



Great Class of 1970

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Memory Book

September 23-25, 2021

The Rockhurst High School great Class of 1970
celebrated its Golden Anniversary of
Graduation on September 23-25, 2021



“Held back a year...but still the great Class of 1970!” ...

Bill Fagan '70



“Hail Blue and White”

(The Rockhurst High School “Fight Song”)

Written in 1952 by

Al Davis, Jr. and Rev. Martin Currigan, SJ

Score by Patrick Loftus

Chant #1

Hail...Blue and White, we're gonna' fight,
we're gonna' fight for you...

Hail...Blue and White, with all our might we're
gonna' see you through...

And when the clouds of battle roll and press
around your standards true...

We'll push 'em back!

We'll push 'em back!

We'll push 'em back for the Blue and White!

Chant #2

(Slightly louder and build in volume)

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we're gonna' fight for you...

Hail...Blue and White, with all our might we're
gonna' see you through...

And when the clouds of battle roll and press
around your standards true...

We'll push 'em back!

We'll push 'em back!

We'll push 'em back until the light of vict'ry
shines on the Blue and White! *Finish with a
spirited cheer!*

Rockhurst High School
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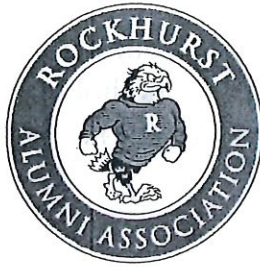
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The Most Inspirational Person or Event I have from Rockhurst: ~~To CHEMICAL REACTIONS~~

RON WINDMUELLER'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD, WHICH HAPPENED A FEW YEARS AFTER WE GRADUATED, MAYBE THE MOST SPIRITUALLY UPLIFTING EVENT OF MY LIFE AT THAT POINT IN TIME. WE HAD BECOME FRIENDS + HANDBALL OPPONENTS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Where have you resided and worked since leaving Rockhurst?

BEEN IN KANSAS CITY MY ENTIRE LIFE GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE A SEMESTER EARLY + STARTED WORKING FOR MY FATHER ON A "TEMPORARY" BASIS. THAT WAS 48 YRS AGO + NOW I'M READY TO RETIRE + PLAY GOLF WITH MY CLASSMATES WHO WERE SMART ENOUGH TO RETIRE AT EARLIER AGES

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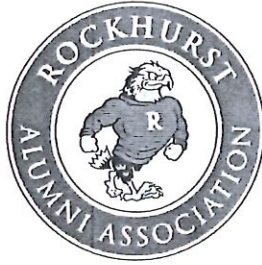
Children? How Many? 5
Grandchildren? How Many? 15

Retired? NOT THAT SMART! How Long? _____

What general commentary, Words of Wisdom, or message would you like to send to the great Class of 1970?

ROCKHURST LAID A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR ME. I GOT A VERY GOOD EDUCATION, LEARNED A LOT ABOUT LIFE. I ALSO GAINED MANY LIFE LONG FRIENDS

Your Name (Optional) KEVIN CLUNE



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The most fun I ever had was my Sophomore year. It was like going to a carnival everyday. I still remember Bill Fagan clearing out the classroom with the Morning Breeze in a perfume bottle. The smell was awful. Today, I feel sorry for the poor teachers that had to put up with us. Another memorable event occurred during a football practice my Senior year. I saw Coach Culver accidentally swallow his chew of tobacco. I didn't realize a person could change so many different colors. I learned a valuable lesson to never chew tobacco.

The Most Inspirational Person or Event I have from Rockhurst:

The most memorable event was playing in the State Football Championships game my Senior year. Even though we didn't win, I was very proud to be a member of that team. What a great bunch of guys. I had many different coaches & teachers who had a positive impact on my life. However, I would say Coach Davis and Coach Culver inspired me the most to give it my best + being a good team player.

Where have you resided and worked since leaving Rockhurst?

I have lived within 6 blocks of where I grew up in Rockland Park. I currently live in Fairway and our house is just a couple of blocks away from St. Agnes Church. I worked at JE Dunn Construction for 43 years, retiring as Chairman at the end of 2018.

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Funniest/ Memory----So many good memories and fun times! One fun and challenging achievement was working on the Dance Committee when we installed a drop ceiling in the gym for the Homecoming Dance senior year. Under the leadership of Student Council Vice President Chris Davis, RIP, we completely transformed the gym into an exotic environment.

Inspirational Person--Having spent a lot of time after school the first two years with Brother Ron Windmueller, I really got to know him more than most students. After figuring out JUG was not a good place to be and getting involved with multiple extra-curriculars, I got to know Brother better and came to respect what he did for Rockhurst and the students. For events, the Friday afternoon pep rallies were great fun and motivational.

After RHS, graduated from Rockhurst University along with three dozen Class of '70 classmates. After RU, I worked in a variety of marketing, public relations and sales positions at Worlds of Fun theme park and John Knox Village Senior Living Community. Co-founded a marketing and advertising agency specializing in senior living nationally in 1987. GlynnDevins became the largest in the field and we sold the firm in 2018. The Kansas City area was home all my life until moving to Florida in 2018.

Interests include an array of family adventures with the seven grandchildren, travel near and far, senior living advocacy, investments, golf excursions, poker, and various activities in support of Rockhurst U and Rockhurst High over the years including Class of '70 communications.

Fast facts---Married for 47 years to Ellen. Three children, seven grandchildren inconveniently located in Fort Worth, Naperville and Arlington, VA.

Message--It was a fun and transformative experience from the fall of '66-spring of '70. We learned as much from each other as in the classroom, most all of it for the common good. I still have many great friendships from our time together and it was a privilege to be in the Great Class of '70. See you on the winding road. Cheers!

Jim Glynn



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Al Davis was in the habit of calling members of the track team "Candy Asses" when he felt they weren't working as hard as he thought they should. One day before track practice, John Klamann and I decided to make a tape recording of someone banging on a locker. We put the tape player inside one of the lockers in the field house and timed it so it would play during the pre-practice meeting. Al was pontificating as usual when suddenly from inside the locker came the sound of someone banging to get out and yelling, "Let me out of here, you Candy Asses!!!" Al was pretty much unfazed. He ordered somebody to "Get that thing out of there," and went on with the meeting.

The Most Inspirational Person or Event I have from Rockhurst:

My most inspirational person was Brother Windmueller. He had the thankless job of being disciplinarian to a bunch of unruly young men and never lost his focus of guiding them in the way they should go.

Where have you resided and worked since leaving Rockhurst?

Lived mostly in Overland Park, KS. Worked as a Landscape Architect ~~most years~~ for 40 years, most recently for Arbor Masters Tree and Landscape

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James T. McCarthy, MD

My life since graduating from Rockhurst High School in 1970.

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|-----------|---|
| 1970-1974 | Attended University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas |
| 1975 | Married Mary K. Cameron, sister of RHS classmate A J Cameron (now married 46 years) |
| 1974-1977 | Attended University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, Kansas |
| 1977 | Moved to Rochester, Minnesota to do Internal Medicine Residency at the Mayo Clinic |
| 1977-1983 | Residency (Internal Medicine) and Fellowship (Nephrology) at Mayo Clinic |
| 1983-2014 | On Staff of Mayo Clinic in Division of Nephrology |
| 2014 | Retired from Mayo Clinic as Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Emeritus Chair of Division of Nephrology |

My wife and I continue to live in Rochester, Minnesota. We have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Since moving to Rochester, my wife and I have been fortunate to travel extensively in Europe, with 3 trips to Rome and the Vatican. We went to the Holy Land in 2012 – a trip which forever changed our understanding of the Bible. We have sailed on Lake Superior and Lake Michigan, in the British Virgin Islands and in French Polynesia (Tahiti and Bora-Bora). I have been scuba diving in the Caribbean, in Polynesia, and on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. [Did not learn these things in Phys Ed at RHS].

(Prior to Covid) We enjoy traveling to Kansas City to see family (including A J Cameron!), our children and grandchildren, and taking trips to National Parks such as the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Glacier, Yellowstone, Arches, Zion, and others. We are active in our parish here in Rochester.

I am still trying to get a hole-in-one after golfing for 50+ years.

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Have fun on Jubilee Weekend!

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A Recap of the Golden Jubilee Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 23, 2021

10:00 a.m. Day of Golf at Blue Hills Country Club

Friday, September 24, 2021

4:00 p.m. McGee Hall Cocktails followed by School Tour

5:00 p.m. McGee Hall Pre-Game Party

6:00 p.m. Class Picture on Rose Theater Steps

6:30 p.m. Great Class of 1970 Scholarship Fund check presentation to President David Laughlin in Rose Theater

6:40 p.m. Replay of Al Davis Roast highlights from 1990 in Rose Theater

7:00 p.m. Football Hawklets vs. Bishop Miego Stags at Dasta Stadium

Final Score – Football Hawklets 24, Bishop Miego 21

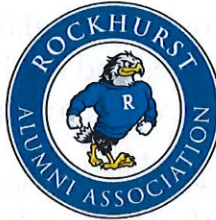
Saturday, September 25, 2021

4:00 p.m. Celebration of Mass, Chapel of the Sacred Heart -
Rev. Gary Menard, SJ, Presider; Rev. Michael Marchlewski, SJ,
Homilist; Rev. James White, SJ, Special Guest

5:00 p.m. Golden Jubilee Reunion Party at the Hawklets Center

7:00 p.m. Entertainment provided by Bill Robinson and the Motown Express

AMDG



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After the Pageo basketball game in Warrensburg (Spring 1970) I was part of the crowd trying to get to our cars/busses. When rocks & bricks were being thrown & they were coming at us I thought I was ready - I had brought a can of Mace.

I neglected to check the wind direction

My belated apologies to classmates standing on either side of me (facing into the wind).

The Most Inspirational Person or Event I have from Rockhurst:

The person/event from Rockhurst that most impacted me was after graduation with a 1969 graduate - John Stott (passed away several years ago, R.I.P.). About a year following my graduation we were in a fraternity at H-State & John shared with me thoughts about a relationship with God (that he heard from his girlfriend). God used that to radically change & awaken me spiritually. Though I told John later, I don't think he grasped the impact it had on me. My life in Jesus hasn't been the same since.

Where have you resided and worked since leaving Rockhurst?

Lived in the same Raytown neighborhood for 46 yrs. - 44 yrs in the same house!

Worked since 1975 in our family mtg. company my grandfather started in 1925 - with him, my father, siblings, sons & nephews.

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Bill Pierron

Rockhurst Memory

When considering what might be the funniest time or memory I have of Rockhurst High School, I first considered what I would have considered funny at the time, versus what I now consider to be funny. I ruled out a number of events, which I no doubt thought were hilarious or at least humorous when I was a teenager that I now look back at and cringe a little. I settled on the following incident which mainly involved only me and the late coach, Al Davis.

I realize that just like most well known persons, there are many different opinions and feelings held by those who knew the coach, either intimately, or from a distance. My opinion of the coach is not important to this story. I am withholding it here so that it will not affect your point of view while you read my story. In this way, I will be not be offending or embarrassing anyone who could complain about my recollection. Like a TED Talk on NPR, the following is true as remembered and affirmed by the author.

I believe that most students who had any contact with Coach Davis knew that he could be somewhat verbose, while recounting a past event, expounding on an opinion he held or detailing the virtues of some procedure he wanted you to perform. You know, like how the famous "Al Davis shoulder roll" could save you from serious injury as you fell following a collision on the football field. I am the first to admit that I believe that procedure has indeed kept me from a bad outcome, post collision, on many occasions. I still use it to this day, while playing futbol (soccer). I hope that it will save me in my dotage, when those falls are a result of my failing sense of balance and not a collision on a sports field.

At one point during my time at Rockhurst, coach Al Davis was my physical education class teacher. Unlike some other students who would at least occasionally encounter the coach as part of their participation in one sport or another, as I recall, I had no other contact with him throughout my time in high school. I had the bad luck of having that class scheduled immediately prior to the lunch period. As was his way, the coach would regale us with a story or an admonition whenever the mood struck him. Unfortunately, this often seemed to occur just as class should be ending, so that we could rush through a shower (or not for those whose effort during class was subpar). Since his predilection for verbosity would consistently mean we would be held speechless, standing in the gym.

Since the lunch room had floor to ceiling windows overlooking the gym, we would watch as the every other student began filing into the cafeteria. They were getting their meals, finding their seats and filling their bellies, while the coach held us in abeyance, with stomachs rumbling. I was not underfed, but having awoke early and usually skipping breakfast, by lunch time I was hungry. I also knew that those who arrived late to the food line would get cold French fries or none at all. Fries were a regular part of my lunch, and I hated cold fries.

So on this particular occasion, I lacked both the patience and the self control to keep what jumped into my mind from leaping out of my mouth. “Here we go again”, I thought I whispered. It wasn’t a shout, but it was loud enough that coach Davis heard it. I don’t remember which story he was telling, but I am sure it was cut short. He dismissed everyone from class, with one exception. I didn’t know him well enough to know which form the impending doom would take. Would it be corporal (still common in those days), a demerit or something worse?

Coach Davis pulled a piece of paper off the clipboard he was carrying and crumpled it into a ball, all the while staring through my eyes to the back of my skull. “Push that around the lines of the basketball court with your nose, and then get your ass to lunch.” I unclenched my rectum, dropped to my knees and began trying to maneuver the paper ball towards the first corner of the court.

“Could have been a lot worse” I thought. But pushing a crumpled ball of paper with your nose is not as easy as one might think. It is a lot like coaxing a cat into a burlap bag. As you start to get it going one way, it shanks off to another. I could feel my fries cooling. Then I began to think about what an entertaining sight I must be providing for my classmates, and indeed, most of the school, from those floor to ceiling windows in the lunch room. I never looked up at those windows.

I had to improve my process, or my fries wouldn’t be cold, they would be gone. The sooner I got this done, the fewer jeers I would have to endure when I finally made it to the cafeteria. Through trial and error, the determination to minimize my embarrassment and the desire to perhaps, at least get some cold fries, I discovered that keeping my nose in one of the larger creases of the paper ball, applying just the right amount of pressure to keep the ball from veering off the lines of the court, and scooting on my hands and feet (not knees) like a water bug skipping across the surface of a still pond, I could move more quickly around the court. I skipped the shower that day and ran to the cafeteria. No fries, and even the hamburger was cold.

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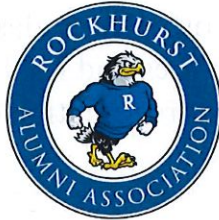
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I learned a number of valuable lessons that day. Turn away from the person who you don't want to hear what you are whispering about them. Maybe even keep your wisecracks to yourself. Better yet, be more patient and gracious in your attitude towards those who inconvenience you in small ways. That last one actually came with the passage of time and some additional experiences. I also learned that there is a reward for "taking one for the team". I don't recall coach Davis making us late for lunch after that, and several classmates thanked me for saying what they were thinking, and "taking one for the team", so that they all got to lunch on time that day.

Post Rockhurst Residence and Work

Other than a four enlistment in the US Air Force, two years after graduation, I have lived in the Kansas City area all my life.

I did computer support, repair and programming for Sperry UNIVAC, which later merged with the Burroughs Corp. and became the UNISYS Corp. After fourteen years, I went to work for the Internal Revenue Service as a data communications manager and then an information security specialist, until retiring at the end of 2019.



Rockhurst High School
Great Class of 1970
2021 GOLDEN JUBILEE
Questionnaire

The Funniest Time or Memory I have of Rockhurst High School:

The Most Inspirational Person or Event I have from Rockhurst:

Ron Windmiller, S.J.

Where have you resided and worked since leaving Rockhurst?

I have lived in Overland Park since 1986 and practiced law in both Kansas and Missouri for over 40 years before retiring three years ago.

Please send to:

Laurence Freeman lfreeman@rockhursths.edu
Rockhurst High School
9301 State Line Road
Kansas City, MO 64114

For additional information to pass on to your classmates, please feel free to mention any of your interests, activities and hobbies (i.e. civic or church related; volunteer work; coaching; honors or recognition).

Fast Facts:

I am married (check one): X Yes No
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Father Marchlewski kicked me and Tom
Borah out of class for laughing. He made
us go out in hallway to wait. Then he made
us take out desks which had been written
on and gave us sand paper to rub off
writing. Then Father Kloster, President of School
Saw us and asked us what we were doing. We
told him we were in the 1st Group of French
class and had group was going over work so we were
asked to do this - then Father opened door from class

The Most Inspirational Person or Event I have from Rockhurst:

Although he was tough, he was fair - Brother
Windmiller. I was filled with self-
confidence and self-esteem by Roger
Jackson, our Soccer Coach. I wanted to
uphold the winning traditions of our
Football and Basketball Teams.

Where have you resided and worked since leaving Rockhurst?

Worked at my father's Restaurant - Acapulco till
College. Went to K-State, UMKC Law School -
FBI Agent in 1982 to 2004. Lived in KC, Las
Vegas, N.M., San Juan, P.R.

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Rockhurst High School
901 State Line Road

volunteer work; coaching; honors or recognition).

Fast Facts:

I am married (check one): Yes No

How Long? 5 yrs

Children? How Many? 3

Grandchildren? How Many? 2

Retired? How Long? 3 yrs

What general commentary or message would you like to send to the great Class of 1970?

I have always maintained a warm regard for all my classmates, teammates throughout the years. I cherish the memories that can only be formed by the times we mutually experienced as young men, which resulted in our career selections and our desires to always strive for excellence because that was instilled in us at Rockhurst. We did not like to lose and wanted to be the best in everything, academically, athletically, morally & eventually, spiritually. The foundation for all that, for me, was set in my 4 yrs at Rockhurst.

Your Name (Optional) Eric A. Finney

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A variety of on-line responses:

The Funniest Time or Memory I have from Rockhurst High School:

Bill Abboud's crazy laughter, especially when he was playing poker.

*Duck Doyle in his ""Hush Duckies""
Fish getting hit in the face by a spitball thrown by Kim Hein.
Dodging Brother Windmueller for several weeks while I grew out my sideburns for
our senior picture.*

Latin Class with Fr. Puricelli!!!!

During a twenty line translation he would stop me with a "" Well, Mr Rauuuuu! I don't think you have it! Then, the always grumpy Fr Purch would kick off his black shoes and plop his stinky white socked feet on his desk next to me..... The first known appearance of Mr. Stinky Feet in Kansas City.

There are too many to mention, but most have the common theme of a teacher "making an example" of a classmate to drill home a critical point. These were often accompanied by physical acts to add emphasis ("Nose to the grindstone! Shoulder to the wheel! And knuckle!")!!!

Class of 1970 football team was the first team to play in the state Mo championship football game in school's history

One that I can't get out of my mind is when Mark "Leonard" Hughes said he would swallow a live gold fish for money. Someone went up and "borrowed" a gold fish from the lab. Mark held it up and tried to swallow it. It stopped about halfway down and started to wiggle. Next thing you knew, he ran over and threw up everything.

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A group of us were in the library study hall. Evidently we were too noisy so a young Jesuit approached us and demanded that the entire table must leave the library immediately! Without a word we all stood up and proceeded to remove the table from the library as instructed! This did NOT go over well with the Jesuit. He told us to go see Brother Ron. We left the table in the hallway and went down to the office. We told Brother Ron what transpired. He laughed and said that we were merely literally doing as directed!

During Prom season our Junior year, Coach Davis selected some of the track members to compete in a special invitational meet on a Saturday night in late April/early May. He wanted me to compete in the long and triple jump. However, that invitational meet was on the same night as one of the proms which I was attending.

So, I went to Coach and said Phil would be a better competitor as he was out-jumping at the time (only briefly mind you!). Coach looked at the data and agreed that Phil would go instead of me.

Later the next week, Coach Davis found out what I had done and was not too happy with me. However, I had a nice time at the Prom. Phil, not so much.

It's hard to confirm because unfortunately some of our classmates are no longer with us, but it was rumored that a classmates had the keys to every door in the school. That included keys to the cafeteria and the walk in cooler where the beloved Jesuits kept an ample supply of beer. On Sundays when beer was not for sale some classmates conducted covert raids on their stock. Their motto was ""Never take more than we can drink,"" Whether or not this story is true I don't know but if it is...WOW!!!

My best memory is being state championship runner up in basketball our senior year. We advanced further than any team since 1932.

Trying to dance in bye-bye- birdie was a joke.

Latin I with Father Manhard and his looney bird stories and there being a smoker available starting our junior year and if you were caught smoking elsewhere by Brother Windmueller God save you!

"Funniest: Larry Grau "I want this whole table to leave!"

Not necessarily the funniest, but lasting memories are of our Senior Trip, the rumble after the basketball game in Warrensburg, the hardness of Jerome Stark's ring (Knuckle!), drive-in movies that no longer exist, woodsies, classic muscle cars, etc.

My funniest memories are from sophomore gym classes with Coach Tuckness. I shared some good laughs with my kids in telling them stories about the infamous relay races.

The Most Inspirational Person or Event I have from Rockhurst:

Father Curry. Looking back, a really great teacher. Left us too soon.

The success of our Football and Basketball teams in our senior year in the various state tournaments. Easily the proudest moments of my time there.

Sophomore year Basketball with Coach Peterson. He would ride me every day yelling "you will never make it Rau, you are too lazy and too soft!" He had me angry for over a year and made me want to be on the Varsity badly. Hated him.... yet loved and respected him, too RIP"

My mother, Ruth Becker, passed away in March of our senior year. The expressions of sympathy extended to me by dozens of classmates, including many I would not have considered friends, made me realize that we were much closer to being a "family" than we might have thought.

All the Jesuits that I interacted with. I felt they all had a personal interest in developing us into their ideal Jesuit man- someone with strength of mind, body, and ideals/faith. They showed that dedication to their work when I was in class, working on the plug-in switch board each Thursday night as grant-in -aid or working summers in the kitchen or stripping/waxing the cafeteria floors under the guidance of Brother Teel. They were good men.

Father Kelley. You dumb JA. Junior Achievement It was probably our classmates. We had so many people that came from solid middle class families that went on to be hard working successful people. The number of doctors, lawyers, engineers, entrepreneurs & professionals that came from our class was inspiring.

I will always remember Mr. Jackson. He was a great teacher and a very nice person. He truly cared about all of us!

The most inspirational moment for me was when Larry Karniski, myself and several other football players who were given provisional football letters created the New Leadership Committee (which really stood for the Non Letterman's Club).

We were determined to show Coach Davis and Coach Culver that we were better than the talent loaded class of 1969. Enough said!

The most inspirational people at Rockhurst were Mike Peterson and Marion Nickel.

Frs . Curry Cummings, Kelly, McCabe, Fahey, and Steiner were priests I appreciate today. Bro. Windmueller is a special person.

I have to give the nod to Father Puricelli. Beneath that gruff exterior, he was wholeheartedly committed to developing students as men.

The most inspirational event for me was senior college counseling. Father Udick not only encouraged me to set high goals in selecting a college but then made the extra effort to make phone calls to colleges to help me obtain the financial aid to achieve though goals. The experience changed my life.

Brother Windmueler was an excellent role model for us all.

Years married?

45 years or more:	Five responses
40 to 45 years:	Six responses
35 to 40 years:	Three responses
30 to 35 years:	One response
25 to 30 years:	One response
20 to 25 years:	One response
15 to 20 years:	One response
10 to 15 years:	One response

Average number of children: Three

Average number of grandchildren: Six

(Highest number of grandchildren for one alumnus:

Clune and Dunn tied at 15 each)

Average years retired:

Four years

What general commentary or message would you like to send to the great Class of 1970?

Rock on, boys.

My closest classmates were for the most part the guys from my grade school, St. Francis Xavier. Still see them today and to a man are not only great friends but also great people.

"Veni, Vidi, Vinci!!! Thanks for all your support."

People continue to be astounded when I tell them the number of high school classmates I still see on a regular basis. I firmly believe that the ties we formed at Rockhurst are only surpassed in strength by those of immediate family, and that includes those made in college fraternity and the US Army!

Where's the Class of '71's survey?

*"I felt lucky to be in the Class of 1970. Our class seemed clique-less to me. I liken the Class of 70 experience as that of a brotherhood. I developed lifelong friendships. I hope the present RHS gives their students the same experience.
Gene"*

I enjoyed Rockhurst and still keep in touch with many of the guys from the class of '70. George Donnelly is in my golf group at Blue Hills. Super and Stabler come over to our house way to often and consume copious amounts of my wine.

I can't believe we all made it this far. It's too bad we have lost so many of our classmates. Spending four years at Rockhurst was great for me and it really shaped my future.

Going to the Rock meant meeting young men, black, brown, white from the entire metro. The Rock was our bond, many of them remain close friends to this day. Our class went to the championship game in both football and basketball and repeated as soccer champs in league play. We were the ultimate overachievers. Junior year we defeated the senior class in the intramural track meet, that set the tone for our last year at the Rock.

Every member of our class had some impact on me during our four years. It was a special time for a great class of individuals!

Without question our class laid the foundation for success in all sports, especially Soccer football and basketball.

Vote Democrat!

Many of the friendships made at Rockhurst continue to this day even though I reside in New Orleans.

Anyone, particularly locals, who hasn't attended the quarterly gatherings at Corner Cocktail is missing out on a good time!

Hang in there guys, to many of us leaving!

Over the last 25 years, my Rockhurst High classmates have become an important part of my social life. They are a great group of guys, and each of them has a good sense of humor (which they share not only in person but in hundreds of e-mails). I look forward to spending more time and laughs with them as I near retirement.

Gentlemen, you were the best classmates that a young man could ever have.

I am grateful to you all. Thanks.



Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam
For the Greater Glory of God