conaghan, and Mike Meyers, Rockhurst was able to rack up four second-place medals. Unfortunately, the Hawks only had one first place winner, Jim Egan.

But the real strength of the wrestling team is that only two of its regular "starters" are seniors. So I am sure that Mr. Tuckness can look forward to much more success from the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen of his present wrestling team.

Jim Grasser moves inside for a field goal against Perm-Day. Dick Grindinger moves in for a rebound. The Hawks lost the game to the Raiders, 62-46.



Mike Meyers gives another sterling performance, in defeating Dave McCarthy during wrestling practice after school.

SOCCER

The Gods Kick On

Although somewhat hampered by a late start, this year's varsity soccer team has what it takes to upset the undefeated record of the '66-'67 team. This year we are more than adequately coached by Mr. Jackson, who has unselfishly given up his time to help us. Returning this year are five lettermen, three of which are on the front line, and the other two are in the backfield. The three starting on the front line are Jerry Bauers, Jose Jimmenez, and Doug Albers. The two halfbacks are Dick Ward and Jerry Knopke. Filling in the remaining two forward spots are two exceptional players, Ferdy Belz and Paul Disser. Herb Sizemore, Bob Pierron and Jim Kelly will be helping out in the backfield. Three people are fighting for the starting position of goalie: Rich Miller, Jim Mueller, and Ron Estevez. All of these people are of superior soccer caliber, and will prove to all that they want an unblemished record, and the league's first trophy, to be presented to the number 1 team in the area.

As for the games, the team started out in the soccer extravaganza at Rockhurst College on December 8, meeting Savior of the World and De La Salle. They defeated SW 2-1 and beat the Titans 1-0. On an extremely cold December 14, they traveled to Savior of the World Seminary to play their first league game. After Jose Jimmenez and Ferdy Belz cracked in two fine goals in the first half, Rockhurst came back to pour

it on as Doug Albers put through two penalty shots. The only letdown came when SW scored on a penalty kick midway in the second half. Rockhurst left the field victorious with a 4-1 victory. Four days later, on a half-mud, half-frozen field, Rockhurst met the challenge of De La Salle. Rockhurst again showed its stuff by beating the Titans 4-1, the Titans' only goal coming with 20

seconds remaining in the game. The scoring was done by Jose Jimenez, Paul Disser, Jerry Bauers, and Dick Ward.

There are many more games to come and if they play up to their capabilities, the Rockhurst Soccer team should finish up the season not having tasted defeat.



Steve Northcraft, Rockhurst class of '66, hooks against an opponent.

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