

Prep News

Rockhurst High School

March, 1967



COVER STORY:

Smiles lit up the faces of the Varsity basketballers as Rockhurst had just defeated Raytown South in the Lee's Summit regional final. From left to right happiness is personified in Kerry Reardon, Doug Bruce, John Hill, Coach Marion Nickel, Pete Kovich, Bob Fitzgerald, Tom Hughes, Steve Fasone, Jim Donaldson, John Kafka, and Mark Beauchamp.

From the editor's desk

March is a month which closes out the Basketball Season, the Paper Drive, and the Third Quarter of the school year. The State Tournament regionals which began March 3 marked the official closing of the regular basketball season. Our team finished in fine fashion by sweeping through the Lee's Summit regional, but unfortunately we were eliminated by the Joplin team which finally captured the state title. The paper drive, held March 6-11, turned out to be a fiercely contested battle between the Seniors and Juniors. The Seniors, who had been saving for a long time, were met head-on by the juniors who made a strong comeback. On March 21st and 22nd, the students finished up this quarter's work with the Third Quarter exams. Although the Third quarter is sometimes called the "slump-quarter," many students have been working hard for good grades, so they can get exempt from finals at the end of the year.

Although March is a closing-out month, it is definitely a time for hard work. During this month preparations were begun for the Spring Dance and the Second Semester Play. Many students helped after school to develop the Op Art theme for the Spring dance. Simultaneously, other students rehearsed every night as actors, singers, or dancers to make "Of Thee I Sing" enjoyable to all. If we can have a big attendance at both these upcoming events, the month of March will have been truly gratifying for all who have worked in any of these events.

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Campus

SENIOR RETREATS

Sounds of silence

This January and February, the seniors went on closed retreats at the Immacolata Retreat House at Liberty. The retreats lasted for two and a half days, starting about noon and ending with benediction about four o'clock on the last days. This year the price of the retreat was reduced from twenty-five dollars to fifteen dollars by having a priest and scholastic from Rockhurst give the retreat. The priest conducted the talks and both the priest and the scholastic were available for counseling.

The day started at six o'clock with breakfast following at seven. During all the meals, Fr. William Bowden S.J., the retreat house director, played tapes on various themes. After breakfast a series of talks in the chapel began with breaks in between for reflection. During these breaks the retreatants were free to go to their rooms or wander over the thirty acres of the retreat area in silence. The afternoon exercises began with Mass in the chapel. Following Mass were more talks, hopefully helping the retreatants to put their lives in perspective and shedding light on their problems.

With the uninterrupted quiet atmosphere of the retreat house, the retreat-

1-2-3 Kick. *The marching drum band from Springfield Parkview presented an attention-drawing half-time show.*



ants were better able to understand God's will than if they had made the retreat at school. This is especially important since senior year is a turning point in their lives, and this may be the last retreat they will make.

LATIN CONTEST

Ovid Students

On December seventh, Latin class 4-207 took the 40th Annual Mid-West Jesuit High School test. The test consisted of two parts: a translation of a Latin selection into modern English and an English essay on some aspect of the Aeneid.

This year Rockhurst entered papers by Mark Stephens, Doug Bruce, and Steve Chartrand, who finished first, ninth, and twelfth respectively. This was an improvement over last year when Rockhurst papers finished second and tenth, but fell short of two years ago when Rockhurst entries finished first, second, and third.

PAPER DRIVE

Papyrus pilers

The annual Rockhurst paper drive got under way with traditional vigor and lasted through the first full, frantic week of March. With fifty class trophy points at stake for the class collecting the most waste paper, magazines, and cardboard, all classes scoured the city for the coveted scraps. Dump trucks, pick-up trucks, stationwagons and Volkswagens were to be seen on the streets of Metropolitan Kansas City, driven by students and their crews, gathering paper by the ton. Large cube-shaped recepticals were placed on the parking lot by the Abbc Co. for paper accumulation.

Final results of the drive indicate wholehearted co-operation by the student body. More paper was collected during this year's drive than in the two preceding years combined. Over one hundred tons of waste paper was collected. It was divided in the following way: freshmen, 25,185 pounds; sophomores, 44,125 pounds; seniors, 65,855 pounds for second place and twenty-five class trophy points; and juniors, 70,505 pounds for first place and fifty class trophy points. The Student Council congratulated all participants for a tremendous success.

SPRING DANCE

Op what?

Dizzying optical illusions, psychedelic lighting effects, the sound of the R.C.A. recording stars "The Blue-things" - these will be the highlights of the 1967 Spring Dance. The dance committee began the planning stage early in March. Their designs call for panels of chaotic op art in the recreation room, while eerie banks of soft, flashing lights will cast shifting shadows on the dance

Holy Lumber! Tom McNamara with the assistance of Andy Bell and Mike Mitchell works on scenery for the spring dance.



Thwaack. The juniors eagerly unload a truckload of paper. They unloaded enough to come in first.

floor. Freshmen volunteers will again lend their eager services as soda-jerks and purse-checkers. Considering that third quarter exams will just be over and that the fee for an incomparable night's enjoyment will be nominal, a large turnout is fully expected. This year's Spring Dance, from all indications, could even surpass the traditionally high caliber of former Rockhurst dances.

UGLY MAN

I'll buy a gross

Any outsider who walked in during February 18th's faculty-intramural all star basketball game would have been thoroughly confused at the weird goings on. For this event was the annual crowning of our ugliest man and the bestowing of prizes. Mike Gaughan stood poised in front of a "highly sensitive" contraption referred to by him as his beloved Clappo-Meter. Five hesitant people (the

four class homely men and Jim Rusconi, a prize) seemed to want to sink into the wall behind Yogi. The Clappo-Meter registered larger totals as Jim King with \$71.78, Leo Kallenberger with \$78.78, Pat Kelly with \$164.00, and finally Wally Morgan with \$300.08 entered the arena.

Such prizes as a spaghetti dinner at Pete Santoro's and a certificate for plastic surgery, good at any hospital, were awarded.

A record breaking total of \$1036.41 was collected for the missions: \$614.64 for the contest itself, \$398.32 for the game and mixer, and \$23.45 for concessions. All in all, the Ugly Man Contest was a tremendous success.

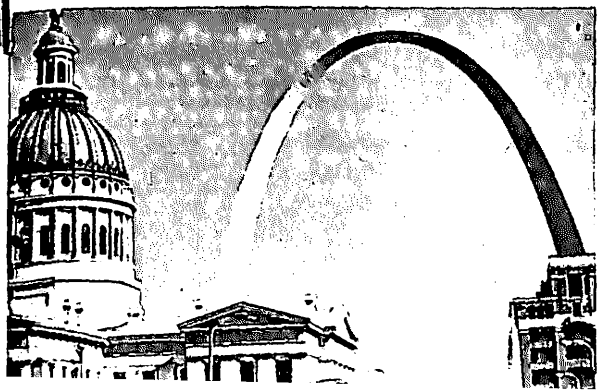
SALE-O-RAMA

Rummaging

The fifth annual rummage sale sponsored by the Rockhurst Mother's Club was held February seventeenth and eighteenth in the basement of the Jesuit Residence. A great variety of merchandise, such as furniture, toys, books, clothes, and jewelry, was sold at bargain prices.

This year the Sale-O-Rama netted eight thousand dollars. This great success was largely due to the services of the co-chairmen, Mrs. Henrietta Mailliard and Mrs. Louise Grovenburg, and to Fr. Mattione S.J., Fr. Steiner S.J., and Fr. Puricelli S.J.

Somewhere, over.... The St. Louis Gateway Arch, framed by the old state capitol and a hotel.



N.F.L.

Golden tongues

On February 18 the Debate teams attended two tournaments, the U.M.K.C. Championship debate tournament and the Sedalia tournament in regular debate. At U.M.K.C., the team of Jim Grigsby, Walt Karniski, Mark Stephens, and Tim Keary combined to win the first place trophy; and in Sedalia the sophomores took both first and third places. Mike Bowen and Lucian Piane came out on top, and Mike Pasano and Bill Williams managed to get as far as the semifinals.

The next weekend, the tournament at U.M.K.C. continued with individual speaking events. Rockhurst was by far the top team there, with victories by Bob Thedinger in original oratory, Mark Stephens in radio speaking, and Mike Kellman in extemporaneous speaking. Mike Pace and Mike Burke also contributed fine performances in adding to the sweepstakes victory.

On March 3 and 4, the championship debate team went to Ozark, Missouri, in preparation for the NFL tournament. Mike Kellman, Paul Linton, Joe Cambiano, and Jim Grigsby took the first and second place trophies, being the unanimous choices of the judges in quarter-finals and semi-finals. Cambiano was also triumphant in extemporaneous speaking.

March 10 and 11 was the weekend of both the NFL state tournament and the American Legion state oratorical contest. At the NFL tournament, Mike Kellman finished third in a closely contested boys' extemporaneous speaking contest. At the American Legion contest, Bob Thedinger emerged as state champion for the second year in a row. He will now go on to compete at the regional and, hopefully, the national tournaments.

Coming activities are the MSHSAA State tournament and the Catholic League Student Congress.

Features

TEENAGE DRINKING

In an age considered by many to be the decadent period preceding the downfall of the great United States, increasing attention is being brought to the problem of teenage drinking. Why do teenagers drink? The answer to this question is as involved as the reasons people smoke, take drugs, or demonstrate for peace in Vietnam. Certainly no one sentence answer such as those proffered by a vast number of oversimplifiers will completely answer this question. A brief look into the nature of the society which harbors this problem will help to ascertain the motives of the young drinker.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not only accepted, it is encouraged in the United States today. Advertising goes overboard to present the tantalizing prospects of the "beer light enough to leave room for an encore." How often have we seen the smiling bartender present a drooling customer with a sloshing mug of foam and say, "Mister, when you're out of Schlitz, you're out of beer." Page after page of the leading magazines scream out the mellowness of a brand of whiskey, the perfection of a bottle of gin, or the refreshing qualities of a daquiri mix. Advertising is not the only offender, however: books, plays, and movies present drinking as a function no less basic than shoe-tying. Confronted with these ideals, it is little wonder that the curious teenager is quite ready to investigate the wonders of the bottle with a little gustatory experimentation.

The pre-21 drinker, however, is not excused from responsibility for his activities simply because drinking is painted as an alluring picture by society. It is not as if today's youth are pro-

grammed android victims of their environment. Contrary to popular belief, teenagers do enjoy some degree of intelligence, and possess moral codes. Consequently, many, if not most, do not drink. Those who do, however, appeal to various reasons for their exploits, and a deeper analysis will reveal that all their excuses will find their way to one of four major categories.

Certainly the most publicized set of young drinkers are those who drink primarily for status. Their reasons for drinking are too often exploited as the only reasons for teenage drinking. In fact, though, the majority of such drinkers will be found in the lower age group of the teen set. These are the show-offs who feel that heavy drinking fulfills the requirements of virile manhood, and places them head and shoulders above their teetotaling colleagues. With a drink in their hand, they stand equal to such immortals as James Bond, Mickey Spillane, and Matt Helm. These babies will generally be found drinking in a crowd of friends, or at least where they can be seen. To become drunk is, for them, ultimate testimony to their virility. Many are recognized as graduates from the familiar genre of the "neighborhood firsts" boys - first to smoke behind the garage, first to play hookey, or first to steal a toy from a store. No psychoanalytic novelties here, just self-evident immaturity, which will probably be outgrown.

A more encompassing motivation of alcohol consumption by youth is the well-known "forbidden fruit" syndrome. Even the show-off drinker is partially included in this category, for it is the illegality of the matter which affords his drinking its appeal. More specifically, however, this syndrome is the motivating influence for a great many teenage drinkers. The excitement of possessing forbidden goods and the danger of being caught casts a pleasurable aura of intrigue over any routine party. The thrill of avoiding police while "bombing

around" in a car, not to mention the intrinsic pleasure of intoxication, provides the youth aspiring for excitement with a large measure of it. As the teenager approaches the age of twenty-one, though, the excitement he derives from illegal drinking dwindles and eventually disappears.

An infinitely more serious problem than either the show-off drinker or the thrill seeker is the teen who uses the bottle as a means of escape. An appalling danger exists that this habit might not be so easily overcome. The teenage years are congested with many deep fits of depression. The youth who discovers that the bottle is a release for these depressions places himself in a precarious position on the brink of alcoholism. Extensive reliance on the bottle will inevitably result in a breakdown of character and morals if not a breakdown of the body. Clearly, a teenager in this position is saddled with a deeper psychological neurosis and needs professional help.

There exists another group of teenagers who consume alcoholic beverages. They are not interested in excessive consumption. They have learned the correct way to drink—knowledge lacking to many adults. Many are allowed to drink at home and have realized the value and dangers of alcohol. This group fills out the picture of teenage drinking and points up an interesting conclusion.

The show-off, the thrill-seeker, the weak-willed, and the practical-minded will be found in any age group, and are not limited to the framework of the teenage set. The incompetent drinker is incompetent no matter what age he is. Although there is admittedly a larger number of incompetent drinkers among the ranks of teenagers, the youthful "grape-tasters" drink for nearly the same reasons adults do, or at least, did. During the Prohibition era, adults reacted in the same way teens do today when liquor was unavailable; only their antics

were on a much grander scale. Alcohol by its very nature draws people to it, and teenage inquisitiveness compounds the attraction. The problem of youthful drinkers, if it is a problem, will probably never be solved. The too young will always drink as long as liquor is available. The question, therefore, seems not to be "What is the matter with this younger generation?" but rather "If liquor is such an evil to youth, why is it so available to them?"



"WHEN" SIES

Saturday April 1

Spring Dance, with the Blue Things
Track: Washington Relays

Friday April 7

Track: Southeast Relays at 7:00 P M

Tuesday April 11

Track: Rockhurst, Ward, and DeLaSalle
at Ward 4:00 P M
Third Quarter Honors Assembly

Friday April 14

Track: William Jewell Relays at 1:00 P M
Annual W.P.A. Dance at St. Teresa.

Saturday April 15

Paul Revere and the Raiders at Municipal Auditorium.

Thur. thru Sat. April 20-22

Second Semester Play "Of Thee I Sing"

Saturday April 21

Track: Sante Fe Relays at 3:30 P.M.

Thur. thru Sun. April 27-30

Annual Spring Carnival

Personalities

TOP OF THE ROCK

Who's Hughes

Tom Hughes

Basketball - 1, 2, 3L, 4L
Baseball - 1, 2, 3L, 4L
First Honors - 1, 2, 3, 4
National Honor Society - 3, 4
Student Council - 3, 4
Dance Committee - 4
Paper Drive - 4
Key Club - 3
News Editor of Maurelian - 3

Any transfer student who comes to Rockhurst will agree to the fact that readjustment in a new school is no easy task. For Tom Hughes we may be forced to readjust our thinking. Tom seems to have turned difficulty into ease. In the six months that Tom has been at Rockhurst he has inserted himself well enough into the world of his classmates to be elected Homeroom Representative of 4A, and even more, to be named, again by his classmates, as Top of the Rock man for March. Tom's classmates are not the only residents at Rockhurst who recognize him as above average. He was placed in two advanced placement courses and earns honor grades in advanced English and calculus. The Varsity Basketball team also enjoyed Tom's talent and company during a basketball season which took it to the state tournament. During his short tenure at Rockhurst Tom has also served on the Dance Committee, Paper Drive Committee, and as a writer for the Prep News. This is a record worthy of a four year student rather than one who has had only six months to show his value to his school.

However outstanding Tom's record is at Rockhurst we cannot discount his

previous achievements. Attending Christian Brother's High School of Memphis, Tenn., Tom was a three year Baseball and Basketball man, playing varsity baseball his sophomore year, along with Junior Varsity Basketball, and lettering his junior year in both Baseball and Basketball. Tom was on the top honor roll all three years in Memphis and became a member of the National Honor Society his Junior year. Besides these activities Tom found time to be News Editor of his school paper, the Maurelian, and a member of the Key Club, an honorary organization at the Christian Brothers' High School. Tom's potential and the faith his former associates had in him is clearly shown in that he was to be Secretary of the Key Club and of the Student Council in Memphis during his Senior year.

Tom is the type of boy whom any faculty likes to see enter its school. He is intelligent and hard working, and not easily turned aside from his set path. Great is our hope for Tom in the future as is our pride in his past; and we know that in Tom's case a slightly reworded adage applies: the Christian Brothers' loss was the Jesuits' gain.

On the Mark

Mark Beauchamp

Football - 1, 2, 3L, 4L
Basketball - 1, 2, 3, 4L
Baseball - 1, 2L, 3L
Track - 4L
Second Honors - 1, 2, 3, 4

Always ready with a quick joke or sparkling comment on or off the sports scene, Mark Beauchamp loosens things up with his weird wit. His spontaneous humor, along with his ability to succeed in all endeavours, makes him an honorable candidate for Top of The Rock.

"Beech" constantly puts out in all the major sports. He has participated in

football since his freshman year; and with his great ability at end, he lettered junior and senior year. Moving directly from the football field to the basketball court, "Beech" played a major role in the success of this year's team. As starting center, he was recognized by the Kansas City Star as a stalwart of the team. Baseball gave "Beech" another opportunity to demonstrate his athletic abilities as he earned another monogram and set a Wyandotte field record for homerun distance. Still another sport that he excells in is track. Beech's familiar baseball cap is a common sight at track practice where he assumes his position at the discus ring. Despite a knee injury he keeps hurling the discus far enough to earn himself another letter.

But his activity in sports doesn't keep Beech from participating in other extra-curriculars. Besides maintaining an 85+ average each year, he successfully organized the intramural track meet for the juniors. The senior's trust in Beech was shown in his election as Vice-President of the class and treasurer of the Letterman's Club. As athlete, student, and all-around great guy, Beech has made himself a part of Rockhurst.

Top of the Hill

John Hill

Basketball - 1, 2L, 3L, 4L

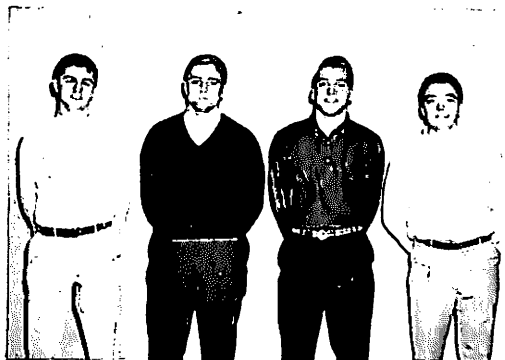
Track - 1, 2

Baseball - 3L

Student Council - 3, 4

Second Honors - 3

One of the most well-known and well-liked personalities strolling the hall of Rockhurst belongs to John Hill. Whenever he is around, John creates an air of easiness and relaxation. However he hasn't just sat around as a bystander but rather has done just the opposite. John's big interest—basketball—has been his major contribution to Rockhurst. He even shot his way to be the team's top scorer



Top of the Rock men for March are (l to r) Tom Hughes, Mark Beauchamp, John Hill, and Mike Gaughan.

this season. His constant desire to play his best while at the same time practicing good sportsmanship has given him a great reputation even at other schools. This is obvious from his being chosen as the Most Valuable Player at the North Kansas City Tournament last fall. While few have as much claim to fame as John does, he takes it in stride; and no one would know he is one of the top stars in the area. His ability not only to work hard at whatever he does but also to keep those around him cheerful were evident to his classmates, who elected him to two terms as homeroom representative. Now at the end of a successful basketball season, John plans to apply his efforts to other activities around school: F.T.I.T., Intramurals, Dances, Carnival, etc. With his smiling energies contributing to their preparations, they will surely become huge successes. Without a man like John Hill around, Rockhurst would be lacking a vital link not only of the senior class but also of the whole school.

Easy as it goes

Easy-going Gaughaner (goner) is a term often used to describe Mike Gaughan, and rightly so. Everything that Yogi does is done with caution and a dedicated purpose. He displays every-

thing that is proper to the ideal Rockhurst boy.

Often down at track practice, where Yogi spends his time after school as a track manager, Coach Davis can be heard barking out a call for Yogi to get moving. But not even the earthshaking effects of Coach Davis' commands can make him accelerate. Yogi will get "there" eventually as he always does, if it's on the track as a manager, or just at home hitting the books in time to make the honor roll again. He also has been more than successful as a football manager, as chairman of the Ugly Man contest, and as master of ceremonies for the coronation of the ugly man. He has also served as a cheerleader, president of his C.Y.O., and chairman of this year's Skit Committee.

Mike Gaughan

Football manager - 3
Track manager - 3, 4
Skit Committee - 4
Student Council - 4
Second Honors - 4

More than just his active participation and his humorous versatility, Yogi possesses a quality not found in many

people—a good personality which appeals to all who come in contact with him. This ability to make friends comes easily to Yogi because he is at peace with the world. Slowness is a burden in athletics, but in a fast-paced school like Rockhurst, a slow-moving guy like Yogi Gaughan is an asset.

WHO'S WHO AT THE ROCK

Mike Barry - Senior varsity basketball manager, praised by Coach Nickel for his fine, consistent work this year.

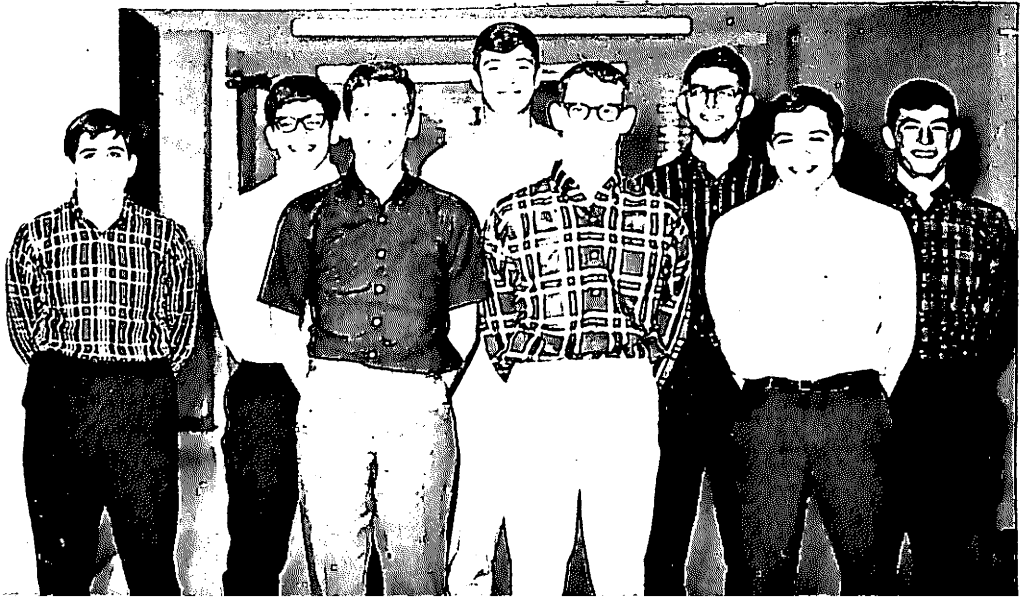
Mike Fogarty - Senior captain of the basketball cheerleaders who kept the fans yelling all year, through 28 games.

Mike Marino - Junior dance committee mainstay, a truly consistent worker all year.

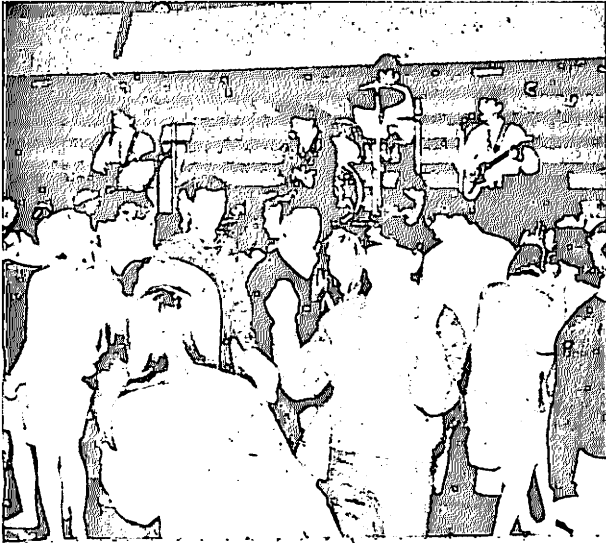
A SPECIAL SALUTE - *Goes out to those students who signed up for many long hours of work in the singing and dancing choruses of the musical, "Of Thee I Sing"*

Basketball managers and statisticians:
(1 to r) Louis Jakowatz, Ken Hager, Marc Hein, Greg Claeys, Mike Barry, Tim Shramek,

Pete McGee, and Jim Van Garsse. Absent when picture was taken: Steve McDonald, Daryl Cornish, and Bill Rankin.



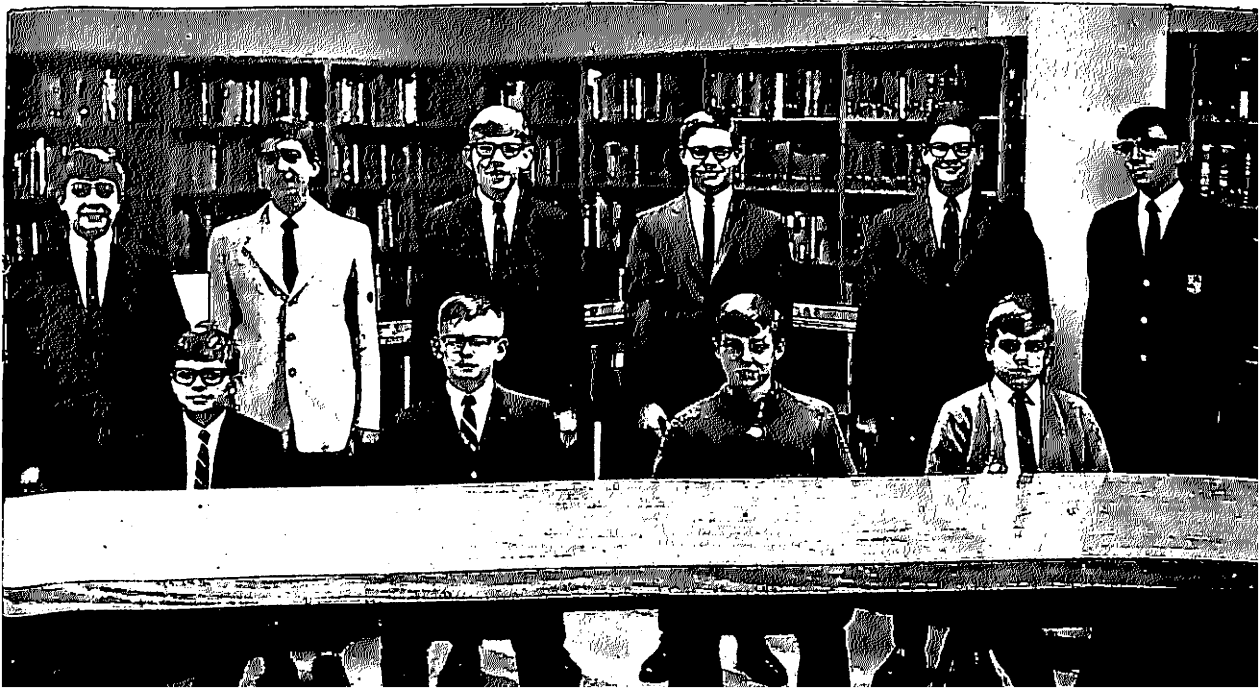
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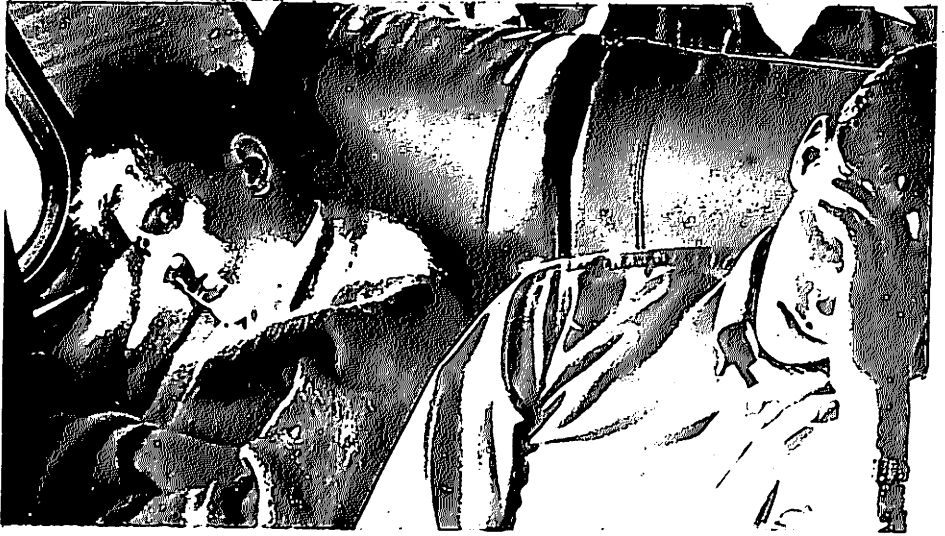


Day Trippers. *The music of the Travelers kept the gym moving for the "ugliest" mixer of the year topping off the most successful Ugly Man Contest ever.*

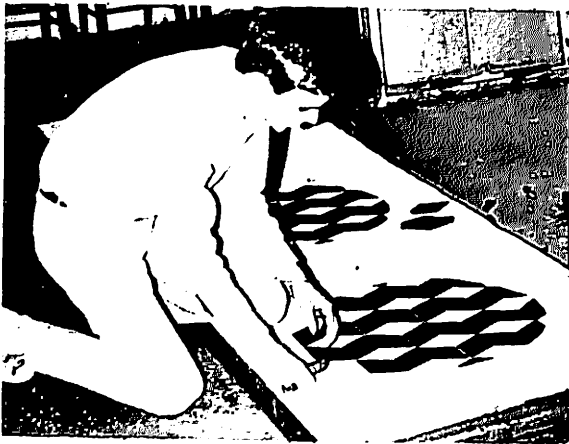
Brain bank. *Scholarship winners of the Class of 1971 are (seated, l to r): Rick Krizman, Cure of Ars; Pat Gorman, Cure of Ars; John Bohon, Our Lady of Lourdes; Craig Wilde, Queen of the Holy Rosary; and, (standing, l to r) Paul Pierron, St. Peter's;*

Mark Karnowski, Holy Trinity; Joseph Vogrin, St. Peter's Cathedral; William Modrcin, St. Peter's Cathedral; Scott Davis, St. Peter's; and George Niewrzal, St. Francis Xavier. Absent when the picture was taken: Gregory Jones, Immaculate Heart of Mary.





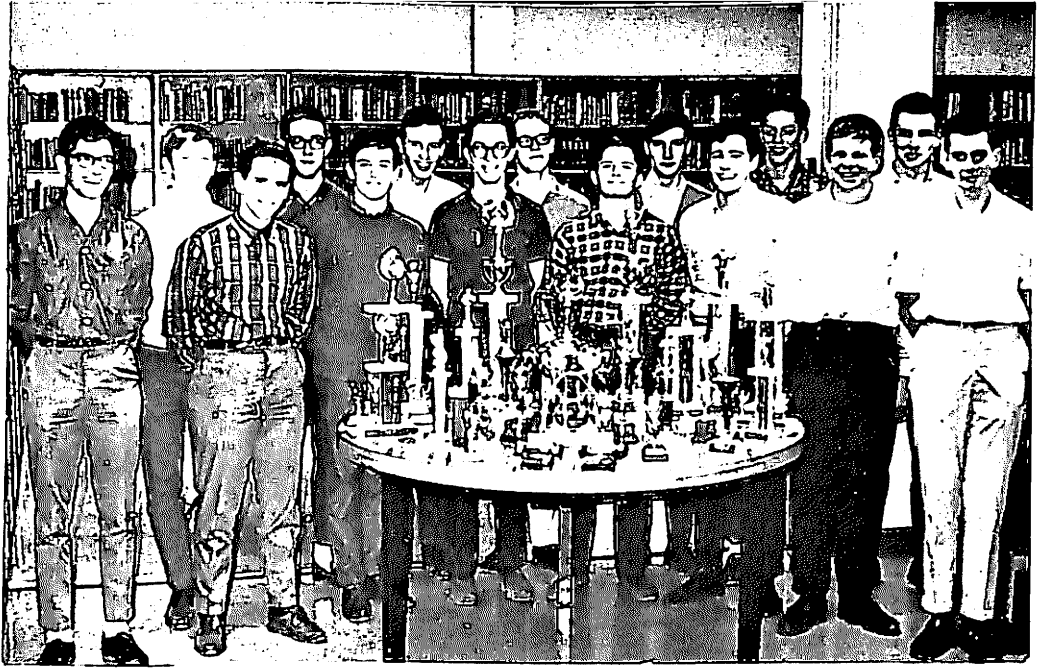
ZZZZZZZZZ. Rich O'Brien and Jim Mauer meditate on their studies as the Scenicruiser coasts into Joplin.



Slave at work. Mark Hink contributes some of his time to paint decorations for the Spring Dance.

Mustang who? Even though the trip was not totally successful, a few students managed to muster up some interest in the womenfolk of Joplin, Missouri.





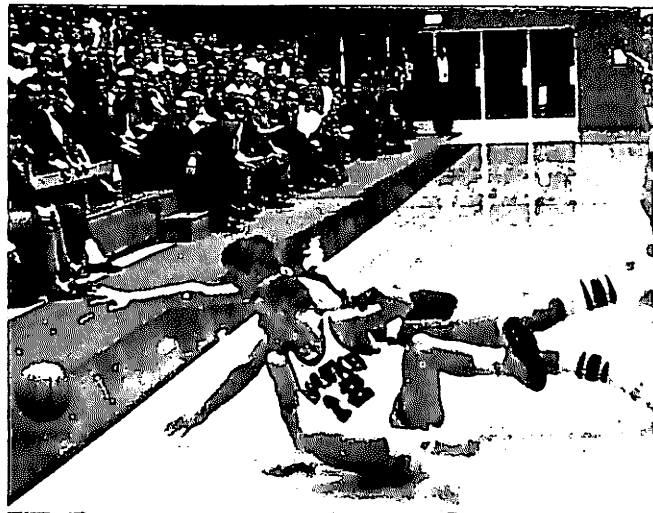
Members of the Rockhurst chapter of the National Forensic League: (l to r) Lucian Piane, Dennis Maygers, Mike Burke, John Phillips, Mike Pace, Walt Karniski, Paul

Linton, Kevin Barry, Mark Stephens, Bob Dolezal, Tim Keary, Jim Leroy, Mike Smithmier, Jim Grigsby, and Mike Bowen.



And the beat goes on. Seniors Tom Phelps and Rick Nelson and their female partners are caught rehearsing their dance routine for the upcoming Cuesters production of "Of Thee I Sing."

Sitting down on the job. Kerry Reardon and an unidentified Raytown South player don't see eye to eye in their discussion concerning who should have the ball.



Sports

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Springfield Parks Few

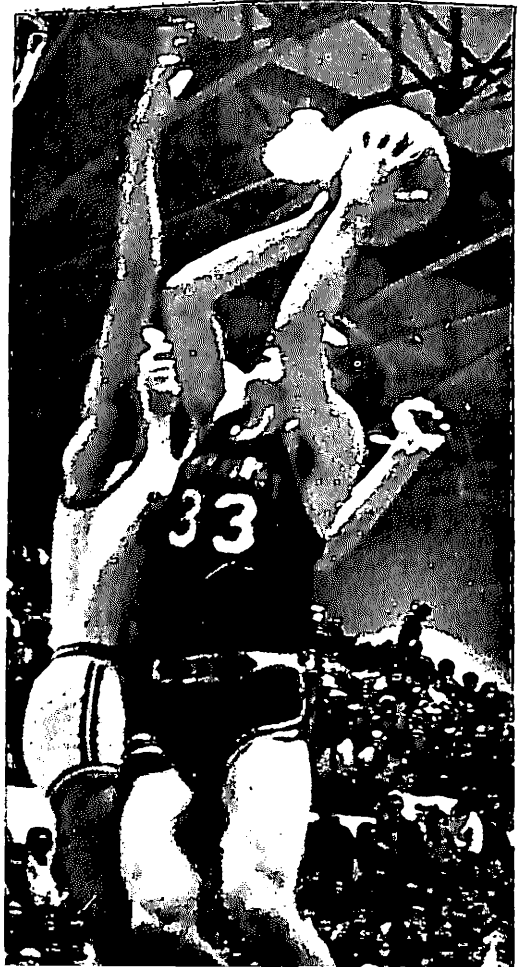
On Feb. 17 the Hawks met highly rated Springfield Parkview at Rockhurst and fashioned a 73-69 victory over the visitors. Rockhurst had led throughout the first half, as their zone defense effectively held Parkview at bay. At the break, the Hawklets had managed a three point lead because of the fine scoring effort by ace John Hill and the rebounding action of Mark Beauchamp. However, the Springfield five came out for the third quarter with hot hands and quickly siezed a 58-48 advantage over the Hawklets by tallying 24 points in that period. But in the final period, the Hawks suddenly switched to their pressing defense and once again began to find the basket with shots from the outside. Pete Santoro turned in a great fourth quarter effort, stealing the ball numerous times and hitting all his 11 points in that period. Pete scored the winning basket in the final seconds following a clutch steal, and 2 free throws by John Hill brought the final margin to 4 points. High scorer for the Hawks once again was John Hill, as he tallied 24 points. John Kafka connected for 14, Kerry Reardon for 12; Santoro had 11, and Mark Beauchamp finished the game with 8 points.

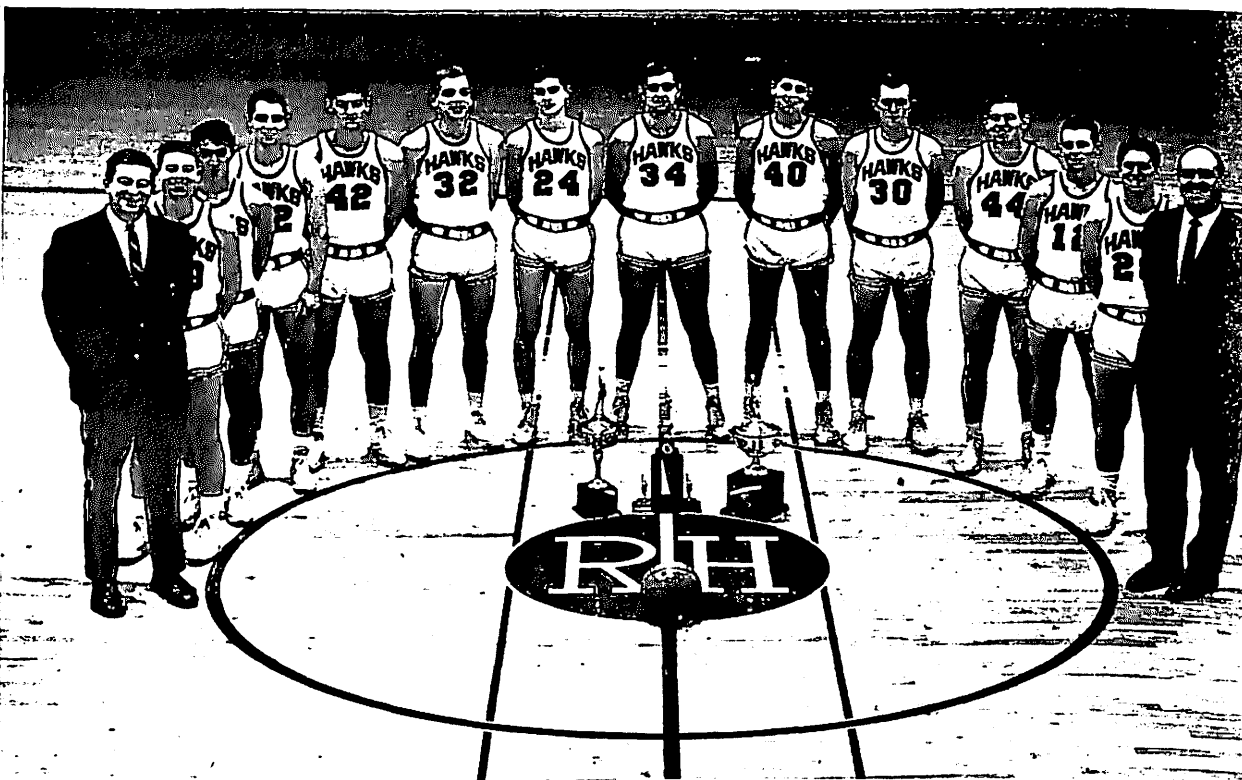
St. Louis Blues

On February 24 and 25, the Hawks journeyed to St. Louis once again for their annual duels with St. Louis University High and St. Louis Christian Brothers. However, both opposing teams were able to put together the right combinations to halt the Hawks' attempts to capture victory. The Hawklets were

badly beaten under the boards by the bigger C.B.C. team, and the Christian Brothers' zone defense held John Hill to 10 points as they prevented the Hawklet five from getting off effective shots. The Rockmen were forced to take their shots from the outside, but even the 16 point performance of guard Kerry Reardon failed to compensate for the Rockhurst disadvantage under the backboards. The St. Louis team finally wound up the game on the long end of a 61-55 score. John Kafka, Hawklet cornerman, managed to hit for 11 tallies; Reardon had 16; Hill collected 10, while Tom Hughes drilled the hoop for 7 points. The following night, the Hawklets ran into foul trouble against the St. Louis University

Eagle over Hawk. But despite the attempts of the high-flying eagle, John Hill sends off an apparent stuff long enough to chalk two.





1966-67 Varsity Basketball Squad: (L.-R.) Mr. Nickel, head coach, Pat Brosnahan, Pete Santoro, Jim Donaldson, Steve Fasone, John Hill, Tom Hughes, Mark Beauchamp.

John Kafka, Bob Fitzgerald, Bill O'Connor, Kerry Reardon, Doug Bruce, and Brother Windmueller, S.J., team trainer.

High team and once again fell, 74-67. Rockhurst kept pace with the Billikens early in the game, as John Hill poured in eight points the first period. At the end of the quarter, the Hawks found themselves behind by only one point. But, with Kerry Reardon sitting out all the second period with three fouls, the Bills increased the margin to 9, 38-29, by the end of the first half. The Hawks came back to rally briefly, with Kerry collecting six points, helping to close the gap to five, but he fouled out early in the fourth quarter. Hill and Kafka each were forced to sit out three minutes of the third quarter, both having three fouls. All Rockhurst attempts to narrow the margin were thwarted, and S.L.U.H. went away with a 7 point victory. Rockhurst hit on 15 of 27 from the line, while

St. Louis University High collected 30 points on charity throws. Hill finished with 19 points; Reardon had 9; Bruce collected 8; while Kafka and Bob Fitzgerald each had 7 tallies.

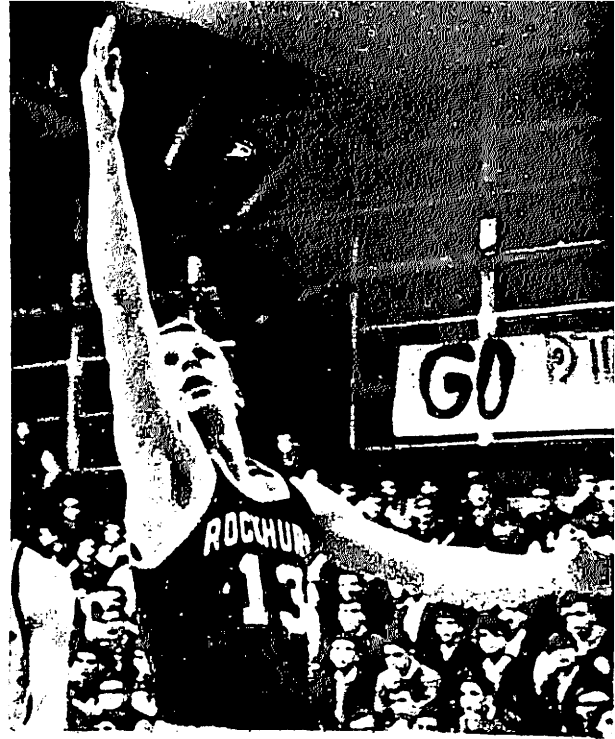
SEASONAL REBOUNDING	
HILL	211
KAFKA	177
REARDON	88
BEAUCHAMP	81
BRUCE	81
FITZGERALD	74
HUGHES	64
STEALS	
HILL	81
BRUCE	51
KAFKA	50
REARDON	46
SANTORO	33

FIELD GOALS		
	ATT	MADE
HILL	491	208
KAFKA	241	94
REARDON	184	83
BRUCE	211	75
HUGHES	81	38
BEAUCHAMP	98	38
SANTORO	105	38
FITZGERALD	94	37

Veni, vidi, vici

After winding up the regular season with a 14-10 record, the Hawklets were eager to prove themselves by making a good showing in the Lee's Summit Regional Tournament. The first obstacle to winning first place in the tournament was Belton, and the Hawks gave a preview of the kind of games they intended to play by whipping the Pirates 71-52. The Rockhurst press once again showed it's worth, as Kerry Reardon pilfered the from the bewildered Belton offense six times, turning four of them into lay-ups. Even though Reardon and Doug Bruce ran into foul trouble early in the game, Pete Santoro and Jim Donaldson substituted effectively, as the Rockmen outscored the stunned Pirates 13-2 in one three minute span of the second quarter. Then, with only three minutes left in the third period, Rockhurst opened up a 52-25 lead; and the second team took over to finish the game. Hawklet star John Hill once again paced the Hawks with 20 tallies; Kerry Reardon finished with 14, and John Kafka wound up with 13 points.

The Hawk's rematch against Lee's Summit in the second game of the tournament proved to have little in common with their first meeting with the Tigers. Although the Hawks only led by 2 points, 13-11, at the end of the first period, their zone press put the clamps on the Tigers in the second quarter and forced them to resort to outside shooting. In that period, the Hawks, with the balanced scoring of John Hill, John Kafka, and Kerry Reardon,



How do you do, Mr. Chamberlain? Kerry Reardon finds the bucket for easy lay-up against Saint Louis U. High.

outscored the Bengals 19-4, before the half-time break. In that second period also, the Rock lost the formidable rebounding power of senior postman Mark Beauchamp, who sprained his ankle. Bob Fitzgerald proved equal to the occasion as he muscled his way to 7 points and as many rebounds. At intermission the Big Blue had seized a 39-25 bulge.

The Rockmen returned to the court in the third quarter to intently drill in 17 tallies to Lee's Summit's 7, with Hill chalking up 8 of his game total of 18. With the game on ice, Mr. Nickel made free substitutions and the high-flying Hawks revenged their previous defeat at the hands of the Tigers, to the tune of 65-35.

ASSISTS	
KAFKA	55
BRUCE	50
HILL	32
REARDON	32
SANTORO	20

When the finals of the Lee's Summit regional rolled around, the top-seeded Rockhurst Hawklets were pitted against the second seeded squad, the Cardinals of Raytown South. There was serious speculation that The Hawks would suffer an upset, judging from the underpar performance they turned in against the poorly rated St. Louis teams the week before. But the Hawks were not to be deprived of their third victory in four starts against the bigger South cagers, featuring the dead-eye shooting and tough rebounding power of Mike O'Donnell.

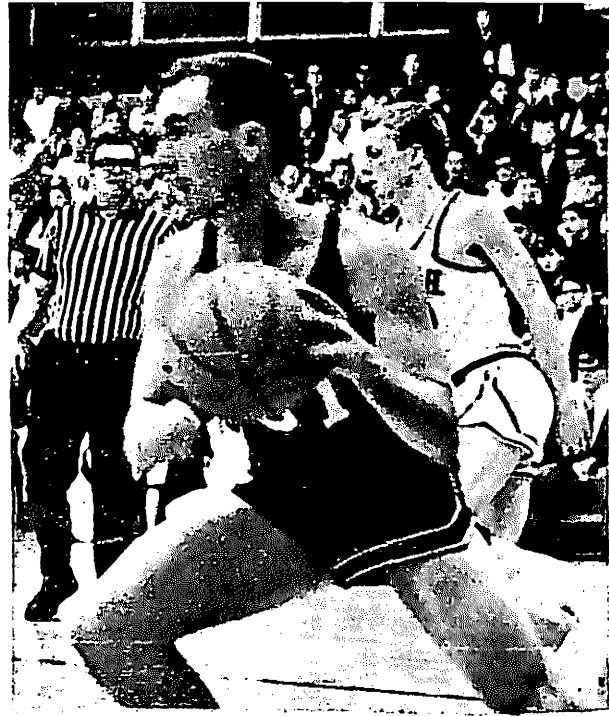
The scoring was fast and furious in the opening minutes as both clubs bombarded the hoop with uncanny accuracy. Bob Fitzgerald and Kerry Reardon held up the Blue end of the stick against the Cardinal's Mike O'Donnell and Buzz Lohmeier. The tide first turned in favor of the Cardinals as they outdistanced the Hawks 17-11 in the second quarter to take a 4-point bulge to the locker room. It had appeared in the closing moments of the half that the Rock defense, as well as its offense, lacked the crispness and hustle that it had at the outset.

A rejuvenated Hawk squad swarmed over the court and the Cardinals at the opening of the third period. The Hawklets combined a fired-up rally with the cold hand of the hapless South Cardinals to take charge at the three-quarter mark, 48-37. Rockhurst outscored South in the third stanza, 20-5. A vain Cardinal rally in the fourth quarter fell far short as the final score read: Rockhurst 69, South 59.

Mike O'Donnell, Cardinal postman, captured game scoring honors with 29 points. Three starred for the Hawklets: John Hill with 19, John Kafka with 14, and Kerry Reardon with 16.

Thorpedoed

The Hawklets, fresh from their rousing regional victory, journeyed to Joplin on Monday, March 6, to meet the Joplin Eagles in the first round of the state



"Slowly I turned . . ." Bob Fitzgerald peers downcourt in anticipation of a fast break after snagging another rebound.

tournament. The basketballers were not alone, however, as 6 buses were chartered for the students to make the trip and cheer the Hawks on. The gym was filled at 6:30 for the 7:30 contest, and the game started with both squads tense and eager for victory. The Eagles featured Thorpe Weber, two time all stater standing 6'7''.

The two teams traded baskets throughout the first quarter, and the Eagles came out of it with 18-16 lead. John Hill and Bob Fitzgerald both pumped in 6 points for the Hawklets. The Hawks were outscored 17-10 in the second quarter as they could not cope with the inside shooting of Weber, who poured in 14 points. This brought the halftime count to 35-26.

The Big Blue chipped away at the Eagle margin in the third quarter, with John Kafka doing a tremendous job of shooting over Weber. John drilled in 11 third quarter points, and the margin going into the fourth quarter was 6, 49-43. During the fourth quarter, the

Hawks struggled valiantly to close the gap, and came to within 3 with 5 minutes remaining. Then the Hawklets missed 3 one-and-one situations in succession, and this was all Joplin needed to increase their margin and put the game out of reach. The Eagles capitalized on the one-and-one late in the contest as the Hawks were forced to foul; and they brought the final point spread to 11, 69-58.

John Kafka paced the Hawks with 20 points, and John Hill pitched in with 12 and led the Blue in rebounding. Bob Fitzgerald finished with 8 and Kerry Reardon and Tom Hughes added 6 apiece. Weber took game scoring honors with 31 points, and hauled in 14 rebounds. Mr. Nickel said that defending against Weber was a major problem and that he was the best big man the Hawks had faced all season.

SEASON IN REVIEW

Rockhurst High School's 1966-67 Varsity Basketball squad, under the able leadership of Marion Nickel, closed out another successful season on a high note with a fine showing in the state tournament, taking the Lee's Summit regional in a convincing fashion before falling to Joplin, the eventual state champion, in a hard-fought contest. This final loss brought the Hawk's record to a very respectable 17-11.

Coach Nickel termed the regionals the high point and the best played games of the entire season. He considered the winning of the North Kansas City tournament crown, the dramatic overtime victory over De La Salle, and the tremendous fourth quarter rally which dumped Springfield Parkview the other bright spots of the season.

Mr. Nickel termed the season a definite success and was extremely pleased with the performance of the squad, admitting that at the beginning of the year he didn't think that the season would turn out as well as it

actually did. He pointed out that the ability of the Hawks to win the big ones was especially satisfying. Mr. Nickel felt that the ability to cope with the bigger teams on the boards and our fine outside shooting were major factors in the team's success.

The Hawks only loss to an area team not rated by the Kansas City Star was to Lee's Summit, and Coach Nickel thought that this game was the low point of the season. This loss was followed by a 2 point loss to Ward and by back to back losses to St. Louis U. High and C.B.C. Coach Nickel felt that the team was flat against the St. Louis teams and perhaps was looking ahead to the regionals.

These four untimely losses dropped the Hawks from the Kansas City Star's area ratings, but the Hawks came storming

T for Two. Tom Hughes, senior forward, sneaks in an easy lay-up against the state-champion Joplin Eagles. Hughes collected a total of 6 tallies for the contest.





1966-67 Junior Varsity Cagers: (l. to r.) Ken Hager, manager, Bob Dugan, Bill O'Connor, Mike Mandl. Jim Williams, Vince Principe, Pete Kovich, Steve Fasone, Bill Rankin, manager, Mr. Pat Cowan, coach; (kneeling) Pat McMahon, Pat Brosnahan.

back in the regionals. They buried Belton in the opening game and then smothered Lee's Summit by 30 points, and followed these wins by downing Raytown South for the third time of the season to cop the regional crown. In our loss to Joplin, Mr. Nickel felt that the Hawks played reasonably well, but that our mediocre shooting proved to be our downfall.

This year the Hawks were not blessed with any players of even nearly the stature of last year's Steve Northcraft and Fred Bosilevak, 6'8" and 6'5", respectively; and Mr. Nickel felt that the lack of height definitely hurt the team. He said that the height difference was most apparent late in the game, because a big man didn't have to jump as high or work as hard as a smaller man. This lack of height, however, made us conscious of the fact that we had to get the loose balls and steals and so improved our quickness, Mr. Nickel said. Coach Nickel felt that a big problem facing the Hawks was that they had a tendency to play 1 bad quarter, and were forced to play 2 good quarters to make up for it.

Individually, Mr. Nickel imparted special praise to John Hill, the Hawks super smooth, dead-eye-shooting forward who paced the Hawks with a 20-plus scoring average. He felt that John was

our sparkplug throughout the season and was definitely the team's best rebounder and shooter. He pointed out that John was individually responsible for several of our wins, especially the De La Salle contest, when he funneled in 40 points. Kerry Reardon, Mr. Nickel said, got better as the year progressed and was in a large way responsible for the Hawks' fine showing in the regionals. Kerry gave the Hawks a great offensive push late in the season as he consistently hit for 12-15 points. Mr. Nickel lauded Doug Bruce, the Hawk's floor general and co-captain along with John Hill, for his fine ball handling, and stated that we always looked to Doug in a tight situation. Coach Nickel felt that John Kafka, the only junior starter on this year's squad, improved every ball game. He pointed out that John got a lot stronger under the boards and learned how to go to the basket as the season progressed. Mr. Nickel felt that John also improved his outside shooting and stated that John was our second best rebounder. Coach said that Mark Beauchamp, the Hawks' starting pivot throughout most of the season, always guarded the opponent's big post-man and gave away several inches, but still did a commendable job. He stated that Bob Fitzgerald, starter for the first half of the season

and for the final 2 games of the season in place of the injured Mark Beauchamp, was an extremely hard worker and that it was a tribute to Bob that the Hawks were not hurt by the loss of Mark. Mr. Nickel said that Tom Hughes, senior transfer from Memphis, Tennessee, was our best jumper and one of our best rebounders. He felt that the ability of Tom to come off the bench and give the Hawks a quick basket in a tight situation helped the Hawks tremendously. Pete Santoro, a junior and the Hawks' third guard, was lauded for his ability to give the team a big lift on defense when he came in. Mr. Nickel said that Pete was good at picking up loose balls and gave the Hawks some clutch baskets, especially in the Parkview game, when he gunned in 11 4th quarter points. Mr. Nickel felt that Jim Donaldson improved as the year went on and that he filled in very well in the Springfield Parkview game and during the regional tournament.

As far as the outlook for next year's

season goes, Mr. Nickel remarked that the Hawks would have the services of only two experienced players, John Kafka and Pete Santoro. He said that several of the juniors didn't gain experience because of the closeness of this year's games. He stated that the juniors are a close-knit group and improved greatly this year, and this statement was evidenced by the fine junior varsity record. He said that if they continue to improve as they did this year, Rockhurst will have a fine season next year. Certainly this year's varsity squad has presented a formidable challenge for the juniors to live up to.

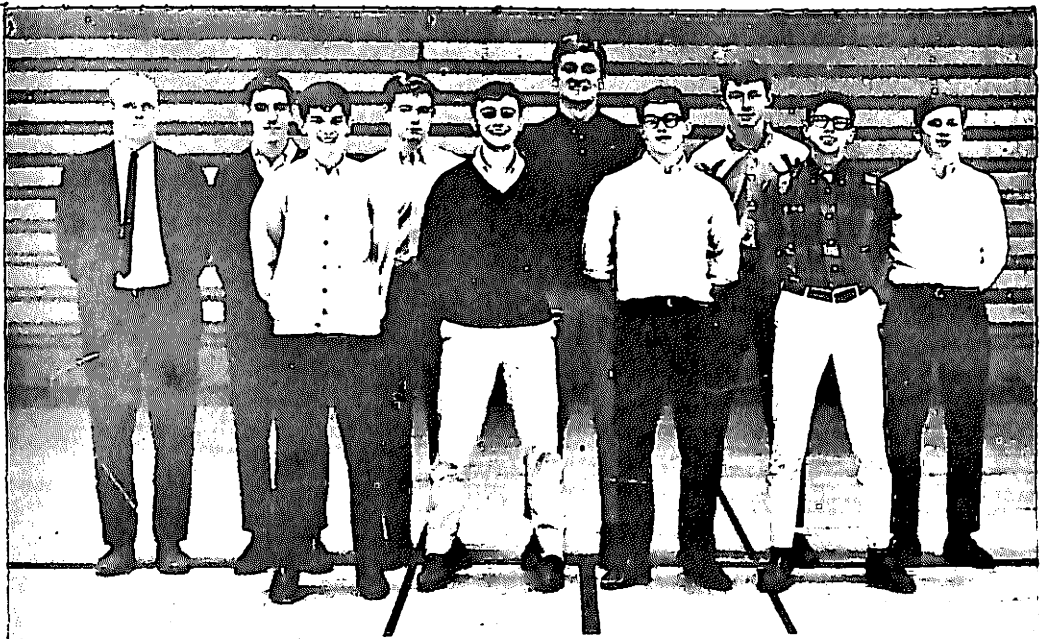
J.V. BASKETBALL

Junior achievement

If there was a rating in the State for Junior Varsity basketball teams, the men of Rockhurst's squad would be right on

1966-67 Sophomore basketball squad: *Back row (l to r); Coach Loeffelholz, Bob Pruett, Dennis Egan, Vince Principe, Mike Mandl.*

Front row (l to r); Gary Smith, Mike Pasano, Terry Hainje, Bill Hoskins.



top. They extended their winning streak to 12 in the final game of the season by defeating a very fine Springfield Park-view team which had been beaten only twice all season. Although Rockhurst was greatly outsized by the team from Springfield, the Junior Hawks clawed their way to a very impressive 55-48 victory. Bill O'Connor and Pete Kovich led the scoring with 14 points apiece, and Steve Fasone was right behind with 12. This fine shooting, combined with numerous steals by guards Pat Brosnahan and Pat McMahon, proved to be the difference.

This fine victory was only one reflection of the excellent work this tremendous unit has put together throughout the season. Bill O'Connor caught fire late in the season to lead the squad with a 12.5 scoring average. Pat Brosnahan was right behind with a fine average of 11.2. But the starting 5 of Bill O'Connor, Pete Kovich, Steve Fasone, Pat McMahon, and Pat Brosnahan didn't do all the work. A fine set of back up men helped out greatly when the hustling first team ran into any foul trouble. These men were junior Jim Williams and sophomores Dick Grindiger, Bob Dugan, and Kevin Fahey.

Coach Cowan attributed the great success of the team to their fine overall attitude. He stated that their dedication to winning was unbelievable and they simply would not settle for a loss. Their

excellent record of 14-2 certainly bears this fabulous dedication out and reflects their tremendous attitude and team play. Mr. Cowan said that the leadership of Co-Captains Brosnahan and McMahon and the consistent play of O'Connor, Fasone and Kovich were the chief reasons for the fine season.

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL

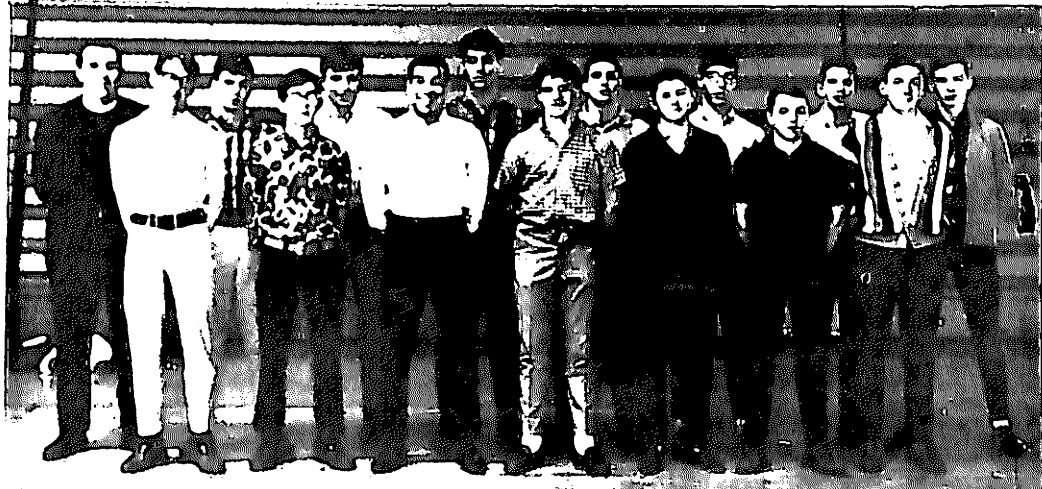
Sophomore jinx

The sophomore team under Coach Don Loeffelholz opened their season on December 10 against the Miege Stags. Led by guards Jim Raynor and Bob Dugan, who scored 15 and 9 points respectively, the Hawklets led all the way until Miege hit a last second shot to eke out a 43-42 victory. Revenge was gained in the next meeting against the Saviour of the World varsity, who bowed 62-46. In the next 3 games the Sophomores hit the season's low, losing to Ward by two and to the high-jumping Wyandotte Bulldogs by 16. After falling behind by 11 points in the first half of the Ruskin game, Rockhurst, led by Dennis Egan who poured in 10 tallies, fought back only to lose again 48-46.

The Rock's front line, with Vince Principe at 6'5", Chris Whitaker at 6'2", and Kevin Fahey at 6'1". was the city's

1966-67 Freshman basketball squad: Back row (l to r); Coach Kottenstette, S.J., Bill Holland, Frank Kongs, Phil Poppa, Mark Thornhill, Doug Hasty, Kevin Wall, Ed

O'Dwyer (mgr.). Front row (l to r); Phil DeCoursey, Tim Kelley, Ed Pate, Brian O'Malley, Mike Tierney, Steve Hughes, Don Rau. Absent: Kurt Stockbauer, Rick Weber.



tallest; and towards the end of the season this powerful front line came to life. Miege, Ward, and Ruskin were easily defeated. Victories over these teams were satisfying after losses to each of them in earlier meetings. However, our perfect second half record was blemished by a 10-point loss to O'Hara. Cold shooting put the Rock in a 10-point deficit at half time, which they were never able to overcome. The season ended with the Soph Hawks holding a respectable record of 4 wins and 5 losses. The varsity can look for a lot of help from the sophomores next year because of their height and hustle. This year's standouts were Bob Dugan, Jim Raynor, Vince Principe, Kevin Fahey, Chris Whitaker and Mike Mandl. The top subs, who made valuable contributions, were Dan Hiatt, Dennis Egan, Terry Hainje and Gary Smith.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Rookies of the year

Just to brush all you avid Rock rooters up on your rear-end top-of-the-rock sports outlook, here are a few remarks on the sparkling season just turned in by the frosh cagers.

Mr. Kottenstette, S.J., coach of the rookie squad, judged that the season (9-6) turned out "pretty well." He cited as proof the fact that in six of the fifteen games, the entire squad saw action.

Asked about individual top-notch performers, Mr. Kottenstette singled out particularly Phil Poppa, who was usually good for around 14 points per game,

Kevin Wall, with a ten point average, and Frank Kongs, termed by his coach "most impressive" on the boards, ripping off about 10 rebounds a game. These three front-liners Mr. Kottenstette judged the mainstays of the squad.

The coach also praised guards Kurt Stockbauer, Mike Tierney, and Jim Kelly for their ball-handling, which held the Hawks to only 5 or 6 turnovers per game. Also mentioned were the solid back-up performances of Don Rau, Bill Holland, and Phil De Coursey.

The young Hawklets opened their first season at the Rock impressively, thrashing Lee's Summit to the tune of 47-24. But the glory faded as the Hawk squad butted heads with what proved to be an undefeated Pem-Day team. The Big Blue faltered twice before the highly regarded Raiders, 38-46 and 27-40. But the frosh basketballers roared back with three consecutive victories, polishing off Hogan, 58-25, Southeast, 38-30, and arch-rival Ward, 47-27. But good things came to an end. The high-flying Hawks went into a tailspin, dropping a 38-44 contest to a strong Southwest group. A week later the blood-thirsty Indians of Southwest ravaged the Hawks, 46-31. The always strong Titans of De La Salle barely shaded the Rock Squad, 42-36, as with 30 seconds left the DLS cagers held a single point edge. However in the next game with Ervin, the fiery Hawks battled to a 35-31 victory, followed by a 59-49 romp over lowly Miege, as every man saw action. The Hawks continued their winning ways as they subdued the O'Hara Celtics, 43-34. But at Northeast, quieted by a gym full of screaming Northeast fans, the Hawks' streak was terminated, 22-39. However, the freshman Hawklets ended their schedule on a triumphant note, once again trouncing Ward, 35-21.

In conclusion, Mr. Kottenstette assured Rock fans of some good prospects coming up through the Blue farm system who might someday comprise a fine varsity squad. So take heart: Our day may come.

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL RECORD

ROCKHURST	VS.	MIEGE	42-43
ROCKHURST	VS.	SAVIOUR	62-46
ROCKHURST	VS.	WARD	51-53
ROCKHURST	VS.	WYANDOTTE	37-53
ROCKHURST	VS.	RUSKIN	46-48
ROCKHURST	VS.	MIEGE	46-39
ROCKHURST	VS.	O'HARA	59-69
ROCKHURST	VS.	WARD	60-53
ROCKHURST	VS.	RUSKIN	48-40

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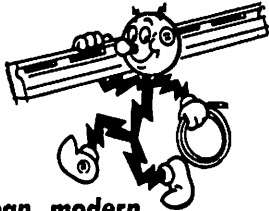
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