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COVER STORY:

Fr. Veltrie, S.J., celebrates mass for Rockhurst students and graduates and their dates during Christmas vacation.

From the editor's desk

Today the Executive Board members and the homeroom representatives for the second semester Student Council will be elected. The Student Body has the opportunity to determine who will represent them and should be aware that the eventual success or failure of this semester will greatly depend on their choice of leaders.

In an attempt to insure the election of the best (in preference to the most popular) candidates, new election procedures have been introduced. In the final analysis, however, the quality of the officers will be reflected by the degree of seriousness each student demonstrates when he votes. The Seniors realize that this Council will oversee the planning of the graduation exercises and the prom. Its progress will influence next year's first semester Council and should be of special interest to the Juniors, also. Because the Sophomores have the largest class that enjoys full voting power, they could easily decide this election if they strongly support one candidate. It will be the first voting experience for the Freshmen on a school-wide scale and it would be very advantageous for them to take an active interest in this campaign and try to become acquainted with Rockhurst election procedures.

If you believe there is value in student government, listen to each candidate and evaluate them and use your right to vote honestly and wisely to elect the best possible second semester Student Council.

Ken Felter

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Campus

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

A Merry Christmas

The Rockhurst student body rose to the occasion by supporting the only true measure of what Rockhurst is willing to give while getting nothing in return — the canned food drive.

The drive, organized by the letterman's club, lasted nine days and, as usual, started slowly but finished with a flash. Pat McMahon spearheaded the drive and Coach Nickel contributed much appreciated help in organizing the operation. The faculty, Mr. Crowe and Mr. Stark in particular, also contributed significantly to the success of the drive by their active support.

With only about 100 cans turned in after the first few days, hopes for a

CANDid pose. Jack Holland, John Bauers, Tim Dovel, and Pat MacMahon end another successful canned food drive by displaying a small portion of the cache of goods distributed to needy families before Christmas.



favorable outcome looked dim. But by the end of the drive several thousand cans had been collected as well as huge donations of a variety of bread-stuffs and turkeys.

The food was distributed to eight different families on the morning of December 23 by twenty lettermen representing the school.

Most of the families will be able to support themselves for months with the aid of the food donated. It is amazing how much good can be done by such efforts as were shown by the student body this year.

Jack Holland

NEW TRACK

Finally started

If you have not already noticed, there is something new being built at the school. Some people say its a better track, others say its a good track, but whatever kind it is, the new track will add something to the school that has not been seen for a long time.

After the school saved \$10,000 from the '66 and '67 Magazine Drives, a foundation was laid for the new track. Mr. Davis and Father Mattione S. J. sought contractors and the Kissick Construction Co. received the O.K. But this time the track is going to be constructed under the watchful eyes of Mr. Davis. As our former track was being built, Mr. Davis told the constructors that the wooden curbing's

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provided poor drainage and should be replaced by cement curbing, and that the cinders were spread in an uneven fashion. They went ahead without taking his advise and the result was a useless track.

Our new track will add another dimension to the sports department since it will help Rockhurst in getting other schools to compete with us and at the same time will enable Rockhurst to hold its own meets instead of always going to other schools.

Curt Keppel

A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Underclassmen success

"A Partridge in a Pear Tree" was presented by Rockhurst underclassmen and Loretto Academy on December 15 and 16 at Loretto. This production, consisting of a play - "The Miracle of Christmas" - and a choral program with various readings, was directed by Mr. Jim White, in association with Sister Mary Agnes, S.L., the musical director. Greg Hayward, Mike Smith, Kevin Wall, Jerry Ward, and Jim Modica held parts in "The Miracle of Christmas" while Greg Bride, Jim Knopke, and John Foster maneuvered the lights.

The choral program and readings enlisted the efforts of Mike Holmes, Mike Smith, Jack Burnham, Randy Barron, Greg Poskin, Greg Hayward, and

a mixed chorus of Rockhurst and Loretto students. The success of the play-full house crowds both nights-is explained by Mr. White with one word - "Spirit". It should be noted here that all of the Rockhurst performers involved in this undertaking were either sophomores or freshmen, with the exception of a few upperclassmen in the chorus. This fact speaks very favorably of our rarely noticed underclassmen.

Mike Saunders

ROCKHURST PLAY

Taken away

The Rockhurst custers proved the reverse of the play title "You Can't Take It With You" last December 7, 8, 10, and 11 by winning the hearts of the audience with their faithful portrayal of a wacky family in this hilarious comedy. Lee Allen, who played the leading role of Granpa, won 'em over by completely assuming his role and being every bit as senile and sometimes very serious as the real old gentleman himself. Dan Ervin and Bob Cayton played the parts of two old dare-devil fireworks makers who continually disrupted the household by their inept bungling of the highly explosive gunpowder. Jim LeRoy fit right into the ro'le of a mad Russian Ballet teacher who thought that almost everyone and everything in America "sticks" and voiced this opinion quite often. Bob Dolezal lost himself in the part of a "brilliant" but undiscovered xylophone player who doubled as a compulsive printer and soon found himself in trouble with the "J-men." Dennis Maygers and Bob Fowler also lent their charm to the play as a colored suitor and the despicable IRS men respectively. Al Westrom

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The morning after. Essie (Kay Patten), Mrs. Sycamore (Connie Curran), Mr. Ginsburg (Dan Ervin), Grandpa (Lee Allen), and Mr. Sycamore (Bob Cayton) discuss the previous night's events which included a fireworks display and a run-in with the police.

threw himself into his part with his usual vigor which consisted mainly of throwing passes at a pretty girl all night. The one person who was won over by this moronic family was played by Tom Locke, who started out as a high and mighty Wall Street man who had worked his way up and ends up just one of the family. The play was directed by Mr. Stark, and Father Bauman S.J. headed the stage crew.

SCIENCE CLUB

Flying high

One of the lesser known extracurricular activities around Rockhurst is the science club. It is moderated by Father Gerald Borer, S.J., and is involved in as many branches of science as its members are interested in. Within the science club, several sections deal with different subjects and there are also many projects of individual members.

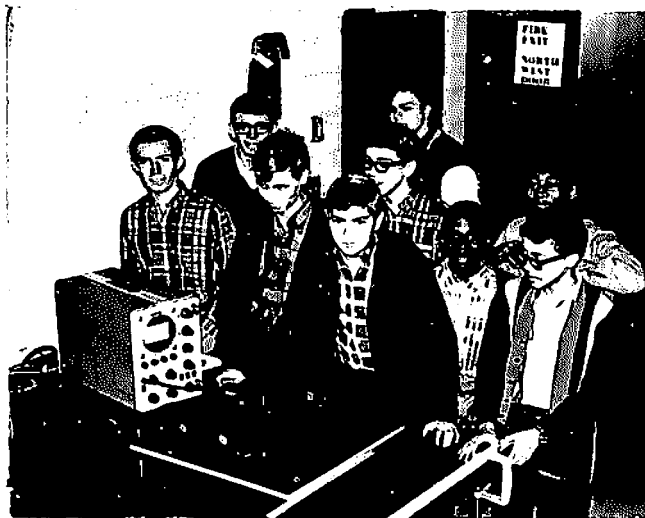
The largest section is the rocketry club. Almost every month this branch goes to a farm south of Kansas City to shoot off rockets which are assembled by members of the club. The inexpensive rockets come from kits and can be modified by the person who constructs them. One member, Randy Necessary, is experimenting with a homing device to enable him to track rockets by radio.

In the meteorology branch of the club, Steve Bumgarner and John Kelly are working on a project that will produce miniature tornadoes in the laboratory. The purpose of this is to study a theory that tornadoes are caused by lightning.

The electronics club conducts experiments showing the various properties of electricity but is not yet fully organized and lacks sufficient members. The astronomy club studies the stars and planets and makes field trips to such places as the Kansas City Planetarium.

These clubs are open to any Rockhurst student and father would like to see more join. He feels "too many students come at 8:29 in the morning

Thirst for knowledge. Rich Huslig, Nick Stanley, Steve Bumgarner, John Shaw, and John Kelly carefully examine some stroboscopic readings during a recent science club meeting.



and leave at 3:01 in the afternoon.¹⁷ Persons who join can work with any of the existing groups, form one of his own, or work on a pet project using the facilities of the physics lab.

Mike Smith

N.F.L.

A winning spirit

On the weekend of December 8 and 9, Schools from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Arkansas came to William Christman High School to compete in one of the nation's largest high school debate tournaments. The Rockhurst Speechmen, with outstanding performances by all concerned, proved themselves the best of those attending by capturing the coveted sweepstakes award – the first time the Rock has ever been able to do this at the Chrisman Tourney. Contributing to this victory with outstanding performances were Al Westrom and Joe Kieffaber in Duet Acting, Jim Grigsby and Joe Cambiano in Extemp., Bob Dolezal in Dramatic Interpretation, and Joe Kieffaber in Humorous Interpretation. All got to the final round and Grigsby took second in Extemp. Meanwhile, in debate, the teams of Bill Williams and Mike Pasano in championship debate Mike Bower and Walt Karniski in regular debate fought their way to the quarter-final rounds.

The freshmen and sophomores have also been representing Rockhurst well. At the Fort Osage Novice Debate Tournament, freshmen teams of Krizman-Hughes and McFarland – De-Good took first and third places respectively. At the Shawnee Mission East Tournament,




Recent winner. Mike Smithmier, Walt Karniski, Joe Cambiano, Jim LeRoy, Al Westrom, Joe Kieffaber, Mike Pasano, and Bill Williams placed the Rock on top in the William Christman Speech and Debate Tournament.

the sophomore debate team of Tom Kriesek and Chip Campfield fought their way to the semi-final round taking third place honors.

Important tournaments lay ahead for Rockhurst, including the Monett, Springfield-Parkview, and State Speech and Debate tournaments. To achieve victory of these will demand the same kind of spirit brought forth in the Chrisman victory.

Joe Cambiano



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COLLEGE PREVIEW

A scary proposition

Starting college is a scary proposition. Whether one admits it or not, there is an element of fear of the unknown. Our parents and counselors have tried to prepare us simply by telling us that it's the hardest thing they've ever done in their lives, but this only rolls off our backs. We would rather hear something more informative, and from people nearer our own age. That is the purpose of this article, to give a view of a wide range of colleges through the eyes of some of last year's Rockhurst seniors. What courses do you take for a planned major in physics, history, engineering, or pre-med? What about discipline? What are the problems of the communal living in a dormitory? Is there really a drug problem on campus? Is the pressure really as great as we have been told that it is? These are a few of questions which, I hope, this article will begin to answer; but before going any further, I should like to thank the many vaca-



tioning college freshmen who gave up some of their time to help me with this article.

ON COURSES: For all of the freshmen whom I interviewed, a math, an English, and a chemistry course were required, and also a course in theology and/or philosophy. The other courses varied according to the major. A general science major would take physics and some history. A physics major would take a physics course, but no history. A history major and a pre-med student both take a history course, with perhaps an economics course for the history major. One freshman Harry Hanover (Santa Clara) has a compulsory one-year ROTC course to teach the principles and applications of war.

This is all well and good, but any counselor can tell you this with much more accuracy and detail. What we're interested in is the student's reactions to the courses. Are they hard? Do you



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Chris White

have to take notes? Do you find a huge increase in study time necessary?

To begin with, it was generally admitted that the courses are harder, and that note taking is important. But surprisingly, except for the week before big exams, the study time at college is less than at Rockhurst. Mike Burke (Georgetown) attributes this to the fact that in many courses, the book is rarely used; all studying is done from notes taken in class. Note studying is much quicker than book reading. This does not mean, however, that you can let everything slide until exam week. Mike described cramming as the most painful experience he has yet undergone in his young college career. Chris White (UMKC) also stresses the importance of pacing yourself throughout the semester by keeping up on your notes. Everyone said that a good note book is a must.

ON DISCIPLINE: You will find in college a nationally accepted Honor System. Under this system, students are expected to report whatever cheating may take place, and any other instances of rule-breaking; but the Honor System is interesting especially for the freedom it allows. Mike Kellman (Cal Tech)

reported that at Cal Tech, students are allowed to take their final tests to their dorms to work on them, and are trusted not to use their books or notes. The same is true of some courses at Santa Clara. And, so far as Mike can see, no one cheats on these tests. Mickey LeRoy (Notre Dame) says that students have no proctors at their tests. Each man's pride in his own work keeps him from giving or taking answers.

The Honor System extends beyond the classroom. At Georgetown, students are allowed to keep liquor in their rooms. At Santa Clara, Harry Hanover noticed a lack of rules in general. A man must set his own principles. This seems to be the case for all colleges.

ON DORMITORIES: As might be expected when boys away from home (perhaps for the first time) are crowded under one roof, there is much noise. The question which naturally follows is, can you study in the dorm with all this din going on? The general concensus is "no". While some schools have enforced quiet periods in the early evenings, others have only loosely observed silence beginning as late as 10:30. Of the freshmen interviewed, all except one had to go somewhere else usually the library to do their studying.

ON DRUGS: There has been a great deal of talk about drugs on the college campus. Some estimates go so far as to say that ninety per cent of all college students take drugs. I did not find this to be the case. Of the people I interviewed, only forty percent knew of the use of drugs on campus; and of that forty percent, only one person knew how to go about getting the stuff. A few students said that while they did not know how to get drugs on campus, they figured that they could get what they wanted - if they wanted it - by walking



into certain sections of the cities in which their respective colleges are located. The problem therefore seems to concern, not the few users on campus, but the pushers in the city.

"What about hippies," you might ask. "Don't they use the drugs?" The surprising answer is "no". Although the weird types are found on every campus represented by those interviewed, no one regarded the hippies as a dangerous source of drugs. The general campus attitude towards the hippies is to ignore them.

ON PRESSURE: The great push of college has been pounded into us since we were freshmen. The huge pressure to make good. In part, this was found to be true. Yes, there is a great deal of pressure to succeed. However, it is not applied by a great monster sitting in the dean's office, and it is not applied by the balding old man who lectures to you twice a week. The pressure is applied by the student himself. Each person sets definite goals, whether to pass, or to make the dean's list. The important thing is to have goals set, and to push for them. One of the people interviewed stressed the importance of setting high goals. "Aim at something that will take all of your concerted efforts to reach. To do this, you must divorce yourself from your friends and from good times for awhile, but the feeling of reaching something, of making something of yourself, is the greatest feeling in the world." This sums up perfectly the purpose of college: a place to reach, to attain, to make something of yourself. The only way which this can be attained, in at least one person's mind, is to push yourself to your limits in pursuit of a self-made goal, purposely set so high that you will have to pressure yourself to reach it. You will have no choice but to do this; this is what



the college will expect.

There was one last question on the form which I passed out to the people whom I interviewed. It read like this:

"Do you feel that you were ready for college? In other words, do you feel that Rockhurst lives up to its name as a college preparatory school?"

The answer was unanimously an unqualified "yes". Every student felt himself at least as well prepared as anyone else he met at college. Most people attributed the lessening of study time to the difficulty and challenge of the courses at Rockhurst. The Advanced Placement courses received special praise as real work savers. Judging from this sample group, no one who works here at Rockhurst should have any worry about being prepared to step into the college of his choice.

The final item in this article was not on the questionnaire, it was brought up by Harry Hanover at the end of the interview, and I believe that it has a particular merit. He said that before going away to Santa Clara, he had the

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“hippie, Hollywood, surfer” idea of California. But now, four months later, he can see how false this idea was. The people are really all the same. This is something to remember, that all around you at college are thousands of other people in the same boat as you. People working toward goals, people working to accomplish something, people to help each other make the change from high school to university.

James LeRoy

Student Section

Senior Retreat

Over the Thanksgiving holidays most Rockhurst students were either catching up on their sleep or their social life. There were eighteen seniors, however, who sacrificed their holidays in order to advance their spiritual development. Members of the CTI and a few other seniors traveled to Immacolata Retreat House in Liberty, Missouri, for one purpose – to better themselves spiritually.

Father William Hutchinson, S.J., the retreat master whose job it was to throw out ideas and approaches to a retreat in the hope that the retreatants would take heed and make a good retreat, opened the retreat with a thought-provoking lecture on the purpose of a retreat. Later

talks formulated an outline for making decisions in our lives. Fr. Hutchinson's timing for choosing this subject was exceptionally good since, as seniors, we are pressed with making some very important decisions as to a vocation, college and many other things.

The highlight, however, of this particular retreat was the informal discussion which sprang up among the retreatants one night and continued at intervals throughout the following days and nights. Topics ranged from what it means to be a Christian to how could we better Rockhurst High School and especially the senior class.

After a few all-night sessions and the regular discussion time, the retreatants finally decided on their course of action when they returned to classes the next Tuesday. However, the retreat was not over yet! The most important thing was yet to come – the final Mass.

This was no ordinary Mass, however. The retreatants had come to know one another during the retreat and this added to the effect of the Mass. With Rick Wall strumming his guitar, the “celebration” opened with a hymn expressing our purpose in gathering around the altar. All through the Mass there was a feeling of unity which only comes among close friends. The type of unity for which the Mass was intended. This unity was expressed in the “handshake of peace” which turned out to be spontaneous and straight from the heart. It reached its apex in the Communion, however, when each presented the cup of the Blood of Christ to a fellow-

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retreatant. For many it was their first really meaningful Holy Communion. This closed the retreat but not the spirit.

Tuesday morning found eighteen seniors spreading well-wishes to everyone – friend and foe alike. Many underclassmen were startled to have a senior come up to them, shake their hand, and wish them God's blessing. Even more surprising was the turnout at the midnight Mass held after the December 9th mixer. Catholics and non-Catholics alike shared an experience that they will never forget. This is only a start for religious activation around school; more will follow.

January is retreat month at Rockhurst. Great things can come from a retreat only if you want them to. It's not difficult to get into a "retreat spirit", but it is difficult to follow through after the retreat. Eighteen seniors had the perseverance to. Will you when the time comes?

Claude Aldridge

School spirit

Ask any student at Rockhurst the question: "What is school spirit?" and 4 times out of 5 will come the reply, "I don't know." It seems strange that even though "School spirit" is commonly brought up at Rockhurst, very few can define or even describe it.

What is school spirit? Basically, it boils down to pride – pride in a person's school – in this case, pride in Rockhurst. But school spirit is probably one of the most overworked terms that we use. This is because too many people confuse school spirit with its manifestations. They feel it can be measured by cheering or other externals. There are many examples of this. For instance, the magazine drive goes badly, and the "spirit" of the school is condemned. Attendance is low at a football game, or cheering isn't loud, so the students are pansies with no spirit. When there aren't enough people to work at the carnival, "school spirit" is poor. In other words, the term "school spirit" is just a rubber bag phrase, designed to mean just about



whatever you want it to mean.

But this is pretty stupid when you think about it. When mission collections are low, it's not because school spirit is bad, it's either because some people really are short of money, or because the reason for giving – the mission – does not seem real enough. If the magazine drive goes slowly, school spirit isn't bad – it's just that for most people, selling magazines is a distasteful job having nothing to do with school. If attendance is low at games, it's not necessarily school spirit at the root of the problem. Unlike most schools, Rockhurst has students from all parts of the city – from Parkville to Belton, and from Raytown to Shawnee – and gas does cost money, and driving does take time.

The idea I'm trying to get at is that these things can't measure school

spirit. "School spirit" is a kind of pride. People are individuals. They all express pride in different ways: in the loudly shown pride of cheering, in the quiet pride in the school, and in the pride of those who work around the school. Rockhurst isn't and shouldn't be a mold that casts everyone as the "all-American boy." Instead, it tries to develop men as individuals, not as an amorphous mass of "students".

In other words, some people are interested in football, some in cross country, some in dramatics or speech, some in studies, and some have no interests. But just the same, they all can have pride in the school.

Is school spirit actually valuable? To some it is, while others see it as absurd. There are numerous reasons given on both sides. One thing the students are often told is that school spirit is a "tradition" at Rockhurst. This in itself is no reason for spirit. Simply because something is traditional is no reason to support it. It must have advantages, or else it is just a meaningless external. If students cheer loud because it's a tradition, then there's no real meaning in it. Another idea is that it's good because it provides unity. This is good, in a way, for several reasons. First, cheering does undoubtedly build morale, an important factor in team sports. Secondly, it helps the school work as a unit, and this makes school life run smoothly for the group. Thirdly, it can help men to learn to live and work with others.

But some people have valid reasons for feeling that school spirit is ridiculous. Some say that they just come to Rockhurst to get an education, and they don't care about the rest. Some just don't care too much about anything - also valid from an individual standpoint. Others say it's a waste of time - there are more important things to worry about. Then other students feel the way one student put it: "School spirit sort of makes you depend on a group more than you should to become an independent man with a strong character."

But if school spirit is beneficial, how can you judge it? In general, Rockhurst has a great deal of school spirit. Often we hear that there were only 250 students at a football game, and that's supposedly bad. It isn't really bad, it's just low for Rockhurst. Try and think of how many schools in the area can get from 150 to 600 students to go to a game voluntarily. Outside of De La Salle and Rockhurst, there aren't many. They might have a pep club of 50 to 600 girls, but in many schools, pep club is a course, and the girls must attend.

I'm not trying to say that school spirit is good or that it's bad. All I'm trying to do is to explain what I think "school spirit" is, and to show that Rockhurst has good spirit - or to use a better term, the men at Rockhurst have pride in their school.

Jim Grisby (Senior)

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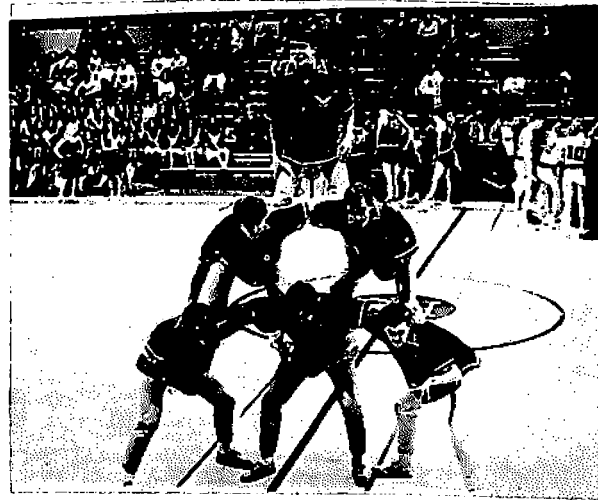
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Pictures



The beginning. Mr. Marion Nickel tipped-off his third year as head coach by introducing the 1967-1968 basketball team.

Treacherous triangle. The basketball cheerleaders form the famous Rockhurst pyramid during the Washington contest. From top, left to right, Tom Finholm, Dick Atchity, Jack Holland, Dave Tremble, Jerry Bauers, John Bauers.



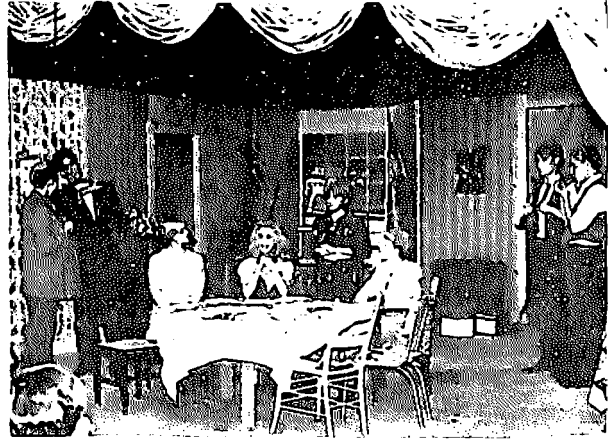
Bouncing effort. Preparing himself for the ball, Mike Young leaps into the air above the heads of Doug Albers and a Maur Hill opponent.





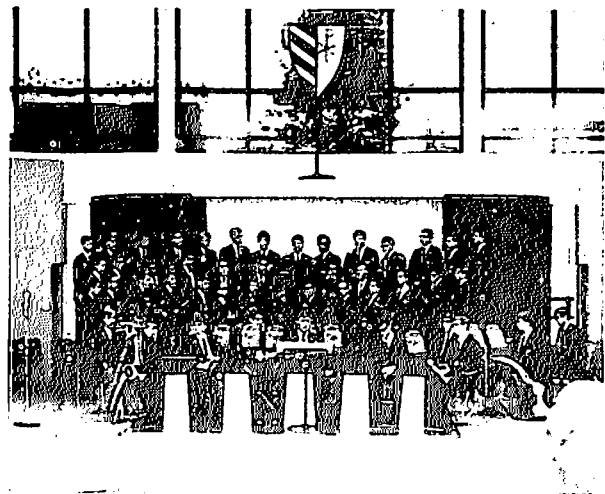
"And furthermore..." Mr. Kirby (Tom Locke) vehemently denounces his son's, Tony (Al Westrom), acceptance of the Sycamore's zany way of life.

Royalty for dinner. Mr. Ginsburg (Dan Ervin), Boris Kolenkow (Jim LeRoy), Essie (Kay Patten), Grand Duchess Olga Katrina (Sherrie Heiman), Mrs. Sycamore (Connie Curran), Grandpa (Lee Allen), Ed Carmichael (Bob Dolezal), and Mr. Sycamore (Bob Cayton) gather around the dinner table.



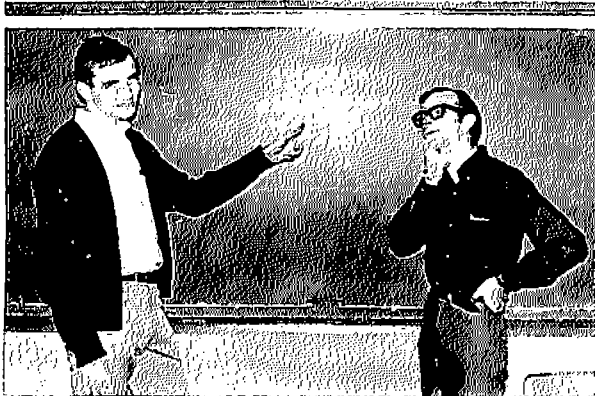
Rockhurst cacophonic choir. Six Rockhurst students participated in the Loretto Academy Christmas program, "Partridge in a Pear Tree" presented at Loretto December 15 and 16. Identifiable Rockhurst students are, from top to bottom, Steve Bumgarner, Mike McPhee, Terry Sears, and Greg Poskin.





Glee glory. As the Rockhurst College Glee Club entertains, the Mothers' Club and the Rockhurst High School Student Body intently listen.

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N.H.S. Semifinalists. National Honor Society Scholarship Semifinalists, all knowing Jim Grigsby and bewildered Lee Allen, tangle with an impossible math problem.



Camera bugs and/or dogs. Kitty Dierks displays a few dancing techniques to the cameraman while B. Wholey, J. Switzer and B. Hannan look on approvingly.



Split personality. A complete reversal from Stanley, Dan Ervin displays his vocal stamina as he shouts encouragement to the Hawk fans.

Personalities

TOP OF THE ROCK

Prince of players

Ques: What do Stanley Laurel, Mr. Ginsburg, and Beaver Cleaver all have in common.

Ans: They all use the same alias, Dan Ervin. Alias Dan Ervin just happens to be a senior at Rockhurst; and he can be found in more places than a jug-hunting Jesuit.

Dan Ervin sodalist has been in the Sodality four years; and was elected vice-prefect senior year.

In the guise of student, Dan has attained honors every quarter; and first honors the majority of those grading periods, during his three and a half years at Rockhurst. His "Oscar" was

his selection to the National Honor Society junior year.

This year Dan played Mr. Ginsburg in the fall production of "You Can't Take It With You." He was also seen as Stanley Laurel in the Homecoming skit, and everyone will remember that Wally would do anything for Beaver.

The one black spot on Dan's record has been his four year association with the intramural champion Studs.

Whether representing the student body as treasurer of the student council, his homeroom as representative, or Rockhurst as a cheerleader Dan never needs to put on a good show, for Dan Ervin as Dan Ervin plays the part of Rockhurst naturally and better than most.

Jack Holland

Outgoing personality

Four years of speech and debate, recipient of an "R" award, Chairman of the Pool Room Committee and School Improvement Committee, twice homeroom representative, a junior varsity letter in cross country, member of the National Honor Society, member of the Poster Club, four years participation in intramurals, and a 93+ grade average ranking him fourth in the senior class - factually, this describes Jim Grigsby; but, as always, the facts don't tell the whole story.

Jim's time in Forensics has gained him not only a reputation for excellence

Looking ahead. Jim Grigsby shows his concern as he points toward an outline of an upcoming Forensic meet.



in debate, but also for his warm outgoing personality which has brought him many a friend in schools throughout the state and has proven him a fit representative of Rockhurst.

Jim's leadership qualities are unquestionable. Under his skillful hand the Rockhurst pool room has taken on a new look boasting both better management and better equipment. His leadership is typified too in his two terms as homeroom rep.

In summing up Jim Grigsby's four years at Rockhurst the best word to describe him is outgoing. Whether as a representative of his school, as a scholar, as a psychedelic intramural captain, as a hippie in a football skit, or as a member of the clean-up crew after a dance, Jim gives entirely of himself for his school.

Joe Cambiano

Keep on dancin'

When asked to find an example of dedication to one purpose, one has only to point to Mike Marino, a man who has given most of his time and energy to one cause - Rockhurst High School. Mike has the demanding job of organizing and readying three of the biggest events of the school year - the major Rock dances. This year he is chairman of the Dance Committee and the Dance Planning Committee, and also a member of the Mixer Decorations Committee. Through his participation in these activities Mike has been able to put to use his well-known talents of organization and creativity.

Mike does not work in streaks but rather offers a consistent effort each day - usually seen pooling ideas and recruiting workers for the upcoming dance. Noon hours are spent with the Dance Planning Committee, which meets every day within two months before each dance. After school Mike can be found, no doubt, directing the preparations and projects for the dance. Also Mike devotes all his Saturdays to Rockhurst.

Besides his constant work in dance preparations, Mike has found time to do



Ticklish saw? Mike Marine (left) and Mike Forsythe appear to be having an unusually good time working on the light fixtures for the Inaugural Ball.

considerable work in the Poster Club and maintain Honors every semester. Mike's dedication and will to work has earned him a reputation admired throughout Rockhurst.

Tim Morrow

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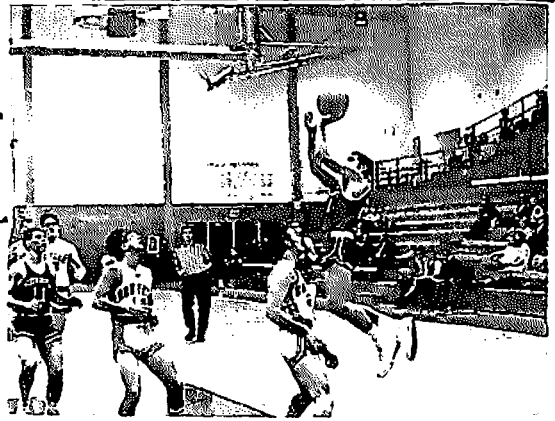
"Rack the Raiders", "Shear the Sheep", "Boil the Bills", "Trip DLS not LSD"; these are just a few of the many clever phrases that come out of the deep mind of Mike Forsythe. Mike is the backbone of anything that means work around the Rock. Since Freshman year there have been very few days that he has left before 4:30. Officially, Mike is the student moderator of the Poster Club, but he will do anything else and does - for example, taking care of the engineering on our major dances. And Mike is not above painting for anybody who asks him. One day you can see him down there painting animals on T-shirts for an intramural team and the next he will be painting a window scene for a play. Altogether Mike is one of the most "taken-advantage-of" seniors at Rockhurst, but he doesn't mind. He likes to do things for other people.

Lee Allen

Sports

VARSITY BASKETBALL

LEE'S SUMMIT



Rockhurst, second seeded in the Lee's Summit Tournament, proved that they were of championship quality as they wrapped up the Lee Summit trophy by defeating Truman, the seventh ranked team in Kansas City Star's ratings, by the score of 59-57. Truman traded last quarter leads with the Hawklets and went ahead by one of the 50 second mark. But the Hawklets bounced back on a shot by Pete Santoro, with Kevin Fahey adding a free throw after the buzzer. Santoro's hit proved to be the winning shot as he increased his scoring to 15 points. The Hawklets also showed tough defensive play, keeping Truman down to only 33 per cent shooting from the field. John Kafka held the Patriots' high scoring Gaylord Browne to only 4 points the whole game.

To get into this title game, the Hawklets had to down the spirited teams gunning to upset their chance for the tournament title. Rockhurst's first opponents were the Northmen from Oak Park. The Hawklets set their fast break in motion and capitalized on free throw opportunities to turn back Oak Park 69-54. John Kafka was held to only one field goal, but he led the way at the throw line with 10 of 14. Rockhurst jumped in front in the first quarter, as Bill O'Connor pumped in nine points. Then Pete Santoro lengthened the

lead by adding seven points in the second period. In the third period it was Pat Brosnahan, working off the front of the fast break, netting seven to widen the gap to 23 points.

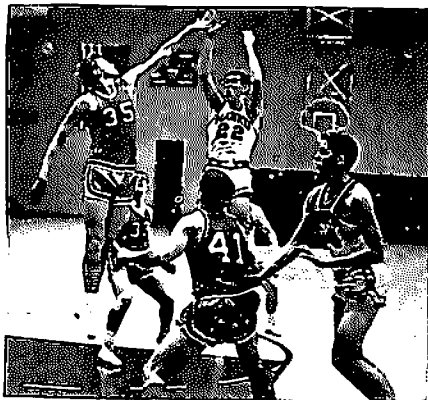
The Hawklets' second opponents were the defending champion, De La Salle Titans. The Hawklets exploded for a 20-point first quarter and then coasted on the lead for the rest of the game. Kafka hit seven points and Santoro six in the opening eight minutes. The Hawklets' might under the boards sealed off any chance of a Titan comeback.

Mark Kalb

Central Escapes

With Rockhurst shooting for an upset, and Central trying to preserve it's number 2 rating, the clash between these schools promised to bring blood. The Rockmen lead by John Kafka and Pat Brosnhan took a 5 point lead with 6:00 minutes to play in the first quarter. But Central, with it's superior height and strength stormed back to take the lead. The lead changed hands many times in the first half, and when the gun sounded the score was tied 22-22. A black cloud seemed to linger over the court as central hiked the score to 34-24 in the third period. The Hawks closed the gap to 6 pts but were never able to overcome the number two ranked Eagles. The Rock got into serious foul trouble in the fourth quarter, which caused John Kafka and Pat Brosnahan to sit out the re-

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Two for Pete. High over the outstretched arm of a Pem-Day defender, Pete Kovich endeavors to add on to the Rockhurst score.

mainder of the game. John Kafka again displayed remarkable passing ability and once again provided the offensive punch with 21 pts. The Rock showed their desire and determination by literally fighting to the finish.

Rockhurst claimed its fifth victory by riddling Washington by the score of 59-48. The Hawks were on the long end the whole game, but a fourth quarter surge by Washington brought worry to the Rockhurst fans. This worry was quickly relinquished when Pat Brosnahan and Steve (Sub) Fasone hit on jumpers to preserve the lead and a victory for the fighting Hawks.

While it was a cold night outside, Rockhurst's Gymnasium resembled a hot shooting gallery as the Rockhurst Hawks gunned the day-light out of Pem-Day. The Hawklets had no difficulty finding the range as they shot down the Raiders 77-55. John (Goose) Kafka was scoring ace with 28 tallies.

Tom Finholm

N.K.C.

Hawk's fall short

A Rockhurst bit for an unprecedented sixth North Kansas City Tourney title was cut short by the Hawks' cold shooting, and Truman's ability to capitalize on this fact, as shown by the Patriot's victory, 69-59, in the second round of the tournament. The Hawks looked good opening night in a 73-55 win over N.K.C.

and were able to capture third place with a 70-60 win over William Chrisman.

The opening game against Northtown brought to the students' minds as well as the players' the realization that the tourney could be won by Rockhurst. The win was convincing with the Hawks outscoring the Hornets in all four quarters and with John Kafka scoring 25 points in a dazzling show of ball-handling.

Hopes soon dimmed as a full house saw the cold-shooting Hawks lose to second seeded Truman in a game that saw Rockhurst come within three points of victory in the final three minutes; but Rockhurst was to remain cold as a just fair Truman team went on to win.

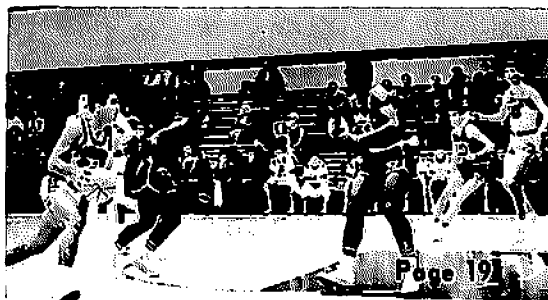
The final bid for third place was a success as Rockhurst overcame a fourth quarter surge by the Bears to win before 100 loyal Rockhurst fans.

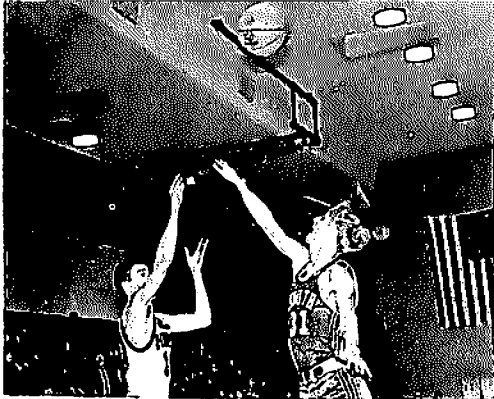
Jack Holland

Two down, more to go

The opening of the 67-68 season proved favorable for the Hawklets as they dominated the Hogan Rams. The Rams, who had beaten De La Salle the night before, did not fare as well against the well-disciplined Rockhurst team. The underestimated Rockhurst team took a quick lead and maintained it throughout the game. This game was the debut of a team which displayed "more team-work than some of the other Rockhurst teams of the last few years which have done so well, "to quote Coach Al Davis, present athletic director. The game was more of a run away than the 76-58 final

Fast break. Pete Santoro moves down court for a potential score, with Pat Brosnahan and John Kafka as anxious onlookers.





Baited. Pat Brosnahan arches this shot toward the basket as Kent Scott, Redbird defender, leaves a little to be desired.

score indicates. This was because of the fact that most of the team got to play. The scoring was led by John Kafka with 27 points, Pete Santoro with 16 and Pat Brosnahan 8 points.

Raytown South, rated fourth in the Kansas City Star, was the Hawklets next opponent. Obviously up for the game, Raytown South filled the gym for the Junior Varsity game. In probably


the most high spirited game so far this year, the Hawks and Cards battled right down to the wire with Raytown South shooting mostly free-throws in the last half. In fact, the Card hit 31 for 40 from the charity line, which when all the points were added up, made a big difference in the 62-61 final score. This was a bitter defeat to take but the Hawklets look forward to a season similar to that of last year when the Hawklets won all but the first game against the cards.

Buck Judy


FROSH TOURNEY

We came in second

The freshmen tournament was held at the start of the Holiday vacation. It proved to be a tough battle between the Rockhurst and De La Salle teams, with both teams winning two previous games against fine opponents. In the finals, Rockhurst, once behind by 13 points, fought back to tie the Titans to a 22-22 half-time score. In the second half both teams fought steadily in a see-saw battle which ended with the Rockhurst freshmen coming up short in a 45-44 defeat. Mark Stipetich, Rockhurst guard, almost turned the tide when with seven seconds to go he missed a driving lay-up. Tom Bosilevac, center, led the



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Getting his kicks. Ron Pribyl shows determination as he battles for position on an outmaneuvered Titan.

Hawklets in scoring with 14 points. To get into the finals, the young Hawks had to down the Miego Stags and Paseo Pirates. Miego was no problem for the Hawklets as they defeated the Stags 58-36. The Pirates, however, proved to be an obstacle. But the Hawklets overcame a tough Paseo offense by edging them 54-51.

Mark Kalb

SOCCKER

Athlete's foot

The Rockhurst Varsity soccer team opened its season on December 8, with a victory over a hard-kicking, experienced Maur Hill team by the score, 1-0. The Hawks got the only score of the game on a goal by Mike Young. The defense did much to stifle the attack of the visitors, limiting them to only a few desperation shots. Mike Young was voted as outstanding player in this game.

After the final class on December 20, the Hawks encountered the De La Salle Titans, who were eager for a win after years of humiliation at the hands of the Hawks. A 1-0 loss for the Hawks was the result, even though the Titans had only 6 shot compared to 30 by the Hawks. But statistics mean nothing when you lose. This game was decided by a penalty kick, each team receiving a bonus shot. De La Salle scored, and Rockhurst did not.

Now bearing a 1-1 record the team will seek to improve it in the next De La Salle game (Jan. 7) and get sweet revenge.

The J.V. sports a 1-0 record this far with a 1-0 victory over the De La Salle J.V. The goal was kicked by sophomore Jose Jimenez, who already shows varsity potential - as, in fact, do several other J.V. Players. The outlook therefore for the J.V. this season seems promising.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Here they come

"What is the Intramural League at Rockhurst going to be like?" This is indeed an important question, as the league is the prelude to the F.T.I.T., which decides which team will play the St. Louis team.

The proverbial "team to look out for" is the STUDS, under the player-coach abilities of John Bauers. With the shooting of Dich Atchity and the speed of one-time sophomore star Dick Mathews, the STUDS will always be in contention.

The team that will probably win is the RUN AND GUNS. I say this because league Commissioner Bob Wholey is on the team (He's a gunner). Jim Kissick and Jap Reinhardt came from the STUDS to the R.A.G.'s through the articulate manipulations of player-coach Jim Kremer. Their game with the Studs will be one of the best to watch, if you like basketball.

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A VERY GRIMM FAIRY TALE

The following is a report on the year 1968 by one of Mr. Stark's freshmen fifty years from now.

1968 - There seems to have been a cold wind this year, many people were feeling a draft. Some tried to alleviate this by burning scraps of paper, but this only got them into hot water, which is worse than a draft, anyway. But to go on, 1968 appears to have been near the beginning of the human race, everyone had a common ancestor, a certain Uncle Sam who was kind enough to send all those young men who were feeling the draft on a paid vacation to the warmer climate of an across-the-ocean health resort called Vietnam. (Arizona used to be a favorite resort until it was discovered in 1964 that a raving maniac who would destroy the world lived there.) From what I can tell, the weather must have been very agreeable, since none of the men seemed to want to come home (some had been there since 1956).

I believe I have found the reason for its appeal. In Vietnam, an ancient game called "war" was being played. Two small entities named North and South Vietnam were the principal players. The game was being refereed by two larger powers, namely Red China and America. The referees would supply their favorite player with guns, bombs, observers, and chocolate bars; then, they would sit back and wait to step in if their side got into trouble. Both sides were in trouble. This trouble caused vacationing American "soldiers", as they were called, to go out and participate in the game, also Uncle Sam promised the South Vietnamese some future draft choices. Since the Americans were late-comers, and as in all games, late-comers are "it", the Americans got it. They were allowed to be in the front line of fighting in the Dai Yung Peninsula. Also, they were privileged to be the recipients of mud,

bugs, and disease. In return, on Christmas, they were given Bob Hope dolls and their first shavers.

The strategies of the referees-America and Red China-were slightly different. China was going to get the North Vietnamese out of trouble by destroying the South Vietnamese. The American plan was much more subtle. Uncle Sam would send more and more young vacationers to Vietnam and line them up in a single file straight across the country. In this way, he would stop infiltration from the North. Once this line was formed he would keep it intact while waiting for all of the North Vietnamese sympathizers behind his lines to die of old age. In this way, the Americans would do something, I'm not sure quite what (the aim of this maneuver was stricken from the Congressional Record by a certain Robert McNamara). Anyhow, the American plan is an example of a plot known as a holding action (as opposed to any action).

To allay the South Vietnamese (who had tired of war and were playing musical government in the capital) Uncle Sam allowed his Air Force to bomb the North - provided they bombed only empty trails and electric plants after work hours. To counter this, the Chinese wisely filled the trails with supply convoys and ran the power stations for 24 hours. For once, however, America surprised the Chinese, they dropped the bombs anyway, and caused the loss of 33 British built Fords. Also the power went out all over Vietnam; this caused total darkness; this caused a rise in the population rate; this means that there had to be an extra ninety years of holding action before all North Vietnamese sympathizers died of old age.

BET'CHA CAN'T READ ONE

There is absolutely no rumor to the truth that the Jesuits wished everyone "Happy New Fiscal Year" on January 1.

If there are any pressing questions about the wine industry...

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Once again Santa has failed to bring some of the faculty's "most wanted gifts." Those presents which have been left off Santa's list for the last ten years are printed below.

- 1) Mr. Murdock - 1 pair of cuff links
- 2) Mr. Stehno - 1 black tie
- 3) Fr. Manhard - empty bottles (and leave the driving to us)
- 4) Mr. Nickel - a seven-foot freshman
- 5) Mr. Davis - 11 seven-foot, 300 lb., 10 flat sprinting freshmen

In an attempt to interject some humor into being drafted, the notices are being labeled "McNamara Fellowships".

Last month, the faculty and students voiced their opinions of hair. Now, I would like to add a few parting remarks.

- 1) The length of locks is hereditary.
- 2) To be entirely Heads Up on the issue, we must learn the cause of Wildroots.
- 3) All individual cases must be examined with a fine tooth comb.

Did you know that the Russian Old Man Time carries both a hammer and a sickle.

Is it true that Santa hides the Christmas presents for his children in the clauset?

Show your stuff at the ballot box on January 12.

There is still a flicker of hope for the Film Studies Course.

The issue of student beer drinking is coming to a head.



A certain unnamed teacher is famous for giving credit where credit is due. One of his students recently received a test marked F. All was not lost, however, over the F, the teacher had neatly drawn a halo.

The same teacher received another paper which also merited F. On this paper, however, large moist spots had been circled and labeled "SWEAT". Our undaunted professor made a few wet spots himself and labeled them "TEARS".

Spurning the old-fashioned Democratic and Republican tickets, one candidate decided to run on the speeding ticket.

I'd print a few election jokes, but there have already been too many jokes about the polls.

Who was it that said that the College Board Tests were K.U. Carpentry Exams.

A new hair-styling course offered at Rockhurst started off with a bang.