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Seniors were of the opinion that, no matter what happened in the other games, the football team would be a success if they beat Ward, Miege and De La Salle. After a slow start, the team and the school walked on Ward. Miege fell next... Then came De La Salle and the upperclassmen began to get up; the rest of the school was a little slower. To some, things looked catastrophic. Finally things started to gel. De La Salle held us to a tie, but the jug's coming back---and before the Class of '69 leaves.



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Campus

"BEYOND THE FRINGE"

Cuesters Show Stuff

The Rockhurst Cuesters are presenting "Beyond the Fringe" for three more performances on December 13 and 14 at 8 o'clock and December 8 at 7:30 o'clock in the Little Theater. This English satirical review was taken from the old television show, "That Was The Week That Was" and was also a successful show on Broadway. This was also a successful show on Broadway.

The play is a series of short comedy skits featuring group and solo interpretation that shower the audience with dry British wit.

Tom Locke, Don Martin, Bob Fowler, Tim Kennedy, Charles Fischer, Kevin Wall, Paul Pierron, Brad Shurmantine, and Greg Poskin

Bob Fowler (in paper bag) explains to Kevin Wall and Tim Kennedy how to protect oneself in a nuclear attack in one of the skits of "Beyond The Fringe"



are appearing in Mr. Stark's sixtieth play.

And the indisposable but behind-the-scenes stage crew is there under the direction of Fr. Wallace, with Nick Stanley, John DeGood, and Paul Stott on sound and lighting, and John D'Agostino and Joe Bruno on props.

NFL to Chrisman Tourney

Preparations for the annual William Chrisman Speech & Debate Tournament head the calendar of events in the Rockhurst Speech Department for December. This tournament, one of the largest held in the Midwest, will include teams from approximately 45 schools from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. Rockhurst took first place in sweepstakes at this tournament last year.

A brief review of the activities of the Speech Department since September seems to hold some promise for success at William Chrisman. At the Washington High School Debate Tournament, seniors Mike Pasano and Bill Williams took first place in debate by posting a 9-0 record and beating almost 90 other teams from 30 schools for the trophy.

At the Shawnee Mission North Tournament, Rockhurst's overall performance ranked it first in sweepstakes among 32 schools. Juniors Randy Barron and Tom Krissek placed fifth in debate, and seniors Mike Bowen and Lucien Plane placed second.

The Shawnee Mission West Debate tournament for sophomores was next on the Speech Department's list. But the Rockhurst sophomores competing there didn't qualify for the quarter finals of debate. At Raytown High School, juniors Randy Barron and Tom Krissek, posting an unbeaten preliminary record, qualified for the quarter finals of debate, but were defeated that round.

La Blonde High School was the setting for the next tournament, November 8-9. Here, Rockhurst's overall performance ranked it second among the schools competing.

Shawnee Mission South and Shawnee Mission East held their speech and debate tournaments on the same weekend, November 15-16. At Shawnee Mission South, a Rockhurst four-man team was ranked fifth in the preliminary rounds, barely missing

the qualifications for entry into the semifinals of debate. At Shawnee Mission East, Rockhurst did better, placing third out of 33 schools, with three teams going into the quarter finals. One junior team, Barron and Krissek, advanced into the finals to merit a second place trophy.

Students, Faculty Meet

A faculty-student meeting was held November 18, to discuss the place of extracurriculars. Attending were the following: Tom Locke and Mike Bowen from the yearbook, Mike Lewer for the Senior class, Dennis Maygers from the Dance Committee, Will Fitzpatrick from the Poster Club, Pat Terry from Intramurals, Denny Dreyer from the Inner-City program, Tom Cooney from Student Council, Bob Fowler from Prep News and Mike Pasano from the NFL. Also present were Len Peters, Ken Hager, and Ray Kramer.

The meeting opened with the faculty giving their opinions on their extracurriculars. Mr. Tobin commented that one of the problems with Student Council was its rigidity; calendar and government was too stiff. Mr. Doyle talked about the Prep News—its potential to influence the school, yet the little interest students had in the making of the paper itself. Mr. Bishop explained the problems of the Poster Club. One was the location; it attracted by its proximity the pool room crowds.

After the faculty gave their impressions, the meeting was thrown open. Almost immediately the discussion centered on the Prep News. Most agreed that the Prep News just wasn't appreciated, but they also complained of "old news." Bob Fowler then explained that technical aspects alone made news necessarily ten days old, and that would be in the case of stretching deadlines. He also said, concerning underclass news, that the underclassmen knew themselves a lot better than the seniors did, and that underclassmen were needed for a well-rounded paper.

With that the focus changed to underclassmen in general — how to get them involved. Then the subject went to homerooms and it stayed there most of the rest

of the night. Agreed that the homeroom situation was poor, the group divided on how to improve. Ideas ranged from Mr. Nickel's idea of an intramural homeroom basketball league to Mike Lewer's suggestion for an hour of homeroom. Some wanted to return to the old homeroom situation of two years ago, with the A, B, C, D, E, F classifications, because of the rivalries they made. Others opposed this because they felt that not only rivalries but hatreds occurred.

The meeting ended outwardly in the same condition as it started. No new policies were created. Yet most of the people left satisfied; although there were unsolved problems, they were now out in the open where people could get at them.

DLS WEEKEND Spirit on Fire at Rock

The De La Salle weekend began Friday afternoon, at the pep rally, with an enthusiastic, "We want the jug!" cheer. Entertainment was provided by the skit committee, who did a take-off on De La Salle's Homecoming. The queen candidates were Bob Cowan, Tom Kloster, Dennis O'Reilly, Jim Ryan, and Larry Worth. Their escorts were Pat Ruddy, Kurt Nelson, Bud McDonald, Jay Heuser, and Mark Hughes. Tim Trabon, Joe Lusco, and Dan Compton made sure that their candidate won. John Woods introduced De La Salle's football coach, John Connealy, who in turn introduced his three best players; Bob Pruett, Bill Fagan, and Ray Kramer.

Next, Jim Raynor introduced the main speaker of the pep rally; Kevin Fahey. Kevin said that, even though many students feel that the football team may have let them down by not winning a couple of previous games, the team wasn't going to let them down Saturday night. He said that the team was going out to get the jug and "fill that dude up!"

At the mixer, Friday evening, many people came to dance to the music of "The New West Showdown" (formerly "The Abstracts"). There was a spontaneous skit, held during one of the group's breaks, in

which the rest of the De La Salle football team was introduced. The players were Bill Fagan, Mark Hughes, Frank Kongs, Kevin Wall, Jim Root, and Bob Dugan.

Saturday evening there was a pep rally and bonfire held on the upper field. It started off with a big bang when the bonfire, plus several dollars worth of gasoline, was lit. Jim Ryan was in charge of the bonfire with Jon Barry, Tom Euston, Bob Pruett, Tom Kloster, Mark Owens, and Glen White helping him. At one point Mark Owens lead about 400 people in several cheers.

After this students and spectators witnessed a game in which both teams proved themselves to be what they are: tough! The De La Salle weekend, especially the game, did, in the words of Coach Davis, one great thing. It "won back some of Rockhurst's lost respect."

HOME COMING

Patty Ball: 1968 Queen

The Homecoming Dance proved to be less than a financial success. The dance netted \$50 after expenses. This is far below the average gain for a Rockhurst Social event.

The meager crowd in attendance appeared to be having a good time as they danced to

Freshman Class Leaders. (back row, l to r) Frosh representatives, Jeff Grasser, Dave Anderson, Ed Dissler, Donald Hayes and Vice-President Sean

the sounds of the Mac Truque who played in a South Pacific Island setting. The theme "Rite of Rocku" was made a reality through the efforts of Mr. Tobin, S.J., Dennis Maygers, Mike Muelhbach, and their crew.

The 1968 Rockhurst Homecoming Queen is Miss Patty Ball from St. Theresa's Academy. Her attendants are Miss Debbie Seiter from Notre Dame de Sion, Miss Susie Cyr, Miss Martha Dunleavy, and Miss Marilyn Mauer, all from Loretto Academy.

The Float Contest was won by the Seniors who gained 50 trophy points plus an additional 30 points for entering three floats. The Class of '72 took second place and 25 points. The Juniors and Sophs received 5 points apiece.

The parade around the city again passed by St. Theresa's. Loretto and Sion where they were enthusiastically received.

At Guadalupe Center Bob Cowan, Dan Doran, Jim Fischer, and John McClernan spend their time helping the less fortunate Mexican. Their duties range from tutoring in math and reading to just socializing and playing games with kids. Often the tutors learn a lot from the tutored; things not found in books. One thing is agreed upon, everyone has a good time and learns something at Guadalupe Center.

Mulcahy. From front row, l to r, is Daryl Grovenberg, Class President and Tim Alward and John Drupe.





BOWEN

The Walking Dictionary

During his four years at Rockhurst, Mike Bowen has attempted to combine his efforts both to contribute to his school and yet retain his individuality. And from his record it is plain that both he and Rockhurst are better for the effort.

Capping off four straight years of honors, Mike has often been called a "walking dictionary," for outside of Math (although he is now taking his fourth year of math in A.P. Calculus) whenever the "A-class geniuses" don't know which way to turn, they automatically turn to Mike who usually has the answer. Outside of class, though, Mike is a real enthusiast—whether it be in debate, committee activities, or support of our athletic teams. In fact, this year through Mike's diligent effort and downright hard work we are going to have a yearbook again. We all talked about and hoped for a yearbook, but Mike was the one who put such ideas into action. Mike is a man who sees what needs to be done, and then sets out to do it.

To what can I attribute his success?—most basically to a tremendous self-confidence and an active interest in everything around him. And so, although he may speak in words far above your head, or sometimes seems to be far away on cloud nine, two words will turn him into a most sincere and attentive friend — "Hi Mike."

Lucian Piane

TOPOF THE ROCKS

A Magyer Contribution

There are not enough words in Funk and Wagnall's to describe Dennis Maygers, except at times extremely gross. His humor, good nature, sincereness, and Black roots have made him well-respected among students and faculty alike. For three years Dennis has taken active part in Mr. Stark's productions. However, some of his best acting performances have been his responses in class. Denny is quite busy in "The Factory," a very "subdued" band for which he plays bass. His contribution to the group has not stopped his participation in school activities. Between his imitations of Mike Chapman and Noel Redding, Dennis is our fearless Student Council Vice-President. His handling of the Homecoming was superb. It was his courage that led him to the dangerous tribe of Rocku to get some helpful hints on Homecoming Decorations. Denny has put much respect back into the Vice-Presidency. Not only has he organized entertaining and successful mixers, but his participation in the Student Council has been very constructive in trying to get Rockhurst going again. There is only one Dennis Maygers, and Rockhurst is lucky to have him.

Ray Kramer

MAYGERS



"Jock" Bauers

Think of a student at Rockhurst who could easily be categorized as a Mr. Personality, a jock, an intellectual, a clown, and a real leader. Think of a student like this and you have Jerry Bauers, a three sport letterman, an advanced placement Physics and Calculus man, a former member of student council and now a president of the letterman's club, and an off and on class clown. Jerry has conned and frustrated more teachers than anyone in this school. Who else could seriously ask Father Borer in A.P. Physics, "If everybody on the earth jumped at once would we knock the earth out of its orbit?"

Jerry lives for the moment. He attracts people, attention, and fun almost without effort. And yet he has been classified by one teacher as "super middle class." This is Jerry Bauers to most people, fun but maybe a little stuck up. But there is a much deeper person in the real Jerry Bauers. The real Jerry worked this summer at one of the Inner-City centers, led a junior class to the class trophy, and concerns himself in his relationship to his fellow man in a much deeper sense than many of us, and is always ready to help a guy when he is down.

Tom Cooney



BAUERS

Neither Here Nor There

If Mr. Stehne married Mrs. Molander, he'd be a stenographer.

De La Salle is hoping for a winning season in basketball, after their astounding victory in the Black-Gold scrimmage.

Misery is going to an Irish Liberation Day party and finding Fr. Puricelli

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Monotony is trying to guess what kind of shirt Mr. Murdock is going to wear tomorrow.

If Romeo married Juliet, it would screw up the play and/or Fr. Curry.

Paul Baumer, in ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT, found that his high school French was not sufficient to communicate with young French girls . . . how about that, Mr. Stehno?

An alert Rockhurst student reported that there are over 10,000 steel forks hidden in a hollow wall in the kitchen. This wall is called a cabinet. Unfortunately, there are one million army surplus plastic forks that have to be used first. Therefore, we ask everyone to use at least one fork a day, so that the senior class of 2189 will get to use real forks. Right about then the roast beef that they cooked today will be ready to serve.

It has been said that Richard Nixon, in order to get the youth vote, was mini-skirting the issues (or is that skirting mini issues).

Now that the elections are over we can all go back to slandering one another.

Many of the St. Teresa's girls are boycotting grapes, much to the disgust of some Junior fruits.

For that matter, many Rockhurst and Loretto students have also been boycotting grapes—picky, picky, picky.

Features

Re: School Spirit

Two years ago, when I was a Freshman, I sat in the stands in the gym and listened to a speech. The speech was given by the traditional "Rockhurst man," for he was respected back then. When the speech was over, everyone in the stands gave the speaker a standing ovation. It lasted for about two minutes and it was the only standing ovation given to a student that year.

The speaker was Tom Stephenson and his subject was "Rockhurst Tradition" and what it took to build it. I can still remember the key line in his speech: "pride, sweat, and courage." A lot of people gave an awful lot of each of these three things to make Rockhurst the best.

This is what I want to talk about. I have something to say about Rockhurst today. What I'm going to say is for *you*. I'm talking to every single student, from the last freshman to the first senior. You won't like what I'm going to tell you, and you may like me even less for saying it, but listen to it just the same. And after you've listened, before you condemn me, think about it.

In the last year and a half we have done much more than discard the "Rockhurst Tradition." We have succeeded in tearing down Rockhurst itself. Things are falling

Back to the womb. These hearty Rockhurst students, a few of the thirty-eight at the Truman game, also turned out to be ingenious, as they projected themselves from the rain. We leave the Freudian interpretation up to you.

apart and most of you don't give a damn. As far as the average student is concerned, Rockhurst can go to hell. Apathy and complacency have replaced school spirit and pride. Support for the school is no longer seen. Instead, there is cynicism and outright opposition. The situation gets worse and nobody makes a move to change things. No one gets up and tries to improve. Few even bother to listen; most just remain in their hole.

Over and over you have heard the same line: nobody cares. You are probably sick and tired of hearing this. To most of you it's meaningless. So let's take a look at specific facts and give it some meaning.

There are approximately 600 sophomores, juniors and seniors. Out of 600, how many went to Homecoming Dance? 275. Out of those 275, how many worked on the dance? Fewer than 20.

There are about 800 students at Rockhurst. Out of 800, how many were in the stands at the Truman game? 38. How many cheered for the football team during the Ruskin game? I don't know, but the girls cheering for their queen candidates sounded louder than the boys cheering for Rockhurst.

We have homeroom on Tuesdays and Fridays. What is homeroom? A break between classes, nothing more. Few listen to the agendas or take part in the business. Finally, we have a Student Council. Why? The Student Council has accomplished nothing this year. There has been one worthwhile discussion so far. That discussion was about the present situation. When it was over, what did the Student Council members do? Most of them had forgotten it before the day was over.

I can go on. There has been only one event this year that was planned well in advance. That was Homecoming. And even that was greatly handicapped by lack of support. Whenever an idea or program comes up, it fails because of an absence of workers. Very few good ideas or programs come up anyway. There is no one to produce them. There are never enough people at the clean-ups after mixers and dances. And on and on and on. The list is endless.

And now let's take a look outside the school. Other people can see what's happening at Rockhurst. If you don't believe me, just ask a student from another school. He will tell you how little he thinks of Rock-



hurst. And you know something? He's right.

Rockhurst is no longer any better than any other school. So why go to Rockhurst? Why not go to some other school where it's cheaper? The whole purpose of Rockhurst, the reason why you and I are here, is because Rockhurst is supposed to be the best. If you destroy this, then there is no reason to go to Rockhurst.

We have reached the last and most important question. What can we do?

There is a new organization being formed called "99". The goal of this organization is to change things here at Rockhurst. We are aiming for 100% cooperation from the student body.

I challenge each and every one of you to do something for Rockhurst. If you accept the challenge, join "99". I don't think it's too late; I believe we can change. But the effort must come from you. No one can do it for you. Rockhurst is your school; if you want it to be the best, you can make it the best. But—only you can do it.

Bill Abboud

Political Rally Succeeds

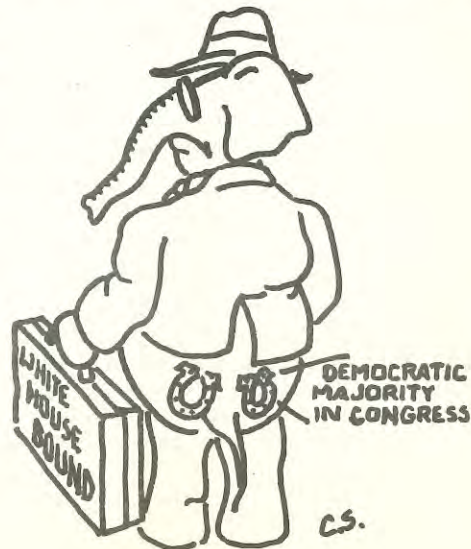
Rockhurst hosted, on Monday, Oct. 21, an "experiment in participatory democracy," a massive political rally. Conceived amidst the tumult of the campaign, the idea sprouted into loud reality as some 2500 students (representing schools from throughout the Kansas City area), faculty, and parents took part in demonstrating their place in the American political process. The rally itself was the product of hard work and long hours of planning. Under the careful direction of Brother Windmueller, aided capably by Bill Hoskins and Pete McGee, the event took shape. Perhaps most memorable were the decorations in the gym. Over the preceding weekend, chairmen of the various party committees brought placards, stickers, banners, everything imaginable, to boost their candidate's appeal. Democrats Bill Williams, Mike Bowen, and Bob Fowler; Republicans Terry Kalahurka, Tom McGraw, and John J. Conley; and Independents Marty Weber and Ron Haskey were the driving force behind such subtle slogans as "What did you do in the war, Hubie," "Tricky

Dicky, come out and debate," and "If you liked Hitler, you'll love Wallace" (later banned). Speakers for the three major parties gave presentations ranging from the tear-jerking account of a prospective golden gloves champion to a refreshing, candid examination of the candidates' qualifications. Then the students were afforded an opportunity to express their approval or disapproval in demonstrations, and the gymnasium rocked with the cheers and jeers of noisy partisans. The rally was not without highlights: the American Independent Party paraded a bulldog about the gym; a Dixie-land band added an atmosphere of definite professionalism to the day. After the rally, students voiced a final opinion in a vote, which produced a Humphrey landslide. (An interesting sidelight was provided when Dick Gregory write-ins nearly equaled votes for Wallace). All in all, one left the rally with the definite impression that the "younger generation" cared and when given the chance, would exercise their adult rights responsibly.

Boycott Sour Grapes

Mike Bowen, who has lost almost as many elections as Richard Nixon, looks at November 5 from a familiar side of the ballot box.

Analyzing elections is a risky and thankless occupation. Once the results are confirmed, the winners don't care and the losers would rather not know why they are what they are. Nonetheless, an election decided by



.4 of 1% of the vote is worth taking a look at.

At first glance, the election seems truly remarkable. For thirty-six years, the basic political struggle in America was the conflict between the Democratic idea of governmental participation in human affairs and the Republican idea of detachment from them. (I know that's not exactly non-partisan, but then, neither am I.) In 1965, when Medicare was signed into law, the battle and the war were won, because that bill represented the realization of the last of the goals of New Deal Liberalism. This legislation represented the culmination of three and a half decades of consistent, almost uninterrupted progress toward those goals.

Now, only three years after this milestone, have the people reversed their thinking, shifting to a diametrically opposed course? If that had occurred, it would indeed have been remarkable; but that's not what happened.

Of course, Richard Nixon was elected President; but then, considering the factors in his favor, something would have been very wrong had he not been. Robert Kennedy had been killed; Eugene McCarthy had decided to indulge his martyr's complex; the Chicago albatross hung oppressively around the Democrats' neck. How can you lose when you start the game with four aces?

The 43+% of the people who voted for Nixon as well as the 13+% who voted for Wallace were indeed saying something; but they were not saying, "Well, we've examined the Republican and the Democratic philosophies, and we've decided that now we like the Republican one better."

They were saying that they were sick of the war in Viet Nam; that they were tired of riots, or crime and violence, or civil rights and demanding Negroes, of hippies and war protesters, and most of all, of the vague, indefinable frustration that seems to have settled over the country.

Realistically speaking, these issues have precious little to do with party philosophy. Only incurable abstractionists (i.e. William F. Buckley) can believe that party labels have the power to change the course of history. If Republicans had been in power over the past thirty-six years, the country would indeed be different, but would these specific problems have been avoided? Get serious.

Deep down, I think, the people know this.

After all, they elected a Congress that was almost a carbon-copy of the one that had been in power during this period of turmoil. And that, in brief, is why the American political stream has only shifted, and not changed course.

Mike Bowen

Better Red than Dead?

The John Birch Society has always been criticized as being unAmerican or not having the true American spirit. They say the Birchers are too radical and are ruining America. But the John Birchers are ready and willing to die for their country. They are willing to die to ensure freedom for all of us in America. Many of those who criticize the Birchers go around with placards upgrading freedom and liberty. They say they are for America and its principles. On occasion they might even be pressured into saying that ours is the best form of life. Yet when they are asked if they would die for America they recite the old saying "Better Red Than Dead." They are busy campaigning for civil rights, fair housing, and bills to provide "justice" yet they don't realize that under Communism such freedoms are nonexistent. The liberals call these people "good Americans," however they aren't even willing to die for their country. Over one million Americans have died for their country. Is willingness to die for your country now considered radical? Since when is trying to stop a force such as Communism radical? To me it is clear who is the more loyal American. Which one would you rather have speak for your country?

Tim Jones

"THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES DELEGATE JOHN BIRCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUGGESTING A NEW NAME FOR OUR ORGANIZATION."



C.S.

NOONTIME "FOOTBALL": Fingerflickin' Good

The N.F.L. — tough, gruelling football, where high-powered offenses meet stifling defenses, where upset is the accepted and not expected practice, where a kick can turn sure defeat into stunning victory. This is the N.F.L., that 4 division powerhouse featuring such stars as Gale Sayers, LeRoy Kelly, and Johnny Unitas, right? Wrong. The stars in this league are Dave Tansey, the commissioner, and John Welsh and Jerry Bauers, the Eastern and Western Division Presidents, who spearhead a rigorous daily schedule involving 12 teams.

Those who have never seen a real N.F.L. game don't know what they've missed. Just be up at the lunchroom at about 12:15 some day and look around. At one of the back tables, you'll see a bunch of guys gathered around two people who are sitting opposite each other. The crowd is madly cheering and yelling, the players are either pushing, flicking tossing or kicking a triangular-formed wad of paper about the field. A referee will be sitting next to them, hunched over the paper on which he is studiously keeping statistics. If you move in closer, you might notice beads of sweat forming on the opponents' foreheads. Then someone makes a mistake. The measurement — it's a field-goal attempt! The ball's down the kick's up, is it good? The defender says no; the ref says yes, a thumb was bent. That's it—game. Final score: 52-49. This is the true N.F.L. action football the only sport.

In the budding days of fall, 1965, the National Football League began to take shape and substance. In Room 211, Mr. McGreevy's homeroom, a group of sturdy men took to the cardboard gridiron in the beginnings of what is today Rockhurst most popular noontime spectator sport.

The beginning of the N.F.L., the Home-room Football League (H.F.L.), was disorganized. The records are unclear; however it appears that the founder of the N.F.L., Davey Tansey, was the superior gladiator. Mike Pasano was a strong second. The second year of the N.F.L. is even hazier than the first. Tradition is the only existing record of the second year. It is said Davey continued to dominate the football world. Yet, it is at this time that the powerhouse of the league,

Jerry Bauers, emerged, strongly challenging Tansey. In 1967, the N.F.L. emerged in all its glory and splendor. This was the year that the N.F.L. turned professional. A weak American Football League was founded but was forced to fold by the powerful National league.

This was the year of the great battles. The championship was not decided until the final game of the season. it was in this thriller, battled down to the very last second, that the powerful offense and staunch defense of Jerry Bauers won a tremendous 55-49 comeback victory over Steve Hecox.

It is now N.F.L., 1968. Another great year of football is now half-way through the season. Battles are again shaping up. This season may prove to be as exciting as last year. The N.F.L. consists now of 12 teams and is divided into two divisions. In the East, President John Welsh leads his division with a surprising 6-2 record.

In the West, the division title is being closely contested between Jerry Bauers, world champion, and Davey Tansey. In the tenth game of the season, these two men will meet in what could decide the division title and possibly the world championship.

Finally, tribute should be paid to other members of the N.F.L. not mentioned here. Ken Hager, perenial cellar club, is again bringing up the rear in classic fashion with a 1-8 record. Only Harry Parker can boast a worse record (1-9). Bill Strobach, the creator of the S.O.B. (Statistical Offensive Benevolence) ratings, Tom Euston, Brian Murdock, Sonny Piane, Jim Walterbach, and Louis Jackowatz, who is fighting for his life in the East with a 6-4 record, all are the sturdy gladiators of the most bruising sport at Rockhurst High School.

Mike Pasano & Jerry Bauers

Fingerflickers: Dave Tansey prepares for an extra point in a crucial NFL game against Jerry Bauers. In the background, Mike Pasano and Louis Jackowatz hold up the official NFL flag and look on respectfully.



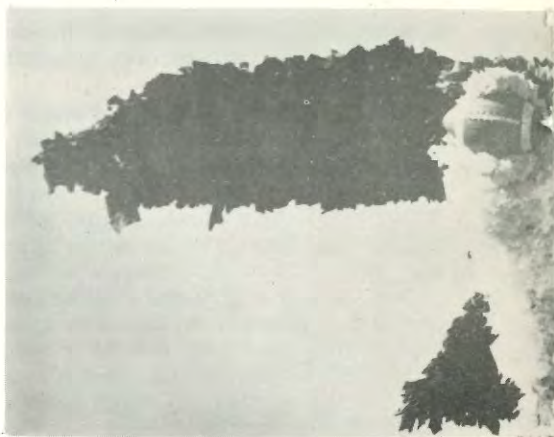


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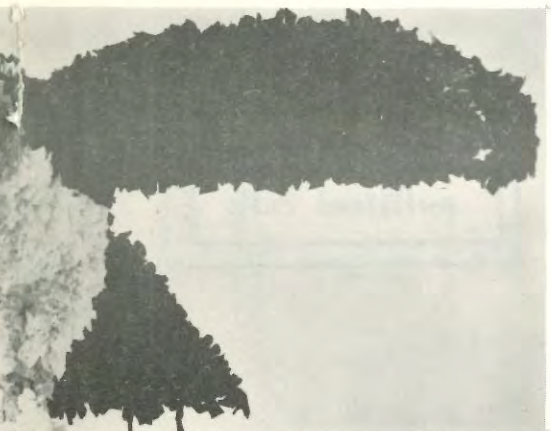
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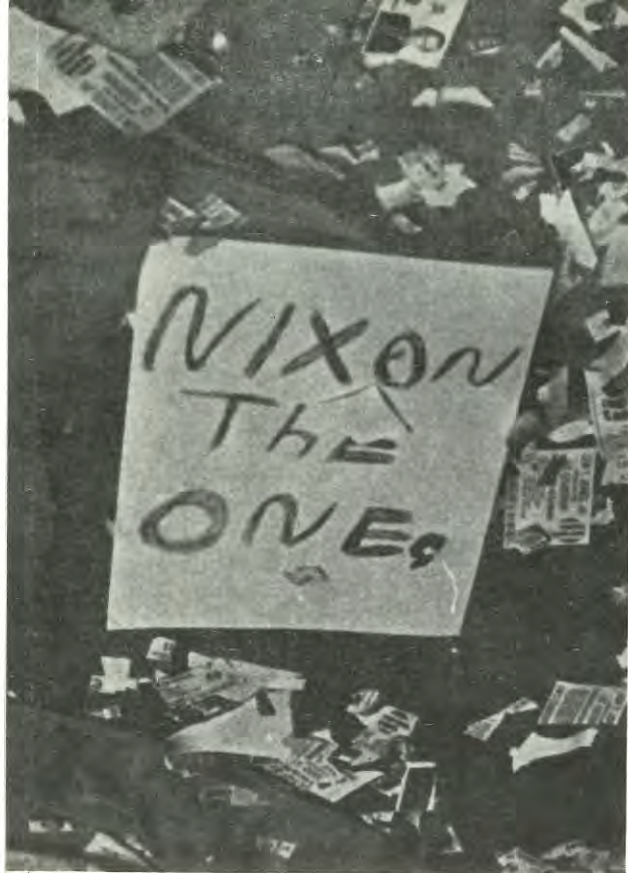
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Patty Ball



Cheering leaders. Dangerously standing up in a moving car are the brave Rockhurst cheerleaders: (l. to r.) Robin Marx, Lennie Peters, Frank Kongs, Mark Owens, Bill Holland and the seated Squirrel. Hidden is the inimitable Mike Mandl.





Omen of good or evil? *Did this poster merely forecast the outcome of the election or does it symbolize the fate of the country?*

political rally

Wallace's (man's) best friend. *One of the more dedicated Wallace supporters makes an appearance.*





Gregory grandstand. Dick Gregory evidently had a good amount of support at the Rock, trailing Wallace by only seven votes.





The pain of it all. Pat Terry raised his arms in pain as George Donnelly twiddles his thumbs and Tom Locke explains the meaning of 'lose' to the sorrow wrenched visage of Bill Hoskins.

faculty-intramural
all star game

Total Loss. Somewhat delirious Pat Cowan, after collapsing with exhaustion, notices all the people walking disgustedly away from him (namely, Tom McGraw, Tom Locke, Doug Albers, Bill Hoskins, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Lehman) and laughs heartily.



STUCO ELECTIONS:

CAN WE BRING BACK EXCITING LEADERSHIP?

When we come back to school next month, one of our first tasks will be to select the new members of the Student Council. This has often been done amid chaos and confusion. This has been the appropriate way of selection, as the resulting Council have been, at best, confusion and chaotic. Hopefully our choices will fare better than before.

The men you elect StuCo President and Vice-President, and to a lesser degree, Secretary and Treasurer, will make or break your year. This is particularly true for the second semester officers. How can we make sure we get good officers? Contrary to popular opinion, these men, especially the President, must be popular. They are the public relations men who have to drum up the support for some event. They must be friendly, able to say the right word at the right time. It's amazing how a friendly return to some strange underclassman's greeting might make that guy's day. These two qualifications usually rule out the clique man. He may be the greatest football player or intellectual, etc., but by becoming that he has usually, out of necessity, cut himself off from the rest of the school. Since the S.C. officers are supposed to represent the whole school, it is very difficult, to say the least, for the clique man to do his duty properly.

Lastly, the officers should be broadminded. Some people disregard others' suggestions because of the person who said them. Others oppose ideas because they've never been done before or because the idea doesn't quite fit into that vague, vague conception of what's "cock". Others insist on following the Rockhurst tradition. Tradition was great, and still can be, but this is '69, not '46 or even '66; we can't be held back by anything, not even "the good old days."

In order to select our next Student Council more efficiently, I think some of our pre-election customs should be changed. What we need is a no-holds-barred campaign, especially in the primaries, to get rolling. The problem is that many times the better candidates are knocked out in the primaries. To correct this the candidates should at least be introduced at a pep rally so that people will see who's running, or better still, at a primary assembly at which candidates could express their views. The restrictions on signs should be eased so that signs could be put up earlier. At the election convention, I advocate a situation similar to the October convention. Allow handbills to be passed out immediately preceding the assembly; for Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, let demonstrations be held. Finally, it would be a good idea to announce quantitative results of the election. These suggestions, if used, will create quite a lot of hoopla, which might be all we need to get rolling after a slow-moving first semester.

HELP! WE NEED SOMEBODY

Many students who have been criticizing the Prep News lately forget that the school newspaper is an activity not only for the few members of the editorial staff, but for everybody. The Prep News is theoretically a means for interested students to say what's on their minds, not merely a means for telling them what's going on, which most people know anyway, and those who don't know don't really care. Consequently, the Prep News is supposedly a reflection of the atti-

tudes of all the students, not just the editorial staff, and it is really up to all the students to make their school newspaper what it should be.

Unfortunately, practically nobody writes any articles for us. The result of this is that only a few students wind up writing all the articles for all sections, including the features or students section. It could well be that this small group does not reflect the feelings of the entire Rockhurst student body.

Many students might claim that they didn't know that they as individuals could get articles into the Prep News. While this complain might have been justifiable in the past, it is henceforth unusuable. All students can and should write articles; in fact, this is the only real way for students to express their own personal feelings, and they should take advantage of it.

What should you write about? Whatever you feel like. If there is some aspect of the administration, the student council, certain extracurriculars, school policies in general, or anything that concerns the school or anything else that you personally are interested in and would like to express your personal opinion about, then we invite you to write an article reflecting that opinion. As you can see, anyone can write an article about something.

If you do write an article and would like to get it published, take it into the publications room, Room 14, and put on the table immediately to the right of the doorway, or give it to any of the editors. Be sure to sign your name to it since fame (or notoriety) is one of the primary advantages of having your article published. But, in any case, please write an article. You have nothing but a little time to lose, and personal satisfaction and a better, more interesting school newspaper to gain.

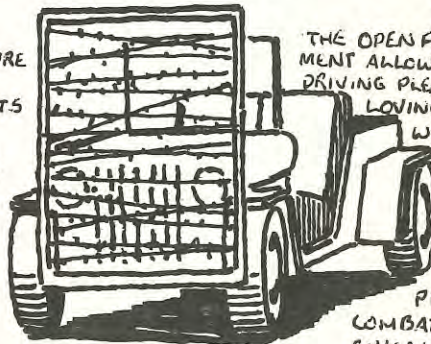
Neither Here Nor There

VINTAGE VEHICLES... THE DOZER

POSSESSING COMPACT, AESTHETICALLY PLEASING LINES, THIS NIFTY VEHICLE SAW ITS HEYDAY IN THE WINDY CITY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS OF '68.

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THE DOZER'S MOST CHARACTERISTIC FEATURE WAS THIS DISTINCTIVE WIRE GRILL. BESIDES ITS OBVIOUS STYLISTIC BEAUTY, THE GRILL HAD THE ADDED BENEFIT OF ITS USEFULNESS IN ENABLING THE DRIVER TO MAKE HIS WAY THROUGH THE HEAVILY-CONGESTED PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC PECULIAR TO THAT SUMMER



THE OPEN PASSENGER COMPARTMENT ALLOWED A MAXIMUM OF DRIVING PLEASURE. THE FUN-LOVING DOZER-OWNER, WHEN TAKING HIS MOST CHERISHED POSSESSION OUT FOR A BREEZY SPIN, WAS MOST OFTEN ATTIRED WITH A PROTECTIVE HEAD PIECE, OBVIOUSLY TO COMBAT THE BRISK CHICAGO WEATHER.

FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE GAVE THE DOZER EXCELLENT TRACTION OVER THE THICKLY-LITTERED STREETS OF CHICAGO. IT WAS PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE OVER CLUSTERS BODIES. ANOTHER CONTEMPORARY PHENOMENON.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Nickel Makes Sense

Our basketball team will take on Raytown South in the first basketball game of the year this Friday. This will be Marion Nickel's fourth year as head basketball coach here at the Rock. In his three years Mr. Nickel has compiled a remarkable 59-21 record.

Last year around the school the word before the season was that we were not going to have much. We had little experience and almost no height. But those players had a lot of desire, a lot of guts, John Kafka, and Coach Marion Nickel, and as a result ended up with a 20-5 record. On paper they didn't look like much, but on the court it was a different story.

This year we are in much the same boat. On paper we don't look too tough. I don't think we are going to scare any teams out of coming out to play us this year. We probably will have the only team in the city on which the guards outweigh the forwards. Look at our seniors. We have seven returning lettermen this year, of whom three are non-players. Of our returning players, take for example Mike Mandl. At 6'3" and 170 lbs, Mike isn't going to scare you.

Mike has worked hard through the summer to build himself up. As a matter of fact, Mike is about the only person I know who got a case of Nutriment for his birthday. But Mike will be shooting 'em up for us at the forward spot.

Mike isn't the only one of the Nutriment for lunch bunch on our team. Dick (the Snake) Grindinger, another of our letterman, has drunk Nutriment (among other weight-builders) to add to his not-too-filled-out frame. Bob Dugan will probably be chucking them in this year from one of the guard spots. Bob is an exceptionally quick guard with good moves, both inside and out.

Speaking of Nutriment, we may have some new faces on our team this year. John

Roselli and Gary Smith, along with Denny Egan from football, will be bucking for one of the guard spots. We also have a transfer student from CBC in St. Louis, Jim Grasser. Robin Marx is also working hard this year for one of the spots of the team.

Injuries have already hit us this year. Kevin Wall has hurt his hand and may not be able to play in our first game, and Kevin Fahey was injured in the De La Salle game. Kevin suffered a fractured knee and will be out for an undetermined amount of time. These two players make up our sum total experience from last year's team on the varsity level. Add to this a manager who continually eats during practice (and just about any other time), a trainer who can't train because he was hurt all year, and the Sportsman's Friend himself, you have this year's basketball team.

Although this does not sound like much (and it isn't) remember that one big difference between a good and a great team. We will always have a good team, but it takes desire and a coach like Mr. Nickel to make a great one.

VARSITY SUMMARY

The Rock Don't Quit

On Nov. 16 a four year effort to produce the best football team in Rockhurst history ended. To the players, the effort was successful. Future classes probably won't include the '68 team in their lists of all time greats, because when you make a list, you look at numbers, not names. They won't see Ryan

Jerry Bauers bolsters the line by bulling over four DLS players, in some of the fierce action that ocured during the game.



Reardon, Boylan, Bauers and Disser, Schoonover, Nowak and Whitaker and Myers. And even if they know the names, they won't know the effort of these guys who collectively make up the team.

We can't say why we dropped four games. I would venture that three out of four teams were just tired of losing to Rockhurst, just like we were tired of losing to Ward and De La Salle.

It wasn't a long season in the sense that we wished it would hurry up and end. When you lose four games, you'd like to play them over, especially if you're a senior. When it's your last shot, you give it a little more, but sometimes it doesn't come off.

This isn't a letter of apology. We have nothing to apologize for. If we had gone 0-10 we would have nothing to apologize for. This team worked hard and gave all it had. When you play a game, and your back is to the wall, you think of two weeks of hell in August, and the pain that goes with losing. You never quit because quitting would be selling yourself short. No one does that. We had our backs to the wall this year plenty of times. Down 7-0 against Southwest, probably the best team we played, Rockhurst put together a drive that tied the game. The same thing happened against Kapaun and Ward. De La Salle had fourth down and less than a yard to go on our three yard line. They found out that, contrary to the opinion prevalent around 15th and Paseo, Rockhurst doesn't quit. You've got to make four years of living death on the football field worthwhile. If you quit, it's just like beating your head against a wall. The difference between a bad season and a good season isn't seen in the record books. It's in the hearts of the guy who played. If it's worth playing, it's a good season. This year Rockhurst had a good season.

Dave Tremble

Here Comes The Jug

Rockhurst students look forward mainly to two games: Ward and De La Salle. But a true Rockhurst fan especially waits for the battle with the Titans. This year both schools were dismayed, for the 47th annual Little Brown Jug game ended up in a 0-0 tie. Thus each school will keep the jug for half



An unidentified Ruskin back is cut down by Jerry Reardon, as Dave Tremble, Phil Poppa and Frank Ryan converge.

a year.

Both teams were stymied by the weather conditions, especially the Hawklets, who depend more on speed than on size. Neither the Titan or Hawklets could get their powerful offenses rolling; and, when one did, then the other's defense stopped it. Also, during this game, one of the most controversial plays occurred. Late in the third quarter, Jerry Reardon fumbled on the Titan 35, then fell on the ball, although the referee seemed to disagree, and ruled that the Titans had recovered it. Despite this, the Hawklets never gave up; they kept on going, even though they lost their two mainstays on both offense and defense, Kevin Fahey and Vince Nowak. Their replacements were Dave McCarthy, on defense, and Phil Poppa, who from here on played both ways. The only real time the Titans threatened was when they moved the ball to the 5 yard line. Then by a penalty, the ball was moved up to the 3. However, on fourth down and less than a yard, the Rockhurst defense held.

Defensively, the Hawklets allowed the Titans only 94 yards in total offense. Vince Nowak played his best game of the year. Even though he was injured and did not play the whole game, he managed to make six unassisted tackles, to lead the team in that department. Mike Meyers and Marty Kane made 5 unassisted tackles and truly did a good job, with Poppa stopping the Titans when they were on the 3.

Bill Schoonover, Jerry Reardon, and Mike Fagan managed to stop any considerable long gains. Mike Coupe and Jerry Reardon each intercepted passes at crucial periods in the game. For DLS, Junior Nigro, Ken

DeSchepper, and Bernard Givens played an outstanding game.

Thus, Rockhurst ended their season, 4-4-2. There were many disappointments and many high points. This game and the Ward, Miege, and Kapaun games will always stand out in the minds of the Rockhurst student body.

Misfortune Strikes J.V.

This year's Junior Varsity record of three wins and six losses is deceptive. The team had outstanding talent at some positions but lacked a few key factors essential to tie the strings together. The offense was plagued by fumbles all year long and several games were lost on some bad breaks. The defense played hard but was handicapped by a sometimes impotent offense. Four games were lost by less than one touchdown, and in their three victories the J.V. gave up an average of only 8 points a game.

Offensively, Greg Stockbauer and Tim Roche shared the quarterbacking duties. Hugh Barry and Larry Karniski played halfbacks and showed an abundance of speed and quick moves. Brian O'Malley came through all year with a strong performance at center and Pete Martin stood out at guard.

Dave Beaven, defensive guard, and Brian O'Malley, defensive end, were the mainstays on the defensive line. Rick Holland and Larry Karniski played well at the cornerbacks, providing a tight pass defense and often coming up with key interceptions. Ed Holland also stepped in frequently at cornerback to give a solid performance.

Coach Davis consults with his spotters in the press box, while Kevin Fahey, Phil DeCoursey, Mike Fagan and Jerry Bauers look on.



Frosh Break The Ice

This year's freshman football team will go down in history for its singular achievement. They were the only team at Rockhurst this year with a winning record, 5-1. They were also the first freshman team (in three years) to win a game. Fantastic? Indeed. So let's take a look at this fine collection of gridiron talent.

Giving a strong steady performance at quarterback was Biff Carlew. Darrel Grovenberg, at left halfback, and Gary DiGiovanna, at fullback, gave the Frosh a speedy running game with consistency and power. Stand-outs on the offensive line were Brian Meyers, guard, Tom Harper, tackle, and Steve Beaven, guard.

The Frosh defense proved overpowering, allowing an average of less than one touch-down per game. Most of the offensive linemen doubled as defensive linemen to cut off their opponents running game and smother their passing attacks. Sean Mulcahey was a mainstay on the defense, a quick, strong linebacker. Larry Setters did a good job at defensive halfback.

Rambling Ryan Rolls On

Probably Rockhurst's best all-round full-back-linebacker since Tom Stephenson is Frank Ryan. When both of those guys were on the field, the opposition knew it.

Take for example Ryan's first game against the Southwest Indians. In 21 carries, he gained 111 yards for a 5.3 average. On defense, he made 10 unassisted tackles and 4 assisted tackles. These types of games were only average for Frank. Kapaun won't forget him as he ran for 67 yards in 13 attempts, while on defense, he made 10 unassisted tackles and 5 assisted ones. Against Ward, and many of his friends, he ran for 50 yards in 12 carries, made 7 unassisted tackles, and 1 assisted one. Also, in that Ward game, when the Cyclones desperately needed to keep the ball, he personally stopped the Cyclones on three of their four offensive plays.

Frank, for the football player he is, is probably the most under-rated among certain people in the school. Some think that he is

only an average player, or some might not approve of his extra-curriculars. But Frank Ryan plays offense and defense equally well. Let's examine the facts.

In eight games, he carried the ball 90 times for 394 yards and 4.4 average. I times for 394 yards and a 4.4 average. In addition to this he scored one touchdown. (One touchdown, which he scored against Chrisman by diving over the last remaining man from the 2 yard line, was called back. On defense, Ryan led all tacklers with a 6.3 average per game in unassisted tackles and 3.4 average in assisted tackles.

The last two games, Frank was hampered by a shoulder injury, so there is no telling just how well he could have done this season. But it is evident that Frank was sorely missed in the last two games, especially against De La Salle.

Also, let us recall sophomore year, when Frank received a varisty letter, playing behind such people as Kerry Reardon, George Rahner, and Tom Stevenson. He started on defense as a sophomore at a linebacker position. And just ask any of the seniors about the Miege game in '67 (R-40, M-0), when Ryan scored on a 12 yard run, right up the middle, much to the dismay of the five Miege players who rode in all the way. Then in his junior year, he was forced to sit out the season because of a knee injury. Thus, we, as seniors, have witnessed one of the best football players that Rockhurst has ever had.

Fahey Shows His Stuff

Usually, after every play of the opposition, when the referees unstacked the pile-ups, Kevin Fahey was the last to get up. He is one of the most aggressive, strong, and durable defensive linemen in Hawklet history. He, like Frank Ryan, is a natural-born football player, with a killer instinct. When he played on offense, ask the backs who ran through the holes he made, how good an offensive tackle he was. Better yet, ask Bob Wenski, Ward quarterback, or Kevin Bollend, Ward tackle, about Fahey. In their opinion, they saw none better. In essence, just ask anyone who has played against him, and they definitely will remember him. By the way, against the "mighty,

mighty Cyclones," Kevin made ten unassisted tackles and had three assists. Four of the ten unassisted tackles were catching Wenski in his own backfield.

Through 10 games, Kevin tied Dave Tremble with 57 tackles, most on the team, for a 5.7 average, thus finishing behind Ryan (6.37) and Tremble (6.33). He had 29 assisted tackles for a 3.0 average, which is third behind Ryan (3.4) and Schoonover (3.3). He was one of the mainstays on the defense that gave up only 180 yards in total offense to Ward.

We best see the type of player Fahey was by his talk before the student body at the De La Salle pep rally. He didn't attempt to snow anybody, and said so himself. He got up there and said what was on his mind and then walked away. In the same manner, on the football field, he goes out and does his job.

In the opinion of most coaches, at 6' and 220 pounds, Kevin has a good chance to make it in college football. His first three years, you knew about him. Well, finally, you know about him and have heard about him. (Incidentally, Kevin, just what is it you're going to fill the jug with when we get it?)

Louis Jakowatz

SEASON TOTALS	Rockhurst	Opponents
Rushing	1291	1152
Passing	681	761
1st & 10s	87	119
Penalties	64-489	33-310
Total Offense	1972	1913

Frank Ryan and Kevin Fahey take time out from studying to pose for Prep News photographer.



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