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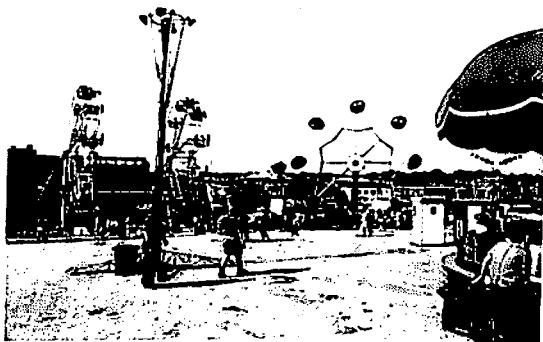
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May 2, 3, 4. Outside of Prom, the carnival was the last social event at Rockhurst for the senior class. Marked by perfect weather, more rides than ever before, and an intense duel between the seniors and sophomores for the class trophy, the carnival turned into the biggest financial success in its history. And, as the cover and pictures inside testify, everyone had a great time.



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Campus

Spring Dance:

A Night in Las Vegas

Legalized gambling came to the Rock in the form of this year's Spring Dance. "Harold's Club" (run by the Freshmen) was a complete casino with everything from blackjack to sore losers. The music for "A Night in Las Vegas" was provided by the "Classman."

While the boys gambled, the girls paid the losses by stealing bills from the unsuspecting Frosh. Anyone who had Ten Grand could turn it in for a chance to win one of the six stuffed animals. The Casino shut down around 10:15 giving the couples a chance to sneak in a dance or two. The clean-up was easy — everyone took the decorations home with them.

A meager 165 couples showed up which accounts for the small profit of only \$163.

Although many said that better planning was needed, the dance wasn't that bad. At least the band didn't play "Julie." (On the other hand, I didn't hear anyone play "Cherish" either.) Somewhere in Rockhurst's history, there's probably a dance with even less

Dan Hanover, one of the six who won stuffed animals at the "Night in Las Vegas" excitedly accepts his award.



Mike Vathakos, cocksman, and his date take a break during the Spring Dance.

support. Besides, moneywise, we made over three times as much as we did on Homecoming.

Greg Hayward

Changes in Prep News

Mr. Acker is going to be the faculty advisor of next year's Prep News. He has appointed Tom Krissek to the position of managing editor. Directly under him are John Mc Manus and Bill Stackhouse as copy desk editors. There was a large Junior turnout for the Prep News Staff, and the mechanics and manpower should make publication much faster and more efficient.

This year the editor would get the copy and send it to Jensen Engineering, who would set it, then send it to the editor for paste up. The next step was the Trabon Printing Co. After that, the Production Crew would assemble and distribute it.

However, the student body complained that all they ever read was stale news; so since April of this year, the Prep News has been sending its copy straight to the Photo-Lith Co., where all processing is done. This has cut production time from two weeks to four days.

Black and White

Mrs. Hughes speaks out

On a recent afternoon I had the pleasure of participating in a discussion on the race question and civil rights problems, along with a small group of Rockhurst C.T.I. members, with Mrs. Mamie Hughes serving as guest speaker and discussion leader. Mrs. Hughes, who has both a sophomore and a junior son here at Rockhurst, told the group that besides fulfilling her duties as a mother, she is also actively engaged in teaching elementary school and in instructing preschool children in such studies as Negro history at Brown's Center here in Kansas City.

The discussion was opened by an oral dissertation presented by Mrs. Hughes, giving her personal impression of what life had been to her as a Negro. Her greatest sorrow appeared to lie in the fact that the majority of white people had judged her not on her personality or her achievements in life, but rather on the black color of her skin. She further stated that although many whites may not realize it, racial prejudice is something that is very real, and very sharply recognized and experienced by the oppressed person, even when it is practiced in a somewhat subdued or "toned-down" form. To emphasize her point, Mrs. Hughes quoted a statement of a close friend of hers, Lena Rivers Smith, the late W.D.A.F. news reporter. Miss Smith once related to Mrs. Hughes that prejudice was like a "cobweb that needed to be brushed away and cleared from the face. It cannot be easily seen but quite easily felt." She again emphasized this point by informing us that until very recently, the Catholic Church she once attended in her hometown of Jacksonville, Florida still maintained a "reserved section" for Negroes, and similarly required all blacks to take communion only after all whites had finished and returned to their pews. "And we are all brothers in Christ?" asked Mrs. Hughes. By giving further examples of white prejudice and bigotry, especially in the form of personal incidents that have affected her and her family, Mrs. Hughes

graphically illustrated to all of us the mistreatment of the Negro today, despite recent civil rights legislation.

One member present then raised the question of problems faced by Negro students in integrated schools that still have white majorities. Mrs. Hughes stated that she felt that the real problem was not simply a case of black students being rejected because of their color; rather, she felt that in many cases whites were rejecting those Negroes who were attempting to express their "Black Identity." It is this, she said, that many whites hate and reject so. But why? "Because it is an attempt at individualism," said Mrs. Hughes. She continued by adding that the majority of whites refuse to consider Negroes as individuals, "with unique problems, likes, and dislikes, which of course they have." Whites will accept blacks only as a collective group, with generalized opinions and tastes. Indeed, it is this very expression of individualism which most whites hate and fear most. All this is a concrete example, related Mrs. Hughes, of the white man's attempt to "keep blacks in their place."

The question of violence between the races in America today was only lightly touched upon. When questioned as to why blacks are just now speaking out (i.e., in a militant manner), Mrs. Hughes replied by asking: "Why are we just now considering their real problems?"

In the course of the meeting I questioned Mrs. Hughes as to whether or not she realized that many white men, possessing a certain "inherited" prejudice of all blacks handed down through family lines, would not naturally be adverse to some civil rights legislation and quite probably react violently, in a greater or lesser degree, to its enforcement. Certainly a bill passed in Congress by a few "ayes" cannot be expected to radically alter a human conscience or "reasoning" process, illogical as that process may be, in only a few moments. Mrs. Hughes offered her reply: "If I am driving down the street, and see a red traffic light, I must stop — it makes no difference whether I wish to stop or not, because the law says that I must. Similarly, the

white man must obey civil rights legislation, and treat the Negro properly, as a fellow citizen, whether he wants to or not. He must do it simply because it is the law."

One of the final questions asked of Mrs. Hughes concerned the issue of those Negroes who are able to educate themselves to a very high degree and assume a more elevated and more respected status in American society. Often, one of the group present protested, these very Negroes are the ones who are most disliked by their fellows and who are ultimately rejected from Negro society. Mrs. Hughes then offered an explanation.

"Many Negroes today," she informed us, "feel that the educated black 'intellectuals' are deserting their fellow blacks." She added that it often appears that these Negroes, rising high above their black brothers, are deserting the "sacred cause" of improving the race situation in present day America. Consequently, other less fortunate Negroes will not accept them as true representatives of the black race.

The presentation by Mrs. Hughes and the lively discussion which it provoked seemed to hold much value for the C.T.I. members. A general conclusion appeared to be that all of us can come to truly understand The Problem today only by establishing personal contacts with blacks, especially those of our own age group; this being done, primarily, through such activities as Innerscity work, and indeed, simply by getting to know — deeply — our fellow Negro students at Rockhurst.

And if nothing else, the discussion that afternoon gave us all an acute awareness of the plight of the American Negro today, and an insight into our responsibility for lending a helping hand to him on his long, arduous journey to becoming a free man — free in the keenest sense of the word.

Ed Byrne

New Honors Requirements

When the Honor Point system was introduced last year, two basic reasons were given for this action. The first was to provide greater equity in class rank; the second was to provide a base for broader requirements for the granting of the Honors Diploma at graduation. On April 22 the second purpose was realized when the new Honor Diploma requirements were unveiled.

They are: 1] the student must earn 35 Honor Points (3 more than required for First Honors) in his first seven semesters; 2] the student must earn 35 Honor Points in the third quarter of his senior year. This means that, for the grading periods considered, the student must earn a total of 280 Honor Points.

These requirements, obviously, are much more lenient and allow greater freedom of course choice than the former standards which called for 6 units of language (preferably 4 of Latin and 2 of Greek), 4 units of mathematics, at least 1 Advanced Placement course, and ranking in the top half of the senior class.

The new requirements will mean that a student who is doing well in an ordinary course-load will have as much chance of receiving an Honors Diploma as a student who is carrying an "elite" course load. In short, the Honors Diploma will no longer be attainable only by the "A-class brains". This is definitely an improvement over the former system for it provides greater equity for students striving for the Honors Diploma.

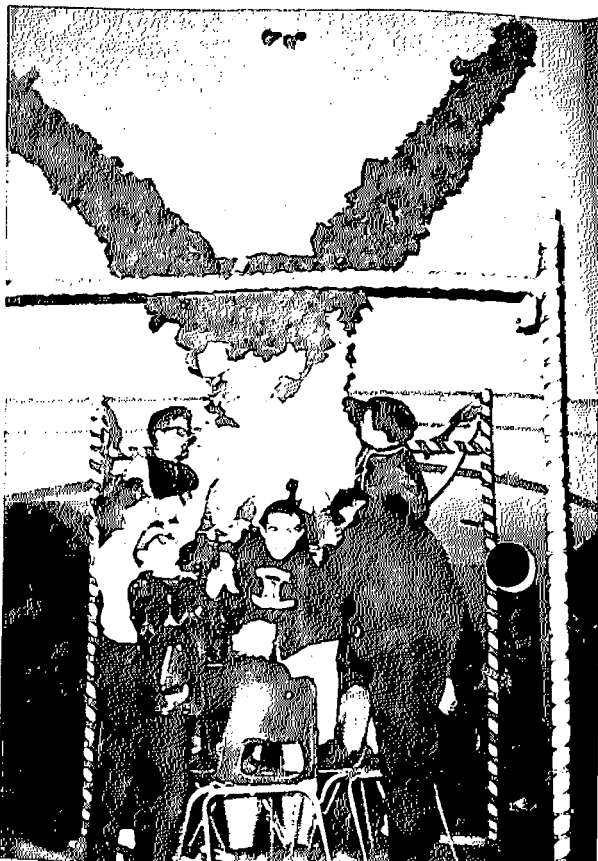
StuCo Elections

Elections for next fall's Student Council will be held on May 17. All petitions are due in Br. Windmueller's office no later than May 19.

Once again, the "Prep News" will give each of the candidates for the major offices a chance to express his views in a special mimeographed edition. If you plan to run, see Greg Hayward for more details.

The Frosh of '65

Here are a few scenes from the Class of '69's earlier days. As you can readily see, people do change in four years. How many seniors do you recognize?



What Is A Jesuit--1

Each May it seems imperative for one of the seniors to write memoirs on his class's four years at school. This may be a nice thing to do, but this year we're departing from that tradition. Come this June, the class of '69 will leave Rockhurst, but so will a Jesuit scholastic named Tom Tobin. The school won't be the same.

Mr. Tobin was at Rockhurst when we arrived, and, except in the fall of '67, he has been a constant part of our lives ever since. Moderator of the Prep News, leader of the Dance Committee, proctor of StuCo - - he's done it all, in addition to his teaching duties. Only a selfless, generous person would take on all these tasks; those qualities are in my view most typical of Mr. Tobin.

Although one could write and write about all the little jobs he's performed, they're trivial in light of the motivation behind them. Mr. Tobin's attitude is the most remarkable aspect of his personality. He's done everything for Rockhurst, no matter how meager the job, with never an attempt at recognition, just thinking of the students.

The aid he gives the students is at times tremendous. Whether you might be a sophomore who's having trouble finding yourself, a junior who's fed up with the seniors, or a senior who'd like to try out a new idea, you can always find a listener in Mr. Tobin. Some of his advice at times may be hard to swallow, but a true friend must be honest and straightforward. Never to my knowledge has Mr. Tobin deviated from this course.

Next year Thomas Tobin will be studying advanced theology and religious education at Fordham University in New York City. His aim is to teach religion in high school. He wants to come back to Rockhurst. It may take a few years to bring him back; but he's going to return some day, and it will be a big day at Rockhurst when he does.

Bob Fowler



(A Junior Editorial)

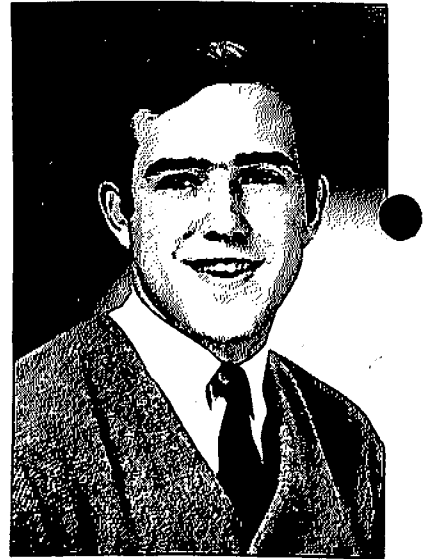
Another Answer To The Same Old Question

The New Leadership Committee is the new organization at School which is aimed at building up school spirit. The idea is not new. Others thought they've had the answer too - and have failed. At any rate, if the NLC wants to build up enthusiasm at school, they're off to a poor start.

First of all, the club's membership is limited to athletes. Why? Many students are interested in school spirit but are immediately excluded from the club because they've never played a varsity sport. Besides, who's

going to back the school when the football and basketball players are busy.

The most serious flaw in the NLS is its exclusiveness. No one can be admitted without a vote of the group. Petty jealousies and rivalries put such votes under the control of demagogic little cliques. This automatically splits the school into two groups: those that are "in" and those that aren't. You can't build up enthusiasm if the school is disunited.



Fowler

TOPOF THE ROCK

Bobby.. "Pizza What?"

Is there anyone reading this article who doesn't know who Bob Fowler is? It seems unlikely to me, due to the fact that he's been busy as a beaver since he arrived at Rockhurst, but then I'm prejudiced. Aside from his stimulating performance as a cheerleader through the football and basketball seasons (who can forget those dark nights when it seemed like there was only one cheerleader), he has been extremely active in many other facets of life at the Rock. One must remember who has been credited with generating the enthusiasm for the "Walk on Ward" and who put up signs for almost every game. And what of the buttons! Again it was this guy's enthusiasm and ingenuity that ignited a much needed school spirit.

Bob has had a smashing impact on the class of '69, working hard on the drive and dances, designing and acting as co-chairman of the prize-winning homecoming float. He is Editor-in-Chief of the All-American Prep News, but that's beside the point. Bob has also made his voice heard in the Cuesters, going "beyond the fringe" of mediocrity for his part in last fall's production — which earned a second place rating at the regional dramatic tournament at Warrensburg, and tending bar in "Bye Bye Birdie".

Having been around Bob long enough, I can see that he is on a collision course toward success. Working with him at Glenwood Manor last summer gives a perfect example of his method of how to go about a job. With little aid, he managed to overthrow the establishment there, replacing it with an organization headed by the voluptuous Mother Grouse. (For the uninitiated, he turned the place upside down.)

Seriously, though, Bob has been a very influential person here at Rockhurst. His influence has shown up in nearly every activity throughout the school year. I must say that without his push, or pull, as the case may be, many of the functions of the past year would never have materialized.

"Chas" Manhattan

When one thinks of a clarinet-playing Cuester, who in addition to his performances in the orchestra of "Good News" and "Of thee I Sing" has held leading comic roles in "Beyond the Fringe" and "Bye-Bye Birdie", who at the same time is a two-year veteran of the Prep News photography staff and a noted scholar in the field of French language mechanics, the image of Charlie Fischer invariably materializes. Not only is it an amazing coincidence that Charlie conforms exactly to these demanding qualifications, but even more astounding is the fact that the glory associated with his many accomplishments has scarcely tainted his boyish charm and gentility. Seeing him drive to school every morning in a car which is reputed to have inspired recent vehicle inspection laws, one would hardly think that under that rusted shell is this month's Top of the Rock.



Fischer

Who's Who at the Rock

There has been a lot of outstanding work done by this year's Senior Class. Of course, it was not possible for all of them to be "Top of the Rock", but nevertheless some recognition should be given to these individuals, some of whom made Top of the Rock and many of whom didn't.

For the first time in over a decade, Rockhurst will have a yearbook. This is due primarily to the work of two men, Mike Bowen and Tom Locke, who pasted up almost the entire yearbook during the St. Louis weekend, in order that we could have the book in May. Joe Clabots also gamely handled the forty-page senior section.

Our dances this year have shown many hours of effort, greatly due to the labors of Denny Maygers, Ray Kramer, Mike Muehlbach, John Charmley, Bruce Mensie, and Jim Mellody. Another diligent worker who has gone unnoticed is Mark Chown. Mark has been co-chairman of the Homecoming Float

the two years we won the contest; this fact is not just a coincidence. He has also worked hard on the paper drive and dances. Will Fitzpatrick and Bill Fitzpatrick have also done fine jobs this year. "Russian" has held up the Poster Club practically by himself all year, and Bill, besides being president of National Honor Society was also the trainer for Soccer.

The Prep News has been this year the best in our 4 years here and is considered one of the best in a long time. Tribute should be given especially to Bob Fowler, editor-in-chief, and also to the entire staff of editors: Louis Jakowatz, John Conley, Don Martin, Tom O'Brien, Ken Hager, Charles Fischer, Jim Walterbach, Bill Strobach, and also to Charlie Schleper, whose amusing and profound artistry brought high praise in the evaluation of the Prep News.

The managers and trainers have put out a lot of effort this year to help our athletic



Mellody



Kennedy



Chown



Fitzpatrick

teams. Tom McGraw and Pat Terry did a fine job for football, and Len Peters and Ken Hager took care of basketball.

A few other people should be acknowledged. Jay Heuser worked hard this year in the Ugly Man contest and various mixers and dances. Tim Kennedy has also been an ever present face whenever help was needed, and was a prominent figure in the Cuesters and Senior Float. Bill Williams, although sometimes criticized, has compiled almost an incomparable record at Rockhurst, serving as President of the NFL, Vice-President of the Student Council, and editor of the yearbook. Another deserving Senior is Bill Hoskins, who headed our successful Political rally and performed other tasks this year. Bob Cowan and J. J. Woods were mainly responsible for the often risque, but always amusing, pep skits. Dave Tremble, aside from being a football player, has been both secretary and president of the Student Council and has provided the needed leadership for our last semester at Rockhurst.

Lastly, there is Mark Owens, Mark is a real individual, and it is this individualism that has won for him an R award freshman year and has kept him going ever since. Mark was the spearhead behind both the School Spirit and Skit committee this year, and he was one of the cheerleaders who really worked at his job. It is this kind of work that has carried our class through its four years at the Rock.



Owens



Charmley



Hoskins



Clabots



Hueser



Schleper

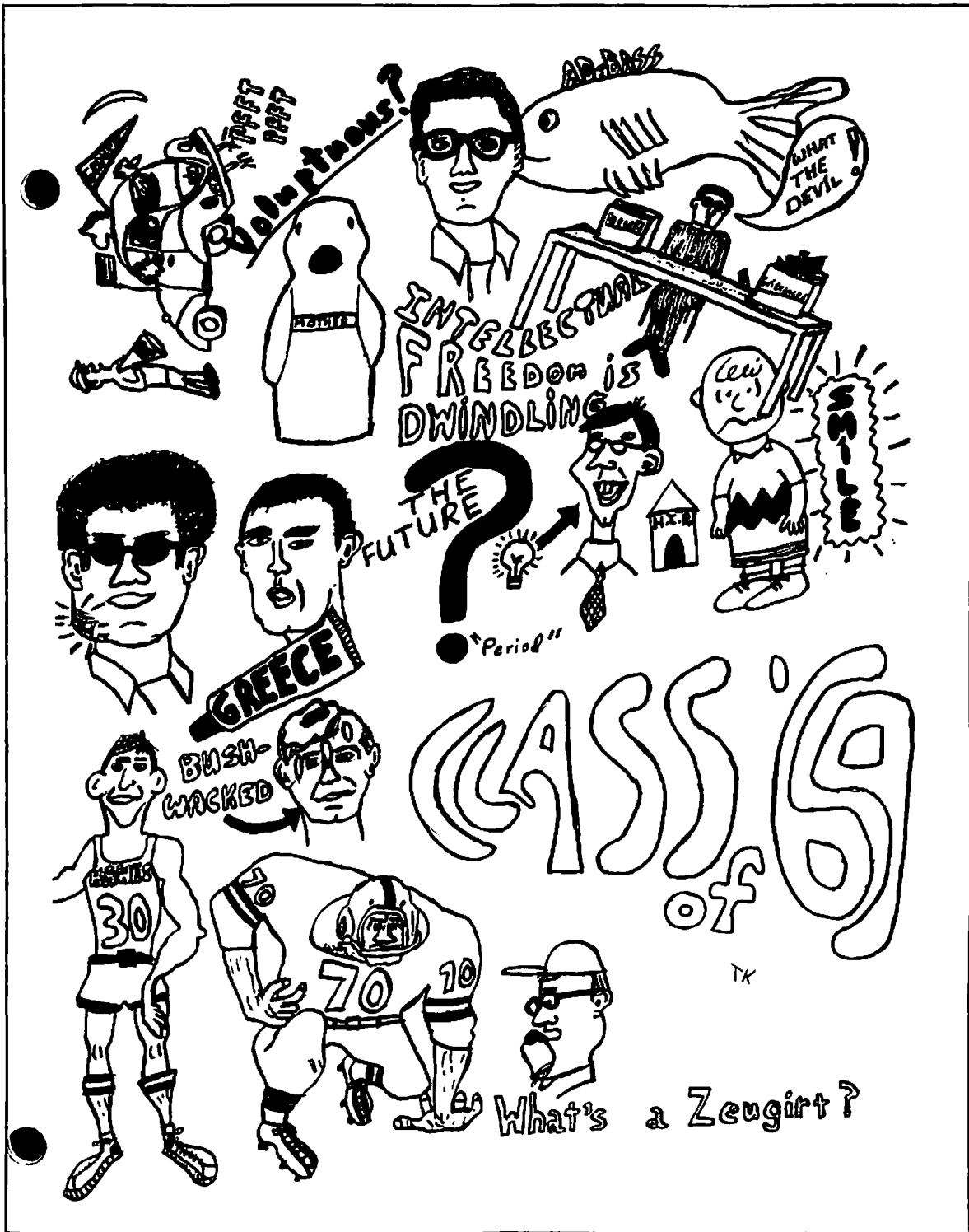
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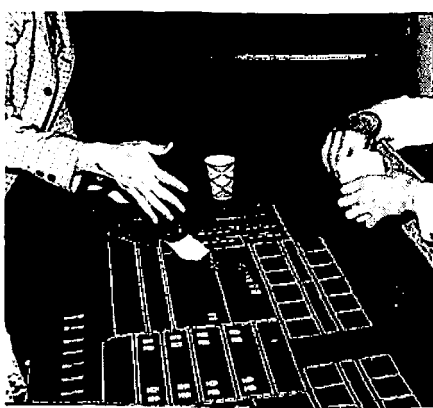
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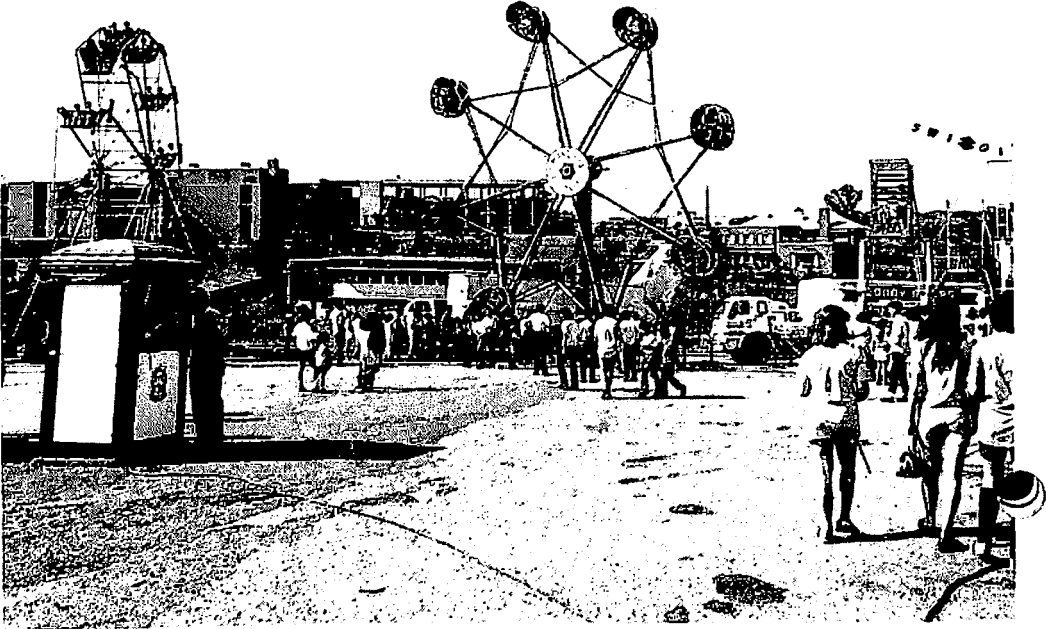


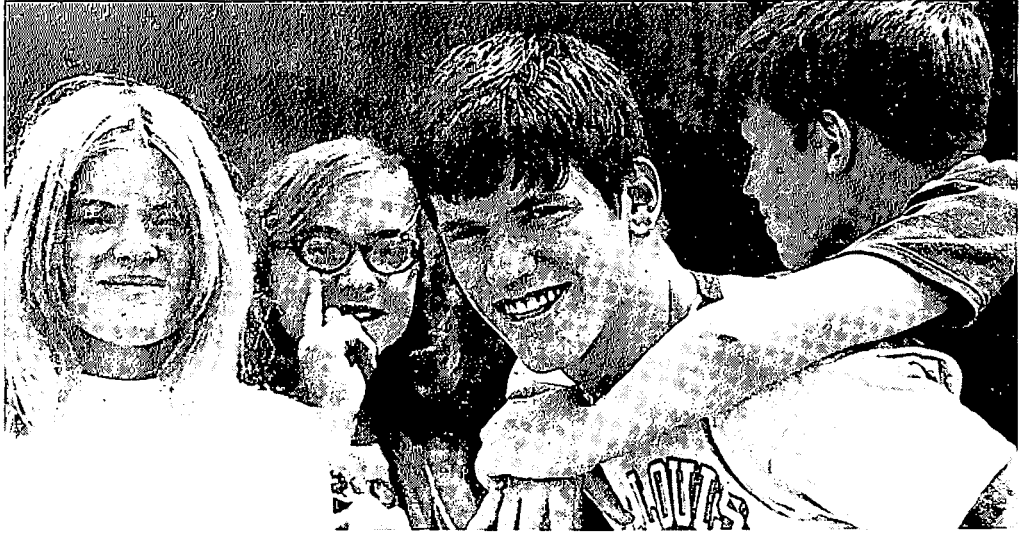
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CARNIVAL







Features

On Student Revolt

Could it be that the revolutionary students have finally succeeded in bringing about their own destruction? The ejection of the deans at Harvard, the gun-toting blacks at Cornell, the Columbia U. Fiasco, the take-over of a portion of ultra-liberal Brandeis, the constant harassment at San Francisco State, and the uprising at (of all places) St. Louis University have at last forced parents, alumni, and ordinary citizens to ask the probing question "What the heck is happening to our students?" The answer: Plenty.

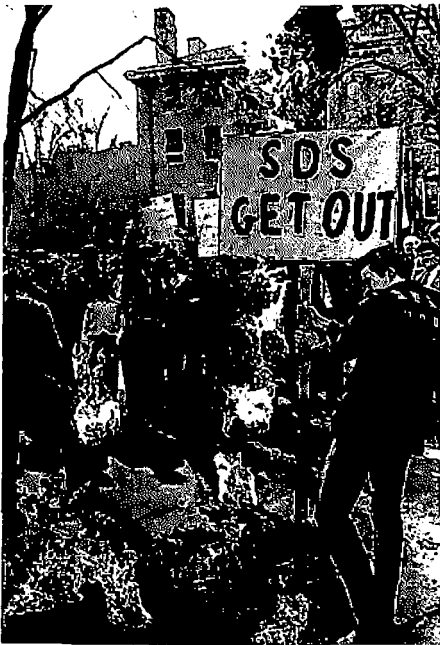
The first factor involves a college policy known as "academic freedom" — meaning that teachers should be free to seek out truth and to present it to their students. Unfortunately, this has been too often used as a vehicle for instructors to push their own pet theory or philosophy, and, under the system, the administration is forbidden to interfere. An activist teacher can start with a reasonable assumption and lead his followers to a ridiculous conclusion. Examples: "The school-sponsored ROTC program supplies officers for the Viet Nam war; American involvement in Viet Nam is an act of aggression for imperialism's sake, therefore the Viet Nam war is immoral, therefore we must use all means



available to us to see that our school does not support this form of imperialism; if we are fighting to save lives, how could our taking over (or bombing) the ROTC facilities be considered wrong?" or "The university owns stock in a company located in South Africa, a nation that subjugates blacks (never mind companies that trade with Russia or Cuba, which subjugates everybody.) so we must put pressure on the administration (seize buildings, assault teachers) to remedy this condition." It is not difficult to convince students who tend to see things in absolutes rather than shades of gray that action is necessary. After all, most of them have been taught since grade school to take what the teacher says as gospel truth.

Secondly, there are a number of very suspicious-looking student groups on the campus ready to accept the newly indoctrinated leftist. The most active of late has been the Students for a Democratic Society (S.D.S. for short, who bear a striking resemblance to Al Capp's mythical student group S.W.I.N.E.). These groups meet to compile what they hope will be the longest list of demands which will have to be accepted by the university if they do not want trouble (as if the results of enacting the demands would not cause trouble).

Thirdly and finally, there are the school administrators who simply cannot, or more often, will not stand up to the dissident minority and protect the rights of the majority. Instead of ridding themselves of the troublemakers (and endangering their "flaming" liberal reputations) they concede to the demands and add to the power of the activists. The students also have an obligation to



see that their voices are not drowned out by the radicals. What's so democratic about a minority speaking for everyone?

This could be the beginning of the end for the radicals. The more their campus exploits are publicized, the louder the outcry grows for some response. This outcry is coming from the parents, alumni, and the taxpayers who are really paying the bill for education. We can only hope that the benefactors shout, as one voice, "Either cut out this 'revolution' garbage or you'll get no more money!" The perennial protestors are actually bringing their own downfall by stirring up this public reaction, and, at the same time, giving all students a bad name. The student radical is an interesting phenomenon, one that we shall all be able to study in a year or two when we go to college, but look fast, with some luck, he may be gone shortly. As an often-quoted contemporary American philosopher once said, on the campus, there are three divisions: Old Left, New Left, and what's left. If the first two groups continue at their present rate, the third will be nil.

Pete Modica

Clearing the Air

There are many reasons given for the fact that over 60 million Americans smoke. Some of the primary ones are: 1] it is enjoyable, 2] it relieves tension, 3] it aids in concentration, 4] it is an acquired habit which is extremely hard to break. The first three appear on the surface to be good reasons. The most common one, however, is probably the fourth.

On the other hand, there is the highly controversial issue of how smoking affects one's health. Many books have been written on the subject. One such book is *Smoking and Your Life*, by Dr. Alton Ochsner, who has served as President of the American College of Surgeons, the American Cancer Society, and the American Association of Thoracic Surgery. The book, written in 1964, affirms that medical records establish the following death rates for smokers:

1. Cancer of the lung: 11 times higher for smokers than non-smokers.

2. Bronchitis and Emphysema: 6.1 times higher.
3. Cancer of the larynx: 5.4 times as high.
4. Cancer of the mouth: 4.1 times as high.
5. Ulcers of the stomach and duodenum: 3.8 times as high.
6. Cancer of the bladder: 2.9 times as high.
7. Coronary artery disease: 2.7 times as high.
8. Hypertensive heart disease: 2.5 times as high.

The following are quotes from the aforementioned book:

"An examination of some 12,000 deaths certificates (of men between the ages of 45 and 69) showed that smokers were dying at twice the rate of non-smokers, and they were dying from conditions at least aggravated by smoking if not directly caused by it."

Of the 110 elements and compounds thus far identified in tobacco and the 270 substances in tobacco smoke, at least 15 are already known to be poisons which can cause cancer."

"It is actuarially known that the life expectancy of a non-smoker at 50 is 8½ years longer than an individual of 50 who has smoked heavily since the age of 21."

The book further states that nicotine, a substance common to all cigarettes, is responsible for the fact that "smoking the cigarette increased the pulse rate up to 20 beats per minute and that the condition persisted until 20 minutes after the cessation of smoking."

Of course, it has never been irrefutably proven that this comparative ill-health of smokers is due to smoking.

So much for the health question. There are other reasons not to smoke. One fairly good one is economy. If one smokes one pack of cigarettes a day at 35¢ a pack for 40 years, he spends \$5,113.50 on the habit.

There is the fire hazard. Studies show that fires in the home are frequently caused by careless smoking.

There is the fact that smoking is psychologically addictive. If a man who has smoked a pack of cigarettes a day for 10 or more years, or, quite probably, even less, is suddenly confronted by a situation in which, for some reason, he cannot smoke, his emotional equilibrium is likely to be drastically

upset, to say the least.

Finally, there is the effect of smoking on one's social life. It is a fact of life that smoking causes bad breath and dulled teeth. The smoker's clothes all begin to smell like smoke. It is not rare that the smoker finds himself burning a hole in his clothing, furniture, and sometimes in other people. And, of course, there is the cough. A smoker has to live with that cough for as long as he smokes, once he develops it.

The reader will probably note that the bulk of this article has been devoted to reasons for not smoking, and from this will deduce that I do not smoke. As a result, I have probably missed some of the reasons for smoking. Nevertheless, I find it difficult to conceive of any reason for smoking which would outweigh the arguments against it. Even without the health question, it would be difficult.

Despite all this, the cigarette industry flourishes. There must be something to smoking. I just wish I knew what it was.

John J. Conley

Fledgling Organization

Aims High

The New Leadership Committee was founded, according to its constitutions, "to provide for the promotion of enthusiasm concerning school activities among Rockhurst students." At its head is the executive committee consisting of Mark Thornhill and Larry Karniski, with John Klamann as presiding chairman. To find out more about the NLC and what it means to Rockhurst, a Prep News writer talked to them to try and get their views.

Q. What is the purpose of the NLC?

Klamann: "To help foster and build up school spirit at Rockhurst."

Q. How do you plan to do this?

Thornhill: "We want to institute new activities, and run the skits at pep rallies. We'd also like to put a humor section in the Prep News."

Karniski: "We need new projects to boost school spirit — like the hat day we had for the Southwest game.

Q. How did it get started?

Karniski: "A lot of us were discussing how dull school was getting. We thought something should be done. John, Mark and myself each talked to Br. Windmueller for several hours. At first we planned on having it a separate organization from everything else, but later we decided we'd be better off in Student Council. Eventually we'd like to become a permanent committee.

Q. Who can be in the NLC?

Thornhill: "Any upperclassman who has competed in a varsity sport here at school can join. Right now there are 27 members, and all of these are Juniors. Actually it's too late for this year's seniors to get involved. We plan to admit some of the present Sophs early next year.

Q. Why is membership limited to athletes and upperclassmen?

Karniski: "The membership is not strictly limited to athletes. However you must be admitted by a vote of the group. Upperclassmen know more about Rockhurst and are more involved in the school. School spirit basically depends on them. I'd like to point out that the meetings are not closed. Anyone can come to present new ideas."

Thornhill: "The trouble with many of the committees here at school is that they have been too loosely thrown together. The members have nothing in common and don't work that well as a group. Athletes, on the other hand, are a closely knit group. Many people call them a clique. Maybe so, but I think that something like this is needed to get things started again here at school."

Q. Is it true that Lettermen cannot join?

Klamann: "Not at all. In fact, there are already several Lettermen on the committee. The NLC is in no way opposed to any other Rockhurst group or activity."

Q. Any plans for this year?

Klamann: "We're going to sponsor a booth in the carnival, but there's really not enough time to plan anything else."

Q. And next year?

Klamann: "We're going to work closely with the Administration. Br. Windmueller says that the schedule is still open for new suggestions."

Next we went over to the other side to see if the Faculty saw any future in the New Leadership Committee. We first talked with Fr. Marchlewski. He was the faculty moderator for the group before they became a part of Student Council, and has watched the committee ever since its beginning. He wanted to point out that, although the members were not too serious at first, they now honestly want to do something. He also stressed what John Kamann told us: that the group is not against any other school organization. "Basically," he said, "the NLC replaces the defunct School Spirit Committee."

Finally, we asked Mr. Tobin what he thought of the NLC. He told us he thought it was better off as a part of the Student Council rather than trying to function as a separate organization. He felt that the group had great potential. As he put it, "The enthusiasm that these guys have is really great and could mean a lot for the school next year."

Will the NLC last, or will it fade out of sight like the School Spirit Committee and similar organizations? We won't know that answer until sometime next year.

School Spirit: The Price You Have To Pay

As your Student Council treasurer, I feel it's part of my duty to inform you of just how much you can spend in one year at Rockhurst. As you probably already know (and payed) the tuition at Rockhurst is 400 dollars, not including a book cost of anywhere from 7 dollars to 70 dollars depending on the courses you take. But let's not forget all those important football games, mixers, basketball games, and dances that we have to attend to show our "school spirit". After all, you're not part of the school unless you attend all these; you also might have noticed that they don't let you in free, either. I wondered how much you could spend if you went

to everything. Well, I read through all the available records and the following is what I came up with.

Yearbook	\$ 6.00
Blue-White Scrimage & Mixer	.75 .50
Kapaun Trip	8.00
& Expenses	5.00
Homecoming Dance & Dinner	3.00 10.00
De LaSalle Mixer	1.00
Ward Mixer	1.00
6 Away Football Games	6.00
Blue-White Scrimage	.75
Winter Dance & Dinner	3.00 10.00
St. Louis Weekend & Expenses	15.00 10.00
Brewer & Shipley	1.00
Ugly Man Mixer	1.00
Spring Musical	1.00
Spring Dance & Dinner	3.00 10.00
Carnival	5.00
10 Away Basketball Games	10.00
TOTAL	\$111.00
Special for Juniors: School Ring	\$ 28.00
Special for Seniors: Prom	\$ 25.00



Should you see something I forgot, add it on to the total. Also you can figure another \$50.00 for items like lunch money, paperbacks, writing pens, etc. Although my figures are rather conservative, I'm going to guess that the total figure is somewhere from \$600 to \$700 for one year of school at Rockhurst. So the next time your buddy misses a football game, don't tell him he doesn't have any

"school spirit", tell him he doesn't have any "spending spirit".

*Your penniless treasurer,
John McManus*

What Is A Jesuit-- II

Ordination is, for all of us, a time of remembering: of going back over thirteen years of Jesuit life and recalling the time of training and living that has brought us beneath the bishop's consecrating hands. There have been so many people -- so many events! We remember our families, for whom these years have seemed longer, perhaps, than for ourselves. And a large part of our memory is also taken up with our years of happy living and working at Rockhurst High School, years in which most of us feel that we learned far more than we taught.

And if this time of ordination is a time of remembrance, it should also be a time of thanksgiving, thanking God from the bottom of our hearts for all those gifts which have helped us along our personal paths to the priesthood. And again the most precious of the gifts have been our Jesuit companions, our families, and our students. All have been extremely important in shaping us to be genuine Servants for the People of God. The tasks required of the modern priest are staggering, but undoubtedly the care and concern that have been shown to us in our years of formation will flow out from us to others in our priestly life. And so, we offer our word of thanks to the Jesuit community and to the students at Rockhurst, past and present, who have helped us in their kindness to become what we are today, Priests of God and Servants to you.

TO SHARE IN THE JOY OF OUR PRIESTHOOD, WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONCELEBRATED MASS OF THANKSGIVING AT ROCKHURST HIGH SCHOOL ON TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE TENTH, AT SEVEN-THIRTY.

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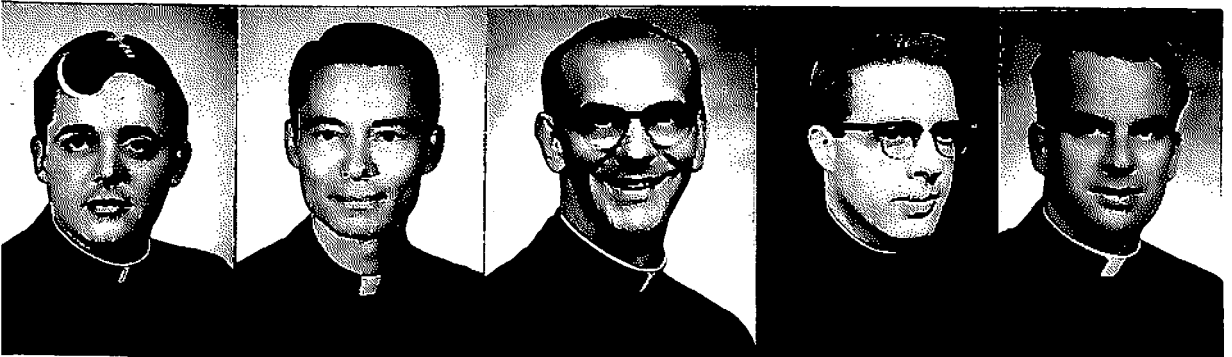
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SPORTS

TRACK

Varsity Summary

The track season is in full swing with the cinderman running in about two meets per week. A fine team effort has been produced in each meet, along with some fine individual performances. In one of the early meets with O'Hara and Miege, Rockhurst finished second behind Miege. Jerry Reardon turned in a 10:3 hundred, and Bill Schoonover had a good time of 22:4 in the 220. The two-mile relay team of Mike Noack, Phil Brewer, Tom Kolarik, and Dan Henehan had a time of 8:29.2. The mile relay team of Herb Seizmore, John Klamman, Tom Kolarik, and Dan Henehan had a decent time of 3:34.9. Robin Marx and Tim Burnham turned in a good performance in the pole vault event, while Vince Nowak had a good throw in the discus.

In a dual meet with Raytown South, the Hawks came up on the short end 52-93. Jerry Reardon, John Klamman, Ed Pate, and Bill Schoonover turned in a 44.6 in the 440-yard relay, and Jerry Bauers clocked a 17:1 in the 120 high hurdles. Don Rau showed some promise for next year's team by placing in the discus behind Vince Nowak. Steve DeCoursey and Mark McDaniel also performed well in the broad jump.

The Hawklets came back and "ran" all over the Titans of De LaSalle, 84-48. Jerry Bauers turned in his best time in the 120 high hurdles, with a 16:6, while Vince Nowak hurled the discus 146'2". Robin Marx, Tim Burnham, and Joe Clabots polevaulted 11'6" to win the event, and Mark McDaniel high-jumped 5'8" in his event. Again, the Hawks main strength was found in the relay teams. Tom Kolarik, Mike Noack, and Bob Winsky

all turned in good individual performances, as well as doing a good job in their relay events.

In the William Jewel Relays, a new school record was set by Bill Schoonover in the 220-yard dash with a time of 22:0.0, although he placed fourth in the event. Also, Bill posted his best time in the hundred this year with a 10:2 clocking. Jerry Reardon placed fourth in the broad jump with a jump of 20'6½". Robin Marx finished second in the pole vault with a vault of 12'6". Vince Nowak won the discus event with a throw of 146'0".

The Southeast Relays saw the inauguration of a new event: the 480-yard shuttle-hurdle relay. The hawklet team of Steve De Coursey, Steve Hagedorn, Mark McDaniel, and Jerry Bauers finished second with a time of 1:08.4. The two-mile relay team placed third with a time of 8:24.3. The distance medley team of Phil Brewer, Herb Seizmore, Jim Darby, and Joe McCarthy took second with a time of 4:49.9. Both the 880-yard relay team and the sprint medley team finished second. Vince Nowak and Don Rau finished first and second, respectively, in the discus. Tim Burnham finished third in the pole vault.

The Rockhurst Relays were next on track for the Hawklets. The two-mile relay team posted, at this point, their best time of the season with a time of 8:15.4, but placed only third. The 880-yard relay team also placed third in their event. Vince Nowak, with his longest throw of the season, 159'4", took only fourth place. It is worthy to note that in the Wyandotte Relays, the two-mile relay team of Mike Noack, Mike Roche, Tom Kolarik, and Dan Henehan posted a school record of 8:13.4.

Two meets remain for the Hawklets, a triangular meet with Ward and Miege, and a dual meet with Southwest. After this there remains the District Tournament. The Prep News Sport's staff, on behalf of the student body extends its best wishes to the team in these remaining meets, but especially in the district.

Louis Jakowatz

VARSITY GOLF

Hawks slice opposition

When golf season started with a meeting this year, it looked as though Rockhurst was going to have a bad year. The Hawks lost four men out of the top five. And out of those who lettered, only Larry Worth, Jim Ryan, and Bob Cotter were back. Except for Ed Cotter and a few other juniors, the rest of the team didn't look so strong. The only person who seemed to think that we had a good team was our new coach, Mr. Marion Nickel.

The Hawks started the season off with a bang, shooting 150 at Minor, which is better than the Rockhurst District Championship team of last year. Jim Ryan headed the list at this meet where he shot a par 35 over

the nine holes. The Hawks had three easy matches until they met the strong Southwest team. The Hawks scored a surprisingly easy 12-stroke victory over the Indians behind a one over-par 37 by Larry Worth. In the next meeting with Southwest a fine 39 by Ed Cotter proved not enough as the Hawks lost by 2 shots. This marred a perfect season for Rockhurst and also it was the first dual match in which Rockhurst lost to a Missouri school. The Hawks avenged this by a 5-stroke victory over Southwest as Larry Worth turned in a 38 to capture medalist honors. The next tough match was against Van Horn on their home course. Their home course didn't seem to harm the team as Jim Ryan and Bob Cotter posted one over-par 37's to lead Rockhurst to an 8-stroke victory. The next challenge to the Hawks was against Southwest again. Both teams shot excellent golf, but the Hawks took away a close 3-stroke victory behind a pair of par 36's by Ed Cotter and Larry Worth. (The reason we play Southwest so much is because both teams enjoy the close

The Varsity Golf team; front row, left to right, Dan Grothouse and Tim Cameron; back row, left to right, George Donnelly, Jim Ryan, Bob Cotter and Larry Worth. Absent when the picture was taken, was Ed Cotter.



competition.) Their coach, Mr. Jerry Kremer, the brother of Jim Kremer, who was on the Rockhurst team last year, was quoted, "I'd like to play Rockhurst every day because they're a great team, which makes for good competition."

Over all, the Hawks are 12-1 this year. Besides those players mentioned above, George Donnelly, Dan Grethaus, Jim Cameron, Bob Waters, Terry Hainje, Rob Metzler, and Frank O'Connell have added a lot of depth to the team. But the biggest match of the year will be Monday May 5: the District Golf Meet. You can win all the dual matches of the season, but the success of the season depends on the golf team finishing well at this meet.

Larry Worth

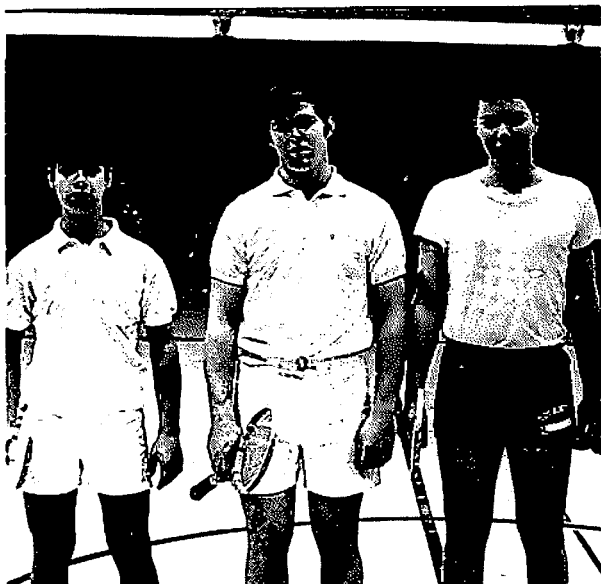
VARSIITY TENNIS

Netter split sets

The 1968 version of the Rockhurst Tennis team, for the fifth straight year, is under the guidance of Mr. Stehno. The team's record is 3-4, but three of the four losses went to such powerhouses as Southwest, Pem-Day, and Shawnee Mission South.

The team has, however, made a few renovations compared to the usual style they had employed. Instead of the usual four men per match, the Rock has been putting nine or ten players on the courts in each match. Mr. Stehno hopes that by playing these extra men, mostly made up of Juniors and Sophomores, he will have a seasoned unit for next year. Three matches remain for the Hawks this season, and then the Districts; so the Hawks have a good chance of bettering their record. Furthermore, Mr. Stehno confided that he has never missed the districts before and he doesn't plan to tarnish his record this year.

Rockhurst's main hope for the remaining games and also in the district, is the famous "Squamish" star, Pat Kelly. Pat is a four-year letterman in tennis, and is the number-1 singles player for the Hawks. Pat has only lost to the top tennis stars of the area, and most of these were close matches. His bro-



Greg Bono, Pat Kelly, and Larry Schweiger take time out from practice to pose for this picture. Pat is the number-1 singles player, and looks forward to the District meets.

ther, sophomore Mike Kelly, is the number-2 singles player, and will probably play in the number-1 spot next year. He, like his brother, has lost very few matches and the ones he lost were also to the various powers in the area. Pat and Mike team up for the number-1 doubles team. Junior Larry Schweiger is the number-3 singles player and teams with Mike Raab to form the number-2 doubles team. Seniors Bill Williams, Greg Bono, and John Whitaker, along with Juniors Bill Abboud and Chip Callahan have also turned in steady performances.

The team was, as usual, plagued with the problem of finding some courts to practice on. Asked where the team was able to practice, Mr. Stehno replied, "Mission Hills, Leawood, or wherever we can scrounge a court." The team's three victories came against Ward, Wyandotte and Olathe. The four losses were inflicted by Van Horn, Southwest, Shawnee Mission South, and Pem-Day.

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