

Rockhurst High School November, 1967

COVER STORY:

Mike Garrett, Kansas City Chiefs halfback and the second leading ground gainer in the AFL, was the guest speaker at the Fall sports awards assembly in which football and cross-country participants were honored.

IN THIS ISSUE...

This third edition of the **PREP NEWS** proves to be a departure from previous issues because it more fully represents student opinions.

The Features section contains several articles whose topics are varied and interesting. John Best offers insight into the unique problems Rockhurst's head disciplinarian, Brother Windmueller, faces. Paul Sinclair interviews the newest addition to the faculty and Student Body, Mr. Claude Meyer, S.J., a French scholastic who hopes to learn English and teach French during his stay. This editor's views accompany the results of the opinion polls circulated last month in an editorial included in this section.

Senior lineman Tim Dobel summarizes the football season in one of the highlighted sports features. Other featured articles are a basketball preview by Dave Tremble and a JV wrap-up by Herb Sizemore.

The increased coverage and opinionoriented articles found in this issue illustrate a trend which we hope will continue in future attempts as the PREP NEWS strives to become more and more a student publication.

Ken Felter

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Features

THE GROOMING QUESTION

Hairesy

Can you tell a man by the way he combs his hair?

Then mister you're a better man than lam.

These are the lyrics of one verse from a contemporary song which was recorded by a long-haired rock group from Chicago. Not long ago when music was called "long-haired" the reference was to Bach or Beethoven or some other "cultured" artist. Today, however, it suggests something quite different.

This may be very interesting, but what relation does it have to Rockhurst students and faculty members? In an attempt to discover what faculty and student opinions are concerning hair length each teacher and student was asked to complete separate questionnaires and to comment on the hairetical situation.

The first question that appeared on the faculty opinion poll was: If it was your choice, would you deny a student entrance into your class because he had long hair?

Most teachers immediately commented that this dr anded on how long a student's hair actually was, but of those who offered an opinion, over half said they they would not prevent a student from attending his classes simply because he had long hair providing it wasn't ''extremely'' long. Those who answered negatively to this question were then asked to specify what regulations they would place on grooming and appearance. The over-all attitude is best summarized by the statement of one teacher who said that "extraordinary, all excessively individualistic, sloppy grooming which could or does create class disturbance" should be restricted.

Do you believe that the subject of grooming, in general, and the length of hair, in particular, has been over-



emphasized at Rockhurst?

Quite surprisingly, only one faculty member though that this subject has been given excessive attention. A very interesting comparison exists because when the students were asked this question, 45% of those who offered an opinion agreed with that lone mentor.

What do you think the student response would be if all regulations concerning grooming and appearance were dropped?

The responses ranged from one comment of "Initial glee, but in the long run, disgust' to Coach Davis's frank remark: "Chaos!" In general, however, most teachers agreed with Mr. Petersen who projected "little change."

Do you think that there is a prejudice against teenagers today who have long hair...in business?...in education?

A very large group of students, 86%, thought that some type of unfair prejudgment was apparent in business and 73% thought that this was also true in education. The faculty responded almost as strongly with 67% in agreement in both areas.

The principal, Fr. Carl G. Kloster, S.J., expressed his feelings in paragraph form instead of employing the opinion poll. Father said: "The problem with teen-age long hair today is not, in my opinion, the long hair itself but the fact that it seems to be a sign of something else, — it manifests an attitude possibly of non-conformity with a set of guidelines established reasonably for the group and generally acceptable. It seems to me that if a student wishes to belong to a particular group, he would willingly and even eagerly accept the guidlines (regulations) in effect for the group, - otherwise why should he join. No one can hope to meet with success as a member of a particular group who does not identify with the group even at the sacrifice of his own personal intentions and ambitions when they run counter to the norms established for the group."

The Student Opinion Poll was also very revealing, even though the vast majority of the Student Body was quite content, unlike the faculty, to answer the questions without qualifications or interpretation.

Has anyone that has authority over you (e.g., parents, teachers, boss) complained that your hair was too long? Parents are the principal reason why the barber trade has become increasingly more rewarding, evidently, because 37% of those who were polled said that somebody at home has complained in this regard. A rather large number of students admitted that somebody at school registered a similar complaint, in fact an astonishing 20%. Either many Rockhurst students don't work or they don't experience grooming difficulties on the job because only 5% said that their boss objected to their hair length. Would you change your hair style if school rules permitted it?

Slightly less than one quarter of the Student Body thought that they would alter their hair style if the school regulations would allow it. When the same question was posed in the Spring of 1965,



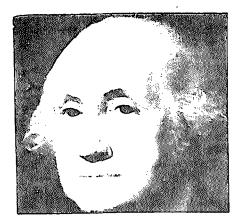
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in a similar questionnaire given to Rockhurst students, 29% said that they would change.

For which of the following reasons do you think the school places regulations on hair length?

Out of all the opinions expressed in this last section, many students, 44%, thought regulations were imposed "for the sake of neatness in appearance." A large number, 36%, were convinced that it was to "protect the school image," 13% suggested that is was to "train students to accept authority," and 6% confessed that they didn't know. The remaining group did not feel that any of the suggested reasons were accurate and they were asked to express their own views.

One student thought that school regulations on long hair were imposed because "The lettermen don't like it."



A rather learned underclassman thought it was "for the students' protection of the eyes." Some other provocative statements were: "To be mean," and "to stop the spreading of lice and worms."

It should be noted that the vast majority considered this question more seriously. One senior wrote: "The 'Old Guard' feels that long hair is a sign of rebellion. This is not true. Some people look better in long hair." Another opinion which was suggested by several different people is: "Simply to keep us uniform – it's obviously against our basic freedoms. The school just puts too much emphasis on it – it's a personal thing and your own

business — not the school's." A popular comment among the underclassmen was that the school hopes "to build men" by preventing them from wearing long hair.

General comments on the questionnaires were varied and interesting. Several teachers seemed to take a defensive attitude when answering their questionnaire because they considered it poorly constructed and a few mentioned that they thought that the questions were "loaded." When answering the question "Do you believe that the subject of the length of hair has been over-emphasized at Rockhurst?" One student explained his answer; "No, in Illinois once 162 students were marched to the barbershop. That would be over-emphasizing." One unidentified teacher flatly stated: "It would be very imprudent to publish anything about this in the Prep News."

Mr. Cronin, S.J. explained his views in this manner: "Attendance at a private school is not by right, but by privilege. If a student does not want to treat it as a privilege, but as a right, and therefore makes something like a policy concerning long hair an occasion to buck authority of the school or the administration, he no longer deserves the privilege and, if this attitude continues, I feel that the school should make a stand over long hiar or whatever might be the area where the student might be making his stand. Notice that the real question here is acceptance of authority, not long hair."

The question still remains, is it just to deny those students who desire longer hair simply because they think it will improve their appearance and don't possess any motives of undermining authority? In this regard, Father Udick, S.J., commented: "...the society in which we live, the length of hair is precisely used to express an opinion or an attitude or a position. This being the case, I would allow or disallow long hair depending upon what long hair was arbitrarily chosen to express on the part of the student. If it were simply a matter of personal taste with no significance as part of a movement or crusade, I would have no objection." Mr. Doyle, S.J., offered the following thought, one that many Rockhurst students maintain: "A



man shouldn't be judged on the length of his hair but on all his manifestations of himself, of which hair-length is only one and by no means the most important."

Ideally, high school students should have matured sufficiently to be able to determine their own appearance. Realistically, however, in some cases this has proven to be false. At this time it appears that these regulations will remain as long as this minority abuses their good judgment. It is obvious that any student who attends Rockhurst or any other private institution must abide by the regulations if he wishes to remain. Furthermore the very fact that such rules exist suggests that private school administrations associate long hair with something undesirable, probably some form of rebellion. Perhaps this indicates a prejudice. Many faculty members and 73% of the student body do think that there is an unfair pre-judgment against long-heired teenagers in education, and there has been little evidence of attempts to remedy this situation. The best argument in defense of hair length regulations is

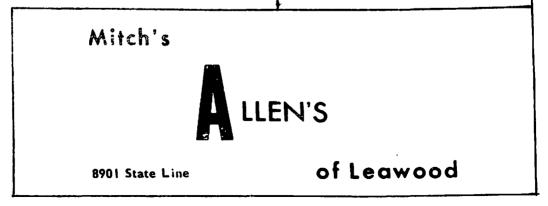
based on the idea that the student, as a member of society, must accept its norms if he wishes to be accepted.

Unfortunately, as long as long hair is connected with social rebellion, it won't become "socially acceptable." There is definitely hope that some day in the future a man can be a normal, respected member of society even though he has long hair and he won't be unfairly prejudged because of it. That day might seem far off but it is worthwhile to optimistically predict that the next generation will not be subjected to this ridiculous social prejudice because by that time our generation will determine what is "acceptable" and what is not.

One critic who contended that this topic had been enlarged way out of proportion proclaimed "Big hairy deal!" But this prejudice is important because it is typical of flaws in American society built upon unfortunate emotional associations.

Ken Felter





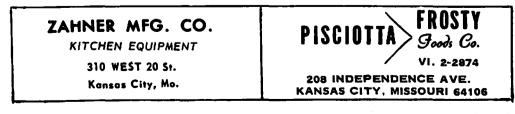


BROTHER WINDMUELLER

Rockhurst's rule book

Brother Windmueller's office at Rockhurst has two doors – one for the faculty and one for the students. Brother is the man who determines how the faculty and students work out their differences according to the structure of behavior that makes up discipline at Rockhurst. Added to this, Brother spends a great deal of time coordinating student activities, moderating the student council, and looking after athletic injuries and illness.

In his position between the teacher and the taught, Brother considers many factors which, taken properly into account, point out the shortcomings of a discipline system which springs only from a set of rules and regulations. Instead, the universal norm he pursues is that a "structured system" is necessary and useful if not overdone to the point of tyranny and that this structure must aim towards the common good and order of the school. At Rockhurst, this structure is flexible; individual factors in a particular problem are taken into account. Should a student look for a rule book, he will find none. This fact alone, Brother feels, makes our system a personal, valuable one. Brother Windmueller, as the man in place of a rule book, must evaluate all facets of a particular problem; that is, he must approach it from the student's view and from the faculty's view and then decide whether to deal with it personally or to submit it to more formal proceedings involving an interview with the Student Welfare Board and thence a possible review before the expulsion board. Because of the system of individualized review, though, these steps are rather extreme and a student may rightly feel he is meeting his doom in going before the expulsion board. Another dimension in Brother's task in discipline concerns the explanation of various decisions to those concerned. This easily expands itself into a counseling position. Brother, who recognizes this part of the job, says his door will never be closed on anyone who needs to talk over a problem – but he cannot seek out every troubled student; they must come to him. He will always give reasons for a decision. Naturally, he



can't guarantee satisfaction to all parties involved – to do so, he feels, would bend the system to the breaking point.

Caught in the middle of many grievances, pressured occasionally by faculty and students alike, he often feels the distrust both sides hold towards the one man who in most cases lays down the final word. Regrettable as this is, it is an inevitable part of his job, for either the students or the faculty will feel, sometimes, that their rights have been compromised. Brother feels it is no easy job to convince someone whose mind is made up otherwise that he is subordinate to and responsible for the common good. Moreover, Brother's trying to determine what the common good is often becomes a risky task. The grumblings of those who may feel they have been cheated can disorder the system.

The job itself, then, draws Brother into all phases of student life - extra curricular, scholarly, and personal. Any time spent in dealing with friction or problems arising in these areas is time well spent, he feels, since the welfare of the individual is either threatened or at stake. So it is that Brother bases his approach not on a group of idealistic principles formulated in an inner sanctum, but on a firm but personal basis. It is necessary that he force compliance. but in using a different approach for each problem he hopes to maintain order without driving individuals away grumbling about abuse of rights and an unbalanced scale of justice.

John Best

FACULTY ADVISORY BOARD

Dedication

Six men dedicated to Rockhurst High School make up the Faculty Advisory Board. They are: Mr. Crowe, Mr. Murdock, Fr. Udick, S.J., Fr. Borer, S.J., and Brother Windmueller, S.J. These men assist Fr. Kloster in making decisions and changes concerning all aspects of the school. They meet every two weeks

to discuss all matters of importance in the school and to bring up any ideas that any one of them might have.

Although its business is not made public, many changes in the school have come directly from this board. Free study hall for Seniors originated at one of the board's meetings. Also, the board meets from time to time with the Student Subcommittee. All complaints and suggestions of the students are brought to the board by student representatives and together they discuss all ideas that each may have concerning the topic. All major changes in the school brought about by the students must come before the board. The board then accepts or rejects the idea based on its value to the school and the student body.

The Faculty Advisory Board serves as an aid to Fr. Kloster and to the students themselves. All its decisions are made with the betterment of Rockhurst in mind, so that we can make Rockhurst the school we want it to be.

Bob Wholey

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YOUTH TRAFFIC COURT

The teenagers' part

In December of 1951, a tragic accident, obviously the result of reckless driving, took the lives of two youths and seriously crippled a third. Consequently, a council of representatives from each of the area high schools undertook the formation of the first Youth Traffic Court for teenagers in Kansas City. Presently, there are three Youth Councils and Traf-Courts in operation: Southwest, Northwest, and Midtown.

These councils undertake various programs to show that teenagers do have a part in our society. For example, an upcoming program proposes a Christmas show for an orphanage. For the program a Christmas tree will be set up and, along with a large room of the orphanage, will be decorated for an assembly not only of the council but of anyone interested. Finally, these activities will be capped with Christmas carols and a distribution of gifts.

More ideas are forthcoming. Starting sometime early next year, the Southwest Council will sponsor a road rally and safety-check. In one rally sponsored by the Midtown Council, the Rockhurst entry placed first with the best time of one hour and thirty-eight minutes and a total of ninety points out of a possible one hundred.

Perhaps the main function of the councils is the Youth Traffic Courts. If a student of a participating high school is convicted of a traffic violation, he is ordered by the judge to appear at the next session of the Youth Court. The court then attempts to solve the problem with the cooperation of the parents of the student and the student himself by asking for their signatures on an honor bound pledge to suspend the student's driving privileges for a specified period. The council also requests the offender's support in efforts made by area teenagers to solve not only their own problems but the city's as well.

Rockhurst is represented in the Southwest district court by Tim Morrow, Bill Moxey, Steve Bauer, Fred Nicholson, Jim Gubera, Mike Bono, Joe Wells, Bill O'Brien, Paul White, and Mark Roby.

Fred Nickolson

This work usually begins one to two months before the mixer or major dance (though there have been times when the Band Committee was forced to get a band in four days for an unscheduled mixer).

Many factors have to be considered when choosing a band, such as: their popularity in the Kansas City area, the type of music they play, the price, the date and nature of the planned dance, and most importantly, the diversity of likes and dislikes of Rockhurst students with regard to bands. After these factors have been evaluated, a band is contacted and if possible, booked.

Too often, the problem is that few students realize the problems facing the Band Committee. Since I am chairman of the committee, I hear all the comments, both good and bad, concerning the bands we've had. Speaking for the committee, I can say that we have honestly appreciated any criticism that has been offered. It must be realized, however, that the committee has many restrictions on the bands it can select. Everyone cannot be pleased. What the committee has tried to do is make Rockhurst dances something which will satisfy everyone at some time or other.

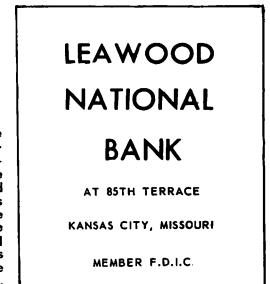
Joe Cambiano (senior)

STUDENT SECTION

BAND COMMITTEE

You can't please everyone

Before each dance at Rockhurst, the Decorations Committee tediously prepares the visual effects that will contribute to that affair's success. The planning takes place months before and is almost as tedious as the preparations themselves. However, decorations alone do not make the dance. To make the evening a maximum success a good band must accompany the atmosphere that has been created. Contacting this band is the work of the Rockhurst Band Committee.



Sports

VARSITY FOOTBALL

A player's review

The '67 Rockhurst High Football team's quest for the seemingly unreachable fell almost absurdly short, and to some people this failure is the sum total of the '67 season. But if all you are looking for in the game of football is a great record then you are in for a lot of disappointments, because they don't come every year. At Rockhurst the football team is much more than the record it compiles. It is a school fighting to maintain a great spirit, and the joy and heartbreak of athletic competition.

Football begins weeks before most Rockhurst students even start thinking of school. Towards the middle of August the squad began the season that the seniors had been looking forward to for four years. Immediately Tom Nied and Pete Santoro were chosen team captains. Through those first hot weeks it seemed like Hell; some made the team, others did not. From those who did a unit of 33 players was molded, and they were ready to set out upon their quest. The season started out in a winning way with the team rolling to three straight victories. After a convincing win over Kapaun the feeling was generally "get by Ward and you've got it made''. The team was ready and they fought valiantly to the last play, against Ward, but the Rockhurst men were destined to go down in bitter defeat. Just what this defeat meant could be seen on the faces of dispairing Rock-





In the Pocket. Dan Boylan fades back to let loose of a long bomb, against N.K.C., while Kelly Disser and Joe DiGiovanna provide excellent pass blocking.

hurst football players. The dream which they fostered for four years was shattered seemingly beyond repair. The tears which filled the eyes of the supposedly toughest bunch in school told the story far better than words ever could. Rockhurst had been knocked down and did not fully recover until the end of the season.

Meige was next and the Rock was down, unable to regain its feet in time. We were beaten in every way by Miege. After this defeat the reality that you must go on even when all seems lost struck home and the pride which was so badly diminished, but not smothered, began to flare up from deep inside again.

The team showed they still could be great by soundly trouncing a good Raytown South squad; the the momentum was not great enough, and Rockhurst slid through it's next two games playing uninspired football, losing to Ruskin, while beating North Kansas City.

Then something happened. Although the hope of an undefeated season could no longer be realized, a feeling that much of the season could be salvaged by defeating De La Salle ran through the minds of both the team and students. The team knew they would win. This was one they owed themselves. The students' enthusiasm was made evident by several spontaneous pep rallies utilizing the rec-room facilities; but once again they were to taste defeat. You have not seen frustration until you looked into the eyes of the Senior players who knew that they would never again play for Rockhurst.

Yes, they had lost; but had they failed? The answer to this can be told by the play of one of the most outstanding guys to ever walk the corridors of Rockhurst. With thirty-eight seconds left in the game Pat McMahon picked off a pass and outran players much faster than he, in a final effort to prove what he already knew. Rockhurst '67 was indeed a great team. Not necessarily in record but indeed in spirit!

Tim Dobel

Parent's night

Despite the icy weather, many Rockhurst students and many parents of the team came in full force to see the Hawks trounce the Hornets of North Kansas City 19-0. It was Parents' Night, and mothers and sisters of the players proudly displayed the corsages they were given before the game.

On the field, the Rock defense once again lived up to its reputation, holding the Hornets scoreless, intercepting three passes, and allowing them seventy total yards for the night. Pete Santoro led the Hawks with fourteen tackles and one interception. Kelly Disser and Pat McMahon were also credited with interceptions. The strongest team effort of the game came in the second quarter when the N.K.C. offense was held five times within Rockhurst's five yard line.

Offensively, Rockhurst gave N.K.C. a taste of its potent pass threat and led them a fierce ground attack. The first score of the game came towards the end of the first quarter, on a thirty yard pass play over the middle from Dan Boylan to auick-handed Jerry Reardon. From then on, the offense used its well known ground attack to roll over the Hornets. Dick Matthews proved that 140 pounds of guts and speed can go a long way. Dick's first T.D. came from one yard out in the second quarter after a twenty-five yard drive. After Pat McMahon's brilliant interception of a Hornet pass in the end zone and a forty-five yard run-back, Rock-



North K.C. displays rugged pile on tactics with Joe DiGiovana the primary target. Jerry Bauers seems to be the only unaffected Hawk.

hurst started its last drive. Again led by Matthews, the Hawks went on to score their final touchdown on a fifty-five yard drive with Dick going over from the 2.

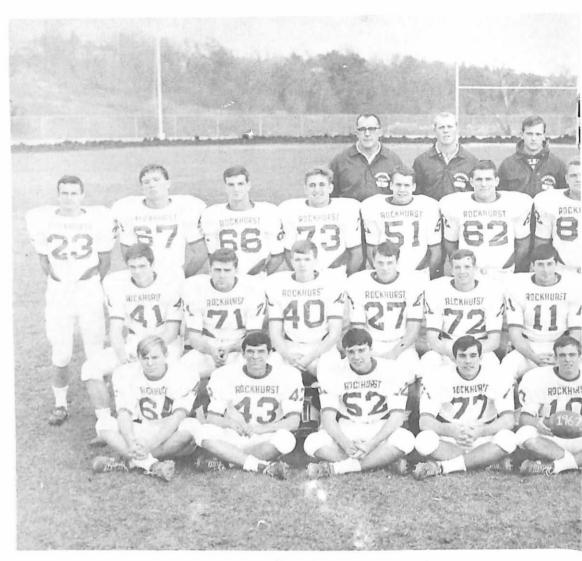
To celebrate the victory, the players and their families gathered in the school cafeteria after the game for doughnuts and hot coffee.

Tim Morrow

Finis

At 5:45 P.M. on November 10, the thirty-six varsity football players of Rockhurst High began the final preparations for the biggest game of their season. For some it was the biggest, and last, organized football game of their lives. Tonight was the De La Salle game, and this was the only thing in the minds of these thirty-six as they filed into the chapel for prayers.

At 6:00 they began their last silent march down the asphalt drive to the fieldhouse. Each player was intense, but not tight. They recalled last year when the whole squad was so tight that they make mistakes, mistakes that cost them the ball game. They dressed silently, concentrating on the upcoming game. For the seniors this was it – their last game, their last chance to get De La Salle. They remembered the old, worn whiskey jug which sat on the huge pedestal in the gym four years ago. It



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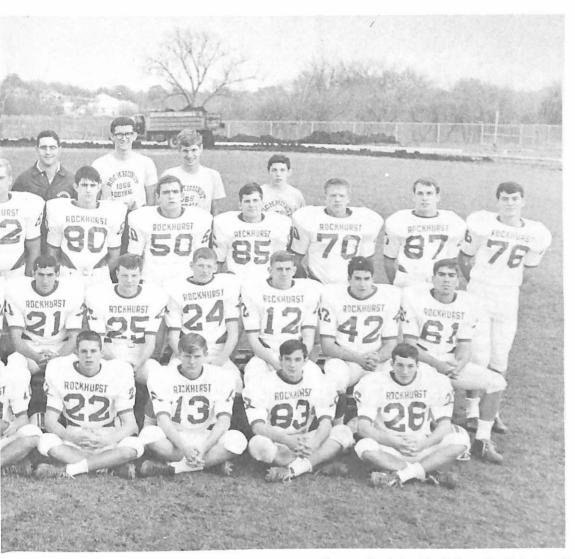
T. Mullin, J. King, M. Hodes, R. Pribyl, Jn. Bauers, T. Nied, P. Santoro, F. Martin, D. Matthews, P. McMahon, J. DiGiovanna, T.

was there for two months and has not been seen at Rockhurst since. They had vowed to remove it from its spot at 15th and Paseo and bring it back to its rightful home on State Line.

At 7:45 the team heard the final pregame strategy. They had waited a year since that last disappointing defeat. They had worked hard all year and were now ready to go out and show the kind of football that they were capable of playing.

As the Hawklets took the field to the roar of the filled grandstands, it seemed that nothing could stop them tonight – this was their night. The squad was confident and ready. However, the fates were not with Rockhurst that night. The game was a story of De La Salle breaks, costly penalties, and key interceptions. At half time the score was 13-0, De La Salle's favor.

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Dobel Third row: B. Schoonover, V. Nowak, Jr. Bauers, D. Hanover, B. Poland, K. Disser, R. Nelthorpe, M. Stockbauer, J.

The team had not given up, however, and neither had the student body. As the squad came out at second half, over 400 students made a yelling, howling path to the Hawklet bench. The Rockhurst pride was still alive.

In the second hald, the Hawklets scrounged and fought for every inch of turf, but still they lacked that little extra something it takes to put the ball over the goal line. Once again costly

Hayes, B. Judy, K. Fahey, C. Whitakes, M. McGuire Fourth Row: Coach Davis, Coach Cowan, Coach Cronin: Managers R. Wall, P. Terry, T. McGraw Missing J. Redding,

penalties and interceptions halted 3 key drives. Still the team battled De La Salle with all their might and never gave up, even in the last minute when Pat McMahon picked off a pass and made a remarkable 96 yard run for a touchdown. At this stage, with only 37 seconds left, Rockhurst still had no doubt that they could win.

extra something it takes to put the ball When the scoreboard showed no time over the goal line. Once again costly left, it also told the final score – De



Mobile, agile and Virgile, Dave Tremble, Joe DiGiovanna, Phil Poppa lead the interference for potential long yardage as Dick Mathews turns on the juice.

La Salle 13, Rockhurst 6. In the dressing room, a few tears were shed in the deathly silence. The seniors, removing the soiled, sweaty uniforms for the last time, realized that for the fourth year in a row Rockhurst had failed to regain the Little Brown Jug. They turned to the juniors who promised to nail down the evasive victory next year. It was a tough one to lose, but the team was proud of of its performance. They had stuck in there and fought De La Salle to the last second; they had nothing to be ashamed of.

At 10:15 P.M. the thirty-six players filed out of the locker room together. They were wondering whether or not the student body would accept them in defeat. Their question was soon answered as about 50 students, who had been waiting outside for their team, came up to congratulate the squad on a good game. Nobody gave up on Rockhurst.



Even in the fade of defeat, the fierce pride never left the Rock. Rockhurst pride – that is the story of the De La Salle game.

John Bauers

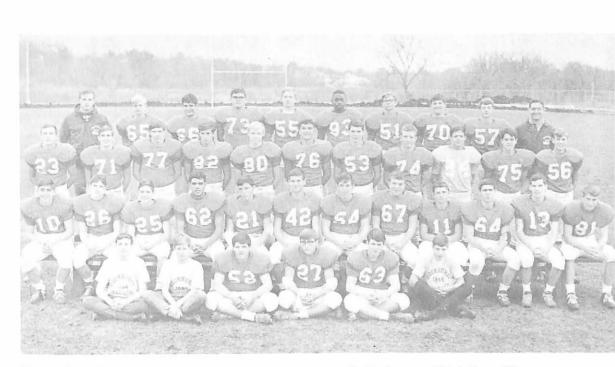
J. V. FOOTBALL

Incomplete

The Rockhurst Junior Varsity football team started out the season well, defeating the Southwest J.V. 13-0. The team made their first score of the season when Dennis Draney picked up a blocked punt and fell with the ball into the end zone. But Southwest came back with a touchdown and a safety, taking a 8-6 half time lead. Then, after a scoreless third quarter, the Hawklets drove in at 2, 3, 4 and 5 yards a crack with Dennis Egan climaxing the drive on a nine yard sweep. This was the only setback for the Southwest J.V.

The next Monday, the J.V. played the Bears of William Chrisman on our field. This game was just as successful of the Rock as they defeated the Bears 19-0. Steve Kelly was the running star of





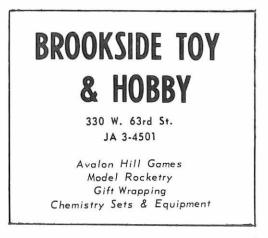
Bottom Row (l. to r.) Becker (tr.), Hastings (mang.), O'Malley, Hasty, Beaven, Donnelly (mang.) Second Row: Welsh, Karniski, Holland, Estevez, Coupe, Henehan, Callahan, Gaughan, Tierney, Dunn, S. De-

this game as he swept the right end for a 52 yard TD and a 30 yard gain setting up a Dan Henehan score. Later in the game, Doug Hasty scored for the Hawklets.

The following week the J.V. journeyed to Parade Park to do battle with the Titans. After spotting them a touchdown advantage, the J.V. came back in the final quarter when Herb Sizemor blocked a punt and Phil DeCoursey picked it up and ran it in for the score. The Hawklets then recovered a fumble but time ran out before the team could push the ball over. Final score Rockhurst 6, De La Salle 13.

The fourth game was a tight one against Ward as the Hawklets got two first half touchdowns, one on an intercepted pass by Rick Holland, who ran it back all the way, and another on a one yard plunge by Herb Sizemore. The second half the defense held on for the win. Final score 13-6 Rockhurst over Ward. Coursey, P. DeCoursey Third Row: Winger, Thornhill, McCarthy, Draney, Simpkins, McCart, Weber, Sirridge, Nelson, Bukaty, Brewer Fourth Row: Coach Cowan, Alvord, Abboud, Christian, Kloster, Treat, Coleman, Miller, Burnha, Coach Cronin

The Miege game was the J.V.'s finest. Led by quarterback Dan Welsh, who three five touchdown passes, the Hawklets trounced the Stags, 41-6. The receivers of Welsh's passes were Phil DeCoursey (twice), Doug Hasty (twice) and Greg Simpkins. Dan Henehan also ran for a TD. The offensive line of Rick





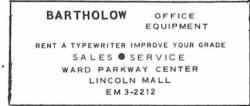
Bust? Rabid Hawks fans form a human tunnel from the lockerroom to the bench in anxious anticipation of the second half arrival of their fired up Rock eleven.

Weber, Gary Christian, Dave Tremble, John Gaughn, Mike Meyers, Mike Lewer, Ron Estevez, and Mike McGuire did a tremendous job blocking not only in this game but all year.

The next contest was a bad one for the Hawklets, as they were beaten by the Raytown South Cardinals. The South quarterback – their varsity quarterback – found cracks in the Rockhurst defense and led his team to a 26-13 win. The only bright point in this game was that the Hawklets never gave up.

The following Monday found the Hawklets at Ruskin, where they outplayed the Golden Eagles 19-0. Ed Pate, who was the running star of the game, had 125 yards rushing and one touchdown in the first half alone. Paul Disser and Dan Henehan also scored for the Hawklets. The defense kept the the Eagles inside their thirty yard line the whole second half as well as most of the first.

Two weeks later North Kansas City came south and handed the J.V. their final defeat, 19-13. The Northmen struck early for two TD's before Dan Henehan broke loose for a Rockhurst score. In the third quarter the Hornets struck again for



six points. But the desire was still in the Hawklets as they drove and scored again. Time ran out too soon for the Hawklets, however.

The end of the season came on a hollow note, as the Celtics of O'Hara cancelled their game with Rockhurst, after several postponements.

A largely sophomore team, the J.V. provided all its members with a great deal of valuable experience, and an irreplaceable winning spirit, in chalking up a season of five wins against three losses.

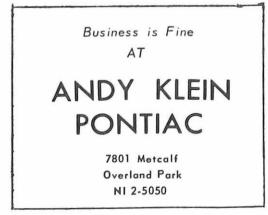
Herb Sizemore

FROSH FOOTBALL

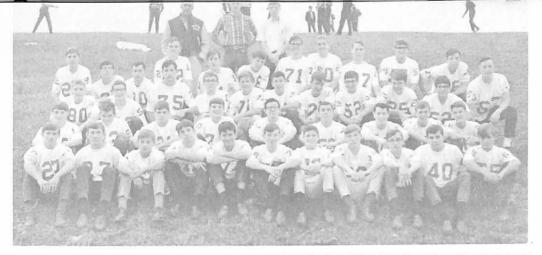
Fundamentals

The football season for the Rockhurst freshmen was a disappointing one. As anyone on the team can tell you, something was definitely missing.

The first few days of tryouts for some one-hundred freshmen were pretty tough. Each individual person was trying to outdo the others in running ability, and strength. But, ability or not, everyone who went out for football made a team. There were two teams, the freshmen varsity and the freshmen "B" team. With so many boys to pick from, and so much talent it seemed as though the football season was going to look quite successful.



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Front Row (I. to r.) S. Klenklen, T. Foster, G. Sinovic, K. Gerling, J. Livers, J. Bowen, E. Holland, M. Phillips, K. Kennally, T. Williams, L. Burchett, Second Row: D. Gilliland, P. Herrington, J. McNellis, M. Lillig, D. Chartrand, B. Clarkson, J. Alyward, D. Kelly, M. Davis, Third Row: M. Drummond,

After many hard, hot weeks of practice the freshmen were about to play their first game as a Rockhurst team against lrvin Junior High. The team played well but it lost 12-0. Irvin scored early on an intercepted pass and a sixty yard runback. Their last touchdown came late in the fourth quarter on a twenty-yard off tackle play. Pete Martin, was a standout for Rockhurst, making numerous tackles, some behind the line of scrimmage.

When the freshmen took the field against Ward, it looked like a victory was in store for them. But in the first half, Ward scored two touchdowns on B. VanBuskirk, R. Stauffer, G. Laird, B. Schnable, T. Tamasi, L. Migliazzo, D. Egan, J. Cambell, G. Kelling, Fourth Row: B. Thedinger, B. Fowler, T. Drape, C. Winger, T. Roche, G. Stockbauer, S. Schopper, J. Schlegel, R. Judge, M. Haake, M. Eagan, Fifth Row: Coach Tuckness managers S. Hanover, R. Paradise

pass-plays, and a safety. With Ward holding a sixteen point lead going into the second half, Rockhurst decided to play some football. Ward was held to one first down the second half by a rigid defense. Late in the fourth quarter, Rockhurst scored their first touchdown, only to fall short 16-6. Jim McNellis played well at his safety position and Pete Martin looked good at linebacker. In the team's last game, they were hosts to De La Salle. At one point in the fourth quarter the Rock led 12-6; but midway in the fourth quarter, D.L.S. scored on a 60 yard drive scaling a 13-

Rockhurst Freshman "B" team. Top row (L to R) J. Ismert, J. Bolin, J. Knockemus, K. Ferrita, K. White, P. Corazzin, J. Fischer, M. Ryan Middle Row C. Thompson, T. Frey, B. Barr, J. Campbell, P. Gorman, R. Weiss Bottom Row J. Kenny, R. Krizman, D. Erwin, B. Cooke, T. Hughes, J. Lawless, J. Burnham.



12 victory. The Frosh had traveled to Miege only to fall 23-0. The O'Hara contest also resulted in a loss, 7-0. The other half of Frosh football produced the only win for the class of "'71" in a 13-0 victory over Ward. Their only other game evened up their record with 13-6 loss to De La Salle.

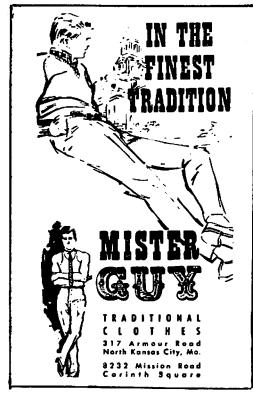
Overall the freshmen compiled a 1.5 record, but the record does not destroy the importance of the Freshman Football Program. The object is to learn fundamentals and to prepare for future varsity action. Undoubtedly many of those freshmen will see that action.

Mike Fagan

INTRAMURALS

Hey, We Got a Game

Now that the division title races are over and the sixth period quarterbacks are finished raking through the ashes, all eyes are turned toward the champs, Buggy's Bombers-Adair, Elliot, Kremer,



Hall, Fontana, Meyers, Mayer, and O'Brien. The Bombers used a triple threat to capture the title: Kremer, Keppel, and blind unadulterated luck, Not an overpowering team but a winning team.

The rest of the league did not give a bad showing of itself, with many good teams giving chase to the Bombers. The awesome Holy Asgardian Stompers, the second best team, posted the best point total (94-6) with its sheer power and blazing speed.

An early contender, the Studs, was forced out of the race by a heartbreaking loss to the Stompers when an unidentified quarterback ran out of his own end-zone to give the stompers a 2-0 lead. Coach John Bauers after this loss said, "The boys just didn't have the usual spirit or execution to be the champions that they are. I guess we will have to wait for basketball season."

The Cakes had a lot of spirit, but also a lot of losses.

The TRPNEGB (Thor's Reorganized Psychedelic North-End Gandy Boppers) even with their Psychedelic 'I' could not beat their soul-based opponents. It was even beyond the power of the high god Hari Krishna to bring them a winning season.

In the Freshman Sophomore league, the Soul Brothers (Holland, Keener, Neiwrzel, Dobel, Haulton, Donnelly, O'Connor, Grovenberg, and Sanders) clinched the title very early in a seven team league.

Commissioners Bob Wholey and Phil Poppa of the Senior-Junior and Sophomore-Freshman leagues respectively did a very commendable job. They were in charge of the intricate scheduling and of getting the referees.

Mr. Koteenstette, S.J. and Mr. Cronin, S.J., did the unthankable job of handing out whistles and balls while Mike Poppa lined and relined the field.

From the first "Hey we got a game" to the last "We been robbed", the Rockhurst 1967 intramural football season was a fantastic success and many congratulations should be given to all those who participated.

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BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Rival's Roast

For the majority of Rockhurst stuents, it is that time of year again. Barren trees and biting northern breezes spell renewed action. The Rock gets ready for Basketball!

For the high-spirited bunch that daily assembles on the gym floor, the preparing stage is nearly over, the season has arrived. It has been "that time of year" since mid-October for the Nicklemen and their leader believes that they are ready.

The 1967-68 edition of the Rockhurst

roundballers promises months of laryngitis, high blood pressure and heart failure for loyal Hawk fans. This year features another quick, hustling cast of cagers who are hungry for some big wins.

Quickness, and good shooting are the by-words this year. Due to lack of size, the familiar fast-breaking, breath-taking, pressure style of play will be employed to stop some of the toughest opposition available. Some Rock boosters might consider the loss of sharpshooter John Hill a staggering blow to a club whose offense, and defense for that matter, was greatly in his hands. But Coach Nickel points to a new team with eight fine shooters led by senior forward Bill O'Connor, to



replace all-district forward Hill. Besides O'Connor, the Hawks return hustling Pete Santoro, Pat Brosnahan, Pete Kovich, and Pat McMahon to the guard spots, and dexterous ball-handler John Kafka at the post or forward position. Steve Fasona and Jim Williams will also strengthen the front line with shooting and all-important rebounding.

Rockhurst faces its usual rugged schedule, which includes such perennial powerhouses as Ward, Central and De La Salle, Although Mr. Nickel did not know much about the status of De La Salle, the loss of "shootin" Sal Capra could affect their club, Mr. Nickeldid mention that Cenral was hurt by graduation, losing Murvell McMurray, Ernest Jennings and Herman Sykes from their '67 state finalist team. Ward, however, looks great. They are big and strong, returning six foot five inchNick Kanatzar to the center spot. Coach added another club which he considers an important rival, Raytown South. His only comment about them was "strong," which speaks for itself.

We have all had an opportunity to view our exciting team in the annual Blue-White game. Whether or not you used the chance is your business. If you want a successful team, with a record to be proud of, support them with your presence. As Mr. Nickel said, "student body backing has a great psychological effect on the team. They can sense when the school really believes in them." It will take spirit and drive on the part of the entire student body, not just the players, to insure the great season that Rockhurst basketball should enjoy.

Rick Schneider

SOCCER PREVIEW

Continuity

After an undefeated season last year, Mr. Leonard McCabe, S.J., varsity soccer coach is readying his "booters" for another successful season. Practice is now under way and the team is looking forward to their first game, against Maur Hill, which is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon on our upper field.

Front line standouts are returning lettermen Mike Young and Tom Schnabel, who both are expected to have a most successful year. Returning defensive lettermen are Ron Pribyl, Pete Gorton Frank Martin, who, along with Rick Schneider, John Mulroy, and Steve Loftus, will make this year's squad as good as, if not better than, last year's team. Coach McCabe says, "This year's team will be good and solid with no real weak spots, although we're not as deep in some positions as we were last year."

The Rock kickers have scheduled games this year with Maur Hill, Miege, De La Salle and possibly others. Soccer as a spectator sport has found a growing interest both nationally and on a local level. It is a Varsity Sport here at the "Rock" and we should all give it our wholehearted support.

Rick Schneider





Ron Pribyl, Top of the Rock man for November, was defensive signal-caller for the '67 Hawk eleven.

Personalities

TOP OF THE ROCK

Total Involvement

What is it that gives Ron Pribyl the respect of the senior class and Rockhurst? It can be summed up as total involvement in whatever he does. During the fall, Ron is involved in football. For three years he lead his team as quarterback before switching to defensive halfback, at which position he earned a letter this year. The winter months are taken up by soccer. As a returning letterman Ron will be a mainstay of the always successful kickers. With Spring comes track season and Ron will be out to earn his second bar in track.

For many, keeping up this kind of pace is enough; but for Ron it is only a part of his work at the Rock. Since Freshman year, he has made first or second honors almost every quarter. Ron is also a member of the Letterman's club. Between sports and study you can find Ron working on a mixer, the paper drive, or the spring carnival. In everything he does Ron tries his best and always makes a success of it. Ron best fits the description of ''a hawk for all seasons.''

Howard Manning

'Good Humor' man

Would Rockhurst be Rockhurst without Bill O'Connor? Perhaps. But it surely would not be the same.

As one of Rockhurst's most noteworthy devotees of school spirit and as a cheerleader Bill cheered our football team through thick and thin this season. He digs in with both hands wherever he is needed, in the magazine drive or in the paper drive. Twice he has accepted the great responsibility of representing his class as Ugly Man for the missions drive.

Although Bill was cut from the basketball team his freshman year, he preserved until he merited a varsity letter his junior year. He is a starter on the varsity squad and is intent on earning another this year.

Bill is also known for being "swift with his fist" as one of his colleagues will verify showing a number of lumps. But there is more to Bill than this and his other achievements show. As all his friends know, Bill is the "good humor" man.

Mike McMullen

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Top of the Rock for this month, Bill O'Connor, is caught here in his basketball garb.

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AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Fine Finish

The annual Fall Awards assembly closed out the first phase of the sports program this year and also indicated a prosperous future.

The Varsity football team did not turn in a very impressive record (5-4) as it was not able to come up with a big win. Everytime we played a good team like Ward or De La Salle, a few costly mistakes and the need of a big play prevented victory. But special recognition should go to team captains Tom Neid and Pete Santoro, and also to Pat McMahon (who received the Bukaty Award) for their outstanding play in every football play in every football game.

The Junior Varsity, coached by Mr. Cowan, turned in a 5-3 record. With standout Juniors Jerry Reardon, Dan Boylan, Bill Schoonover, who played for the Varsity, and Dennis Egan, who quarterbacked for the J.V., next year's football team should be a good one.

The Rockhurst team to look out for next year will be Cross Country team, since it was made up mostly of Juniors and Sophomores. The coach, Mr. McCabe, S.J., said that although the team did not produce any great individual runner, the





Proud mon. Pat McMahon, flanked by team captains Tom Neid and Pete Santoro, receives, the Bukaty Award from Mike Garrett, for his exceptional sportsmanship, team leadership and ability on the field.

first five men gave Rockhurst its best team time in history.

The highlight of the assembly was Mike Garrett, halfback of the Kansas City Chiefs. He added witty comments and anecdotes as he talked about his highschool, college, and rookie season in pro-ball.

Curt Keppel

N. F. L.

Team Effort

In the short span of 4 weeks Rockhurst speechmen found themselves involved in five tournaments in the Kansas City area.

On October 20 and 21, Rockhurst entered three teams in the Washington High School Debate Tournament. Fighting their way through six rounds of preliminary debate with a 5-1 record, the debate team of Mike Smithmier and Joe

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STATE LINE SHOPPING CENTER 4606 Village Green Cambiano entered the Quarter-final round, and went on to capture the third place trophy. The following week, while the seniors encountered troubles at the Shawnee Mission West Tournament, the juniors and sophomores made their bid for NFL superiority. At the Shawnee Mission North Tournament sophomores Tom Krissek and Chip Campfield took fourth place, while at the Ruskin Tournament Mike Pasano and Bill Williams teamed up to claim Rockhurst's initial first place trophy of the year.

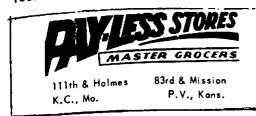
Two weeks later, Rockhurst debate teams found themselves outshone by R.H.S. individual performances at the North Kansas City Tournament. In his specialty, Extemporaneous Speaking, Joe Cambiano proved the best of eight finalist, taking first in this category. Meanwhile, in the field of Duet-Acting, the teams of Joe Kieffaber – Al Westrom and Jim Leroy – Bob Dolezal went to the final round, with Leroy – Lolezal taking 2nd place.

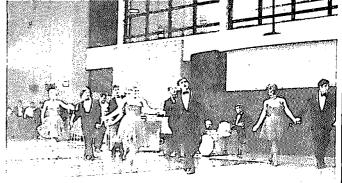
The year has just begun and already Rockhurst speechmen have brought home six pieces of hardware. Individual entries are strong and the varsity debate teams have a total record of 42 wins and 15 losses. The year should be a good one for the NFL.

Joe Cambiano

SWINGING CHORALIERS And The Beat Goes On

"The Swinging Choralers", from the University of Missouri at Kansas City, performed before a dubious and not too impressed student body in the first School assembly of the year. Organized only last year, the group, composed of six boys, six girls, a drummer and a pianist, presented a few song and dance routines based on some successful





Real Swingers. The first major assembly this year featured the UMKC Choraliers offering their singing and dancing talent in a selection of songs from Broadway musicals.

Broadway musicals. Their only purpose, in the emphatic words of their directorarranger William R. Fischer, is "EN-TERTAINMENT". For some reason, however, this goal, although known, was not felt to any great extent by the Rockhurst student body. General concensus is that the performance was good but not exceptional, since few high school students really appreciate the type o routine presented by the group. Neve theless, with much thanks for their time and effort, we now wish them all possible success in their future engagements.

Other assemblies scheduled for Rockhurst in the near future include the Rockhurst College Glee Club in December and a possible jazz concert sponsored by Kansas City Jazz Inc. This corporation is non-profit and hopes to re-establish Kansas City as a major center in the middlewest of live jazz performances. Exactly twenty concerts will be given by the Company, one, hopefully, at Rockhurst.

Mike Saunders

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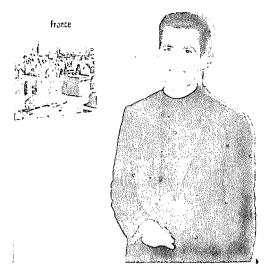
MR. CLAUDE MEYER, S. J. De France au Japon

Two days ago, I had the pleasure to meet Mr. Claude Meyer, S.J., a new scholastic in the Rockhurst High Jesuit Community. He struck me as a most impressive, dedicated, friendly, and admirable person. He is at our school to learn English, because it is the second language of the country to which he is going as a missionary: Japan. Furthermore through English he can more easily learn Japanese.

Born in Dinan, France, in 1940, he attended a Catholic secondary school, after which he followed his vocation and entered a diocesan seminary. He was most happy in studying for the priesthood, but felt that something was still missing. When he was drafted in 1959, he had time to decide what to do with his life while fulfilling his military obligation. He spent his first year on a French Air Base in Morocco and the remaining sixteen months teaching in an Algerian primary school during the French War with Algeria. By this time he realized that he wished to be not only a priest, but also a member of a reliaious order.

After his discharge, he entered the Jesuit order and returned to school. During this period he earned a graduate degree in philosophy from the University of Paris, one of the oldest and greatest universities in the world. Many of his young fellow Jesuits were training for the missionary life in Africa, and especially in Algeria. Mr. Meyer seriously considered the same course, for he also desired to follow in the tradition of early Christianity, when the Church was primarily missionary.

But what could be the reason for embarking upon such a venture? What is the fundamental reason for deciding upon any vocation, a vocation meaning one's work in life? Mr. Meyer believed that it was a realization of the fact that the experience of the light of Christ, the love of Christ, is essential to human life. And any person who experiences this will want to communicate it to others. And it is through an experience of the Catholic Church, and of the love



French Ambassador. The newest member of the Rockhurst faculty, Mr. Claude Meyer, S.J., who is here from France to learn English, stands next to a picture of his home city, Dianan.

which Christ told us that we must have for all men, that one can most fully experience this light of Christ. But for each person, the decision as to what precisely he will do in life must be his own, according to the way he understands his own situation.

I was most impressed by Mr. Meyer's decision. He chose to be a missionary to Japan. The Japanese culture of today is one which is most interesting, for it is a nixture, an integration of both the traditional Oriental cultures and the modern Western cultures. It is one in which missionaries are accepted, but it is also a difficult one for them to penetrate. Mr. Meyer felt that it was important work and was strongly impressed by the need for missionaries in Asia, since the number of priests there is very small although the majority of the world population lives in this area.

He does not know as yet what he will be doing, whether it will be social work or parish work, or that which is the most interesting to him: working with students in a university. But he will attempt to do his small part in spreading the experience of Christ, and I am sure that we all are hopeful that he will accomplish this purpose.

Paul Sinclair