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Another Side of This Life

by Dan Doran

The Winter Dance was a happy experience. 180 couples came in from the outside—the cold weather, a symbol of everyday drudgery—and entered into a different world, an ethereal world of smiling people, of fantastic array.

The Rockhurst version of Bavaria—an endless field of phosphorescent pines, surrealistic mountains, psychedelic mooses, and the strange glow of blacklights that accentuated the lint on your clothes.

Upstairs in the Ski-Lodge—formerly the cafeteria—were the Flares, a soul and B, S, & T band. They played good music, danceable music, adding to the general atmosphere of the dance.

This was the experience, a three hour session in a different world, spent with friends. The Winter Dance was a happy experience.

Dance Committee

Although decorations at Rockhurst dances are routinely excellent, those who work long hours building them are seldom recognized. For the record, the core of the Dance Committee was: Chris Davis, Ron East, Ron Paradise, Hugh Kelly, Bob Peterschmidt, Jim Petrie, Jim Glynn, John Spence, Chris Turner, John McManus, Dave McManus, Brian O'Malley and Terry Houlton.

Bro. Windmueller and Fr. Marchlewski provided valuable assistance and guidance, and credit should also go to everyone else who donated their time to make the dance a success.

DeLaSalle Titans; So What?

by Brian O'Malley

What has football got to do with basketball? The only thing that the two sports have in common is just that—they are both sports. So why is it that the Big D can only think in terms of the Jug. Of course we would love to have the Jug as much as they do, but what is the point of bringing it up at a basketball game? Is it because they are so poor in the sport that they have to rub in a game of over two months ago? Why does Rockhurst have to take that stuff from them whenever we play a basketball game?

The rivalry between the schools is nearly 52 years old, and probably will continue as long as there is football. But the rivalry between Rockhurst and Miege is just as important to some of the Rockhurst people as the DLS game. Those of us who are Seniors are aware of the events which took place before the Meige game our Freshman year. There was a volley of vandalism to each school. If this is the kind of thing that De La Salle wants, then the administration is going to have to put an end to the annual game for the Jug.

And what about the saying, "It's easy to be a good winner?" Did someone forget to tell De La Salle about the proverb? Naturally we have to look at the situation from the De La Salle side of the fence. If we had the jug would we be so unsportsmanlike? I don't think so because we have an administration which has some feelings of its own. They wouldn't allow us to rub in a victory over any school.

As seniors we have grown to respect the people of De La Salle, but this respect is thrown out the window as soon as they start up this sort of thing which took place at the De La Salle game last Friday night.

The game was something other than tiring, but I don't know just what. It started out to be like so many of the games in the past with the Titans, hard fought battles down to the final buzzer.

De La Salle started off to a big lead of six points before we had scored. It looked like we would have to play catch-up ball. Well, we played catch-up ball, and a few other things, as we caught them and left them flat footed. We went into a scoring spree which couldn't be beaten.

Mr. Nickel was able to substitute freely once the game was put away. The reason Rockhurst was able to put the game away was one forward, Don Rau. Stoney put 23 points up on the scoreboard and pulled down a large share of the rebounds on the defensive boards where they are needed the most.

Mr. Nickel has set up one of the most rotating offenses in the city. Never is anyone left sitting around wondering what they should do next. He has in actuality no center. If you watch closely you will notice when the defense is man-to-man that there are three forwards who are constantly on the move in and out of the lane. In the midst of the blur of motion Kevin Wall or Steve Hughes will find someone to feed the ball to for the sure shot. This offense is one that goes for the points by the easy shot. If on the first rotation the right shot is not there they just work the ball back around and go again. This is the reason Don "Stoney" Rau was able to get the points he had, just playing heads up basketball. But Kevin Wall was able to get his share of the points racking up 18. Because Rockhurst has such a winning combination and Mark Kratofil put it "Probably, one of the finest coaches around" you can count on the Hawklets to keep winning and winning like in the DLS game 74-44.

Statistics: De La Salle - Varsity

Name	FG	FT	TP
Wall	6	6	18
Hughes	3	0	6
Bosilivac	5	0	10
Stipitich	0	1	1
Rau	8	7	23
Kratofil	0	0	0
Kongs	1	2	3
Fagan	1	0	2
McCaffrey	2	4	8
Stockbauer	1	0	2

Hondo puts in two against the Lakers at Mason-Halpin Fieldhouse as Pistol Pete Marivich makes the scene.

COLOR US GUILTY

by Dave Chartrand

I am so angry right now I could not begin to separate my thoughts. An array of emotions are soaring between my head and—my heart. I had so much faith. Too much. I had respect for those "leaders," now I have none. I knew that their own vindictive attitudes made them something less than affable, but this—I would not have expected such a display of immaturity from a group of eight-year-olds. Simply behaved like insane beasts waiting for the kill — no wait, no mercy, just move in and kill—spill the blood.

Calm down? Yes. I'll try . . . but as much as I want to . . . my stomach won't let me. I'm afraid to forget. What was it? A Student Council meeting? Yes. That's right! Odd. Rockhurst, too. Makes a difference. Three men. Small matter—venial offense—but worthy of notice. Three men. Three homeroom reps had missed one more meeting than they were supposed to. Okay. Parliamentarian trying to sound impartial and inform that third absence had just been acquired a week earlier. No point, he said . . . to remove them with little more than a week left in term. Serious step, he said . . . this impeachment. But the beasts caught nothing. Like starved, crazed . . . vultures. Shut up! Go to hell! We're in charge! Just the facts!

First man. My God! He wasn't even there to defend himself. A man rises to defend him. Ridiculed. Says accused had only missed those three or so meetings. Facts not clear. The Beasts claw. Who cares! We're not here to listen, to weigh evidence; impeach! blood! Remove him! A more level-headed group takes action and gets discussion closed. Relief. The beasts murmur in disgust and stab everyone with their dagger-like, threatening glances. Like that's all they wanted. Just to remove the guy. Just to see him go down. I don't believe it!

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Here some of the dedicated students working on the dance are caught posing for the PREP NEWS camera.

Pause at Immaculata

A Senior wit has asked, "Does retreat imply surrender?" The January Senior retreats have had different meanings to many others. The idea of a retreat at this time has been under fire from many sides. The students initially disliked being asked to give up three days to meditation; schoolwork, sports, and tests for college demand almost constant attention.

Some faculty member had, at first, disapproved of the time the retreats took away from classes. While acknowledging these complaints, the administration and a special retreat committee, headed by Father Curry, insisted on the idea of the retreat. There were a number of reasons behind the decision, the main one being that a time comes in a person's life when he must take a hard look at himself and his relation to his God.

The decision seems to be justified in the reactions of the majority of those who have made the retreat. Most of the students thought the retreat valuable in attitudes ranging from mild approval to full acceptance.

Every man needs time to think his life over and reach his personal concept of God. The Rockhurst January retreats have given every senior such an opportunity.

FREE AT LAST

It took long meetings, detailed arguments and persuasive reasoning; at times the goal seemed impossible. But after three months of haggling, Senior free study has finally become a reality.

Because of the way seniors of past years had misused the opportunity of free study, the administration and the faculty were dead set against continuing it this year. A handful of seniors did not accept what seemed inevitable, however. Chip Campfield, John Gaughn and John McManus carefully assembled reasons for free study and discussed them with the faculty and administration. Both sides compromised in some matters, and a free study program finally evolved.

The provisions of the free study program are:

1. To participate, each senior must have a cumulative average of 78, or 105 quality points;
2. A senior must have passed all his subjects at the semester;
3. The majority of effort grades must be "C" or above;
4. A senior must have the approval of all his teachers.

The class of 70 has convinced Rockhurst it can handle the responsibility of free study; now it's time to prove it through actions and leave this privilege intact for future seniors.

STUC-OUT

Make-shift posters, earnest speeches and political feuds return to the Rock this week as the second semester elections get under way.

Offices up for grabs include homeroom representatives, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President of the Student Council.

Those elected will face a formidable task in coming up to the standards of the first semester Stuco. Under the leadership of Officers John McManus, President; Chris Davis, Vice President; Dave Chartrand, Secretary; and George Niewrizel, Treasurer, the council of the first semester spearheaded a very successful fall.

The final two candidates for each of the four major offices will address the student body and faculty Thursday, January 22. Election by ballot will follow shortly after.

The A.P. English class exercises its legs during one of the classes. This picture is very similar to Romper Room.

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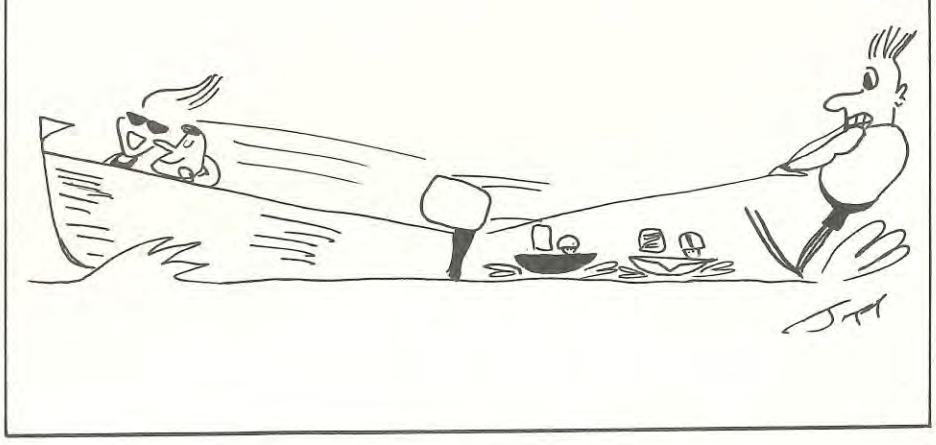

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January 23—Basketball, Meige Tournament

January 24—Basketball, Meige Tournament

January 24—Wrestling at St. Pius X

January 27—Wrestling vs. Shawnee Mission East.....Here

January 30—Basketball vs. Ward .....Memorial Hall

January 30—Wrestling vs. Van Horn.....There

January 31—Basketball vs. O'Hara .....There

Sale-o-Rama

The Sale-o-rama, an annual money-raising event selling everything from toys to antiques, will take place February 10-11 for faculty and parents, and February 13-14 for the general public. Almost everything imaginable, including clothing, furniture and appliances is needed for the sale, which will be in the poolroom and the basement of the Jesuit residence.

This is Rockhurst's biggest money-raising activity, necessary for the maintenance of the school. For further information call EM 1-3873 or WI 2-3070. Large items can be picked up by calling EM 3-2036.

Cadillacs Filled With Regular

by John McManus

"Cause I'm black and cause I'm poor, that's why I never got the breaks you always hear about in this 'land of opportunity,' this country full of people gone from 'rags to riches,' the place where you expect a fair shake 'no matter what your race, creed, or religion,' this is 'America, the land of the free and the brave'."

"How can you stand there and tell me that I have to work for a decent livin', when for the last twenty years I've worked ten hours a day, six days a week at cuttin' hair. I tell you, I'm sick of this same job—day in and day out—in this dirty old barbershop, but I got to keep on doing it so my wife and kids can have a little somethin' on the table for supper. If you want to put the blame on somebody for my conditions, why don't you put the blame on that overpriced super market up the street that sells rotten meat and spoiled potatoes to my wife, or the white tenant owner of mine who won't even pay to have my leaky roof fixed, or the loan shark (a common form of usery) who takes all the little extra money of mine at the end of each month for my car payment. With all this working against me, how can I improve what I am, how can I improve my surroundings when I can't even improve my own conditions. No, the breaks haven't gone my way, and even if they did, I don't think it would've helped. Let's face it, I'm stuck here in the black ghetto and I'll never escape on my own."

Charlie, a barber in a black community, knows what it's like to live in a world of insecurity and poverty, a day-to-day existence never knowing if tomorrow will be his last day employed. He lives on wishes for a better way that will never materialize, a life of squandering every penny through his own self-denial only to turn around and spend it on a luxurious car, a life of the immediate pleasure and one-night sprees because lasting happiness is unobtainable.

I have not gone down into the black community as a white savior and a miracle worker. I realize that my attempts of assistance won't change the enormous problems of the black race. Driving down to Brown's center once a week to work with smaller children isn't the answer to race prejudice or poor housing or poverty. But I've learned something I hope I'll never forget—a black man lives the same life I do, he faces the the same problems, he has to overcome them in the same way. Placed in the same situations, he will react the same as I would. In a few words, the white man and the black man are the same.

EDITORIAL
Semester Review

This being the first issue of the new semester, it seems to be the trend to look back over the past. Looking back over the first semester it can only be termed a success.

The leadership provided by the Senior class is the primary reason for this success. Back in May of last year the Senior class to be, sat down with Brother Windmueller S.J. and decided what we needed to do. We discussed the things that the previous classes had failed to accomplish and promised ourselves that we were going to be a class that was going to be remembered for the good things instead of the mistakes we made.

To start with, a bunch of guys got together and decided that the incentive to get the ball rolling could and would come from the football team. The success of the football season could make or break the spirit of the whole year.

Well, everyone knows how well the football team did and the spirit they supplied to the whole school. Midway in the season the Homecoming weekend took place. "A Night in San Francisco" constructed under the leadership of Chris Davis and reigned over by Rosie Molinari provided an enjoyable time for all who attended.

After first quarter exams if you came out to school on a Saturday, you would find that parking was as tedious a job as it is on a school day. That was just the way people started thinking. If you had a problem or something that needed taking care of, the place to go was out to school. Once you were there someone was around to make you mad or something and you could relieve your tensions out on him.

As we went into Christmas vacation we also went into Semester exams. Many will tell you that these were the worst exams they ever took. But why not? Rockhurst is noted for its scholastic achievements as well as extra-curricular. This fact is backed up by some statistics such as nine Semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Another fact is that more than half the school received honor cards.

Following the Christmas vacation the Student Council Vice-President, Chris Davis began to panic. With less than a week left, hardly anything on the Winter Dance had begun to materialize. But a bunch of dedicated students put their minds to work and the dance became a reality. How could they do it? Without being too serious about it, they got more work done in two days than seemed humanly possible. Thus the dance was successful.

Now we are faced with the Student Council elections. Will the new Stuco be able to fulfill the high standards set by the first semester Student Council? Will the next Council be able to solve its own problems like the previous one? It will take the support of the entire school and the continued leadership of the Senior class.

If you had a chance to speak with a Rockhurst alumnus of recent years they probably told you how surprised they were at the success of this year's team of students. We, the members of this team, can take pride in the success of this year's first semester and anticipate the success of the coming events of this semester. To all who are going to participate in the coming activities we wish you the best of luck!

ATTACK

by Dan Bukovac

All seniors are required to make a closed retreat. It is called a closed retreat because the person leaves the world he normally lives in for a day in another closed off world. This world in which we live is full of deadlines, worries, and noise. We retreat to a world of peacefulness, meditation, and silence. Once we are in this different world, we end our retreat.

Once you enter the retreat house, the name "retreat" become a misnomer. Then you must rather attack the problem of finding out where you are and where you are going. Physically we retreat, so that we can mentally attack. Nevertheless some people don't attack mentally, but retreat again. They retreat by playing cards, talking, listening to a radio, and in general trying to bring the normal world to the retreat house. It is obvious that the people who retreat mentally defeat the purpose of the physical retreat. A person can play cards and listen to the radio anytime. Any man can retreat; it takes courage to attack.

This semester has been a success for the student body as a whole. It is still another thing to judge the success of our lives individually. The retreats are an opportunity for the seniors to do this. Given this opportunity then, we seniors must remember to attack, not retreat.

Musings of A V-P

by Chris Davis

With the closing of the first semester's Student Council, a lot of thoughts have come to my mind in regard to the vice-presidency. I will begin by saying that holding that office was really an honor for me. It has given me a chance to serve Rockhurst in the best way I could — choosing bands and running dances and mixers.

Some people might say getting bands is easy, but it's really harder than one might think. The most important and difficult part of this is determining the type of music and bands guys here want, because their ideas are constantly changing. The next thing is knowing how to go about getting the right band at the right price. The best way is to know guys in bands or to know a reliable booking agent. That way you can sometimes talk the prices down and save the school some money. You also need some limited knowledge of Rock music to know what bands will please the students. There are some booking agents in this city who will really try to give you the shaft when it comes to prices — unless you know what you are doing.

Possibly the most demanding part of the office is the Dance Committee. For this, it is almost essential to have at least some previous dance committee experience. This is needed because you have to know what it takes in putting a dance together and how to go about doing it. It can really be a tiresome job.

I would just like to say that I really enjoyed being vice-president. I hope I have done what you wanted me to do as V-P. Let's make next semester even better.

VIETNAM HOLIDAY
A Special Travel Guide

by David Courtwright

Recent years have seen a large increase in the number of "travel guides" available to prospective tourists. Lest we be outdone, I would like to present our indispensable guidebook to that Pearl of the Orient, Vietnam.

Facts About Vietnam in Brief

Population: Constantly decreasing.

Chief imports: Beer, bombs, bullets, guns, and empty coffins.

Chief exports: Opium, disfavored politicians, fried rice and lice, bubonic plague, and filled coffins.

Area: ? — No geometric method has been developed for measuring large pieces of swiss cheese.

Government: Dictatorial democracy.

Areas of minor counter-insurgency actions: (See "major cities")

Condition of water: Water comes in three varieties—bad, worse, and worst. Avoid vendors selling pre-sterilized packets of dehydrated water.

Major cities: (See "areas of minor counter-insurgency actions").

Points of Interest

Bayonet trips, bamboo stakes, tiger traps, swords, machetes, and daggers—it is in your interest to avoid all these points.

Acronyms of National Agencies

B.I.T.E. — Bureaucratic Ineptness, Thought to be Endless.

F.A.R.C.E.—Force Assigned to Regulate Communist Encroachments (this acronym applies to many agencies, e.g., the A.R.V.N. is a F.A.R.C.E.).

U.N.C.S.A.M. — Unified Nationalistic Committee to Steal America's Money.

B.I.A.C.K.M.A.R.K.E.T. — Big League Association to Confiscate and/or Kidnap Merchandise Already Received from all Kinds of Enlisted Thieves.

Things to Buy

(1) A Remington over-under, double barreled .577 magnum Bulldozer Buster dinosaur rifle, carrying 750 grain bullets in both barrels.

(2) A .73 calibre super Nakasaki rapid-fire, Formosan made semi-automatic pistol with shoulder holster.

(3) Krupp model #37B corrugated iron underpants with vulcanized joints.

(4) A genuinely autographed, gold framed picture of Vice President Ky inspecting a bombed-out Viet Cong pot ash factory in Cambodia.

(5) A one-way ticket back to the States.

Things to Do

(1) Visit the fabulous Tri Ben municipal sewer works.

(2) Listen to an American official read enemy casualty figures (which figures, strange to say, if added somehow exceed the total population of both Vietnams plus New York City, Chicago, and the greater metropolitan area of Bucyrus).

(3) Take in the Po Zap Ti home for the aged.

(4) Visit the Wan Mai Boy's Industrial Home, where rubber bands for ARVN zip guns are molded by laser beams.

(5) Go to the Lurid Kitty Kat Nitespot and watch that noted cabaret performer, As Bes Tos, drink flaming Vicks Vapo Rub out of iced beer mugs.

(6) But the most important thing of all to do is walk carefully—and choose your friends the same way.

Handy Words and Phrases to Use When Associating with American Peace Keeping Forces

"Zap the chink."

"Bust the gook."

"Bomb them back to China."

"Shoot first and apologize later."

"Conk the slope-head."

"We had to destroy the village to save it."

"Well, he might have been a Cong."

"You never know — sometimes there are actually enemy weapons hidden beneath the towns we bomb."

"Darn! We thought he was on **their** side . . . Oh well . . . What's a double agent among friends?

"The region was secured and pacified by a 'Search and Destroy' mission."

Handy Words and Phrases to Use When Conversing with Locals

"Yan ki co hom."

"Shoo ti com mi."

"Ur zip pir ist o pin, stu pi Yan ki."

"Wher isi di bom mi shil ter?"

Saigon—Lotus Blossom in a Tranquil Oriental Sea

Saigon is related to the word "capital" in two ways: (1) It is the center of the government of South Vietnam, and (2) It is a capital idea to avoid the entire city altogether.

But Saigon's merits have not gone unnoticed. It has been nominated for many highly competitive titles, for instance, **Newsweek** recently cited Saigon (even over such deserving possibilities as Saint Louis) as "The Worst City on Earth."

A Final Note on Getting to Vietnam

There are many commercial land and sea routes to this sparkling gem in the Oriental crown. Experts speculate that the coming SST (Super Sonic Transport) will speed things up even more, but the fastest of all means to get you to Vietnam is the good ol' SSS (Selective Service System) run by Pentagon Airlines, Inc. Tickets are dispensed through an unusual Sweepstakes system. When asked to explain this new system, Richard Nixon, chairman of PAL, Inc., was reputed to, after giving a long, detailed (but thoroughly meaningless) speech, winked slyly and observed "Getting there is half the fun."

TOP OF THE ROCK

Chris Davis and friend.

Band Man

by Jeff Peakes

Chris Davis is one of the most active students at Rockhurst. His special interest seems to be along the line of student government. I say this because he is vice-president of the student council and is constantly attempting to get across to the faculty new ideas, and points the student body keeps trying to get approved.

Chris is also responsible for hiring a good band for every one of our mixers and dances. This is a good size job in itself because he has to please the large majority of students. Associated with getting a band for the dances, Chris is on the dance committee which supplies and arranges all the decorations for the dance and mixers. On top of all these things, he still seems to keep up his grades and his social life.

Chris Davis has played a big role at Rockhurst this first semester, and his second semester should be even bigger.

STA Today

After an extended Christmas vacation, everything is slowly returning to normal at STA. The Seniors are home from their long-awaited ski trip in Winter Park, Colorado. They departed from Union Station on a Monday evening to stay at Idlewild and Yodel Inn for three days and two nights spent skiing, swimming and ice skating.

While the Seniors were living it up, the underclassmen were looking inside themselves. Each class was given a day to "experience" a retreat led by Fr. Tom Reardon. They participated in discussions, Mass, a communal penance, and thought through a symbolic film.

The first dance of the new year will happen February 7. The Athletic Club is planning their annual WPA (Women Pay All) dance for that evening.

NDS News

Last semester at Sion ended with the successful Christmas Dance sponsored by the Senior Class. At the dance, Vicki Singleton was crowned "Reine de Noel." Equally successful was the Christmas Concert given by Mrs. Dennihan and the Sion Singers.

After a busy and eventful first semester, everyone was ready for the holidays and a long-awaited rest. However, per usual, this respite was not long enough for most of us and January 5 saw the beginning of a new year and a new semester at Sion.

Though 1970 is still new, things are already starting to happen. Upcoming events are the Father-Daughter Banquet, a dance in early February, Mission Day, and, for Seniors—term papers. We are looking forward to a semester full of fun and the usual required work.

Mc Man

by Greg Hayward

Since he came to Rockhurst his freshman year, John McManus has tried (and just about succeeded) in becoming involved in nearly every facet of Rockhurst life. Naturally he is probably most well known for his political activities. He was the first semester Student Council President. Last year he was treasurer.

But John has also done his best to lead and aid misguided students in other areas, for example, sports. Freshman year he ran both Track and Cross-Country. Sophomore and Junior years he played soccer. This year he has visions of joining the golf team.

If you've ever wondered who does most of the dirty jobs around school, don't look at John. But he has been suckered into a few projects. He has been Co-Chairman of the Sale-O-Rama, a member of the **Prep News** editorial staff, and a hard worker on the dance committee for the past three years. He's also done some inner city work.

Last year John was a basketball cheerleader. He attended Missouri Boys State last summer. But the incident that has made John McManus world famous happened at the elections assembly last spring where he took a well-prepared, carefully written speech, dramatically tore it apart in front of the entire student body, and then proceeded with another well-prepared, carefully written speech.

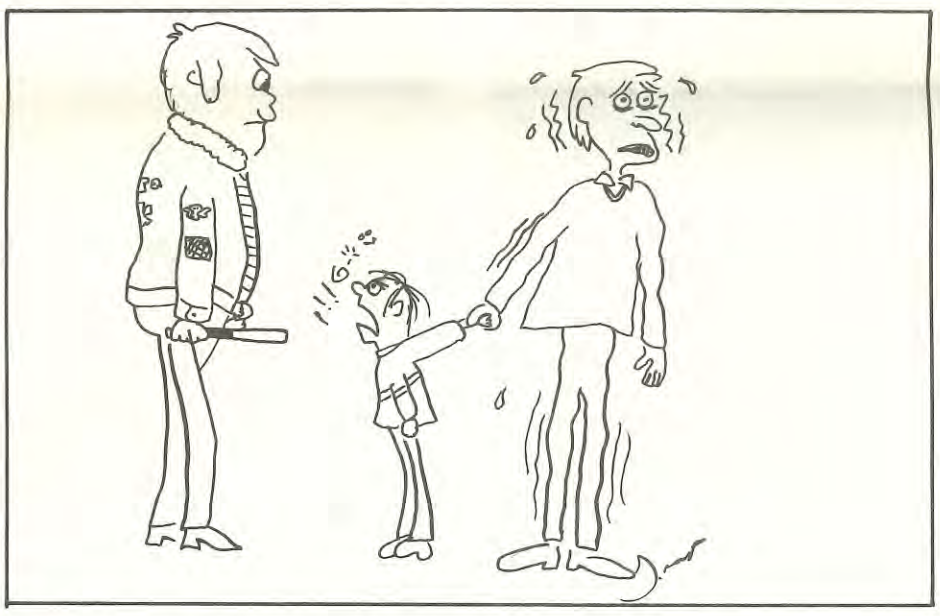
John McManus without friend.

"What are this man's plans for the future?" you inquire. I went to him personally and here uncut is his prophetic reply.

"I'm not sure."

He went on however to explain that he was considering either studying law and entering legal politics, or perhaps even a religious vocation.

A religious vocation. Think of the honor of having your son or even your grandson taking Latin IV from Fr. John McManus, S.J.



1970 also brings the elections for new class officers. Candidates are busy collecting votes, the results of which will be known in about a week.

We close with a sincere hope from all the Sionians that Rockhurst's basketball team will enjoy continued success and repeat their triumph in football.

COLOR US GUILTY-

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Next man. The beasts are ready. My insides quiver. What is happening. Again the defendant is not present. The beasts pick up followers. By force. By fear. Parliamentarian suggests that mood of Council is improper to make any further discussions. Go on. Too late. The beasts huddle and elate their conquest. Eyes fired. Bitter. My hands little shakey. A man has been removed. What to write. What to say. This has gone too far. Must be stopped.

Mind wanders. What am I thinking. Yes. Silly. Yes. But the mob nailed Christ. No organization. How awful that must have been. Hitler. Of course. Do it. Just for the heck of it. Sickening. Surely these high school leaders must be different.

Third man. Different. Missed a lot of the meetings. A big fellow. Liked by the beasts—but not one of them. Football player. Yes. That's an excuse. The beasts think highly of football stars. At least he is present to defend himself. His face asks pity. The beasts' hunger has been satiated . . . had their kill . No reason to remove a football player. Man acquitted.

But harm is done. Not as much to the accused, but to the school. No. To a reputation. To the Council. To something. A few outsiders were present. Wanted to see their Council. See how often it became the puppets of the beasts. Men cut down without a fair trial. Disorder. Obscenity. Unruly. See a mirror. Beasts were put there by **them.** Because they were big—loud—hotshots. Everyone knew them. They thought. Small example—but maybe students see what they have done with their uninterest in homeroom, no attitude. A.P. romperoom.

I am sorry this happened at one of my last Stuco meetings. Ashamed, really. My fault, too. Truth hurts. But so does injustice. I know now where a lot of the student body will end as far as government goes — nowhere. Unless a change. More than that. That's a word. Resurrection. That's **something.** Beasts are as strong as their followers are weak. But wait! What if the followers transcended? Became leaders—concerned. That would help. Original thought. Two feet to stand on. Use them. But, oh. People can sure be hard.

Brian O'Malley and friend.

B.O'M-b

Who is Brian O'Malley? In past years he was known as an athlete. For three years at Rockhurst, Brian was on the football squad. He also spent two seasons on the basketball court. Last year he amazed everyone at the Intramural Track Meet by running the 880 in four minutes. But that's all over now.

This year Brian has moved into areas where he's needed the most. He's a main-stay and hard worker on the dance committee. Last spring he danced his way into the hearts of everyone in "Bye Bye Birdie." Brian also takes an active interest in Student Council, serving in the thankless job of Freshman Representative.

His most valuable services above and beyond the call of duty however, are his efforts as Sports Editor of the **Prep News.** Hardly a day goes by that he doesn't spend his time after school hard at work on another story. The outstanding coverage that has been given to all sports this year has been mainly through his conscientious efforts.

Brian sacrificed a rising sports career for the world of journalism. We all owe him a debt of thanks.

"Where's the Fire?"

by Brian O'Malley

On January 13, 1970 Rockhurst High School experienced its first fire. There have been some interesting anecdotes already concerning the fire. One of them is the story told to me by Brother Windmueller SJ. It seems that Mark Kratofil walked up to Brother and asked him what he would do if he pulled the fire alarm. Well, he pulled the alarm and Brother's hair stood on end.

Mr. Melanchin SJ stated that he was more than grateful that the Pool Room was spared any more than smoke damage.

About the fire—Mr. Sanford SJ was burning the day's accumulation of trash. The fire incinerator overflowed and the incinerator caught on fire. Ken Brown and Renard Gervais were on the scene and Kevin Hughes followed up with a fire extinguisher.

According to Brother, the fire trucks and Chief got to the school about 2½ minutes after he called. As Fr. Fahey SJ put it "They tested us, and we were out quick and when we tested them they came through."

Everyone should be congratulated on the speed in which they got out of school (which is only natural). The damage was not extensive but the smoke was unbelievable. There was smoke in the gym, the rec room, the pool room and all throughout the basement.

We who witnessed the panic which took place will have much to tell everyone when school rolls around again. That's right. No matter what happens, school will take place. So curse be to Ken Brown and Renard Gervais and three cheers for Mr. Sanford.

"and Everyone had a good time . . ."

Members of the dance committee and a number of "juggees" help with the decorations of the Winter Dance.

Sheila Barnard, Tom Dlabl, Ron Schaefer, and date, Mary Loftus take a break from excitement at the Winter Dance.

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Sports Scene

PIRATES PLUNDER

As the Paseo game got under way the students in the stands were horrified. The Pirates were much taller than our Hawklets and could jump what seems twice as high. But for some unknown reason the Pirates just didn't compare to the Hawklets on defense and therefore lost out on offense.

Every time Paseo brought the ball in bounds they were threatened by Kevin Wall and Steve Hughes. Between these two scrappy guards they forced nearly a dozen turnovers. While Rockhurst failed to be awed, the Paseo Pirates were clutching right and left.

One of the most noticeable things about the Nickelmen is that they are constantly congratulating each other on the things they do well and no one allows another teammate to take all the blame. It appears that the members of the other teams are always fighting with each other. This unity probably has made a considerable difference in the outcome of many of the games.

The game started off with Paseo getting two quick points. Then Kevin Wall took over. A quick pass to Mark Stipitich and a basket. A bounce pass to Tom Bosilivac, and another basket. Then Rockhurst set up a tenacious defense and a press which couldn't be broken.

There were probably no more than five times when the team was able to set up one of its plays, because the only time Rockhurst got the ball was when they stole it from Paseo resulting in a lay-up.

It was because of these lay-ups that Rockhurst took the game out of the reach of the Pirates.

Mr. Nickel found that he could substitute freely and did so. The reserves held the ground made up by the starters and should receive the credit due to them. Therefore it is necessary to mention the names of Mark Kratofil, Greg Stockbauer, Bill Fagan, Micky McCaffrey and definitely the "Hawk" Frank Kongs.

One of the things that Rockhurst does not have to worry about is someone fouling out. Naturally we wouldn't be at full strength without Wall or Don Rau, but the reserves such as Kratofil and Kongs can fill the shoes of both of these players and have confidence in doing so.

There is no way of describing this game short of calling it run and gun. It wasn't a see-saw battle or one fought down to the wire. Once Rockhurst got ahead they stayed there for the rest of the game. They took the game in stride and began to prepare for Southwest and continue to defend their ranking of third in the city. The final score of the game was 65-59.

INSTANT REPLAY—Kevin Wall and Don Rau display in two pictures how we beat Paseo.

From the Toe

by Bob Lopez

Hawklet kickers opened their season against a tough Pem-Day team on a rain-soaked field. The Raiders pressured the Hawklets from the start and after a scoreless first quarter Pem-Day scored. The goal wasn't an impressive shot, but it still made the difference. The Hawklets fought back, outshooting the Raiders 13 to 4, but were unable to score. It was a painful 1 to 0 loss.

In the next game the Rockhurst kickers trounced De La Salle 3 to 0. The Hawklets were in complete control of the entire contest gaining a fast 2 to 0 lead. The goals were furnished through the courtesy of José Jimenez and Barry Bumgarner. Substituting freely in the second half the Hawklets again scored, the fourth quarter tally was made by backup center halfback John Lawless. Rockhurst attained their first victory of the season and began to look like the successful team of last year.

The Rockhurst kickers then journeyed to Savior of the World, which always plays a hard, clean game. The Hawklets drew first blood, scoring in the first quarter. However, Savior came right back. They scored on a perfect header off a corner shot. The half ended a 1 to 1 tie, but here again Rockhurst showed that it could fight back. Led by co-captains José Jeminez and Bob Lopez the Hawklets regained the momentum scoring in the third and fourth quarters. The three goals were again supplied by the scoring duo of Jimenez and Bumgarner. The team had its second victory, this one by the score of 3 to 1.

Rockhurst players who have put in impressive performances are halfbacks Mike Stabler and Kent Barr, forward Terry Super and goalie Rick Miller. The rest of the starters are R. Kelly, B. Pierron, Jim Clark, Ken Elliot and Bob Lopez. The next two games are with "fisticuffs" prone Hogan and Meige. Come out and watch a game. The TEAM will give you an impressive performance.

QUIVERING HEIGHTS—Micky McCaffrey towers above all during some action of the De La Salle game.

Bob Lopez prepares to pass the ball to Jose Jiminez during a game with Hogan.

Burial Flowers

by John McManus

The Pem Day game—well, it wasn't exactly as exciting as our last Raytown South game, nor were there as many thrills involved as the Paseo game; as a matter of fact, it was a rather mediocre game. But, once again, the Rockhurst squad came through in the second half to run away with the game. Also, remember this, on the win-loss column a victory over Pem Day looks just as good as a victory over any team in the city.

To relate the highlights of the game, Kevin Wall scored 29 points and then walked off the court after playing his usual outstanding scoring game. The only threat Pem Day was able to muster came near the end of the first quarter with the score tied 18 to 18, but this threat was crushed with a strong team effort provided by Don "The Stoney Stomper" Rau, Mark "Stipper" Stipitich, Steve "Hondo" Hughes, and Tom "Bozzo" Bosilevac. Probably not as outstanding in the scoring field, but playing one of his better games was Mic "The Flying Elbows" McCaffrey.

As always we take pride in winning a game over our former coach, Jim Ryan; and a team victory such as this should be attributed to our fine coach, Mr. Nickel. A winning team is only as good as it's coach. If this is true, every game Rockhurst plays should be as decisive a victory as the 78-59 win over a dejected Pem Day team.

ALL BUT ONE

So far the Junior Varsity Basketball team has won all but one game. That loss was to an unusual Truman team. The game was close, too close. Truman was the victor but by one point.

The J.V. has beaten such teams as the Paseo Pirates, Ray-South Cardinals and just lately the De La Salle Titans. Most of the games are tight and full of excitement. Few people can say that they have witnessed more excitement.

In the De La Salle game the excitement was all Rockhurst. The Big D started off with a quick six points. Then the Bigger R started to roll and roll and roll and roll all over De La Salle.

Greg Stockbauer and Jeff Grasser combined forces to take the ball and cram it down the throats of the opponents, not to mention the basket. Micky McCaffrey put in a total of 12 points, ten of which came from the foul line.

Scott Davis, the leader and captain of the team, ripped off many key rebounds and set the Rock off on the all important fast break. Gary DiGiovanna was the standout on defense.

The only thing that the J.V. has going against it is Mr. Nickel. Naturally that statement needs some explaining. Mr. Nickel is drawing two of the most important players on the J.V. Actually Mr. Nickel doesn't intend to hurt the J.V. in any way because what he is doing is giving some of the players some of that all important experience. Rockhurst can look at its Junior Varsity with pride and confidence assuring it of many good teams in the future.

Who's No. 1 ?

Rockhurst entered the North Kansas City Tournament as Semi-finalists following a bye. We were to face a pair of familiar opponents: Truman and Raytown South. Previously Rockhurst had handled both teams with ease maintaining comfortable leads in both games. Kevin Wall proved his worth from the start with high scoring in both games.

But this was another place and time and game. In the Semi-final round we met Truman. Once again Rockhurst rolled over the Patriots. Wall and Don Rau posed as double threats on defense and offense. The Hawklets wrapped up Truman and began preparing for Ray-South our Roundball Rivals.

Against the Cardinals the Hawklets came onto the court as cold as it was outside. Kevin Wall, who we had come to depend on was cold from anywhere outside of 10 feet.

Without the hustle of all the team and the constant backing from the stands, Rockhurst would have had no chance. Mark Stipitich managed to get hot and keep the Rock within reach.

Into the second half things looked bleary as Steve "Hondo" Hughes fouled out. With Mark Kratofil injured Greg Stockbauer was the man to turn to. Almost everyone felt the loss more than necessary because Greg came through with a fine showing, he didn't win the game for us but he didn't lose it either, because that's a team effort.

Suddenly in the fourth quarter Kevin Wall got hot, too hot to handle. He had a 13 point scoring splurge and brought Rockhurst ahead. After some disputable calls Ray-South went ahead. Both teams exchanged baskets but Ray-South managed to stymie the Hawklet comeback.

Central Again

Unlike the Central football game, the Central basketball game was about half the excitement. Not much can be said about the game other than the one thing that struck everyone's eye—the Central team didn't have its usually strong starting five. I don't think that this would have made the slightest difference, because the Rockhurst five were an outstanding bunch of basketball players eager to make up for the losses to Central in basketball the last four years. They managed to do this and more as they put on a display of what basketball defense is all about — not letting the other team score. In the first quarter Central had scored only 1 point, while Rockhurst had scored 10.

Once Rockhurst had settled down, the Central coach inserted his first string, hoping to make an outstanding comeback. But this comeback was to be denied as Kevin Wall and Don Rau held the scoring and rebounding on the Rockhurst side of the scoreboard.

Statistics: Central - Varsity

Hughes	2	0	2	4
Wall	7	13	3	27
Stipitich	5	2	1	12
Bosilivac	1	0	2	2
Rau	6	2	1	14
McCaffrey	3	1	3	7
Kongs	0	0	3	0
Total	24	18	15	66

Kevin Wall puts the ball in the air destined for two points in the Southwest basketball game.

Statistics as of the DLS Game

	FGA	FGM	FTA	FTM	TP	PPG
Hughes	57	23	12	8	54	6
Wall	179	80	70	48	208	23.1
Rau	78	54	49	33	141	15.7
Stipitich	65	34	31	19	87	9.7
Bosilivac	53	27	15	7	61	6.8
Kongs	20	12	23	11	35	3.9
McCaffrey	21	9	23	13	31	4.4
Kratofil	20	4	2	2	10	1.7
Fagan	10	7	14	6	20	2.9
Stockbauer	2	2	5	4	8	1.1
Team	505	252	244	151	648	72

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SOPH TOUCH

by Paul McCue

The sophomores got off to a good start this year in their basketball season when in their first game against O'Hara they won in a tight game by ten points. The Hawklets fought the Celtics down to the last quarter when they pulled it out 59-49. The first half was touch and go. With seconds left, an O'Hara player took a wild shot and made it before the buzzer. This put the Celtics ahead by two going into intermission.

The second half was mostly dominated by Rockhurst, with Jeff Grasser displaying his shooting ability by scoring 24 of the 59 points for Rockhurst; Kevin O'Flaherty ended up with 10. Dan Coupe was playing an excellent defensive game keeping his opponent jumping the entire game.

The game following against Grandview was a different story. Although we managed to stay ahead and eventually win, there were some dark moments in the game.

Due to J.V. commitment some of the better players on the team couldn't play, but the others managed to win without the help of some starters. Rockhurst pulled the game out with a final score of 52-50. Some of the outstanding players of this game were Dan Egan, who scored 14, and Pat Moran, who scored 13 points. The one who saved the game as hero was Bob Sweeney. He had a one-and-one situation at the end of three minutes overtime and won the game.

The third game of the season against Ward was a disappointing loss for the team. Dan Coupe played well scoring nine points and once again put in a good defensive game. Gary DiGiovanna and Kevin O'Flaherty had six points each.

Rockhurst managed to rebound from their loss to Ward and beat Center 59-50. In the Center game Jeff Grasser scored 13 points and Kevin O'Flaherty came through with 12. Once again it was a tight game and Rockhurst managed to pull it out with an excellent defense.

Micky McCaffrey hooks one as Scott Davis closes in for the rebound during the DLS Junior Varsity game.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

by Mark Schaefer

In following what seems to be expected of Rockhurst teams this year, the Frosh basketball team has started out on the right foot. By rotating Bob Kopp, Brad Stockbauer, Chris Whitaker, and Dave Rau along with Rick Ruckdaschel and Kevin Cummings as starters, Mr. Jackson has compiled to date a 3-1 record.

After just a few weeks of practice it appeared that the team would have to play O'Hara, ready or not. Apparently the team was ready for O'Hara, and after leading 21-13 in the first half they held off the Celtics in the second half to pull out a 36-33 victory. Scoring leaders were Kopp, who is a fine defensive player, with nine, and Ruckdashel with eight.

Pem-Day was the next team to meet defeat at the hands of the young Hawklets. Although Pem-Day usually has a tough team, this wasn't one of them as they fell by a score of 59-33.

The game was fairly close up until the second half when the Hawklets out-scored the Raiders 34-24. Marty O'Laughlin had a hot hand good for 14 points followed by Whitaker with 11 while Cummings and Rau both had nine.

Next it was time to cut the Frosh from De La Salle down to size. Although the game was a tough one, it soon became evident that Rockhurst had the better team resulting in a 42-38 victory for the Hawks. Scoring honors went to Ruckdashel with 14 and Cummings and Whitaker put in nine apiece.

IN MEMORIAM

The faculty and students of Rockhurst High School wish to express their prayerful sympathies to the families of Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Hasty and Dennis O'Reilley on the occasion of their deaths.

Then it was time to play Ward, unfortunately. The game resulting score was 59-38 with Rockhurst coming up on the short end of the stick. Rockhurst quickly fell behind once the game got under way with a half-time score of 27-13. But this loss is out of sight and out of mind except for a reminder of what they have to do to win in the future; and that is just what they will be doing—winning in the future, so why not come and watch them?

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