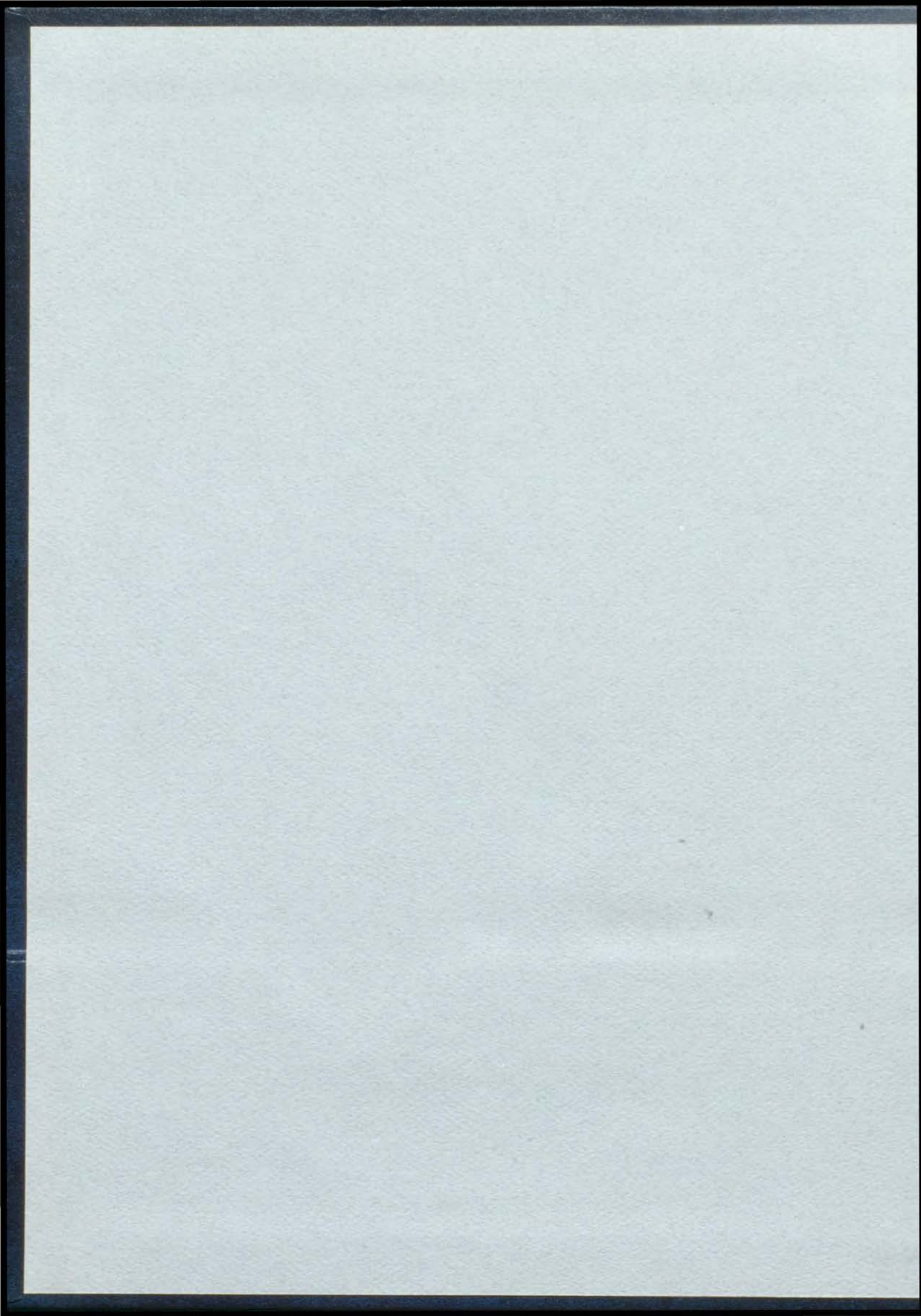
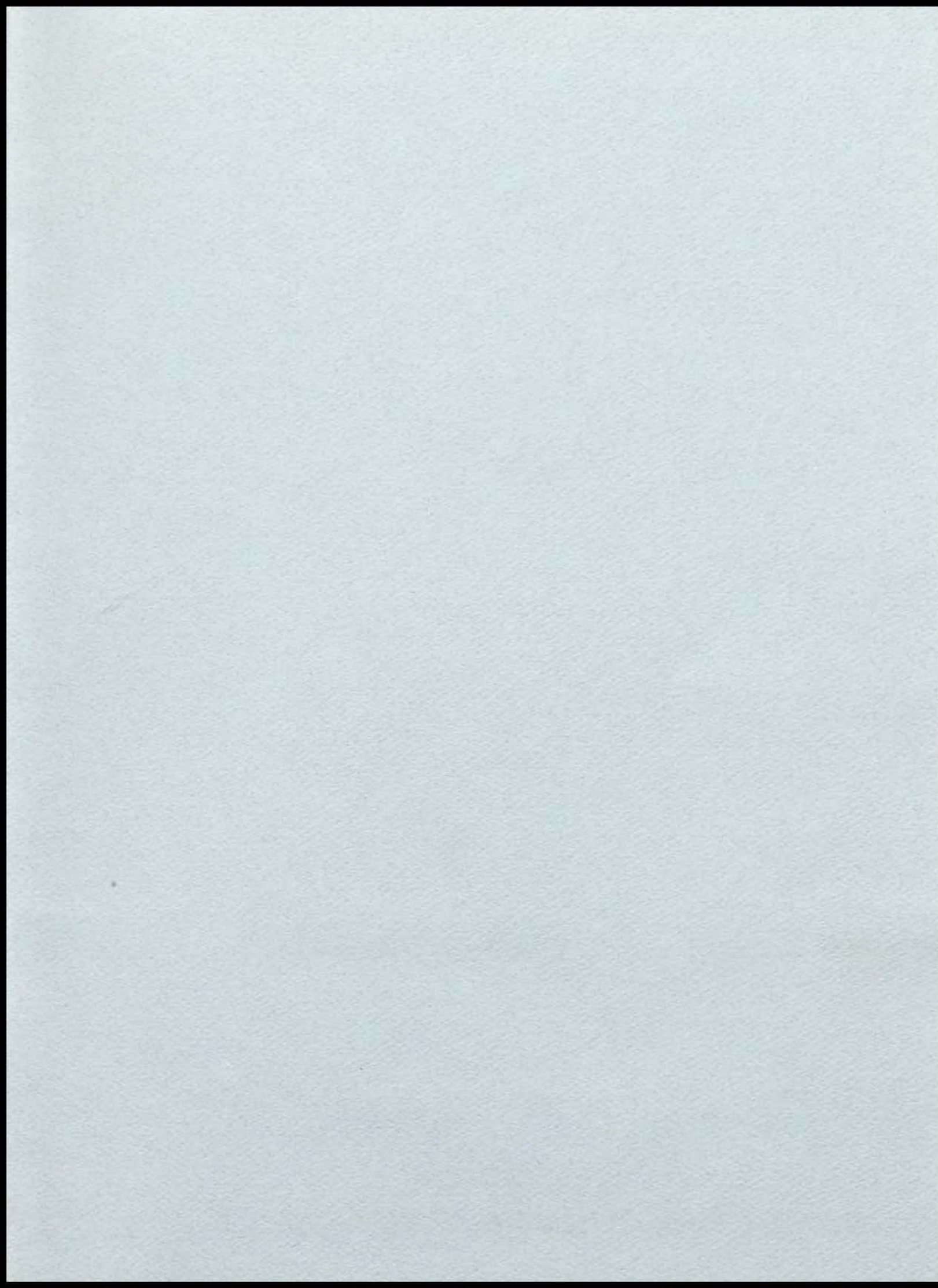


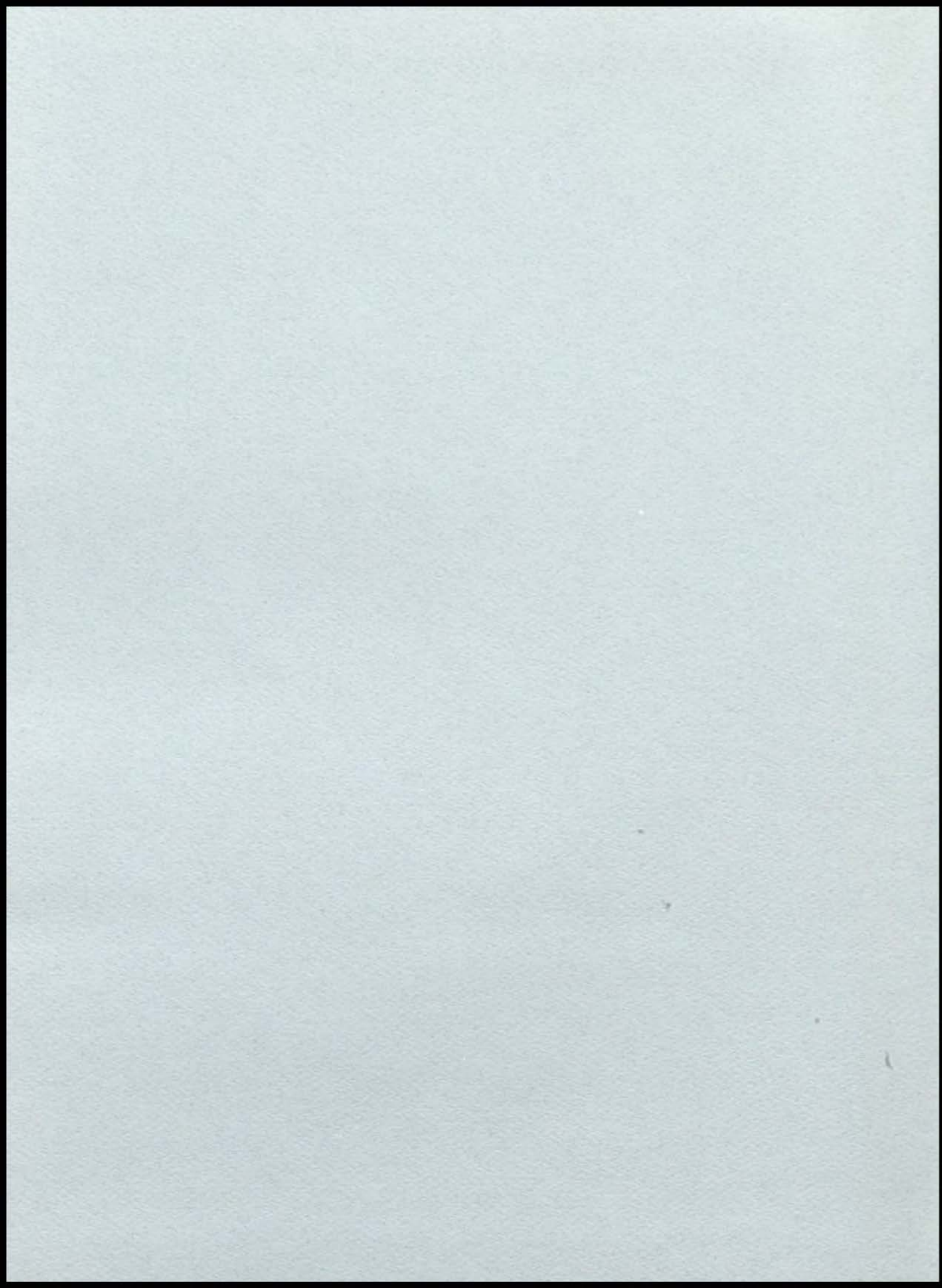
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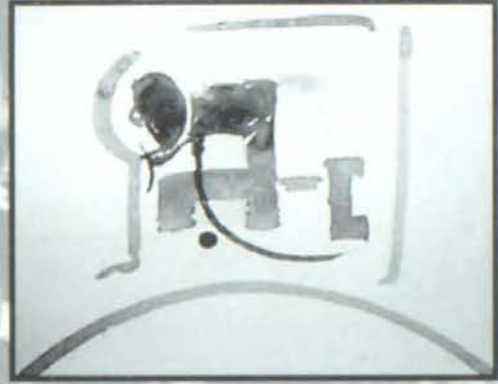
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Seniors Jon Jump and Andy Turley use their activity period to catch up on their studies in the Rose Theater walkway.

Senior Paul Woody, Mr. Steve Ryan, and senior Steve Cummings prepare for their roles as Eucharistic Ministers at an all-school mass.



Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., president, Mr. Tom Murphy, principal, Mr. Kerry Reardon, and Mr. Charles Haake, (standing) President of the Board of Directors, talk over design possibilities with architects for the Millennium Master Plan. The new plan gives the core of the school a makeover and creates more room and advanced technology for Rockhurst High School.

Mr. Frank Lyngar prepares a senior to leave Rockhurst for his Community Service Project during a ceremony in December.





Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J. assists senior Kevin McManus with his speech he delivered to the Senior Class at graduation. McManus was chosen by the faculty to be the 1997 recipient of the Kloster special "R" award.

## ◆ Men at Work



J.P. Tongson performs a delicate experiment in chemistry class as Tim Haake and Justin Griffith look on attentively.

We are the students of Rockhurst, and we are "Men at Work." Rockhurst is always under construction, improving itself, especially through students who grow by joining clubs, serving the community, reaching high academic standards.

Even the school building itself is now under construction. In June, the Millennium Master Plan project was unveiled by Rev. Thomas Pesci, S.J. It is proposed that by the end of 1998, RHS will undergo significant but necessary changes.

With the foundation of a superior education, and the technological advances appearing in the not-too-distant future, each boy who walks through the door his freshman year will construct himself into a complete man by the time he leaves Rockhurst.

*By Matt Thomas*

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## Serving the Community

Students demonstrate what it means to be 'Men For Others'

The Rockhurst motto of 'Men For Others' is exemplified in the service that students do for the community. A change in the curriculum has allowed Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors to give their talents back to the community by doing 25 hours of community service.

Seniors learned the value of helping others by participating in the 25th Anniversary of Senior Service Projects. The Seniors worked in real world situations dealing with the problems that face many people in our community.

Along with service projects, clubs around school have displayed RHS men working for others. The NHS believes that service to the community is as important as academic success; and SADD has informed students of the dangers of drinking and driving.

What makes RHS special is that we are **Men At Work** for the community.

*By David Merkel*

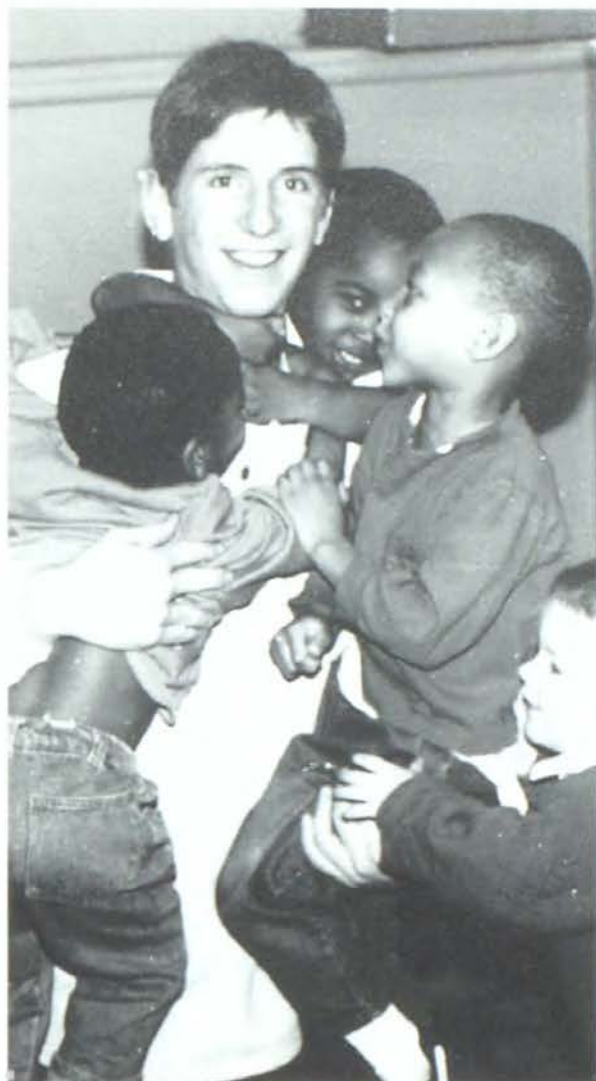


Senior Matt O'Donnell entertains several children from St. Vincent's day care center located at 42nd and Troost. O'Donnell spent an entire month assisting teachers and keeping the children busy at the day care. *Photo by Rob Haake*

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole spoke before the student body concerning drugs and alcohol. Mrs. Dole was brought to RHS by the Students for Political Action. *Photo by Konstantine Young*

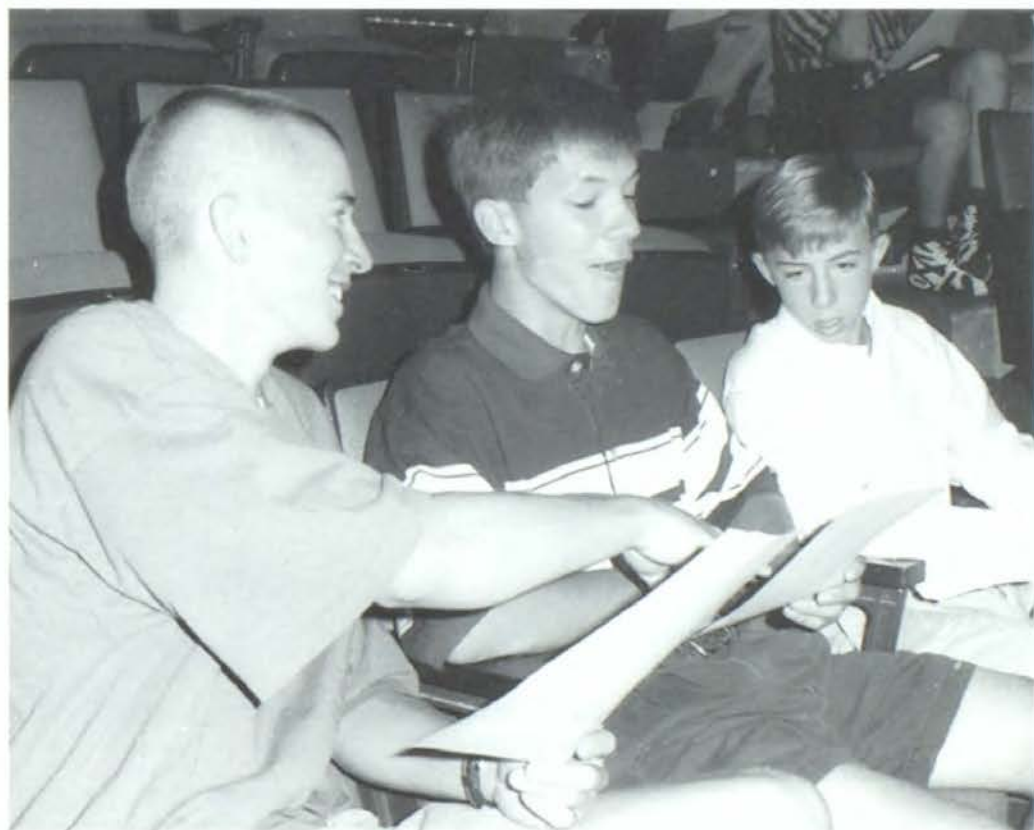






Senior Rob Haake serves as a temporary jungle gym for several energetic children at the St. Vincent's day care center. St. Vincent's was Haake's choice for Senior Projects. *Photo by Matt O'Donnell*

Senior Mike Fuhrman explained the rotating schedule to freshman Shane Fairchild and Garrett Coffey during the Freshman Direction Day. *Photo by Seth Laubinger*



# Total Development

Getting involved is key to success  
at the Rock

At Rockhurst, emphasis is placed on the development of the "total student." RHS isn't a place where students go from eight to three, instead, it is a second home for many students.

A student's success depends on the extent to which he participates in the many activities that are offered. A student must be willing to take the initiative and get involved.

Means of involvement at RHS are many. It is through these groups and organizations that students become a part of the Rock.

The total development of the student starts in the classroom and branches out to the many organizations, clubs, and teams. These groups show spirit, not just at football or basketball games, but as well as to the community.

Students are truly at work in developing themselves to become the type of person they want to be, not just on the playing field, but also in the classroom and in the numerous organizations throughout school.

*By David Merkel*



A group of seniors displayed their school spirit at a pep rally before the Blue Springs football game. *Photo by Rob Haake*

Pete Wilson and Gia Papini demonstrated their acting ability in the play *Death of a Salesman*. *Photo by Rob Haake*





Ryan Davis and Rudy Arredondo conducted an experiment involving ammonium dichromate and fire during open house. *Photo by Konstatine Young*



Paul Woody and Andy Simms lead the student body in song during Mass. *Photo by Rob Haake*

# Student Li

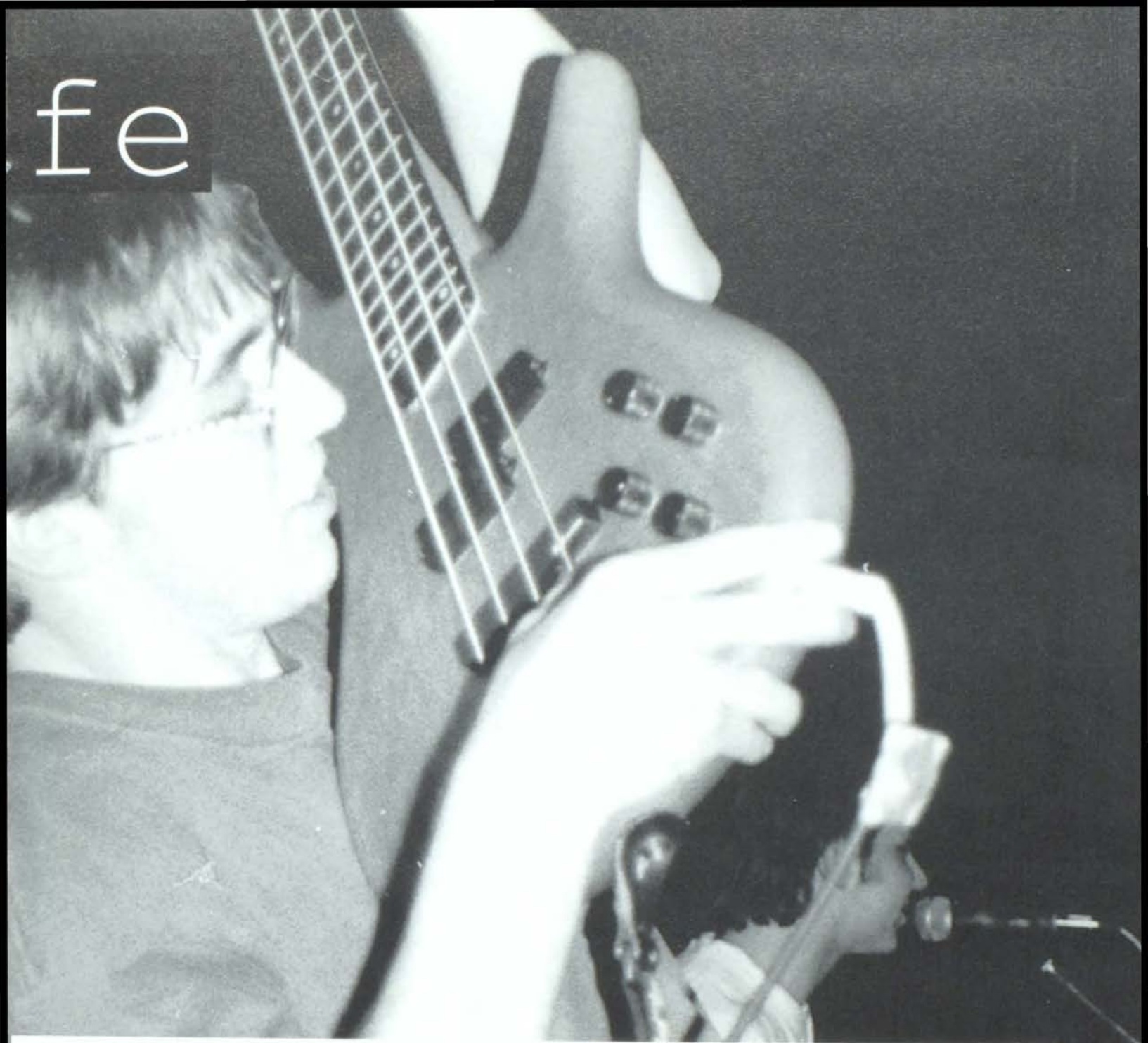
*Activities and events at Rockhurst play as big of a role in a student's life as academics. Every day, there is something different going on at the Rock. There are activities focused on students having a good time, such as dances, sports competitions, drama productions, Battle of the Bands, and the Heritage Festival. There are also events set aside for fund-raising, like Sale-O-Rama and the Spectacular auction. Rockhurst men hold events to help the less fortunate in our community, such as the canned food drive and Mission Week. Through these activities and events, students and volunteers come together in hopes of achieving one goal--to make Rockhurst and society better. Much time, work, and effort is put into each of these events. The Rockhurst family is not just a group of people. They are People at Work.*

*By Jeremy Dobbie*



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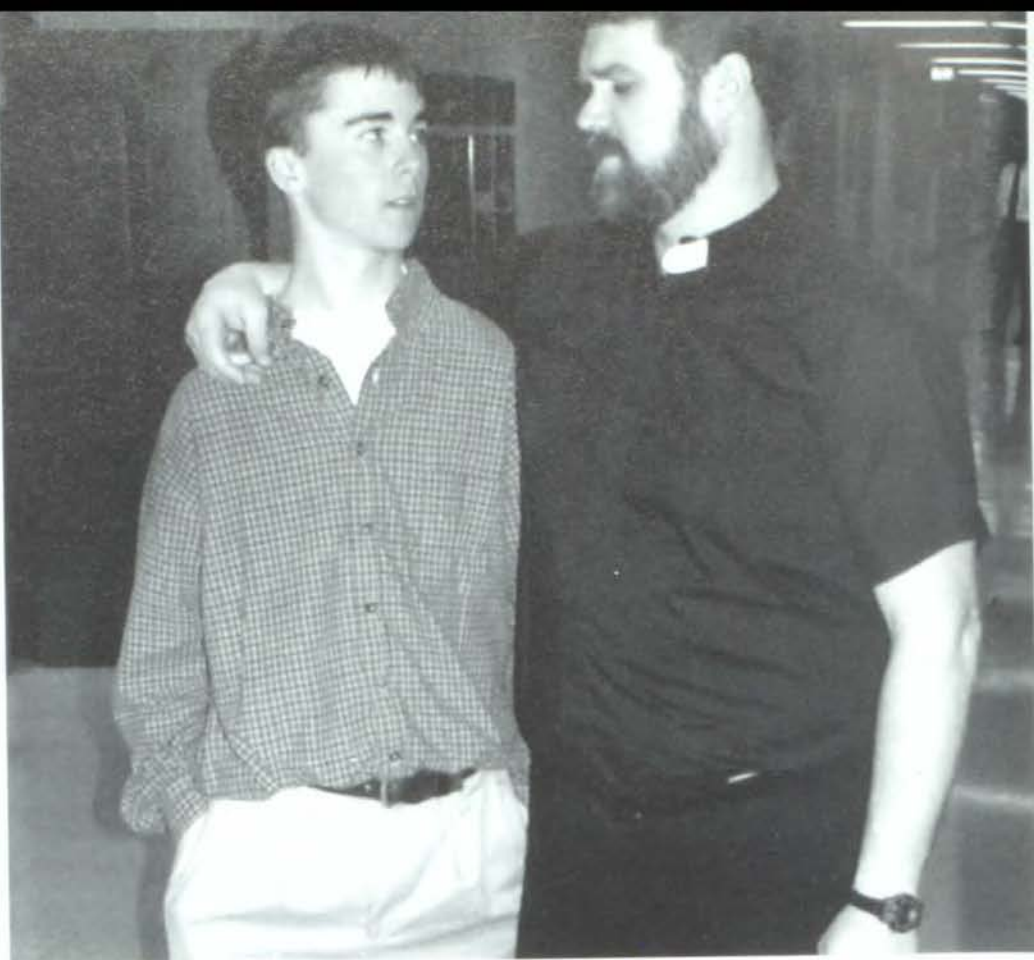
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Mark McCaffree rocked the gym at Battle of the Bands. McCaffree's band, Giddy, won first place and defended their title from a year ago. Photo by John Petrovic



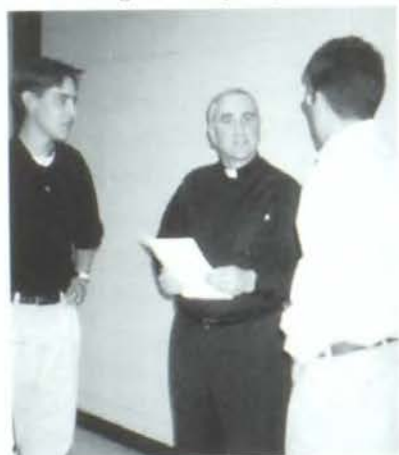
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*Fr. Mark Daues, S.J.*

## “In His Company”

*RHS students were treated to an extra dose of Jesuits this year thanks to a remarkable group of individuals and a mission. The resident Jesuit priests and the one Jesuit Scholastic made a concerted extra effort to greet students and visitors outside their classrooms before and after school and during passing periods.*

*“I feel it keeps in the spirit of Rockhurst and helps to bring us all together in the Jesuit tradition,” said Fr. Chris Pinné, S.J.*

*And it was that Jesuit tradition that compelled Fr. Pinne, Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J., Fr. Mark Daues, S.J., Mr. Mark Michalski, S.J., and Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., President, (when circumstances permitted) all members of the Society of Jesus, to be visible and accessible, meeting, greeting, and influencing students on an almost continuous basis.*

*Fr. Daues and Fr. Pinne were especially visible, taking and holding their positions almost religiously to help make the students feel the Jesuit presence all around.*



*Fr. Chris Pinné, S.J.*



*Fr. Dave Suwalsky, S.J.*

# Alumni Service Corps provides opportunity to show true character

Three years ago, Rockhurst began participating in the Alumni Service Corps whereby products of Jesuit education volunteer to give back to the Ignatian Community. Each year since then, two men have joined the Rockhurst faculty for a year of service. Last year, Mr. Michael Pateidl and Mr. Chris Bowron came to Rockhurst. This year, Mr. Fred Schlichting and Mr. Matt Gartner are a part of the teaching faculty. The people involved in the ASC are committed to one year of service. They can, if they choose, renew this commitment for one more year.

A graduate of St. Louis University High School and St. Louis University, Mr. Gartner is among the first of his class to be a part of the ASC program. Mr. Gartner teaches Freshman Theology and a class of Freshman English. Mr. Gartner plans to continue teaching at DeSmet High School in St. Louis next year and continue his education in graduate school.

Mr. Schlichting graduated from DeSmet High School in St. Louis and the University of Notre Dame. He teaches Freshman English at the Rock. "I decided to become a part of ASC for the year of service. I wanted to give back to the Jesuit community," he said.

Besides teaching, he is also the

assistant coach for the Varsity Soccer team.

Mr. Pateidl, a graduate of RHS and Creighton University, wanted to take a year off before going to graduate school, but he also wanted to spend that year in service. Although Mr. Pateidl did not renew his ASC contract, he is still teaching English and is going to graduate school at Avila College. Mr. Pateidl wants to continue teaching and hopes to receive his M. A. in English.

Also returning as a second-year teacher is Mr. Bowron. A graduate of Xavier High School in Cincinnati and SLU, Mr. Bowron joined the ASC because he "somehow wanted to dedicate a year in service." Mr. Bowron is a full-time Theology teacher at Rockhurst but next year will return to Cincinnati where he will attend medical school at the University of Cincinnati.

These four men from the ASC add a different aspect to the Rock. By serving and teaching the students of Rockhurst, these men are giving something back to the Jesuit schools, which gave so much to them. Being a part of the ASC shows they truly are Men for Others and an inspiration to their students.

*story by David Giangreco*



Mr. Mike Pateidl is flanked by Mr. Mark Michalski, S.J. and Fr. Mark Daus, S.J. on his way to attend Graduation of the Class of 1997.

Mr. Chris Bowron not only was assistant director but played a role in *Death of a Salesman*. He's pictured at left with Andy Simms and Henry Vick.







Mr. Gartner and Mr. Schlichting enjoy a snack after school in the Hannah Steele house.

Mr. Fred Schlichting, serving as assistant Varsity Soccer Coach, congratulates Senior Bryan Charcut



Mr. Matt Gartner

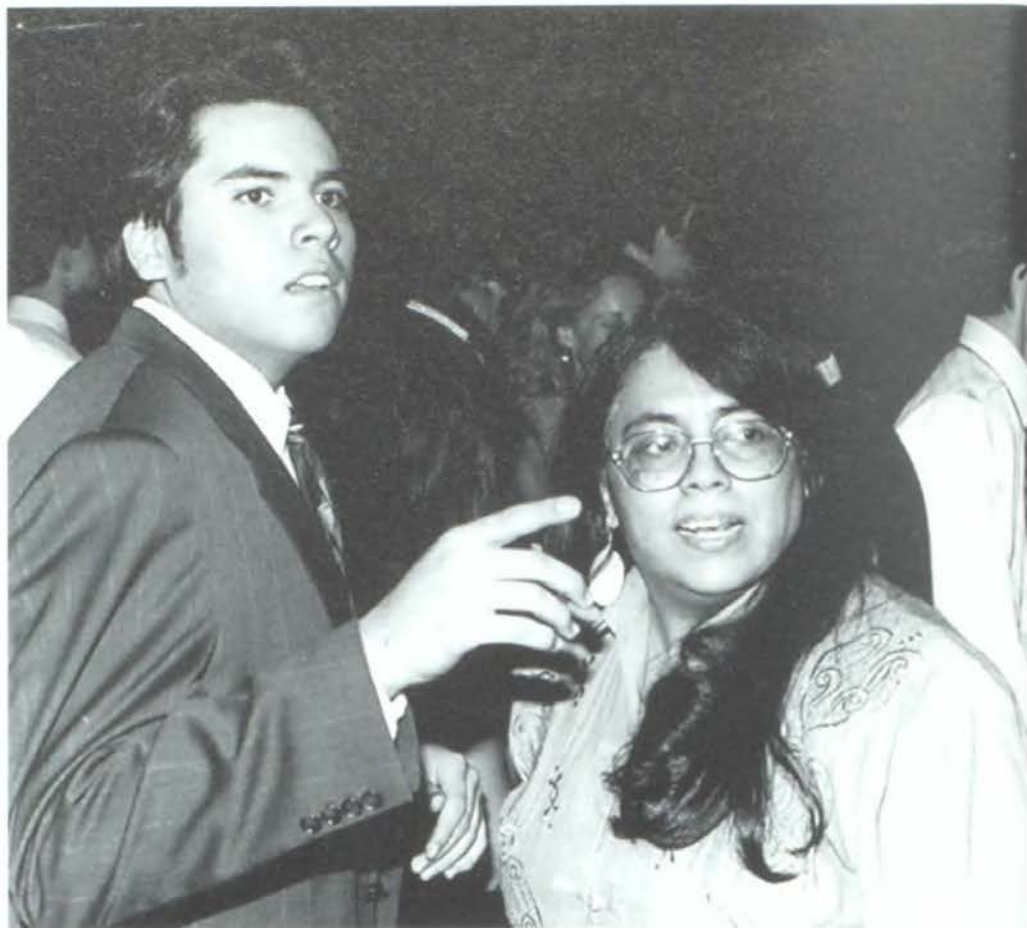


Mr. Fred Schlichting



Mr. Gartner and Mr. Schlichting enjoy a laugh with Fr. Pesci, outside the Jesuit Residence.

Mr. Gartner unveiled his unshaven look at the Heritage Festival.



Xavier Mendoza points out a friend to his mother while they dance.

Christopher Wiggins and his mother enjoy their first mom prom.



Jim Ryan shows off his dance moves with his mother. The seniors really made the most of their last mom prom.



# Mom Prom was memorable despite smaller space

This year's Mom Prom had no trouble living up to the standard of the past dances. The Mother-Son dance, fondly referred to as the "Mom Prom," was held in the downtown Marriott instead of the usual location at the Hyatt Regency in Crown Center due to booking problems.

The Mother's Club had no trouble putting on another successful dance. The seating in the Marriott was smaller than the

Hyatt and the dance floor was smaller but that didn't stop the mothers and their sons from having a good time. It was a tear-filled evening for some of the mothers who were attending their last mom prom.

Songs such as the Chicken Dance, YMCA, and Shout brought back memories for the sophomores, juniors, seniors and their mothers and flushed faces for some of the freshmen as their

mothers dragged them onto the floor.

For the seniors, it was their last dance with their moms. As a token of their love the seniors gave their moms a red rose before the dance.

While a few students could be heard griping about being seated in the lobby and the small size of the dance floor, they managed to put all that aside and make the most of a memorable evening.



Mike Foster and his mother pause from their meal for the camera.

Steve Martin manages to crack a smile and take a break from his dinner for a photo opportunity with his mother.



John Lieber and his mom let loose during the dance. Some students had no trouble showing off their dancing skill.

A group of moms watch as one of the boys shows his stuff on the dance floor.



Conor Lyons shares a laugh with his mom while they dance. Students found that the mom prom provided a good time to socialize with their mothers.



Pat Connelly begins to feel worn out after hours of dancing.



# Social graces shine through as guys step out with best girl by their side



One mom and son duo show off their skill as the rest of the crowd cheers. Some duos were quite good.



Kevin Holland proudly displays his good fashion sense with his tuxedo vest.



Sons enjoying a meal with their moms are clockwise from top left: Mike Hiatt, Al Smith, Greg Owsley, Paul Mattione, and (center) Bob Stokes.





Mr. Jim Bascom discusses the curriculum of his English class to onlooking parents

Mr. Buddy Worth explains to the parents how class in the computer lab will be.

Above- Parents wait to "enroll" in their son's classes at Back-to-School night.

# Parents experience student life at Back-to-School Night

The annual event that allows parents to get to know their son's teachers is Back to School Night. It gives parents a chance to experience what their sons go through the entire year. It gives teachers and opportunity to let parents know what is expected of their sons throughout the year.

The entire faculty is present which allows the parents to ask any questions that may come up. Many of the teachers explain the curriculum and the outline of the course. They also relate their teaching styles to the parents in order for the parents to understand the class.

"It was great to meet all of my students' parents. They asked a lot of great questions

and it allowed me to tell them a lot about myself and my class," Mr. Michael Pateidl said.

The parents received their son's schedules and proceeded to walk through a normal class day, stopping at all seven classes. They were served drinks and cookies towards the end while the faculty was answering questions.

"We loved meeting all of John's teachers and we kind of got a feel for the way the class will go for the whole year," Mrs. Janet Taylor said.

"Back to School Night is great every year; the parents get to know the teachers and have a chance to chat with them about the events in the upcoming year," Mr. Steve Ptasnik said.

*story by Doug Dahl*



Mr. Bert Roney of the Spanish department explains to parents the format of his class.

Parents actually sit in their sons' assigned seats as the teacher shows them slides.

Above left- Mr. Rob Herald, College Counselor, answers parents' questions at the



Queen candidate Bridget Darby, and her escort Bryan Charcut make their half-time entrance in a Honda Del Sol. *Photo by DeCloud studios.*



Fr. Dave Suwalski S.J. delivers his homily during the Homecoming Mass in the Rose Theatre on Friday. *Photo by Kirk Walters*



Dr. Fred Campisano, receiving coach, shows Danny Reidy the route he needs to run during the Hawklet's next possession. *Photo by DeCloud Studios*





# Homecoming combines spirit, various activities

Very few events can combine pie eating, football, Mass, and the Marching Cougars, but Homecoming Week successfully compiled these things and more for a week of fun and spirit.

StuCo started off the spirit at the beginning of the week by declaring the whole week a spirit week, thus allowing students to wear their spirit shirts to school every day. On Tuesday, the students were given the opportunity to attend the Father/Son Mass before school at 7:00 a.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, StuCo offered the Homecoming Pep Rally. During the rally the Marching Cougars performed, and the school was introduced to the homecoming queen candidates. The candidates then competed in a pie eating contest

with their dates, which was dominated by Danny Reidy and his date Katie Smith.

"The pie eating contest was something different which the nominees really got into, and was interesting to watch," senior Mike Hess said.

On Friday, the school celebrated mass as an entire family in the Rose Theatre. That night the varsity football team took on the St. Louis Sumner Bulldogs who proved no match as they fell to the Hawklets 42-6.

Although there were many good points to the week, Hess summed up the true purpose.

"I think homecoming week is always a good thing; it is important for the alumni who come back, as well as the students who are going here," he said.

*Story by Jeff Till*

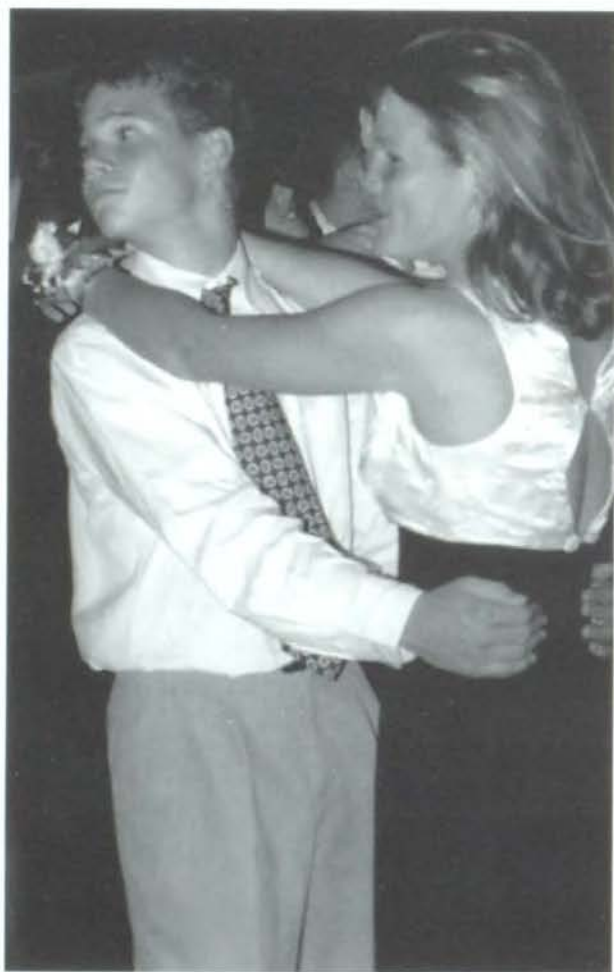


Queen candidate Laura Clifford is presented to the crowd during half-time by her escort, Pat McGilley, and her father. *Photo by DeCloud Studios.*

A large crowd of students wait in line to get their pictures taken with their dates. The photographers were in the cafeteria this year to keep the congestion down in the halls. *Photo by DeCloud Studios.*



Stephen Bowen takes time to talk to a friend during a slow dance with his date Corey Saunders. Bowen and Saunders were one of many couples at the dance which was themed 'The Roaring 20's'. *Photo by DeCloud Studios.*



Homecoming Queen Katie Smith and her escort Danny Reidy enjoy a photo opp after her coronation. *Photo by DeCloud Studios*



# Students 'Roar' for one Night

When mobsters, prohibition and a queen come together there's always a good time, as StuCo showed during a homecoming night in 'The Roaring Twenties'.

There were many new ideas which added to the student's enjoyment of the evening.

"One thing I liked was the film which was playing on the wall of the walkway to the cafeteria. We put a projector on top of the walkway to the Rose and projected it onto a bunch of tarps which we attached to the roof," said senior Mike Hess, who helped plan for the dance.

Another idea StuCo used was to take the area for getting pictures taken, and moving it up into the cafeteria.

"What we tried was taking the pictures and spacing them out so it wouldn't be so hot and

sweaty. But what happened was that the two lines which we started out with, turned into one big line. However, it was still good to put it away from the halls," Hess said.

When 10:30 came around, it was time to crown the queen. The nominees were Katie Smith, escorted by Danny Reidy, Rosie Bonura who was escorted by Brett Powell, Laura Clifford, escorted by Pat McGilley, Michelle Phelps who was escorted by Joe Saunders, and Bridget Darby, escorted by Bryan Charcutt.

In the end Katie Smith was crowned the 1996 homecoming queen. She was the second consecutive queen from St. Thomas Aquinas, since the nominations were opened to Aquinas last year.

*Story by Jeff Till*



Jeff Foster and his date Nicki Davis dance one of the last dances of the evening. This was Foster's as well as many other seniors, last homecoming at the Rock. *Photo by DeCloud Studios.*

Chris Williamson and Jason Santy take a breather from dancing with their dates.

One of the Dugan twins smiles for the camera while talking to friends in the gym lobby.



Kelly McMahon and two of his friends enjoy each other's company at the dance.

Adam Flack pauses for a photo opportunity with his date before heading back in to the gym.



## Dance winds up year for student body

The spring dance was the last dance of the year for the underclassmen. The Student-Council-sponsored dance was held in the gym and provided one last chance for the underclassmen to socialize with friends and girls from other schools.

With some of the other dances throughout the year being focused primarily towards seniors, the spring dance was a good opportunity for the freshmen and sophomores and juniors to enjoy the company of their classmates and friends. The casual attire of the dance allowed for a more relaxed evening and the smaller turnout provided a less congested atmosphere.

The local band "Giddy," of which seniors Mike Dolembro and Mark McCaffree are members, provided the music for the evening in place of the traditional DJ.

The spring dance was held at just the right time. With the year winding down and many students desperate to get out of school it provided an opportunity to let off some energy and kick back with friends. The spring dance wraps up the year's all school social events in much the same style as they began with the Blue/White mixer. This annual end-of-the-year dance is always a sign to the students that the year is almost over and it's time to celebrate.



Students gather around the stage to listen to "Giddy" during one of their jam sessions.

Students take a break from the dancing to socialize with each other and to show off for the camera.



Paul Woody and Jason Lorfing feast on Greek cuisine at one of the many different cultural booths during the Heritage Festival.



The Oriental booth was a popular one at this year's Heritage Festival. Participants are in high spirits as they serve the hungry crowds.



Mrs. Judie Scanlon, coordinator of the event, discusses the menu with a chef.

# Rockhurst's multitude of cultures is mirrored at annual Heritage Festival

The Rockhurst community is made of many different types of people from many different ethnic backgrounds. The annual Heritage Festival gives Rockhurst students and parents a chance to experience all of these cultures first hand through food and entertainment.

In its seventh year of existence, the festival was represented by over 10 different nations. Over 300 people attended this year's festival including students, parents, and friends.

"This year was my first year to attend the festival and I really enjoyed it. It was cool to experience the different cultures by eating the different food and watching the performances," Junior Pat Kane said.

The food at this year's festival was the highlight

for many with entrees that ranged from manicotti to egg rolls. The delicacies at this year's festival were well-received along with the interesting dancers and singers from various ethnic backgrounds.

**"This year's festival was a great success. We all had a lot of fun putting it together and it was a blast to be a part of ."**

**-Mrs. Judie Scanlon**

Mrs. Judie Scanlon, special Activities Coordinator, headed up the festival this year with almost all the work accomplished by parents and students.

"This year's festival was a great success. We all had a lot of fun putting it together and it was a blast to be a part of," Mrs. Scanlon said.

"It was great that we got to try alot of different food from different countries. I ate some things I wouldn't normally eat and I found out that they were pretty good," junior John Taylor said. *story by Doug Dahl*



Servers were anxious as many people came back for seconds at this year's festival.

One of the many acts at the festival were a number of European folk dancers that performed.

# Sale-O-Rama celebrates 35 years

**S**ale-O-Rama has been a long-standing tradition at Rockhurst. Just ask any of the mothers who's sons graduated 35 years ago and who still help out each year. Sale-O-Rama is perhaps the largest garage sale in Kansas City. The sale grossed approximately \$70,000.

Mrs. Judie Scanlon, Special Activities Coordinator, attributes many things to the success of the sale. One of those things is the good weather and the new dates of the sale. This year the sale was moved from its traditional November spot to mid-October.

"We've been competing with other schools in the past few years. I would contribute our success in part to the great enthusiasm of our volunteers and the large amount of great stuff we had," Mrs. Scanlon said.

Four mothers are particularly responsible for the success of the sale. Mrs. Lauren Dunleavy and Mrs. Peg George, co-chairmen of Sale-O-Rama

worked hard at managing the sale and seeing that everything went according to plan. A large amount of work was put in by Mrs. Jan Elder, Mrs. Kathy Knopke, as well as the Mother's and Father's Clubs. Parents helped not only during the sale but months before going throughout the city picking up items for the sale. It's not just the parents that make the sale so great, but the students are a great part of it according to Mrs. Scanlon.

Fr. Pesci values the importance of Sale-O-Rama to the community. He believes in its effectiveness.

"Sale-O-Rama is a community building event. We've got moms whose kids graduated 35 years ago. They maintain contact with Rockhurst, while at the same time enjoy their work and its impact on the community. Sale-O-Rama has a life of its own. It's THE garage sale in Kansas City," Fr. Pesci said.

*Story by Jeff Reed*



Mrs. Sue Gilmore assists a customer in Kitchen Goods. Sale-O-Rama's success depended solely on volunteers.







Conor Mulcahy tries on a stylish sport coat at Sale-O-Rama. Students rushed into the sale to get what they could before it was bought by the public.



Anthony Valenti moves around a few packages for a customer at Sale-O-Rama. Students helped customers by carrying their things out of their cars. *Photo by Matt Thomas*



Mrs. Peg George and Mrs. Patty Laughlin organize the volunteers. Mrs. George chaired the event along with Mrs. Lauren Dunleavy.



Mrs. Lynn Huber discusses ideas for design with Auction Co-chairwomen Mrs. Mary Porto and Mrs. Mary Albers.

Senior Adam Alt served as a student ambassador the evening of the auction.

Channel 9 News Anchorman Larry Moore, who served as host for the Spectacular Auction, reviews procedures with Fr. Suwalsky and Adam Alt.

Head Spectacular auctioneer George Nigro, a professional and his assistant take on another bid.

## Spectacular rocks the Rock with record-setting results

Once again, this year's Spectacular auction themed "Rock the Planet" did just that. It is estimated that the auction raised well over \$300,000, setting a record high in its 26th year. According to Fr. Tom Pesci, S.J., President, last year's auction ranked in the nation's top 10% in earnings and was probably in the top 5% this year.

"Our goal was to help Rockhurst financially as well as provide our guests with a nice evening. We are very pleased that we achieved our goal," said co-chairperson, Mrs. Mary Porto.

Fr. Pesci stated that the event's success was largely due to Mrs. Mary Albers' and Mrs. Porto's hard work intertwined with Rockhurst's gracious alumni and the student body who helped with its production.

"The boys were just simply spectacular. They were all dressed neatly, making it the most charming thing I have ever seen. And the video was a wonderful idea. It was

spellbinding," said co-chairperson, Mrs. Albers.

"This year's proceeds will drastically help in Rockhurst's debt reduction, tuition 'gap' coverage and any other special need, that are designated by the board," Fr. Pesci said.

This year's top selling items were two trips, one to Rome and the other to Hong Kong, which raised around \$7,000 each. A dinner with George and Leslie Brett went for \$5,000 and bids for a ball cap autographed by the famous Tiger Woods, topped out at \$4,200. The highest bidding item was a one year's free lease on a Z-3 BMW. Submitted by the Ferns family for \$7,500.

"I would like to communicate my deep, deep gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. Porto, and Mr. and Mrs. Albers. They dedicated six months of their lives towards planning and organizing this year's successful auction. For this, they deserve our sincere appreciation and thanks," said Fr. Pesci. *Story by Jesse Felzien and the Prep News.*



Mrs. CeCe Stabler, Mrs. Efi Young and Mrs. Kristin Allen pose before the start of the auction.

Senior Sterling Brown jumps up for a rebound amidst the alumni opposition.



Chris Heller ('89), former University of Missouri starter, fires from three-point range.

Steve Moore ('96) makes a lay-up as Joe Digirolamo ('88) looks on.



# Rockfest raises more than \$12,000 with fifth annual B-ball tourney

On April 27, Rockhurst's parking lot was once again lined and ready for the fifth annual Rockfest. This year's four-man basketball tournament consisted of 68 teams in three divisions.

The 8th-9th grade division was won by the "Sixers" (Ryan Graham, Greg McDaniels, Rory Donnelly and Chris O'Boynick).

The 10th-11th grade division was captured by "Return of Gray's Monkeys" (Josh Brewster, Grayson Doherty, Joe Houlehan and Joe Van Dyke). "Almost Thirty" (Jim Sheedy, Chris Heller, Chris Lewellen and Joe Digirolamo) took the 12th-Alumni division.

Unlike the past five Rockfests, this year's event raised a record well over \$12,000. This success, due primarily to more than forty-nine sponsors who donated nearly \$250 each, was supplemented by the 272 participants that paid \$10 to enter. The substantial proceeds will go toward lowering next year's tuition costs.

This year's tournament was organized and run by an Executive Board consisting of six students. Seniors Kevin Brooks and Justin Begnaud spearheaded the committee with Juniors Tim Haake and Ben Capoccia, and Sophomores Steven Bowen and Phil Duncan. Under the supervision of Mr. Tony Severino and Mr. Michael Dierks, these students made decisions, solicited sponsors, designed event T-Shirts and handled finances.

"The weather combined with the superb student organization, made this year's Rockfest the most successful ever. This year we raised more than any other Rockfest in its five year history!" exclaimed Mr. Michael Dierks.

"Even though my team was unsuccessful, I still had fun participating in a charitable event," said Junior Joe Principe.

"All in all, Rockfest was a noteworthy event that was essentially run by the students for the students," said President Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J.

*Story by Jesse Felzien*



Matthew Ecton ('89) gets ready to defend against incoming attacker.

# Students generosity tops mission goal

Mission week, headed by Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J. far surpassed last year's donations. Last year, \$5,700 was raised, and \$4,000 of that came from the Battle of the Bands.

This year, \$11,477.66 was raised, \$4,300 from the Battle of the Bands and over \$7,000 from the actual mission week activities. The difference was rather staggering," Fr. Suwalsky said.

Mission week festivities included the annual casino night and the life-sized monopoly game. The monopoly game was played by the different classes using their donations to buy RHS-themed properties and to pay debts.

Visits by Fr. Tim McMahon, S.J., pastor of St. Francis Xavier and Fr. Pat Wade, S.J., who works with the missions in Honduras, also added a positive impact on the week.

Overall, mission week received positive reviews from both faculty and students. "The principle is certainly beneficial for both those giving and receiving, and it was a welcome change to last year's events," junior Steve Derrington said.

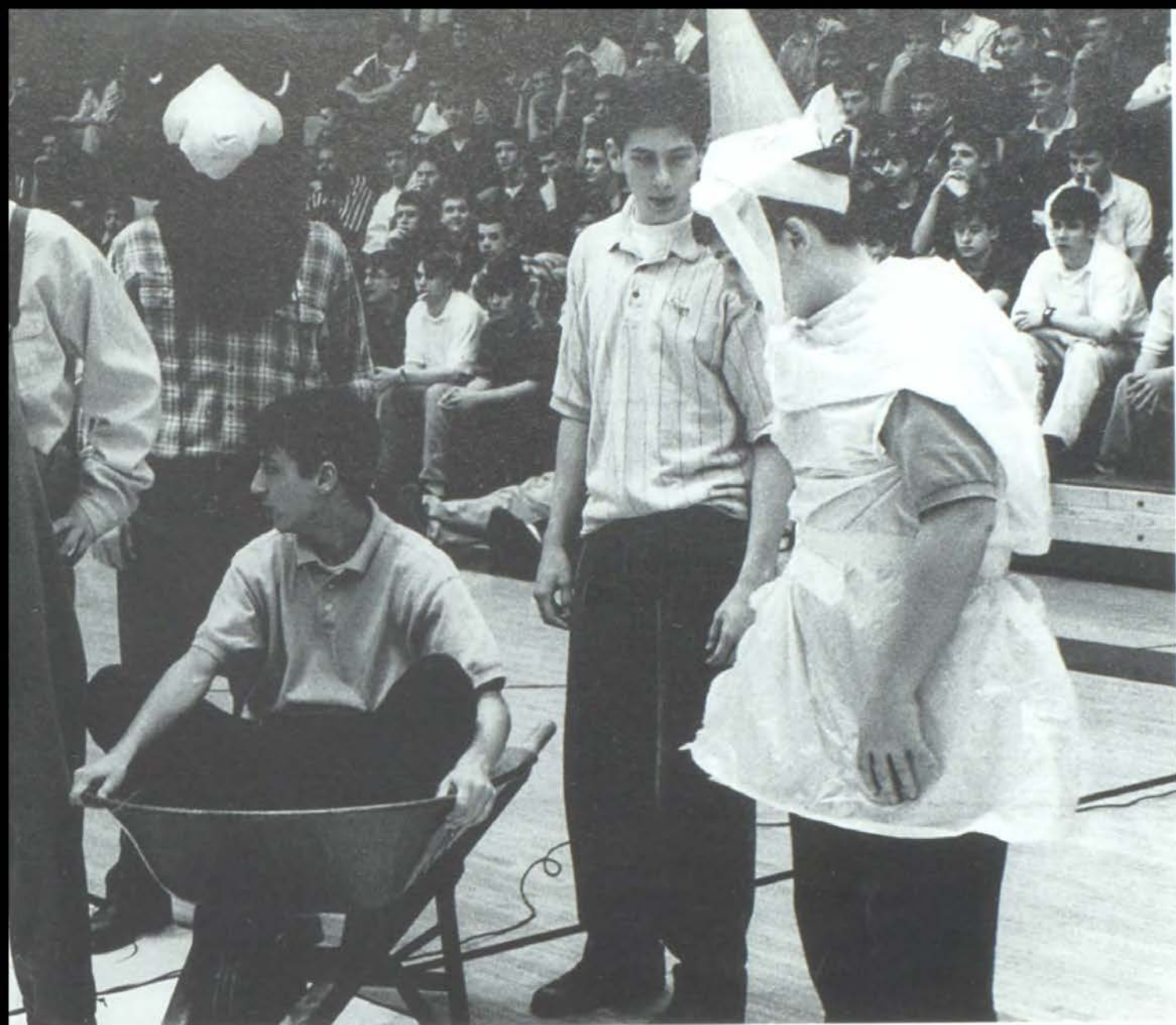
*Story by David Giangreco*



Mike Dolemba plays the drums at the Battle of the Bands with his band "The Goodful Dead."

Damian McGee, Nick Abbick, Roger Barbieri, John Cowan, and Bryan Bolden discuss the hunger lunch.





Andy O'Dower, Andy Bond, Pradeep Chandra, Tim Haake, and Joe Latorre participate in the monopoly game.



Mr. Alvey acknowledges the cheers of the senior class during the student-faculty basketball game. After a tenacious struggle, the faculty ended up defeating the all-star student team by six points.

# Cyrano de Bergerac

## Season opens with a love story

The Rockhurst Drama Department opened up the new drama season with a beautiful love story, **Cyrano de Bergerac**.

"It's a very difficult play, but the students gave it a sense of professionalism," Mr. Rodger Cilley, drama instructor, said.

Five days a week for eight weeks, over 40 students put their minds, bodies, and souls into the production of **Cyrano de Bergerac**. After all the preparation that each person went through, they had another challenge, to perform at their best seven times. This was the first production at Rockhurst to show for two weekends, a change implemented by Mr. Tom Murphy, principal.

"Even though it was a very draining, I think it was a positive experience for them," Mr. Cilley said.

Another reason why this production was so special is because this play was the last one where Jeff Reed served as stage manager. He has been heavily involved in the past nine productions at Rockhurst working on everything from set construction to light design.

"The only reason I went to see the play was because my girl wanted to see it, but after I watched the actors do their magic, I'm glad that I went," senior Jim Schorgl said.

"The cast was way above average. They gave it their best I couldn't get over how committed the cast was to the story," Mr. Cilley said.

*Story by Vince Nguyen*

Jim Ryan is suited with nose and sword for play practice.







Nick Jumara as Comte de Guiche, and Jenny Stetzler as Roxanne, discuss Cyrano's ailing health

Jenny Stetzler as Roxanne, mourns over the loss of her lover Roger Barbieri as Christian



Pete Wilson as Ragueneau, displays his sword fighting skills

Jim Ryan as Cyrano, displays his characteristic nose for Jack Barry as the Kibitzer

# Actors tackle tragic tale of 'Death of a Salesman'

On an evenings in February the Rockhurst community was invited to witness one man's gradual journey into insanity and death.

During the Drama Department's production of **Death of a Salesman** the life and death of Willy Loman was dramatically enacted for several hundred people.

The play was taken from a different angle than other plays according to its director Mr. Rodger Cilley.

"I approached 'Death' differently in that I had a lot of experienced actors in the show so I wanted them to be the ones who discovered the characters," he said.

Mr. Cilley also took a different tact in what he tried to

achieve from the play.

"We wanted to do it for its absolute value as art. This is a play where we wanted to show the script as 'true Miller,'" he said.

The play featured senior Pete Wilson as Willy, junior Tim Fendler as Biff, senior Jim Ryan as Happy, and Gia Papinni, a student at Paseo Academy as Linda.

According to Mr. Cilley there were two members of the cast that he really enjoyed seeing in the play.

"It was particularly gratifying to see Pete and Tim playing Willy and Biff. These were two guys who never really had leads before, and they really came through," he said.

*Story by Jeff Till*



Tim Fendler (Biff), Jim Ryan (Happy), and Pete Wilson (Willie) discuss Biff's job prospects over dinner.

Pete Wilson (Willie) has a breakdown when Andrew Kaminski (Howard) fires him. *Photo by Rob Haake*



Jim Ryan (Happy) says a few last profound words over his father's grave.



Pete Wilson (Willie) discusses the big game with Tim Fender (Biff).

Jim Ryan (Happy) tries to pick up Jessica Ryan in a restaurant before his father arrives.



**Row 1** - Austin Gilmore, George Clarke. **Row 2** - Andy Simms, Mr. Rodger Cilley, Henry Vick, Mr. Chris Bowron, **Row 3** - Andy Kaminski, Stacy Porto, Nicole Lewer, Jessica Ryan, Tim Fender, Pete Wilson, Gia Papini, Jim Ryan, Bo Keatly, Tucker Gilmore, Christina Hager, Valerie Martin

Maria (Allison Walla) warns Tony (Roger Barbieri) to be wary of the Puerto Ricans as he bids her goodnight from her apartment's balcony.

Bernardo (Andy Simms) and Anita (Mandy Morris) dance the Mambo at the Gymnasium dance. *Photo by Konstantine Young*



A-Rab (Tim Fendler), Tiger (Jack Barry), Action (Louie Igoe), Big Deal (Jim Hayes), Gee Tar (J.V. Wilson) and Mouthpiece (Jonathon Jump) sing "Officer Krumpke" explaining what causes them to be such juvenile delinquents.

Maria and Tony express their love for one another during a dance sequence. Photo by John Petrovic

## Drama experiences SRO with *West Side Story*

The Drama department's production of *West Side Story*, directed by Mr. Roger Cilley, was a smashing success, drawing packed houses to every performance. Many people had to be turned away for the final two performances because, for the first time, the house sold out. By far the most highly attended play of the season, *West Side Story* spanned a two-weekend period, and was the largest show of the year.

An impressive cast, orchestra, and crew consisting of students of all four classes worked for six weeks and sacrificed their spring break. The powerful musical numbers such as, 'Officer Krumpke,' 'America,' and 'Maria' received thunderous applause.

Roger Barbieri (Tony) co-starred with Allison Walla (Maria), a junior at Shawnee

Mission Northwest in leading the cast in an impressive array of synchronized choreography. Dressed in fifty's garb, rolled jeans, denim jackets, white undershirts and Converse All-Stars, the Jets, a fictional gang, pranced around in beatnik fashion to the delight of the crowds. "The costumes were hilarious and realistic at the same time. It's comical to see people you know transformed into Jets," said junior Joe Principe.

"It was a wonderful experience, getting to work on the show. I was glad to be here for the theater's first sell out. It just goes to show how much Mr. Cilley has done with this program in the short four years that he's been here. It makes me feel proud to have been a part of it all," senior Jeff Reed said.

story by Ashley Davis



Riff (Jim Ryan) tells the Jets to settle down, and save their energy for the upcoming fight against the Sharks by performing the song "Cool".

Mr. Kern conducts the orchestra from the overcrowded pit during one of the play's many musically-accompanied scenes.

Students show off their instruments before putting on a show for students.

Kevin Comeau gets ready to play the cello for students at the Arts Festival.



Mr. John Morris studies student paintings on exhibition during the art day festival.



Andy Lyman and George Clarke provide "tech" for the student production.

Chris Sexton shows off his acting ability during "Dominic and Eugene."



# Art day makes a successful debut

Rockhurst celebrated its first "Festival of the Arts" in May as student talent was showcased to the entire school. The art show consisted of theatrical and musical performances, singing, paintings, photography, sculptures, prose and poetry reading, extemporaneous speaking, oratories, and humorous and dramatic interpretation.

Students were able to circulate from exhibit to performances at will during the activity. The purpose was for "as many students to see as

much Rockhurst talent as possible," said Mr. Roger Cilley, Arts Department Chairman.

"The highlight was the way the student body responded to the artists--with respect and appreciation," said Mr. Cilley.

According to Mr. Cilley, this event should become a tradition. Plans for a second annual Arts Festival are already in the works. Students can expect it to be the same overall, with the exception of it possibly being a little longer, Mr. Cilley said.

*story by Jason Jenkins*



Warren Santillan and Victor Stueve perform "Gollivhoppers" as an example of their duet acting skills.

Chris Riffel holds the interest of his audience during his performance at the Fine Arts Day.





Osric Reavis prepares for his next solo during a concert at Rockhurst high school.

Mr. Kern conducts the Orchestra while playing a concerto at the Fall Concert.



The Orchestra starts the concerto at the Fall Concert.





Dan Przybylski blows his horn during one of the many events that the band plays at over the year.

Below: Stephen Allison practices. Bottom: At the Heritage Festival Todd Gray plays for the people while they eat.



## Musicians display talent in variety of venues

We see them at mass or supplying the music for West Side Story and Mr. Lillis' funeral, it's Mr. Mike Kern and his Musicians.

The Concert Band comprised of men of Rockhurst or girls of Sion started off by playing at the Heritage Festival. The Jazz band went off to Cure of Ars to play mass of the Holy Spirit. During the Christmas season, the Jazz Band played at R.C. restaurant. They also played the UMKC Jazz Festival.

The Concert Band was also very active they were off playing in Avila Music Festival. They were also getting ready for state competition where they sent six students to compete.

The state team was comprised of Roger Barbieri, Josh Hawley, Anthony Valenti, Osric Reavis, Kevin Comeau, and all-state trumpet player Mark McCaffree along with five others with district titles.

"We had a lot of fun this year playing a lot of concerts and sending students to state, it was a really good year for us," said Kevin Comeau.

This has been one of the busiest years for the music department, playing in more concerts and competition than ever. "This was a very busy year for us but it was very fun and exciting for all of us. The most memorable moment of this year was when we got to play at Mr. Lillis' funeral," said Mr. Kern.


*story by John Taylor*



**Row 1-** Whitney Korte, Melissa Ford, Tiffany Sederline, Sara Gavin, Tiffany Woods **Row 2-** Joe Gall, Mike McGeekan, Taimoore Nana, Geoff Mcguire **Row 3-** Brian Sichko, Travis Newsome, Dave Finke **Row 4-** Steven Conway, Blair Thedinger, Andy Wachtel, Ed Kokoruda **Row 5-** Jerry Sirna, Brian Reed, Givliano Minguicci **Row 6-** Michael Kern



Michael Griffin shoots over a Shawnee Mission North defender. The Freshmen "A" team defeated the Indians 42-35 on the way to a 17-2 record.



*Sports, being the most popular of extra-curricular activities, play a very important role in the lives of all Rockhurst students. Those who participate in sports gain not only experience, self-discipline, and knowledge, but learn how to work as a team. Those who do not play have fun watching, cheering for, and feeling pride in their peers.*

**Caution:  
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*Perhaps the most notable characteristic of the sports programs at Rockhurst is the amount of pride taken in the achievements of every student, whether he be a fan or competitor.*

*Students know that in the end it really does not matter whether a Rockhurst team wins or loses. More important is the fact that students realize it is always just a game, and it matters that the Rockhurst man just does his best and plays his hardest.*

*By Jeremy Dobbie*

# Sports

John Keleher, Willie Ingram, and Ashley Davis all battle for the ball in a competitive basketball game during activity period.



Josh Schmitz spikes the ball as Ed Watkins attempts to block it.



Steven Bowen, Josh Brewster and Joe Urnise chat about their strategy regarding their basketball game.



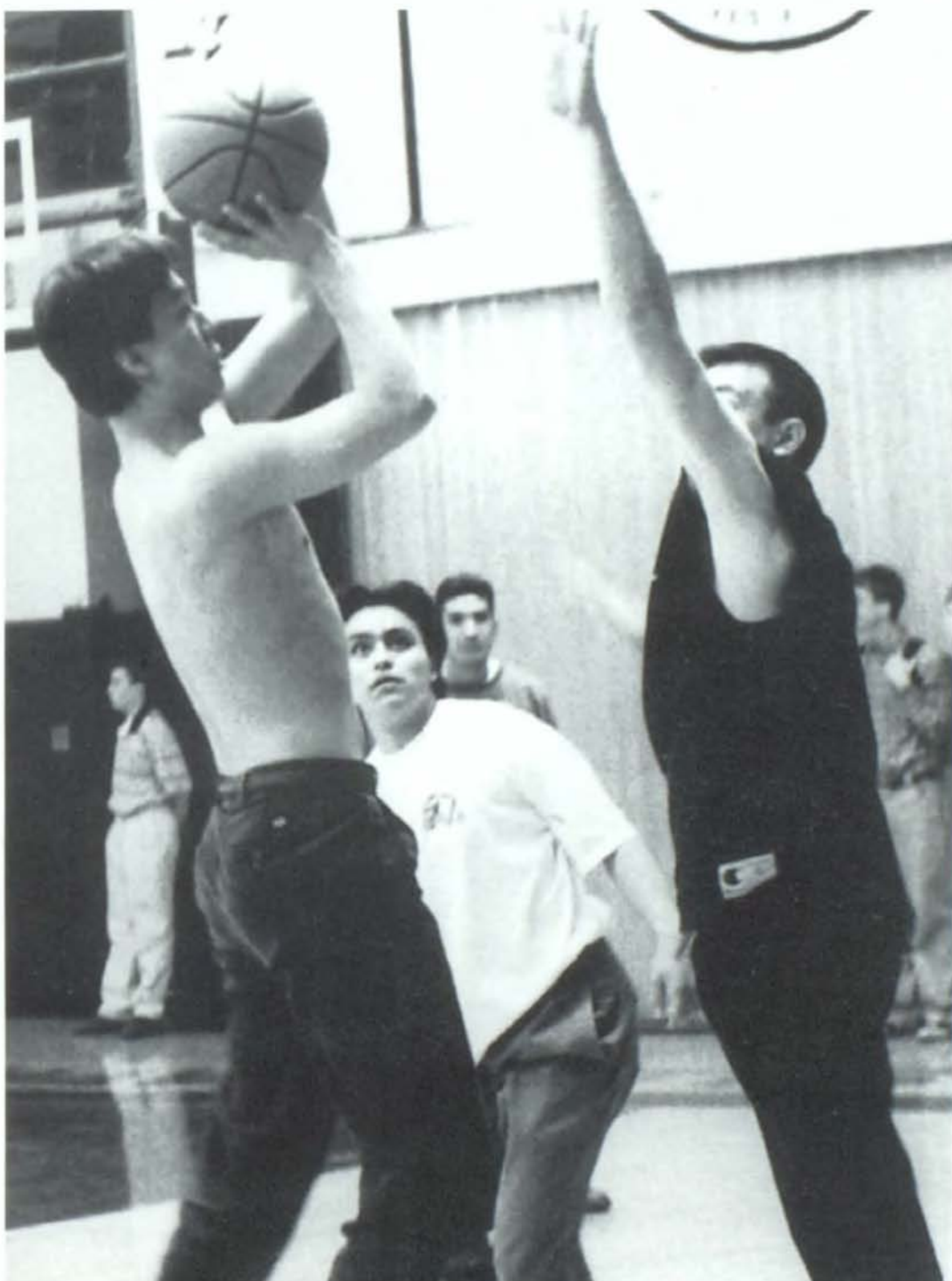
## Intramural program provides competition for all students

The intramural sports program organized and run by Coach Tony Severino completes another successful year. Over 500 students participated in a number of sports including basketball, football, and volleyball. The program with Coach Severino at the helm is in its 13th season.

"The intramural program has been a great experience that gives students a chance to compete in sports that they normally do not play competitively," said Coach Severino. "It shows the competitive nature of students both in and out of the classroom, and their desire to win."

"Intramurals gives everyone who does not play a sport a chance to play and compete with other students," junior Chris Schnieders said.

*story by Charles Rhoades*



Top: John Shilt spikes the ball as TJ Stack tries to block.

Above: Unidentified students celebrate after a volleyball victory.

Jared Morado shoots a jump shot while the defense pressures him.

Matt Benben attempts a goal kick against Aquinas.

Third year coach Chris Lawson gives pointers to his players



Senior Co-Captain Bryan Charcut steps up against Lee's Summit in a 4-1 win.



## Varsity Record

Oak Park	1-0	W
Bishop Miege	1-1	T
Jeff City	3-1	W
North K.C.	6-2	W

### Raytown South Tournament

Blue Springs	3-1	W
Lee's Summit	4-1	W
Raytown South	3-0	W

B.V. Northwest	2-1	W
S.M. South	0-4	L
Granite City(Ill.)	2-1	W

### B.V. Northwest Tournament

Aquinas	0-1	L
Olathe East	0-1	L
B.V. Northwest	3-2	W

DeSmet	2-6	L
S.M. West	5-0	W
Lee's Summit	4-1	W
Rockbridge	3-2	W
Olathe South	3-1	W
O'Hara	3-1	W
Park Hill	0-0	T
Blue Springs	0-2	L
Hazelwood Cen.	1-1	T
Duchesne	7-2	W
St. Ignatius (Ca.)	1-1	T

District		
Raytown	4-2	W
Raytown South	2-1	W

State Sectional		
Belton	5-2	W

State Quarterfinal		
Blue Springs	1-2	L



Row 1-Jimmy Sun, Dan Calderon, Ken Kirkendall, Matt Herald, Chris Jennings, Luke Hannon Row 2-Adam Alt, Nick Stabler, Mark Hansen, Arturo Paz, Justin Vipond, Brett Grady Row 3-Dan Watson, Matt Toyne, John Keleher, Mitch Smith, Chas Rhoades, Byran Bolden Row 4-Melvin Dunsworth, Matt Bemben, Martin Beerman, Rob Reiter, Bryan Charcut, Mike Lanser, Mike Robards Row 5-Jason Allen, Fred Schlichting, Mike Chonko, Chris Lawson, Steve Ptasnik, John Reed, Jonas Baughman



# Hawklets soar then fall short

Key leadership by the senior class, along with a very strong underclass, the Varsity Soccer Hawklets posted an impressive 18-6-4 record.

"The Seniors were the real leaders of the team. Their outstanding leadership

qualities in practice and in games led the team to be the best they could be. At the same time, the sophomores and freshman contributed a lot," Coach Lawson said.

"The seniors stepped up and lead the team in the big games and in everyday practice", according to Junior Charles Rhoades.

The confidence level and poise of the team propelled them to many victories when the tide was not going their way.

"When we were down 2-0 against Raytown in the playoffs, we knew that when

we got our poise together and scored our first goal that their would be no stopping us," sophomore Jason Cole said.

According to Coach Lawson the only thing that kept the Hawklets from going farther was the consistency of the team.

"Sometimes we would start off with five goals and bury them early. Sometimes we would get smothered early and then come back," Lawson said.

The turing point in the season may have been the Hazelwood Central game. Although the

Hawklets tied the high powered Hawks, it gave them the confidence heading into the playoffs.

"They had beaten all the Saint Louis powerhouses, and we tied them. We outplayed them and we gained a lot of confidence though," Coach Lawson said.

*Story By Matt Zender*

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- Coach Chris Lawson



Senior Brett Grady slides past a Raytown South defender in a 3-0 win

Chris Jennings flies past his Belton opponent in a 5-2 win in State play.



Dan Watson eyes the ball against Aquinas as Mitch Smith looks on.

Freshman sensation Matt Jewett passes the ball past his Blue Springs opponent in a season-ending loss.



# Building block season helps team to dream of state championship

By Matt Benben

At some point during my return flight from Honduras to Kansas City over Spring Break, the pilot came over the intercom with an announcement, "We've just been informed that KU lost to Arizona." And as the rest of the passengers groaned in disbelief, I could only think of one thing, our quarterfinal loss: Blue Springs 2, Rock 1.

The two cases seem so similar. KU was known to be the favorite from their region to go to the final four, just as we were. Even though KU was sometimes dominant they still could be beaten on any given day, just like our disappointing losses to SM South, Olathe East, and our regular season loss to Blue Springs proved that we could.

KU's loss made me ask myself if our season was a failure?

NO. We played hard and came out on top many times. We were a very young, inexperienced team that played the toughest schedule in town. And even though our inexperience sometimes showed greatly, we always seemed to overcome it.

A great example of this was our hard fought 1-1 tie with Hazelwood Central, who finished third in the state tournament. With sophomore Mitchell Smith out because of illness, a very capable but just as nervous junior,

Justin Griffith would be making his first varsity start. And with the rest of our young group noticeably worried that this game might be a repeat of the last time we played a top team from St. Louis, (we had lost to DeSmet 2-6) we made for a pretty nervous group.

But after we came out slowly and Central jumped on top about 10 minutes into the game, we turned it on. Only the outstanding performance of their goalkeeper kept us from trouncing them. The play started with Mike Robards passing to Matt Jewett, who passed to Jason Cole, who passed to Dan Calderon, who scored the goal. Three sophomores and a freshman combined for the goal. And after several more minutes of more dominating play, Central knew they were lucky to get a tie.

Goals were scored and big plays were made in the same fashion many times during the season. Sophomores Melvin Dunsworth, Dan Watson, Bryan Bolden and freshman Jim Davey scored some big goals for us and sophomore



Matt Benben

defenders Smith and Chris Jennings and goalkeeper Matt Herald, also a sophomore, did a great job stopping the other team from scoring.

The older guys were no slouches either. Senior Mike Lanser came off the bench to score some crucial goals. Bryan Charcut not only was the team's offensive catalyst, but also drew some tough defensive assignments, his good play earned him a spot on the all-metro team. Brett Grady shut down many of the top forwards in the area when they were matched with him. His tough, gritty performances helped me, the third captain and sweeper, and the rest of the team thrive. Grady wasn't named to the all-metro squad, but he should've been.

No, this season was not a failure. It was a building block. This team helped establish many things. Its trip to San Francisco has opened up opportunities for soccer and other Rockhurst teams to travel elsewhere and gain exposure around the country. It helped Coach Chris Lawson further establish himself as a top young coach in the area. It will be fun to see how the young coach and the young team grow together. This team started a lineup that included three seniors, seven sophomores, and a freshman. Rockhurst will win a state championship much sooner than later.

Brett Grady runs down his Raytown South opponent.



# Hawklets finish best season ever

The JV Soccer Team finished with the best record in Rockhurst history, posting a 19-1 record this season. The team out-scored their opponents 68 - 12, averaging 3.4 goals a game.

Excellent leadership was provided by juniors Justin Griffith, Andy Gorski, Jason Charcut, and Doug Dahl. Coach Mike Chonko, a former soccer and basketball standout at Rockhurst, had to form almost a completely new team after losing many of his former players to the varsity squad. The team finished the season with a single loss to rival Saint Thomas Aquinas.

The JV team won the Raytown and Shawnee Mission South tournaments, and placed second in the Rockhurst JV tourney. Some of the most memorable and competitive games in the season were against Jeff City, formerly undefeated Park Hill

(twice) and Blue Springs.

"I wasn't sure what we had at the beginning of the season and after the first practice I was not sure how we would do this season, until we had an excellent showing at the Blue-White Game," Coach Chonko said.

"We had an excellent season. We came together as a team and played our style of soccer," junior midfielder Justin Griffith said.

"Coach Chonko made the JV season a lot of fun by mixing the work with the play and focusing on having fun and winning at the same time. The five dollar milk shake was a good incentive as well," said junior forward Ashley Davis.

"There were no real super stars on this squad. We just played well as a team," said Coach Chonko.

*Story by Charles Rhoades*



Coach Mike Chonko gives the team a half time talk against Shawnee Mission East at the SMS Tournament. The Hawklets beat East 3-1 and advanced them to the finals.

T.J. Brennan chips the ball over the defense against Park Hill. The Hawklets beat the Trojans twice 2-0 and 4-2.





Kevin Melgaard breaks away and fires a shot at the O'Hara goal. The Hawklets soundly defeated the Celtics 9-0 after the interruption of the water sprinklers with 10 minutes left in the first half.

### JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER RECORD

Bishop Miege	1-0	W
Jefferson City	4-1	W
North Kansas City	6-2	W
Raytown Tournament		
-Grandview	4-0	W
-Lee's Summit	3-0	W
-Raytown	7-1	W
Blue Valley North	4-1	W
Shawnee Mission South	2-0	W
Rockhurst Tournament		
-Blue Valley North	3-1	W
-S. M. West	1-0	W
-Aquinas	2-5	L
Columbia Rock Bridge	3-1	W
S.M. South Tournament		
-S.M. South	2-0	W
-S.M. East	3-1	W
-Park Hill	2-0	W
Olathe South	6-1	W
Bishop O'Hara	10-0	W
Park Hill	3-1	W
Blue Springs	2-1	W



**Row 1-** Kevin Melgaard, Ryan Vett, Tom Smedile, Jesse Felzein, Juan Laredo, Matt Jewett. **Row 2-** Steven Bowen, Jason Hobbick, Ashley Davis, Jim Davey, T.J. Brennan, Chris Bruhn, P.C. Hindley. **Row 3-** Jason Charcut, Willie Ingram, Doug Dahl, Andy Gorski, Justin Griffith, Brooks Kraft, **Row 4-** Coaches Fred Schlichting, Mike Chonko, Chris Lawson.

# Freshmen soccer boast perfect 12-0 record

Led by an impressive group of young players, the freshman soccer team ended the season with a perfect 12-0 record. They outscored their opponents 41-8 for the season with 3.4 goals scored a game with only .67 goals scored against.

"The boys came in playing great. All we needed to do was harness their abilities and work as a team," said freshmen coach, Jon Reed.

One of the reasons for such an outstanding season, according to Coach Reed were the exceptional abilities of all of his players.

"Our weaknesses were balanced well with our strengths and we demonstrated great team leadership during the season," stated Coach Reed.

Goalkeeper Shane Fairchild recorded 6 shutouts in 12 games and

finished the season with one in a 2-0 victory over Park Hill. The defense was anchored by captain Ryan Celsa along with Brett Anderson, Seth Cullen, and Cooper Sparks.

"The high point of the season was when we came back to beat Oak Park in the second half after being down 1-0 for only the first time this year," said freshman Matt Stabler.

The midfield was controlled by Josh Williams, Jake Phillips, and captains Mike Colisimo and Stabler. The majority of the goals were scored by forward Jason Woods and midfielder Josh Williams.

"I was very pleased with the entire season, especially with the tremendous play of the supporting players in fulfilling their important role on the team," Coach Reed said.

*Story by Doug Dahl*

David Lawson fights for the ball against Oak Park opponent.



**Row 1** - Barrett Kroll, Alex Moran, Bobby Mata, Shane Fairchild, Joe Orsheln, Alex Krump, Jason Woods **Row 2** - Matt Stabler, Brett Anderson, Matt McCollough, Mike Colosimo, David Lawson, Kevin Moore **Row 3** - Coach Jon Reed, Josh Williams, Jacob Hildebrand, Cooper Sparks, Ryan Celsa, Colin Koranda, David Riffle **Row 4** - Steve Martin, Seth Cullen.

## Sophomore Soccer Record

Oak Park	4-0
Aquinas	8-0
Park Hill	4-1
SM South	2-0
BVNW	5-2
B.S. South	3-1
SM West	2-0
Aquinas (A)	4-1
SM East	6-0
BVNW	4-2
SMNW	4-0
Oak Park	3-0
Aquinas (B)	4-0
SM East	4-0
Aquinas (A)	2-2
Blue Springs	10-2
Blue Springs So.	2-0

# Sophomores BLOWOUT Opposition

In his first year as head coach, Steve Ptasnik led the sophomore soccer team to a 16-1 season record while outscoring their opponents 88-9. The team averaged 4.9 goals a game and allowed an average of only .5 goals scored against.

"I was pleased with the tremendous ability and the unique blend of players on the team. We came together well and showed great team unity throughout the year," said Coach Ptasnik.

"The best part of the season was avenging our loss earlier in the season and pulling together to beat Aquinas 4-1 in the stadium; it was our most emotional game," said freshman Matt Darby.

Goalkeepers, freshman Brian Siegel and sophomore Jimmy Hayes provided great leadership in the bck. They were joined by the defense, led by freshmen Luke Maese and Chris Hentzen, and

sophomores Eric Altman and Ryan Boyle.

The center of the field was controlled by four new, highly skilled freshmen, Matt Darby, Bret Coppage, Joe Burns, and Matt Bowen gave support in the midfield.

"The freshmen made up most of our team and really stepped up during crunch times to help the team," Boyle said.

Freshmen forwards Will Banning and Lance Snodgrass provided the fire power to the team's potent offense that most defenses struggled with.

"I feel that the guys learned a lot during the season and also had a lot of fun during it. I had great guys to work with and that's why we were so successful," said Coach Ptasnik.

*Story by Doug Dahl*



Trevor DuVall redirects the ball to a teammate downfield.



**Row 1** - Brett Coppage, Jimmy Hayes, Bryan Siegel, Scott Asbury **Row 2** - Jon Davison, Jon Enriquez, Matt Darby, Jake Phillips, Lance Snodgrass, Joe Burns, Trevor DuVall **Row 3** - Ryan Boyle, Cory Ryan, Luke Maese, Charles Barth, Will Banning, Matt Bowen **Row 4** - Chris Hentzen, Adam McCabe, David Raydo, Bo Keatley, Jeff Tanner, Pete Vilkins, Eric Altman **Row 5** - Coach Steve Ptasnik.

Eddie Watkins cuts past a lineman and rushes for a first down during the Liberty game. *Photo by Rob Haake*

Brett Powell barrels through the line in an attempt to gain a first down. *Photo by Rob Haake*



### Varsity Record

Ft. Smith	12-21	L
Aquinas	35-14	W
Blue Springs	30-37	L
Liberty	42-10	W
St. Louis Sumner	42-8	W
Garden City	41-42	L
Jefferson City	35-28	W
Central	44-6	W
Lee's Summit N.	42-12	W
Raytown	48-0	W
Blue Springs	42-7	W
Oak Park	7-17	L

The offensive line digs in preparing to hold off the Central linebackers.



Right: A disheartened Kevin Brooks walks off the field after the quarterfinal defeat to Oak Park.

# Hawklets finish with pride intact and huge win over Blue Springs

The 1996 version of the Rockhurst Hawklets got a measure of revenge over rival Blue Springs but were upset by upstart Oak Park in their bid to advance to the state quarter-finals. The Hawklets also beat Jefferson City 35-28 for the first time in seven years. A blocked extra point allowed Garden City high School to squeak by with a 42-41 win. Following a long bus ride to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where the team lost its first game 21-12, the Hawklets rebounded over local rival Saint Thomas Aquinas 35-14, its sixth straight win over the Saints.

At blue Springs, the Hawklets went into the fourth quarter leading 23-0, but were defeated 37-30 in one of the cities most amazing games. The turning point of the season was the second half of the Garden City game because it showed that the Hawklets had the ability to come back, according to Head Coach Tony Severino. He further commented that Oak Park was the best game on the

team's schedule.

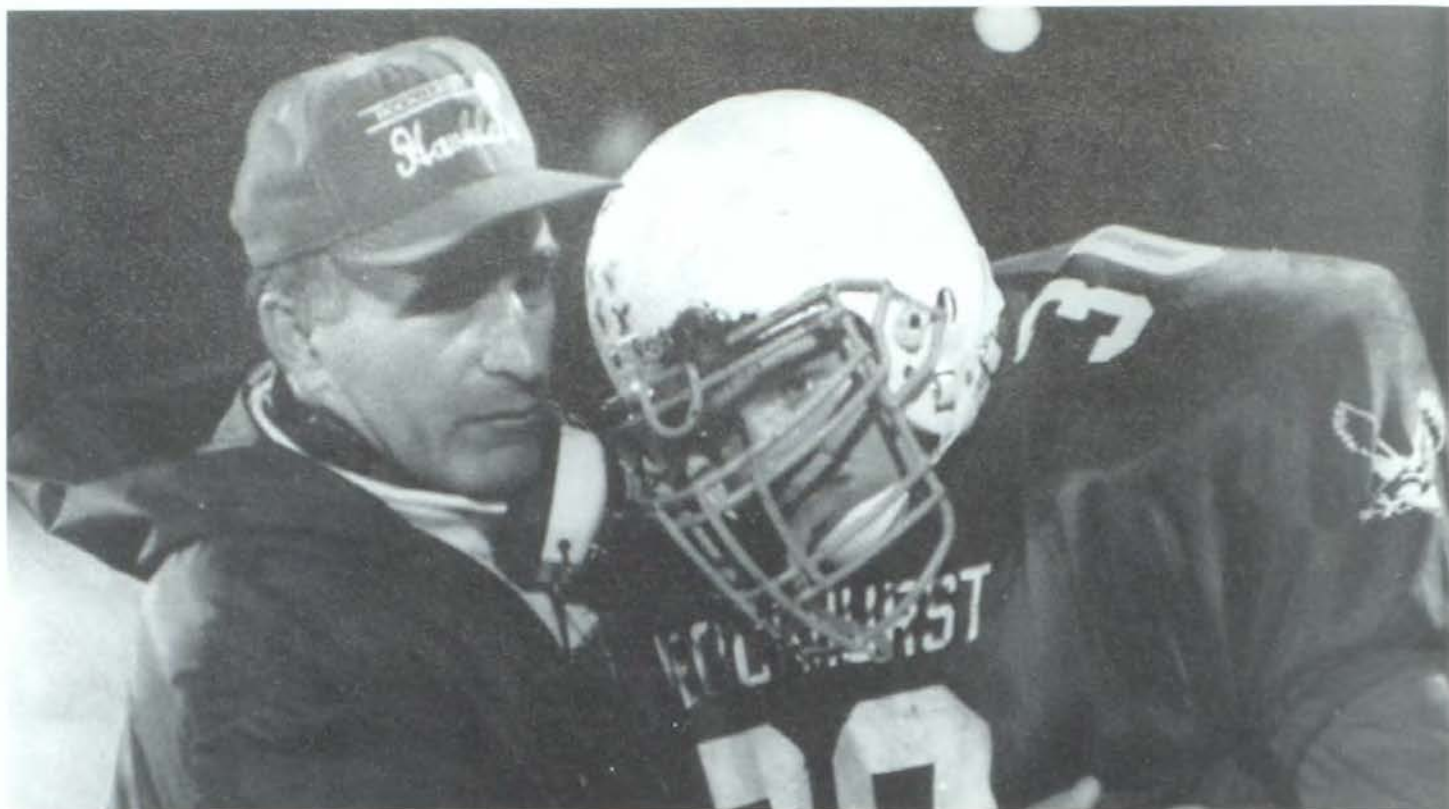
"A lot of schools in town don't want to play us and there are other schools that can't play us because their leagues are so big that there is no room for" Coach Severino said. For these reasons the Hawklets found themselves traveling out of state to play. Because the environment and eating and sleeping habits are abnormal during travel, the team becomes an underdog. However, the traveling did not keep the Hawklets from a victory over Jefferson City.

Both seniors and underclassmen contributed to a successful season. Brett Powell, John Teasdale, and Justin Dro were three-year starters that had significant impact on the season. Other outstanding seniors included Kevin Brooks, Clint Kuechler, and John Crawford. Sean Doyle, James Radovich, and Larry Marshall were outstanding underclassmen.

*Story by Jason Jenkins*



**Row 1** - Clint Kuechler, Brandon Severino, TJ Mandl, Joe Urnise, Jeff Smith, Dustin VanDolah, Chris Schnieders, James Manning, John Shilt **Row 2** - Tim Haake, Grayson Doherty, Akil Bacchus, Joey Saunders, Justin Begnaud, Larry Marshall, Kevin VanDyke, Josh Brewster, Eddie Watkins, Dominic Passantino **Row 3** - Kevin Zolotar, Adrine Pulido, Danny Reidy, Brett Powell, Kevin Knopke, Sean Doyle, John Crawford, Marquel Jacoway, Conor Mulcahy **Row 4** - Mike McGeehan, Jon Ferns, Evan Keyser, Frank James, Mark Alexander, Craig Hartman, Kariem Cherry, Greg Oppold, Shomari Benton, John Sharkey **Row 5** - Jared Morado, Pat Connolly, Joe Evans, Scott Duncan, Matt Cummings, Josh Hawley, Matt Zharer, TJ Stack, Matt Daly **Row 6** - Seth Laubinger, Joe Kelly, Ben Griffin, Lucas Miller, Casey Mulcahy, Pat Kane, Ben Capoccia, Tim Hanrahan, Jim Root, Pat Valdivia **Row 7** - Justin Dro, Lucas Krump, Mark Hapka, Chris Steck, Sterling Brown, Dave Hickman, Mike Judy, David Chung, JJ Cook **Row 8** - Jimmy Radovich, Josh Kahler, John Taylor, Sean Scanlon, Kevin Brooks, Andy Bond, Jerod Dunlavey, Mike Blake, Isaiah Klever, Graham Giblin **Row 9** - Jason Jenkins, Andy White, John Teasdale, Brian Baldwin, Damian Flores, Micah DeSchepper, Jeff McCracken, Virgil Staponski, Lee Buell **Row 10** - Mr. Frank Lyngar, Mr. John Morris, Mr. Buddy Worth, Mr. Eric Berg, Mr. Fred Campisano, Mr. Tony Severino



Top: Coach Tony Severino sends in a play with senior fullback Brett Powell.

Above: Senior Brett Powell runs for a touchdown during the Blue Springs game. *Photo by John Petrovic*

Right: Senior John Teasdale receives a pass during the Blue and White game. *Photo by John Petrovic*





# Player relives nightmare of unreal Blue Springs comeback

By Justin Dro

For most of us, it was one of the worst moments of our lives. Through the course of a twelve minute span on the evening of September 21, 1996, the Rockhurst football team watched a lead that was the result of three quarters of domination dwindle into nothing. The Blue Springs Wildcats had just completed one of the most amazing comebacks in high school football history. In one quarter, everything for us fell apart and the Wildcats scored 37 points to win the game. It was devastating to the Rockhurst players, coaches, and fans who together were in a state of shock and disbelief. What had just happened? For nearly an hour following the game, the buses that contained our players and coaches were in a state of total gridlock in the Blue Springs parking lot. Time stood still as the opposing fans taunted and harassed us in their wild celebration. There we sat in shocked silence and let those awful feelings boil and churn inside of us until they finally overflowed seven weeks later.

From the first practice of the 1995 football season, it was clear to last year's team that there was one motivating factor that stood above anything else, and that was beating Blue Springs. This year's team did not have such an obvious goal to work towards. That is why the devastating loss to Blue Springs in only the third game of the season ended up to be beneficial for us. From this point on there was never a question in any of our minds what the motivational factor for the remainder of the season would be: to come back in seven weeks and crush Blue Springs in the state sectional

game on their field. For some reason, Blue Springs seems to never go away.

With the exception of one bad half of football against Garden City which cost us a close game, we consistently overcame adversity and never missed a beat for the remaining weeks leading up to the playoffs. One of the most remarkable stories of the year came between the tough loss to Garden City and the amazing victory over Jefferson City. Not only did we leave Garden City with a loss, but we were also without our top three



Justin Dro

quarterbacks. Jeff Smith was sidelined with a season-ending injury in the opening game of the season, and both Clint Kuechler and Dustin Van Dolah were injured in the Garden City game. Up next came Jefferson City, a team that Rockhurst had not beaten in the 90's. At one point, senior Andy Bond (who was a quarterback as a sophomore) stepped up from his linebacker position and practiced at quarterback for the week. Though he had not played quarterback in two years, he was suddenly thrust into the starting varsity quarterback position. We were desperate. In the end, it turned out that we did not use Andy, because a less than healed Kuechler was given the okay

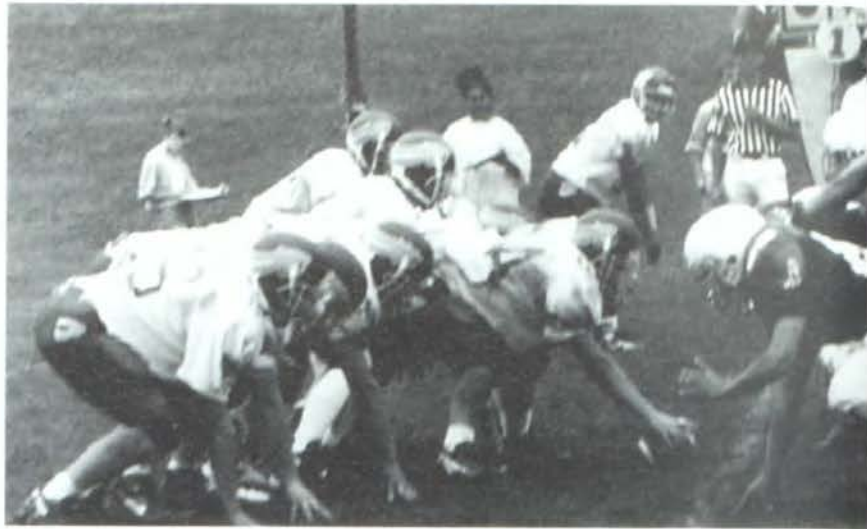
to play. Things were looking brighter. The result was the first Rockhurst victory over Jefferson City since 1989.

The Jefferson City win was a great moment, but we quickly reverted back to the task at hand which was beating Blue Springs. A series of victories propelled us into and through districts. We were district champions, but that just did not seem to be on anyone's mind. Five days later was all that mattered. Seven grueling weeks had led up to this: a sectional meeting with the team ranked number one in Missouri and 24th in America, none other than Blue Springs. Again, we dominated the first half, and again we dominated the third quarter. Foremost in all of our mind's was that horrible feeling we felt seven weeks ago while watching our huge lead disappear in only one quarter. That was not going to happen again. Unlike last time, we dominated the fourth quarter and got our revenge, 42-7. Indeed, Rock remembered, and ripped Blue Springs.

The moment the clock expired was unforgettable. Not only had we redeemed ourselves in a dominating fashion, but the students united as one. Once the team finally made it to the buses, there were no longer and Blue Springs faithful hanging around to interrupt our continuous celebration. Indeed, this was the correct way for Rockhurst to depart from Blue Springs High School -- VICTORIOUS!

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T. Michael Lillis -

The Hawklets defense holds their stance before another play against Blue Springs. *Photo by Kirk Walters*



### JV Football Record

Blue Springs South	38-12	W
Aquinas	6-0	W
Blue Springs	28-18	W
Liberty	41-6	W
Lawrence	26-28	L
Lee Summit North	20-0	W



Junior Greg Oppold rushes for several yards before being tackled by two opponents. *Photo by Kirk Walters*

Junior Dustin VanDolah out runs Blue Springs defender for a touchdown. *Photo by Kirk Walters*



# JV boasts successful year on way to 5-1 record

The Junior Varsity football team finished another impressive season going 5-1 against their opponents. The only loss for the team this year was to Lawrence High School. However, the team did not only measure its success by their record.

"The objective of the season's success was not only our record,

but to increase the experience of the players, evaluate their ability, and just have fun," Coach Eric Berg said.

The JV football players filled gaps in the varsity line throughout the year and even moved into varsity starting positions.

"Giving them an opportunity to play was one of the many objectives of the team, so that when they get to varsity they will have the experience as well as the ability to play and play well," Mr. Berg said.

"We really did not have any key players that did all the work for the team. Everyone played their position and did well. Juniors Dustin VanDolah, John Ferns, Greg Oppold, and sophomore Kariem Cherry played their positions exceptionally well," Coach Berg said.

"We had a good season, and it gave us a good experience for varsity,"

junior Jared Morado said.

"It was a great experience playing with the guys on the team, and to play under Coach Berg and Coach Morris. Overall, I think we were

very successful this season," junior Ben Capoccia said.

"We looked up to the varsity players and got tougher playing with them in practice which helped us stay strong all year long," junior Evan Keyser said.

*Story by Charles Rhoades*

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-Coach Eric Berg



Coach Eric Berg talks to team after practice to get them ready for a big game.  
*Photo by Kirk Walters*

Matt Buser takes down a Blue Springs South running back while Kevin Fallon runs to assist. Several standout performances characterized the Hawklet's season.

## Sophomore Record

B.S. South	34-14	W
St. Joe Central	26-6	W
Oak Park	28-0	W
Blue Springs	36-0	W
Liberty	18-0	W
Lee's Summit	35-8	W
S.M. South	28-0	W
K.C. Central	35-0	W
Lawrence	12-14	L
L.S. North	0-6	L



*Above:* Dan Stack pursues a Liberty player. The Hawklets dismantled the Blue Jays 18-0 in a defensive dominated contest. *Photo by Kirk Walters*

*Right:* Kevin Knopke attempts to wrestle down a Blue Springs South opponent. The Hawklets and never looked back in route to a 34-14 decimation of the Jaguars. *Photo by Kirk Walters*

*Far Right:* Marquel Jacoway and teammates gang tackle a Blue Springs South player. *Photo by Kirk Walters*



# Sophomores

## overrun opponents on way to 8-2 season

Not many teams even came close to matching up to the Sophomore football team. En route to an 8-2 season they routinely shut out opponents while acquiring 253 points themselves.

"I was very proud of them. They really worked and improved every week," coach Rich Wikiera said.

The success didn't happen quite that easily. Many obstacles such as a rotating quarterback crew had to be overcome first.

"The rotating quarterback situation wasn't that much of a problem since we all got along so well. We all got equal time so no one could

complain," Joe Urnise said.

Although the eight wins were a team effort, a few individuals stood out. Linebacker and fullback Matt

Buser, lineman Phil Duncan, and quarterbacks Urnise and T.J. Mandl all had great seasons, but none forgot they were only one part of the team.

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-sophomore Matt Buser

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Story by Chris Schnieders



**Row 1-** Joe Urnise, T.J. Mandl, Brian Riley, Herman Watson, Roosevelt Cobb, Max Howell, Noah Jennings, Jake Callis **Row 2-** Brian Degan, Kevin Knopke, Matt Buser, Brian Anselmo, Marquel Jacoway, Kevin Fallon, Joe Van Dyke, Clayton Pummill, Kevin Thomas **Row 3-** Josh Mucci, Billy Brandtonies, Eric Munninghoff, Brian Smith-Vandergriff, Brian Legenza, Chris Stantillan, Phil Duncan, Eric Daniels **Row 4-** Dan Stack, Pat Stanton, JR. Moralez, Pat Scanlon, Nolen O'Dowd, Fred Loeb, Matt Harper, Jackson Erwin, Pat Clayton **Row 5-** Richard Hipona, Brett Koons, Steve Chung, Dustin Phillips, Andrew Vajda, Paul Bissler, Scott Hense, Matt George **Row 6-** Coach Rich Wikiera, Coach Steve Christy

# Successful season result of team diversity

The young men of the Freshman Football Team, a melting pot of grade school programs from around the city dealt with a tough schedule.

The A-team went undefeated and the B-team was 5-4 with the teaming winning four out of the last five games. The A-team scored at least 10 more points in each game than their opponents. In the game against Liberty, the B-team defeated them by 20 points.

The teams had the chance to compete in the Mud Bowl II, against Blue Springs.

"It was played in three feet of water, freezing cold and rain, plus the field was full of mud," according to Coach Frank Griffin.

Despite the conditions, both teams were victorious in their games. "They had a lot of fun playing in this game and they all wanted a chance to be tackled in the mud," Coach Griffin said.

Coach Griffen was asked to take over as head coach of the Freshman Football A-team, because Coach Buddy Worth assumed the duties of Defensive Back Coach on the Varsity squad.

Both teams had more injuries than ever, more adversity, better competition; however, the guys came together from 50 different schools to create a winning season.

"It was a fun year and I hope to play with everyone next year," said Jamison Elder.

*Story by John Taylor*



Above **Row 1-** Adam Clayton, J.W. Clark, Chris Campbell, Courtney Callahan, Daniel Bruch, Jamie Brecheisen, Matt Baker, Tim Alexander **Row 2-** Corey Egan, Chris Dukes, Darus Dixon, Jeff Dobbie, Cole Diamond, Jack Denny, Kurt Crowe, Pat Connelly, Jeff Connelly, Jeff Collins **Row 3-** Cal Gast, Eric Garcia, Mike Gangel, Mike Frey, Adam Flack, Matt Finucane, Max Ernst, Jamie Elder **Row 4-** Ryan Kisner, Carlo Javillonar, David Hudnall, Nate Heim, David Hayob, Chris Guerra, Michael Griffin, David Gregg, Andy Gilchrist **Row 5-** Brett McCracken, Matt McClusky, Derek McCallum, Bill Mashburn, Jake Lynch, Sean Linebach, Joe Latorre, Noah Klever **Row 6-** Sean Owens, Jeff Otto, Joseph O'Connor, Joseph Nguyen, Sam Nowby, Elliot Mura, Kelly McMahon, Peter McLaughy, Colin McFarland **Row 7-** Paul Rohrer, Brad Reed, Tom Porto, Josh Polsinelli, Steve Phelps, Greg Parks, Rhett Parsons, Gregg Owsley **Row 8-** Robert Stokes, Bret Springs, Jim Smolen, Matt Smith, Brandon Sifers, Brandon Shelby, Matt Scott, Roland Sabates, Willie Ronan **Row 9-** Matt Welliver, Michael Walker, Truss Tyson, John Tubbert, Sam Tristianio, Mike Tiehan, Zach Thomas, Mike Strain **Row 10-** Coach Jim DeGraw, Coach Frank Griffin, Eddie Welsh, Jess White, Ryan White, Chris Wiggins, Nick Wilmurth, Coach Al Carruthers, Coach Bernie Kreikemeier





Full back Joe O'Connor breaks a tackle in hopes for the first down. Photo by Kirk Walters

### FRESHMAN RECORD

#### **A Team**

Blue SpringsSo.	30-8	W
St. Pius	34-0	W
Blue Springs	18-0	W
Liberty	38-6	W
S.M.North	30-8	W
K.C.Central	40-0	W
Aquinas	34-6	W
L.S.North	38-0	W

#### **B Team**

Lawrence	0-36	L
Blue Springs So	6-0	W
St.Pius	14-24	L
S.M.West	0-42	L
Blue Spring	14-6	W
Liberty	32-12	W
S.M.North	14-16	L
K.C.Central	14-6	W
L.S.North	26-12	W



Above: Joshua Polsinelli is tackled by a St.Pius Player. Photo by Kirk Walters

Far left: Corey Egan runs for open field against St. Thomas Aquinas. Photo by Kirk Walters

Left: Brandon Shelby scrambles for yards while playing the Saints of Aquinas. Photo by Kirk Walters

# Doc's farewell season is memorable

The 1996 Cross Country Team looked to the underclassmen to make an impact on the varsity level. The season also marked the last for long-time coach, Dr. Jorge Taracido.

"This year is very similar to my first year in coaching because of potential. It showed me that we have a bright future ahead of us with so many young and talented athletes. I am excited for the group," said Coach Taracido.

The first meet of the year, the Truman Invitational, was a great test for the squad.

"The competition was very high and the course grueling, but we gained experience and found out what we were made of," sophomore said Mike Schaefer.

Truman was a wake up call for the team because there were at least two medalists for each meet following it. At the Ray-Pec Invitational the varsity squad finished 3rd out of 12 teams, something that had not been done in two years.

K.C. Metro Championships was also a key to the season. This marked the return of varsity captain Mark Gawron, who was coming

back from a shin injury. There were also good individual performances in the Grandview and Shawnee Mission West Invitationals which prepared the team for the last meet.

The Swope Park Invitational was an all around great meet. The team took first, a perfect score, and took the first fifteen varsity spots including Taimoor Nana placing 3rd, Schaefer 2nd and Vince Roebel 1st.

"We all set personal bests which gave us confidence heading into districts," said Nana.

The district meet at Blue Springs Lake was a tough ending to a successful season. The team was unable to reach sectionals but the season was good because the team's young talent found out how to run varsity.

At the end of the year the team found out their leader and friend who had coached for ten years would be retiring.

"I tried not to think of the end but it came so soon. Cross country will live in me forever," said Coach Taracido.

*Story by Vince Roebel*



**Row 1** - Pat O'Bryan, Matt Sienkiewicz, Chris Riffel, Mark Gawron, Vince Roebel, Jake Harper, Taimoor Nana, Mike Schaefer, Chip Owens, Jonathon Jump, Andrew Coughlin **Row 2** - Jim Vigliaturo, Adrian Rinas, Andrew Pearson, Pat Banta, Eric Leahy, Bobby Markovich, Gary Rosas, Pradeep Chandra, Chris Carmody, Scott Reagan, Tae Kim **Row 3** - Tyson Cornell, Rich Wikiera, Scott Lewis, Dan Carmody, Justin Shatto, Trevor Holliger, Ed Fugit, Kieran McInerney, David Wood, Chris Clement **Row 4** - Roger Barbieri, Stephen Derrington, Toby True, John Cowan, Matthew Hill, Schad McGovern, Mickey Mullane, Tim Stephens, Ian Nance **5th Row** - Brandon Yano, Bobby Hamilton, Mike Downs, Mike Loftus, Blair Thedinger, Scott Erwin, Danny Kellerman, Justin Noonan, Chris Brown, Tom Lenihan **Row 6** - Coach Mike Pateidl, Will Stinson, Aaron Clevinger, Tim Sady, Coach Jorge Taracido.





Vince Roebel strives to make it to the front at the Ray-Pec Invitational.

## *Varsity Record*

<i>Truman Invitational</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Olathe South Inviational</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Liberty Invitational</i>	<i>11th</i>
<i>K.C. Metro Championship</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Grandview Invitational</i>	<i>11th</i>
<i>S.M. West Invitational</i>	<i>N/S</i>
<i>Swope Park Invitational</i>	<i>1st</i>
<i>Districts</i>	<i>10th</i>



Jonathan Jump speeds past the main body of runners during the K.C. Metro Championships.

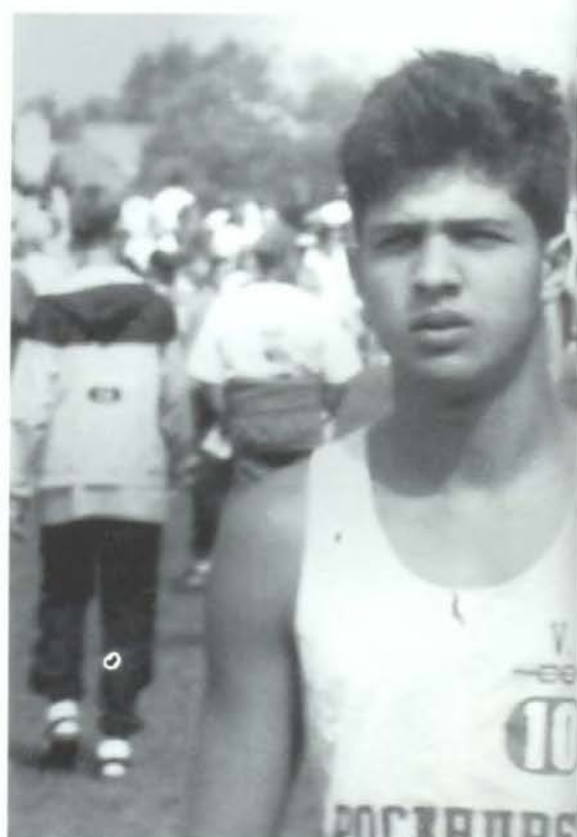
The runners take some time to warm up before their competition on a hot August day. The team really came together as a single force during their competitions.

Tom Lenihan sprints to the finish at the Liberty Invitational.

Andy Coughlin endures the pain of the Grandview Invitational.



Vince Roebel races to the end of the Olathe South Invitational.



# Young but talented squad gains experience

The 1996 cross country squad can be summed up in one word: young. During the course of the season, there were three seniors, five juniors, four sophomores, and two freshmen on the varsity team. "This was a season for the young runners to get experience at the varsity level," said head coach Jorge Taracido, who completed his tenth and final year of coaching.

Coming back for his second straight year of coaching was Mr. Mike Pateidl, who graduated from Rockhurst in 1991 where he ran cross country and track. "Coach Pateidl is indispensable. While I was fighting injuries he was able to run with the team," said Coach Taracido.

Both coaches were able to bring back the fire of the proceeding season with intense workouts and high expectations. These practices had a mixture of long distance and sprint workouts. There were ten mile days, hill workouts, sprints on the track, lifting weights, and even pushups and situps. "Our hard work during those long summer mornings paid off once the season began," said

sophomore lettermen Chip Owens.

As meets went on there was more and more improvement by the Hawklet runners. The team's ability to run as a tight group also improved their overall performances.

"Running side by side with teammates like Andy Coughlin and John Jump helped me gain speed and I ran smart. I had a good time and look forward to next season," said freshman Tom Lenihan.

Even though the team was unable to qualify for sectionals, the squad found a sense of unity. "Through all our injuries and let downs, we came together as a team should. Our young runners stepped up and helped the seniors a lot," said varsity captain Mark Gawron.

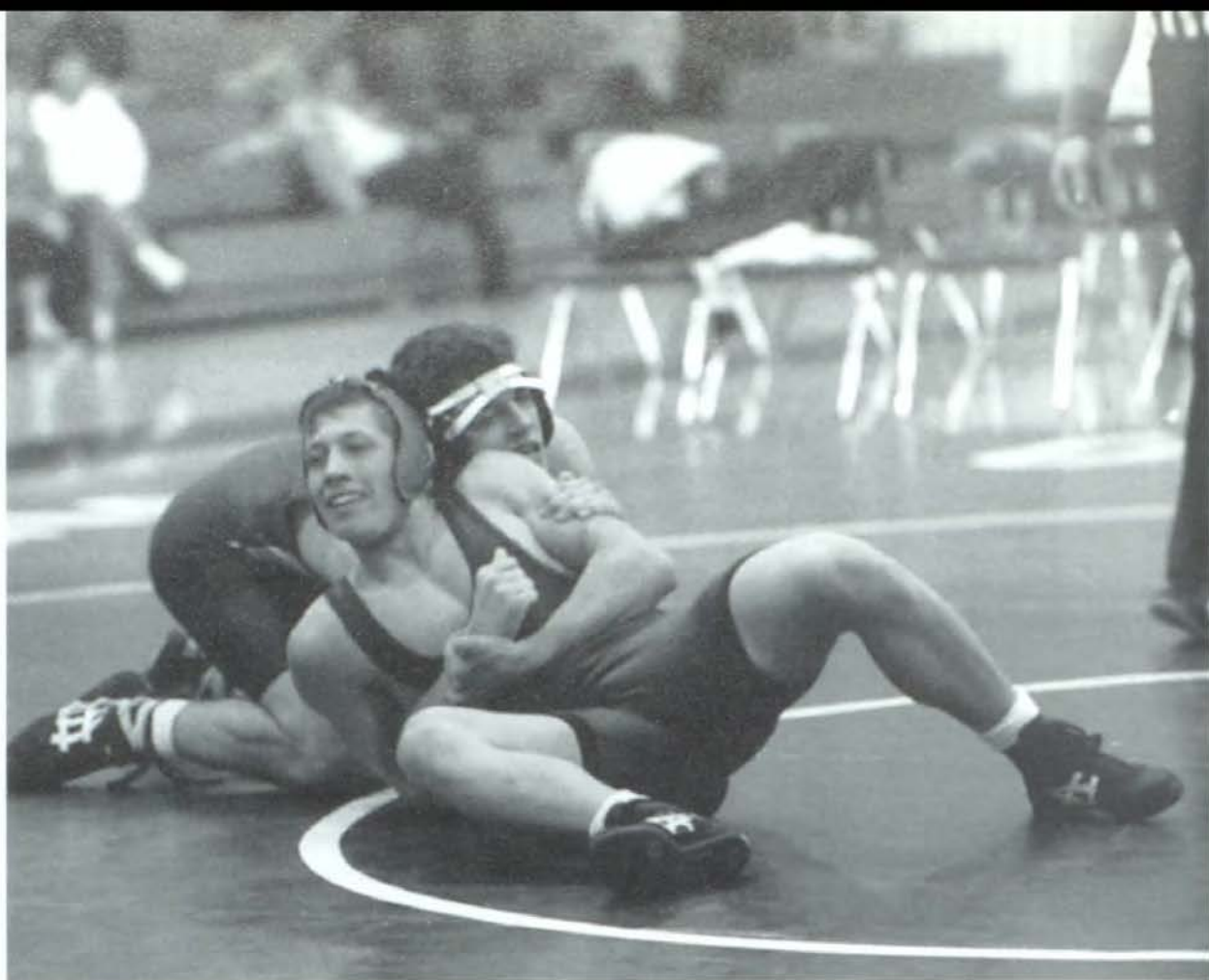
"I enjoyed the entire season because we were able to show good potential that will help us reach our future goals. The youth of our team makes me believe RHS can have a great team in a couple of years," said coach Taracido, who retired from coaching at the end of the season.

Story by Vince Roebel



Jake Harper strives to reach the finish line at the Shawnee Mission West invitational.

Tiamoor Nana contemplates his next race at the Ray-Pec invitational.



Junior Chris Carmody struggles his way out of a pin. Photo by Andy White.



**Row 1-** Clayton Pummel, Adrian Rinas, Brian Degnan, Greg Oppold, Andrew Vajda, Lucas Miller, Steve Smith, Mike Smith **Row 2-** Coach Rich Wikera, Ben Livingston, Pat O'Brien, Nick Allegri, Bradley Lauer, Chris Carmody, Chris Cummings, Jackson Irwin, Brian Eiserman, Joe Restivo, Coach Tony Hill **Row 3-** Ryan Finley, Jay Collins, Mike Meeghan, Dan Carmody, Steve Harris, Pat Scanlon, Sean Scanlon, John Bock, David Chung, Chris Fieber.



Rich Wikera twists himself out of a Shawnee Mission Northwest wrestler's grip. Photo by Chris Williams.



# Wrestlers cruise to 8-2 record

This year's wrestling team was one of the most cohesive ever to walk the halls of Rockhurst. The fact that they were was a big factor in their ability to compose an 8-2 record, a precedent achieved only two other times at Rockhurst. "We were a true team this year. We really had no stand-

out wrestlers, unlike previous years. We had standout achievements, but no superstars," said Coach Rich Wikera. But several of those accomplishments did stand out. Junior David Chung set the season record for most wins (25) and the career mark for

most pins. Fellow classmate Greg Oppold checked in with one less win at 24. Junior Chris Carmody came back from

injury to be the Hawklets sole state representative. "This squad was also one of the most exciting I've ever coached. The Aquinas meet was great because we had a lot of spectators

and the wrestlers were very intense and aggressive," added Coach Wikera.

"I feel we had a great season. I wish more of us could have taken it to state, but we've always got next year," Chung said.

*story by Chris Schnieders*

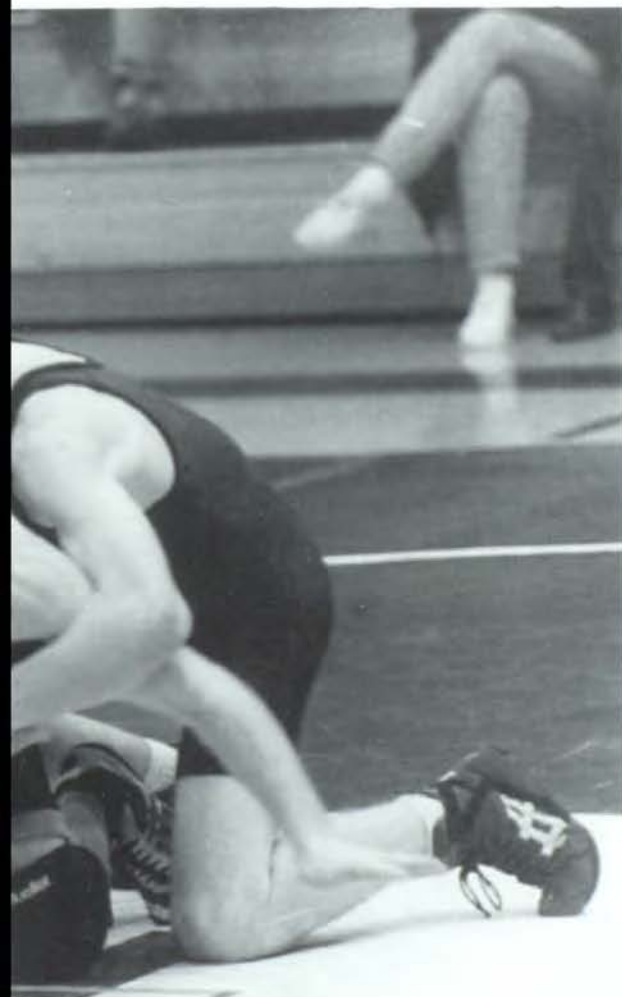
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**-Coach Rich Wikera**

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Mike Smith follows after a wrestler at the district competition. Photo by Chris Carmody.

John Bock works his way around a Shawnee Mission Northwest wrestler. Photo by Chris Williams.

# JV Hawklets learn, develop new skills

The 1997 model of the Hawklet's JV Wrestling Team was a learning experience for all. Whether it was first-year

Coch Steve Christy or any number of the freshman on the team, everyone had a lot to learn.

"Our primary objective was to teach the freshman the proper techniques and some basic moves.

We just wanted to give them a background so they can build from there," Coach Christy said.

The freshmen were able to wrestle in several meets along

with the varsity, giving them valuable wrestling time from which to learn. This gave them the opportunity to fine tune the

skills which they were learning.

"I think the JV Wrestling Team is valuable because it gives the kids a chance to learn before they're just thrown into varsity," Coach Christy added.

"I enjoyed this year on JV. It really brought us together as a team and will help us on varsity next year," said Sam Tristianio.

*Story by Chris Schnieders*

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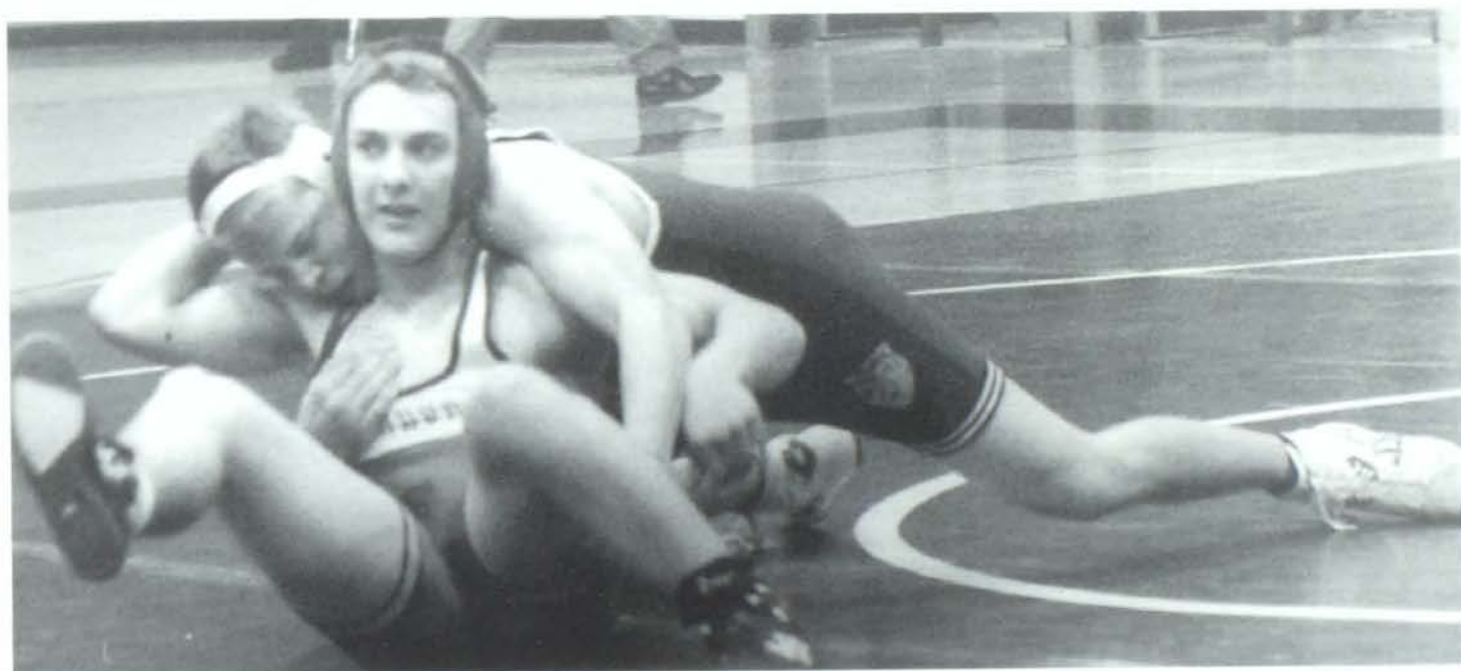
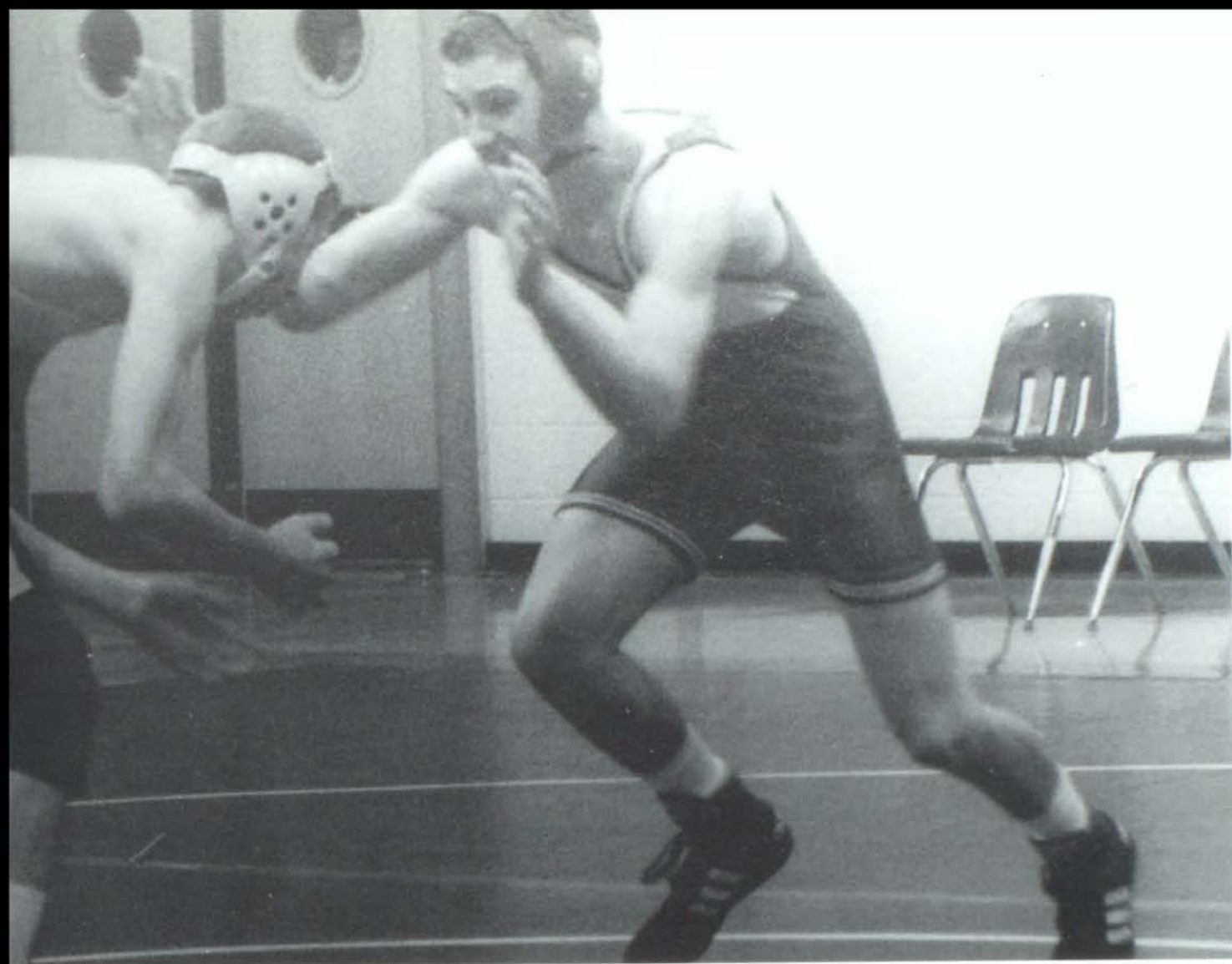
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**Row 1-** Andy Gilcrest, Garret Coffey, Pat Landazuri, Alex Landazuri, Bob Stokes, Sam Tristianio, Mark Cummings, Mike Rosewell **Row 2-** Ed Welsh, Jeff Tanner, Colin McFarland, Rory Glenn, Jim Smolen, Tim Laird, Coach Steve Christy.

Rory Glenn attempts to pin a Butler wrestler. *Photo by Andy White.*





Sam Tristianio struggles his way around a Blue Valley wrestler. *Photo by Chris Carmody.*

*Top:* Jeff Tanner grapples with an Aquinas wrestler. *Photo by Konsantine Young.*

Senior Danny Reidy lays up a shot in a loss to Jefferson City

Coach Mark Bubalo instruct his team in a timeout during a tight situation against Liberty.



Sterling Brown puts up a deperation shot in a victory over Wyandotte while Brandon Severino looks on in disbelief



## Varsity Record

K.C. Southwest	69-64	W
Bishop Miege	53-42	W
Washington	46-50	L
Coffeyville, Ks	52-65	L
V.Center, Ks	38-51	L
St. Joe Central	54-49	L
K.C. Metro	68-55	W
Aquinas	62-59	W
Winnetonka	55-60	L
Hogan	66-47	W
Westport	65-76	L
Rock Bridge	55-68	L
K.C. Central	64-72	L
Haz. East	53-59	L
McCluer	58-54	W
Aquinas	43-54	L
Bishop Kelley	69-40	W
Bishop Carroll	45-55	L
O'Hara	54-51	W
Liberty	42-45	L
Wyandotte	77-72	W
St. Joe Benton	63-45	W
Creighton Prep	57-71	L
Lawrence	68-82	L
Jeff City	35-47	L
Northeast	77-48	W
K.C. Central	56-63	L



Row 1- Andy White, Blake Taul, Chris Downs, Adam Alt Row 2- Luke Schloegel, Danny Reidy, Jerod Dunleavy, Joe Clifford, Clint Kuechler Row 3- Coach John Morris, Sterling Brown, Virgil Staponski, Konsta Myrick, Ivan Nugent, Joe Principe, John Teasdale, Graham Giblin, Jeff Smith, Coach Mark Bubalo





## Varsity shows heart in 11-16 season

After several close games went to the opposition, the Rockhurst varsity basketball team ended the season with an 11-16 record.

"After Christmas, we had many close games where we just couldn't get over the hump", head Coach Mark Bubalo said.

"It really got frustrating towards the end of the season, but we kept on pushing ourselves because we knew we would win one sometime," junior Joe Principe said.

According to Coach Bubalo, the first couple of games of the season were the biggest of the year. "In the Southwest game, we came from 17 down to win the game. The Miede game was also big because it showed that we could win on the road," Bubalo said.

"Our win at Aquinas was a big victory for us because it showed how big our hearts were," senior Clint Kuechler said.

The seniors were a key instrument in the success of the team. "All the seniors contributed well: John

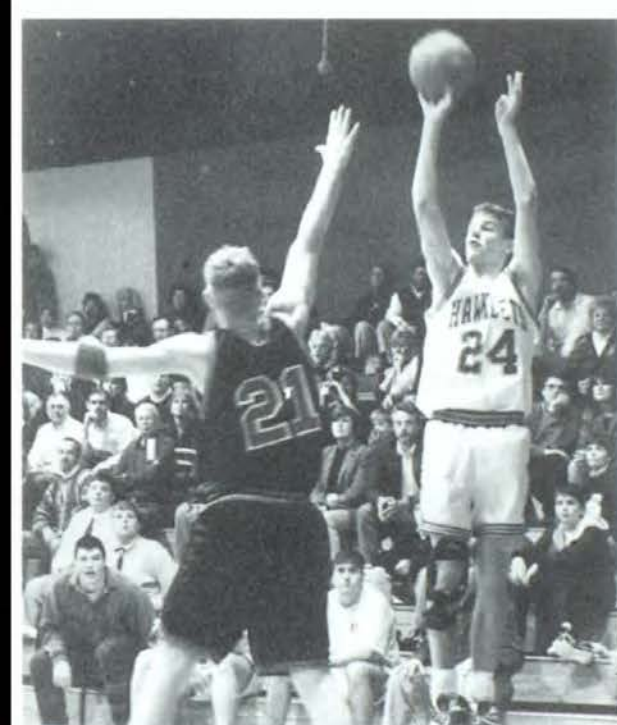
Teasdale, Joe Clifford, Danny Reidy, Virgil Staponski, Graham Giblin, Luke Schloegel, Sterling Brown and Jeff Smith all were major contributors," Coach Bubalo said.

*"We just couldn't get over the hump in the big games. We tried and tried but it seemed we always came up short. However, we improved and gained confidence toward the end of the season."*

*-Coach Mark Bubalo*

The underclassmen were also very important in the success of the squad. The top scorer and rebounder were both underclassmen. "Principe and Ivan Nugent were major contributors to the team," Coach Bubalo said.

*Story by Matt Zender*



Senior Jeff Smith puts up a shot in a 47-35 loss to rival Jefferson City.



(Top) Joe Clifford puts up a three pointer in a 72-64 loss to Kansas City Central.

(Above) Ivan Nugent drives past a Columbia Rock Bridge opponent in a loss. Rock Bridge was ranked number one in Missouri 4A.

(Right) Clint Kuechler dribbles the ball up the court versus Wyandotte. The Hawklets celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the 1987 state championship by honoring the winning team at this game.

# Senior Reidy recalls close games and up and down hoop season

By Danny Reidy

Coming into this season we did not know what to expect because we had lost eight seniors from last year's state quarterfinal team. We replaced them with nine of our own seniors, seven of which participated in post-season football. It was because of the football season that we lost two of our three returning letterman, one for almost the whole season and the other for three weeks. Because of these things, it was a slow beginning to the season for the team.

All things considered, we got the season off to a good start by defeating Southwest. We did it in comeback fashion, though, setting the tone for the rest of the season. We showed people that we would give them a fight until the final buzzer, no matter what the score was.

This was evident in our game against rival Aquinas. It was John Teasdale's first game back from his shoulder injury. We found ourselves down at halftime, in their gym, with their fans yelling and screaming only to be overpowered by our faithful student body. We refused to lose to Aquinas and the second half was our half. We were able to defeat them on their home floor in what was supposed to be their year.

From then on, as we had all season long, we had the good times and bad times, ups and downs, but we never threw in the towel. Coach Bubalo refused to let us roll over and die. That

is why we had our sights aimed high at the number one team in the state, Columbia Rock Bridge, who came into our gym expecting to have an easy contest.

They got everything but that. They jumped on us early and built a good lead, but we were able to keep it close the whole game. We were able to tie the game with about four minutes to go. We could not hold on for the victory, though, and they won by a deceiving margin.

Although we did not win this game and our record was not what we had hoped it to be, we gained tremendous confidence. We were able to put ourselves in a position where we could have beaten the number one ranked team in the state. This showed us what kind of team we were. One with heart. If you were going to beat us, then it wasn't going to be easy. This gave us the confidence to accept yet another challenge-play the second ranked Liberty Blue Jays. It is not often that a team has an opportunity to play the first and second ranked teams on their home floor in the same year.

Liberty entered the game undefeated and expected another cakewalk like their first twenty games had been. Early on it looked as if it would be, as they built a big lead and held it for most of the game. In the fourth quarter we were able to dwindle the lead away. We put ourselves in a position to win, but they ended up winning as we could not make a desperation three-pointer. Even though we did not win this game, our spirits were still up.



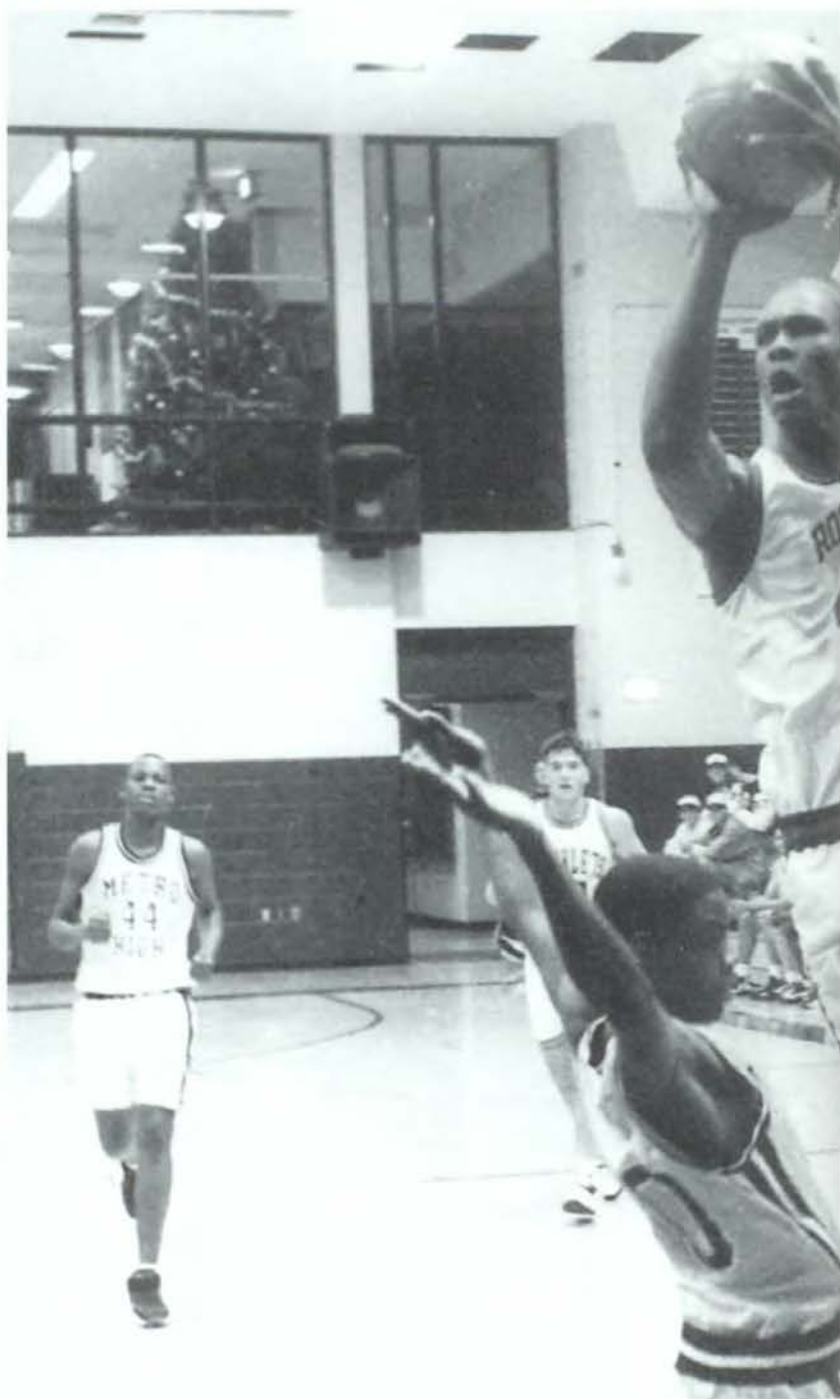
Danny Reidy

TJ Mandl puts up a three pointer against Liberty. The Hawklets won 55-45

Junior Jarod Dunleavy launches a shot over the swarming Truman defense. *Photo by Mark Blanck.*

## JV Record

Southwest	62-30	W
Miege	55-52	W
Washington	53-44	W
Lawrence	54-46	L
Metro	70-37	W
Aquinas	62-46	W
Rock Bridge	41-36	L
Central	55-52	W
Miege	61-52	W
North K.C.	66-62	W
Lawrence	59-45	W
O'Hara	62-59	W
Liberty	55-45	W
Wyandotte	50-48	L
St. Joe Benton	54-48	W
Creighton Prep	79-59	L
Lawrence	62-58	L
Jefferson City	61-55	L



Sophomore Brandon Severino dribbles past a Central defender. *Photo by Jon Knopke*

Sophomore Konsta Myrick blows past a Metro defender on route to a layup. *Photo by John Petrovic*



# Young JV team surprises all

This year's JV Basketball team grew up fast because they had to. Having only three juniors on the team, the underclassmen had to play large parts from the beginning.

On their way to compiling a 12-6, record the numerous

sophomores and one freshman matured steadily throughout the season.

"The juniors on the team helped us a lot throughout the year. With such a young team they had to take charge and they did. We all learned a lot from their examples," sophomore Jimmy Radovich said.

The young Hawklets proved to be a team of streaks. After

winning their first three games they later reeled off six consecutive victories in the middle of the season.

Despite losing their last three games, the year was very successful, especially as a learning experience.

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*"We had a great season considering how young our team was. Next year looks very promising."*

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-junior Burt Tonnies

"I think a year like this will really help us all when we get to the varsity level. It was a good way to adjust to what we will be facing next year," junior Josh Kahler said.

"We had a great season considering how young our team was. Next year looks very promising," said junior Burt Tonnies.

*Story by Chris Schnieders*



Kareem Cherry, Sean Doyle, Burt Tonnies, Josh Kahler, Konsta Myrick, Jimmy Radovich, Jarod Dunleavy, T.J. Mandl, Kevin Knopke, Coach John Morris

# Sophomores prove themselves late

Combining strong teamwork and excellent inside play, the Rockhurst Sophomore Basketball Team compiled a 12-6 record, while reaching many of its goals.

"With a strong backcourt, we big guys were able to dominate down low when the attention went out front," Chris Steck said.

The sophomore team had key games throughout the season, including two victories over rival Saint Thomas Aquinas and Shawnee Mission East.

"I think those two sets of games were big for us because it showed that we could play with the big dogs. We were underdogs but were fought

the odds and came out on top," Kevin Henry said.

"We dug down deep and pulled out all we had and we came out with a victory. We saw what happens when you try real hard, so we decided to finish the season as hard as we could," Josh Brewster said.

This was evident to the team as they finished the season winning five of their last six games, two of them coming against Aquinas and Shawnee Mission East.

"The end of the season really showed everyone what we are made of. We shrugged off critics and beat five quality basketball teams," Matt Nichols said. *Story By Matt Zender*

## Sophomore Record

Aquinas	61-55	W
Hickman Mills	61-47	L
Blue Valley NW	66-59	W
SMN	49-37	W
SME	47-41	W
Blue Springs	54-45	L
Blue Valley N	50-32	W
Lee's Summit	64-56	L
Lee's Summit N	60-24	W
Blue Springs S	54-49	W
SMN	50-49	L
Grandview	58-57	L
Aquinas	64-52	W
Lawrence	65-58	L
Blue Springs	75-54	W
Blue Valley	68-46	W
Raytown	63-55	L
SME	62-43	W



**Row 1-** Manager Daniel Curry **Row 2-** Brian Anselmo, Jimmy Houlehan, Brian Riley, Josh Brewster **Row 3-** Grayson Doherty, Kevin Komoroski, Brian Legenza, Kevin Henry, Coach Pete Campbell, Chris Steck, Jake Harper, Matt Nichols, Eric Munninghoff



*Above:* Sophomore Josh Brewster receives a pass from teammate Jake Harper. *Photo by Pat Connolly.*

## Freshman Record

Southwest	58-24	W
Lee's Summit N	44-34	W
Blue Valley N	54-25	W
Blue Springs	58-28	W
SMN	71-43	W
SME	60-54	L
Blue Springs	51-29	W
O'Hara	57-16	W
Blue Springs S	45-34	W
SMN	42-35	W
SMNW	67-55	L
SMS	59-50	W
Aquinas	60-41	W
Lee's Summit	64-50	W
Fort Osage	60-30	W
Lee's Summit N	48-32	W
Blue Springs	69-62	W
Truman	61-19	W
SME	50-36	W

Freshman Greg McDaniel guards a Lee's Summit player as he tries to pass off. Photo by Matt Duncan



# Freshmen impress critics

This year's Freshman Basketball Teams compiled very impressive records while improving regularly. They overcame numerous adversities such as injuries to key players and losing a player to the JV team to achieve a highly successful season.

"I feel we had a good season. I was very satisfied with the progress of both the "A" and "B" teams. We improved individually and collectively. We really came together as a team," said "A" team Coach Bill Munninghoff.

Several big wins over quality teams such as Central, who was 11-1 at the time, Aquinas, 12-1, and Raytown, 13-2, exemplified the season for the freshmen.

"Those wins over Central, Aquinas, and Raytown were huge for us. It helped our confidence and brought us closer together as a team,"

said freshman Rhett Parsons.

Close losses to Shawnee Mission East, Shawnee Mission Northwest, and Blue Springs were the only blemishes on an otherwise successful season.

"I had a lot of fun this season. I learned a lot and was still able

to enjoy myself. I'm looking forward to the next three years," said freshman Bret Springs.

"With such an impressive record, the Rockhurst basketball program should have a bright future," said "B" team Coach Jim Bascom.

By Chris Schnieders

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*-Coach Bill Munninghoff*



**Freshman A Team**

**Row 1-** Corey Egan, Rhett Parsons, Mike Griffin, Rory Donnelly, Greg McDaniels, Brandon Shelby, **Row 2-** Coach Bill Munninghoff, John Ruzicka, Ryan Graham, Seth Cullen, Mike Frey, Danny Kellerman, Matt Smith, Coach Jim Bascom



**Freshman B Team**

**Row 1-** Darius, Josh Williams, Matt McCullogh, Al Smith, Matt Darby **Row 2-** Joe O'Connor, Pete Mancina, Steve Martin, Nate Heim, Coach Bill Munninghoff, Coach Jim Bascom, Chris O'Boynick, Brandon Seifers, Kirk Wood, Bret Springs

# Aqua Hawks surmount obstacles

The swimming season got off to a rocky start this year after Coach Andy Hagedorn fell ill during the first week of the season. However, he was quickly back on his feet and coaching along with Mr. Fred Schlichting, who served as his assistant for the the season.

The Aqua Hawks came home with their first victory at the Center Relay Invitational. The team placed fourth out of 16 teams at the Ozark Invitational as well as the Shawnee Mission meet. At the Park Hill Invitational, Junior Varsity swimmers took first place out of 16 teams, while Varsity claimed ninth place after a few crucial disqualifications. At the Raytown South Invitational, the team placed an impressive second place overall, while finishing first in the small school division. The regular season ended with a fourth place finish at the Springfield Invitational and a final blowout at the Independence Schools Conference.

In February the qualifiers began to prepare for the State Tournament. The team qualified for six events, all three relays, and three individual events. The members of the state team consisted of sophomore Chris Clement, who swam in two relays, junior Charlie Rhoades and senior Justin Begnaud swam in all three relays and the 100-yard butterfly. Senior Mike Hess swam in one relay and in the 100-yard breaststroke, and junior Kevin Teasdale swam in the two relays and the 100-and 200-yard freestyle. At the state meet, Hess, for the third year in a row, qualified for the finals and placed tenth in the 100-yard breast stroke. Teasdale also qualified for the finals in the 200-yard freestyle and finished 12th overall.

Senior Matt Toyne commented, "Considering the circumstances, I think we had a memorable and successful season."

*Story by Jace Cowan*

Senior Mike Hess swims the 100-yard breaststroke at the state finals.



**Row 1** - Jace Cowan, Paul Orschlen, Chris Riffel, Charles Rhoades, Matt Toyne, Justin Begnaud, Trip Ross. **Row 2** - Jeff Wilson, Rich Robinson, Steve Bowen, David Riffel, Paul Bissler, David Giangreco, Joe McCann, Tim Degnan. **Row 3** - Coach Andy Hagedorn, J.V. Wilson, Adam Flack, Joe Rogers, Chad Clayton, Michael Tiehen, Chris Clement, Kevin Teasdale, Assistant Coach Fred Schlichting





Junior Kevin Teasdale prepares for the 200-yard freestyle at the Park Hill Invitational.



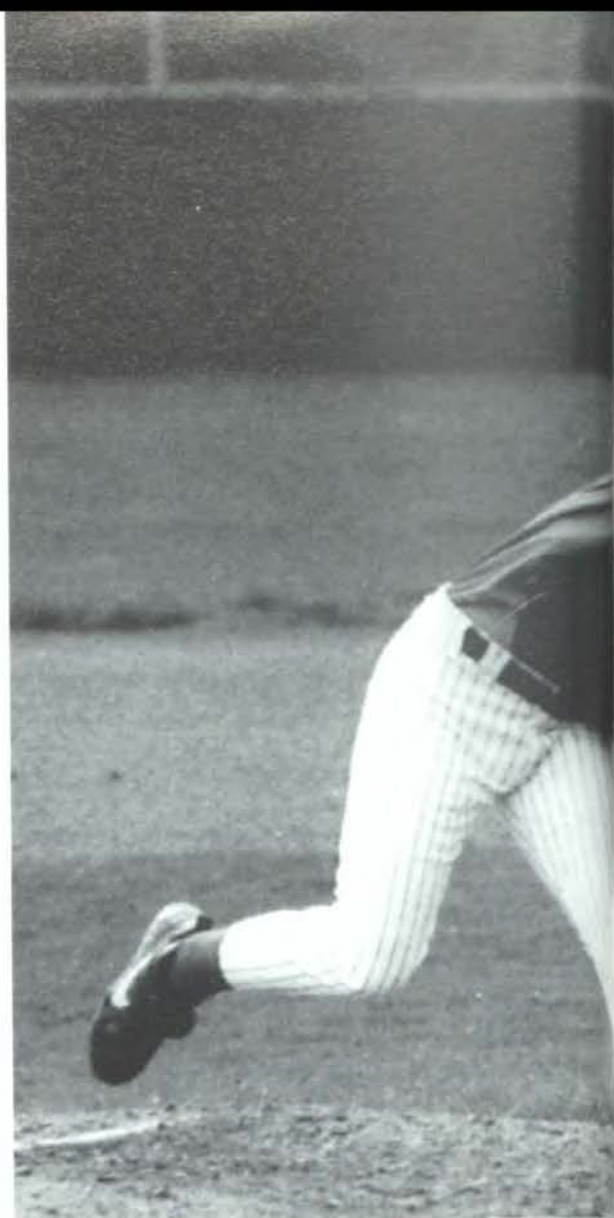
Senior Justin Begnaud swimming the butterfly in the 200 medley at the state meet in Columbia, Missouri. Photo by Kevin Teasdale

Sophomore Trip Ross swims the 100-yard breaststroke at the Central Invitational. Photo by Kevin Teasdale.

Senior Mike Hiatt prepares to receive a pitch from a Miego pitcher. *Photo by Brett Powell.*

Junior James Manning delivers one down the middle against Blue Valley Northwest. *Photo by Connor Lyons.*

Junior Jon Ferns takes a cut against Aquinas. The Hawklets went on to split the double header. *Photo by Patrick Connolly.*



## Varsity Record

Grandview	4-5	L
Aquinas	6-7	L
Aquinas	9-6	W
BVNW	2-3	L
BVNW	2-5	L
Miego	12-2	W
Miego	12-3	W
Oak Park	2-1	W
Belton	10-0	W
Belton	4-6	L
Grandview	12-7	W
Ray-Pec	12-20	L
Blue Valley	8-12	L
Blue Valley	1-11	L
O'Hara	8-9	L
Liberty	11-14	L
Winnetonka	2-1	W
Wyandotte	7-2	W
Wyandotte	12-1	W
Raytown	6-7	L
Ruskin	12-2	W
Lee's Summit	5-3	W
North		
Ray-Pec	4-6	L



Row 1- Matt Thomas, Adam Alt Row 2- Clint Keuchler, Brian Bruce, Jon Ferns, Billy Brandtonies, James Manning Row3- Mark Alexander, Mike Rieke, Mike Hiatt, Sean Doyle, John Crawford, Mike Earl Row 4- Coach Jim DeGraw, Matt Zender, Mike Maloney, Virgil Steponski, Kevin Henry, Sean Welch, Coach Bernie Kriekemeier

# Baseball team improves but falls short of expectations

The 1997 Hawklet baseball team enjoyed strong senior leadership while still being dominated by underclassmen. Their 11-12 record was an improvement over their 7-14 record last year.

"We keep improving year after year. Eleven wins was major progress from the 7-14 record the year before. Slowly but surely we seem to be getting over the hump," said Coach Jim DeGraw.

The team started four seniors: Clint Kuechler, John Crawford, Mike Hiatt, and Virgil Staponski, while all the other positions were filled by underclassmen. However the seniors were the strength of the team. Kuechler was selected as an All-Metro player and as a player in the

Missouri State All-Star Game. Meanwhile Crawford provided defensive strength at second base and was a strong offensive threat.

"John Crawford really carried this team at times," DeGraw added.

Defense was the key for this year's team. While the team batting average went up from .280 last year to .350, the team's

defensive prowess is what saved many close games, of which there were many. The Hawklets lost ten of their games by two runs or less.

"Those game just kill you. A base hit here or there in a couple of those games and we're over .500," DeGraw said.

But the team is enthusiastic about their chances next year. DeGraw says their returning group is "damn good" and should win some of those close games next year.

*story by Chris Schnieiders*

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Coach Jim DeGraw confers with Senior John Crawford at third base. *Photo by Connor Lyons.*



Senior Mike Rieke slides under the tag of a Blue Valley Northwest player. *Photo by Connor Lyons.*

# Freshman battle rain; learn in process

This year's freshman baseball season was marred by numerous rainouts, yet it was still a productive, learning experience according to the players.

"It rained a lot and that put a damper on the season because we would have liked to have played more, but when we did get to play it was fun and productive," said freshman Joe Burke.

While their record was slightly below .500, the goal of the season was more instructional than anything else.

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**"We like to win but it's more important to teach the basics and make sure everyone is on the same page."**

**-Coach Frank Griffin**

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this season was still great for all involved," said Coach Frank Griffin.

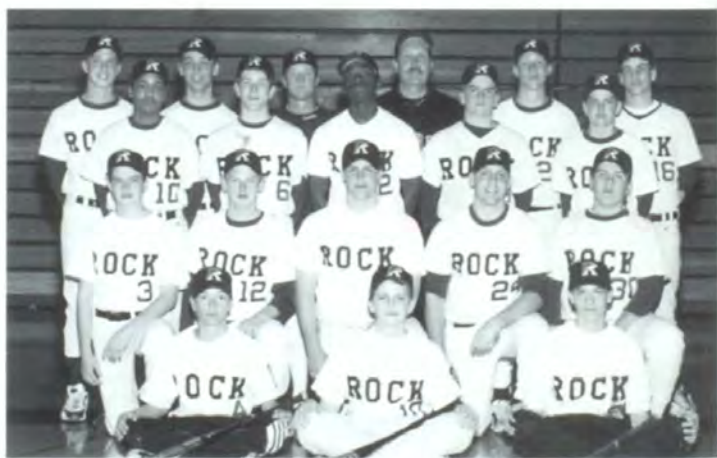
*story by Chris Schnieders*

Brandon Shelby takes a cut against Raytown.  
*Photo by Eric Eikermann.*



*Above: Ryan Graham gives congratulations to Brandon Shelby at the Aquinas game. Photo by Arvil Campbell.*

*Above Right: Joe O'Connor leads off of third while Coach Frank Griffin looks on. Photo by Tom Mallot.*



**Row 1-** Kyle Hoffman, Kurt Crowe, Greg Owsley **Row 2-** David Hayob, Josh Williams, Brian Wall, Joe O'Connor, Ryan Kisner **Row 3-** Elton Gumbel, Jake Mooney, Brandon Shelby, Jamie Brecheisen, Cal Gast **Row 4-** Joe Burke, Michael Griffin, Coach Steve Christy, Coach Frank Griffin, Scott Erwin, Ryan Graham

## JV Record

Grandview	4-9	L
Aquinas	5-6	L
Aquinas	1-3	L
Belton	8-0	W
BVNW	13-10	W
BVNW	10-9	W
Miege	10-0	W
Miege	4-1	W
Blue Valley	8-9	L
Blue Valley	9-10	L
O'Hara	5-2	W
Liberty	3-6	L
Winnetonka	5-12	L
Raytown	3-2	W
Wyandotte	7-0	W
Wyandotte	7-0	W

# JV Baseball rebounds, turns season around

This year's JV baseball team had its struggles, but in the end came through. After losing their first three they reeled off five straight wins en route to a 9-7 record.

"It was tough losing those first three, especially the two to Aquinas because you hate to lose to them in anything. But I think we recovered well with the next five and went on to a successful year," said junior Andy Gorski.

Following two straight losses to Blue Valley the team recovered with a win over O'Hara. After losing to Liberty and Winnetonka they closed the season with three wins.

"I was proud of them. I think they all got a lot out of this year and had fun at the same time," said Coach Bernie Kreikemeier.

"I think we had a very successful season overall. It was a learning experience as JV baseball should be and it prepared us to move to varsity next year," said

junior Geoffrey Starks.

"Next year we will all be ready for action. Our coaches taught us what we needed and now I feel we have the experience necessary for varsity," junior Burt Tonnies said.

*story by Chris Schnieders*

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**-Junior Geoffrey Starks**



Row 1- Mike Strain Row 2- Geoffrey Starks, Ron Hendrix, Noel O'Dowell, Brett Koons, Billy Brandtonnies, Jared Morado, Joe Urnice Row 3- Matt Nichols, Chris Pickert, Kevin Henry, Coach Bernie Kreikemeier, Kevin Haake, Andy Gorski, Burt Tonnies



Geoffrey Starks tosses the ball to second basemen Brett Koons in a effort to tag the Aquinas runner. Photo by Andy White.



Freshman Corey Egan warms up on the 110 high hurdles at the Rockhurst Relays.



**Row 1**-Joey Ernst, Jeff Collins, Steve Klene, Jeff Downs, Will Petrie, Brett Copping, Will Stinson, Dan Flemington, Tom Lennenhian, Joe Orshlen, Jason Woods **Row 2**- John Rusizca, Brett Springs, Steve Phelps, Mike Tichan, Corey Swope, Andrew Mulner, Sean Dougan, Corey Egan, John Strongman, Brian Dougan, Matt McGaughey **Row 3**- Paul Rohrer, Roland Sabatez, Jim Smolen, Jeff Otto, Adam Flack, Jeff Dobbie, Robbie Hamilton, Brian Siegel, Steve Hawlet, Kevin Moore, Brian Anselmo **Row 4**- Kevin Thomas, Jeff Openhiemer, Brian Degnan, Chip Owens, Jake Callis, Mark Blanck, Chris Riffel, David Wood, Larry Marshall, Greg Oppold, John Knopke **Row 5**- Brian Bolden, Jason Cole, Brian Riley, Max Howell, Dom Passantino, Mike Schafer, Lincoln Bauers, Justin Dro, Brian Smith-Vandergriff, Grayson Doherty, John Whitstance **Row 6**-Greg Orschelen, Matt George, John Taylor, Joe Ballard, Dante Hernandez, Rob Reiter, Nick Scott, John Sharkey, Scott Hense, Ian Nance, Chris Steck, Mike Judy **Row 7**-Frank James, Shomari Benton, Melvin Dunsworth, Schad McGovern, Willie Ingram, Vince Roebel, Ashley Davis, Mike Fuhman, Kevin Van Dyke, Kevin Metzler, Joe Principie **Row 8**- Coach John Morris, Coach Mike Dierks, Coach Jorge Taracido, Coach Phil Baker, Coach Paul Klene



Greg Oppold shows concentration as he begins his spin in the discus ring at the Rockhurst relays.



# Team *RUNS* into state

Strong senior leadership and experience led the 1997 Rockhurst track team to a successful season, with many members coming close to, or breaking school records.

"The returning of many key seniors was a big boost for the team. They set examples for the underclassmen to follow and they followed it," Coach Jorge Taracido said.

The squad returned 11 seniors, including the second place finisher at state in shot put a year ago, Justin Dro.

"I felt going into this season that if the seniors came through the way we could, we would have a good year," Shomari Benton said.

According to Dro, the underclassmen were a big part

of the success of the team in the long run.

"Most of the member of our relay teams were underclassmen, and they contributed a lot to the team,"

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***"The seniors  
were the true  
leaders of the team?"***

**Coach Jorge Taracido**

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The team had two individuals participated in the state meet, Dro and Rob Reiter in the 800 meters. Dro finished second for the second straight

year while Reiter medaled.

"Even though Justin's back was sore most of the season, he proved his mental strength at the state meet," Taracido said.

The team next year should be promising according to junior Ashley Davis.

"The 4 x 800 relay should be state contenders, so watch out Jeff City," Davis said.

*story by Matt Zender*



Rob Reiter and Vince Roebel give an enthusiastic thumbs up during a break at the Penn Relays.

Shomari Benton shows his championship form at the 100 meter dash at the Lillis/Davis Relays

Coach Jorge Taracido instructs his team at practice.

Joe Principe successfully clears the high jump bar at 6 feet 3 inches.

Chris Riffel, John Taylor, Joe Principe, and Adam Flack rest before the Rockhurst Relays.



Shomari Benton gets ready for his next long jump at the Rockhurst relays.

Brian Bolden warms up at the triple jump pit at the Aquinas relays.





# Track provides chance to seek both team and individual accolades



Larry Marshall turn the corner hard at the Rockhurst Relays.

Nick Scott and Scott Hense go over pole vaulting techniques before practice.

Senior John Mann sets a ball up before teeing off. *Photo by James Nix.*

## Varsity Golf

Olathe East	W
Olathe East Invitational	1st/7
Columbia Classic	4th /21
Lee's Summit	W
Columbia Hickman	W
Park Hill	W
St. Joesph Quad	2nd/4
Lee's Summit North	W
Miege	W
Blue Springs/Oak Park	1st/3
Jeff City Invitational	4th/23
Raytown Invitational	1st/23
Pembroke Hill	W
Districts	1st/7
St. Joe Central	W
State at Sedalia	2nd/16



Senior Ned Eddy putts one into the cup. *Photo by Mark Flemington.*

Freshman Kirk Wood lines a putt up against Olathe East. *Photo by James Nix.*



# Golf team prospers at State Tournament

This year's golf team enjoyed tremendous consistency and great unity on their way to a second place finish at state. After winning districts the Hawklets went on to state at Sedalia. While there, on the first day the team shot a 311 to finish the day at fourth. A great second day in which the team improved seven shots vaulted the Hawklets into

second place, one shot behind Columbia Rockbridge who had already been Rockhurst's nemesis twice this year, once by one stroke.

"I think it's unbelievable that Rockbridge beat us by one stroke in Jeff City. I really wish we could have gotten those guys, but I was very happy with our season and proud of all my guys," Coach Steve Ryan said.

The Hawklet's record was impressive. They won all nine duals they were in and also won the Raytown Invitational with 23 teams in it. In addition they placed no

lower than fourth in any other meet they competed in, some containing as many as 23 teams. Senior Doug Albers led the team and finished second in the state while John Mann and Fred Loeb qualified as all state golfers.

"We were very consistent this year. Our top four stayed constant the whole year

while we had a little competition for the fifth spot by Fred Loeb, Ned Eddy, and Clint Reach. It was very healthy for the team," Ryan added.

"Losing by one shot was rough. I'd rather lose by 100. State was a great experience for us all. We didn't have a great

day the first day, but we didn't give up and really came back the second day. It just goes to show you that hard work pays off," said Albers. "I just hope our young guys get what I wanted when they come back next year."

*story by Chris Schieders*

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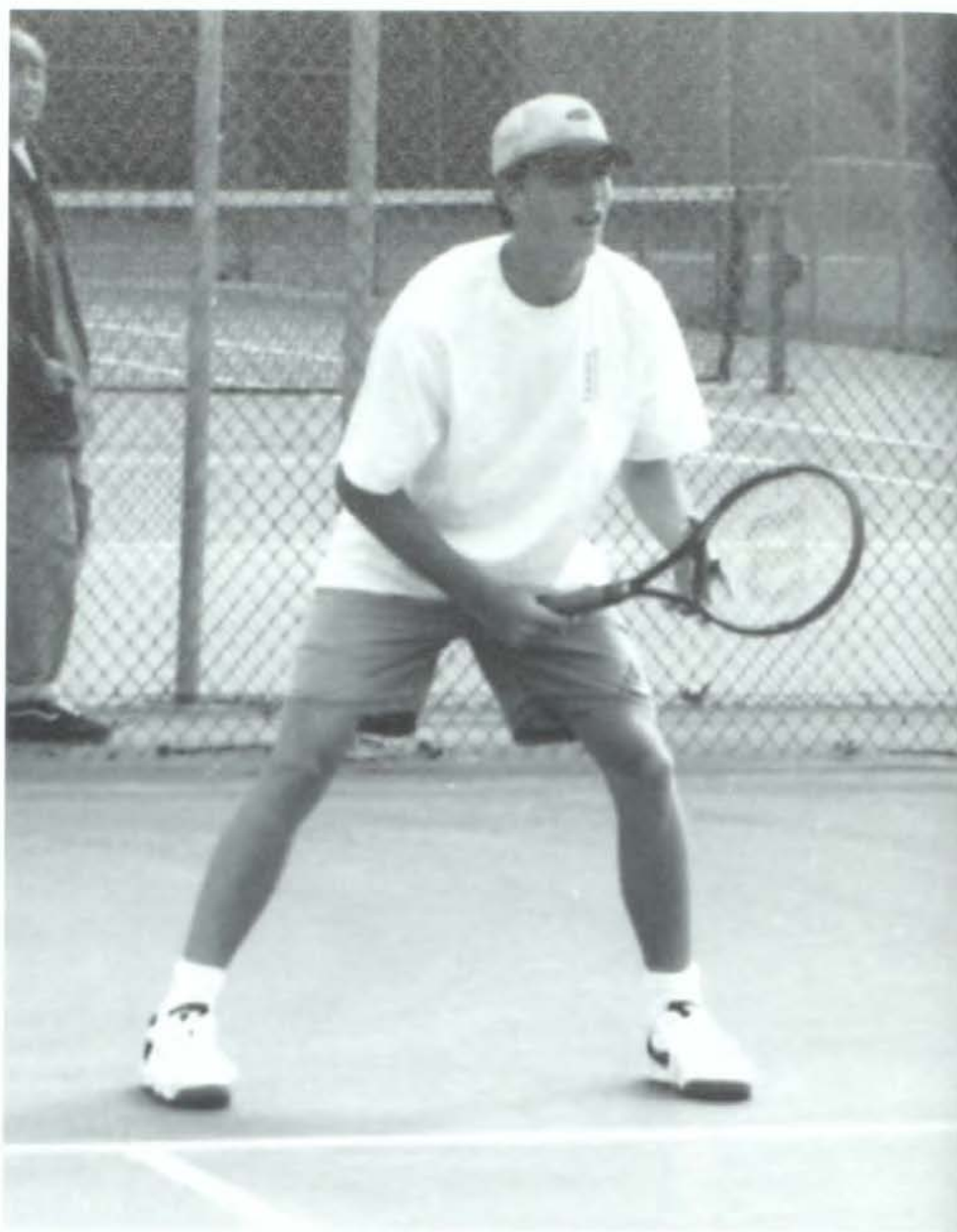
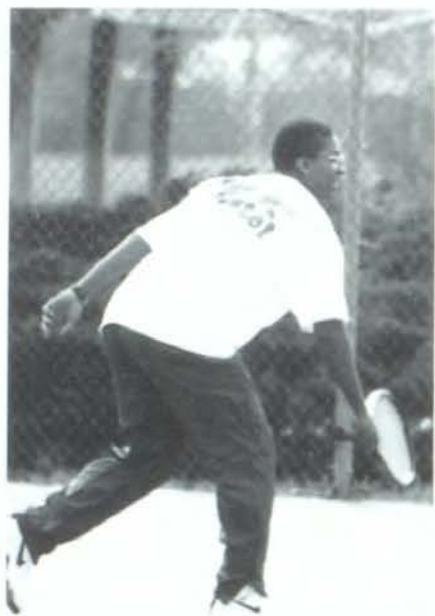
**-Senior Doug Albers**



**Row 1-** Kirk Wood, John Mann, Doug Albers, Kevin McGrath **Row 2-** Coach Steve Ryan, Brent Kriegshauser, Ned Eddy, Coach Mike O'Leary

Casey Smith gets ready to return a serve from a Aquinas player.

Chris Starks sends the ball back over for match point.



## Varsity Record

State Champions  
District Champions  
Sectional Champions  
13-1 Dual Record

State Singles Champion  
Casey Smith

State Singles-2nd  
Jon Osgood

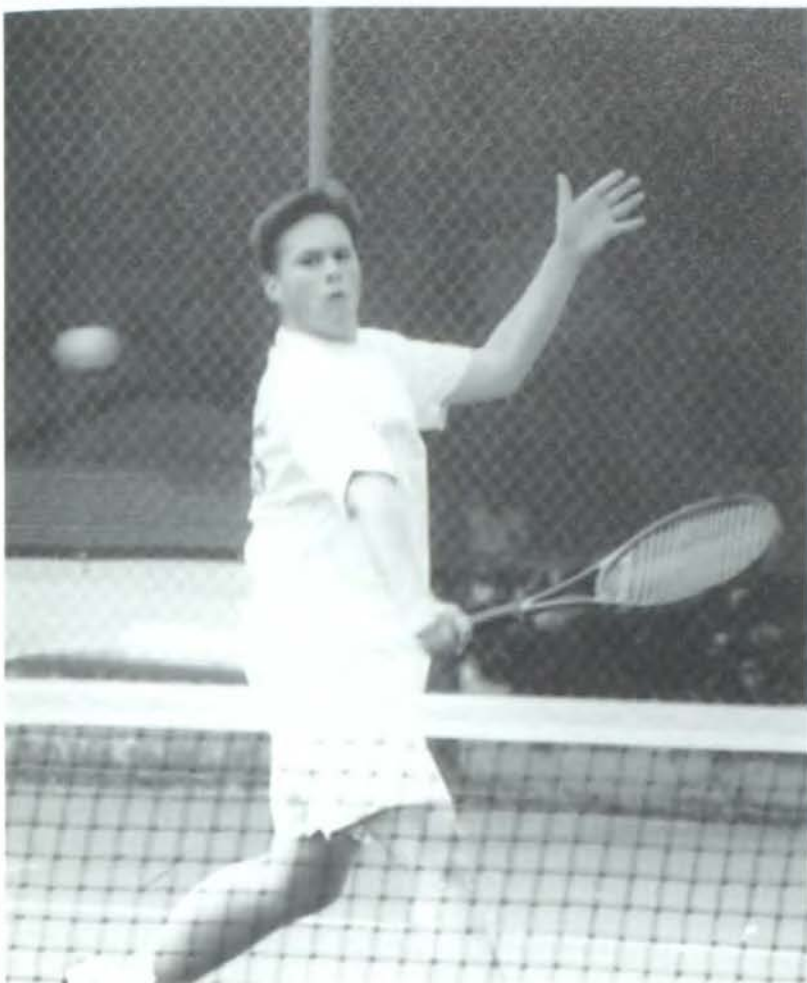
State Doubles-3rd  
Colin Klose and  
Ryan Osgood

State Doubles Quarterfinals  
Scott Martin and  
Andy Metzler

Jon Osgood powers the ball back to an Aquinas player.



Colin Klose volleys it for the game winner.



## Hawklets capture second straight State Tennis Title

For the second year in a row, the Varsity Tennis Team won the 4A state championship in Columbia.

In the individual events, Junior Casey Smith defeated Senior Jon Osgood to take the title once again. "It felt great to win the state title for two years in a row, but I really did not like playing my friend Jon in the finals," Smith commented.

The Hawklets needed to win one of three matches against St. Louis University High to take the state title. Ryan Osgood and Colin Klose took over, winning 6-2 and 7-5 over SLUH. Winning these matches clinched the title.

"It was a great feeling knowing that our match helped win state," said Klose.

The team won state but they did not go undefeated, losing to SM Northwest, 9-2 for their only loss.

"The loss early in the season made us work and try harder to become better," said Osgood.

*story by John Taylor*



**Row 1-** Chris Brown, Ryan Osgood, Jon Osgood, Chris Long, Colin Klose, Chris Starks, Mike Padow  
**Row 2-** Mike Rosewell, Lance Snodgrass, Chris Paone, Jon Enriquez, Andy Metzler, Brad Thomas  
**Row 3-** Coach Ron Geldhof, Ed Fugit, Adam Maese, Chas Eberle, David Merkel, Scott Martin, Coach Steve Ptasnik

Ryan Osgood serves up a ace against Aquinas

Brad Thomas returns a serve as Coach Steve Ptasnik watches with interest.

## JV Record

Undefeated in dual matches

1st Place

Lee Summit North Tournament

1st Place

Pembroke Hill Tournament



Chas Eberle hits a smashing forehand against Aquinas.

Lance Snodgrass nails one back for the winner.



# Junior Varsity Tennis has perfect season

The Varsity team might have lost some matches, but the JV team stepped up and went undefeated. The team could do this because of great playing by top players such as Brad Thomas, Charles Eberle and Chris Starks.

"We dominated everyone we played, and we worked hard so that varsity could succeed," Brad Thomas said.

The team had only one rivalry, which was with SM South who has beaten them in years past. The team went into the matches without their strongest players, who were needed on the Varsity level that day. The Rock started off by losing the opening matches and falling behind a few games. But The Hawklets

brought it back together to win the last few games and to win the match for the victory over SM South.

"It was one of the hardest matches that we played this year. It was even harder without the top players but we pulled it off in the end," Starks said.

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**“ We dominated everyone we played, and we worked hard so that varsity could succeed. ”**

**-Brad Thomas**

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JV also took first place in dual matches. They placed first in the Lee's Summit North Tournament and tied for first in the Pembroke Hill Tournament.

"We worked hard to be the best of the best, so we could beat everyone. It looks like we will have a state team next year with so many stepping up to varsity," Eberle said. *story by John Taylor*

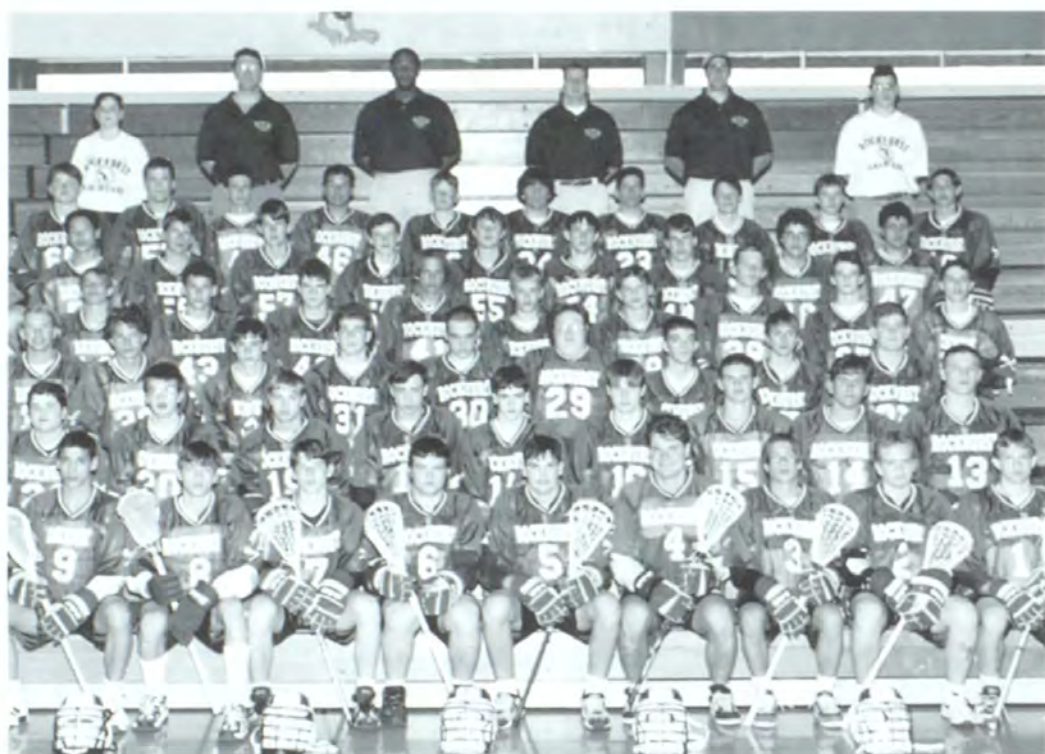


Scott Martin returns one to start the game.

Top: Chris Paone stretches for the ball.



Pete McGilley turns the corner while outrunning an opponent.



**Row 1**-Pradeep Chandra, Luke Bauers, JW Clark, Matt Buser, Tom Boling, Nick Abbick, Ryan Boyle, Matt Baker, Nick Allegri **Row 2**- Ryan Hohl, Matt Dunkin, Phil Duncan, Mike Dunham, Cole Dimond, Reed Davison, Pat Connelly, JJ Cook **Row 3**- Aaron Ismek, Mike Lanser, Colin Kovanda, Tim Lister, Jake Lynch, Cory Knobley, Jon Krasnoff, Mark Juhnke, Brian Ismert **Row 4**- Pete Ruhl, Trip Ross, Wes Reismeyer, David Raydo, J.K. Neal, Pete McGilley, Pat McGilley, Kieren McInerney, Luke McLellan **Row 5**-Jimmy Sun, Blair Thedinger, Seaton Thedinger, Patrick Thomas, Matt Sanchez, Truss Tyson, Kelly McMahan, Joe Mannion, Taimoor Nana **Row 6**-Jim Root, Adam Welsh, Andy Pearson, Matt O'Donnell, Gunner Hand, Craig Hakes, Tim Haake, Aaron Clevinger, Brian Cook, Brad Costanza **Row 7**-Steven Allison, manager, Coach Al Carruthers, Coach Tim Hannon, Coach Matt Hand, Coach Sean Thornton, Alex Landazuri, manager.



Pat Connelly cradles the lacrosse ball while running down the field.



## Lacrosse team experiences successful first year debut

Rockhurst Lacrosse in its first official year won its conference and made it to the State semi-finals. They ended their season with an 8-4 record, but lost to Desmet 16-5.

"Being a fairly new sport the lacrosse team won conference, and one playoff victory," said Head Coach Al Carruthers.

"I am very proud of our first year team," said junior Pradeep Chandra

"I was very pleased with the way we played as a first year team especially when we could compete and defeat more experienced teams," junior Sean

Connelly said.

"More than kids came out this year which was a great expansion of interest that led to a good season," Carruthers said.

"The coaching staff for our team was incredible, probably the best in the league. Our team had a lot of raw talent which with the help of our coaches was turned into true skill," said Connelly.

The team also produced several All Stars such as Tim Haake, Craig Haakes, Nick Abbick, Aaron Clevinger, and Sean Connelly.

*story by Charles Rhoades*



Matt O'Donnell outruns an opponent to score a goal.

Above Left-Taimoor Nana avoids Parkview West defender's stick while trying to pass the ball.

The lacrosse team huddles together after a game for a post game talk.



# Organizational

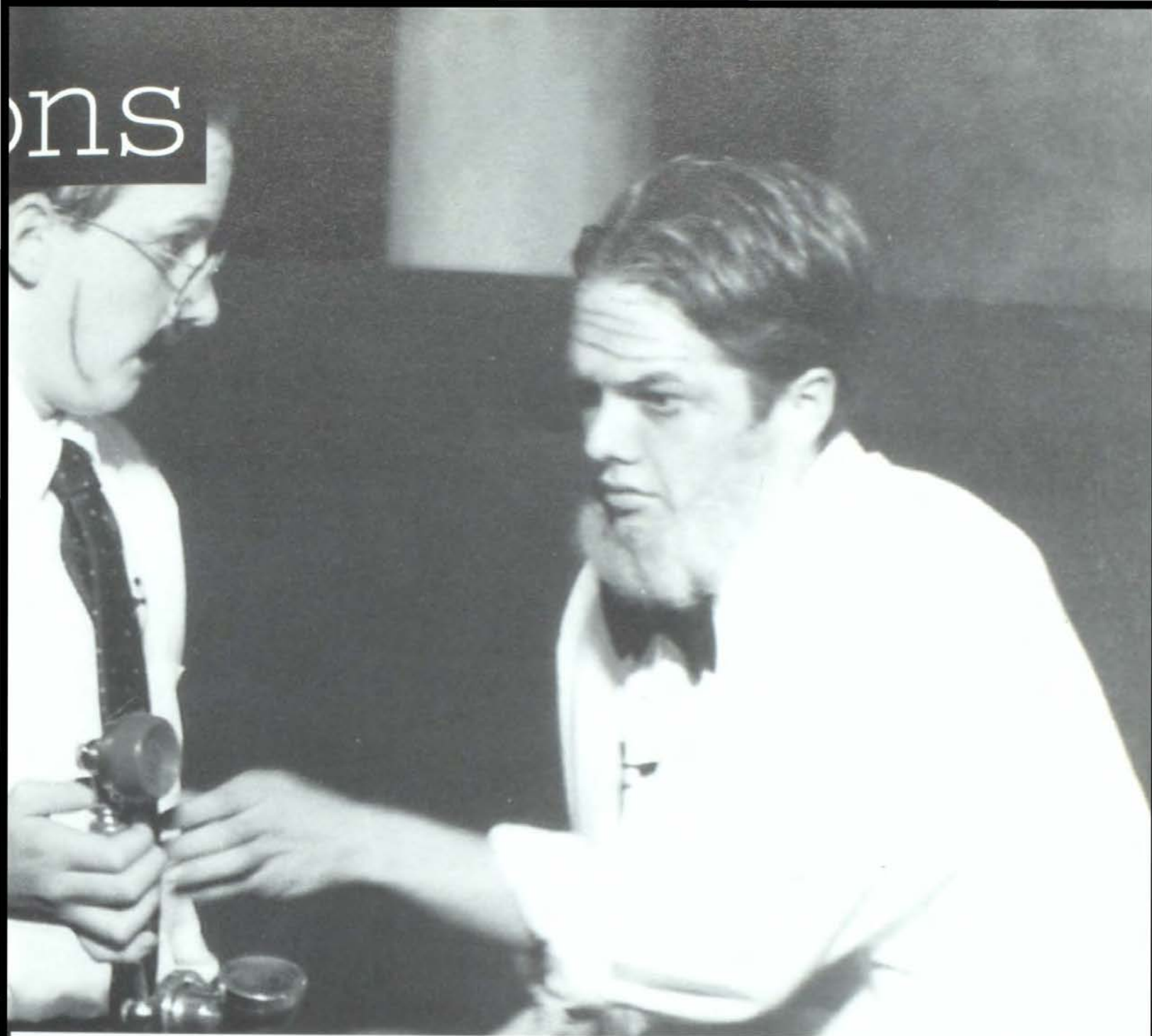
*At Rockhurst, there is sure to exist a club to fit any interest. There are clubs for those who like to fly a plane, encourage responsible driving, enjoy taking photos, like to play chess, and enjoy the outdoors. There are also clubs where one can learn more about a foreign language, politics, cultural unity, and many other subject matters. And while these organizations are a good way to get involved at Rockhurst, they provide more than a good time. These clubs help to further educate students on matters of interest and importance to them, and give others a chance to try something new. But those involved with these clubs are not always just in them for the fun. They work hard to keep these organizations running smoothly in order that they may provide opportunities for students to learn and have fun. These students are truly Men at Work.*

*By Jeremy Dobbie*

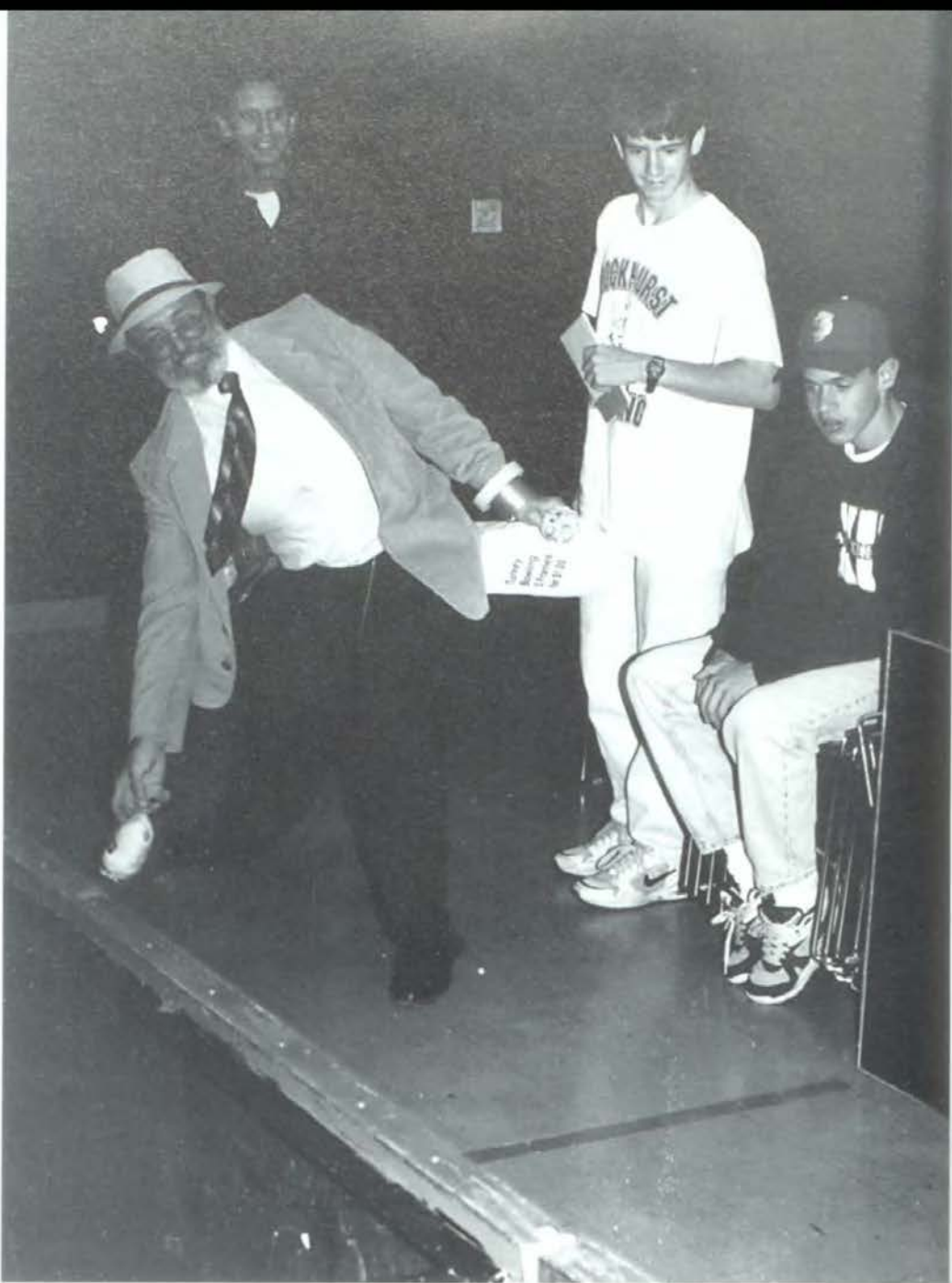


**Caution:  
Men  
Working  
Together**

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Junior Tim Fendler and senior Jim Ryan take center stage in *The Real Inspector Hound*, performed at the Kansas City Spirit Festival. Photo by John Petrovic



Mr. Tom Norman, SADD moderator, hurls a frozen turkey down the lanes at the first annual Turkey Bowling Contest to raise funds for the organization.



George Clarke demonstrates his bowling ability and rolls a strike.



Paul Woody and Jason Charcut sit to discuss upcoming events at a SADD meeting during activity period.

# SADD continues to influence with new activities program

Many people within the Rockhurst community have felt the affects of drinking and driving. Students Against Drunk Driving is an organization that is working to prevent such tragedies from occurring in the future. They also try to provide a place where students can share a certain unity with each other. The students ban together and promote a no drinking and driving policy.

SADD, moderated by Mr. Tom Norman, is in its thirteenth year of service to the Rockhurst community. Five years ago, they added a no drinking policy for the members of SADD because they also wanted to promote the idea of no drinking, period. SADD is organized and administered by president Jeff Till, vice-president Jason Charcut, Paul Woody,

secretary and Eric Leahy, treasurer.

The organization provides current information on the dangers of drinking and driving as well as the



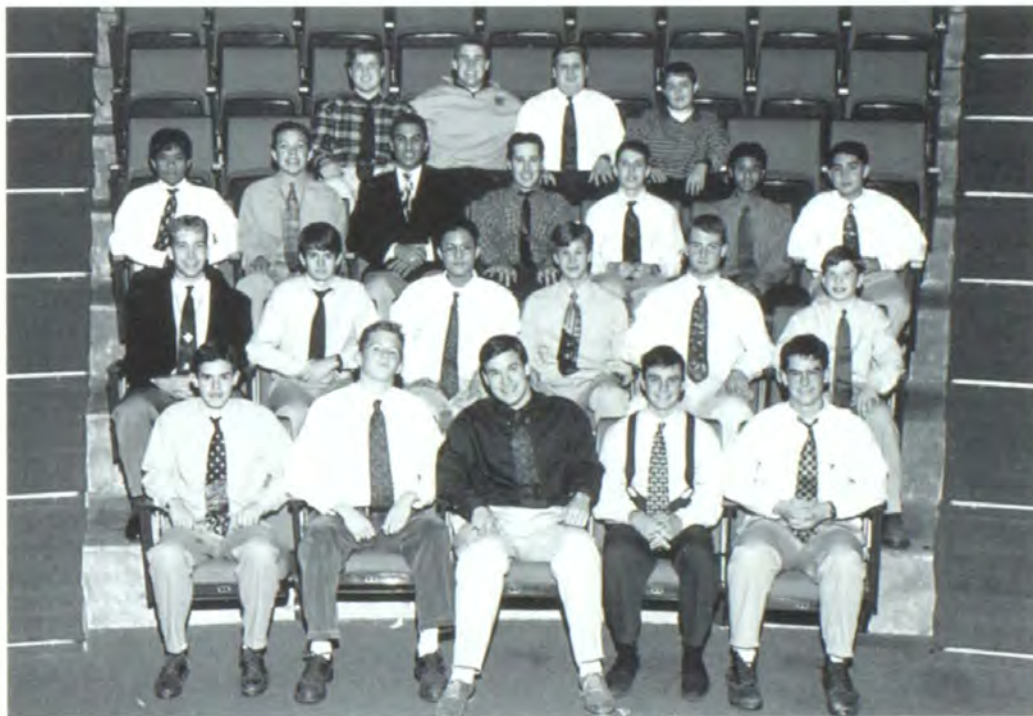
dangers of other illegal drugs. They work hard to promote their cause by sponsoring a number of events throughout the year. Earlier in the year they put on the annual SADD mixer with the first ever Turkey Bowling contest. They organized the March SADD assembly with a

showcase of many diverse and interesting guest speakers. Other SADD sponsored events included prayer sessions of Fridays, distribution of red SADD ribbons on cars, an open house and ads throughout the year.

"It's great to be involved in a organization that promotes what I believe in so strongly. We need to try our best to eliminate drinking and driving problems in the RHS community and around the city," Charcut commented.

"I believe SADD is an organization that is still counter cultural, against the tide, and I still support it today because as long as God can help keep SADD intact than we will continue promote our ideas of no drinking and driving," Mr. Norman stated.

*story by Doug Dahl*



**Row 1** - Eric Leahy, Pat McGilley, Jeff Till, Paul Woody, Jason Charcut **Row 2** - Roger Barbieri, Pat O'Brien, Martin Le, Chris Riffel, Greg Oppold, Brian Dress **Row 3** - Richard Hipona, Todd Wiseman, Pete DiGirolamo, Mike Padow, Jeff Collins, Jonathan Enriquez, Ryan Davis **Row 4** - Louie Igoe, Chris Steck, Anthony Valenti, Josh Rockwell

Mr. Norman addresses policies and events during the first SADD meeting of the year.

# Amnesty International returns to the Rock

Amnesty International, reorganized its first chapter in several years, lead by Mr. Brad Grabs. This worldwide movement of people acts on the conviction that neither governments nor opposition groups may deny individuals their basic human rights. The group returned with increasing interest, creating a club of twenty members.

Special events this year included a trip to Jefferson City in February to protest against the death penalty. April 21-25 was declared Amnesty International Week, which included a

video on the School of the Americas, a guest speaker, UMKC professor Dr. Cathy Burnett, and a presentation on Nigeria by members of the club

Amnesty International, headed by junior Adam Maese at RHS, works to secure the release of prisoners of conscience (those detained solely because of their ethnic origin, gender, etc.), ensure fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners, and put an end to all use of torture, "disappearance," political killing, and the death penalty, according to the organizations stated goals.

*story by Vince Roebel*

Adam Maese, Amnesty International local RHS president, hands out some information to students attending one of the informational seminars.



Amnesty International held meetings throughout the year to organize events for the student body.



**Front Row:** Sonny Havens, Jonathon Jump, Brandon Yanno, Paul Woody, Martin Le **Second Row:** Jim Ryan, Joe Kelly, Gary Rosas, Pete Wilson, Ahsan Latif, David Finke **Third Row:** Phil Hageman, Nick Scott, Justin Walker, Adam Maese, Mr. Brad Grabs

The Nation's Capitol was one of the many spots visited by 16 members of SPA during their trip to Washington D.C. to experience the Model United Nations.

## SPA encourages political involvement



**S**tudents for Political Action returned for its second straight year, lead by Mr. Al Carruthers and Mr. Doug Kramer. One of the highlights of the year was a visit by Mrs. Elizabeth Dole, who talked to the student body about the youth of America growing up in today's world.

Later on in the year, sixteen members of the club participated in the 1997 North American Invitational Model United Nations in Washington, D.C.

"We were able to visit the Smithsonian, take a tour of the White House, watch the

senate and congress in session, and visit the Chinese Embassy. The highlight of the trip for me was visiting the National Holocaust Museum," said Mr. Carruthers.

"NAIMUN was a great experience for me. It was a very informative and educational trip," said senior Gary Rosas.

"The main purpose of SPA is to get close to historical and political issues and discuss them," said Carruthers.

Students for Political Action has evolved into a very pro-active political group at Rockhurst.

*Story by Vince Roebel*



Mrs. Elizabeth Dole addressed the students on her tour through the midwest. She spoke to about the youth of America. *Photo by Konstantine Young*



**Front Row:** Toby True, Gary Rosas, Pete Wilson, Chris McKinney, Sean Welsh. **Second Row:** Chris Downs, Joe Kelly, Daniel Magers, Asun Latif, Scott Reagan, Mr. Al Carruthers. **Third Row:** Pradeep Chandra, Sean Connelly, Chas Eberle, Kieran McInerney, Joe Evans, Jeff McCracken, Josh Hawley. **Fourth Row:** Ryan McGlaughlin, Justin Begnaud, Frank Ross, Josh Mucci, J.P. Tongson, Damian McGee, Mr. Doug Kramer.



Attentive members of the National Honor Society listen to what it takes to be a role model.



Newly elected NHS officers are Ben Capoccia, Kevin Comeau, Josh Hawley, and Eric Leahy.

NHS President Tim Degnan and Secretary Mark Hansen discuss upcoming events at RHS.





# NHS: Rockhurst role models keep busy with many projects

With approximately 100 students involved in the Rockhurst chapter of the National Honor Society, the organization has successfully organized several events this year including Back to Back School Night, Eighth Grade Open House, Battle of the Bands, graduation, honors assembly, the food drive, and it's annual auction.

"We help out any time that we can, we are the ambassadors of RHS," says NHS moderator Mr. Kramer.

The National Honor Society is not a normal school organization, because of it's strict criteria to join. The top 20% of the sophomore class is invited by the moderator to join the NHS, but any student is eligible to apply if they maintain a 3.0 or above GPA. Mr. Doug Kramer, NHS moderator, has also increased the community service hour requirement this year from 20 to 35 hours of service which can be spent at RHS

or in neighboring communities. Another requirement of the NHS is that every student must write an essay each semester and must assume leadership in the organization of a school event.

Not only does the NHS help out and organize school events, but they also use their skills and talents to tutor students at RHS who are having academic difficulties. The NHS tutoring program is a very important service to RHS students, because it helps the students understand their work and it is free of charge.

"We are a forum for students who do well academically and show good ability and commitment," says Kramer.

Through service to the community, NHS members truly show what it means to be men for others.

*Story By Ryan Horton*



Row 1- A. Turley, P. Chandra, P. Wilson, T. Degnan, J. Sun, M. Hansen, S. Connelly. Row 2- C. Smith, S. Thedlinger, J. Lowe, K. Comeau, C. Riffel, R. Reiter, J.P. Tongson, T. Fendler. Row 3- M. Le, J. Crawford, D. Merkel, P. Woody, T. True, J. Growney, B. Conforti, A. Simms, J. Kahler. Row 4- S. Harris, S. Duncan, D. Albers, P. McGilley, T. Weisman, C. Starks, G. Starks, B. Ferguson, C. Eberle, A. Mace. Row 5- S. Derrington, M. Gawron, M. McCaffree, D. Giangreco, J. Forge, L. Schloegel, P. Kane, C. Schmieders, J. VanDolah, R. Baber, D. Wood. Row 6- R. Wikiera, R. Arrendondo, D. Riedy, J. Tabije, C. Leake, J. Evans, S. Welsh, J. Banghman, D. Dahl, T. Smedlie, C. Carmody. Row 7- B. Cappocia, K. McManus, M. Daly, R. Davis, J. Gall, J. Griffith, T. Haake, A. Valenti, J. Hawley, G. Rosas, J. Montes, T. Hollinger. Row 8- J. Lorring, P. O'Brien, E. Leahy, M. Sienkiewicz, P. DiGirolamo, M. Blake, A. Miller, P. Hagerman, J. Reed, A. Alt, T. Kessler, E. Eikhurst, M. Hapka. Row 9- Mr. Doug Kramer, S. Scanlon.



Tim Fendler shakes hands with NHS officers Jimmy Sun, Mark Hansen, Bret Grady, Tim Degnan.

# Stu-Co exemplifies men at work

Once again the dedicated and well-organized Student Council, spearheaded by senior class president Adam Alt, has, due to a variety of well received activities, made the 1996-97 school year a success.

Stu-Co started off the year with a bang in September when they rewrote the entire thirteen page, six-year-old Student Council Constitution. They also sponsored the annual Freshman Orientation which consisted of 125 seniors guiding a record 250 freshman through a day of activities to better acquaint them with Rockhurst.

"I really enjoyed the orientation, especially the outdoor mass, because it helped me realize that I was about to be inducted into the Rockhurst family," said freshman Cary Felzien. "It also helped make my transition from public middle-school to a private Catholic high school much easier."

Throughout the course of the next several months, Stu-Co was busy coordinating activities such as the Blue and White Mixer, which attracted almost one thousand people. Featured was the Mr. Rock Contest won by seniors Paul Orscheln and Joe Clifford. October brought Homecoming which attracted 450 couples and \$3,500 to be used to finance future school activities. In November's Food Drive, the student body earned a free day by donating 10,000 cans of food, valued at over \$10,000, to the area's needy.

In the spring, approximately two hundred people donated one hundred and fifty pints of blood to the Blood Drive, while roughly another two thousand people attended the tenth annual Battle of the Bands which earned about \$4,000. An additional \$10,000 was earned during Mission Week, all of which was donated to the Honduran Missions.

Thanks to Stu-Co, the seniors and their Prom dates enjoyed a live band and many other comforts at the prestigious Double Tree Hotel. In May, Stu-Co brought back the long awaited Junior Ring Dance, as well as the highly-attended Spring Dance.

"Through hard work and innovative creativity, this year has been one of Student Council's most productive and enjoyable experiences," Alt said.

As if all these dances, concerts and charities weren't enough, Stu-Co is to be credited with much more. Throughout the year Stu-Co also planned and organized all the pep-rallies, profitable T-Shirt sales, and the Spirit Club, who's members consisted largely of the ever-present yell leaders.

"A lot of hard work combined with a large amount of intense enthusiasm, made this year what I would describe in just two words...a success," said Stu-Co moderator, Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J.

*Story by Jesse Felzien*



Joe Principe sets up for a spike in the Stu-Co sponsored Junior Iron Man Contest. Mr. Michalski's fifth hour class won the contest, holding on to the trophy for the second consecutive year. *Photo by Chris Williams*



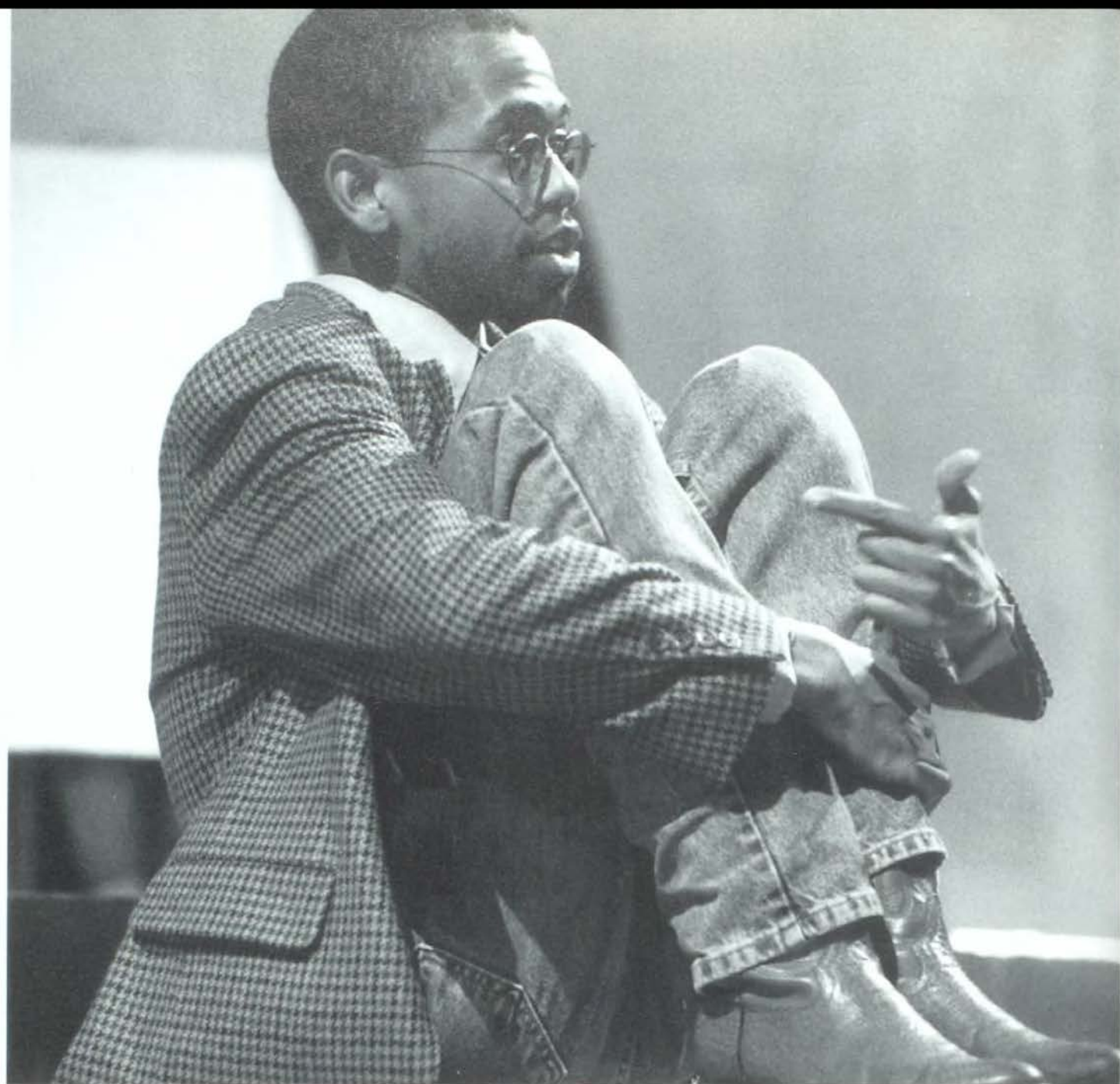
Adam Alt has faithfully dedicated all four years to Stu-Co, serving as his class's president both his freshman and sophomore year. His senior year he was elected Stu-Co president. *Photo by Konstantine Young*



Principal Tom Murphy surveys the damage done to his office space by the canned food drive. Students were able to collect enough food to earn a free day.  
*Photo by David Giangreco*



**Row 1** - Kieran McInerney, Chris Riffel, Adam Alt, Matt George. **Row 2** - Pradeep Chandra, Luke McLellan, Justin Begnaud, Pete Wilson, Rob Reiter, Kevin McManus. **Row 3** - Pat McGilley, Sean Welsh, Chris McKinney, Tim Degnan, Dave Giangreco, Matt Daly. **Row 4** - Brian Smith, Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J. *Photo by DeCloud Studios*



Tony Cohen, a historian who came to Rockhurst to talk about his retracing of the underground railroad, shows the students the crouched position many slaves had to stay in for many hours to escape from the South. (Photo by Tammy Ljungblad; Copyright The Kansas City Star. Used with permission.)

Johnathon Lowe and Ryan King pose in front of the Black History Month profiles of famous African-Americans.



Mr. Mark Michalski S.J., MEET moderator, watches over the students.

Members of MEET listen to Ryan King (right) as he discusses plans for future events at an April seminar.

# MEET heightens cultural awareness

The Rockhurst High School community consists of many diverse cultures. Last year a few students got together to consider ways to help open the minds of those who might not be as acquainted with these diversities. Thus began the Black Students Union, which evolved this year into the Multi-cultural Enrichment and Education Team, or MEET. Senior Damian McGhee, who began the BSU last year, was the president of MEET this year. Mr. Mark Michalski, S.J., served as faculty moderator.

Once or twice a month, the group got together to develop new ways of opening up racial awareness in the Rockhurst community. To start off their year, they invited a guest speaker to talk to the entire student body at an assembly during Black History Month. Historian Tony Cohen spoke of his reenactment of the slaves travel through the underground railroad from Philadelphia to New York.

Junior Ryan King and Jonathan Lowe read biographies of famous blacks in American History during the announcements each day in February. These biographies were also posted all along the hallways to increase student awareness. Towards the end of the year Damian McGhee appointed Junior Ryan King as his successor.

"My biggest concern for the group is that I don't want the goals and achievements to be diminished or forgotten over the next years. After the accomplishments of this year, it isn't likely," McGhee said.

*Story by Vince Nguyen*



**Row 1-**Brian Bolden, Arvil Campbell, Damian McGee, Sterling Brown, Mr. Mark Michalski **Row 2-**Chris Riffel, Kevin Comeau, Johnathan Lowe, Evan Pankey, Ahsan Latif, Michael Walker **Row 3-**Elton Gumble, Darus Dixon, Chris O'Boynick, Jesus Chappa, Kareem Cherry, Herman Watson, Konsta Myrick **Row 4-**Travis Newsome, Daniel Curry, Christopher Dukes, Jimby Tongson, Joe Kelly, Enrique Gutierrez, Max Howell, Jim Schorgl **Row 5-**Joel Richie, Rob Reiter, Bryan Richardson. *Photo by DeCloud Studios*

**Row 1-** Justin Begnaud, Roger Barbieri, Paul Woody, Justin Walker, Peter Wilson,  
**Row 2-** Andrew Vajda, Andy Wachtel, Jonas Baughman, Brian Cook, Chris Serton, Trip Ross. **Row 3-** Warren Sautillan, Geoff Henggeler, Luke McLellan, Justin Unger, Christopher Starks, Geoffrey Starks, Brian Toms, **Row 4-** Mr. Joe Delehunt, Mr. Larry Ruby, Fr. Mark Daues, S.J.



Fr. Suwalsky expresses the true meaning of his sermon to the awestruck congregation.



Seniors Paul Woody and Andy Simms joyfully lead the congregation in song at mass.

# Spiritual growth remains goal of Rockhurst Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is one of the many unique organizations at Rockhurst. Most would recognize the organization's handy work through the various masses held in the Rose Theater. Although, many don't know it, the Pastoral Council controls many more activities than just the masses.

"The Pastoral Council is the central nervous system of the spiritual life of the students at Rockhurst," senior Paul Woody, president of Pastoral Council, said.

The Council is also responsible for the various annual retreats which all the students attend. The Council also administers the Senior Brother program, which is said to be growing each year. Community Service is also under the "things to do" list of the council.

The Pastoral Council sets many goals. Although the council does organize everything dealing with spiritual growth, its main goal is to involve the students in as much as possible so that they see that specific spiritual

growth is directed towards them.

There were few changes this year but, as usual, there were many freshman who joined. One of the biggest additions to the council process this year was that to the course of the Service Program. This specific change was that it is now a necessity for each student to have completed twenty five hours of service in the community each year. This is just another stipulation established in order to aid in the "grooming" of Rockhurst students to be: Open to growth, Intellectually competent, Religious, Loving, and Committed to doing justice.

Basically, the Pastoral Council is behind anything dealing with the spiritual growth of the students, faculty, and administration. That is one of the main goals set towards the students throughout their entire four years at Rockhurst. The Council consists of those dedicated and devoted people who, on the students' behalf, are truly "behind it all." *Story by James Stanley*



Mr. Delehunt listens attentively during a Pastoral Council meeting.

Mr. Ruby explains his view on the subject.

# Earth saving and the great outdoors beckons hardy students to get involved

## Ecology Club

Only after its second year in existence, the Ecology Club has made significant strides. Led by Mr. Matt Gartner, the club was organized for those students who want to make the earth a cleaner and healthier place to live.

With a group of about ten students, the club's motto promotes an awareness of recycling to the school about recycling. The club assembles recycle bins around the school, where any excess paper can be placed for recycling. By performing this operation, they are using less, while preserving more.

"I took over this club because I wanted to work with students who had the same interests as I did. We worked hard this year to recycle," Mr. Gartner said.

The club took a trip to the zoo, where they spent the night to observe the functions of the nocturnal animals, and planned a trip to visit the Botanical Gardens in St. Louis, MO.

"I enjoy being a member of this club because I respect the outdoors, and am interested in keeping this earth a clean and beautiful place to live," Craig Hakes said.

## Outdoor Club

The Outdoor Club was formed for those people who wanted to experience more in the outdoors and bring people together who had similar interests so they could create a bond and enjoy each other in the natural environment.

Led by Mr. Doug Kramer, the Outdoor Club has significantly grown in popularity, since it was founded two years ago. There are presently 50 to 60 members who participate in the many exciting events that one can enjoy in this club.

The Outdoor Club entertains itself by mountain climbing, paint ball wars, and snow skiing. In early February, the group traveled to Colorado, where they skied for three days.

"I am glad to be a part of this club. We have a lot of fun together," Mr. Kramer said.

"I joined this club because it gives me an opportunity to be outdoors, while having lots of fun with my friends," Brian Baldwin said.

*stories by Jace Cowan*



**Row 1-** Sean Connelly, Tim Haake, Craig Hakes, Pradeep Shandra, JV Wilson; **Row 2-** Eric Eickhorst, Jonas Baughman, Konstantine Young, Jason Jenkin, Josh Palmisano, Tyler Thomas; **Row 3-** Andy Gorski, George Clarke, Jeff McCracken, Marcos Palmeri, Pablo Palmeri, Mr. Doug Kramer





Members of the Outdoor Club practice their rock climbing skills. Along with the rock wall climbing, the club participated in paint ball fights, frisbee golf, ski trips, camp outs, and other various activities.

Seniors Tom Mallot, Josh Tabije, and Jim Ryan enjoy the outdoors playing frisbee golf, one of the many activities in which the members participate.



**Row 1-** Mike Lanser, John Sharkey, Garth Highland, Jimmy Sun, Roger Barbieri; **Row 2-** Chris McKinney, Mark Hansen, Pat McGilley, Matt Dunkin, Eric Eikerman, Josh Tabije, Andy Miller, Jacob Hildebrand, Rory Glenn; **Row 3-** Jeff Mueller, Andy Wachtel, Dave Hickman, Michael Blake, Jim Ryan, Lincoln Bauers, Craig Hakes, Mickey Mullane, John Neal; **Row 4-** Jason Allen, John Cowan, Seaton Thedinger, Joe Rogers, Chris Steck, Pradeep Chandra, Justin Begnaud, Ryan McLaughlin, Matt Hill, Matt Sanchez; **Row 5-** Konstantine Young, Jason Jenkins, Rory Donnelly, Steve Martin, Colin McFarland, Pat O'Bryan, Eric Leahy, Chris Long, Ryan Burns, Gunner Hand; **Row 6-** Sean Connelly, John Ferns, John Knopke, Evan Keyser, Schad McGovern, Robert Markovich, Sean McGaughey, Adam Maese, Mike Dolemba, Tom Mallot, Casey Miller; **Row 7-** Eric Eickhorst, Bryan Richardson, Vince Koebel, Andy Gorski, Kieran McInerney, Sean Welsh, Rob Reiter, Steve Harris, David Wood, Scott Lewis, Trevor Holliger; **Row 8-** Michael Padow, Ahsan Latif, Jeff McCracken, Rob Haake, Gary Rosas, Mark Gawron, Pete Wilson, Chris Brown, Matt Finucane, Phil Serrone, Andy Kim, Dave Moore, Ed Kokoruda, Mr. Doug Kramer



Seniors Brett Powell, T.J. Stack, Scott Duncan, Justin Dro, and Ed Watkins use their brute strength in a tug of war battle during a pep rally.



Matt Dunkin excites the crowd as he spells out "Rockhurst" during a home football game.

Yell leaders Luke Schloegel and Mike Maloney take a break to watch the game.



# Spirit Club plans new events, activities for school year

The gymnasium is radiating with energy. Eardrums are being pushed to the limit and steam is pouring out of the doors. It can only be one thing, a good old fashion RHS pep rally. Students are on their feet yelling, faculty members are cheering, music is playing and the Spirit Club is making it happen.

In his first year as moderator, Mr. Michael Pateidl worked with Matt Daly and Paul Orscheln as co-presidents and a large number of students represented by all of the classes. They also worked closely with StuCo during the year to set up and plan these events. The Spirit Club organized the Freshmen

bus trip to Aquinas where they painted their faces and ate hot dogs. They brought former coach and athletic director Al Davis back to speak during a pep rally where the old fight song, "Hail Blue and White", was back once again. They made the Spirit Club T-shirts and they sponsored Monopoly during Spirit Week.

"We tried to do things that would excite the student body as a whole and bring back school pride to activities. Every new thing that we tried worked well because of the great membership participation and things went smoothly throughout the year,"

Mr. Pateidl said.

The Spirit Club also provided a number of yell leaders during the year for varsity basketball, football, and soccer games who got the crowd back into the games.

"It was a lot of fun to be a part of the Spirit Club this year. We got to be involved in a number of different activities where we got to work with our friends to plan the events we put on this year," sophomore Matt Bowen said.

"I had a great time working with the students, especially the seniors who were really dedicated to making it a great year for everyone," Mr. Pateidl said. *story by DougDahl*

*"We tried to do things that would excite the student body as a whole..."*

-Mr. Mike Pateidl



**Row 1-** Pat McGilley, Mike Maloney, Matt Daly, Jeff McCracken, Ned Eddy **Row 2-** Joey Saunders, Paul Orscheln, Justin Begnaud, Pete Wilson, Matt Bowen, John Taylor **Row 3-** Michael Blake, Sean Welsh, Nick Scott, Chris McKinney, Tom Kessler, Chris Riffel, Martin Beerman **Row 4-** Pat Connolly, Andy Bond, Matt Darby, Joe Burns, Bret Springs, Matt Dunkin, Virgil Staponki, Mr. Michael Pateidl

Senior John Teasdale and Sophomore Jim Radovich attempt to rev up the crowd before their jousting bout during a pep rally.

# RHS French, Latin, Spanish Clubs investigate multitude of cultures

The language club, made up of the Spanish, Latin, and French clubs, sought to enhance their cultural knowledge through various extra-curricular activities.

The Spanish Club sold nachos at various times during the school year in order to finance their activities. "They're good," junior Jon Ferns said.

"The nachos are so crisp and the cheese is so creamy and smooth that I look forward to every nacho day at the Rock," junior George Clarke said.

The Spanish Club saw the movie **Evita** and visited several Spanish or Mexican restaurants including La Fonda el Taquito. Also, the club visited the West branch of the Kansas City library because of its rich cultural resources.

The Latin Club competed in state and national competitions testing their individual latin skills. Paul Bissler and Tim Fendler won gold medals in the state competition while Richard Hipona won a gold medal in the national competition.

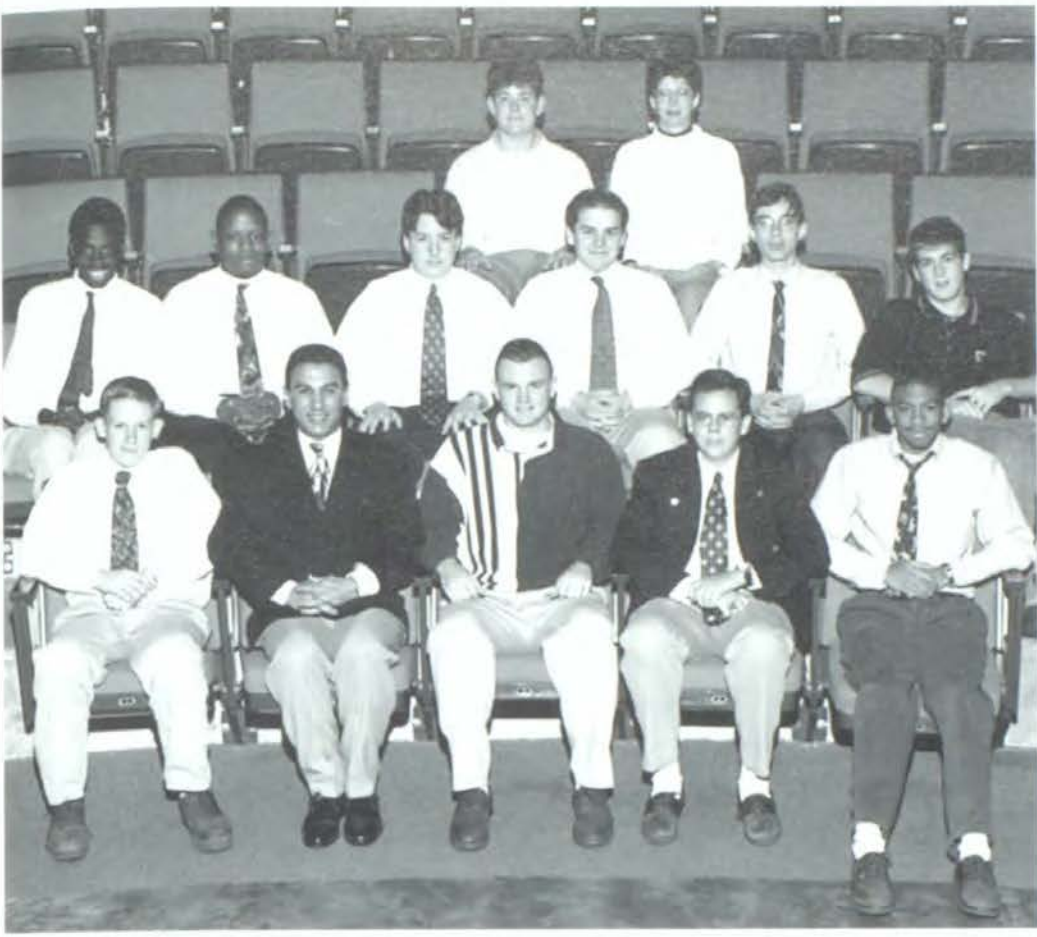
The team also competed in a latin jeopardy contest at the state competition. "The competitions provide a fun way to measure our talent and knowledge of the Latin language," sophomore Paul Bissler said.

The French Club went to see the movie **The Misanthrope** and visited area French restaurants including Andres on the Plaza. The club also participated in various cultural activities at Rockhurst College.

*story by James Manning*



*Members of the Spanish Club are: Row 1-* Damian Flores, Tim Laird, Enrique Gutierrez, Casey Miller, Tim Lister, *Row 2-* Gabriel Hurtado, Brandon Linse, Joshua McConnaughey, JoJo Dumaguin, Carlos Cabezas, Brandon Yano, *Row 3-* Jeremy Rieck, Joe Caldwell, Scott McCreedy, Chris Leake, Joe Millan, Pablo Palmeri, Mr. Bert Roney, Not Pictured: Paul Rohrer



*Members of the French Club are: Row 1- Geoff Henggeler, Pete DiGirolamo, Sean Scanlon, Jason Lorring, Jon Lowe, Row 2- Chris Leake, Kevin Comeau, John Gall, Tim Lister, Row 3- Steve Phelps, Mrs. Kathleen Geldhoff*



*Members of the Latin Club are: Row 1- Ahsan Latif, Ryan Baber, Chas Eberle, Paul Bissler, Phil Hageman, Row 2- Josh Polsinelli, Giuliano Mingucci, Rob Reiter, David Finke, Jack Bondon, Richard Hipona, Row 3- Rich Robinson, Sean Linebach, Kevin McDaniel, Joe Gall, Elliot Mura, Colin Mulloy, Andy Metzler, Row 4- Luke McLellan, Will Petrie, Jesse White, Patrick Thomas, Mark Molner, Michael Padow, Brian Winget, Roosevelt Cobb, Row 5- Patrick Connelly, Tom Porto, Ryan Kisner, Mike Rosewell, Josh Kenning, Matt Sienkeiwicz, Eric Eickhorst, Josh Mucci, Kevin Fallon, Row 6- Evan Pankey, Rich Wikiera, John Keleher, Denny McKee, Pat Kane, J.R. Moralez, Dan Magers, Pat Clayton, Sean Welsh, Row 7- Mr. Mike Cusick*

# Chess Club gets fourth at state; finishes 17th at Nationals

The Chess Club finished fourth in the Missouri State competition, and finished 17th in the National Chess Tournament in Knoxville, Tenn.

With the leadership of moderator Mr. Paul Klene, the sixteen members all tied for first place in the National Chess Tournament.

"We improved a lot from last year, and the freshmen and sophomores did really well. By playing mind games and incorporating mathematics, we overcame our opponents," junior Jon Lowe said.

This is the third year that the Chess Club has participated in the National Chess tournament. With over 4000 students participating this was the largest chess tournament in history, according to Mr. Klene.

"I am very proud of our fourth place finish at state. We have come a long way from last year's seventh place finish. With the senior leadership and the younger members really playing well, we were very successful," senior Joey Patino said.

*story by Charles Rhoades*

Dante Hernandez ponders his next move in a competitive match.



Paul Mattione makes his next move towards checkmate.



Above Right- Tim Alexander, Alex Landazuri, Garrett Coffey, JoJo Dumaguin, Bob Stokes, Greg Owsley take part in their regular activity period match.



Row 1- Chris Fieber, Ryan King, Geoff McGuire, Paul Mattione, Matt Sullivan Row 2- Dante Hernandez, Jonathan Lowe, Joe Kelly, Jeff Till, Tim Wirkus, Ben Clark

# Flying Club reaches new horizons

Other Rockhurst Clubs stay somewhat on the ground; however, this is not the case with the Flying Club which takes things to a whole new level.

"The purpose of the Flying Club is to get students interested in flying. They get to take limited control of an aircraft and get to experience elementary maneuvers of flying," said Mr. Steve Ryan, Flying Club moderator.

Seniors John Cowan, Sean Scanlon, and Jason Lorfing are some of the more active students of the twenty-plus member, Flying Club who all go through a rotation to fly.

"The students are charged twenty dollars for an hour of flying time due to the rental fee on the airplane. This way I get to keep my flight license up to date and the students get a chance to experience flight," said Mr. Ryan.

The Flying Club takes a cross country trip to the Aircraft Museum in Topeka each year, and in the past they have even taken a select few to as far away as Denver.

"The Flying Club is a great chance for students to experience what flying is all about," said junior John Ferns.

*story by Charles Rhoades*



Brooks Kraft checks the fuel tank for any water that may cause some serious problems in flight.

Above Left-Mr. Steve Ryan, Bryan Reed, Dustin Phillips, Brooks Kraft, and Jason Lorfing prepare for flight at Johnson County Executive Airport.



**Row 1-** Mickey Mullane, Pat Scanlon, Sean Scanlon, Jason Lorfing, JP Tongson. **Row 2-** John Cowan, Matt Hill, Akil Bacchus, Martin Le, George Clarke, Schad McGovern. **Row 3-** Chris Carmody, Jonathan Ferns, Dustin Van Dolah, Gary Rosas, Ryan Burns, Reed Davison, Tim Lister. **Row 4-** Mike Fuhrman, Mr. Steve Ryan

# Barbieri, Hawley place first in state competition

The Debate-Forensics squad made RHS history as team members Roger Barbieri and Josh Hawley won state championships in humorous interpretation and extemporaneous speaking respectively, and Mr. Don Ramsey was named outstanding coach of the year. All three honors combine to make this season perhaps the best in school history.

With several high finishes throughout the year, the speech and debate team displayed strength in numbers and in talent during the year.

For the first time in school history, all freshmen were required to compete in at least two speech and debate tournaments. These freshmen, when added to the returning members of the

team, created an advantage in numbers that enabled the squad to qualify senior Barbieri, junior Tim Fendler (dramatic interpretation), junior Josh Hawley, junior Justin Unger (story telling), and senior Chris Leake (Lincoln-Douglas) for state competition.

"We have a very deep, talented squad that has been working together not only from the beginning of the year, but for entire high school careers," junior team member Josh Hawley said.

Seniors Roger Barbieri and Pete Wilson acted as catalysts for the successful team as they placed very high in almost every tournament they competed in.

"Pete and Roger are the true, bonified leaders of the team," junior team member Tom Smedile said. *by James Manning*



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Three members of the RHS Speech and Debate Team performed well at the National Speech Tournament held this summer in Bloomington, MN.

Roger Barbieri placed 11th out of 198 in the nation in Humorous Interpretation, missing the finals by 3 points.

Tim Fendler placed in the top 60 out of 210 in Dramatic Interpretation.

Chris Leake placed in the top 24 in Prose Interpretation.

Rockhurst placed sixth in the nation in number of new members enrolled in the National Forensics League.



State Champions Josh Hawley (Extemporaneous Speaking), Mr. Don Ramsey (Outstanding Debate/Forensics Teacher of the Year) and Roger Barbieri (Humorous Interpretation) pose with their trophies.

Mr. Don Ramsey offers instruction to senior debater Chris Leake. Leake also qualified for the National Tournament.







Members of the Mock Trial Team are: Seaton Thedinger, Adam Maese, Sonny Havens, Trip Ross, Jake Siedlik, Ryan Baber, Steve Derrington



**Row 1** - Ryan Baber, Roger Barbieri, John Cowan, Steve Derrington, Chas Eberle. **Row 2** - Tim Fendler, Tim Hanrahan, Sonny Havens, Josh Hawley, Richard Hipona, Gabriel Hurtado. **Row 3** - Nick Jumara, Colin Klose, Ahsan Latif, Chris Leake, Adam Maese, Dan Majors, Pat McGilley. **Row 4** - J.R. Morales, Vince Nguyen, Evan Pankey, Dave Phillips, Trip Ross, Warren Santillan, Tyler Thomas, Jake Siedlik. **Row 5** - Tom Smedile, Brian Dress, Seaton Thedinger, J.P. Tongson, Justin Unger, Pete Wilson, Lloyd Kissick, Paul Woody, Tim Yasso

# Drama Club presents...

In doing everything from promotions, ticket sales, and ushering, to sound technology, set construction, lighting, and prop design; the Drama Club helped stage three first class productions during the 1996-97 school year.

"This particular year was really challenging. The amount of work Mr. Rodger Cilley and the students put into the shows was really reflected in a great season overall," junior Tim Fendler said.

In November, the Drama Department opened the season with the 17th century French drama "Cyrano de Bergerac." In February, the somber American classic entitled "Death of a Salesman" was performed, followed in April by the contemporary 1950s classic musical, "Westside Story."

Through sacrificing their valuable time and challenging individual talents, each club member not only helped improve theater productions, but also had fun while learning their individual trades.

"For me, the Drama Club has been

a great experience. It has provided me the unique opportunity to learn all that I can about the technical side of the theater. I think a lot of people take this side of the theater for granted," junior George Clarke said.

"The Drama Club provides an excellent opportunity for students, who may not want to perform, the chance to explore and learn about every aspect of theater," junior Ryan Baber said.

After close evaluation and comparison to other high schools Drama Departments, Mr. Tom Murphy, principal, commented, "In my opinion we not only possess the best Drama Department in the Kansas City area, but in the entire Mid-West. As far as I'm concerned that is true in every aspect from acting to behind the scenes, including the direction."

"The kids in the Drama Club, are the very backbone who support our play productions. Without them I seriously doubt I could produce three, let alone three quality, shows a year," Mr. Cilley said.

*Story By Jesse Felzien*



Above : The Stage Crew, from left to right , Astin Gilmore, Ryan Klein, Tucker Gilmore, Jeff Reed, George Clarke, Justin Unger, and John Tubbert. *Photo by John Petrovic*

Actor Tim Fendler, playing Biff Loman, violently shakes actor Pete Wilson, playing Tim's father Willy Loman, in "Death of a Salesman." *Photo by Konstatine Young*





Left: Junior Craig Hakes participates in *Cyrano de Bergerac* as Montfleury who is eloquently addressing the pious cardinal and his court. *Cyrano* was the Drama Department's first production of the year. Photo by Konstatine Young

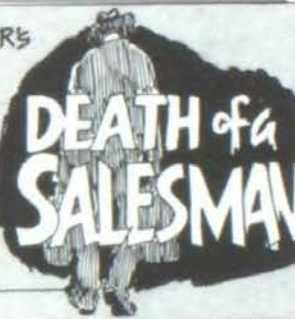
# Cyrano de Bergerac

*A story of  
nobility and honor  
and love.*

Nov. 7-9 7:30  
Nov. 10 2:00  
Nov. 14-16 7:30

ARTHUR MILLER'S  
EVERLASTING  
CLASSIC OF  
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FEBRUARY  
6-9, 1997  
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# DEATH of a SALESMAN

# WEST SIDE STORY

*Bernstein &  
Sondheim  
at their  
musical  
best!*

APRIL 16, 17... 20 ..... 24, 25, 26  
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First Row: Andy Simms, Jeff Mueller, Pete Wilson, Roger Barbieri, Jeff Reed. Second Row: Jonathan Jump, Andy Turley, Chris Sexton, Andrew Kaminski, Nick Scott, Tim Fendler. Third Row: Justin Begnaud, Jim Ryan, Justin Unger, Paul Woody, Martin Le, Justin Walker, Xavier Mendoza. Fourth Row: David Laughlin, Henry Vick, Ryan Baber, Sean McGaughey, Reed Davison, Phillip Jaax, Jimmy Hayes, Joe Rogers. Fifth Row: George Clarke, Tucker Gilmore, Cory Knubley, Nick Jumara, Jason Burns, Mr. Rodger Cilley. Photo by DeCloud Studios

Rob Haake develops a picture after school for photo club.

## Photography Club captures the year with a snap

The photography club members are the people behind the scenes who capture the spirit and emotions of nearly every Rockhurst community event.

These students can be seen everywhere taking pictures of various events from Freshmen Orientation to Graduation.

These members spend time both inside and outside of school to take pictures for *Prep News*, *Quarry*, and *Rock Collection* the entire year.

Run and organized by Mr. Mark Bubalo, moderator of the photography club said that the photography club was essential to the Journalism department and its productions.

"Excellent opportunity for students to learn the art of photography and to get involved in producing school publications," Mr. Bubalo said.

*by Charles Rhoades*



**Row 1-** Eric Eikhorst, Seth Laubinger, John Petrovic, Rob Haake, Matt Thomas **Row 2-** Dave Hickmann, Kirk Walters, George Clark, Konstantine Young, Martin Le, Jason Jenkins **Row 3-** Austin Gilmore, Corey Swope, Bobby Kehm, Gunnar Hand, Reed Davidson, Danny Chiao, Tim Lister **Row 4-** Todd Wiseman, Deaton Taylor, Rob Reiter, Carlos Cabeza, Ben Clark, Mr. Bubalo

## Rock Collections gets a face-lift under new management

"The purpose of the *Rock Collection* is to promote and showcase the literary and artistic abilities of Rockhurst students," Mr. Matt Gartner, *Rock Collection* advisor said.

The 50-page magazine of photography, drawings, writings, poetry, and short stories.

"Under the leadership of Jeff Foster and Justin Begnaud, the *Rock Collection* has undergone a major face-lift with fresh ideas, graphics, and drawings that astonish the mind," Matt Thomas, layout editor said.

Senior art editor Eric Eikermann selected the photography and drawings and Noel Field, poetry editor, selected the writings. Many other students help in the production designing

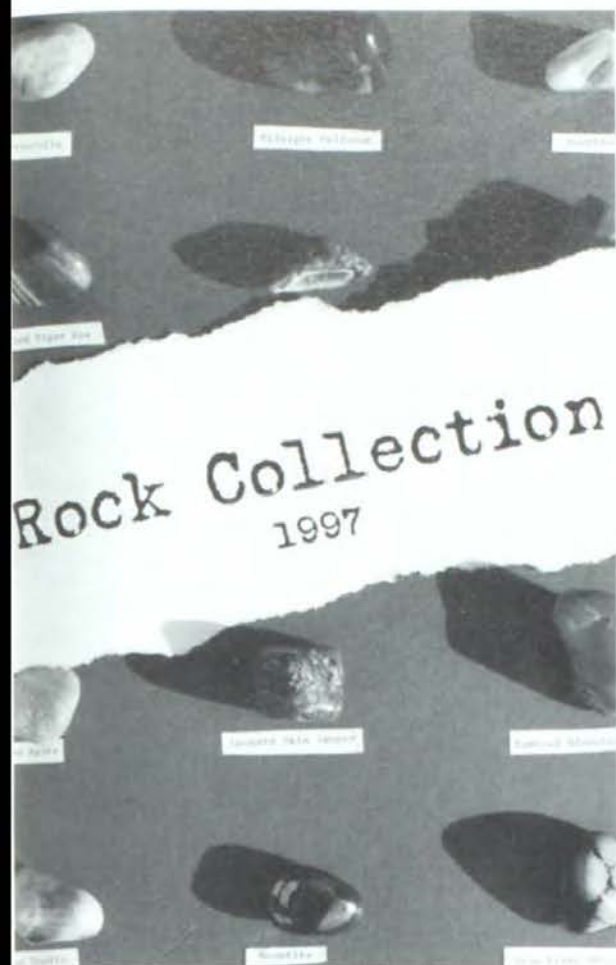
layout, coming in on Saturday mornings, and doing the behind the scenes work to put out the *Rock Collection*.

"The students have been allowed more freedom in the layout. This should allow a more personalized touch," Eikermann said.

"Due to the overwhelming submissions by students into the *Rock Collection* we had to limit the number of entries per students," Begnaud said.

"The *Rock Collection* should be the best artistically that it has ever been. The work of the staff and the students that submitted work has been very satisfying and indicative of Rockhurst," Foster said.

*story by Charles Rhoades*



Senior members of the Rock Collection staff posing at graduation are Noel Field, Wes Reismeyer, Jeff Foster, Justin Begnaud, Eric Eikermann, and Joey Saunders.

Aaron Link and Andrew Kaminski discuss what Aaron's next column should be about. *Photo by Jeff Till*

Chris Downs and Joe Principe work on designing the paper's spreads. *Photo by Jeff Till*



Rob Haake prints photos to use in the newspaper during journalism class. *Photo by Jeff Till*

Matt Thomas and Mr. Mark Bubalo sort through different photos to decide which ones to use for the next issue. *Photo by Jeff Till*

(Far Right) Jeff Reed makes small changes on layouts so that he can put them in the computer. *Photo by Jeff Till*



# Prep News captures MIPA honors...again

The *Prep News* publication worked hard this year to produce issues that the whole RHS community could enjoy, according to Mr. Mark Bubalo, *Prep News* Advisor.

"I believe that the *Prep News* staff has distinguished themselves with the quality of the editions they have published," he said.

The issues were simply summed up by Jeff Reed, Managing Editor.

"I can sum it up in three words qua-li-ty," he said.

The publication featured columns by Jeremy Theis, Matt

Benben, Aaron Link, and Editor in Chief Matt Thomas. Three out of the four columns won a Show-Me state rating for the medium category of schools.

"It was satisfying because I always put a lot of effort into finding a good topic, and writing a good column each issue," Benben said.

The newspaper ended its year by receiving an All-Missouri rating for 1996-1997.

"To receive this honor is a great way to show that all of our hard work paid off," Thomas said.

*Story by Jeff Till*



**Front Row**-Aaron Link, Andrew Kaminski, Chris Downs, David Merkel, Rob Haake. **Second Row**- Brandon Callahan, Matt Thomas, Shomari Benton, Jeff Till, Konstantine Young, Jeremy Theis. **Third Row**- Danny Reidy, Joe Principe, Jon Osgood, Ralph Sanders, Bill Ferguson, Steve Swarts, Matt Benben. **Fourth Row**- Jeremy Dobbie, Justin Begnaud, George Clarke, Jeffrey Reed, Seth Laubinger, Mr. Mark Bubalo.



David Merkel helps Matt Zender come up with a headline for his spread.



**Row 1-** John Petrovic, Rob Hauke, Jeremy Dobbie, John Taylor, Matt Zender **Row 2-** Charles Rhoades, Jesse Felzien, Jeff Reed, Jeff Till, David Merkel, Matt Thomas **Row 3-** Ashley Davis, Mr. Joe Fleming, Adviser

Charles Rhoades puts his Chess Club story into the computer.





Jeremy Dobbie works hard on his division page spread.



## Staff captures essence of “*Men at Work*”

This year's *Quarry* yearbook staff combined the expertise of journalism students and a novice class with a new adviser to help capture the spirit of Rockhurst.

Mr. Joe Fleming, who returned to teaching after a stint in the printing industry, used class time to instruct new students in all aspects of yearbook journalism, including copy writing, layout and design, and photography.

Putting the *Quarry* together took many hours of work outside of school. Many days off, weekends, and holidays were spent in production of the yearbook.

The bulk of the publication of the *Quarry* is accomplished by the 18 members, including both juniors and seniors, of the Yearbook class which met first hour every day. The class contributed stories, created pages, and essentially designed the bulk of *Quarry*.

“The staff spent hours putting the *Quarry* together, and we hope that our final product displays all of the hard work that the students at Rockhurst did,” said Matt Zender.

*story by John Taylor*



Mr. Joe Fleming assigns photos to Rob Haake as Konstantine Young listens in.

Jeff Reed helps Ryan Horton with layout and design of the Senior section.

Geoff Cummings, Taimoor Nana, and Geoff McGuire play their horns at a pep rally.

Andy Wachtel plays his trombone to rev up the crowd. *Photo by Jason Jenkins*



*First Row-* Mike Colosimo, Mike McGeehan, Anthony Valenti, Joe Gall, Geoff McGuire *Second Row-* Richard Hwang, Travis Newsome, Brian Sichko, David Finke, Brian Dold, Taimoor Nana *Third Row-* Justin Shatto, Jake Callis, Ed Kokaruda, Jerry Sirna, Giuliano Mingucci, Steve Conway, Seaton Thedinger *Fourth Row-* Andy Wachtel, Mike Dolembro, Mr. Michael Kern



Eddy Watkins and Mike McGeehan play a tune at a basketball game. *photo by Jason Jenkins*

# Pep Band pumps up student fans with rousing music performances

The Rockhurst Pep Band used outstanding musical selections to get the Hawklets enthused throughout both the football and basketball seasons. Thanks to the inclusion of Jake Callis, who played guitar, selections such as "Start Me Up" for the kick-offs came into play.

"Pep Band moved into new areas this year! Additional material for the time outs in

football and new material at the basketball games generated great crowd appeal," said Director Michael Kern.

The Pep Band made sure they improved with each performance by devoting 30 minutes of their time after school twice a week for rehearsal. During the football season, the 30 member Pep Band played as one group at each game. However, during

the basketball season they alternated performances, using two groups-- the members of the Varsity Jazz Band and the other members of Pep Band.

According to Mr. Kern, the Pep Band worked as a team to entertain fans. Outstanding musicians included Guillano Mingucci, Jerry Sirna, Jake Callis, Ed Kokoruda, and Dan Przybylski.

*Story by Jason Jenkins*



Seaton Thedinger and Anthony Valenti help fill a pep rally with excitement.

Giuliano Mingucci strikes up a beat.  
*Photo by Jason Jenkins*



Louie Igoe, Josh Hawley, Brian Toms, Greg Oppold, and Director Michael Kern prepare to sing at mass. *photo by Jason Jenkins*



**First Row-** Roger Barbieri, Andy Simms, Paul Woody, Chris Leake, Brian Toms **Second Row-** Xavier Mendoza, Seaton Thedinger, Pete Wilson, John Brewer, Joe Rogers, Louie Igoe **Third Row-** Marcos Palmeri, Geoff Henggeler, Brian Smith-Vandergriff, Adam Flack, Greg McDaniels, Mike Dolembó, Jim Ryan **Fourth Row-** Jim Hayes, Giovanni Dumaguin, Robert Paul, Anthony Carson, Jack Bondon, Lance Snodgrass, Tom Grams, Truss Tyson **Fifth Row-** Brian Dold, Brian Reed, Chris Cummings, Justin Shatto, Jake Callis, Willie Ingram, P.T. Schwab, Jon Whistance, Ivan Nugent **Sixth Row-** Andy Davis, Andy Wachtel, Mr. Michael Kern, Mark Gawron



## Chapel Choir expands in number and popularity

The Chapel Choir increased in popularity this year and had several outstanding performances. Over 20 members participated in each mass as opposed to less than 15 in years past. The members of the choir gave up their Friday activity periods to practice for the liturgies. Roger Barbiari, Andy Simms, Josh Hawley, Greg Oppold, Paul Woody, and Xavier Mendoza were some of the fine vocalists included in this group. One of the years highlights was performing at a wedding at the Redemptorist Church in April.

"Chapel Choir is worth giving up the one morning a month. More people should consider jamming," according to freshman Tom Grams.

"Chapel Choir diligently performs all year round celebrating God's Word. The Father/Son Masses, school liturgies, and retreats keep these young men dedicated to their craft," said Director Michael Kern.

*Story by Jason Jenkins*




Xavier Mendoza sings a solo during a Father/Son Mass. *photo by Jason Jenkins*

Paul Woody performs at a mass. *photo by Jason Jenkins*

Far Left: P.T. Schwab sings while Andy Davis plays guitar. *photo by Jason Jenkins*



Mr. Doug Bruce helps senior Pete Wilson with a calculus problem.



*Rockhurst is known above all for its academic excellence. Academics play the biggest role in a student's life throughout his years at Rockhurst. Every student must be unconditionally committed to their schoolwork in order to succeed.*

*This takes countless hours of hard work and dedication.*

*More pressure is placed upon students of Rockhurst than perhaps any other school because of its rigorous curriculum and its wish to give young men the finest education possible. Every student of Rockhurst, by embarking on the challenging road that is Rockhurst academics truly must be a Man at Work.*

*By Jeremy Dobbie*

# Academics





The English Department moved into new quarters and added two new teachers this year. All together, the department consists of eight teachers, led by Mr. Andy Hagedorn, department chair. Mr. Hagedorn, who has been at Rockhurst since 1988, has taught a variety of classes from freshman to seniors.

"He is a tough teacher who makes you work hard, but what you learn from him in the classroom is worth all the hard work and effort," senior Mike Hess said

Mr. Frank Griffin, who teaches freshman and seniors, has also been in the department for sometime.

The central core of the English Department is made up of a fairly young group of teachers. They consist of Mr. Doug Kramer, who teaches freshman and seniors, Mr. Mike Pateidl, who teaches sophomores, Mr. Mark Michalski, S.J., who teaches juniors, and Mr. Jim Bascom, who teaches sophomores and seniors.

"I love teaching English here at the Rock. I enjoy giving these boys something that they will need for the rest of their lives," said Mr. Pateidl.

Some new additions to the Department are Mr. Joe Fleming, who teaches sophomore English, and Mr. Fred Schlichting, who teaches freshman English. Since the department office has moved to new quarters the teachers have had the ability of being together to exchange their thoughts and ideas.

"The convenience of the new office is a luxury that all of us enjoy. We can now express new ideas and relate our work to one another more easily and effectively," said Mr. Kramer.

*Story by Jace Cowan*

# English



Jim Bascom



Joe Fleming



Frank Griffin



Andy Hagedorn



Doug Kramer



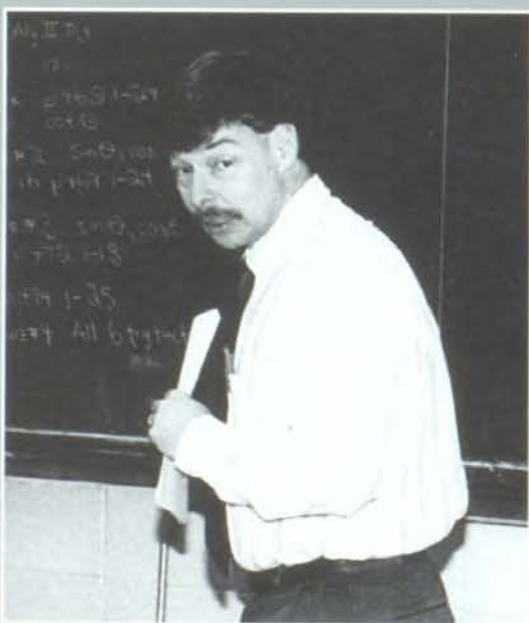
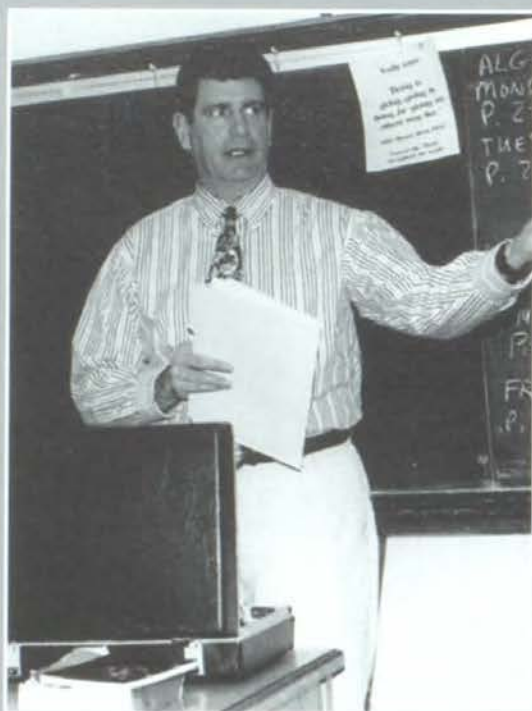
Mark Michalski, S.J.



Mike Pateidl



Fred Schlichting



Within the last three years, the Math Department has added six new teachers, Mr. Peter Campbell, Mr. Phil Baker, Ms. Stefanie McKinney, Mr. Jon Reed, Mr. Paul Ptasnik, and Fr. Mark Daues. Each of these people has become involved not only inside the classroom but also in many extra curricular activities. Mr. Baker who is involved with the track team likes the students at Rockhurst. "They're great kids and I enjoy teaching them." Mr. Campbell, a 1989, Rockhurst graduate, has been at Rockhurst for one year and coaches the Sophomore Basketball team. Ms. McKinney, after two years of teaching, enjoys being the head of the Poster-Sign Club. Mr. Reed, a three year veteran, coaches the freshman Soccer team. Mr. Ptasnik who joined the faculty two years ago, works in the bookstore before and after school. Fr. Daues has been part of the faculty for one year and while fulfilling his "calling," takes part in teaching Rockhurst students all about the wonderful world of mathematics.

Mr. Baker, Mr. Campbell, and Ms. McKinney all stated that they enjoy teaching Math because of the wide variety of courses. They stated that there isn't the tendency to become "bored" with the same subject level. This is because of the range of curriculum level of Math which are present at Rockhurst. The class levels range from Algebra I to Calculus, proving the point that those Math teachers are always able to find "plenty to do."

The Math Department consists of new teachers who not only enjoy what they do in the classroom but also those who are very involved in outside activities.

*By Jimmy Stanley*



Phil Baker

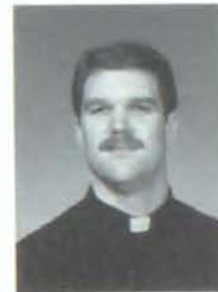


Doug Bruce

# Mathematics



Peter Campbell



Fr. Mark Daues, S.J.



Paul Klene



Frank Lyngar



John McEniry



Stefanie McKinney



Paul Ptasnik



Jon Reed



Getting the students more involved was a primary consideration for all the science classes this year. For the upperclassmen "hands on" learning are in full use, from Mr. Rich Wikera's sheep brains to Mr. Steve Ryan's burning peanuts. Every year the science department tries to offer the most to as many students as possible.

"The offerings now available, with the addition of the freshman Physical Science course covering some Earth science, meets the needs of all students for preparation for college." Said Mr. Ron Geldhof, Science Department Chairman.

With the growing amount of freshman admitted to Rockhurst every year, the Science Department has been adapting to get the maximum potential out of each student. This has happened by allowing freshman to test into a higher science course, just like a math course.

With the Advanced Placement courses, the Science Department now requires that all students who are in AP courses to take the national test in May. For the Seniors in these courses, the test came after the finals and graduation, but this did not affect the high scores.

"It was tough at first but I know all my hard work will pay off after it is all over." Senior Rudy Arredondo said.

*Story by Vince Nguyen*

# Science



Ron Geldhof



Steve Ryan



Richard Wikiera



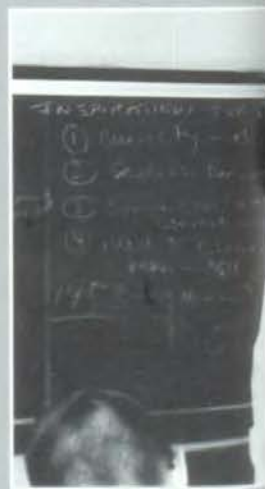
Fred Campisano



Mike O'Leary



Steve Ptasnik



The Social Studies Department added a new feature that required the entering Freshmen Class to read a historical book along with a Theology and English text to prepare them for fall classes. The Sophomore classes were taught World History by Mr. Al Carruthers, Mr. Jim DeGraw, and Mr. Chris Lawson. Due to the size of the sophomore class, three teachers were needed instead of the two that taught previously. The Junior Class concentrated on the Civil War and helped plan the Black History Assembly.

The seniors were more focused on outside class work. In the government class, the seniors needed to work 15 hours for a political party during the first semester. During the second semester the class was required to observe an actual court case, sit in on a political meeting, and write a letter to an editor.

The Social Studies Department sponsored a trip to the Presidential Inauguration in January and also visited Georgetown for Model UN. In past years the department sponsored a trip to Europe, but the trip was cancelled due to Mr. DeGraw, the moderator having a prior engagement over the summer.

*Story by John Taylor*

# Social Studies



Al Carruthers



Jim DeGraw



Jerry Goben



Chris Lawson



Larry Ruby



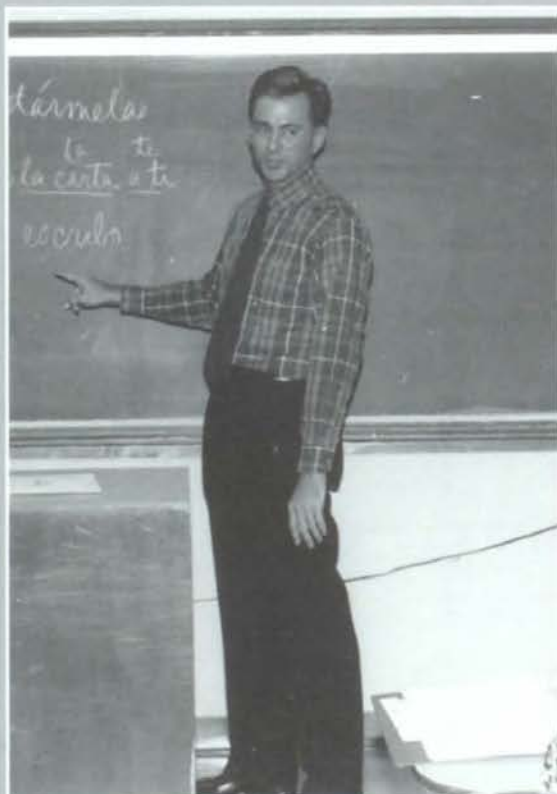
Al Spungen



David Suwalsky, SJ



Tim Westcott





The mix of the old and new faculty in the Foreign Language Department gave it a different look this year. Teachers in the department worked closely together and complemented each other which made the department even stronger. "We are a very close knit group. All the languages get along with the other languages," said Dr. Jorge Taracido, head of the department.

An addition to the department was Mr. Bert Roney who teaches Spanish 1 and 2. A 1991 graduate of Rockhurst, Mr. Roney received his degree from Northwestern University, where he was a part of the varsity golf team. "I enjoy being a part of this department. We have a lot of fun together," said Mr. Roney.

The ultimate goal of the department was to stress the importance of diversity by studying the language, culture, and history of a people. Teachers in the department believe that a person can only really appreciate his language if he understands that language and culture of another.

"It's interesting to learn about the different cultures of Mexico and Spain," said junior Jeremy Dobbie. But Spanish is not the only language (although it is the dominant language taught at Rockhurst). French, Latin, and Greek have also been established as serious discipline at Rockhurst.

*Story by David Giangreco*



# Foreign Language



Kristin Anderson



Michael Cusick



Michael Dierks



Kathleen Geidhof



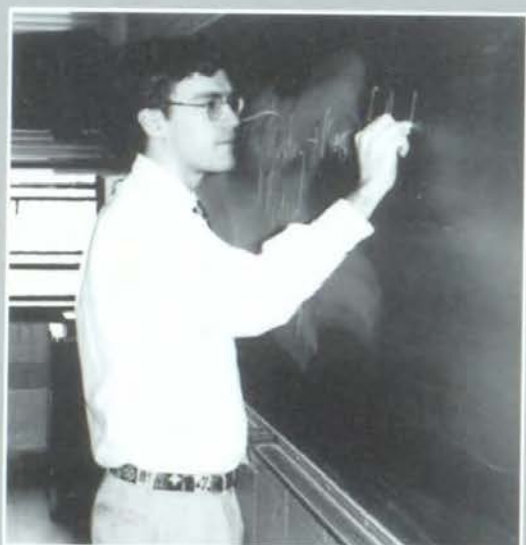
Bert Roney



Richard Staihr



Jorge Taracido



Religion classes at Rockhurst have one main objective, to teach every student to understand the Catholic faith and live it in everyday life.

"As Theology teachers, our job is to give the kids knowledge of what we believe in, and also how to use it in their lives," said Fr. Chris Pinné, S.J.

Some students won't find that Theology Class is their most exciting one, but many feel it is very beneficial to their education at Rockhurst. "I tend to find religion classes very informative and helpful. It helps me realize what my faith is all about and what my beliefs are," said senior John Sharkey.

A new addition to the department this year Mrs. Jerry Featherston, who became the only female Theology teacher at Rockhurst. "The students here are wonderful young men who are very respectful and grateful for their many talents," said Mrs. Featherston.

"As a woman, wife, and mother she brings a totally new perspective and ideas to the religion classes," said Fr. Pinné.

Mr. Tom Norman, head of the Theology Department, thinks religion classes are key to a Rockhurst education. "These classes are most special and carry supreme importance because the kids are learning the meaning of life through Jesus of Nazareth," said Mr. Norman.

The Theology Department reinforces the Ignatian principles of education adhered to by all faculty members.

*Story by Vince Roebel*

# Theology



Chris Bowron



Joe Delehunt



Jerry Featherston



Matt Gartner



Brad Grabs



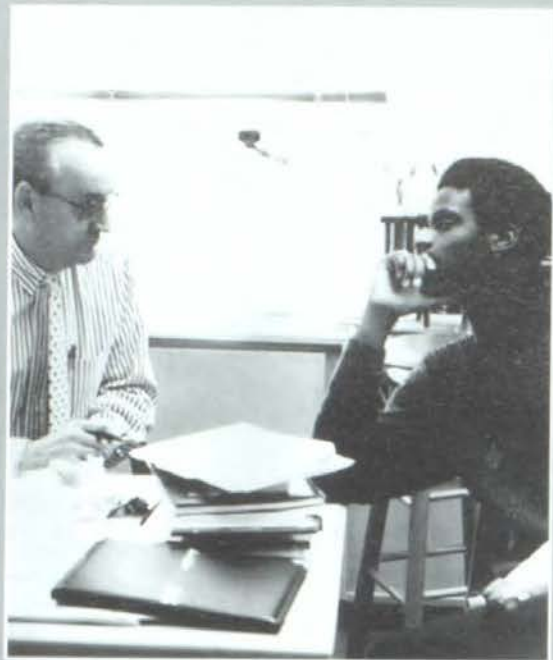
John Morris



Thomas Norman



Fr. Chris Pinné, S.J.



The Arts Department, under the leadership of Mr. Rodger Cilley, teaches students to excel in communications including speech and debate, publications, art, music, and acting.

"It's been an exciting year because so many students want to be involved," says Mr. Don Ramsey, whose course offerings now include a competitive class in debate and forensics for 72 freshmen. Mrs. Betsy Sexton, the assistant coach for oral interpretation, currently helps chaperone and advise the traveling debate team. Completing his 22nd year at RHS, Mr. Ramsey teaches Freshman Public Speaking, Freshman Debate/Forensics, and Debate/Forensics I, II, and III.

"I want to get students more involved by sharing their talents with the RHS community" Mrs. Connie Greany, art instructor said. The department has had many changes this year including the addition of Mr. Lon West, who teaches Drawing and Hand-Pottery. A new air compressor will be used for air brushing, and the Art and Publishing club makes creative advertisements for school events and activities.

Fine Arts Day in April was the first time that the department has been given an all-school assembly to show off art, music, play scenes, the jazz band, a photography exhibit, and a demonstration of speech. Fine arts day was dedicated to the memory of Steve Adams, a former RHS student whose parents donated three display cases in memory of his creative talent in hand pottery.

Mr. Rodger Cilley, drama instructor, produced **Cyrano DeBergerac**, **Death of a Salesman** and **West Side Story**. The student production of short plays and monologues was directed by senior Jim Ryan. Mr. Cilley teaches two acting courses, stage design, technical theater, and took twenty students to three Broadway shows in New York as well as **Oedipus Rex** at The Missouri Rep.

Mr. Mark Bubalo, **Prep News** adviser and journalism instructor has been teaching at RHS for 16 years and he teaches full classes of Journalism I, two photography classes, newspaper, and honors journalism. "We continue to experiment with layout and design to bring a new look to the paper each year," says Mr. Bubalo.

Mr. Mike Kern directs the musical department. Mr. Kern's own time and dedication demands the time and dedication of his students and the end result is evident in the superior performances of the jazz band, pep band, and orchestra. Mr. Kern teaches Concert Band, Beginners Band, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, and Mens' Choir.

*Story by Ryan Horton*

# Arts



Mark Bubalo



Rodger Cilley



Connie Greany



Michael Kern



Don Ramsey




Betsy Sexton



Lon West





The Business Department, headed by Mr. Buddy Worth, has been part of Academics at Rockhurst for 20 years and has seen its share of changes. Courses like Business Law and Accounting II have been dropped and courses have evolved from very manual operations to highly computer-oriented. The department added 35 new IBM compatible 486 computers before Christmas. Mr. Worth feels they represent the biggest change to the department. The actual requirements for students are unchanged although it is in the plans that every student be required to have two semesters of business. Courses covered by the department include Accounting, Word Processing, and Computer Applications I and II. Surprisingly, Economics is listed under Social Studies, not Business. However, the staff is planning to add a new course called Business Works which will include both accounting and economics.

Although Rockhurst is known for its strong science and math programs, Mr. Worth estimates that 60-70% of the graduates will go on into some type of business.

Story by Bryan Richardson

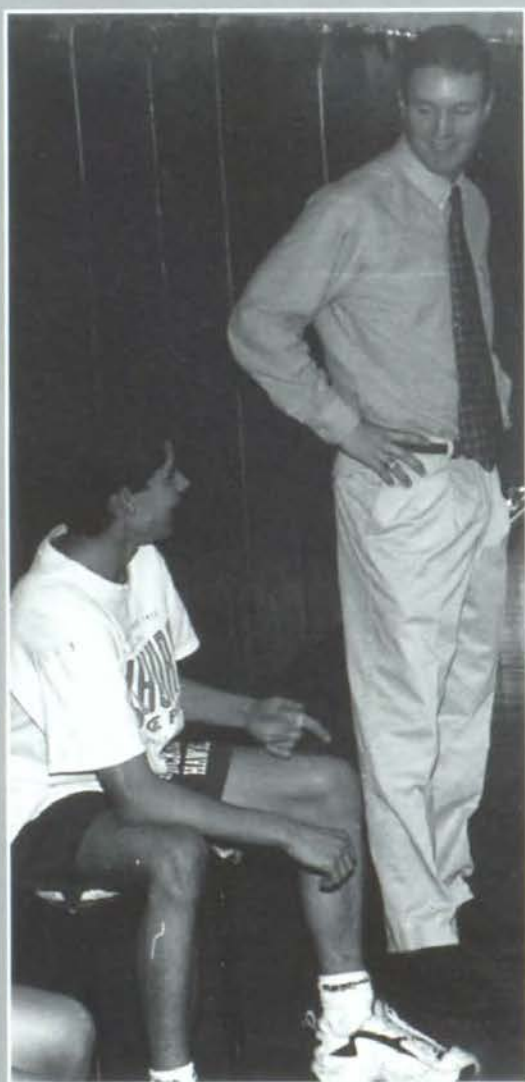
# Business




Bernie Kreikemeier




Buddy Worth







Tony Severino, or "Coach Sev," has been head of the Physical Education Department for fourteen years. Even though sports seems sometimes to overshadow the academics of Rockhurst, many are surprised to discover that there are only three Phys Ed courses taught here, Physical Education (PE), Fitness, and Lifetime Sports. PE covers all the old favorites including touch football, softball, basketball, volleyball, and speedball. Fitness covers the same sports and includes weights and running. Lifetime Sports is the only athletic elective and includes bowling, golf, tennis, and handball.



Next year may bring some changes to the department according to Coach Sev, who will be starting his 15th year as department chair. There is talk of requiring two semesters of PE instead of one. Also, the requirements for enrolling in Lifetime Sports will change. "Next year Lifetime Sports will become a more selective class. Enrollment will be limited to 100 students per year, based on GPA," Coach said. Classes will be reduced from three to two. This is being done because too many students are wanting to take the course. Coach Sev believes Lifetime Sports is a "fun" class and should be used to reward good students for four years of hard work. It also helps in community relations by demonstrating that Rockhurst students are responsible and good citizens. "There have never been any problems with student enrolled in Lifetime," Coach Sev said.

*Story by Bryan Richardson*

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Tony Severino



Steve Christy

# People

*Rockhurst is home to many different people. Each person, no matter how similar they may be to someone else, is one of a kind. Students lead very full and exciting lives, and are engaged in a never-ending struggle to do more and be better. Rockhurst is more than just an assembly of students. Rather it is a community formed by each individual who brings something unique into the community that is Rockhurst. Everyone has a place in this community, and will always be a part of it. Without people, without this community, Rockhurst would cease to exist. People are Rockhurst, and work for Rockhurst. We are Men together. We are Men at Work.*

*By Jeremy Dobbie*

**Caution:  
Men  
for  
Others**



Seniors Jason Allen and Adam Alt work on plans for student council events. Much time and dedication is put in by these and many other StuCo members.  
*Photo by Konstantine Young*





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Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J.



Principal  
Thomas Murphy



Dean of Students  
David Alvey



Vice-Principal  
Dr. Jerry Goblen

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# Freshmen



Mr. Tom Murphy, principal, proudly shows off the stockpile of food in front of his office. The students collected enough food to earn a day off from school. *Photo by Kevin Teasdale*

Patrick Adie  
 Tim Alexander  
 Steve Allison  
 Brett Anderson  
 Matthew Baker  
 Will Banning  
 Jack Barry



Lucas Bauers  
 Ben Bawdon  
 Chris Bond  
 Jack Bondon  
 Matt Bowen  
 Jim Brecheisen  
 Chris Brown



Joseph Burke  
 Joseph Burns  
 Carlos Cabezas  
 Joe Caldwell  
 Courtney Callahan  
 Chris Campbell  
 Tony Carson



Ryan Cesla  
 Jesus Chapa  
 Danny Chiao  
 Joseph Cirese  
 Ralph Clarett  
 Benjamin Clark  
 Daniel Clark





# Students' generosity fights hunger

The canned food drive is one of the biggest projects that Student Council sponsors each year. After a U-Haul truck was filled with food and over \$4,000 was raised, Mr. Thomas Murphy, principal, awarded the students a free day, the traditional reward for a successful drive.

This year the drive was co-chaired by seniors Joe Forge and Jeff Foster. Also helping was senior Adam Alt and Fr. David Suwalski, S.J.

When Forge, who worked more than thirty hours on the project, said that the drive

was such a success because People were much more generous this year. Publicity for the drive helped give the students a push that inspired them to raise twice as much food and \$1,600 more than the year before.

"There was more motivation, and Fr. Suwalski really came through with the announcements," Alt commented.

The day before the drive began, a prayer service was held in the Rose Theatre, where a young orphaned boy named Melvin, a foster child of Mr. Tom Norman, was

present.

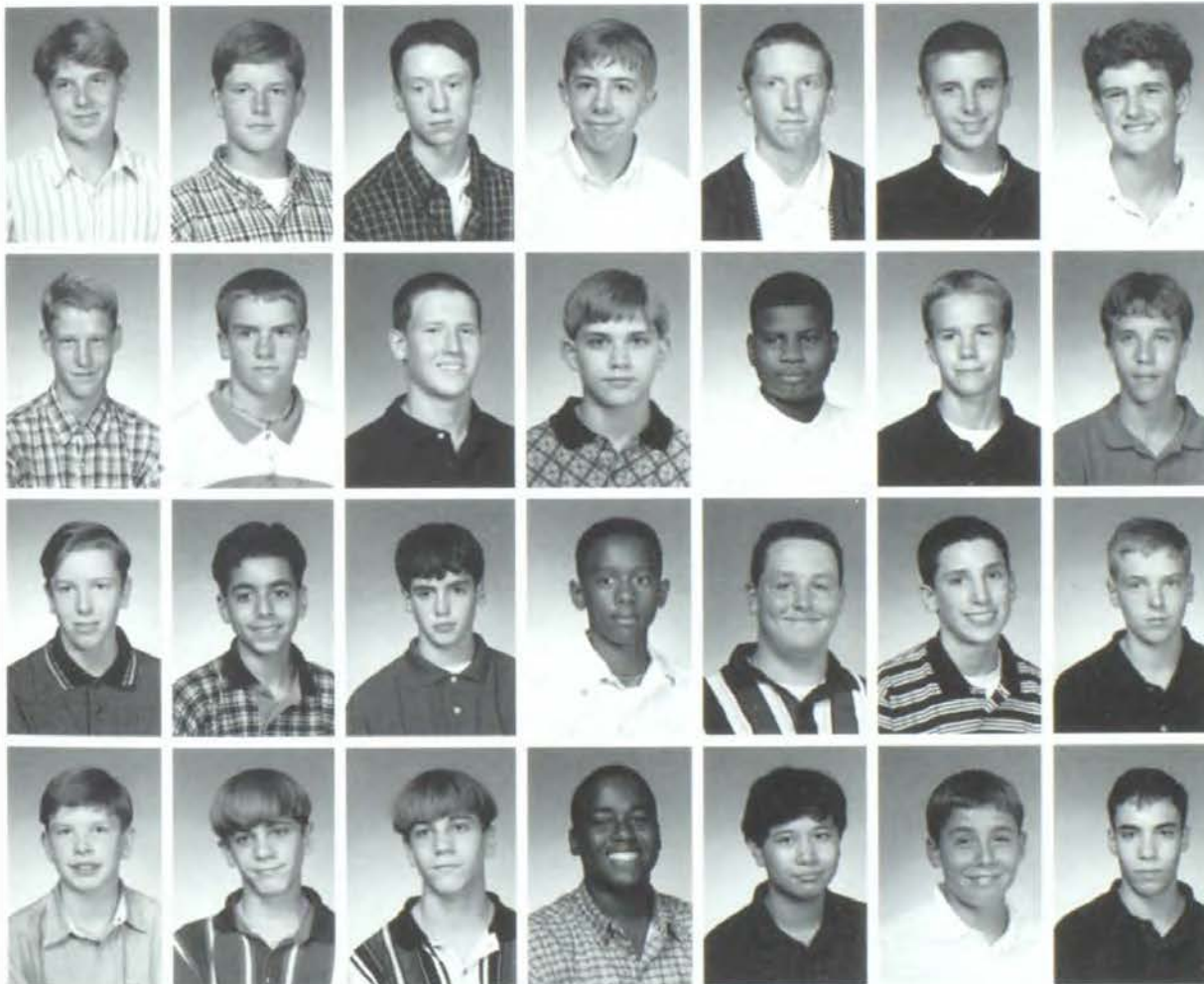
In one day, Stu-Co grossed over \$700 for the drive.

"In a sense, the students were giving their money and their food to a real child," Forge said in regards to Melvin.

The day before Thanksgiving the food along with \$2,000 was sent to Seton Center, and the other \$2,000 was sent to the Bishop Sullivan Center.

"I could not believe the smiles on those people's faces when we pulled up to the centers," said Forge.

*Story by David Giangreco*



James Clark  
Adam Clayton  
Aaron Clevinger  
Garrett Coffey  
Jeffrey Collins  
Mike Colosimo  
Pat Connelly

Brett Coppage  
Kert Crowe  
Seth Cullen  
Mark Cummings  
Brandon Dange  
Matthew Darby  
James Davey

Colin Davis  
Joseph Denny  
Cole Dimond  
Darus Dixon  
Jeffrey Dobbie  
Rory Donnelly  
Michael Downs

Brian Dress  
Brian Dugan  
Sean Dugan  
Chris Dukes  
Giovanni Dumaguin  
Trevor DuVall  
James Eddy

Corey Egan  
Jamison Elder  
Max Ernst  
Konnor Ervin  
Scott Erwin  
Shane Fairchild  
Lee Farley



Cary Felzien  
David Finke  
Matt Finucane  
Adam Flack  
Dan Flemington  
Steven Foster  
Michael Frey



Joseph Gall  
Mike Gangel  
Eric Garcia  
Cal Gast  
Andy Gilehrist  
Austin Gilmore  
Rory Glenn



Ryan Graham  
Thomas Grams  
David Gregg  
Michael Griffin  
Chris Guerra  
Elton Gumbel  
Dan Gwartney



# Freshmen

## Soccer team experiences culture SHOCK in San Fransico

One morning in November the Rockhurst Varsity Soccer Team left Kansas City to compete against St. Ignatius High School in San Fransico, and to take part in a cultural exchange. It was chance for both RHS as well as St. Ignatious students to share their interests, life styles, and culture with others and have fun at the same time.

The RHS soccer team flew to San Fransico, stayed with SI players in their homes, and went to school with them on Friday. This created an interesting situation for both teams, with the players living,

eating, and attending school with each other two days before they became opponents on the field. Soon the players were befriending the same guys they knew that they might soon have to tackle on the field.

"It was interesting and fun at the same time to get to see the students of another Jesuit High School not only in the classroom but out of school," senior defender Matt Toyne said.

"We had an excellent time and a great experience in San Fransico. The SI players were a great bunch of guys and were a lot of fun," senior defender Justin Vipond said.

Since SI is Principal Thomas Murphy's former school, his thoughts were parallel to those of the players of the teams.

"I thought that it was a wonderful opportunity for two Jesuit schools to live, play, and go to school together as well as exchange their cultural values. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity for many of us," Mr. Murphy said.

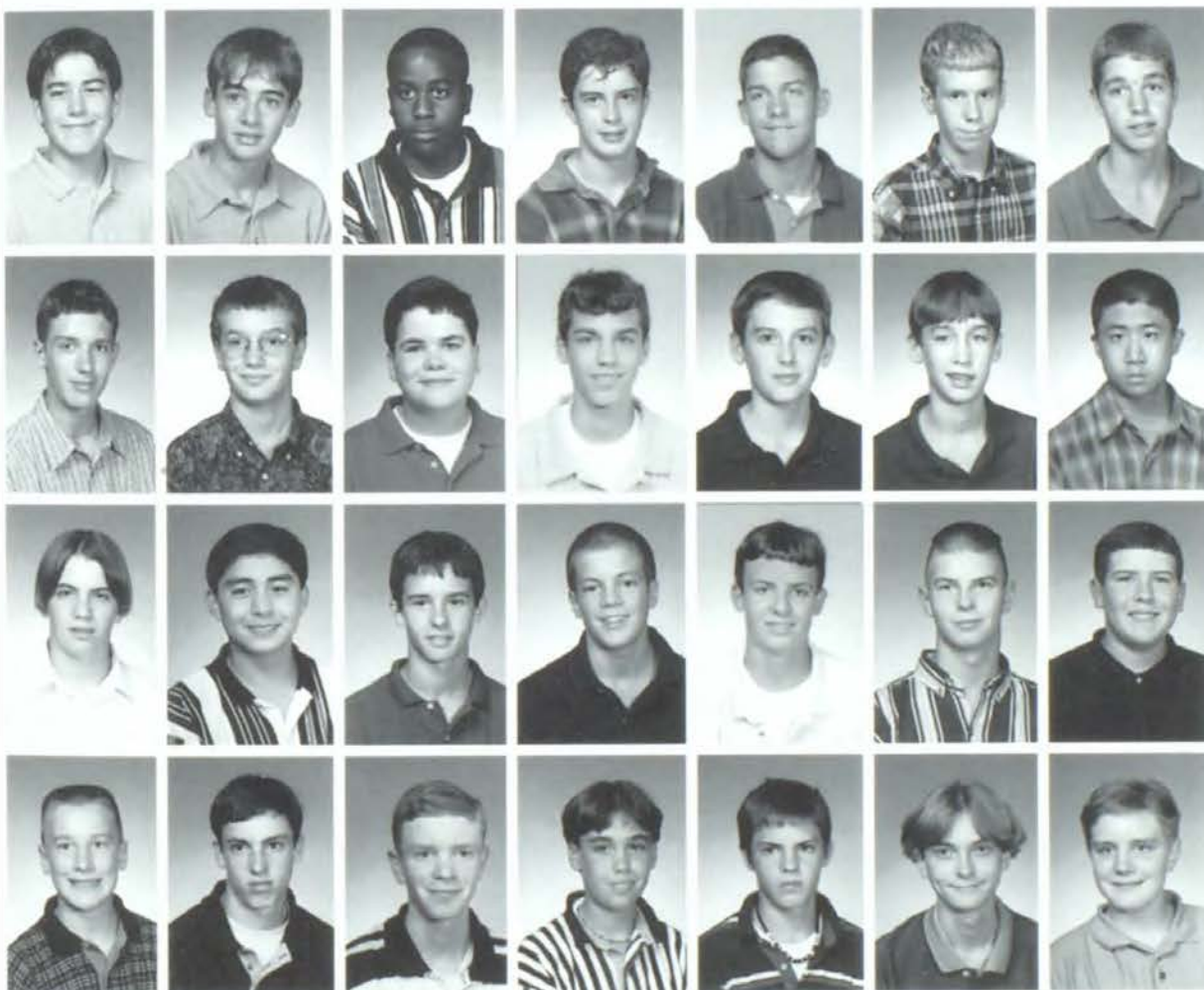
"I thought it was an excellent experience that will last a lifetime. The players will never forget it, and I am very happy to be a part of that experience," said coach Chris Lawson.

*By Charles Rhoades*

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The Rockhurst soccer team poses for a photo with the players of St. Ignatius High School. The St. Ignatius team is expected to travel to Kansas City for the 1997 season as a part of the culture exchange.



Chris Hadel  
Robert Hamilton  
Leon Harden  
David Hayob  
Nathaniel Heim  
Kevin Henson  
Chris Hentzen

Jacob Hildebrand  
Kyle Hoffman  
Ryan Hohl  
Andrew Holtmann  
David Hudnall  
James Hupp  
Richard Hwang

Jay Ingraham  
Carlo Javillonar  
Matthew Jewett  
Robert Kehm  
Daniel Kellerman  
Joshua Kenning  
Ryan Kisner

Noah Klever  
Collin Koranda  
Brent Kriegshauser  
Charles Kroll  
Alexander Krump  
Justin Kuchem  
Timothy Laird

Alex Landazuri  
 Patrick Landazuri  
 Joseph Latorre  
 David Lawson  
 Tom Lenihan  
 Joseph LeVota  
 Reshad Lewis



Mike Linebach  
 Joe Linneman  
 Brandon Linse  
 Michael Loftus  
 James Lynch  
 Luke Maese  
 Peter Mancina



Stephen Martin  
 Will Mashburn  
 Robert Mata  
 Paul Mattione  
 Derek McCallum  
 Matt McClusky  
 Josh McConnaughey



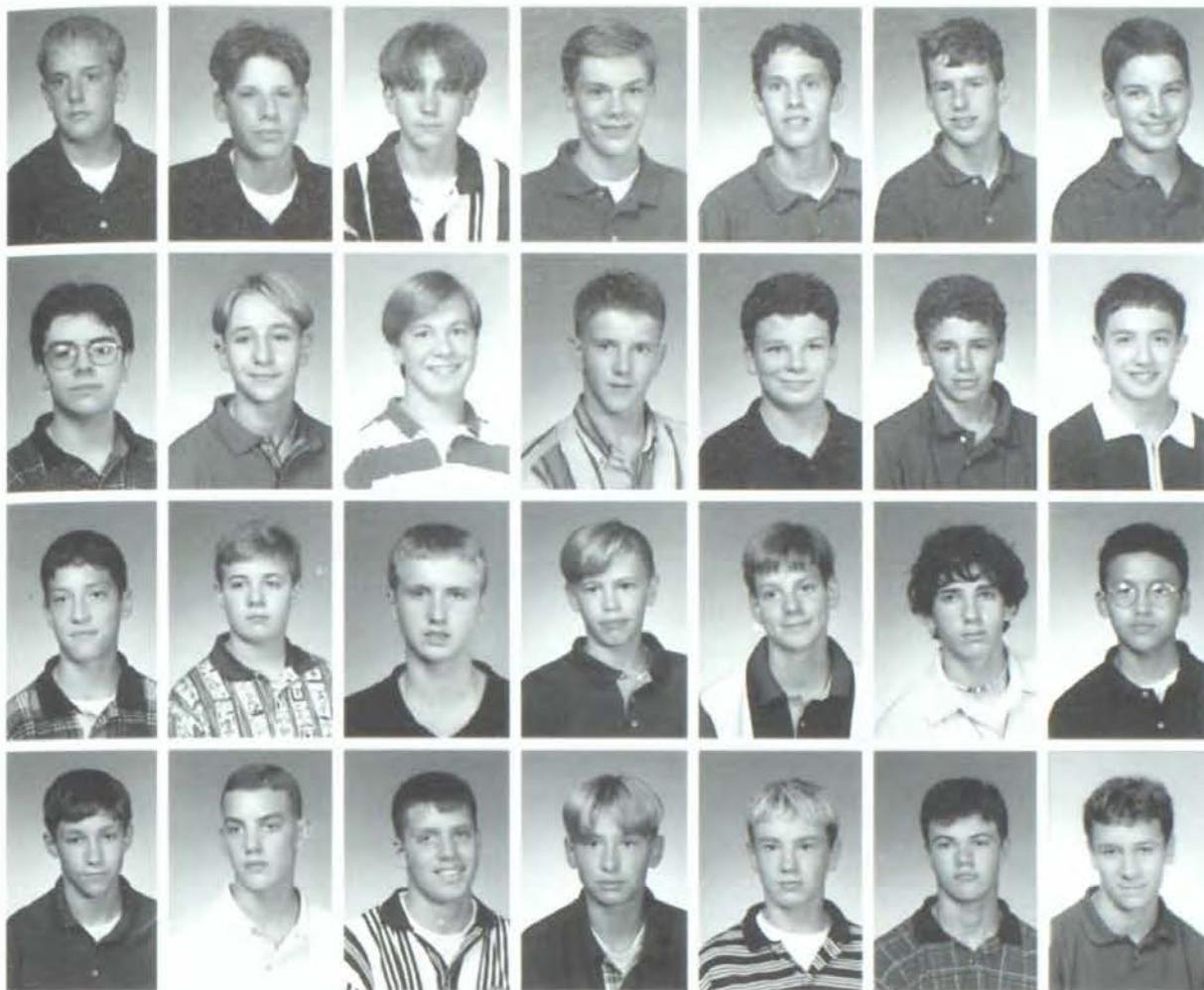
Brett McCracken  
 Scott McCready  
 Matt McCullough  
 Kevin McDaniel  
 Greg McDaniels  
 Colin McFarland  
 Jeremy McGannon



# Freshmen



Cory Knubley and Nick Jumara kick around the hacky sack during activity period in the quad. The quad was a popular activity period hang out for hackers. *Photo by Jeremy Dobbie*



Peter McGaughey  
Kevin McGrath  
Bryan McGuire  
Evan McKay  
Luke McLellan  
Kelly McMahon  
Andrew Metzler

Jeffrey Millan  
Giuliano Mingucci  
Mark Molner  
Jake Mooney  
Gregory Moore  
Kevin Moore  
Robert Morales

Alex Moran  
Colin Mulloy  
Elliott Mura  
J.K. Neal  
Mike Nelson  
Samuel Newby  
Joseph Nguyen

Justin Noonan  
Chris O'Boynick  
Joseph O'Connor  
Joseph Orscheln  
Ryan Osgood  
Jeffrey Otto  
Sean Owens

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## Hacky craze sweeps the Rock

**D**uring activity period at Rockhurst various clubs and organizations meet. People play basketball and intramurals in the gym, and students get help from their teachers. One of the most unique activities can be found in the quad, where several different circles of people 'hack it up' to relieve midday stress. Many students who don't understand the complexity of the art form walk by amazed by the moves of these 'hackers.'

Hacky sacking may seem as if it is just a circle of people kicking around a

bean-filled ball made out of string, and the moves may seem silly to some, but the sport is very hard to perfect. Different hackers have different techniques and moves.

"I am a more conservative hacker and like to perform more old school moves that show off consistency," says sophomore Bo Keatley.

The quad is not the only place that these bonafied hackers like to show off their stuff.

"The wierdest and most illegal place I ever hacky sacked was on top of Southwest High School," junior Nick Aylward said.

Senior Kurt Wirken plays many games with the hacky sack using his creativity to spice things up. He enjoys playing a game called 'hack tag.'

"When we get really crazy we joke around and whoever performs the hardest moves gets 'Jedi points' and whoever gets the most becomes the hack master," says Wirken.

"When I first started hacky sacking as an underclassman I was looked down upon by upperclassman, but now I feel as if I am a hacky god and the freshman tend to look up to me," states senior Josh Tabije. *By Ryan Horton*

## Burning ~~Flesh~~, rowdy students

A few years back a couple of creative students were lounging around dreaming of ways for other Rockhurst students to have a good time and also get together to show their school spirit before football games. One enterprising student suggested that RHS athletes had a lot in common with professional athletes, so why not have tailgating parties in the parking lot, just like at Arrowhead Stadium.

During the 1995 season, a group of parents, including the Mansells, Kneibs, and Lees, tired of finding

restaurants after the home games, started bringing food to share before the games. Thus, tailgating at the Rock was born.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. the odor of burning flesh fills Dasta Stadium. A dense cloud of smoke covers the field. Standing around in the parking lot arguing over who was supposed to bring the grill and the paper plates increases the feeling of brotherhood, bonding, and teamwork that prepares fans for the game. It is reminiscent of prehistoric times when warriors stood around the campfire feasting before a great battle.

The gastronomic delights enjoyed have ranged from rare steak with Cheese Puffs, to eating Italian sausage with bare hands, to the good old fashioned hamburger. Other less daring gourmards have enjoyed pork chops, spareribs, and filet minion. No lettuce and veggies for this crowd of 'He-men.' What can be better on a Friday night than hoards of fans enjoying this unique opportunity to start fires, load up on cholesterol, and dribble hot grease down the front of their shirts?

*By Bryan Richardson*

Gregory Owsley  
Pablo Palmeri  
Gregory Parks  
Richard Parsons  
Brian Pattee  
Robert Paul  
William Petrie



Steven Phelps  
Jacob Phillips  
Josh Polsinelli  
Thomas Porto  
Bradley Reed  
Jeremy Rieck  
Mark Riesmeyer

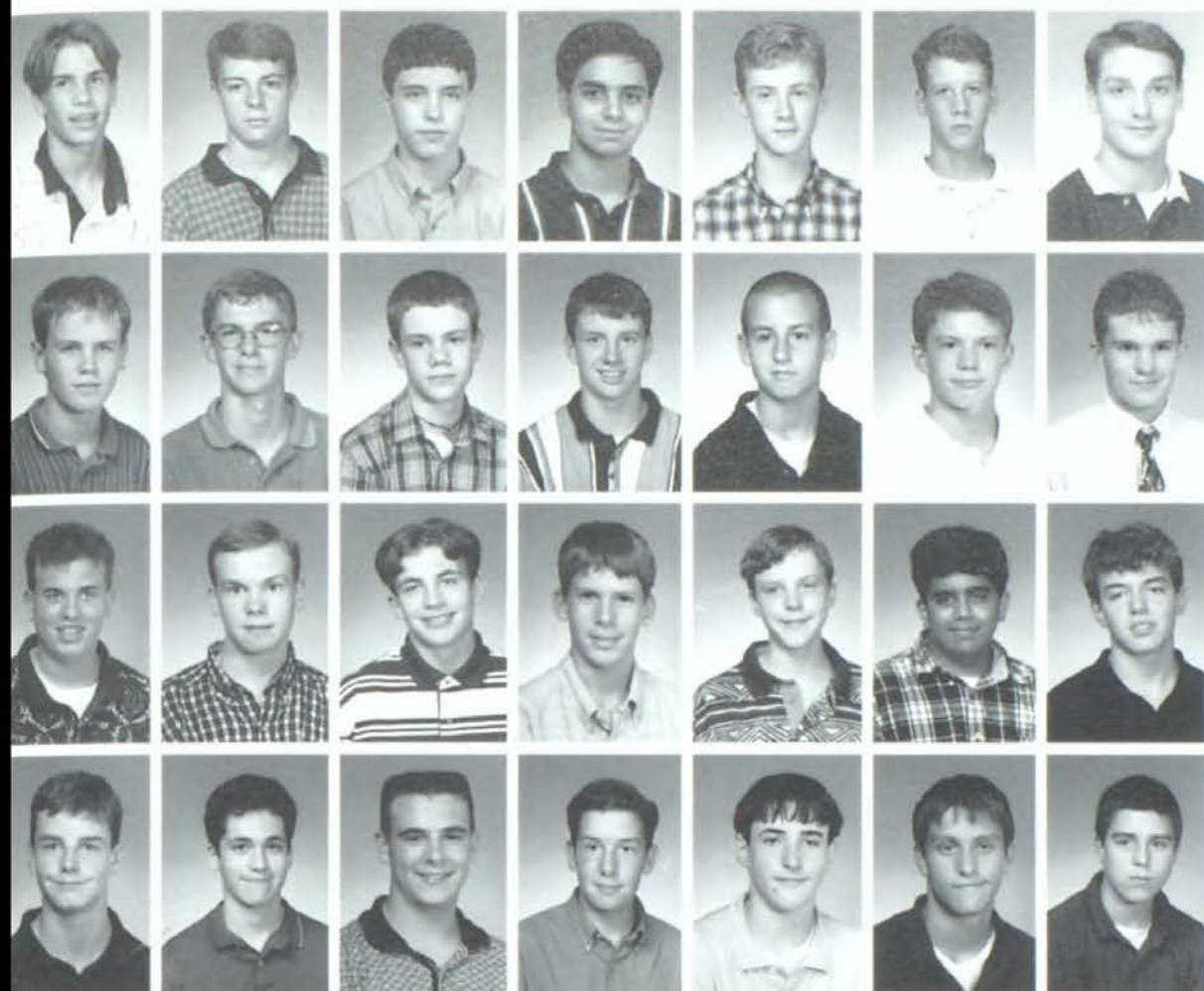


David Riffel  
Rich Robinson  
Paul Rohrer, Jr.  
William Ronan  
Michael Rosewell  
Curtis Russell  
John Ruzicka



Roland Sabates  
Timothy Sady  
Matthew Scott  
Phillip Serrone  
Johnathan Shannon  
Brandon Shelby  
Edward Shelton





Brian Siegel  
 Brandon Sifers  
 Peter Simone  
 Jerry Sirna  
 Al Smith  
 Matthew Smith  
 James Smolen

Lance Snodgrass  
 Cooper Sparks  
 Christopher Spies  
 Bret Springs  
 Matthew Stabler  
 Will Stinson  
 Robert Stokes

Michael Strain  
 Corey Swope  
 Jeffrey Tanner  
 Blair Thedinger  
 Patrick Thomas  
 Zach Thomas  
 Thomas Thornhill

Michael Tichen  
 Jerry Tolle  
 Salvatore Tristano  
 John Tubbert  
 Thornton Tyson  
 Ryan Vette  
 Tony Vontz



Michael Fuentez and Chris Paone wait for their food to finish cooking during a tailgating party. The tailgaters were known for the scent of barbecue which floated across the parking lot. *Photo by Dave Giangreco*

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## Moms take the reins for a day

On Oct. 9, three Rockhurst moms boldly did what no other moms have done before. On that day, Mrs. Noreen Bridgham, Mrs. Jan Elder, and Mrs. Donna Fuhrman took over the responsibility of being principals for the day or, rather, took control of the school.

Throughout the day, the principals did everything in their power to make school more enjoyable for the students. Students who donated a food item received a day out of uniform and the moms

provided the entire student body with soft drinks and cookies during lunch period, and declared Friday, Oct. 11 a half-day schedule.

"We did everything we could think of out of the normal," Mrs. Jan Elder said.

The moms spent a long time preparing for the day's activities, meeting twice with Mr. Tom Murphy, RHS principal, and once without him to plan the day. They also spoke with Fr. Thomas Pesci in order to gain approval for the students to wear jeans, since

they had done so the previous week.

"Mr. Murphy was great! He said we could do whatever we decided to do," Mrs. Elder said.

Mrs. Elder also commended the students for their excellent behavior, and noted that they were very appreciative to each of the moms. She said that not only did students acknowledge them on the day they were in charge, but have since spoken to the moms when they were spotted around the school volunteering.

"The boys were so nice to us that day, and thanked us for everything. At Sale-O they would recognize us and come up to say hi," she said. Mrs. Elder's son Ryan, a junior, commented on his mom's role of "power principal" for the day. He said that while he did enjoy his mom taking on the position, there was one bad aspect to the situation.

"I really enjoyed my mom being principal. She got to see me in school, something she doesn't get a chance to do. The only bad thing is that she is on a first-name basis with all my teachers," Elder said.

Mrs. Bridgham, Mrs. Elder, and Mrs. Fuhrman left students dreaming about what it would be like to have RHS moms become full-time principals. The three moms made school more fun and relaxed, while still maintaining a level of discipline.

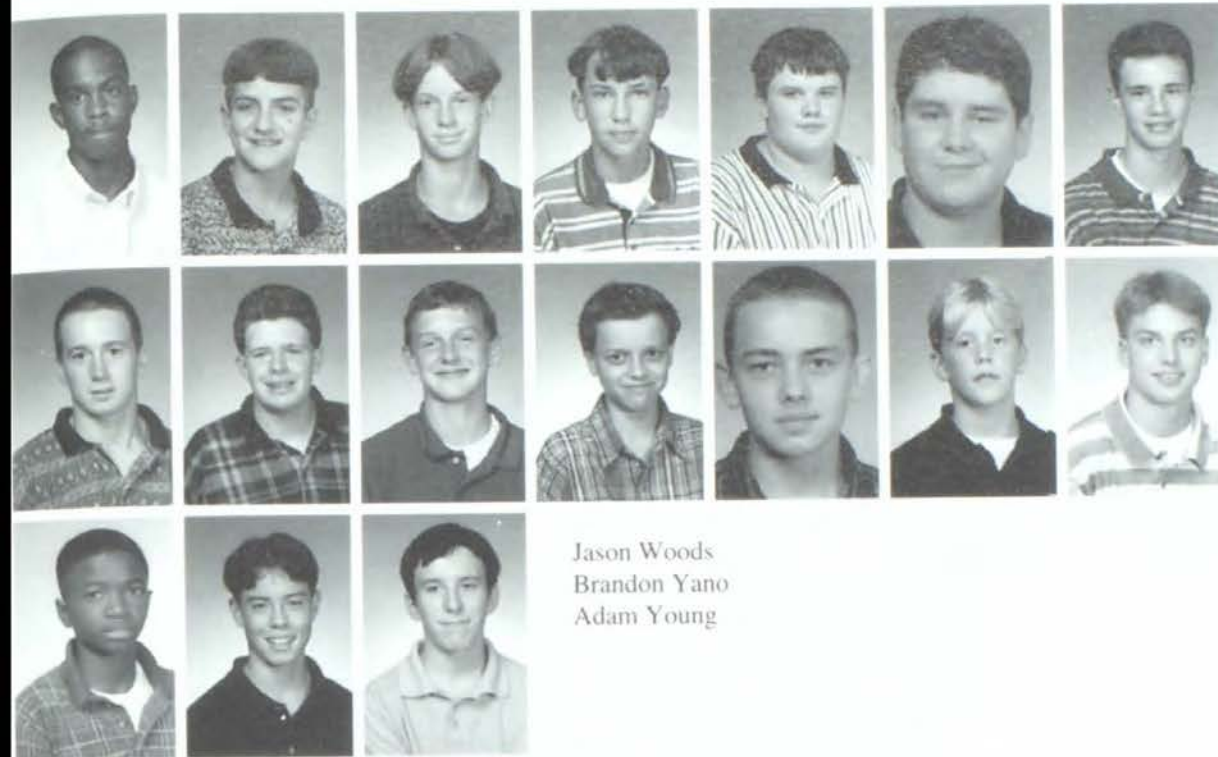
"It was fun! We were light-hearted about it. We just tried to make it a fun day for everyone," Mrs. Elder said.

*Story by Jeremy Dobbie*



Pete DiGirolamo receives a dress down sticker from Mrs. Donna Fuhrman. Students received a dress down sticker for bringing in a canned food item. *Photo by Seth Laubinger*





Michael Walker  
 Brian Wall  
 Ryan Wallace  
 Kevin Ward  
 Matt Welliver  
 Edward Welsh  
 Jesse White

Ryan White  
 Chris Wiggins  
 Joshua Williams  
 Nick Williamson  
 Nick Wilmurth  
 Geoffrey Wilson  
 Kirk Wood

Jason Woods  
 Brandon Yano  
 Adam Young



Mr. Tom Murphy assisted the moms with their daily duties by answering their questions and standing in as an adviser during their tenure as principal. Principals for a Day were Mrs. Noreen Bridgham, Mrs. Donna Fuhrman, and Mrs. Jan Elder.

## Men in service exemplified by Mr. Ryan and

**M**r. Steve Ryan and Mr. Ron Geldhof have been teaching at Rockhurst High School for 25 years, the longest tenure of any faculty members.

After graduating from college with his teaching degree, Mr. Ryan set out in search of his first job. He was hired by O'Hara High School, where he taught for six years until he was offered a job at Rockhurst. Mr. Ryan jumped at the opportunity to teach at his Alma Mater and has been a driving force here ever since.

Mr. Geldhof attended high school at De LaSalle, which

was a big rival of Rockhurst. After graduating, he enrolled at Rockhurst College, where he acquired his teaching degree in Science. When he graduated from Rockhurst College, he also applied all over the city for a teaching position and was thrilled to be hired by Rockhurst in 1971.

Mr. Ryan and Mr. Geldhof have been prominent figures at The Rock. Mr. Ryan has not only taught math, AP Physiology and Biology, but also has coached varsity football and track for twenty years. Today he teaches Biology

and is Varsity Golf coach. Mr. Geldhof, who also teaches in the science department, has taught physical science and biology and currently teaches chemistry. He has coached soccer for 19 years relinquishing those duties only two years ago, cross country for one year, and has coached the tennis team since 1974.

Over the years, these two Rockhurst legends have seen some major changes occur. The Rose Theater was built, dress codes, schedules and courses have changed, enrollment has gone up, and

Mark Alexander  
Nick Allegri  
Eric Altman  
Brian Ansemlo  
Fredrick Bachhuber  
Luke Baker  
Brian Baldwin



Charles Barth, IV  
Brian Beck  
Paul Bissler  
John Bock  
Bryan Bolden  
Stephen Bowen  
Ryan Boyle



William Brandtonies  
Thomas Brennan  
Joshua Brewster  
Jason Brown  
Christopher Bruhn  
Ty Burmeister  
Ryan Burns



Matthew Buser  
Sean Cacioppo  
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Anthony Caracci  
Sean Carey



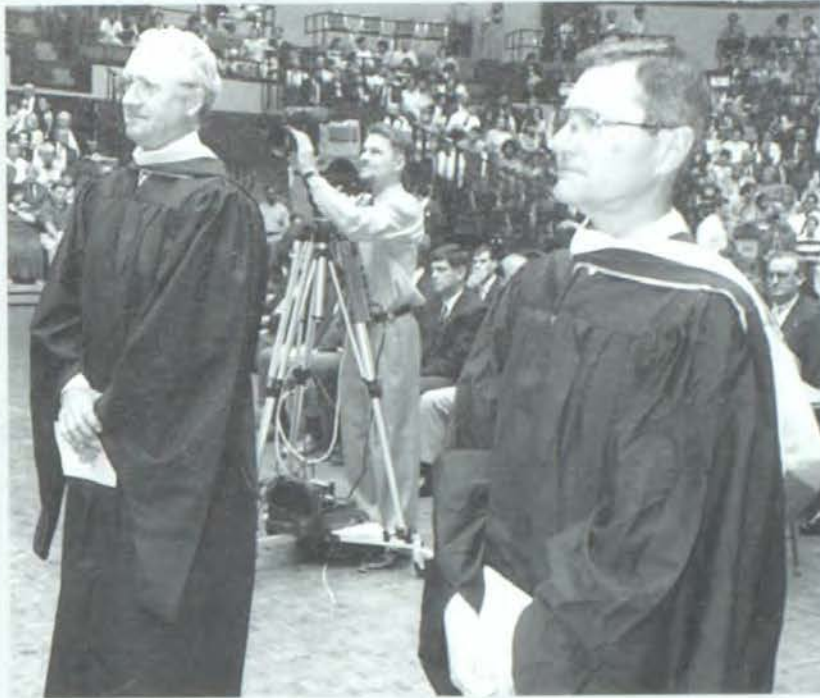
## Mr. Geldhof's quarter century of commitment

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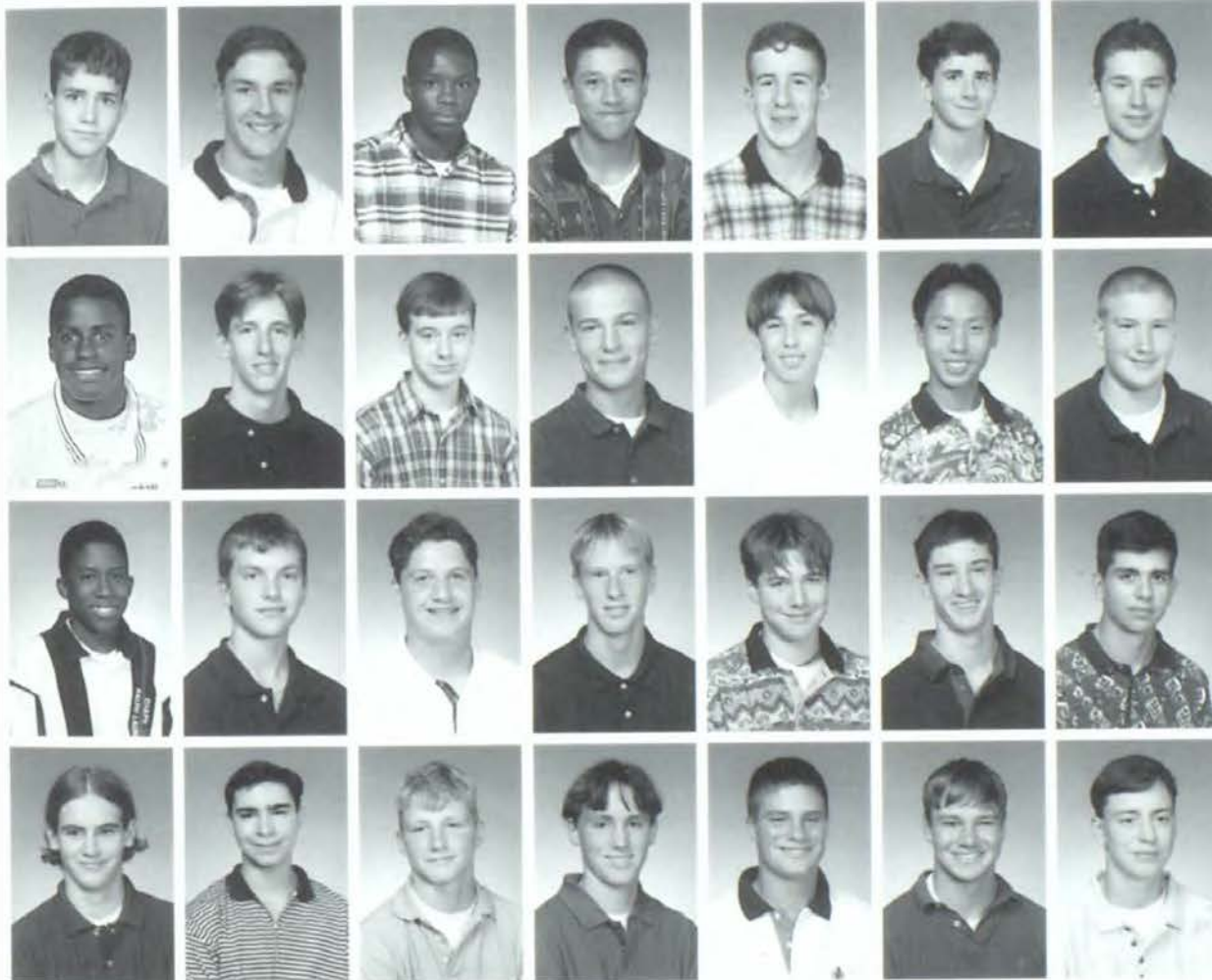
tuition has continued to rise. Regardless of all the changes that have occurred during the 25 years, it has never changed the way they feel about teaching or the way they look at the school. "We love what we do and wouldn't trade it for anything in the whole world," both agreed.

Mr. Ryan and Mr. Geldhof's continued dedication to the Men of Rockhurst and their unerring example of the "Men for Others" motto is witnessed daily at The Rock.

*Story by Jace Cowan*



Mr. Ron Geldhof and Mr. Steve Ryan served as honorary ushers on graduation day.



Daniel Carmody  
Thomas Carr  
Kariem Cherry  
Steven Chung  
Patrick Clayton  
Chris Clement  
Roosevelt Cobb

Jason Cole  
Stephen Conway  
Brian Cook  
Jerald Cook  
Bradley Costanza  
Andrew Coughlin  
Matt Cummings

Daniel Curry  
Anthony D'Agostino  
Eric Daniels  
Johathan Davidson  
Reed Davison  
Brian Degnan  
Brian Dewey

Drew Dimond  
Thomas DiSalvo  
Grayson Doherty  
Justin Doolittle  
Sean Doyle  
Philip Duncan  
Michael Dunham

Melvin Dunsworth, III  
 Kyle Ehman  
 Brian Eiserman  
 John English  
 Johnathan Enriquez  
 Jackson Erwin, III  
 Matthew Euston



William Fagan  
 Kevin Fallon  
 Evan Fitts  
 Michael Fuentez  
 Edward Fugit  
 Robert Gaines, II  
 Joseph Gawron



Matthew George  
 Phillip Goode  
 Phillip Gray  
 Benjamin Griffin  
 Timothy Haake  
 Gunnar Hand  
 Devin Handy



Luke Hannan  
 Timothy Hanrahan  
 Jacob Harper  
 Matthew Harper  
 James Hayes  
 Michael Healy  
 Ronald Hendrix, Jr.



Sophomores

## Rockhurst remains 'destination' school

Geographically diverse is an understatement when referring to the RHS student body. Every day, students make the trek to school from virtually everywhere in the metropolitan area and beyond. While the majority of students come from nearby Leawood, Overland Park, and southern Kansas City, a significant portion are from smaller, rural areas such as DeSoto and Gardner, Kansas, and Parkville and Exelsior Springs, Missouri.

RHS is also unique because students are from both Missouri and Kansas. 66 percent of the student body is from Missouri while the other 44 percent is from Kansas. Many students travel across the Missouri River daily as approximately seven percent of the RHS student body hail from north of the river.

Zip Code 66209 located between Metcalf Avenue and State Line Road contains thirteen percent of the student body making it the most heavily populated zip code. 64114 is the second most populated zip code as it contains 91 students

or eleven percent of the student body. It is located between Gregory and 119th street on the north and south while State Line and Oak Street border it on the west and east. Zip code 64113 contains 86 RHS students (ten percent) and lies directly north of 64114 between Gregory and 55th Street. Nineteen zip codes tie for being the least populated as they each contain only one student each.

RHS students travel long distances from every direction. Junior Josh Hawley and sophomore Ahsan Latif live the farthest east from RHS in Lexington, Missouri, while senior John Collins lives the farthest west in Lawrence, Kansas. Freshman Ryan Kisner travels from the farthest south living in Harrisonville, Missouri, while junior Scott McMillan travels from the farthest north living in St. Joseph, Missouri. McMillan does, however, have an apartment five minutes from RHS in order to cut down on excessive driving.

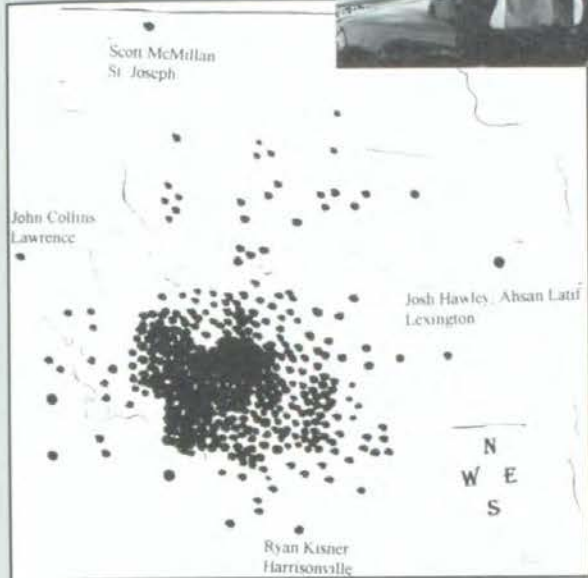
*Story by James Manning*

# Demographic map shows far-flung student body

Ahsan Latif is one of a few students who live at extreme distances from Rockhurst. He lives in Lexington, MO as does Josh Hawley.



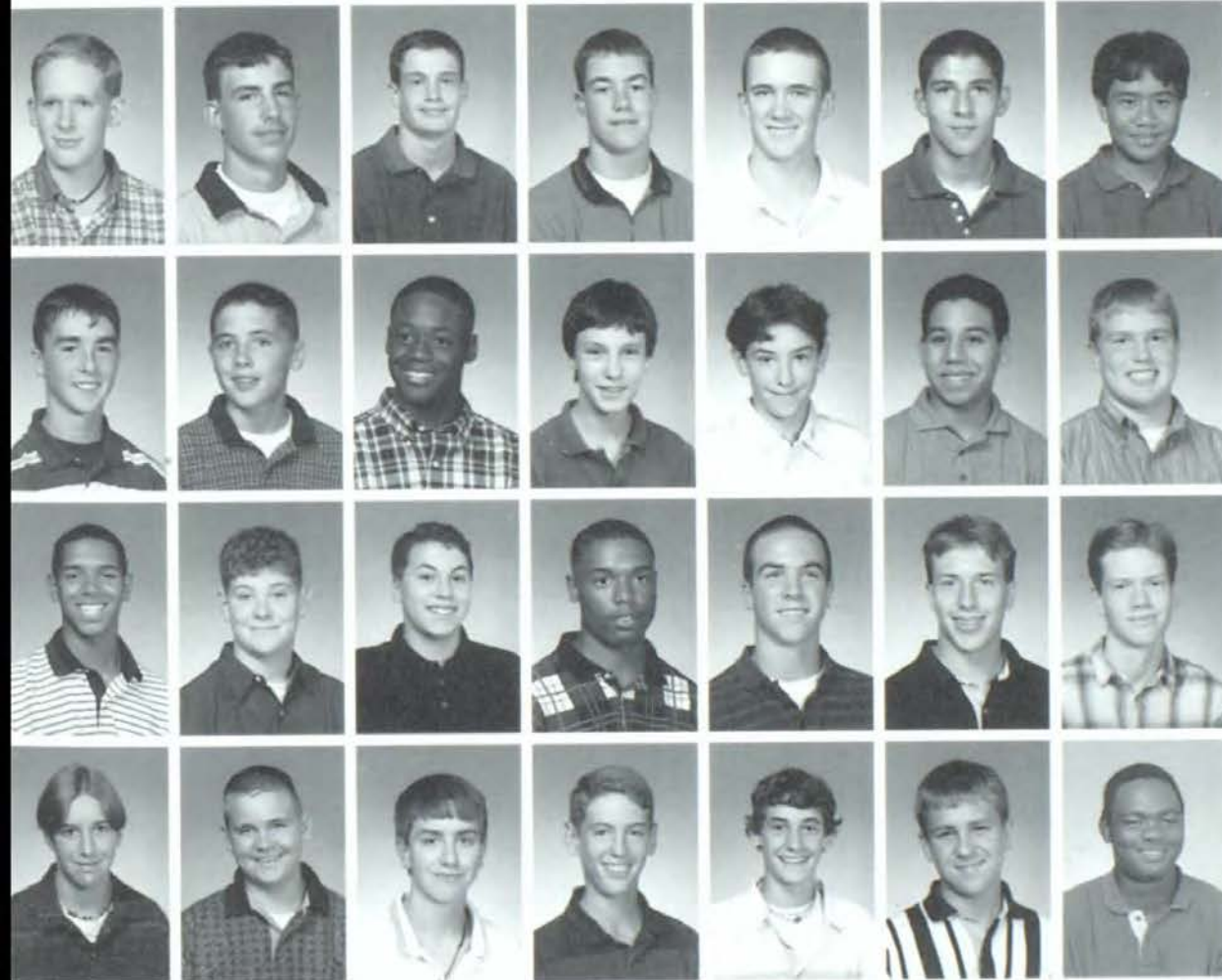
TOP ZIP CODES	
66209--	110 students = 13%
64114--	91 students = 11%
64113--	86 students = 10%
64131--	49 students = 6%
64145--	43 students = 5%
66206--	34 students = 4%
66207--	31 students = 3.5%
64137--	20 students = 2%
64112--	19 students = 2%



## One student zip codes

64024	Marquel Jacoway	Excelsior Springs, MO
64029	Jeff Foster	Gran Valley, MO
64060	Paul Hindley	Kearney, MO
64076	Anthony Carson	Odessa, MO
64078	Aidan Ali	Peculiar, MO
64105	Chao Panus	Weatherby Lake, MO
64106	Anthony Valenti	Kansas City, MO
64149	Andy White	Kansas City, MO
64153	Jerry Sima	Kansas City, MO
64701	Ryan Kinney	Harrisonville, MO
64746	Peter Vilkins	Freeman, MO
66018	Pat Carroll	DeSoto, KS
66030	Josh Kenning	Gardner, KS
66061	Pat Connolly	Olathe, KS
66101	Matt Thomas	Kansas City, KS
66112	Joe Evans	Kansas City, KS
66203	Mitchell Smith	Shownee, KS

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Geoffrey Henggeler  
Kevin Henry  
Scott Hense  
Matthew Herald  
Lucas Hilboldt  
Paul Hindley  
Richard Hipona

Michael Hobick  
James Houlehan  
Maximillian Howell  
August Huber, IV  
John Hudacek  
Gabriel Hurtado  
Louis Igoo

Willie Ingram  
Brian Ismert  
Philip Jaax  
Marquel Jacoway  
Christopher Jennings  
Noah Jennings  
Bryan Jeselnik

Nicholas Jones  
Michael Judy  
Marke Juhnke  
Mark Kaufmann  
Robert Keatley, II  
Conor Kelly  
Kenneth Kemp, II

Ken Kirkendoll  
Lloyd Kissick, IV  
Jacob Knopke  
Kevin Knopke  
Matt Kolakowski  
Kevin Komoroski  
Brett Koons



Michael Kowalski  
Justin Kraft  
Jon Krasnoff  
Ahsan Latif  
Bradley Lauer  
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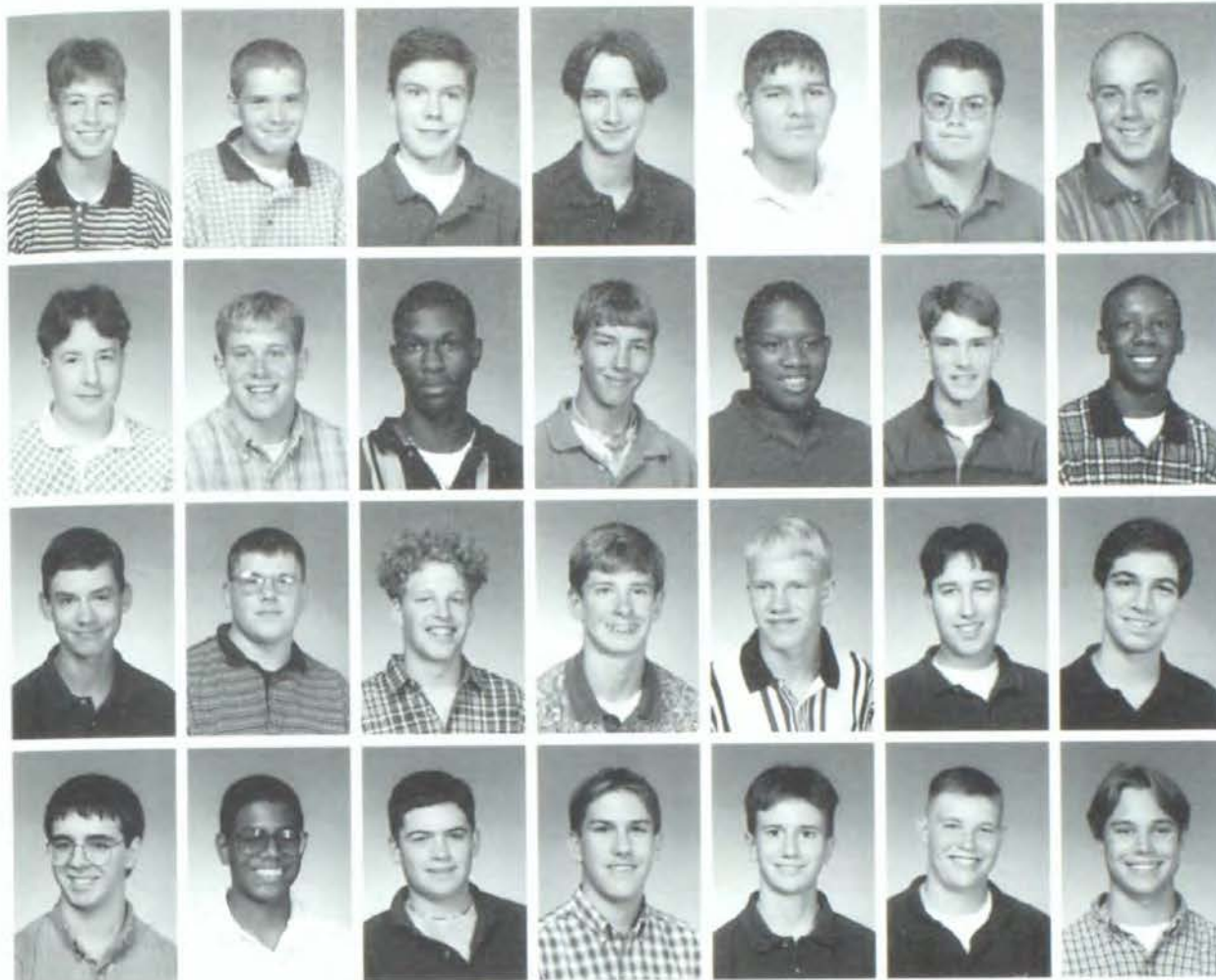
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Thomas McCann  
Peter McGilley



# Sophomores

## Shared classes provide glimpses





Kevin Melgaard  
Kelly Meyer  
Casey Miller  
Michael Miller  
Jorge Moralez  
Matthew Mossie  
Joshua Mucci

Thomas Mueller  
Eric Munninghoff  
Konsta Myrick  
Patrick Neenan  
Travis Newsome  
Matthew Nichols  
Ivan Nugent

Paul O'Brien  
Nolen O'Dowd  
Andrew O'Dower  
Gregory Orscheln  
Charles Owens  
Michael Padow  
Marcos Palmeri

Joshua Palmisano  
Evan Pankey  
Christopher Paone  
William Papa  
Andrew Pearson  
Dustin Phillips  
Chris Pickert

## of coed life all-boys atmosphere

An entire hallway full of boys gaze every time they pass each other. They wade through the endless waves of guys as they make their way to a class where they will again be surrounded by around twenty boys to each of their five. This is the reality for the girls who attended some of Rockhurst's experiment in shared classes this year.

Girls from Notre Dame de Sion came to several first and fifth hour classes such as Pascal, Chorus, and Music. Most expressed that they enjoyed the

classes with the guys as well as the additional attention they received.

"After awhile you get used to everyone staring at you and it's hard to say you don't like it," said Sion junior Angela Latore, who attended Mr. John McEniry's fifth hour Pascal I class.

Shared learning is not exactly a new concept for all since many attended a coed grade or middle school, but in a school of all boys who have not had a class with a girl in as many as four years, it can bring a welcome change to

everyday learning

"Going to class with just a few girls everyday made that class (more enjoyable) and, really, the entire day seemed a little more interesting," commented junior Evan Keyser.

Not that anyone would want to change Rockhurst from it's all male status and the learning environment it provides. As junior Ben Capoccia remarked, "I like having the girls in class, but it also shows you the advantages of going to school with just guys."

*Story by Chris Schneiders*

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## No tolerance policy sends many to JUG

This year a new policy came out to discipline the tardy. The policy stated that if you were late to Rockhurst, or to any classes, you received an automatic JUG to be served that day. It quickly was nicknamed the "No Tolerance Law." Last year, the policy for tardiness was three warnings or unexcused lates before the fourth was considered an automatic JUG. This year, to lower the incidences of people coming late, Mr. David Alvey and Mr. Thomas Murphy introduced this new policy to discourage students from "...treating their three warnings as something they can use up..." According to Mr. Alvey, the

new policy has been effective in lowering the rate of tardiness among students. The JUG room is still filled with about the same amount of students who took a few slow steps to Rockhurst or to their next hour class. Mr. Alvey explains that students should be at school on time anyway, so there should be no difference. This rule was designed to help students arrive at school or class on time unless they have a legitimate excuse. Mr. Alvey explains, "...most of the students that have reasonable excuses, like traffic and so forth, I let off. This policy is aimed toward those students who just want to take their time to get to school and

just don't care whether or not they are late. Students who usually get JUGs learn their lesson after the first or second time." This new rule has understandably elicited some negative responses. "I think we should get a warning before serving an automatic JUG," senior Jim Schorgl said. "Some of us make plans after school or play sports and we have to serve a JUG because we woke up a few minutes later than usual. I just don't think that it's fair." All Mr. Alvey had to say about these comments was, "...well there's only one solution. Don't be late."

*Story By Vince Nguyen*

Clayton Pummill  
James Radovich  
David Raydo  
Clinton Reach  
Scott Reagan  
Brian Reed  
Joseph Restivo



Jesse Rezabek  
Brian Riley  
Michael Robards  
Joshua Rockwell  
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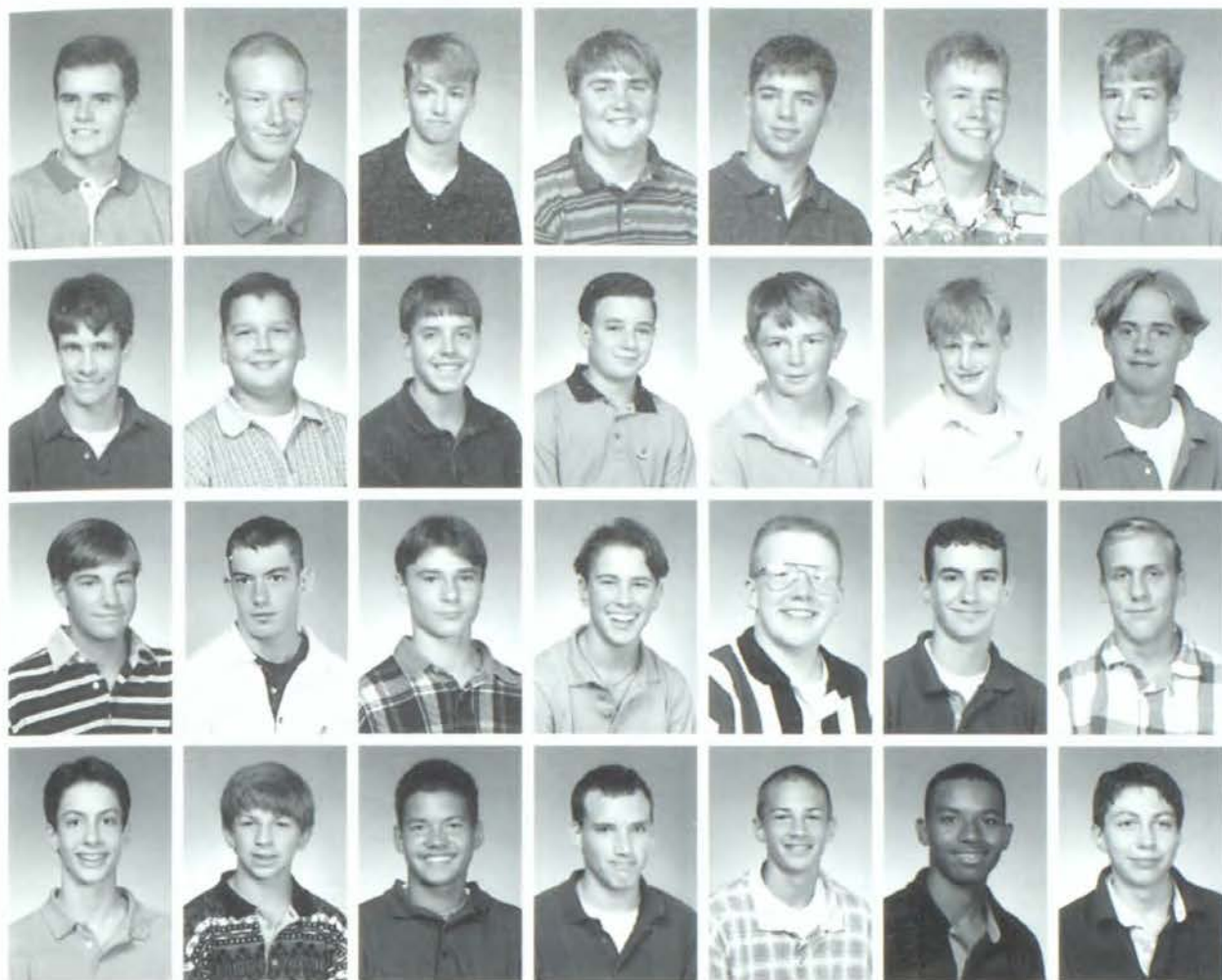
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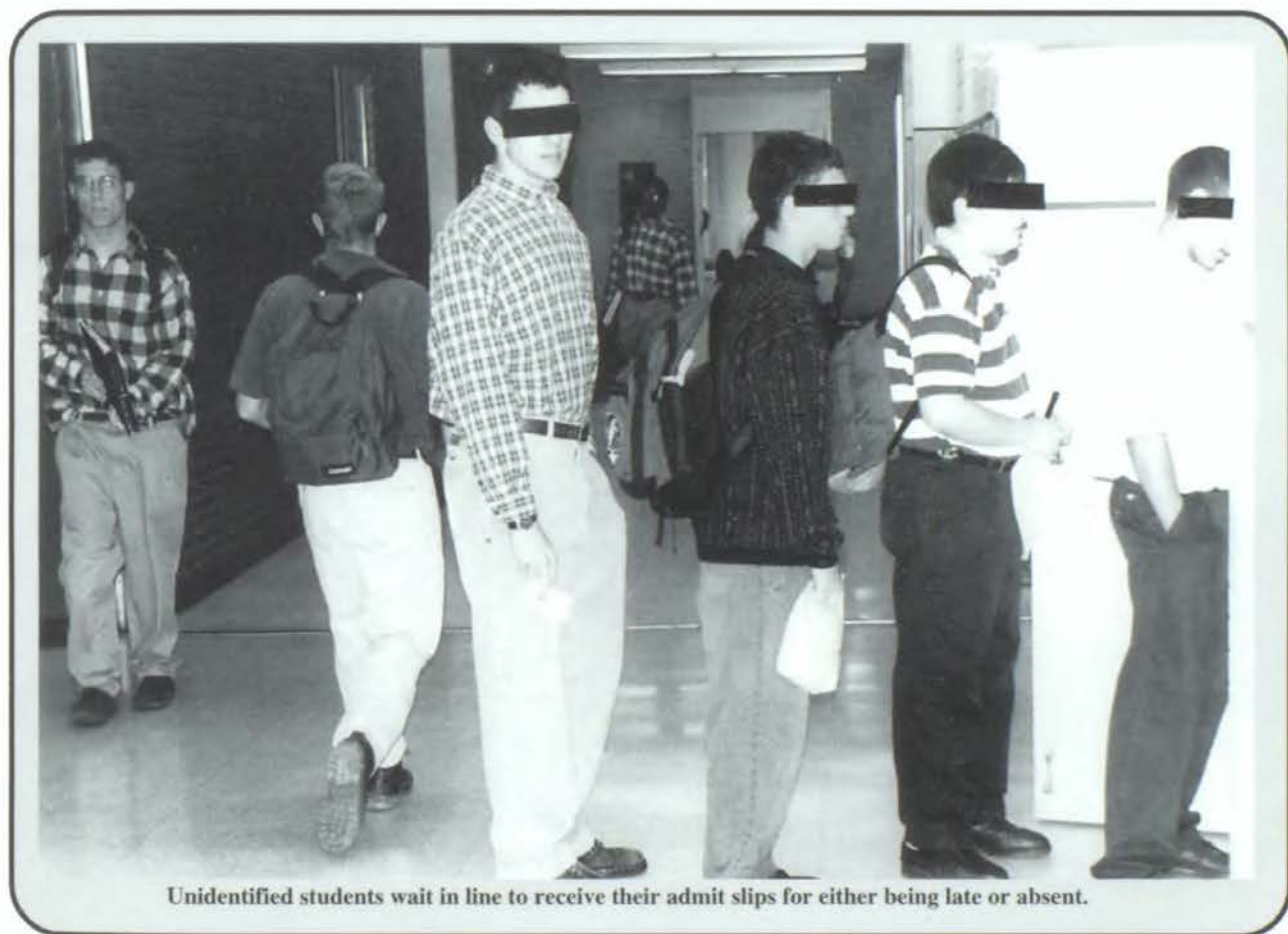


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 Bradley Thomas  
 Kevin Thomas  
 David Tillmon

Brian Toms  
 Joseph Urnise  
 Andrew Vajda  
 David Van Noy, Jr.  
 Smith Vandergriff  
 Joseph VanDyke  
 Justin Vermillion

Henry Vick  
 James Vigliaturo, III  
 Peter Vilkins, II  
 Kirk Walters  
 Daniel Watson  
 Herman Watson  
 Joseph Weishaar



Unidentified students wait in line to receive their admit slips for either being late or absent.

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# Variety of hobbies reflect well-rounded students' interest in life away from school

For instance, Junior **Stephen Summers** enjoys participating in the martial art "Tae kwan do" for fun in his spare time. Every week Summers attends at least two to four, two hour practice sessions at Duncan's School of Karate. Just two years ago Summers, who has been involved since he was nine years old, got his younger brother



Junior Stephen Summers practices the art of "Tae kwan do." Submitted photo

and sister involved in the art along with him because he enjoyed it so much. As a first degree black belt, he has competed in two state-wide karate tournaments and two city-wide tournaments. Here he placed first in form and third in sparring. Last spring Summers competed along side his two younger siblings to place second in the city in family forms. When asked why he enjoys "Tae kwan do," he simply smiled and said, "The martial arts have taught me much self-discipline and they will always be there for me to utilize as a positive form to channel

the stress of my daily life."

Senior **Kevin Holland** is not only a 4.0 student, but is also a avid quail and pheasant hunter who owns three English Setter hunting dogs. He has raised and trained the dogs, Kay, Jack and Buck since they were pups. Last fall, Kay took second place at the annual K.C. Missouri Field Hunt Trail in Harrisonville. Kevin often hunts with a 20 gauge shotgun, but much prefers the comfort of a Remington 870 pump action Wingmaster. "I really love hunting because it gives me the opportunity to work with my dogs and shoot my firearms to kill things," Holland said. Ironically, Holland says that he hopes to one day become a veterinarian.

Lifting weights and composing music is what Senior **Sonny Havens** does in his spare time. Until recently Sonny was an amateur body builder, who in 1994 placed third at the Kansas Teenage Body Building Championship. Now Sonny has stopped pumping iron for bulk and definition, but continues his workouts for the pure strength that he'll need for seriously competing in power lifting tournaments in year when goes off to college. In order to achieve such strength, Sonny lifts for one and a half hours, doing a "power core workout" five times a week at Moffit's Gym.

"My basic philosophy consists of the three D's: Dedication, Determination, and Discipline,

and the fact that I love both the mental and physical challenges that power-lifting provides," Havens said.

Sonny also enjoys contemporary music and even composes with his computerized equipment valued at over \$30,000. He labels himself as an "Ethereal Ambivalent New Age Composer," who regularly performs locally as well as on weekends in St. Louis and Chicago. These "sonic voyages" consist of sedative music with meditative graphic visuals that are performed to congregations of people at clubs who yearn to lose themselves in the experience. Havens, who makes a few dollars on the side, has compiled his seven years of musical experience to produce his first CD entitled "Journey Into Oblivion," that was released last January.

Havens summarized the meaning of his music by saying, "My music is not just an expression, but a fantastic voyage into unknown realms that are both mind altering and physically



Senior Kevin Holland proudly sits with one his hunting dogs after a successful hunt. Submitted photo



Jon Whistance  
 Brian Winget  
 Timothy Wirkus  
 Christopher Woker

relaxing. Hopefully my music creates an adventure to escape the chaos of everyday life."

Over the past three years, Junior **Seth Laubinger** has discovered the fascinating art of



Senior Sonny Haven prepares his equipment to conduct ambient music with ethereal images. *Photo by Matt Thomas*

photography. Using his three years of experience as a Photo Club member, Laubinger has begun to utilize his keen ability outside of school to photograph family reunions and has even started a small portfolio of nature shots. As one of the photo editors on the **Prep News** staff.

"Photography has provided me with a hobby that has helped me meet people at Rockhurst and provided me with an opportunity to see what I'm truly capable of," Laubinger said.

One of RHS's most computer literate is Sophomore **Christopher Pickert**, who at the tender age of five, bought his own computer with the help of his grandfather. Since then, Pickert

dove head first into the intricate world of computers and learned all that he could. Later on his extensive knowledge in the Inter-Net's workings landed him a job as a "System Administrator" with Mid-

West Technology that was one of the area's largest computer companies. This is a job that usually requires a computer science degree from a reputable college.

Pickert's duties were to maintain and operate an entire INTER-NET mainframe. Due to the fact that he was only a high school student, Pickert was paid only \$8.00 an hour. For the last three months, Pickert has been working with an ex-Sprint Regional Coordinator and the assistant computer administrator at Johnson County Community College in order to one day form their own INTER-NET providing company. Pickert's long life dream to one day own a computer company sounds as if it may soon become a reality.

Senior **John Petrovic** risked his life to fulfill his inner passion, when last October, on his 18th birthday, he went skydiving with the K.C. Skydiving Club.

"It's always been something that

I've really wanted to do, so naturally I felt great after I got over my fears and did it," Petrovic said.

John went on to describe his experience by saying, "After we tandem jumped at 12,000 feet, the float down was the best because is offered a terrific view of the city." John hopes to pursue skydiving in the future as hobby due to the adrenaline rush that it offers.

Obviously, the Rockhurst community truly does consist of well-rounded young men who as a whole, enjoy a wide variety of different, sometimes dangerous, hobbies. Such hobbies help contribute to these young men's lives, which in return makes the Rockhurst experience more unique.

Story by Jesse Felzien



John Petrovic skydives high above the streets of Kansas City. *Submitted Photo*

## Government classes experience politics first

Politics has become a very important and controversial issue for many Rockhurst students. First semester seniors in U.S. Government classes each volunteered 15 hours of their time to a political party. While the majority was split between republican or democratic views, others chose from smaller groups such as libertarians or independent parties.

This idea of getting involved began 12 years ago by Mr. Al Spungen, government teacher. "This volunteer work helped bring information from the book alive and it helped students get excited with government in the United States," he said.

Even though only about 40

of the 196 seniors were old enough to vote, the others who couldn't make a difference gained knowledge from their work.

"This experience gave me a chance to get involved as much as I could, since I am not able to vote," said senior Chad Stockbauer, who worked for the Missouri Democratic party.

Jobs ranged from going door to door and handing out information about their respective party, to calling people from the community and asking them how they stood on certain issues, and who they would vote for. This work helped give people information about candidates that they needed to know so they could base their choice on

the facts. It also reduced the uneducated votes while increasing people's awareness of what they could do to make a change.

Mr. Spungen feels that volunteering refutes the stereotype that young people don't care and therefore don't vote.

"These seniors are the future and if they don't get involved we may lose our democratic way of life. Democracy in this nation would not last long if they didn't care. At Rockhurst we make men into Christian leaders which in turn links them to the government," Mr. Spungen said.

In this past election there was a 49% voter turnout, which is about a 5% increase

Nicholas Aylward  
Ryan Baber  
Joseph Ballard  
Jonas Baughman  
Ben Beerman  
Aaron Belt  
Mark Blanck, Jr.



Jason Bles  
Thomas Boling, II  
John Brewer  
Chris Bridgham  
Lee Buell  
Brandon Burdick  
Joseph Burns, IV



John Caldwell  
Benjamin Capoccia  
Chris Carmody  
Patrick Carroll  
Pradeep Chandra  
Jason Charcut  
David Chung



George Clarke  
Chad Clayton  
Ashley Coleman  
Kevin Comeau  
Sean Connelly  
Tyson Cornell  
Chris Cummings



# hand by getting involved with campaigns

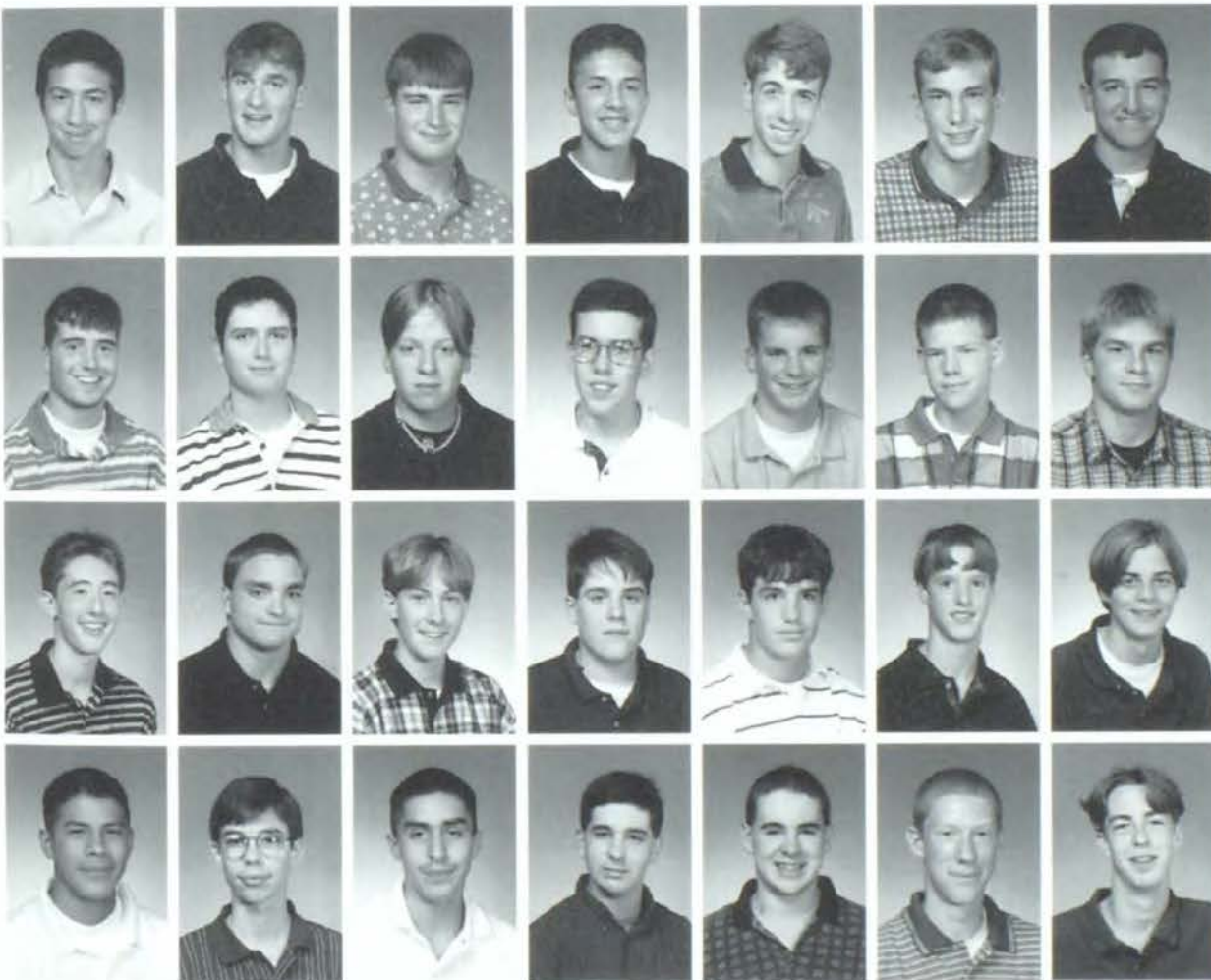


from the 1992 election. Mr. Spungen believes that the reason for a continuing low turnout to vote is that many have become apathetic and feel that one vote won't make a difference.

"The older generation has convinced the young people to think this way, which makes them lazy," Mr. Spungen said.

The volunteer service let the seniors decide for themselves who they support. This knowledge may help the majority when the time comes that they can vote. It was very beneficial because the class of 1997 got involved with something they may have had little or no interest in before but now recognize as being important for their vote in the very near future.

*Story By Vince Roebel*



Geoff Cummings  
Douglas Dahl  
Andrew Davis  
Ashley Davis  
Stephen Derrington  
Micah DeSchepper  
Jeremy Dobbie

Jerod Dunleavy  
Charles Eberle  
Sean Egan  
Eric Eickhorst  
Ryan Elder  
Thomas Fahey  
Sean Fairchild

Johnathan Farris  
Jesse Felzien  
Timothy Fendler  
William Ferguson  
Jonathan Ferns  
Christopher Fieber  
Mark Flemington, Jr.

Damian Flores  
John Gall  
Eric Garcia  
Steven George  
Tucker Gilmore  
Andrew Gorski  
Cody Graf

Justin Griffith  
 Enrique Gutierrez  
 Kevin Haake  
 Timothy Haake  
 Philip Hageman  
 Craig Hakes  
 Mark Hapka



Stephen Harris  
 Joshua Hawley  
 Dante Hernandez  
 Dave Hickman, II  
 Trevor Holliger  
 Jason Jenkins  
 Joshua Kahler



Patrick Kane  
 Trey Keifer  
 John Keleher  
 Devin Kelly  
 Thomas Kessler  
 Evan Keyser  
 Tae Kim



Ryan King  
 Ryan Klein  
 Isaiah Klever  
 Allan Knight  
 Jonathan Knopke  
 Edward Kokoruda  
 Seth Laubinger



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## FREE-TIME FRENZY

Going to RHS is a very different experience. Students set several high priorities for themselves within class.

Activity period gives the students 30 minutes to accomplish a myriad of activities. For example, many students can be found during this time in study groups throughout the school while others can be seen getting help from teachers who generously offer their "free time" to those in need.

"I like studying in groups because we can cover much more material in a shorter amount of time," senior Lucas Rezabek said.

"I really appreciate the teachers' compassion for helping

us learn material. Dr. Campisano helps me out with Physics almost every Activity Period," senior Mike Lancer said.

Many students don't use the time to catch up on studying and can be seen participating in other activities throughout the school. "I almost always come down to the gym lobby to eat lunch because lunch time isn't long enough to fill me up," senior John Teasdale said.

Some students can be found exercising their athletic ability with friends playing a game of basketball in the gym.

"I like coming in here to play basketball because I can release all the energy that has built up during the first five hours," senior Jeff Gray said.

Students can also be found almost every day "hacky-sacking" outside in the "quad."

"I enjoy coming out here with friends and showing-off my sacking talents basically because I'm better than all of them," junior John Brewer said.

Other students still can be found exercising their strategic minds in the "chess room."

"I love playing chess. Although I don't have time to come in here, I do when I can," senior Ryan Finley said.

Whatever it may be, students are capable of always finding something to do when that bell rings, signalling the beginning of 30 short minutes of activity period.

*Story by Jimmy Stanley*

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A group of students participate in the intramural volleyball program during activity period in the gym.



Martin Le  
Eric Leahy  
Charles Lee  
Jay Leese  
Scott Lewis  
John Lieber  
Christopher Long

Jonathan Lowe  
Christian Lundberg  
Andrew Lyman  
Conor Lyons  
Adam Maese  
James Manning  
Joseph Mannion

Lawrence Marshall  
Sean McGaughey  
Michael McGeehan  
Schad McGovern  
Geoffrey McGuire  
Kieran McNerney  
Samuel McKee, V

Ryan McLaughlin  
Scott McMillen  
Joseph Meagher  
Xavier Mendoza  
Lucas Miller  
Jasper Mirabile  
Samuel Mistretta

Julio Montes  
David Moore  
Michael Moore  
Jared Morado  
Josh Morales  
Mark Moran  
Robert Morris



Conor Mulcahy  
Timoor Nana  
James Nix, Jr.  
Sean Patrick O'Bryan  
William Oades, Jr.  
Gregory Oppold  
Brian Overly



Dom Passantino  
Vito Pisciotta  
Dan Porrevecchio  
Ashley Pouche  
Joseph Principe  
Dan Przybylski  
Adrian Pulido



Osric Reavis  
John Rheurk  
Charles Rhoades  
Chris Riffel  
Adrian Rinas  
Joel Ritchie  
Joseph Rogers



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## Retreats provide more than just time off

The retreats at Rockhurst focus on achieving three goals with the students. Those are to get to know yourself, others, and God better, while growing in the love and knowledge of all three.

Retreats provide a way for people in the Rockhurst community to understand what the school is all about according to Mr. Larry Ruby, retreat coordinator. The retreats at Rockhurst are a time for students to get away from the hectic daily routine of school. They offer students the opportunity to take some time out to reflect on how they are doing in numerous aspects of their lives.

Students are given the opportunity to go on a retreat each year. Freshmen sophomores and juniors have all been on the required

retreats for their classes. Until about four or five years ago the seniors had no retreat. Then Fr. Chris Pinné, S.J., was sent to bring a retreat, Kairos, to the school.

"Kairos brings students closer together as well as faculty and students, faculty and faculty. This allows us to do a better job of achieving the goals of Rockhurst," Fr. Pinné said.

A beneficial aspect of the retreats for seniors is that they can participate in the freshman retreat as well as the Kairos retreat. Working on the freshman retreat allows them to give back a little of what they received as freshmen on their retreat.

"The structure of retreats seems to be working very well. We seem to be doing the right thing at the right time the right way," Mr. Ruby said.

Fr. Mark Daues, S.J. is new to the retreats this year. Fr. Daues is in charge of the junior retreat.

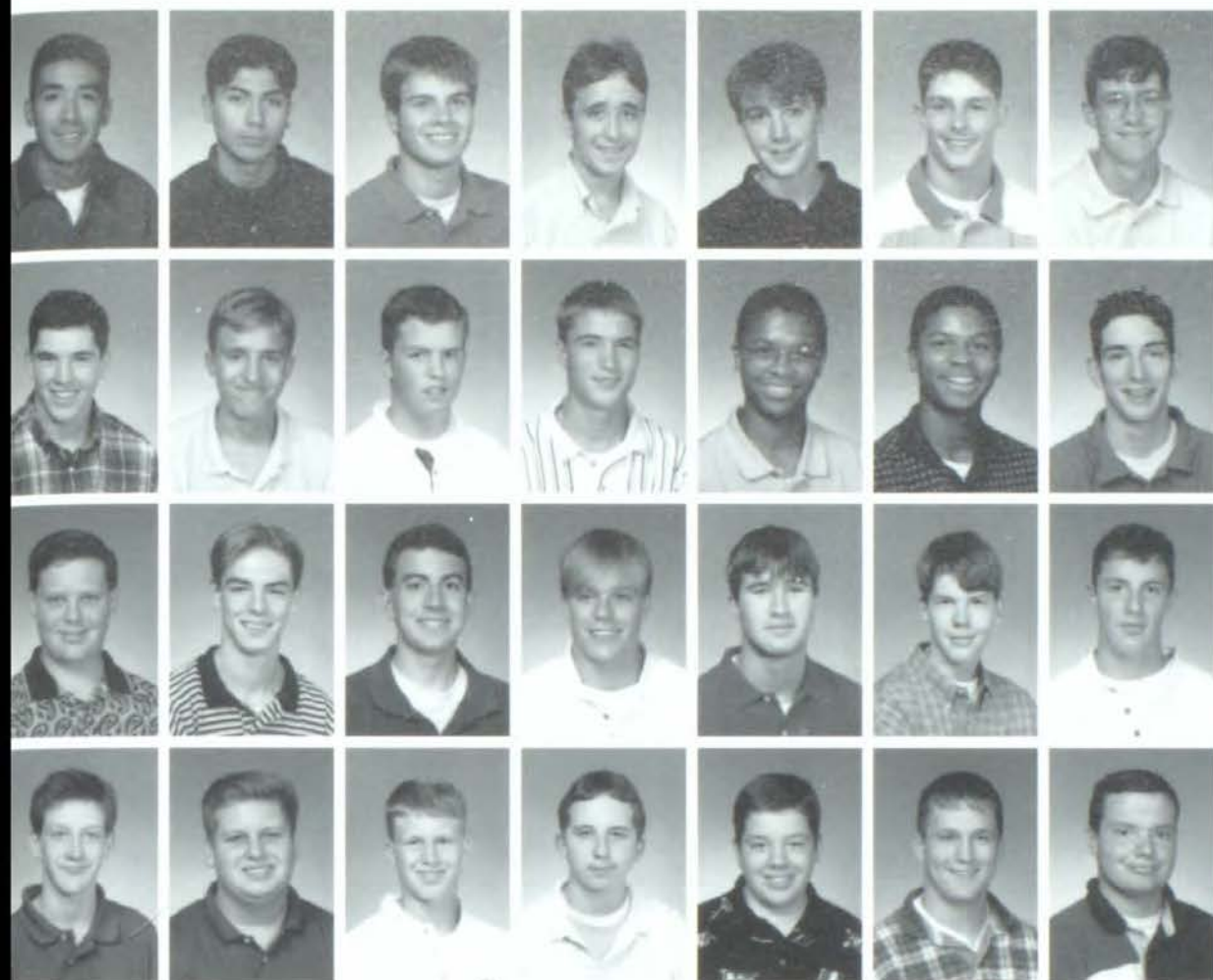
"We experienced scheduling difficulties. I think the new format is good, because it gives students a greater option of when they would like to go. It's like a praying community with retreats going on so frequently," Fr. Daues said.

Rockhurst students are taught a lot about theology in the classroom but there's more to Rockhurst than classroom theology. That's why the school has retreats.

"Religion classes give an intellectual experience of God. Retreats give an effectual experience of God. It's a whole different experience," Mr. Joe Delehunt added.

*Story by Jeff Reed*





Alejandro Ruiz  
 Steven Ruiz  
 Vincent Rupp  
 Jason Santy  
 Josh Schmitz  
 Chris Schnieders  
 Mark Schramp

John Shilt  
 Matthew Sienkiewicz  
 Thomas Smedile  
 McCasey Smith  
 Christopher Starks  
 Geoffrey Starks  
 John Sullivan

Matthew Sullivan  
 Stephen Summers  
 Stephen Swarts  
 John Taylor  
 Kevin Teasdale  
 Seaton Thedinger, II  
 Burton Tonnie

Justin Unger  
 Anthony Valenti  
 Dustin Van Dolah  
 Brian Wachel  
 Andrew Wachtel  
 Adam Welsh  
 Paul White



Freshmen enjoy dinner with their senior brothers on Freshmen Direction Day. Roughly two-thirds of the senior class volunteered their time to the Senior Brother Program so that they could help ease the transition to high school.

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Richard Wikiera  
Shaun Wilkinson  
Chris Williamson  
James Wilson



Stephen Wilson  
Charles Womack  
David Wood  
Matthew Zender



## Technical theater entails using power tools, creativity

**E**lectives are important issues at Rockhurst. When the time comes to choose class schedules, the students' first priority usually has to do with choosing the most fun, most interesting electives. One of these is known as "technical theatre."

Tech-theatre is simply a class that constructs the sets for various plays and performances performed by the students in the Rose Theatre.

Mr. Roger Cilley, who runs the class is the drama teacher and the mastermind behind the many and varied performances at Rockhurst.

"It's basically a first come-first serve basis," Mr. Cilley responded when asked how students enroll. "Although I try to include as many seniors in the class as possible, I mainly choose juniors and seniors."

Mr. Cilley stated there are

mainly three things that the students can take from the class. "They learn ways of problem-

Cilley said.

"I have learned how to use multiple electric saws and

drills," senior Mickey Mullane said.

"I've only been in the class for a quarter and I've learned the similarities and differences between wood types, how to use different power tools, and I had a lot of fun doing it," senior Kevin Van Dyke said.



The technical theatre class watches as Mr. Roger Cilley works his theatre magic. Photo by Bryan Richardson

solving when dealing with carpentry, sets, etc. They learn safe ways to use various types of power tools. They also learn how to clearly comprehend diagrams; mainly of analytical drawings," he said.

"Basically, students come into the class with hopes of taking a very easy class which it is. After taking the course, the students have usually gained a sense of pride and accomplishment," Mr.

Mr. Cilley is a teacher who loves to teach students about all the different aspects of theater and makes significant the fact that they all enjoy learning and participating in it. This particular elective is one that has been willingly taken by many students hoping for a class that is simple yet still contains much to be learned.

story by Jimmy Stanley

# Heightened parking lot security reduces auto thefts and break-ins



Jerry Holcomb, from Ameriguard Security, watches over the parking lot during the school day.

For many years students who drive to school have been a little uneasy about leaving their vehicles unattended throughout the school day, giving easy targets for theft and vandalism. This was understandable, since most break-ins occur during class time. Thanks to the administration the parking lot was made safer and more secure with the hiring of Ameriguard's security officers, who patrol the parking lot while students are in class.

Sergeant Mark Cantrell and Officer Michelle Tompkins of Ameriguard made an impact on theft and vandalism this year.

Mr. Dave Alvey said that the officers act as a deterrent by scaring away potential thieves and vandals. In one instance they stopped an egging of the school before it happened. This saved the cost of labor for clean up.

Although they constantly watched the parking lot, Ameriguard officers expected to stop all vandalism. There has been one report of a broken window so far, but the number of break-ins should decrease from the 14 incidents last year. However, we will not be able to confirm this until the end of the year.

When break-ins occurred, Rockhurst did everything

they could to catch the suspects. Ameriguard officers were allowed to hold the suspects, just as every other citizen is, but were unarmed and exercised extreme caution in doing so. They immediately radioed Mr. Alvey, who called the Kansas City Police Department. The K.C.P.D. carried out the investigations.

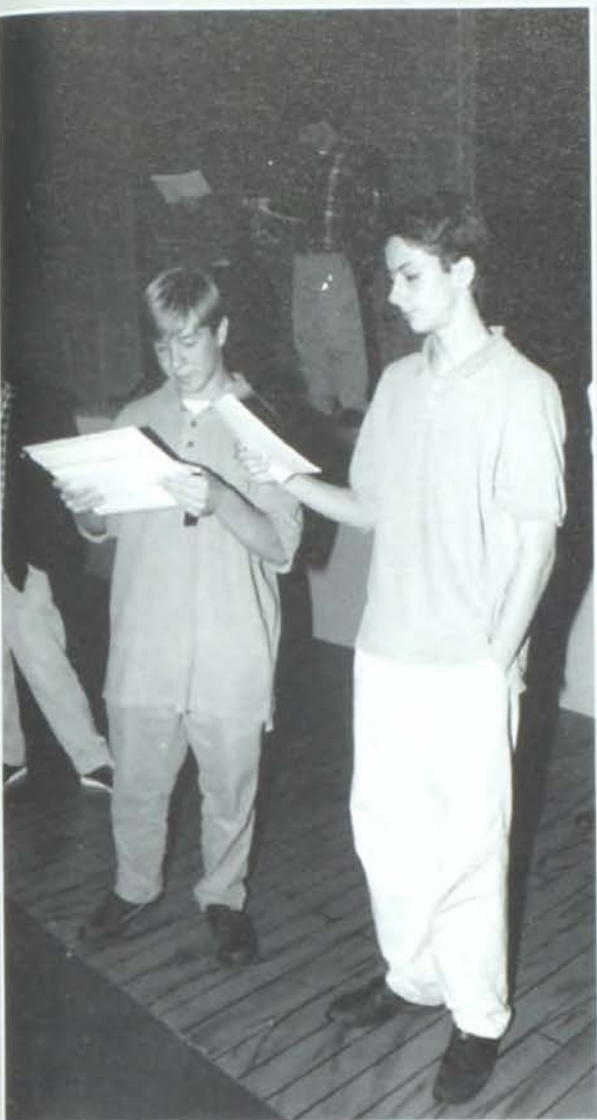
Rockhurst is considering additional other kinds of security in the future. When the new additions to the school are completed there could be gated entrances to the parking lot and an alarm system for the school.

*Story by Jason Jenkins*

# Rockhurst of 1996-1997



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Nicholas Abbick



Douglas Albers



Jason Allen



Adam Alt



Rudy Arredondo



Akil Bacchus



Roger Barbieri



Lincoln Bauers



Martin Beerman



Justin Begnaud

# Seniors 1997

**Nicholas Abbick**- Chess Club 1-4. Football 1. LaCrosse 2-4. Senior Brother. Intramurals 1-4; **Douglas Albers**- Yell Leader. STUCO 1-2. Soccer 1. Golf 1-4. First Honors 1. Class Honors 2-4. Senior Brother. Intramurals. 1st Team All-State. 1st Team All-District. Honorable Mention All-Metro. NHS; **Jason Matthew Allen**- Spanish Club 1-3. Outdoors Club 2,4. Flying Club 3,4. Soccer 1-4. 2nd Honors 2,4. Senior Brother; **Adam Alt**- Latin Club 1-3. STUCO 2-4 President. Baseball/ Basketball Manager 2-4. R-Award 1-3. Xavier Service Award. Senior Brother. SADD. NHS; **Rudy Arredondo**- MEET 4. Class Honors 1-4. Intramurals. NHS. National Merit Semi-Finalist. National Hispanic Scholar; **Akil Bacchus**- Flying Club 1-4. BSU. MEET 4. Spanish Club. Football 1-4 Track 1-2. Intramurals. SADD. Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship Program; **Roger Barbieri**- Chapel Choir 1-4. Student Life 2-4. Pastoral Council 2-4. Drama Club 1-4. STUCO 1-2. Wrestling 1. R-Award 2-3. 2nd Honors 2-3. First Honors 4. Senior Brother. *Rock Collection*. SADD. State Qualifier in Forensics; **Lincoln Bauers**- French Club 2-3. Outdoors Club 3-4. Pep Band 3. Football 1. Track 2-4. Wrestling 1. Senior Brother. NHS; **Martin Beerman**- STUCO 1-2. Soccer 1-4. Tennis 1-3. Senior Brother; **Justin Begnaud**- Outdoor Club 2-3. Drama Club 2,4. Flying Club 2. Regis Club 2-3. STUCO 1-4. Football 1-4. Swimming 1-4 (Captain). Track 1-3. Senior Brother. KAIROS. *Rock Collection* (Co-Editor). *Rockfest* Committee Co-Chairperson.



John Teasdale, Casey Mulcahy, and Sterling Brown sign their letters of intent to Notre Dame, Washburn, and Truman State respectively. *Photo by:*



Konstantine Young gives his mom a hug at the Mom Prom, awaiting dinner to be served.

**Matthew Benben** - Latin Club 1-2. *Prep News* 3-4. Yell Leader 4. Regis Club. Soccer 1-4(Captain). Sports Editor of *Prep News* 4. Probability/Stats Award 3. Senior Brother. Intramurals 1-4. All District 4. Honors 1-4; **Michael Bennett** - Wrestling 1. Senior Brother. Intramurals 1-4. Pep Band 3-4. Chapel Choir 3,4. Battle of the Bands 2-4; **Shomari Benton** - BSU. MEET. STUCO 2. Football 2-4. Track 1-4. Basketball 1. Marie and Henry Zahnes Memorial Scholarship; **Michael Blake** - Yell Leader 4. Spirit Club 4. Football 1-4. Track 1. Wrestling 1. Basketball 2. Rugby 4. Top Art Student 2. Senior Brother. Intramurals 1-4. First Honors 3. Second Honors 1-4. Rockfest Committee 4; **Andrew Bond** - Soccer Yell Leader 4. Young Republicans 3. Football 1-4. Baseball 1,2. Wrestling 1. Rugby 4. Senior Brother. Inramurals. *Rock Collection* 3,4; **Marc Boos** - Art Club 4. Football 1. Lacrosse 2. Pottery Student of the Year 3. Intramurals 1-4; **Kevin Brannan** - Basketball 1,2. Football 1. Senior Brother Intramurals. REP 3-4; **Kevin Brooks** - Spirit Club 1-4. Rockfest 1-4. STUCO 2. Football 1-4L. Wrestling 1-4L. Track 1. Second Honors 1-4. Spirit Award 2. Senior Brother. Intramurals 1-4. *Rock Collection* 4. All District Football 4; **Sterling Brown** - MEET 3,4. BSU 3,4. Chess Club 2-3. Outdoor Club 4. STUCO 1,2. Football 1-4. Basketball 1-4. Track 2. R Award 3. Mothers Club Scholarship 1. Senior Brother. Intramurals 1-4.

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Marc Boos



Kevin Brooks



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Brian Bruce



Jason Burns



Corey Caldwell



Brandon Callahan



Arvil Campbell



Chris Carter



Bryan Charcut



Joe Clifford



John Clisbee



Jay Collins

**Brian Bruce** - Regis Club . Football 1. Basketball 1. Baseball 1-4. Senior Brother. 2nd Honors 1. First Honors 2. Class Honors 3-4; **Jason Burns** - Drama Club 1-4. French Club 2-3. MEET. Senior Brother. *Rock Collection.*; **Brandon Callahan** - Flying Club 2-3. Football 1. Baseball 2-3. Intramurals; **Arvil Campbell** - MEET. French Club 1-2. BSU 3. French Award 1. 2nd Honors. Senior Brother. Intramurals; **Chris Carter** - 2nd Honors 3. 1st Honors 4. KAIROS; **Bryan Charcut** - Regis Club 2-4. Baseball 1. Soccer 1-4. 2nd Honors 1-3. 1st Honors 4. Senior Brother. Intramurals. 1st Team All-District. Honorable Mention All-Metro 3. 1st Team All-Metro 4. STUCO. KAIROS; **Joe Clifford** - Football 1-3. Basketball 1-4. 2nd Honors 4. Intramurals; **John Clisbee** - Cross Country 1-2. Poetry Award 3. Senior Brother. Intramurals; **Jay Collins** - Spanish Club 2-3. Football 1. Wrestling 1-4. Donnell Family Scholarship 4. 2nd Honors 4. Senior Brother. *Rock Collection.*



Kevin McManus and Elizabeth Dole wave to the crowd after her moving speech about her husband and Presidential Candidate Robert Dole.





Brian Conforti



Pat Connolly



Jace Cowan



John Cowan



John Crawford



Steve Cummings



Matt Daly



Ryan Davis

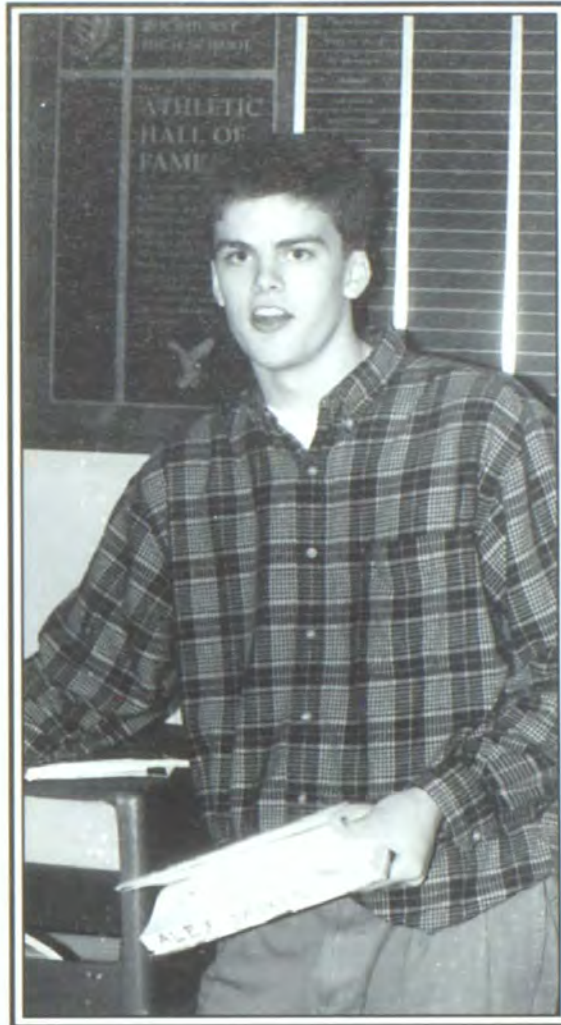


Tim Degnan



Andy Dickhut

Kevin McManus, who spoke at the graduation exercise, pitches a few items during locker cleanout day.



**Brian Conforti**- NHS 3-4. Wrestling 1. Football 1. Class Honors 1,4. 1st Honors 2-3. Senior Brother. *Rock Collection* 1-2; **Patrick Connolly**- Flying Club 2-4. Spirit Club 2-3. Football 2-4. Wrestling 1. 2nd Honors 1. 1st Honors 2-4. Senior Brother. *Rock Collection*. NHS 3-4. KAIROS; **Jace Cowan**- Outdoors Club. Swimming 1-4. Golf 1-4. Senior Brother. Intramurals; **John Cowan**- Flying Club 1-4. Cross Country 1-4. Track 1-3. 2nd Honors 1-4. Senior Brother. Intramurals. *Rock Collection*. SADD 2. KAIROS; **John Crawford**- Regis Club 2. Young Republicans 3-4. Football 1-4. Baseball 2-4. Track 1. Business Award 3. 1st Honors 1,2,4. Class Honors 3. Senior Brother. Intramurals. NHS 3-4; **Steven Cummings**- Chess Club 1-3. Wrestling 1-2. 2nd Honors. *Rock Collection*; **Matt Daly** - Regis Club 2-3. Spirit Club 4. Yell Leaders 4. STUCO. Basketball 1-2. Football 1-4. Pascal II Award 3. Senior Brother. Intramurals. NHS 3-4; **Ryan Davis** - Flying Club 2-4. Regis Club 2-3. Football 1. Presidents Scholarship. Senior Brother. NHS 3-4. 1st Honors 1-2. Class Honors 2-4; **Tim Degnan**- Young Republicans 4. STUCO 1-4. Football 1-3. Swimming 2-4. Track 1-4. Class Honors 1-4. English Award 1. Senior Brother. Intramurals. NHS President; **Andrew Dickhut**- 1st Honors 1-4. Intramurals.

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Chris DiGirolamo



Peter DiGirolamo



Brian Dold



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Chris Downs



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Scott Duncan



Matt Dunkin



Michael Earl



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**Chris DiGirolamo**- Ecology Club 2-3. Spanish Club 2-3. Outdoors Club 4. Football 1. 2nd Honors 1,2. Senior Brother. Intramurals 1-4; **Peter DiGirolamo**- French Club 2-4. Regis Club 2,3. Chapel Choir 3. Class Honors 2-4. Student of the Month 2. Senior Brother. SADD 2-4. NHS 3,4. Kairos Leader 4. **Brian Dold** - Pep Band 1-4. All-District Jazz Band 4. Orchestra 3-4; **Mike Dolemba**- Latin Club 2. Soccer 1. State Music 2. Senior Brother. Intramurals 1-4. *Rock Collection* 3. Jazz Band 3-4. Jazz Combo 1-4. Pep Band 1-4. Church Band 3-4. Percussion Ensemble 2-4; **Chris Downs**- SPA 3-4. Regis Club 2-3. Football 1. Basketball 2-4L. First Honors 1-2. Second Honors 3-4. Senior Brother. *PrepNews* 4; **Justin Dro**- Regis Club 1-3. Football 1-4L. Basketball 1. Track 1-4L. First Honors 1-4. Intramurals 1-4 All-Metro Track 3. All-Metro Football 4. All-State Football 4. All-District Football 4. Bukaty Award 4. K.C. Chiefs Ambassadors Scholarship. Yell Leader 4; **Scott Duncan**- Flying Club 1. Outdoors Club 1-2. Spanish Club 1-2. Yell Leader 4. Wrestling 1-4. Football 1-4. Basketball 1. Senior Brother. Intramurals 1-4. 2nd Team All District Football; **Matt Dunkin**- Outdoor Club 3-4. Spanish 2-3. Photography 2. STUCO 2. Lacrosse 2-4L. Senior Brother. Intramurals 2-4; **Michael Earl**- Football 1. Baseball 3-4; **Ned Eddy**- Spirit Club 4. Yell Leaders 4. Golf 1-4L. Senior Brother. Inramurals 1-2.



Nick Bonino and his mom pose while waiting for dinner to be served at the Mom Prom.



Eddie Watkins, Justin Dro, Scott Duncan, T.J. Stack, and Brett Powell pull the senior class to victory during the mission week pep rally.

**Eric Eikermann**- Ecology Club 1,2. Outdoor Club 3,4. Football 1,2. Wrestling 1. Tennis 2,3. R-Award. Senior Brother. Intramurals. *Rock Collection* Art Editor 4. **KAIROS**; **Joseph Evans**- SPA 3,4. Outdoor Club 3,4. Spanish Club 3. Football 1-4. Track 1,3. Senior Brother. SADD. NHS; **Zach Fee** - Outdoor Club 3,4. Football 1,2. Wrestling 1. Baseball 1. Second Honors 1,4. Senior Brother. Intramurals; **Noel Field**- Latin Club 1. Cross Country 1,2. Track 1. District Music Festival. *Rock Collection* Prose Editor 4. Pep Band 2,3; **Ryan Finley**- Chess Club 1-4. Outdoors Club 3,4. Drama Club 1-4. Pastoral Council 1-4. Football 1. Second Honors 1-4. Senior Brother; **Joe Forge**- Chess Club 1,2. STUCO 2,3. Soccer 1,2. World History Award 2. AP Biology Award 2. Theology Award 3. Fairfield University Book Award 3. Senior Brother. Intramurals. NHS 3,4. R-Award 3. Science Knowledge Bowl 2-4. Class Honors 2-4. **KAIROS**; **Jeff Foster** - STUCO 1-4. Pastoral Council 1-3. Ecology 2-3. SADD 1-2. Debate 1-2L. Intramurals 1-4. *Rock Collection* 2-4. **Katros**. Senior Brother. Yell Leader. National Merit Commended.; **Mike Foster** - Second Honors 1-4. Intramurals. **KAIROS**.

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Thomas Euston



Joseph Evans



Zach Fee



Noel Field



Ryan Finley



Kevin Fitzgerald



Joe Forge



Jeff Foster



Mike Foster

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John Fuentez



Mike Fuhrman



Mark Gawron



David Giangreco



Graham Giblin



Brett Grady



Jeff Gray



Joe Growney



Robert Haake



Mark Hansen

**John Fuentez**- STUCO. Football 1. Senior Brother. Intramurals. Tommy Simone Memorial Scholarship 1-4; **Michael Fuhrman**- Flying Club 3. Football 1. Wrestling 1. Track 1-4. Cross Country 3. Second Honors 3. Senior Brother. Intramurals; **Mark Gawron**- Latin Club 1-4. Cross Country 1-4 Captain. Track 1. Basketball 1,2. Thompson Family Scholarship. Intramurals. *Rock Collection*. NHS 3,4. Pep Band 1-4; **David Giangreco**- Ecology Club 3. Spirit Club 3. STUCO 1-4. Football 1-2. Swimming 1-4. Bryan Funk Scholarship. Second Honors 1. First Honors 2. Class Honors 3,4. Senior Brother. Intramurals. NHS 3,4. Who's Who Among American Students. KAIROS. *Quarry* 4; **Graham Giblin**- Spirit Club 4. Football 1-4. Basketball 1-4. Track 1-3. Intramurals; **Brett Grady**- Outdoor Club 1. Soccer 1-4 Captain. Business Award 1. World History Award 2. Senior Brother. Intramurals. All-District 1st Team. NHS 3,4 vice-president. Class Honors 1-4; **Jeff Gray**- Football 1-3. Basketball 1. Intramurals; **Joe Growney**- Regis Club 2,3. Young Republicans 4. Spanish Award 2,3. American History Award 3. Class Honors 2-4. NHS 3,4; **Mark Hansen**- Outdoors Club 1-4. Soccer 2,4. First Honors 1-3. Class Honors 4. *Rock Collection* 4. NHS 3,4 secretary.



Akil Bacchus smiles for a picture with the children he worked with during Senior Projects.

David Merkel, Nick Bonino, and Mark McCaffree discuss changes in the newspaper. *Photo by Konstantine Young*

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**Craig Hartman**- Yell Leader. Football 1-4. Second Honors 1. Senior Brother. Intramurals; **Sonny Havens**- Amnesty International. First Honors 4; **Chris Heier**- Art Award. Intramurals; **Mike Hess**- Latin Club 1,2. Regis Club 2. Spirit Club 4. Forensics Club 2. STUCO 1-4 vice-president. Swimming 1-4. Debate Forensics 2. Chemistry Award 3. R-Award 3. Bryan Funk Scholarship 1. Gravino Scholarship 2-4. Senior Brother. 2nd Team All-Metro 1. All-State Honorable Mention 1,2,4. All-State 3. NHS 3,4. First Honors 1,2,4. Class Honors 3. Who's Who Among American Students 2-4; **Mike Hiatt**- Baseball 2-4. Intramurals. KAIROS; **Garth Highland**- Outdoor Club 2-4. Lacrosse 4. 4-H Key Award. National 4-H Congress. Senior Brother. Intramurals. Pep Band. Jazz Ensemble. Drumworks. **Matt Hill**- Flying Club 4. Outdoors Club 4. Young Republicans 4. Regis Club 2. Cross Country 1-4. Track 1,3. 2nd Honors 1-4. Senior Brother. Intramurals; **Kevin Holland**- Regis Club 2,3. STUCO Junior Class President. Football 2. Class Honors 1-4. Spanish Award 2. George C. Byrnes Scholarship 3,4. Intramurals. *Rock Collection*; **Matthew Hornung**- Drama Club. Cross Country 1-3; **Ryan Horton**- Quarry 4. Cross Country 1-4. Second Honors 1-3. First Honors 4. Senior Brother. Kairos 4. Regis Club 3.



Craig Hartman



Chris Heier



Michael Hess



Michael Hiatt



Garth Highland



Matt Hill



Kevin Holland



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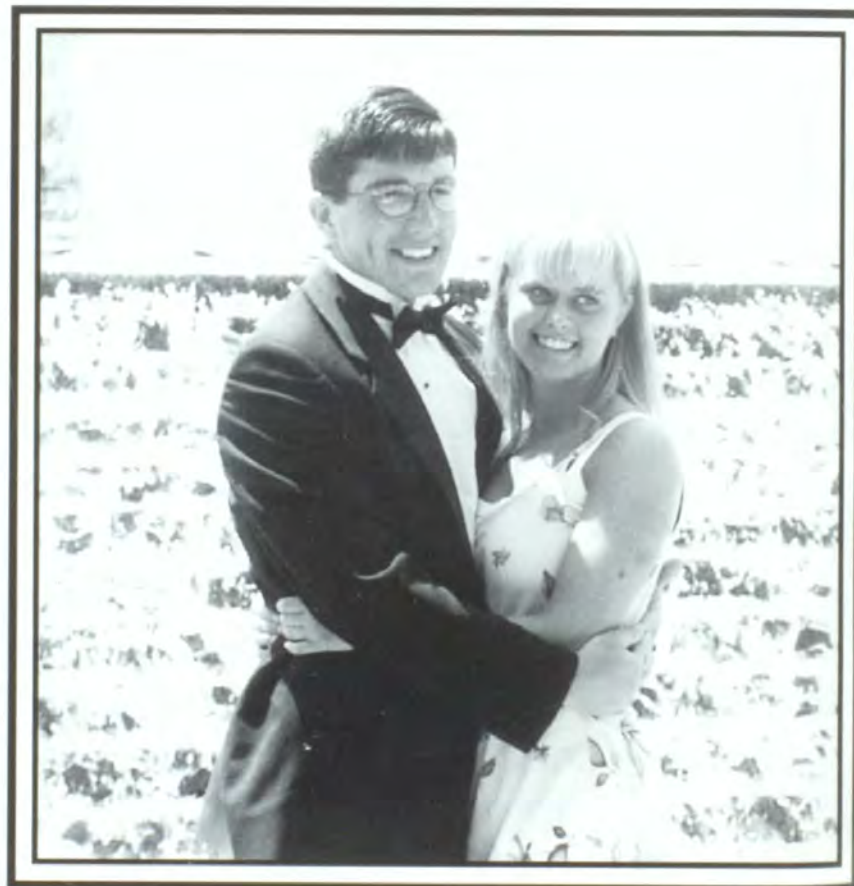
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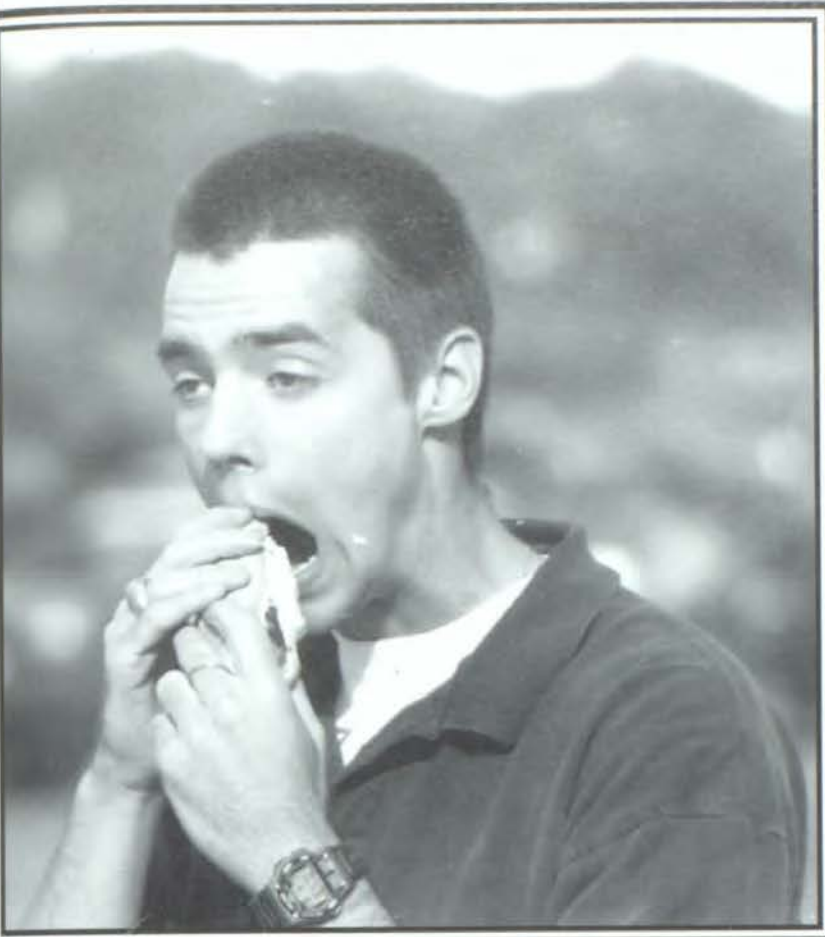
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**Joe Houlehan** - Golf 1-4. 2nd Honors 4; **George Ismert** - Flying Club 3,4. Art Club 4. Wrestling 1-3. Cross Country 2. Second Honors 1-4. Intramurals. *Rock Collection*. KAIROS.

**Frank James** - MEET 4. Football 1-4. Track 1-4. Second Honors 4. Senior Brother. Intramurals; **Jeremy Jones** - Art and Publicity Club 4. Regis Club 3. Cross Country 3. First Honors 2-4. Art Award. *Rock Collection* 2-4; **Nicholas Jumara** - Drama 4; **John Jump** - Flying Club 1,2. Drama Club 2-4. Cross Country 1-4. Swimming 1,2. Track 1. *Rock Collection* 2,4. NHS 3,4. KAIROS; **Andrew Kaminski** - Drama Club 2-4. Football 1. 2nd Honors 4. Senior Brother. Prep News 4; **Joseph Kelly** - Chess Club 1-4 Amnesty International 4. SPA 3,4. Football 1-4. Wrestling 1,2. Track 1,2. 2nd Honors 1-4. Senior Brother. MEET 4; **Colin Klose** - Tennis 1-4. Debate/Forensics 2-4. First Honors 1. Class Honors 2-4; **Cory Knubley** - Drama Club 2-4. STUCO 1-3. Football 1. Wrestling 1. LaCrosse 2-4. 2nd Honors 1-3. Class Honors 4. Senior Brother;

Pat Valdivia and Kim Hopfinger of St. Thomas Aquinas High School pose for pictures before Pat's graduation from Rockhurst.





Nick Scott, a loyal member of the tailgate club, eats a hot dog before a Hawklets home game.

**Lucas Krump** - Spanish Club 1,2; Ecology Club 1,2; Yell Leader 4; Student Life 1-4; STUCO 1,2; Football 1-4; Senior Brother; Intramurals; Rock Collection; **Clint Kuechler** - Football 1-4; Basketball 1,3,4; Baseball 1-4; 2nd Honors 1-4; Intramural; **Michael Lanser** - Outdoor Club 3,4; Soccer 1-4; LaCrosse 3,4; 2nd Honors 4; Senior Brother; Intramurals; **Chris Leake** - Spanish Club 1-4; French Club 3-4; Debate 1-4; Chapel Choir 1-4; Cross Country 1; Senior Brother; Intramurals; Rock Collection; **Grant Linebach** - Football 1-3; Wrestling 1; 2nd Honors 2-4; Intramurals; **Jason Lorfing** - Flying Club 1-4; Debate Team 2,3; French Club 3,4; National Merit Commendation; NHS 3,4; **Derwin Mack** - Wrestling 1; 2nd Honors 1-4; Intramurals; BSU 3; **Tom Mallot** - Outdoor Club 3,4; Football 1; Baseball 1,2; Intramurals; KAIROS; **Michael Maloney** - Spirit Club 2-4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1-4; Senior Brother; Intramurals.

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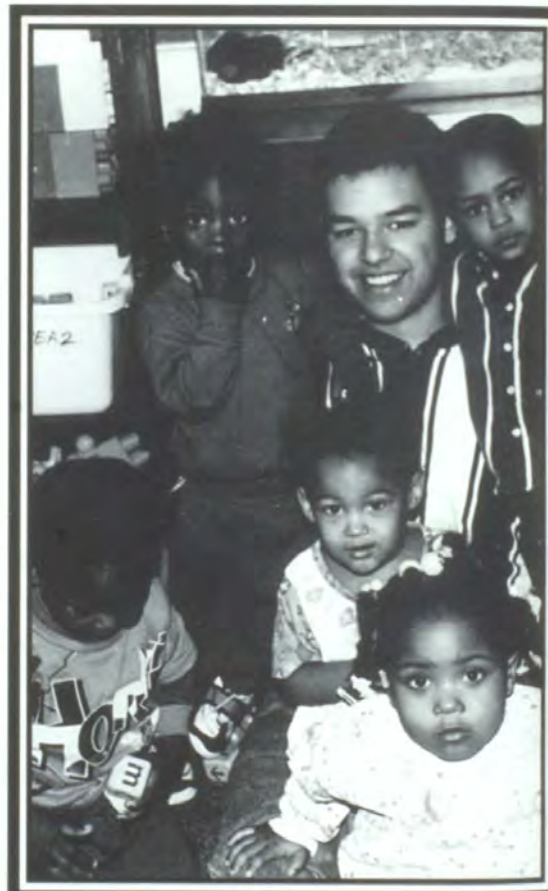


Chris McKinney



Kevin McManus

**Smith Manion**- English Award 2. Senior Brother. Intramurals, NHS 3; **John Mann** - Football 1. Golf 1-4. Intramurals; **Joe Mannino**- Football 1. Wrestling 2,3. Intramurals; **John Martin**- Drama Club. 2nd Honors 2,3,4; **Jeff McCracken** - Spirit Club 4. Yell Leader. French Club. Student Life Committee 2. Football 1,3,4. Brannan Scholarship 1-3. 2nd Honors 1-4. Senior Brother; **Mark McCaffree**- Ecology Club 2. Regis Club 2,3. STUCO 2,3,4 vice-president. R-Award 3. National Merit Commendation. Class Honors 2-4. Senior Brother. All-District Trumpet Soloist 2-4. All-District Jazz Band 3,4. All-State Jazz Band 4. NHS; **Damian McGee**- STUCO 2,3. Bernard J. Glynn Scholarship 2-4. Senior Brother. SADD 2,3. Founder of BSU. MEET. Intramurals; **Patrick McGilley**- STUCO 1,4. Lacrosse 2-4. Football 2. 1st Honors 4. Senior Brother. Intramurals. SADD 4. NHS 4. Debate 3,4. Mock Trial 3; **Chris McKinney** - SPA 3,4. Outdoors Club 3,4. STUCO 2-4. Football 1-3. 1st Honors 1-4. Senior Brother. Intramurals. NHS 3,4. KAIROS. Greek Society 2-4; **Kevin McManus** - Quarry 2,3. STUCO Class President 2,3. Football 1,2. Basketball 1,2. Advanced Mathematics Award 1-3. Spanish Award 1. Science Award 1. English Award 3. Honors Physics Award 3. U.S. History Award 3. R-Award 3. Senior Brother. Intramurals. *Rock Collection*. NHS 3,4. Science Knowledge Bowl 2-4. Blood Drive Chair 3. KAIROS. Class Honors 1-4;



Senior Matt O'Donnell is the center of attention at his Senior Service project. O'Donnell is helping care for children at Operation Break-through. Photo by Rob Haake



Jason Allen and Adam Alt work diligently together planning the festivities for the 1996 version of Rockhurst Homecoming. Photo by Konstantine Young



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David Merkel



Andrew Miller



Nick Mossie



Jeff Mueller



Casey Mulcahy



Mickey Mullane



Joe Murphy



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Vince Nguyen



Matt O'Donnell

**David Merkel** - Regis Club 2,3. Tennis 1-4. Religious Studies Award 2. Senior Brother. NHS 3,4. *Prep News* 2,4. *Quarry* 3,4. KAIROS. 1st Honors 1-3. Class Honors 4; **Andrew Miller** - Outdoor Club 3,4. Young Republicans 3,4. Wrestling 1. Senior Brother. Intramurals. NHS 3,4. KAIROS; **Nick Mossie** - Music Letter 2-4. 1st Honors 1-3. Class Honors 4. **Jeff Mueller** - Drama Club 2-4. Outdoors 3,4. Football 1. National Merit Scholar; **Casey Mulcahy** - Basketball 1. Baseball 1. Football 1-4. 1st Honors. Honorable Mention All-Metro. **Michael Mullane** - Outdoor Club 2,4. Flying Club 2-4. Cross Country 1-4. Track 1-3. 2nd Honors 4. Senior Brother. KAIROS. **Joseph Murphy** - Chess Club 1-4. Soccer 1,2. Class Honors 4. Intramurals; **Ian Nance** - Outdoor Club 3,4. Photo Club 4. Cross Country 1-4. Track 1-4. Wrestling 1. Senior Brother. Intramurals. KAIROS; **Vincent Nguyen** - Debate 3,4. George Byrnes Scholarship 3. 1st Honors 1. 2nd Honors 2,3. Senior Brother. *Rock Collection* 2. *Quarry* 4; **Matt O'Donnell** - Flying Club 2,3. Football 1. Tennis 2,3. Lacrosse. 2nd Honors 1-4. Emmanuel DeLeon Scholarship 3,4. George Byrnes Scholarship 4. Intramurals.



Paul Orscheln



Jon Osgood



Victor Panus



Jose Patino



Arturo Paz



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Stuart Phillips



Justin Pierce



Brett Powell



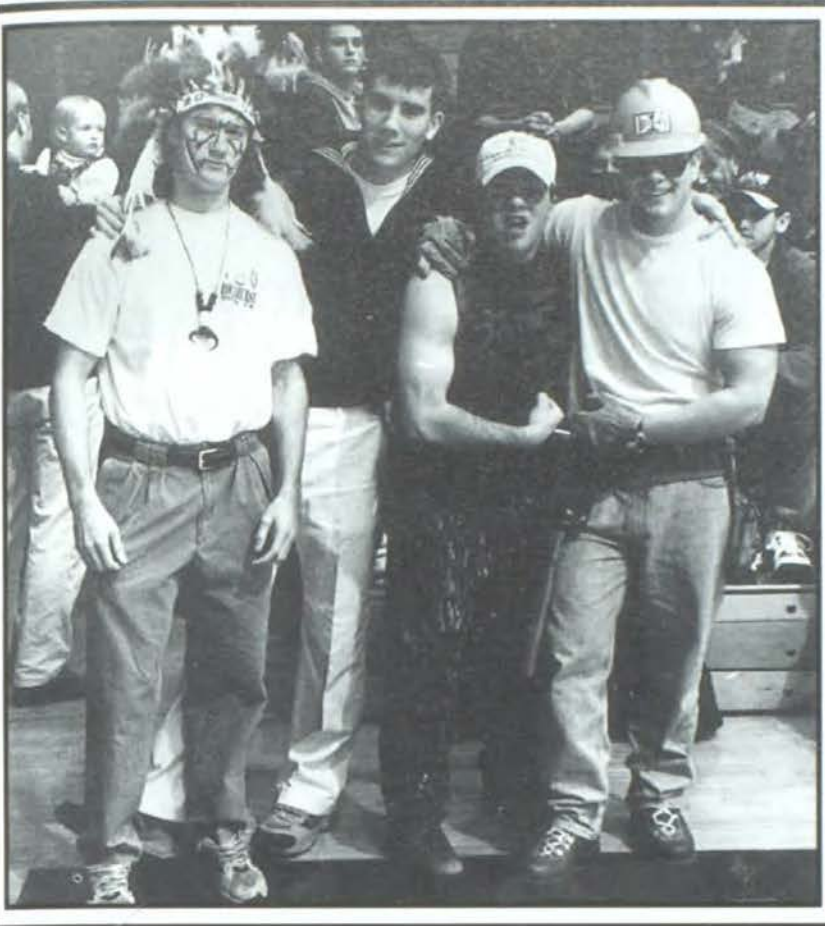
Jeffrey Reed

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**Paul Orscheln** - Spirit Club 2-4, Latin Club 1-2, Spanish Club 3, SPA 3-4, Stuco 2-4, Soccer 1-2, Swimming 2-4L, 2nd Honors 3-4, Senior Brother, Intramurals 1-4; **Jon Osgood**-Basketball Yell Leader 4, Tennis 2-4, Senior Brother, All Metro Tennis 3, Newspaper 4; **Victor Panus III**- 2nd Honors 1,2,4, 1st Honors 3, *Quarry* 2; **Jose Patino**- Chess Club 1-4, Track 4, Nat. Merit Semifinalist/Finalist, Rock Collection 4, SADD 4, Class Honors 4, 1st Honors 1-3; **Arturo Paz**-Basketball 2, Soccer 4; **John Petrovic**- Ecology Club 2-4, RHS Radio 1-2, RockNet 3, Photo Club 3-4, Eilert Ecology Club Scholarship 3-4, RHS Radio Award 2, Ecology Club Award 2, Senior Brother, Intramurals 2, *Quarry* 4; **David Phillips**- Chess 1-4, Young Republicans Debate 1-4, Tennis 1-2, Football 1, Wrestling 1-2; **Justin Pierce**- Drama 1-3L, 2nd Honors 3-4; **Brett Powell**- Regis Club 2-3, Football 1-4L, Basketball 1, Baseball 2-3, Track 1, Rugby 4, Senior Brother Intramurals 1-3, Rock Collection, All-State 2nd Team Football, All Metro Football, All-District 1st Team Football; **Jeffrey Reed**- Drama Club 1-4, Latin Club 1-2, *Quarry* 3-4, *Prep News* 4, Business Award 1, NHS 3-4;

Luke Schloegel busts some moves while dancing with his date at the Homecoming Dance.





Kevin VanDyke, Mike Maloney, Ned Eddy, and Scott Duncan take a break from yell leading to pose for the camera. *Photo by John Petrovic*

**Danny Reidy**- Prep News 3-4. Football 1-4L. Basketball 1-4L. Track 1. Senior Brother. Intramurals NHS 3-4. Kairos 3-4 Leader. Rockfest Committee 4. First Honors 1-4; **Rob Reiter**- Latin Club 1-4. Photo Club 1-4. Outdoors Club 4. Spirit Club 4. MEET 4. Regis Club 2-3. Greek Society 3-4. STUCO 2-4. Track 1-4L. Soccer 1-4L. Top Student Latin / Greek 3. Senior Brother. Basketball 1-4. Volleyball 1-3. HM All-Metro Track. NHS 3-4. School Record 1600m. 1st Honors 1. Class Honors 2-4; **Lucas Rezabek**- Chess 2. Pep Band 2-4. Orchestra 3-4. 1st Honors 3-4. Second Honors 1-3; **Bryan Richardson**- Outdoor Club 4. MEET 3-4. French Club 2. Football 1-2. Track 1-2L. Intramurals 3-4; **Mike Rieke**- Outdoors Club 1. Baseball 1-4L. Senior Brother. Intramurals 1-4; **Wes Reismeyer**- Track 1. Lacrosse 2-4L. 1st Honors 2. 2nd Honors 1-4. Intramurals 2. *Rock Collection* 1,3,4; **Vincent Roebel**- Outdoors Club 4. Track 1-4L Cross Country 3-4L. Football 1. 2nd Honors 1,3,4. Intramurals 1-4. Kairos. Golden Spike Award. *Quarry* 4; **Gary Rosas**- Pep Band 1-2. Amnesty Int. 4. SPA 3-4. Cross Country 1-4. Wrestling 1-2. Track 1-3.

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Daniel Reidy



Robert Reiter



Lucas Rezabek



Bryan Richardson



Michael Rieke



Wes Reismeyer



Vincent Roebel



Gary Rosas



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Ralph Sanders



Joe Saunders



Sean Scanlon



Luke Schloegel



Nick Scott



Kevin Sears



John Sharkey

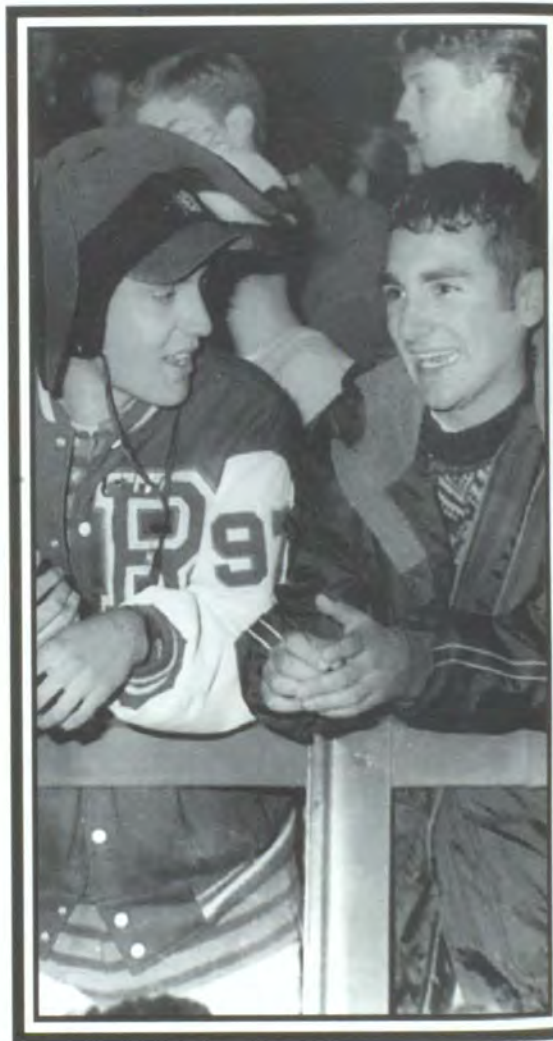


Andrew Simms



Mike Smith

**Louis Sampson** - Football 1; **Ralph Sanders** - Spanish Club; **Joe Saunders** - Spirit Club 2,3. Outdoor Club 3. STUCO 1,2,3. Football 1-4. Baseball 1-3. R-Award 3. Distinguished Art Honors 2. Attendance Award 2. Senior Brother. Intramurals. Rock Collection 2-4. KAIROS; **Sean Scanlon**- Flying Club 1-4. Football 3,4. Wrestling 1-4. 2nd Honors 1-4. Senior Brother. NHS 3,4; **Luke Schloegel**- Flying Club 1-3. Spirit Club 1-4. STUCO 1,2,3 Secretary, 4 Social Chairman. Football 1. Soccer 2,3. Basketball 1-4. Math Award 1. Business Award 1. Drawing Award 2. R Award 3. Math Award 3. Senior Brother. Intramurals. NHS 3,4; **Jim Schorgl**- Spanish Club 1-4. Regis Club 2. Distinguished Art Award. Intramurals. KAIROS; **Nick Scott**- Outdoors Club 3,4. SPA 3,4. Football 1-3. Track 1-4. Intramurals; **Kevin Sears**- Cross Country 1,2. Track 1,2. 1st Honors 1. Class Honors 2-4. Computer Applications Award 2. Intramurals; **John Sharkey**- Latin Club 1,2. Photo Club 1-3. Outdoors Club 4. Football 1-4. Wrestling 1. Track 1-4. George P. Reintjes Memorial Scholarship. Senior Brother. Intramurals; **Andrew Simms**- Drama Club 2-4. Flying Club 2,3. 1st Honors 1-4. Joe McCormick Scholarship. Intramurals; **Mike Smith**- Soccer 1,2. Wrestling 1-4. 2nd Honors 1-4. Senior Brother. Intramurals.



Doug Albers and Ryan Horton discuss plans for after the football game.



Jeffrey Smith



Nicholas Stabler



Thomas Stack



Torrin Stanford



James Stanley



Virgil Staponski



Joseph Stasi



John Sterner



Salvatore Stewart



Chad Stockbauer

Matt Thomas weighs something in preparation for an experiment in a science class.



**Jeff Smith** - Football 1-4. Basketball 1-4. Track 1. 1st Honors 3,4. 2nd Honors 1,2. Senior Brother. Intramurals: **Nick Stabler**- Soccer 1-3. 1st Honors 2,3. 2nd Honors 1,4. Intramurals. NHS 3. **Thomas Stack**- Latin Club 1,2. Yell Leader 4. Football 1-4. Basketball 1-3. Track 1. Intramurals. 2nd Honors 1-4; **Torrin Stanford**- Jazz Band 3,4. Pep Band 1-4. MEET 4. Chess Club 2-4. Lacrosse 2,3; **Jimmy Stanley**- Ecology Club 1. Soccer 1,2. 1st Honors 1. 2nd Honors 2-4. Intramurals **Virgil Staponski**- French Club 3. Football 1-4. Basketball 1-4. Baseball 2-4. Track 1. Senior Brother. Intramurals: **Joseph Stasi**- STUCO 3. Basketball 1,2. Football 1-3. Intramurals; **John Sterner**- Outdoor 1,2. Track 1,2. Wrestling 1. Business Award 1. 1st Honors 1-4. Intramurals. NHS 3,4; **Salvatore Stewart**- Spanish Club 3. Outdoors Club 4. Ecology Club 1,2. Senior Brother. Intramurals. KAIROS; **Chad Stockbauer**- Wrestling 1-3. 2nd Honors 1,2. Intramurals.

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**Jimmy Sun** - Flying Club 2-4. Outdoors Club 3,4. Regional Art Competition. NHS 3,4. Spanish Club 2,3. Debate 3. Lacrosse 4. Soccer 2,4. US History Award. Intramurals; **Josh Tabije** - Outdoors Club 3,4. NHS 3,4. Basketball 1. Senior Brother. Intramurals; **Blake Taul** - Regis Club 2,3. Flying Club 3,4. Basketball 1-3. Golf 2. Football 1. Senior Brother. Intramurals. **John Teasdale** - Latin Club 1-4. Regis Club 2,3. STUCO 3. Football 1-4. Basketball 1-4. Track 1. Senior Brother. 1st Team All-District. 1st Team All-Metro. All-State. Honorable Mention All-American. Intramurals; **Jeremy Theis** - Golf 1. Soccer 1,2. Intramurals. Newspaper 4. Quarry 3. 2nd Honors 1-4. 1st Honors 4; **Matt Thomas** - Drama Club 1-4. Photo Club 4. Amnesty International 4. Football 1. Baseball 3,4. 2nd Honors 1,4. Senior Brother. Rock Collection. KAIROS. Newspaper Editor. **Jeff Till** - Wrestling 1. 2nd Honors 1-4. Senior Brother. SADD 2-4. Newspaper 2,4. Quarry 3,4. Chess Club 1-4. KAIROS; **JP Tongson** - Chess Club 1. Flying Club 3,4. Latin Club 1,2. MEET 4. Wrestling 1. Senior Brother. NHS 3,4; **Matt Toyne** - Football 1. Soccer 2-4. Swimming 1-4. Track 1-3. 2nd Honors 4. Intramurals; **Toby True** - French Club. Outdoor Club. Tennis 1,2. Cross Country 2-4. Senior Brother. Intramurals. NHS 3; **Andrew Turley** - Chess Club 2. Drama Club 2,3. Cross Country 1. Football 1-4. 1st Honors 1-4. National Merit Finalist 4. Intramurals. NHS 3,4; **Patrick Valdivia** - Regis Club. Spanish Club. Football 1-4. Basketball 1,2. Baseball 3. 1st Honors 1. 2nd Honors 2,3; **Kevin VanDyke** - Latin Club 1,2. Young Republicans 3,4. Football 1-4. Track 1-4. Senior Brother. Intramurals. NHS 3,4. KAIROS. 1st Honors 1,2. Class Honors 3,4.



Andrew Turley



Kevin VanDyke



Kurt Wirken



Todd Wiseman



Andy Miller helps with the sets of the spring musical during Tech Theater class.

**Justin Vipond**- Soccer 1-4. R Award 3. Senior Brother. KAIROS; **Justin Walker**- Pastoral Council 2-4. Drama Club 2-4. STUCO. R Award 1.3. Senior Brother; **Edward Watkins**- MEET 4. STUCO. Football 1-4. Wrestling 1.2. Intramurals; **Sean Welsh**- Latin Club 1-4. Greek Society 3.4. SPA 3.4. Football 1.2. Basketball 1.2. Baseball 2-4. 1st Honors 1-4. Greek Award 4. Intramurals; **Chris Williams**- Football 1.2. Baseball 1.2. 2nd Honors 4. Senior Brother. Intramurals. KAIROS; **Pete Wilson**- Debate 1-4. Drama Club 2-4. Pastoral Council 2-4. STUCO 1.2. Football 1.2. Wrestling 1. Class Honors 2-4. R Award 3. Presidential Scholarship 3. Intramurals. *Rock Collection*. Photo Club 3.4. Outdoor Club 3.4. Amnesty International 4; **Kurt Wirken**- Ecology Club. Outdoor Club. Football 1. Art Award 1. 2nd Honors 1.2; **Todd Wiseman**- Photo Club 1-4. *Quarry* 2. 2nd Honors 1. First Honors 2. Class Honors 3.4. Senior Brother. SADD 3.4. NHS 3.4. KAIROS. Science Knowledge Bowl; **Paul Wood** - Amnesty International 4. STUCO 1-4. Track 3. R Award 1-3. 2nd Honors 1.2. Class Honors 2-4. *Rock Collection*. SADD 3.4. NHS 3.4; **Tim Yasso**- Drama Club 1.3.4. Debate 2-4. Soccer 1. Senior Brother. KAIROS. 2nd Honors 2-4; **Konstantine Young**- Photo Club 1-4. Ecology Club 3.4. Outdoor Club 3.4. Wrestling 1. 2nd Honors 4. *Rock Collection*. KAIROS; **Kevin Zolotor**- Young Republicans 3.4. Football 1-3. Track 1-3. P.E. Award 3. Senior Brother. KAIROS.

# Seniors 1997



Justin Vipond



Justin Walker



Sean Welsh



Chris Williams



Peter Wilson



Paul Woody



Joseph Yasso



Konstantine Young



Kevin Zolotor

# Seniors experience prom as a rite of passage

Seniors participated in their last dance as RHS students Saturday, May 3 as almost all 187 members of the class enjoyed senior prom along with their dates.

The event began at 6:30 p.m. with pre-Prom activities in the Rose Theater. Students, along with their dates, were announced as they walked across the stage in front of parents, friends, and other family members. Parents were able to take pictures of the couples and later mingle with them before the professional pictures were taken in the McGee Hall.

The seniors checked in between 8-8:30 p.m. and were served a buffet-style dinner

around 8:30 p.m. The meal included a choice between K.C. strip steak, smoked salmon, or an Italian chicken dish. Dancing began at 9:30 p.m. and continued until 1 a.m.

"The accommodations were very good. The dance floor was big enough for everyone to dance comfortably, and the food was good. I ate my fill," senior Jay Collins said.

The band *Simplexity* provided the main source of entertainment for the seniors and their dates throughout the night.

"They were okay but there wasn't much variety to their music. There is only so long that

they can play the same three notes over and over, and then say that 'there is a party over here and there ain't anything over there'," senior Matt Thomas said. "The DJ, however, was decent, and thankfully didn't play the Macarena."

Students saw themselves on a big screen television throughout the night as Mr. Doug Kramer interviewed them continuously.

"It was really neat to see each other on the big screen. It allowed me to see some people I might not see for awhile," senior John Petrovic said.

story by James Manning



Jonathan Jump takes part in Prom dancing despite being on crutches.

Mr. Doug Kramer, in his role as chaperone, advises Justin Dro on proper etiquette when dining with a woman.







Sterling Brown and Shomari Benton enjoy their white roses that they received at the Prom.

Marc Boos manages to hold on to his date and a white rose.



Kevin Holland displays his dancing ability at the Doubletree Hotel.

Seniors enjoy the rapping ability of classmate Sterling Brown.

Roger Barbieri, Mark McCaffree, and Ryan Davis share a laugh at prom.

Sean Welsh, Rob Reiter, and their dates show off for the camera.



Center: Pat Valdivia, Joey Saunders, Brett Powell, and Paul Orscheln took a break for a photo opportunity.

Above: Wes Rothove and Zach Fee take a break to digest their dinner.

Mike Hess shows off a few of his signature dance moves.

Graham Giblin and his date are caught off guard by the camera while relaxing in the lobby.

Memorable Senior Prom  
will be last social event  
for the Class of '97  
until alumni reunions



Seniors and their dates enjoyed a high class buffet and found time during dinner to reminisce about the past four years. The seniors with their dates from left to right are: *Top Left:* Matt Hornung *Left:* Noel Field and Jeff Reed *Top:* Nick Abbick, Jeff Mueller, Andy Simms, Nick Jumara, and Roger Barbieri *Center:* Jay Collins, Mike Foster, Mike Hiatt, and Kevin Fitzgerald *Bottom:* T.J. Stack, Scott Duncan, and John Teasdale

Proud family members position themselves for photos during graduation exercises.

Senior Kevin McManus delivers his speech as class valedictorian. McManus had 4.67 Grade Point Average.

Matt Benben and Martin Beerman anticipate their impending graduation in line at the Municipal Auditorium.



Senior Ned Eddy is congratulated by Fr. Pesci after receiving his diploma.

Members of the class of 1997 check to be sure they have a signed diploma.

(Far Right) Junior members of the Rockhurst Orchestra tune up for their graduation performance.





# Class of '97 departs with style and grace

The Senior Class celebrated its final day at RHS Sunday, May 11 as 187 new graduates received their diplomas in front of family, friends, and classmates.

The event began at Municipal Auditorium with the Baccalaureate Mass. "I enjoyed celebrating mass and my graduation with my family," senior Vince Roebel said.

After Mass, the seniors along with their accompanying family and friends attended brunch at the Marriot Allis Plaza. This provided an opportunity for

reflection and memories to be exchanged between students and parents. "It was a festive celebration with my classmates," senior Jeremy Theis said.

Finally, the commencement ceremonies were held back at Municipal Auditorium where the graduating class heard a speech from class Valedictorian Kevin McManus.

The graduates then continued the RHS tradition of proceeding across stage in tuxedos instead of the traditional cap and gown. *story by James Manning*



Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J., addresses the graduates during the Baccalaureate mass.

Seniors turn to face the audience during the commencement ceremonies at Municipal Auditorium.

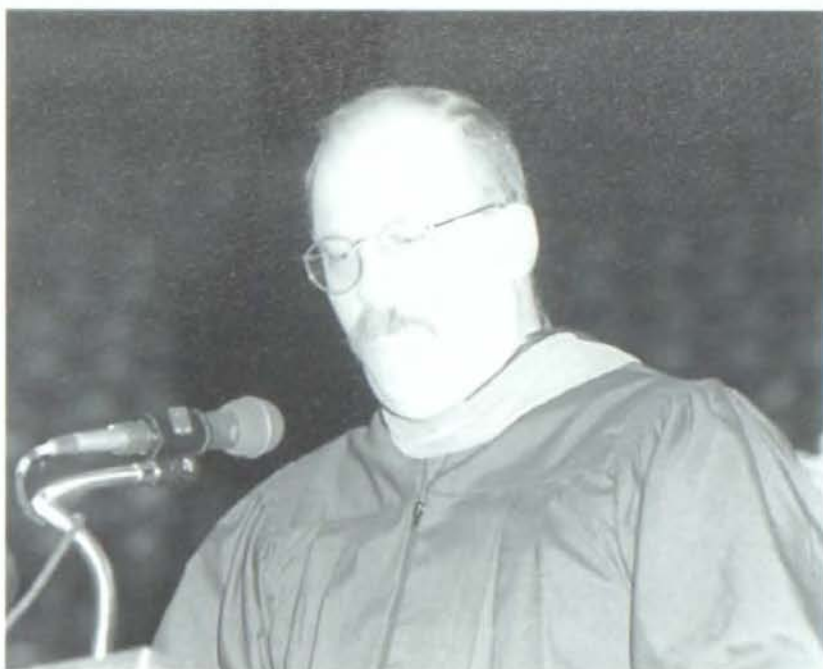


Top: Justin Begnaud, Bryan Charcut, Joe Clifford, and Kevin Brooks proudly display their diplomas following the ceremony.

Above: Adam Alt shows off while in line prior to his graduation.

Mr. Thomas Murphy, principal, commends the Seniors for their accomplishments.

# The Class of 1997 becomes RHS's latest and greatest in long line of tradition



John Fuentez, Chris DiGirolamo, and Frank James represent Rockhurst as members of the Class of '97.

Above left: Father Pesci congratulates Mike Earl after Mike received his diploma.

Above Right: Fr. Chris Pinne, S.J. gives the invocation to the Graduates and families.

The Orchestra warms up in preparation for *Pomp and Circumstances*.



Mark:  
 We know you're "gonna  
 Rock the world!"  
 Love,  
 Mom, Keith &  
 Taylor

*Mark Hansen*

Michael-  
 From your first day of school to  
 now we're so proud of you!  
 Congratulations on all your hard  
 work and accomplishments.  
 We Love You!  
 Mom, Curt, and Steven



*Michael Smith*

*Andrew Miller*



Is this the little boy I carried  
 Is this the little boy at play  
 I don't remember growing older  
 When did they  
 When did he grow to be so tall  
 Wasn't it yesterday when they were small  
 Sunrise-sunset  
 Swiftly flown the years  
 One season following another  
 Ladden with happiness and tears  
 We Love You,  
 Mother and Dad

*Justin Dro*

Congratulations, Justin, for  
 a job well done! You have  
 contributed greatly to the  
 Rockhurst tradition. Our ad-  
 miration and support go with  
 you to Purdue.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, & Reggie  
 P.S.-Don't forget to call!



**Congratulations,**

We love you, and are very  
 proud of all your accomplish-  
 ments!

Good Luck!

Ray Sr., Geraldine, Ray Jr.,  
 Belinda, Michael, & Andrew

**Jimmy Sun!**



*Jimmy Sun*

Jace-  
 It's been a wonderful 18 years  
 and you have grown in wisdom  
 and stature. Follow your heart,  
 work with tomorrow in mind, use  
 your imagination, celebrate life!  
 We love you!

Mom, Dad, Katie,  
 Carrie, & Meg



*Jace Cowan*

*Scott  
 Duncan*



Dear Scott,  
 Congratulations!  
 You'll always be  
 our hero. We love  
 you!  
 Mom, Dad, &  
 Phil

*Akil Baccus*

Akil,  
 Congratulations on your  
 many accomplishments. We  
 continue to be your greatest  
 admirers. Continue to be in-  
 quisitive, and point yourself  
 into the right direction.  
 Love You!  
 --Mom & Dad--







Joey,  
 'Thanks for four great years.  
 We are so proud of you. Good  
 luck in all you do in the  
 future.

Congratulations!

We Love you,

Mom & Dad

*Joey Saunders*

*Wes Riesmeyer*

Way to, Wes!

From SPS to RHS to SLU

May life hold as much joy for  
 you as you have given us.

We love you,

Mom and Dad



*Doug Albers*

Doug, we love you and are so  
 proud of all you've accomplished  
 these past four years. We believe  
 in you and will be here for you  
 always. The future is yours-live  
 your dreams.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Megan, & Marc



*Jeff Smith*

"You've got to believe deep  
 inside yourself that you're des-  
 tined to do great things."

Jeff, we are so proud of you!

Love,

Mom and Dad



*Matt Thomas*



Congratulations son!

A job well done! I'm proud of  
 you!

Best wishes for your success  
 and happiness now and al-  
 ways.

Love,

Dad

*Roger Barbieri*

Roger,

With Pride for all you've been,

With Joy for all you are,

With Hope for all you'll be,

And with Love for Always.

Congratulations!!

Love,

Mom, Dad, & Blair



*Paul Orscheln*  
 Congratulations

P.R.O.!

You did it & we're  
 proud!

The Rest of  
 your family



You is edgamacated  
 and gragigated.

Good luck at  
 Hardee's U.

Ma & Pa



*John Clisbee*



Grant,  
*A Prince Among Men*  
 Your sterling character will  
 guarantee your success in all you  
 do in life, in love, and on your  
 spiritual journey here on earth.  
 All our love,  
 Mom, Anastasia, Sean, Nichole,  
 & Grandpa

*Grant Linebach*

Garth,  
 We are proud of you in every  
 way. May the Lord bless  
 you always and may you  
 grow in your faith.

Love Always,  
 Dad, Mom, & Christel



*Garth Highland*

*John Crawford*



John, We are so proud of your  
 accomplishments the last four  
 years. Good luck in the next four.  
 Go get 'em, Tiger!  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, & Christina

*Cory Knubley*

Cory,  
 You have gone from this  
 smiling little boy to a funny,  
 intelligent, caring young  
 man who is well prepared  
 for the journey of life. We  
 send you on eagle's wings to  
 soar as high as you dare.  
 Our love flies with you.

Your loving family



Brian-  
 Thank you for all the  
 wonderful music and love you  
 filled our house with. We  
 will miss you and your  
 trumpet while you are away  
 at college. We love you very  
 much!  
 Dad, Mom, Matt, & Ebony

*Brian Dold*



Kurt,  
 We are so proud of you!  
 We love you and can't wait  
 to see what you aim for next!  
 Love,  
 Dad, Mom, Chris, Erika,  
 Gretchen, Jeff, and Matt

*Kurt Wirken*



*Kevin  
 Van Dyke*



Kevin,  
 Enjoy yourself at  
 Notre Dame. We love  
 and admire you.  
 Dad, Mom, Laurie,  
 Cory, Ryan, Brino,  
 Dunk, & Rocky

*Brett Grady*

Brett,  
 Congratulations and love from  
 Mom and Dad, Kelley, PaPa, and  
 the rest of your family. We are all  
 so proud of your accomplishments  
 and wish you the best as you pre-  
 pare for college. God Bless you  
 always.



## Jeff Mueller

*Congratulations, Jeff! We are all extremely proud of you. Good luck at Knox College. We wish you great success and much happiness there. We all love you and will miss you!  
Mom, Dad, Tom, Jane, & Zachary*



## Arvil Campbell

*Arvil Jr., Congratulations from Mom, Dad, Granny, & PaPa, aunts, uncles, & cousins. We're proud of your achievements. Love God, Family, and career. Be happy. We love you dearly, son.*



## Tim Degnan

*Tim-- Looks as if you were destined to go to Boston! We hope your years at B.C. are as blessed as your years at Rockhurst. We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Brian, & Beth*



## Aaron Link

*Continue to steer the steady course and to have fun along the way.*

*Love,  
Mom*



## Chris Downs

*Congratulations on all you have accomplished. We are very proud of you. The only limitation on your future is what you put on it.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Michael*



## Mark McCaffree

*Anyone this focused is bound to be a success.  
We love you!  
Mom & Dad*



## Gary Rosas

*Gary,  
You are a precious gift from God to us. You have brought us so much joy and we're so proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom & Dad*



*Mic, We love you. You are a joy. You will always have our support. We admire your accomplishments and how you have prepared for yet another challenge. Continued success is imminent.*

*Love,  
Mom, Noni,  
& Charles*

## Frank James, Jr.





Nicholas  
Bonino

Nicholas B.  
You have brought sunshine, laughter, and happiness to our lives. May your road to Chicago be lit with sunshine and success.  
Love,  
Mom & Dad

Great catch, Dan!  
Thanks for all the memories--  
We'll miss you a lot.  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, Meaghan, Tim,  
& Kevin  
P.S.--Go Irish!!



Danny Reid

Rob Reiter



Rob--  
Congratulations on your achievements at Rockhurst! Most of all, thank you for being the great guy that you are. We admire not only your talents, but, more importantly, your values, your determination to do the right thing, and your good heart. Best of all, we know you love your family. We will miss you next year while you're away at college.  
Love,  
Mom & Dad, Mollie & Tom, Jen and Ellen

Eric Eikermann

Eric Henry  
Eikermann--  
One piece of  
the Rock



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MIKE DOLEMBO



CHRIS WILLIAMS

Congratulations Patrick!!  
Thanks for all the great memories. We are very proud of you. Hold fast to your dreams, stay true to yourself; laugh a lot and have compassion for all and your life will be fulfilled. May God continue to bless you.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, & family



Patrick Connolly



JEREMY THEIS

"OUR THREE  
SONS"  
WE'RE PROUD OF  
YOU!!!

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Michael Earl

Michael,  
Congratulations! Dad and I are so proud of you. We wish you great success in your college years and in the future. You're really a great son.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad





Michael, Mike, Mikee, Tubby,  
& Stud-

I've seen you grow from a total  
geek into a handsome guy! We've  
had a lot of fun together. I'll  
miss you and I love you. Thanks  
for teaching me so much while  
having a great time!!

Love always,  
Christine

## Mike Fahrman

We love you, Mike,  
and we are proud  
of your accomplish-  
ments. Congratu-  
lations!

Love,  
Mom and Dad



## Kevin Brooks

Thanks for the memories!

Keep on smiling!

We love you, Meat!

Mom, Dad, J.J., Lyn, Ted,

Meg, & Andy



Casey-

"You're going to grow up  
to be how big?..."

"Well you did!"

Thanks for all the years  
of fun, pride & glory.

Love,

Mom & Dad



## Casey Mulcahy

Casey-

Your first tackle... "It HURTS" ...but when you stood up  
your pants were around your knees!

Congratulations,

Your Irish twin brother Conor



## Konstantine Young



Konstantine,  
You have been  
a blessing and  
you are #1 in  
our hearts.

Follow your  
dreams and  
reach for the  
stars. God  
bless you son!

Love,

Mom, Dad, &  
Maria Elena

Congratulations  
Seniors, 1997!!



The World Series trophy is back in the Bronx, belonging to a New York Yankees team that never gave up. Together, they pulled off the ultimate comeback.



Green Bay Packers coach Mike Holmgren is carried from the field after the Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 to win Super Bowl XXXI.



The sudden success of the 20-year-old Tiger Woods in his first two months as a professional has focused attention on golf in a way unseen since the days of Arnold Palmer. The difference this time is that Woods, barely removed from being a teenager himself, appears to be drawing teens and pre-teens to the game in astonishing numbers.

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With the many changes taking place this year, the most noticeable one made to Rockhurst was the large microwave tower in the northeast corner of the parking lot. Many students voiced complaints about it, but the money brought in from the rental will help cover the cost of the construction in the coming years, and at the same time, enable Rockhurst to get a leg up on the technological improvements being made in schools around the nation.



Another move made by the administration this year was to replace the old speed bumps along the Ward Parkway entrance. The newer and more formidable speed bumps were a nuisance for some students, so for a few months the students simply circumnavigated the obstructions, in the process destroying most of the grass around the speed bumps. In response to this blatant disregard for their new speed bumps, and in order to protect the ravaged vegetation, the administration had the maintenance crew lay large boulders along the edges of the drive. Which received more complaints than the speed bumps. They made the drive look tacky, and to top it off, when the ground became slick the boulders were known to slide into the drive causing even more of an obtrusion. In the words of one Rockhurst faculty member, "Rockshurt."

Chelsea Clinton looks on as her father President Clinton takes the presidential oath on Capitol Hill to start his second term. The president solemnly swore an oath for his second term promising a government that "does more with less" as his reborn presidency marches toward a turn in time and history.

Offering himself as a "bridge to a time of tranquility," Bob Dole accepted the GOP presidential nomination, vowing to restore heartland values of faith and trust to a White House he called captive to elitists "who never sacrificed or suffered."



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On July 17, 1996, a Boeing 747 jumbo jet took off from JFK International Airport in New York, never to reach its destination in Paris. TWA Flight 800 exploded and crashed into the ocean in hundreds of pieces. There were no survivors of the 230 people aboard.

On July 27, 1996, a pipe bomb exploded at 1:20 AM, killing Alice Hawthorne of Albany, GA, and injuring 111 others. A Turkish cameraman rushing to the scene died of a heart attack. Richard Jewell, a security guard working in the park, alerted police to a suspicious knapsack and helped evacuate people just moments before it exploded.



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Kerri Strug came to the Olympics with two goals, to make the all-around women's gymnastics finals and have a good time. While accomplishing these, she became the darling of Atlanta.

Michael Johnson knows how to close out a deal quickly and efficiently. When he thought that his 1996 Olympic rivals in the men's 200 meter might threaten his 19.66 world record, he upped the ante. He broke it himself, coming in with a 19.32 time.



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The Readak program returned to Rockhurst this year to help students improve their study skills and improve their academic performance. There were two classes for students. One of the classes was taught by Ms. Heidie Kopp and the other by Ms. Molly Mahoney. The two women travel the nation working with kids in the Readak program.

Toni Braxton, winner of two American Music Awards, one for Favorite Female Artist in the Soul/Rhythm & Blues category and for best Soul/Rhythm & Blues Album, "Secrets," holds one of her awards backstage at the event in Los Angeles.

# Mr. T. Michael Lillis

## 1939-1997

### **Community mourns the loss of ' Mr. Rockhurst '**

*Note: The following story was written before the death of Mike Lillis on March 5, 1997. It was decided to print the story as it was written in tribute.*

Everyone who knows Rockhurst knows Mike Lillis. "He's 'Mr. Rockhurst' himself. I mean the man practically bleeds blue blood. When I need to know something about Rockhurst's history, Mike either knows it or has the resources readily available to find out," said Mr. Tom Murphy, Rockhurst High School Principal.

Mike began his long association with Rockhurst in 1952 when he entered as a freshman at the campus then located at 52nd and Troost. During the next four years, Mike made the most of his educational experience both athletically and socially. He lettered in football both his junior and senior years under the direction of Coach Al Davis, and was a part of the 1954 team that went undefeated ( 9-0 ) to win the last championship in the now-defunct Catholic League. Mike's intense love of sports led him to manage the Rockhurst basketball team for two years, the track team one year, and was nominated Student Council representative of the Lettermen's's Club for two consecutive semesters.

When Mike wasn't on the field, he was quite studious, enjoying such subjects as mathematics, foreign languages and American History. In the spring of 1956 Mike graduated in the upper half of his class with a GPA of 3.3.

"Now that I look back on my high school experience at Rockhurst, I can say I really enjoyed it and still value the lessons that I learned to this very day. Until I die, I'll never forget all the life long friends I've made, and the teachers and coaches, particularly Coach Davis,

that helped shape who I am today," said Mr. Lillis.

The following fall, Mike attended Kansas State University on a football scholarship and majored in pre-engineering. Unfortunately, his football plans were ruined only three quarters of the way through his freshman season when he tore both ligaments and damaged the cartilage in his right knee. With this, Mike gave up his football dreams and moved back to Kansas City to attend Rockhurst College.

In his first year at Rockhurst College, Coach Davis hired Mike to be the Sophomore Football coach at Rockhurst High School. For the next two years he served as the varsity's lineman coach, but resigned following his graduation from Rockhurst College with a BSBA in marketing. In 1961 he went to work for a local insurance company. For the next ten years, despite his heavy work load as an insurance salesman, Mike still assisted Rockhurst's football program until 1971 by helping run

summer camps, assisting in preseason " two -a-day" practices, and scouting opponents during the regular season.

In 1990, with the Rose Theatre just completed, the Mike was hired full time to be the Theatre Manager and Work Grant Supervisor.

Mike's wife Janet, daughters Katie, Carol, and Sheila, and sons Tim and John have each contributed countless hours to the Rockhurst community by helping out in concessions, advertising sales, and clerical work in support of their father's love of Rockhurst.

Over the years Mike has shown overwhelming generosity, hard work and commitment, through which he has ultimately strengthened the school and community for the past forty-five years. *story by Jesse Felzien*



# Father William Steiner, S.J.

## 1921-1997

### ***RHS feels the loss of a hard working behind-the-scenes man***

Fr. William H. Steiner, serving as an Associate Pastor at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, passed away Feb. 12, 1997, due to unexpected complications following routine heart surgery. This ended the 75-year-old Jesuit's half-century span of service to his fellow man, including nearly 30 years with the Rockhurst Community.

Fr. Steiner's legacy at the Rock started in 1938 when he transferred his junior year from Pilsen, Kansas, High School to

Rockhurst. Graduating the following year, he immediately entered the Society of Jesus, and four years later obtained a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters Degree from St. Louis University. In 1952 he was officially ordained and took his final vows on August 15, 1955. Over the

next several years he served in many ways, and in many different locations, including Regis College and High School (Denver, CO), St. Mary's College (St. Mary's, KS), and Mount Kapaun High School (Wichita, KS). One of his most noteworthy accomplishments happened in the 1950's when he almost single-handedly supervised the construction of the Jesuit Retreat House in Frasier, CO.

In 1964, Fr. Steiner came back to Rockhurst, which would become his home for the next thirty years. As both an artist and an extremely skilled craftsman, he quickly found his role and started out with a number of physical plant initiatives such as grounds maintenance. One such endeavor includes the imposing "Great Wall of Steiner", located immediately behind the field house, constructed under his watchful eye over many years by

students serving JUG. Throughout his career he also served as both a history and theology teacher, college buildings administrator and an Assistant to the President of Rockhurst High School.

"Fr. Steiner was one the most dedicated individuals that I have ever encountered throughout my entire life. The man's work ethic and it's direct effect on the Rockhurst community is absolutely amazing," said Mr. Tom Norman, Theology Department Chairman.

Over the years Fr. Steiner has served in many capacities, but he is remembered most for both founding and "shepherding" the famous Sale-O-Rama. This enormous garage sale has not only served as a yearly reunion for parents and alumni, but has raised a substantial amount of money for Rockhurst. In 1994, Steiner's last year,

Sale-O raised a record \$74,000 and had averaged \$50,000 a year in the recent past. In Sale-O's 35-year history, it has been estimated that it has easily raised more than a million dollars for the school. Sale-O-Rama's vast financial success eventually served as a prototype for other volunteer fund-raisers such as the Spectacular Auction and the Al Davis golf tournament.

"He was a quiet man who worked primary behind the scenes who, in the end, had an astonishing effect on this school," said Fr. Chris Pinne, SJ.

From this, it's fairly safe to say that no matter where Steiner applied his talents, whether it be in the classroom or in the warehouse, his hard work enhanced the lives of a long line of students and their families. Through the Rockhurst community, he indeed made a positive impact in the local community. *story by Jesse Felzien*



Fr. Steiner, left, as he looked at the Parent's Club Spring Dance in 1965, shortly after his arrival at Rockhurst. Fr. Louis Mattione, RHS president, is pictured at right.

Kevin McManus high fives his classmates after receiving the Carl G. Kloster Special "R" Award.

Tim Degnan receives congratulations from Roger Barbieri as he heads for the stage to receive his "R" Award.



Members of the student body recognize Adam Alt for his accomplishments during the year with a standing ovation.

Father Pesci presents Joe Forge with the Jesuit Secondary Education Association Award as Fr. Suwalsky looks on.





# Award Recipients

Alexander, Mark	Theology Award
Alt, Adam	RHS Senior Class Award of Excellence and Achievement
Arredondo, Rudy	National Merit Semi-Finalist, National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program Scholar finalist
Barbieri, Roger	Choral Award
Barth, Charles	English Department Award, Honors Analysis Award
Bowen, Stephen	World History Award
Cabezas, Carlos	Theology Award
Cappocia, Ben	Physical Education Award
Clisbee, John	Social Studies Award
Comeau, Kevin	National Orchestra Award, French Award
Conforti, Brian	Social Studies Award
Finke, David	John Phillip Sousa Band Award
Forge, Joe	English Department Award, Spanish Award Physical Education Award, Jesuit Secondary Education Association Award
George, Matt	Physical Education Award
Haake, Rob	Theology Award
Hawley, Josh	Speech Communications Award, English Department Award American History Award
Jones, Jeremy	Visual Arts Award
Leake, Chris	Speech Communications Award
McCaffree, Mark	Jazz Improvisation Award
McDaniel, Kevin	English Department Award
McManus, Kevin	AP Calculus Two, Science Department Award, Carl G. Kloster, S.J. "Special R" Award
Muller, Thomas	Honors Analysis Award
Nguyen, Joseph	Geography Award
O'Bryan, Patrick	AP Calculus One
Patino, Jose	National Merit Finalist
Reed, Jeff	Technical Theater Award
Revis, Osric	National Orchestra Award
Ryan, Jim	Theater Award
Sady, Tim	Algebra/Geometry Award
Sanders, Ralph	National Achievement Scholarship for Outstanding Negro Students
Scanlan, Sean	Business Department Award
Schloegel, Luke	Ceramic Arts Award
Shelby, Brandon	Physical Education Award
Siedlik, Jake	Speech Communications Award
Sirna, Jerry	Speech Communications Award
Starks, Geoffrey	Theology Award
Teasdale, John	Latin Award
Thomas, Matt	Drape Journalism Award
Turley, Andrew	National Merit Finalist
Welsh, Sean	Greek Award

## Students able to see their peers honored at Awards Ceremony

The Honors and Awards Ceremony, held for the first time during the school day instead of the evening, was a time to recognize those students who excelled throughout the school term. Dozens of people received awards for individual achievement. In addition, almost the entire student body was recognized for their accomplishments and hard work.

Kevin McManus received the Carl G. Kloster, S.J. Special "R" Award. Stuco President Adam Alt was honored with the RHS Senior Award for Excellence and Achievement, and Joe Forge was honored with the Jesuit Secondary Education Association Award.

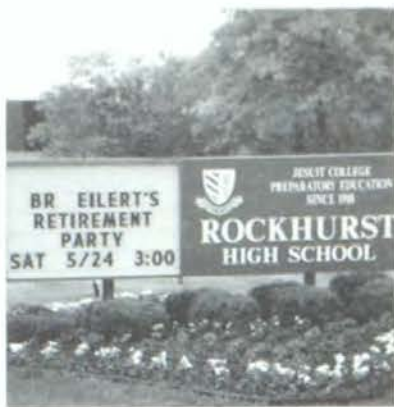
Holding the ceremony during the day met with almost universal approval. "It was held during the day so that everyone would witness the achievements of their peers," said Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J., Student Activities Moderator. Scholarships were not handed out at the ceremony this year. Since they are often not necessarily based on achievement, it allowed more time during the ceremony and allowed the selection committees more time to decide who deserved them.

*story by Jason Jenkins*



Fr. Suwalsky, S.J. applauds Adam Alt after the receipt of his RHS Senior Class Award of Excellence and Achievement.

All students were able to see their peers honored for their achievements during a school-day assembly.



# Men and Women at wo





# rk in the Jesuit tradition



### Colophon

The 1997 edition of the *Quintus* was produced on Macintosh IIx computers using Aldus Pagemaker 5.0. 850 books of 240 pages were printed by the Herff Jones Yearbook Company. (Thanks, Nancy Hall & Julie Bogart.) Production took many hours outside the class period set aside for its development and implementation.

Thanks to all those who contributed to its creation, especially those who "assumed ownership" and had a vision of what it might become. With the first-year adviser, the staff had its normal share of growing pains but, in the end, came through, completing 100 pages in one week!

Some were valuable to the production and some were invaluable. Thanks to Jeff Reed, Matt Thomas and Jeremy Dobbie for their instruction and assistance throughout the year and to Jeff who came in for more than 40 hours, long after he had graduated, to set all of our mistakes straight and index almost the entire book. It was a fine show of responsibility. Matt and Jeremy helped immensely, as did others. To those who took pride in their work and shed blood, sweat and tears, the Rockhurst community is no doubt grateful.

# Brother Lawrence Eilert leaves Rockhurst having exemplified Jesuit ideal of *Man at Work*

The Rockhurst community has had to come to terms with the departure of the beloved Brother Larry Eilert and many have come to evaluate the profound impact of his 25 years of service.

Brother Eilert's life of service began in 1934 when he was a senior in high school. In the fall, he attended an annual retreat where a priest convinced him of his true calling. Although at first wary of the idea of becoming a religious brother, by the following year he knew he had made the right decision.

"After I signed on with the brotherhood, I was so scared that it nearly took a team of horses to drag me to the seminary, but once I got used to the life, it would have taken *three* teams of horses to drag me away," quipped Brother Eilert. "Honestly, I've never regretted it for a minute."

For the next 27 years, he worked at a seminary located in Florissant, MO, outside St. Louis. One year he worked in the apple orchard as a picker. Later he was put in charge of running and maintaining the multi-acre vineyard. When the vineyard was closed in 1958, Brother Eilert's duties shifted to maintaining the seminary's 30-acre grounds until leaving in 1971.

On May 1, 1972 he came to Rockhurst and was put in charge of maintaining the school's grounds. Up until 1993, his duties consisted of mowing the playing fields, repairing Jesuit community cars, and helping Fr. William Steiner (his best and closest friend) with Sale-O-Rama. But over the years, he has become best known for such thrifty habits as daily dumpster raids where he retrieved aluminum cans for recycling.

In 1981, Brother Eilert started a scholarship fund to assist students with the

school's growing tuition. To raise money, he organized paper drives and sold them to area companies for \$3 per hundred pounds. In 1988, the price of newspaper drastically dropped so Brother Eilert turned to recycling aluminum cans. Over the past 16 years, he has raised more than a quarter of a million dollars which continues to grow by earning up to 14% interest.

Unfortunately, during the past five years, his severe arthritis and Parkinsons disease have grown worse, greatly limiting his abilities. It is for such health reasons, along with the fact that the Jesuit residence will eventually be moved, that Brother decided to move to the Jesuit Hall high-rise on the campus of St. Louis University.

"It's sad to see a great man, who helped make this institution what it is today, leave after more than two and a half decades of service," said Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J. "I'm positive the Rockhurst community will immediately feel his absence and miss him extremely."

"It's kind of ironic that the all three of the hardest decisions of my entire life was deciding when to leave," said Brother Eilert. "The first was when I decided to leave home for the seminary. The second was leaving the seminary to come to Rockhurst and third, being the most difficult, is leaving Rockhurst, the home that I served for twenty-five enjoyable years. But I look to my future at the retirement home with optimism as just another step in the right direction down life's long path."

story by Jesse Felzien

