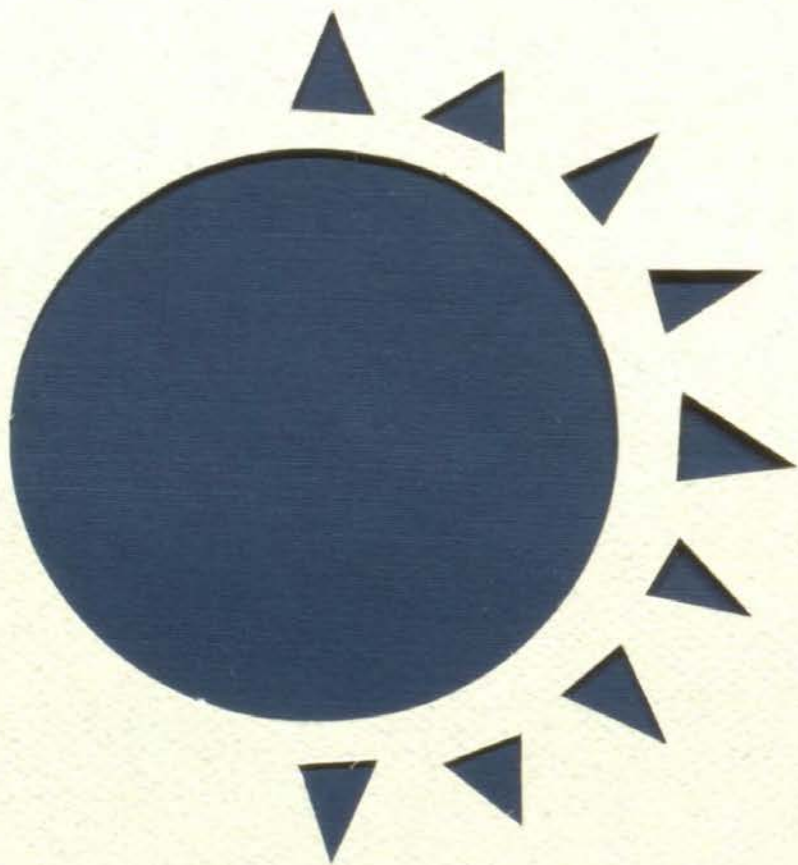


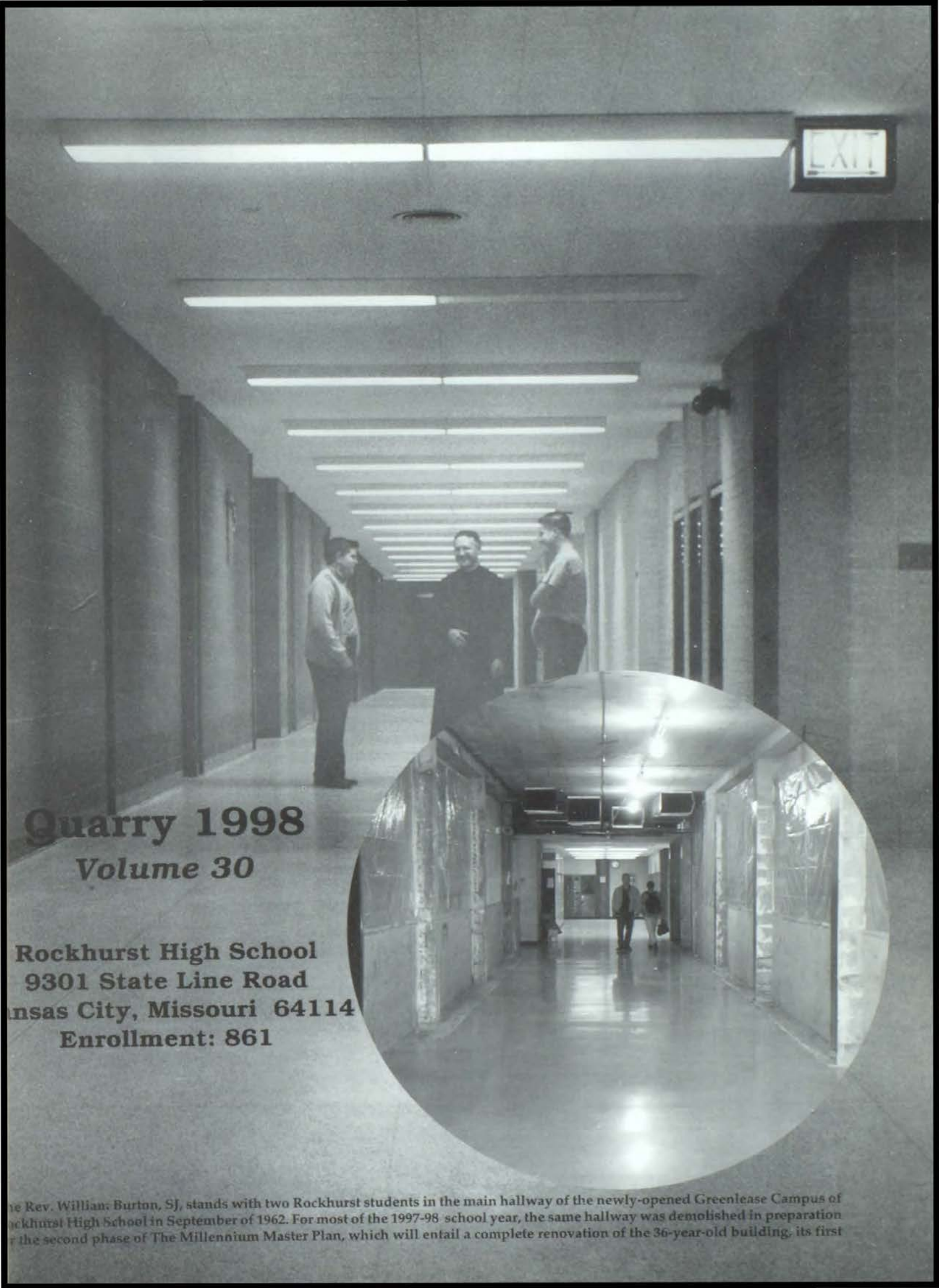
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Rev. William Burton, SJ, stands with two Rockhurst students in the main hallway of the newly-opened Greenlease Campus of Rockhurst High School in September of 1962. For most of the 1997-98 school year, the same hallway was demolished in preparation for the second phase of The Millennium Master Plan, which will entail a complete renovation of the 36-year-old building, its first

# Rockhurst High School changes form but

*Metamorphosis is a change of form, shape, structure, or substance, and the form resulting from such change. It is a marked or complete change of character, appearance, and condition. For Rockhurst Jesuit Preparatory High School, many metamorphoses have taken place. Rockhurst began in 1910 at its*

*original campus at 52nd and Troost Avenue. In September, 1963, the school separated from Rockhurst College and moved to its present location on the Greenlease Campus. Now, after a life of 35 years, the change that Rockhurst is facing is a complete metamorphosis, at least physically.*



The original Rockhurst High School, Sedwick Hall.



The Rockhurst faculty room in 1981.



The Hawklets won the State Championship for track in 1975.



The Hawklets shared Mason Halpin with the Hawks.



The chapel after it was built in 1963.



The Rockhurst Senior Class of 1939.

retains cherished heritage

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The revolutionary 'floating floor' being installed in 1962.



Not having to share the gym with Rockhurst College was a new treat in 1962.



The Class of 1925 celebrated its 25th reunion in the Pine Room at the Union Station.



Deconstruction caused a myriad of headaches  
sorts, but most coped in hopes of brighter days





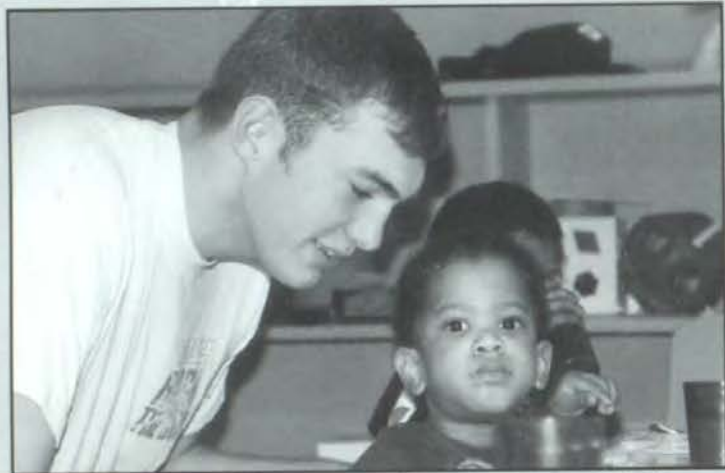
with noise and dust and inconveniences of all  
for the RHS future that is still ahead.



# Ignatian foundation upon which Rockhurst and has flourished are strengthened by the

Throughout the 1997-1998 school year the physical components of Rockhurst known to all has methodically been demolished. The floors were torn up, the walls knocked down and carted away, and the lockers and desks were removed. Little by little, the Rock is being rebuilt, physically. Despite all of the changes that Rock-

hurst has experienced and is expected to enjoy for years to come, one thing still remains the same--its mission. Rockhurst High School provides a Jesuit education, one that helps young men strive for excellence by very specifically becoming open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice.



Micah DeSchepper works with a child at his Senior Service Project.



Fr. Mark Datus demonstrates his familiar headlock.



Mr. DeGraw's class learned by building models.



Mrs. Ann Richardson and Mrs. Deloris Weist are unsung heroes.



Fr. Pinne finds time to talk to Seppor Scott Lewis.

# High was founded wrecking ball

*Rockhurst students become these things in part because of what Rockhurst offers--student life and activities, sports, clubs and organizations, and a skilled and caring faculty, staff, and administration. Rockhurst High School truly consists of men distinguished by their competence, compassion, and conscience, all admirable qualities.*



Rockhurst Hawks hosted Milwaukee's Marquette High School soccer team.



Mr. James Warner helps junior Ryan Boyle with chemistry.



Mr. Elliott Ruther and Mr. Mark Berns were Rockhurst's Blues Brothers.



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# Homecoming

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## Huge crowd enjoys Star Wars backdrop for annual Homecoming Dance

Although the Harrison Ford "special guest appearance" never really worked out, the 1997-98 Rockhurst Homecoming extravaganza was something definitely to be remembered. With the massive Jabba the Hutt replica as well as the Mellinum Falcon hovering over the dance floor, the night turned out to be extremely successful according to many students who attended.

"This was, by far, the greatest turnout in Homecoming history since I've been here!" Fr. Dave Suwalsky, S.J., Student Council Coordinator, rejoiced.

With over 450 couples tearing up the dance floor, the Rockhurst Student Council and Fr. Suwalsky arranged the most visually stimulating and expressive Homecoming Dance that Rockhurst has seen. "The decorations and intensity of the whole dance kept people on the dance floor and out of the 'mingling lounge' located in the gym lobby," Fr. Suwalsky commented.

As a whole, the Homecoming Dance was renovated this year. Coordinating the dance was Senior Pradeep Chandra, who transformed the dance to focusing more on enjoying the festivities rather than the picture taking. "We doubled the amount of photographers which made the night move along a lot smoother," coordinator Pradeep Chandra commented.

As the dance came to a dramatic close, Miss Lisa Rotert, a senior at St. Therasas who was escorted by Senior Ben Beerman, was crowned Rockhurst Homecoming Queen. Her court included Allison Walla, escorted by Tim Haake; Sarah Feil, escorted by Chad Clayton; Erin Quarnstrom, escorted by Justin Griffith and Jessica Levine, escorted by David Wood.

*Story by Chris Pickert*





Freshman Johnathon Adriano enjoys his first Homecoming Dance with his friend Jennie Rodgers.

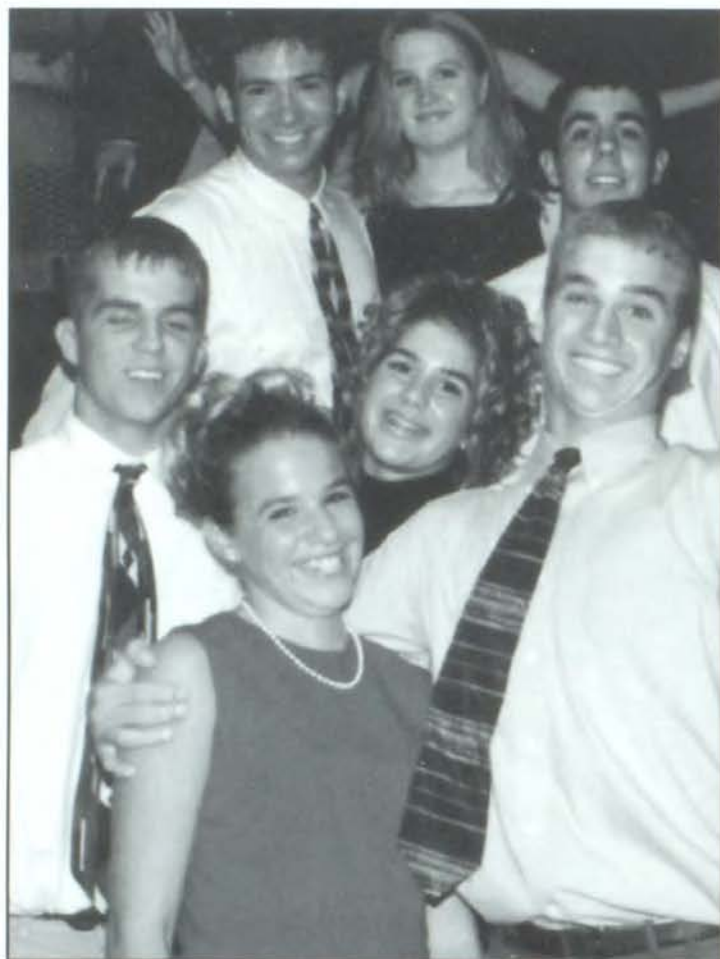
Ivan Nugent and Marquel Jacoway and their dates Nicole Williams and Sami Holliday, relax in front of some of the Star Wars decorations.



Pradeep Chandra quizzes Homecoming candidates Justin Griffith and Erin Quarnstrom during the selection process at the pep rally.

Jon Ferns and Lane Taylor were among more than 500 participants at the Homecoming Dance.

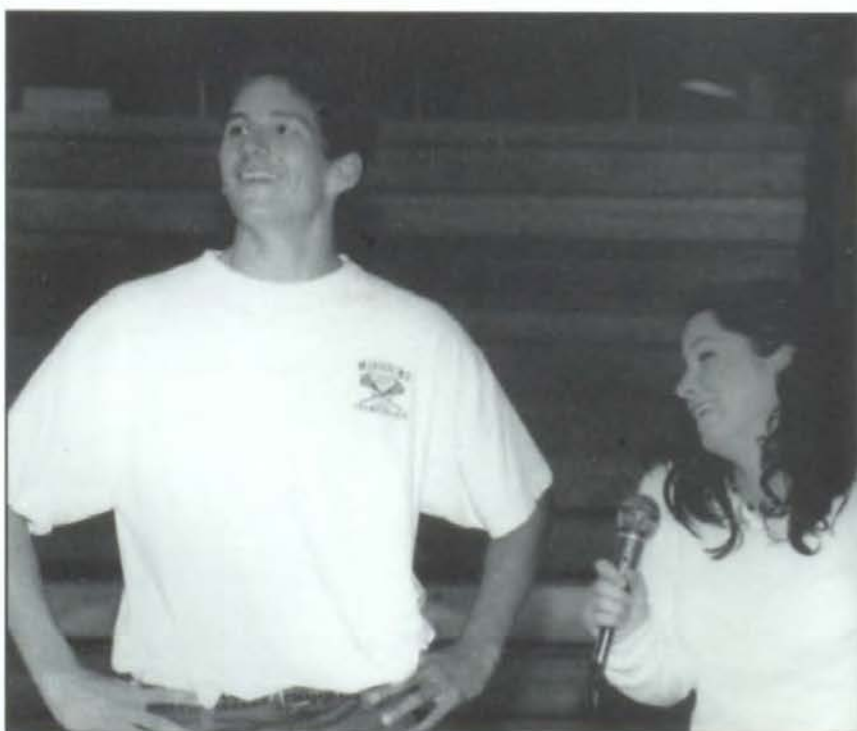
*Class of 1998 chooses  
Lisa Rotert as RHS  
Homecoming Queen*



Brian Bolden and Ryan King look at the record-setting attendance at the Homecoming Dance.

Senior Tim Haake and Queen Candidate Allison Walla share stories of each other with the crowd at the pep rally.

Above: Freshmen Pete Schloegel, Billy Buser, Chris Clarkson, and Matt Kopp return to the dance floor after having their pictures taken at the dance.





Queen Lisa Rotert and Ben Beerman reigned as King and Queen.

Senior Ben Beerman huffs and puffs to blow up a inflatable hammer for the activities at the Homecoming pep rally.



## 1997 Homecoming Court



*Erin Quarnstrom*  
Escorted by *Justin Griffith*



*Sarah Feil*  
Escorted by *Chad Clayton*



*Jessica Levine*  
Escorted by *David Wood*



*Allison Walla*  
Escorted by *Tim Haake*



Sophomore Brandon Shelby squats in the weightroom.



Junior Henry Vick gets made up as The Scarecrow before the Spectacular Auction

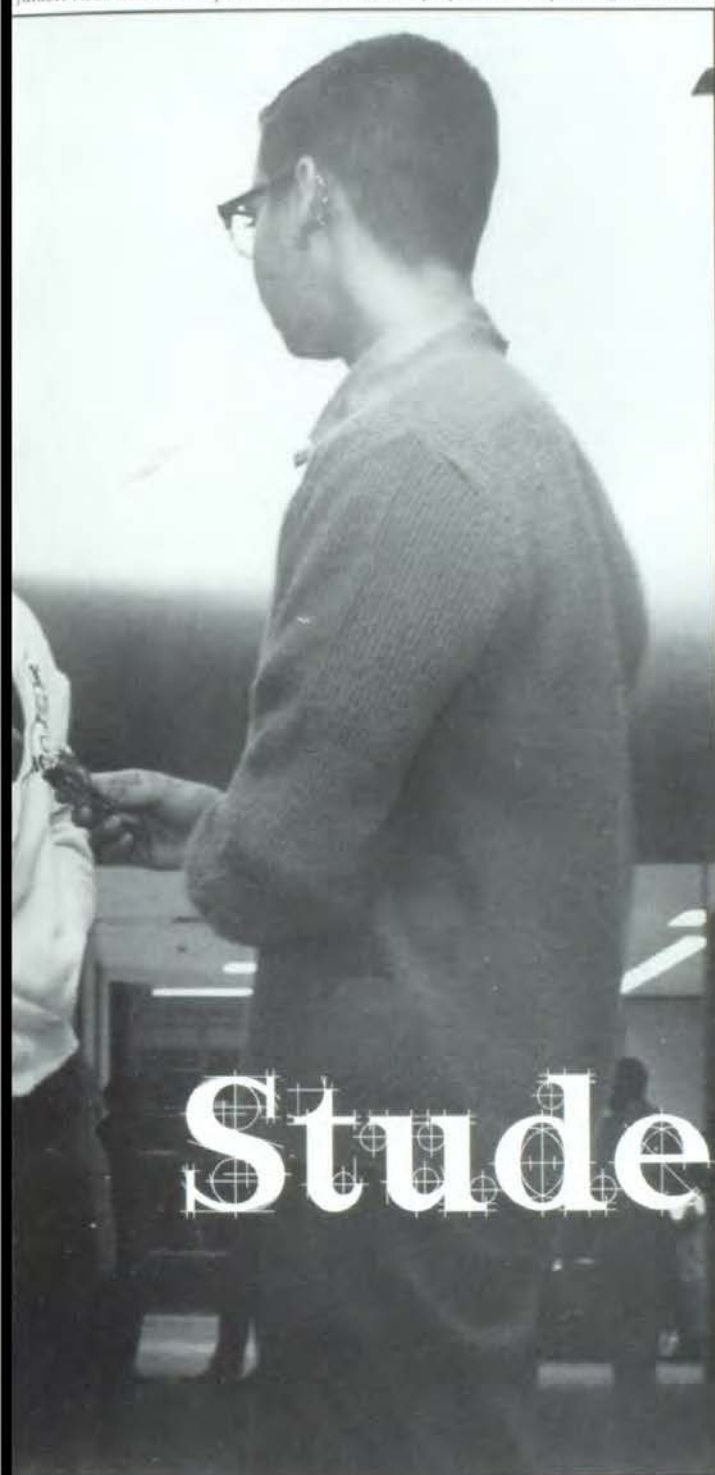


Sophomores Joe Marshall and John Bondank of the Class of 1965 explore the candy machines of the brand new Rockhurst High School cafeteria in 1963.





Juniors Reed Davison, Trip Ross, and Victor Stueve prepare for an upcoming mock trial.



*Life as a Rockhurst student has changed drastically since days of sharing a campus with Rockhurst College at 52nd and Troost. Though the name and the legacy still carry on, many traditions have begun and ended since the day the doors opened in 1910. From the years when drive-in theaters , Winsteads , Allen's, or Nu-Way were the destinations on a Saturday night, to the annual Rockhurst Carnival and Homecoming Parade down Ward Parkway, Rockhurst students have found a way to show the world who they are.*

*Though students no longer participate in all the same events, many traditions have remained. Sale-O-Rama and the Spectacular Auction have kept Rockhurst students in touch with each other as well as their community. Student Life is a vital part of every young man's four years at Rockhurst High School. Whether it is giving over 200 hours of community service or decorating the gym for a mixer, Rockhurst students always seem to learn how to contribute before moving on.*

# Student Life

David Chung shows off his unique  
karaoke ability at the Blue White Mixer.  
*Photo by James Nix*

Willie Ingram and Mike Robards  
perform their rendition of Vanilla Ice's  
"Ice Ice Baby."



Students party and enjoy  
the entertainment at the  
mixer.





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# *Blue and White*

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## Game and dance kick off year, especially for Freshmen

**T**he first big event of the year, the Blue White scrimmage and dance started off the 1997-98 school year on a positive note. The excitement of the game and the chance to mingle with other students for the first time since summer, has consistently drawn large crowds of students for years. This was also the event that many freshman were able to interact with their classmates and girls from other area high schools. Both the dance and the game proved to be a huge success, with a capacity crowd at the game and record breaking crowds at the dance.

The festivities started out with the intra-squad scrimmage of the JV and Varsity football teams, providing a preview of this year's team.

"The game serves well as a dress rehearsal for everyone involved from the players to the concession stand and everyone else behind the scenes. For many of them its their first exposure to the crowd and playing under the lights." said varsity football coach Tony Severino. "The team played with a lot of intensity."

Following the game was the dance, which drew the largest crowd in three years. The fact that the popular "Mr. Rock" competition was replaced for the first time since 1989 did not seem to deter anyone. A karaoke contest proved to be popular as well.

Overall the entire night proved to be a success. From the game to the dance, and and everything in between, the festive night was enjoyed by all.

*Story by Kevin Komoroski*



Darius Dixon and Leon Harden delight the crowd with their performance.



## Retreats

### Sophomores learn from one another at Adventure Woods

Each Rockhurst student became involved with his spirituality through retreats designed for individual classes. The Freshmen Retreat was a one-day experience held on campus. Sophomores traveled to Adventure Woods in south Kansas City and Juniors went in small groups to either Conception Abby or Savior of the World Seminary. Seniors and a few Juniors took part in five Kairos Retreats.

"The purpose of any retreat, on or off campus, is to give students another way to try to find a relationship with God in a different setting," according to Pastoral Director Mr. Joe Delehunt.

The main purpose of the retreat program at Rockhurst is "to get to know yourself, to get to know classmates and to get to know God on a higher scale," stated Mr. Delehunt. This year the Sophomore retreat program, coordinated by Mr. Jay Coleman and Ms. Peg Mulvihill, changed format and left the campus for the first time, going to Adventure

Woods to learn organizational and leadership skills.

"It was something we thought about for a long time," said Mr. Delehunt. "We wanted to change the common 'Day of Reflection' to something more activity-based, bringing it out of the realm of being a passive experience."

Freshmen retreats were the same as in earlier years, where they spent time with their senior brothers to get a foothold on Rockhurst by getting to know themselves and others better during a one day experience. Fr. Mark Daues, S.J. was the coordinator for the 1997-98 Freshmen Retreat.

The Sophomore Retreat, organized by Mrs. Jerry Featherston, took the the usual passive experience and turned it into something where small groups had to take a look at difficult situations and propose a solution.

The eight different groups of juniors, coordinated by Mr. Delehunt, traveled to one of two seminaries for an overnight and off campus experience

*Story by Brian Ismert*



The Sophomores learned organizational skills at Adventure Woods.



Learning to trust became important.



The ten foot wall posed challenges to a group of Sophomores.



Matt McClusky prays with classmates.



creativity was a factor.



Fr. Mark Daues leads prayer service.



Mike Strain trusts fellow students as he is passed over a wheel.



The tire swing challenges the retreatants.



Sophomores listen to instructions to for the next challenge.



Roland Sabates and Eric Garcia pass Al Smith through the gauntlet.



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# Heritage Fest

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## Festival brings food and entertainment to RHS community

The eighth annual Heritage Fest was held this year on a cold Sunday in late October. It was a chance for the different ethnic groups to celebrate diversity, and to share their various cultures and unique food with the Rockhurst community in the gym. The festival featured lots of food, fun, and entertainment. This festival was hyped as not only a fundraiser, but also a "fun raiser," according to the planners.

The Mothers' Club promoted and organized the event, along with the help of many volunteers including students from the National Honor Society, Multi-Cultural Club, and Spanish Club, and parents and faculty. Special Activities Coordinator Mrs. Judie Scanlon spearheaded this major effort.

Even with the bad weather and schedule change the festival was well attended. "We had about 350-400 people come out for the event," Mrs. Scanlon stated. "It was about the same turnout as previous years."

Mrs. Scanlon appointed parents to operate and decorate one of the ten different booths that represented the variety of ethnic groups representing the

Rockhurst student body. There was plenty of food available for all different tastes, and the all-you-can-eat-dinner was included in the \$6 admission fee. Students could enjoy anything from pasta and enchiladas to egg rolls and desserts.

"The food at the ten different booths was all prepared by the families," Mrs. Scanlon said. This added to the true ethnicity of the festival. "New this year was that we had two men working at the booths for the first time including a visiting Jesuit." Fr. Keith McMillian, S.J., who had recently spent time in England, and was a captain of the English booth.

While the food was the main attraction, there was lots of entertainment, including a performance by the Rockhurst jazz combo, a variety band made up of RHS families, professional Irish singer Eddie Delahunt, and The Athenians, a Greek dance group.

Mrs. Scanlon thought that the festival was a success and hopes that it will continue to grow in popularity in the upcoming years. "The festival turned out to be a great time, and all the booths were wonderful," Mrs. Scanlon said.

*Story by Casey Miller*

John Whistance, Anthony Vallenti, and Brian Overly enjoy the food after performing with the RHS Jazz Band at the eighth annual Heritage Festival.



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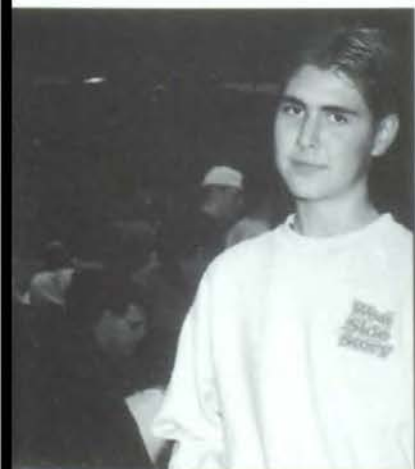
The Hispanic booth brought good food, as well as popularity to the festival.

Mr. Tom Przybylski, father of senior Dan Przybylski, performs with his trio.



Mrs. Connie Greany, Art instructor, shares a laugh with RHS parents.

Mrs. Sharon Giangreco prepares and serves the French cuisine at the festival.





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# Fall Play

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## "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern" amuses and confuses

**R**ockhurst started off another drama season with the hilarious and sophisticated comedy "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" by Tom Stoppard. This three-act play, chosen by RHS Drama director Roger Cilley was witty and funny at the same time. The stars of the play were junior Henry Vick as Guildenstern, senior Tim Fendler as Rosencrantz, and senior Justin Unger as The Player.

Mr. Cilley, who was a thespian in his earlier years and even played the part of Guildenstern at one time, seems to impart an understanding of where the actor is coming from and what needs to be done in order to achieve the best results around the production deadline. He was able to show the actors first hand what needs to be done.

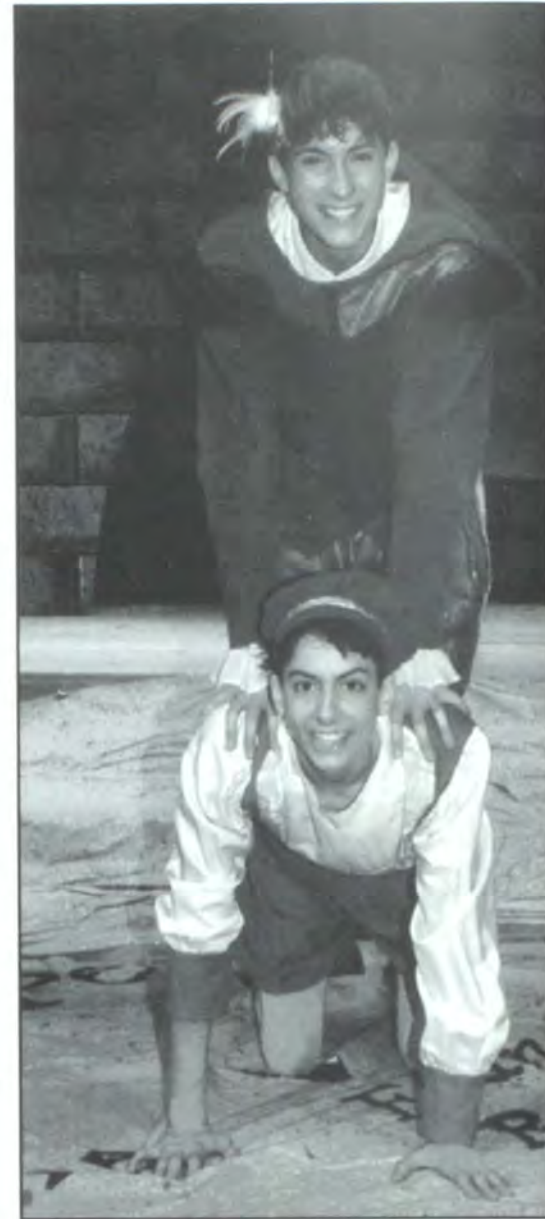
"This play dealt with the same questions that any mortal must deal with at some point in their existence: questions of mortality, meaning, and purpose," Mr. Cilley stated. "Since the play was required for college reading and I took part in it at one time, I thought it would be a good experience for the actors and for the viewing audience to take part in as well," he added.

"What you got from the play will be different than the person sitting next to you; just as what you 'get' from life," added Mr. Cilley.

*Story by Brian Ismert*

Johnathan Shannon playing Hamlet shows his acting abilities in a dramatic scene with the character Ophelia.

Henry Vick, Nicole Lewer, Ryan Baber, and Tim Fendler act out a scene in "Rosencrantz".







Far Left: "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern" played by Henry Vick and Tim Fendler clown around after a production of the play.

Senior Justin Unger, "The Player" addresses the characters.

Cast of "Rosencrantz" takes some time out for the press.



Elliot Mura, Tucker Gilmore, David Hayob, David Riffel, (Back Row) George Clarke, Chris Winger, Chris Wiggins, Brad Reed, and Ryan Klein pose for a picture to remember a job well done as the technical crew for "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead."

Tim Fendler and Justin Unger rehearse a scene at one of the daily practices the cast and crew committed to.





# Winter Play

"The Foreigner" captivates hearts and funny bones of audience

The Rockhurst Theater Department chose "The Foreigner" as its winter play with the sole purpose of making the audience laugh.

"It was the first great comedy we've done since *The Nerd*," said Mr. Rodger Cilley, director.

According to Mr. Cilley the cast was a bit hesitant, wondering whether the audience would laugh at the jokes.

"After rehearsing for eight weeks we were tired of the jokes, so we didn't know how the audience would respond," said Mr. Cilley.

Students, parents, and audience alike all seemed to enjoy the show.

"The play was the funniest play I ever saw and I couldn't stop laughing," explained junior Gunnar Hand.

The play featured eight Rockhurst students and two girls from area high-schools. Lead roles included Henry Vick as Charlie (The Foreigner), Gia Papini as Betty, Tim Fendler as David, Anna Koehler as Cathrine, Tucker Gilmore as Owen, Justin Unger as "Froggy," and Jack Barry as Ellard.

"This was a very funny cast who did great," said Mr. Cilley, "I was really happy to see Henry step up and do so well with the lead."

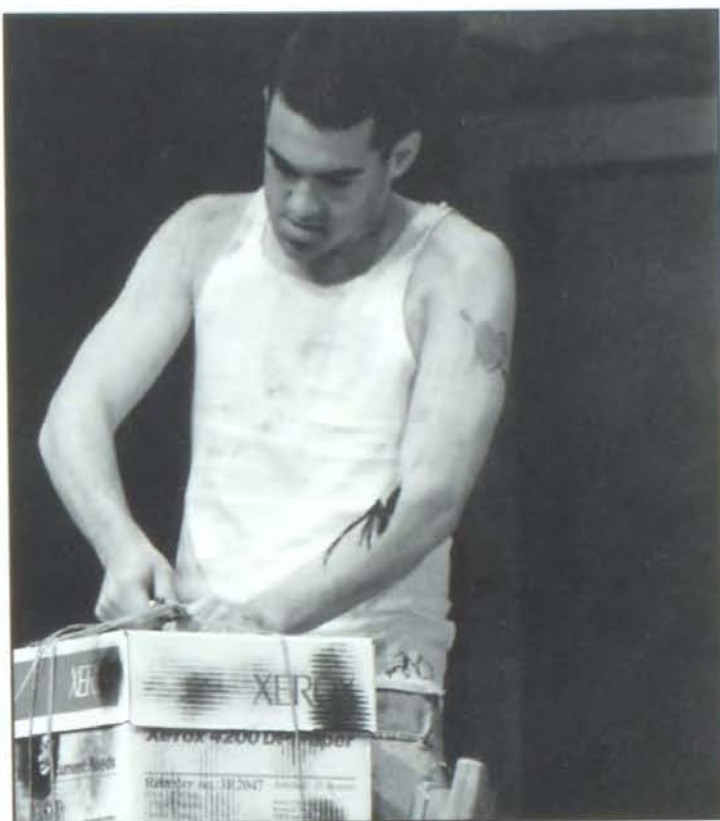
"The play was a real test of my physical comedy. I had a terrific time doing it. It was definitely a wonderful experience," said Vick. *story by Reed Davison*





Left: Betty Meeks, played by Gia Papini, gives junior Henry Vick's character, Froggy LeSueur, a scare during one scene.

Senior Tucker Gilmore starred as the dysfunctional Owen Musser.



Sophomore Jack Barry portrayed the mildly slow Ellard Simms.



Notre Dame de Sion junior Anna Koehler tells off her husband-to-be, Tim Fendler, in one of the more dramatic scene in *The Foreigner*.

The cast of *The Foreigner*: Front: Elliott Mura, George Clarke, Austin Gilmore. Back: Justin Unger, Tim Fendler, Gia Papini, Henry Vick, Anna Koehler, Jack Barry, and Tucker Gilmore

Far right: Junior Louie Igoe dances a number with lead Tim Fendler. Photo by Willy Fagan

Senior Tim Fendler starred as Pippin. Photo by Seth Laubinger

Senior Ryan Baber played 'Pippin's' father Charlemagne. Photo by Willy Fagan



Louie Igoe, J.V. Wilson, Alison Walla, Tim Fendler, Sean McGaughey, Karol Cohick, and Lauren Gretz. Photo by Seth Laubinger

Director Rodger Cilley maps out an idea for tech guys, Gus Huber and Chris Winger.



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# Spring Play

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## High tech production of 'Pippin' adds style to spring musical

**T**he drama department "ruffled some feathers" with their final production of the year 'Pippin.' The musical deals with the life of Pippin, Charlemagne's son who is trying to find fulfillment in his life. Director Rodger Cilley describes the play as, "a musical comedy set mostly in 780 A.D., but the setting is used as a metaphor for today and our attitudes toward society, individuality, and life in general."

"I personally thought the play was a little psychotic, but I will admit it did make me think about society," said junior Trip Ross.

"Pippin is slightly dark at time and that may disturb some people, but I feel the drama department's responsibility is to ruffle some feathers every once in awhile, intellectually speaking," commented Mr. Cilley.

Although some may find the play disturbing many students, parents, and faculty were still impressed with the quality of performances. "I could tell all of the actors and actresses worked hard to make the show a success. It was a well done show," said freshman Doug Croy.

The play featured seniors Tim Fendler as Pippin, Ryan Baber as Charlemagne, and Junior Louie Igoe as the Lead Player. Leading women included Suzanne Lee, a student at Blue Valley Northwest as Fastrada and Alison Walla, from Shawnee Mission Northwest as Catherine. Overall the cast, crew, and audience were all impressed with the drama department's rendition of Pippin. Tim Fendler said, "This is truly a great play and story, and I think we have have done our best to pull it off. I've enjoyed every minute of it."

*Story by Reed Davidson*





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## Principal for a Day

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### Mr. Murphy gives job to RHS friends for day

The second annual "Principal for a Day" provided an opportunity for parents and students alike to play at, and with, the administrative duties of Rockhurst. The position is auctioned to the highest bidder at the Rockhurst Spectacular and was purchased by Mrs. Andrea Bondon and her sister-in-law Mrs. Peggy Bondon, who acted as Vice Principal, as well as Mrs. Caroline Berbiglia who was President for a Day.

"The day was full of fun activities," said Mrs. Peggy Bondon. "For instance, muffins were served for the students in the morning, goodies served in the teachers lounge, and popsicles and pop for the students during lunch. I really enjoyed the experience."

"I've always wanted to be the Principal of an all boys school and luckily I got the chance and won the role because I was the high bidder," stated Mrs. Andrea Bondon.

There was a contest held for those who could sport the best 50's or 60's outfit.

"I thought the idea of 50's and 60's day was a change of pace because Rockhurst is usually so structured," said Junior Gunnar Hand, one of the winners of the competition. "What contributed to the experience was that I won dinner for four at Italian Gardens restaurant," he added.

"I had the advantage of winning the competition because I grew up during the 50's," stated faculty winner Mr. Paul Ptasnik. "I didn't expect to win but I guess I got lucky." He also received prizes including dinner at Italian Gardens restaurant.

"All in all I believe 'Principal for a Day' was a great experience and a wonderful time for everyone," stated Mrs. Berbiglia. *Story by Brian Ismert*

Along with the other events of the day, the principals generously donated snacks for students to munch on in the main hall.





Far left: Mrs. Judie Scanlon and Mrs. Peggy Bondon pose for a picture in their 50's garb.

Mrs. Peg Mulvihill, Mr. Paul Ptasnik, and Mrs. Sarah Peckham were faculty and administration who dressed up for the event.

Mrs. Caroline Berbiglia, Mrs. Andrea Bondon, and Mrs. Peggy Bondon stand proudly next to the sign in front of school.



The winners of the costume contest Gunnar Hand , Bobby Bridges, and Joe Denny receive their prize of two Chiefs tickets and dinner for four.

Above left: Mr. Murphy lends his office to the two Mrs. Bondon and Mrs. Caroline Berbiglia,appointed President-for-a-Day.

'Real' Principal Mr. Tom Murphy relaxes in style with students during a passing period.





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## Senior Service

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### Class of '98 gives month to serving the community

Though senior year has been known to be a lot of fun and games, Rockhurst students beg to differ. For the last 26 years Rockhurst seniors have, as part of their educational experience, had the opportunity to give back to their community. Under the direction of Mr. Frank Griffin, RHS seniors in the form of Senior Service Projects volunteer over 90 hours of community service each. In lieu of attending classes for three weeks every January, the entire class is assigned to one of nearly 60 school or agencies in the Kansas City area. These range from schools, day care centers, special education schools, and nursing homes.

The seniors traveled all around the metro area to work on their projects, from agencies at 30th and Troost to 119th and Roe.

Though the seniors taught a lot they already knew, they seemed to learn a lot too.

"Where I worked, the kids were emotionally disturbed and had overwhelming problems of controlling their anger and feelings. I learned a lot about self discipline," said Chris Starks, who worked at Niles Home for emotionally abused children. "The kids I worked with ranged from ages 5-18. It made me thankful of how blessed I am with my family and life."

John Taylor worked at the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired. At the center John assisted kindergarten and pre-school age children with reading, and kept them entertained.

"At the Children's Center there was not a dull moment at all. It just shows you that even though the person might not have all the capabilities that I do, they still go through each day with the will to strive for they can and want to do," Taylor remarked.

*Story by Willy Fagan*







Far left: Kevin Teasdale keeps up on his reading skills at St. FrancisXavier School. *Photo by Willy Fagan*

Micah DeSchepper assists with lunch time at Operation Breakthrough. *Photo by Willy Fagan*

Damien Flores works with a student at St. Francis Xavier School. *Photo by Willy Fagan*



Nick Aylward tries to figure out a math problem at St. Francis Xavier School. *Photo by Willy Fagan*

Dustin VanDolah stil getting tackled at Operation Breakthrough. *Photo by Willy Fagan*

Above center: Jon Ferns tutors a third grader at St. Francis Xavier School. *Photo by Willy Fagan*

Far left: Mike Rheuark tries to win in a 'dinosaur war' with a student at The Childrens Place. *Photo by Willy Fagan*





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# SALE-O-RAMA

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\$100,000 mark surpassed for first time in 36 year history

In its 36th year, Rockhurst's Sale-O-Rama, one of Kansas City's largest garage sales, grossed over \$100,000 for the first time. These funds went toward lowering the cost of student tuition and supplementing the cost of running the facility.

While the sale itself ran for only two and one half days, the time and effort in preparation—soliciting, collecting, organizing, and pricing—took parents, and friends of RHS over six months.

Advertising, good weather, and the sale's reputation contributed to the record profits, according to Mrs. Judie Scanlon, Special Activities Coordinator.

"This year's Sale-O brought in record sales as well as about 500-600 volunteers," Mrs. Scanlon said.

According to Mrs. Scanlon, the event could not have happened without the volunteers who would spend up to 12 hours a day helping.

Along with the huge turnout of volunteers, Sale-O-Rama also had more donations than previous sales. Four mothers are responsible for monitoring the tasks needed to have such a successful sale. Mrs. Jan Elder and Mrs. Kathy Knopke, co-chairpersons worked for over sixth months preparing for the big weekend in October. Mrs. Elder and Mrs. Knopke were assisted by next year's co-chairs, Mrs. Cheryl Dress and Mrs. Cindy Pratt-Stokes. Mrs. Pratt-Stokes recognized that, "Every volunteer should take credit in the sucess of the sale and realize that the sucess shouldn't be be measured in dollars, but in how it brought the community together with Rockhurst."

"Sale-O-Rama is known around Kansas City, for its great bargains and fun. If you don't find it at Sale-O, God didn't make it," Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J. stated.

*Story by Willy Fagan*





Mrs. JoAnne Reardon, mother of freshman Tim Reardon assists a shopper with the purchase of glassware.

A woman looks for a great buy at most successful Sale-O Rama in history.



Two of the many volunteers look over the enormous donations of antiques and furniture donated.



Mr. Ken Keifer, father of senior Trey Keifer shops for a good buy on the electronics at Sale-O.

1998 Sale-O-Rama Chairpersons Mrs. Cindy Pratt-Stokes and Mrs. Cheryl Dress share in a moment of relaxation during the successful sale.

Casey Smith feeds a hungry child.

Fr. Pinne and his friend celebrate mass.



Rich Wikiera, Vince Rupp, and Adam Maese take a break after a long hike.

J.P. Latinzer, J.V. Wilson, Vince Rupp, Rich Wikiera, Casey Smith, and Adam Maese stand outside the Nigrito Nutrition Center in Honduras.





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## *Honduras Mission Trip*

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### Seniors take a trip of a lifetime to help others during Spring Break instead of partying

**W**hen Spring Break rolls around many students pack their bags and head for the slopes, the beach, or some tropical island, but this year six seniors headed for a different sort of place. Instead of partying on the beaches of Cancun, seniors Vince Rupp, Adam Maese, Rich Wikiera, J.V. Wilson, J.P. Latinzer, and Casey Smith went to Honduras with Fr. Chris Pinne, S.J. to see the difference in lifestyles and poverty.

On Sunday, March 15 the group left Kansas City International Airport and began a trip that would change their lives. On Sunday night the group arrived in Nigrito the small Honduran village they would stay at for three days. "When we first got there, we just settled in, unpacked, and met the missionary priests," said Wilson.

For the first three days of their trip the group met the villagers and interacted with the different lifestyle the village offered. Wilson recalled the day they spent at the Nigrito Nutrition Center. "We went and played with these little kids, who were just like us except we had enough to eat and they didn't."

After three days the group left the village and hiked into the mountains to see an even more impoverished lifestyle. "The mountains were full of shacks, where the people were just so much worse off than even the villagers. We thought the village was poor, but these people were even lower on the

poverty scale," Rupp commented.

At night the group would sleep in churches up in the hills, while during the day they would hike from village to village. Despite the poverty the group encountered in the villages, they found that the people were not poor in spirit and generosity. "It struck me that the people even in the poorest villages, would be hospitable and considerate to our needs," said Rupp.

The group was lead through Honduras by Fr. Pinne who leads missionary trips each year. One of Fr. Pinne's close friends is a missionary priest in Honduras who works with the people each and every day, while celebrating mass in the villages he travels to. The group was amazed to see how much church meant to the Honduran villagers. "I couldn't believe something we take for granted like mass could be such an inspiration and guiding light for the people," commented Rupp.

Each member of the group took something special home with them from Honduras, but for each it was a trip of a lifetime. Rupp summed up his experience by stating, "The people of Honduras, despite their poor conditions economically, truly were a generous and inspiring people. My trip definitely taught me to appreciate what I have."

"It was something I'll never forget," Wilson stated.

*Story by Reed Davison*

Rich Wikiera entertains infants at the nutrition center.



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## *Battle of the Bands*

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### National Honor Society benefit for Missions grosses record \$6,000

The 11th annual Battle of the Bands, presented by the Rockhurst chapter of the National Honors Society, kicked off the fundraising effort for Mission Week on February 28th. The battle has always been an important aspect of the Honduran Jesuit Mission system, and this year a record \$6,000 was grossed by the five-hour concert contest.

"This Battle was the best we have ever had. The National Honor Society members did a wonderful job preparing for the event, and the talents of the bands was incredible," Battle of the Bands chairman, junior Jon Whistance said.

The National Honor Society organizes the concert every year to benefit the children of El Negrito, Honduras. According to NHS moderator Mr. Tom Norman, every \$50 sent to Honduras can feed a child and the child's caretaker for one month. "I was honored to be a part of such a meaningful event, and I hope the children of Honduras can take advantage of the money we raised during the show," junior Chris Paone, Fumando lead guitarist, said.

The Battle consisted of the faculty driven Johnny Mac and the Acid Flashbacks, the rap ensemble Revolutionaries, Elm Street Grocery, 7th Seal, Euthofix, Fumando, Disco Stu, The Draft, Mojo, Hiptones, Martyred Youth (Moist & Chewy), and Johnny Royale and the Blues Mafia.

Hiptones, with senior John Brewer, won the battle. Their band also earned awards for best bass guitarist, drummer, and saxophone, while Brewer earned best keyboardist honors.

The Draft and Johnny Royale's Blues Mafia took second and third honors, respectively. Bob Connealy of the Draft earned best vocals and seventh-grader Kevin Brown, brother of sophomore and fellow band member Chris Brown won best lead guitarist.

"We had a lot of fun. The audience was really enthusiastic and it was exciting to play for them," said sophomore bassist David Hayob of the 'Blues Mafia'. *Story by Chris Pickert*





Far Left: Sophomore Ryan White of *Mojo* plays a guitar lead.

Left: Sophomore Justin Kuchem of *Elm Street Grocery* does his impression of Peter Frampton.

Below: *Elm Street Grocery* lead guitarist senior Andy Davis plays a riff. Photos by Andy White



*Fumando* vocalist junior Anthony D'Agostino sings his version of "Lie in Our Graves" by the Dave Matthews Band. Photo by Kirk Walters.



Mr. John McEniry sings along as Mr. Mike Kern, Mr. Rodger Cilley, and other members of *Johnny Mac and the Acid Flashbacks* open up the activities for "Battle."

Junior Konsta Myrick and senior Ryan King show their own style as they perform at Battle of the Bands. Photos by Seth Laubinger.



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# Rockfest

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## Annual Hoop event raises \$12,000

**R**ockfest once again fulfilled its goal of providing a fun day of basketball and raising money for needy students.

This year's tournament, held in April, had over 250 participants, 71 teams and 60 sponsors, and raised over \$12,000 for the Rockfest Scholarship Fund.

Teams, made up of three or four players, were pitted against each other in one of three divisions. Incoming freshman played against current freshmen, while sophomores competed against juniors, and seniors, and alumni tangled on the court. All players, who must have been past, present, or future Rockhurst students, got the chance to hoop it up regardless of skill level.

This year, because of the lack of a gym, the tournament had to be played entirely outside no matter what the weather was like. The weather, however, did cooperate for the first time in several years and the tournament ran smoothly.

Rockfest was started in 1993 by Coach Tony Severino and several students. It has gone from raising around \$8,000 its inaugural year to the current \$12,000. This year Rockfest was organized by Coach Severino and Coach Michael Dierks along with seniors Tim Haake and Ben Capoccia, juniors Phil Duncan and Steve Bowen, and sophomores Matt Bowen and Brett Springs.

*Story by Kevin Komoroski*







Coach Pete Campbell, Class of '89, and Matt Ecton, Class of '89, double team on Mark Mandl, Class of '96 during tournament play.

John Clune, Class of '93, drives on senior Dustin VanDolah. *Photo by Andy White*



Junior Kariem Cherry 'goes to school' on juniors Steven Chung and Eric Munninghoff. *Photo by Andy White*

Junior Konsta Myrick gets off a jump shot, while junior Kevin Knopke attempts to block him. *Photo by Andy White*



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# Spectacular

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## Auction heads down 'Yellow Brick' road on way to record gross

The 1997-98 Spectacular Auction was truly "Rocking on Down the Road", as for the first time in auction history it was held off campus at Avila College, due to space limitations because of construction.

By relating the Jesuit qualities of conscience, compassion, and competence to "The Wizard of Oz" juniors Henry Vick and Louie Igoe and senior Sean McGaughy dressed up as the Oz characters "The Brainless Scarecrow", "The Cowardly Lion," and "The Heartless Tin Man," respectively.

"When trying to come up with this year's theme we came across the Jesuit principles, and thought the "Wizard of Oz" theme fit right in," explained auction Co-chairperson Mrs. Barclay Ross.

The Spectacular's profits which reached a record high \$500,000 were all placed into the general operations fund, which is used for tuition assistance and other special need occasions. With the help of Rockhurst alumni Tim McGovern, Class of '76, of Metro Media Productions, a special Spectacular video was produced containing humorous editing of footage of many famous people, including President Clinton and the Pope, with superimposed lips, speaking on the Spectacular's importance to Rockhurst.

The auction was staffed by many Rockhurst students and parents. "Without their help and dedication, there would be no way possible for the Spectacular to take place. Our utmost appreciation and gratitude goes towards all of these men and women," stated Mrs. Judie Scanlon, Director of Special Activities.

Some of the proceeds came from large items like the \$10,000 bid for a dinner with Derrick Thomas, as well as the \$5,000 price tag that was placed on an all-expense paid trip to Paris.

"We also gathered a large sum of money from local businesses. It was really their generosity that helped make for a great Spectacular," stated Fr. Thomas Pesci, Rockhurst President.

"I really appreciated all the community support, and the boys were terrific in helping make the auction a success," said Mrs. Ross.

*Story by Chris Pickert*





Far left: Co-chairs Mrs. Barclay Ross and Mrs. Peggy Bondon pose with Rockhurst seniors.



Henry Vick was the 'Scarecrow'

Below left: Mr. Larry Moore, emcee for the event began the ceremonies.

Sophomore Jack Bondon, as 'Auntie Em', embraces Mrs. Linda Schopper and Toto. *Photo by James Nix*



Louie Igoe was the 'Cowardly Lion.'



The Ross' and the Bondons were the Wizards.



Sean McGaughey prepares to disguise as the 'tinman.'

Above left: Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., shares a photo opportunity with 'decorated' students.

Far left: Jonathan Enriquez, Richard Hipona, Kevin Fallon, and Jim Vigliaturo all volunteered to serve at the auction.



Sean McGaughey was the 'Tinman.'

Mrs. Janice Riley acts out her own rendition of Aretha Franklin's 'R-E-S-P-E-C-T.'

Freshmen Jeremy Long, Mitch Paone and Doug Croy all sit patiently waiting for the main course of dinner.



Clayton Pummil, Kevin Melgaard, Luke Hannan, Andy O'Dower, and Conor Kelly share companionship while their mothers dance.

Junior Kevin Fallon and senior Chris Long dance the night away at the event.

Freshman Greg Bass enjoys listening to Fr. Suwalsky, S.J. speak to the crowd.





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# Mom Prom

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## Dinner and dancing highlight annual mother-son dance

The Mom Prom provided the opportunity for more than 600 Rockhurst young men to escort their mothers out for dinner and dancing. Held on the last Sunday evening in March, the event has always been an exciting one for those in attendance and this year was no exception.

The dance was moved to the newly refurbished Muelebach Hotel from the downtown Marriot Hotel due to a lack of space. According to dance organizer Mrs. Judie Scanlon, "At normal events with 1200 people in attendance, only 400 to 500 people dance. At the Mom Prom all 1200 dance." For this very reason the dance will be moved again next year to Bartle Hall. "Bartle is the only place that can handle an event of this size," Mrs. Scanlon said.

The highlight of this year's dance came when a few of the mothers performed their rendition of Aretha Franklin's "Respect" to a very appreciative audience. Mrs. Janice Riley, mother of junior Brian Riley sang lead and played saxophone

with accompaniment from Mrs. Cyd Jokisch, mother of senior Craig Hakes, Mrs. Robin Connelly, who escorted her sons senior Sean and sophomore Pat, Mrs. Scanlon, and Mrs. Mary Linda Boling, mother of senior Tom. All the participating mothers had practiced and wore glittery outfits for the performance. "We worked hard and put in a lot of preparation," Mrs. Scanlon said.

In addition to changing the location of the dance, class dances were incorporated this year. In past years, after the seniors presented their mothers with a rose, they have always had the first dance. This year, after the seniors were finished with their dance, each class was then called individually to dance with their mothers. "I really enjoyed the class dance, and I know it made my mother feel special," junior Jake Knopke said.

"The Mom Prom is an event that I will always remember. It made me feel special that I touched someone's life by dancing with them," senior Billy Oades said. *Story by Evan Fitts*



Senior Pat O'Bryan poses for a picture with his mom, Maria.

Seniors Jon Knopke , Larry Marshall, and Mark Blanck look back at their last four years of 'Mom Proms.'

Senior Kevin Comeau tunes his cello in preparation to perform at the dance.



Senior Ed Kokoruda embraces friend and bandmate Justin Kuchem.

Senior Tom Kessler participates in the traditional 'Rose Presentation' to his mom, Mary.





## Muehlebach Hotel needed for growing Mother/Son Dance

Mrs. Riley truly gave a 'R-e-s-p-e-c-t-f-u-l' performance at the dinner/dance.

Kyle Scott and his mom, Tracey pose for the photographer to take their picture at the 50's-themed event.



Juniors Mark Alexander, Josh Brewster, Joe Van Dyke watch the antics of Joe Urnise and Grayson Doherty.

Mrs. Judie Scanlon, coordinator of the event, and Mrs. Robin Connely display their best moves.

# Sports

When people think of high school athletics, the name Rockhurst High School comes to mind for numerous reasons, but especially for the tradition. From the important and long-standing rivalries with DeLaSalle, Bishop Ward, Bishop Hogan, Southwest, and Bishop Miege, to new competitors like Jefferson City, Blue Springs, St. Thomas Aquinas, and several other Jesuit schools of the Missouri Province, Rockhurst has a storied sports history, to be sure.

From the years when football, basketball, and track were the only sports offered, to the present day where students can try out for 12 different sports ranging from wrestling to hockey to golf, Rockhurst offers something for everyone.

The 1997-98 sports year provided many memorable moments, from State semifinal appearances for Soccer and Lacrosse, to State Championships in Tennis and Golf. In every contest, probably within nearly every play, the Hawklets continued to uphold the highest traditions of Rockhurst High School, established so long ago.



Senior Larry Marshall blocks as Junior Sean Doyle runs through Aquinas defenders.



Sophomore Matt Darby steals the ball away from an Aquinas forward.



Senior Chris Carmody holds an opponent down as he makes a move to pin him.



Senior Ryan McLaughlin stops a player from shooting on junior goalie Matt Buser.





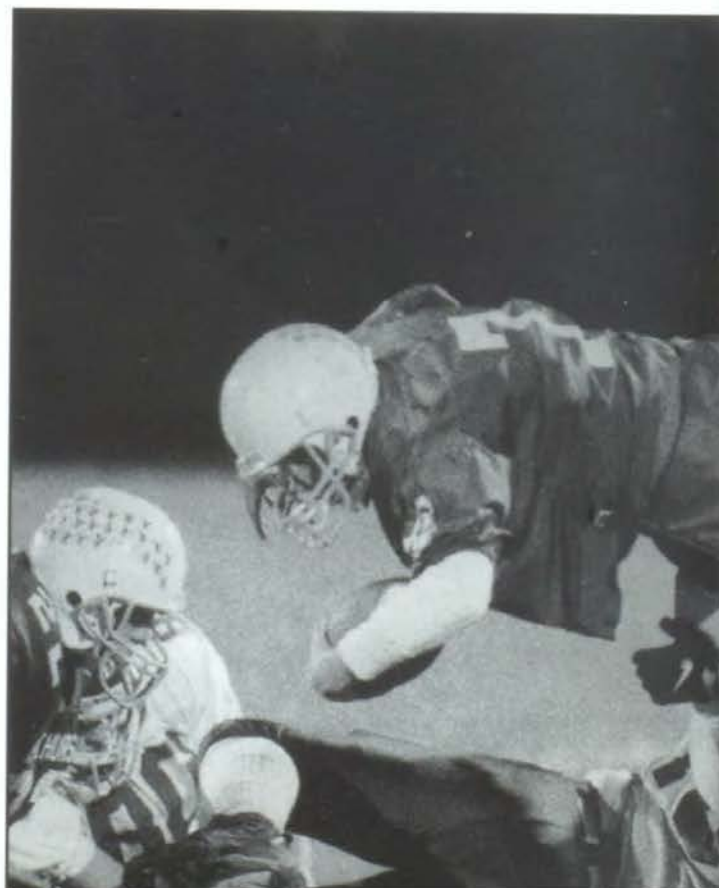
Members of Rockhurst and CBC of St. Louis scramble for a ball during a basketball game in 1932.

Coach Tony Severino leads his team to a victory over Aquinas.

Larry Marshall eludes tacklers against Blue Springs. The Hawklets lost the game 25-18. Photo by Seth Laubinger



Junior Fullback Sean Doyle turns up field against Blue Springs. Photo by Seth Laubinger



# Two losses to Blue Springs dooms

## Hawklet chances to 'Rock State'

The Rockhurst Hawklets continuing battle for excellence in the 1997-98 football season was stopped short of their ultimate goal—the state championship. After eight convincing wins and two unexpected losses, the Hawklets were defeated by the Blue Springs Wildcats for a second time in the state sectionals, ending their 8-3 season.

"The turning point in our season was the loss against Liberty," said starting junior cornerback Kariem Cherry.

"We had a really good year. Great years are the ones that go all the way," said Head Coach Tony Severino.

The two teams that did not allow Rockhurst a "great" season were Blue Springs, and Liberty, who over the last two years have become new rivals. "We played hard and well against Blue Springs, but we made mistakes," said Coach Severino. "Our biggest heartbreak was the Liberty loss. However, our development after that fourth week was phenomenal. We had a different attitude after losing to Liberty."

"After the loss, we knew that we were better skilled and more athletic than the teams we had lost to in the third and fourth weeks. Our efforts were now concentrated on being mentally tough and doing the little things right. That is where our seniors stepped it up and became leaders of our team. That is what made us successful," said junior lineman Tim Hanrahan.

This different attitude was obviously shown in the games that preceded the second loss to Blue Springs. The highlight of the season was the win against Jefferson City,

undefeated, and ranked in USA Today. Jeff City finished as state champions with only one loss, to Rockurst. Other high points in the season were the win against Lee Summit North, Fort Smith Northside, Garden City, and defeating Raytown in the district championship.

"The Lee Summit North victory was important because we came back from multiple injuries and still came out on top." Coach Severino continued that, "this year's team was the first since 1987 to beat Fort Smith and Jeff City in the same season."

The Hawklet squad consisted of 22 seniors, 45 juniors, and 15 sophomores. Eleven seniors and five juniors were returning lettermen. "Larry Marshall was a key player in the backfield. Sean Doyle is the best all around player in the city. Matt Zender and Jim Radovich were the anchors for the offensive line. Greg Oppold was the second leading tackler. John Taylor and Brandon Severino made big plays in big games, and Dustin Van Dolah really developed in his leadership and skills," said Coach Severino. "Other outstanding players were Jerod Dunleavy, who made outstanding catches (especially against Blue Springs) and Brandon Shelby who stepped up to back up Marshall," he added.

"I feel good about next year. We're getting experience back along with a lot of young talent. The sophomores have great amounts of skill and the juniors are fairly complete," Coach Severino remarked. "Next year we need to make our mental toughness equal to our physical toughness, especially up front." *Story by Phil Duncan*

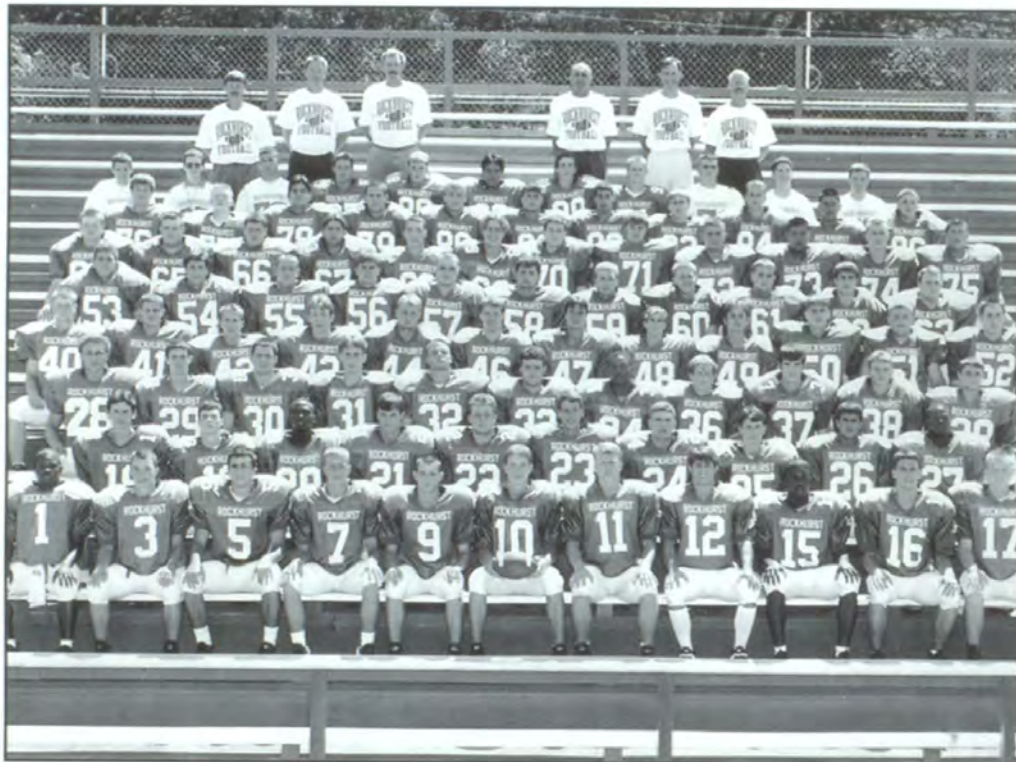


Senior quarterback Dustin Van Dolah scrambles for the first down versus Blue Springs. *Photo by Seth Laubinger*

Quarterback T.J. Mandl dives for extra yardage against Blue Springs. *Photo by Seth Laubinger*

Dustin VanDolah throws to an open receiver as Blue Spirings defenders close in . Photo by Seth Laubinger.

Brandon Shelby explodes through a hole in the Aquinas defense, courtesy of the Rockhurst offensive line. Photo by Seth Laubinger.



**Front Row:** Kariem Cherry, Brian Anselmo, Brandon Severino, T.J. Mandl, Joe Urnise, Michael Griffin, Dustin Van Dolah, Chris Schnieders, Brian Riley, Brett McCracken, Grayson Doherty. **Second Row:** Roosevelt Cobb, Jackson Erwin, Brandon Shelby, Jeff Otto, Larry Marshall, Matt Smith, Josh Brewster, Corey Egan, Dominic Passantino, Max Howell. **Third Row:** Charlie Rhoades, Brian Degnan, Joe O'Connor, Kevin Knopke, Sean Doyle, Matt Buser, Marquel Jacoway, Kevin Fallon, Jon Ferns, Matt McCluskey, Andrew Vajda. **Fourth Row:** Mark Alexander, Scott Hense, Noah Jennings, Willie Ronan, Greg Oppod, Brett Springs, Jared Morado, Clayton Pummill, Paul Bissler, Brian Legenza, Matt Cummings, Josh Hawley. **Fifth Row:** Matt Zender, Cal Gast, Jeff Dobbie, Sean Fairchild, Ryan Burns, Pat Stanton, Lucas Miller, Eric Munninghoff, Pat Kane, Ben Capoccia, Tim Hanrahan. **Sixth Row:** Jim Root, Mike Rheuark, Nolen O'Dowd, Evan Keyser, Mark Hapka, Chris Steck, Mike Frey, Andrew Davis, Mike Judy, David Chung, J.J. Cook, Jim Radovich. **Seventh Row:** Josh Kahler, Brian Smith-Vandergriff, J.R. Moralez, Colin McFarland, John Taylor, Jerod Dunleavy, Matt George, Dan Stack, Mike Tiehen, Steve Chung, Brian Baldwin. **Eighth Row:** Jason Jenkins, Lee Buell, Nate Heim, Phil Duncan, Micah Deshepper, Richard Hipona, Pat Clayton, Kevin Thomas, Pat Scanlan, Eric Daniels, Andy White. **Back Row:** Coach Frank Lyngar, Coach Buddy Worth, Coach John Morris, Coach Tony Severino, Coach Eric Berg, Coach Fred Campisano.

# Hawklets play tough but fall short due to grueling schedule

Brandon Severino breaks a tackle against the Blue Springs Wildcats. *Photo by Seth Laubinger.*

Junior safety Grayson Doherty pursues a Fort Smith runningback being slowed by junior cornerback Kariem Cherry. *Photo by Seth Laubinger.*



## VARSITY RECORD

|                      |       |   |
|----------------------|-------|---|
| Fort Smith Northside | 26-23 | W |
| St. Thomas Aquinas   | 37-6  | W |
| Blue Springs         | 18-24 | L |
| Liberty              | 14-17 | L |
| St. Louis Sumner     | 56-0  | W |
| GardernCity, KS      | 47-13 | W |
| Jefferson City       | 30-17 | W |
| Kansas City Central  | 49-0  | W |
| Lee's Summit North   | 27-21 | W |
| Raytown              | 49-21 | W |
| State Sectional      |       |   |
| Blue Springs         | 6-20  | L |

The powerful Rockhurst defense lines up against the Wildcats of Blue Springs. *Photo by Seth Laubinger.*

# JV crushes competition with an 8-0 record

The Junior Varsity Football Team ended their season with the best JV record since '91. The team avenged the previous year's defeat at the hand of Lawrence, winning 41-22.

"The Lawrence game was the best by far. Last year they beat us with a last second 'Hail Mary' that we bobbled and almost intercepted," said junior J.J. Cook. "We showed them that last year was just a fluke."

Even without returning lettermen, the JV controlled it's opposition with outstanding players such as Matt Cummings, Mike Judy, Joe Urnise, Jeff Otto, Cory Egan, Brian Legenza, T.J. Mandl, Joe O'Connor, Matt Buser, and Josh Brewster.

"These guys did a really good job of playing hard all the time," Head J.V. Coach John Morris commented.

The highlight of the season was beating Jefferson City, according to Coach Morris. "Beating Jeff City was our best game by far. We dominated the line," said Junior Matt Cummings. This was the first year Rockhurst played Jeff City on the Junior Varsity level.

"We are looking for Jeff City to become our biggest rival in the future," said Coach Morris.

"This was a group of guys in whom we saw improvement from game to game. They put themselves in a position to accomplish something special by going undefeated," commented Assistant Coach Eric Berg.

The team had such a successful season that Coach Morris said the only disappointment the team experienced was not having enough games.

*Story by Reed Davison*



Junior running back Kevin Knopke breaks through a strong defensive line.  
*Photo by Andy White*



## JV RECORD

|                       |       |   |
|-----------------------|-------|---|
| Blue Springs South    | 36-6  | W |
| St. Thomas Aquinas    | 58-0  | W |
| Blue Springs          | 40-6  | W |
| Liberty               | 41-13 | W |
| Shawnee Mission South | 47-9  | W |
| Jefferson City        | 26-7  | W |
| Lawrence              | 41-22 | W |
| Lee's Summit North    | 42-6  | W |

Junior Quarterback T.J. Mandl protects the ball as he skirts left end against the Jefferson City Blue Jays.  
*Photo by Andy White*



Sophomore Tailback Jeff Otto speeds by a Jefferson City lineman. *Photo by Andy White*

Sophomore Matt Smith holds the football as Junior Brian Anselmo kicks an extra point against Blue Springs South. *Photo by Andy White*

# Winning RHS tradition continues with Freshmen Football Teams

The Freshman Football Team was able to overcome many trials and tribulations this season to post a 6-2 record. Their only losses came to St. Thomas Aquinas and Liberty.

"The game against Liberty was tough. It was a much more physical game than any of us expected," Assistant Coach Al Carruthers said.

The game against Aquinas, a 12-0 loss, damaged the momentum of the team. According to freshman John Phelps, "We played well, but we just got beat."

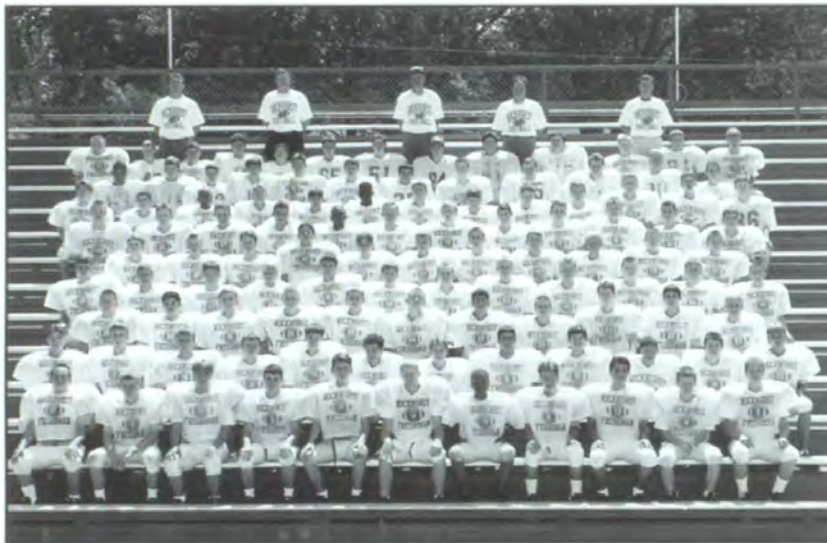
The commanding victory over Park

Hill was a major confidence booster after the loss to Aquinas. "It was a game where everyone played well and we played as a team," commented Coach Carruthers.

Some outstanding players this year were Chris Clarkson, a key player on both offense and defense, Nick Boyd, a guard, and Brian Dries, a tight end and defensive tackle. Jason Dunsworth was also a major contributor.

Coach Carruthers hopes that, "In the future the kids will get stronger, faster, and also continue playing."

*Story by Evan Fitts*



| Freshman Record |      |   |
|-----------------|------|---|
| B.S. South      | 42-0 | W |
| SM West         | 37-0 | W |
| Liberty         | 16-0 | L |
| Blue Springs    | 36-6 | W |
| KC Central      | 28-0 | W |
| SM North        | 30-0 | W |
| Aquinas         | 12-0 | L |
| Park Hill       | 32-8 | W |

**Front Row:** Jonathan Adriano, Ryan Anderson, Chris Anton, Robby Arthur, Daniel Asikainen, Adam Balentine, Greg Bass, Mike Bauer, Joel Blevins, Andrew Bock, Nick Boyd. **Second Row:** Geoff Brown, Colin Burns, Billy Buser, Charles Bush, Nick Capocchia, John Chagoyan, Sal Cicero, Chris Clarkson, Danny Connell, Dante Cosentino, Michael Daly, Mike Day. **Third Row:** Russell Demster, John Disalvo, Luke Dlabal, Brian Dreis, Jason Dunsworth, Scott Edmonds, Mike Ensminger, Tim Euston, Mike Euston, Ryan Fagan, James Fuchs. **Fourth Row:** Pat Gallagher, Peter Giangrecon, Sean Gratton, Joel Gustafson, John Haake, Chris Hapka, Thomas Henggler, Chad Hiesberger, Matt Hofer, Trevor Holland, Matt Judy, Jeremy Julian. **Fifth Row:** Corbin Keech, Sean Kelly, A.J. Kinsella, Matt Kopp, Ian Kuklenski, Jonathan Lecuyer, John Leese, John Linhoff, Jeremy Long, David Manning, Kyle Martin. **Sixth Row:** Greg Masenthin, Evan Mason, Robert Mashburn, Michael Matthews, Jeremy McDonald, Justin McFarland, Pat McMurtray, Ryan Miles, Jeff Mincher, Wade Muller, Danny Mulhern, Brendan Murphy. **Seventh Row:** Phil Murphy, Sean Murphy, Andre Newson, Gabe Ney, Eric Noblet, Ike Nwabuonwu, Chris Oades, Patrick O'Bryan, Steve O'Connor, Matt O'Laughlin, Dan Olson, Mitch Paone, Eric Pashman. **Eighth Row:** Thomas Persley, John Phelps, Kesler Pollard, Brian Quarnstrom, Trevin Reed, Ryan Renne, Jonathan Rhoades, Chris Ryan, James Saunders, Eric Scanlan, Peter Schloegel, Andy Schram. **Ninth Row:** Kyle Scott, Nat Sersley, Brandon Shelby, Alex Staab, Billy Stack, Andy Tiehen, Johnny Walz, Danny Welsh, Brian Wilson, Andy Womack, Ryan Worth, Andrew Zender, Mark Zschoche. **Back Row:** Coach Al Carruthers, Coach Bernie Kreikemeier, Coach Frank Griffin, Coach Jay Coleman, Coach Jim DeGraw.





## Key victories are a large part of Sophomore success

The Sophomore football team managed to post an 8-2 record this year including key victories against Lee's Summit North and Blue Springs. Although the team suffered a heartbreaking, fourth quarter loss to Lawrence Free State, they still had a good season.

"We practiced really hard to prepare us for future seasons at the junior varsity and varsity level. It really paid off in some of the tougher games. You could see major improvement in many of the players," sophomore Steve Phelps said.

According to Coach Richard Wikiera the team has several good players. "Will Ronan was a great running back and punter, Tim Alexander was a dominating middle line backer, and Rhett Parsons made many great catches when we needed them."

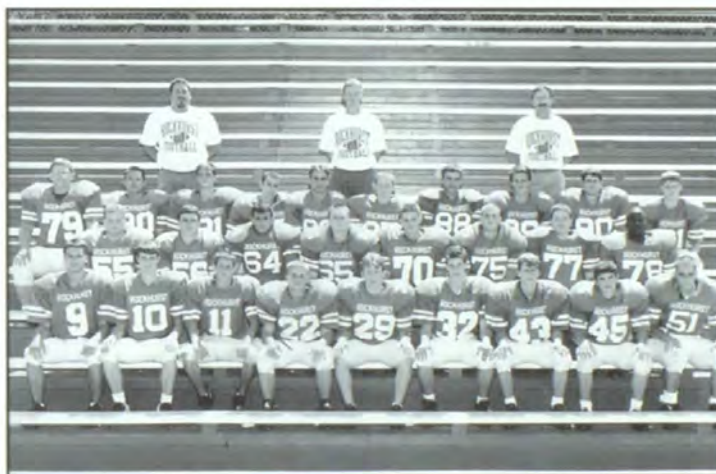
"If the Sophomore Class can keep this up we should have a great JV team which can back up a strong Varsity team next year," sophomore Eddie Welsh said.

One of the greatest accomplishments this year was avenging last year's loss to Lee's Summit North. "They were bigger and overconfident," commented Coach Wikiera, which made the victory possible. The Sophomore Team was also able to defeat a tough Blue Springs team made up of mostly JV players. "It was a great victory that gave us a lot of momentum for the rest of the season," sophomore Kelly McMahon said.

"If we keep up the hard work and keep playing as well as we did this season it should be easier to step up to the Varsity level," sophomore Corey Egan said.

*Story by Evan Fitts*

Left: Coaches DeGraw, Coleman, and Kreikemeier look onto the field, as the Freshman team posted an impressive 6-2 record. Below Left: Sophomores celebrate a victory after a home game.



**Front Row:** Brett McCracken, Brandon Sifers, Rhett Parsons, Kurt Crowe, Willie Ronan, Paul Rohrer, Kelly McMahon, Tom Porto, Jake Lynch. **Second Row:** Matt Baker, Tim Alexander, Sam Tristianio, Ryan White, Bob Stokes, Roland Sabates, Bill Tracy, Chris Dukes. **Third Row:** Matt Bartimus, Joe Nguyen, Steve Phelps, Sean Owens, Matt Scott, Jeff Collins, Bill Mashburn, Jesse White, Eddie Welsh, Greg Parks. **Back Row:** Coach Matt Nolan, Coach Steve Christy, Coach Rich Wikiera.

### SOPHOMORE RECORD

|                    |       |   |
|--------------------|-------|---|
| Blue Springs South | 20-6  | W |
| St. Joe Central    | 25-24 | W |
| Oak Park           | 28-0  | W |
| Blue Springs       | 6-0   | W |
| Liberty            | 23-0  | W |
| Lee's Summit       | 26-12 | L |
| Lawrence           | 28-27 | L |
| KC Central         | 7-0   | W |
| Lawrence           | 13-6  | W |
| Lee's Summit North | 41-14 | W |

## Cross Country succeeds with Dierks at the helm

The Varsity Cross Country Team entered a new era this season with the introduction of Head Coach Michael Dierks, who replaced long time Coach Dr. Jorge Taracido.

The varsity team finished in the top half of the field in six out of eight team meets. The best team performances of the year, according to Coach Dierks, were a second place finish at Ray-Pec and a fourth place showing at Grandview.

"There were seven or eight guys that consistently contributed on the varsity level," Coach Dierks commented. Some that contributed were lettermen Mike Schaefer, Tom Lenihan, Andrew Coughlin, Chip Owens, and Chris Brown.

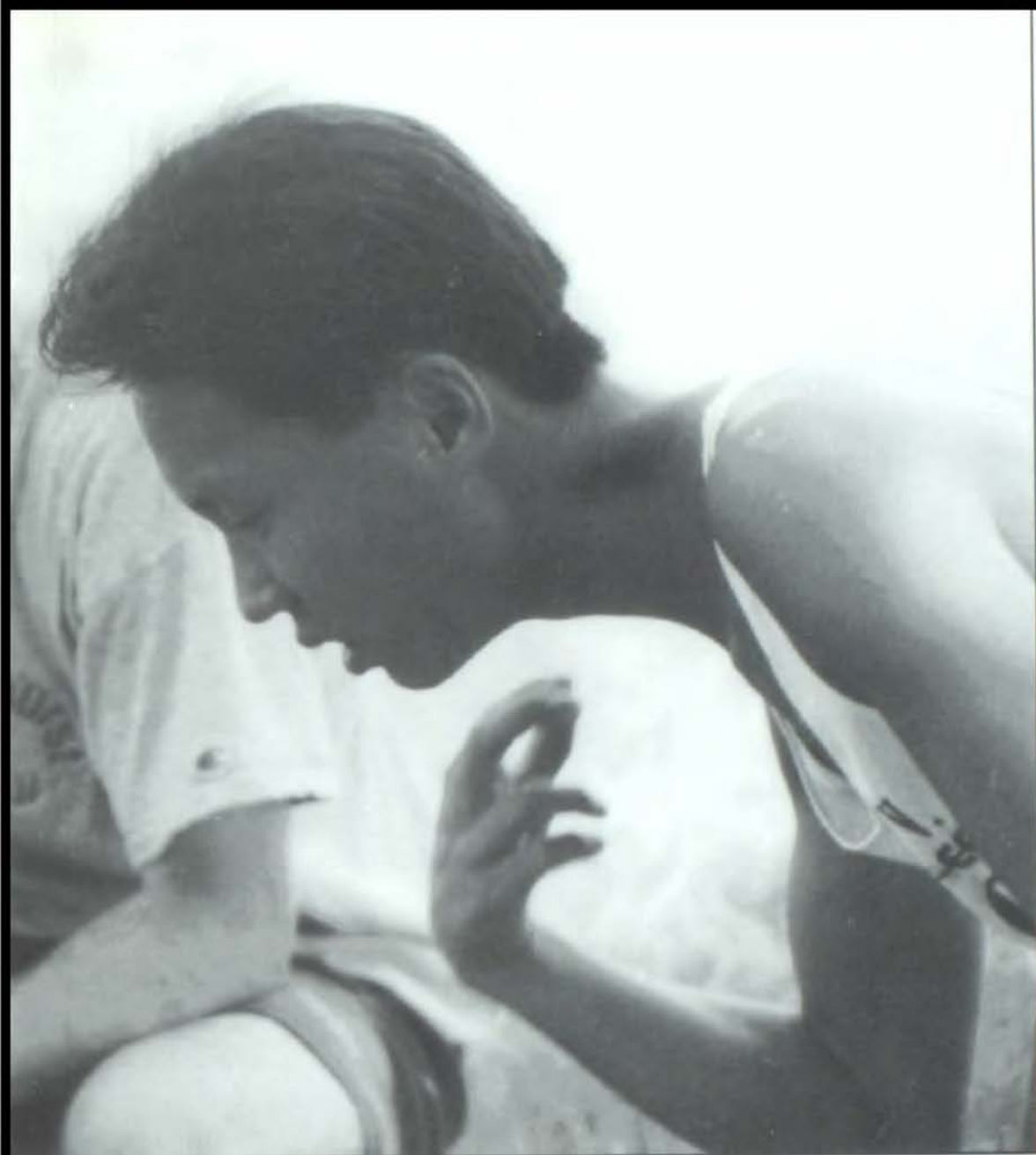
The most outstanding players were the number one runner, junior Mike Schaefer, and Varsity Captain, senior David Wood.

This year's district meet had positive notes over the 1996 meet, but also some disappointments. Overall, the team improved from a 10th place finish in 1996 to sixth place in this year's meet. Of the seven district runners, all of them finished in the top fifty. Mike Schaefer scored a place in the sectional run and, ultimately, at the State Championships, where he placed in the top 150. At districts, four runners came within ten places of qualifying for sectionals.

Coach Dierks has enthusiasm and optimism for next year's team, which will return nine of the top thirteen runners, but he was very proud of his team's effort this season. "Over the season, a family was formed that understood the importance of hard work and intensity which resulted in great success," he said. "We look to a bright future." *Story by Jonathan Lowe*

Coach Pateidl watches his runners poised at the start of another big meet.  
*Photo by John Taylor.*





Coach Mike Dierks is entranced in thought. Andy Coughlin takes a break. Photo by Andy White.



Row 1-Bob Hamilton, Derek McCallum, David Wood, John Nugent, Chip Owens, Chris Brown, Eric Leahy Row 2-Tom Lenihan, Jordan Jump, Pat O'Bryan, Coach Mike Dierks, Coach Mike Pateidl, Mike Downs, Sean Linebach, Bob Kehm Row 3-Brandon Yano, Tim Bridgham, Zacc Gansert, Jim Vigliaturo, Andy Coughlin, Austin Trombley, Will Petrie, Will Stinson Row 4-Chris Riffel, Taimoor Nana, Joe Ballard, Tim Steffens, Schad McGovern, Kyle Francis, Steve Martin, Justin Shatto, Ed Fugit Row 5-Jonathan Kincaid, Andy Pearson, Chris Winger, Pat Banta, Mike Schaefer, Ashley Davis, Scott Lewis, Scott Reagan



David Wood is challenged by a Raytown runner. Photo by John Taylor.

The individual runners come together, showing that this team runs on the power of many. *Photo by Andy White.*

Ashley Davis, Chris Brown, and Andy Coughlin run in the middle of the pack, hoping to surge to the front. *Photo by Andy White.*



## *Varsity Record*

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Truman Invitational</i>       | <i>10th</i> |
| <i>Olathe South Invitational</i> | <i>5th</i>  |
| <i>Ray-Pec Invitational</i>      | <i>2nd</i>  |
| <i>Liberty Invitational</i>      | <i>10th</i> |
| <i>K.C. Metro Championships</i>  | <i>13th</i> |
| <i>Grandview Invitational</i>    | <i>4th</i>  |
| <i>S.M. West Invitational</i>    | <i>N/A</i>  |
| <i>Dick Gregory Invitational</i> | <i>2nd</i>  |
| <i>E.A. Markey Memorial Run</i>  | <i>1st</i>  |
| <i>Districts</i>                 | <i>6th</i>  |



## Future runners are ready for Varsity challenges

**A**s one door closes to end the Cross Country season, another one opens to the future and what it may hold. The performance of the underclassmen this season established a foundation for the next few years. Coach Michael Pateidl was extremely excited with the advancement of the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen over the course of the season.

While the Varsity team was well-laden with seniors, a lot of young talent developed along the way. Coach Pateidl predicts that there could be up to a half-dozen prospects to jump up to the Varsity level next season including two district runners, Tom Lenihan and Chris Brown, and a state runner, Mike Schaefer.

"This is a sport where you find talent," commented Coach Pateidl. He looks for talent in the group of underclassmen who will lead the team next year. Schaefer and fellow junior Chip Owens are ones to look up to as next season comes along. Sophomores Lenihan and Brown showed consistency all year, along with Varsity hopeful Michael Downs. The freshman class is led by Jonathan Kincaid and provisional letterman Jordan Jump.

"It wasn't an establishing year," summed up Coach Pateidl. "At the start of the season, we were in the middle of the pack in the city. We climbed up three or four rungs on the ladder by the end of the year. Next year, we intend to keep climbing."

*Story by Jonathan Lowe*



Andy Pearson lets some of his fellow runners eat his dust. *Photo by John Taylor.*

Andy Coughlin and Chris Brown push each other to the limit. *Photo by John Taylor.*

# Hawklets reach final four of State Championship

The Hawklets made it to the final four in the State Tournament but lost out to the eventual State Champion DeSmet, in the semi-finals.

"It was a whole new experience for us underclassmen who have never been to state before," sophomore midfielder Matt Darby stated.

After convincing wins over Lee Summit North and Liberty in the sectionals and quarter-finals, RHS lost to De Smet, 2-1, and Columbia Hickman, 1-0, ending the Hawklets' season.

"It was a great year and I know we will be back," said Varsity Coach Chris Lawson.

"Even though the losses in St. Louis were disappointing, we are using this experience as a stepping stone for next year as we hope to visit St. Louis again," said junior goalkeeper Matt Herald.

"I feel sorry for the seniors who are graduating. They contributed a lot toward our run at state. We will miss them," said Assistant Coach Fred Schlicting.

The Hawklets started the season ranked as the #1 team in Kansas City, but suffered two quick losses to Blue Springs and Liberty, while posting 4-2 record. RHS regrouped, going 16-4-2 with impressive wins against Blue Valley Northwest in the BVNW Tourney, and a triple overtime win against Raytown South in the District Championship.

"The first two losses of the season were tough. We weren't scoring many goals and we were all out of sync," said senior Co-Captain Justin Griffith.

Senior Sean Walker, a transfer student from California, led the team in scoring with 27 goals and 15 assists, making the All Metro Team.

"I enjoyed playing for RHS, and the players around me. They have a lot of talent and will definitely be back to state next year," he said.

At times when the offense was not scoring, the defense played a vital role in the teams' success. Out of their 19 wins, 16 of them were shutouts. Herald posted a stretch of seven straight games without giving up a goal.

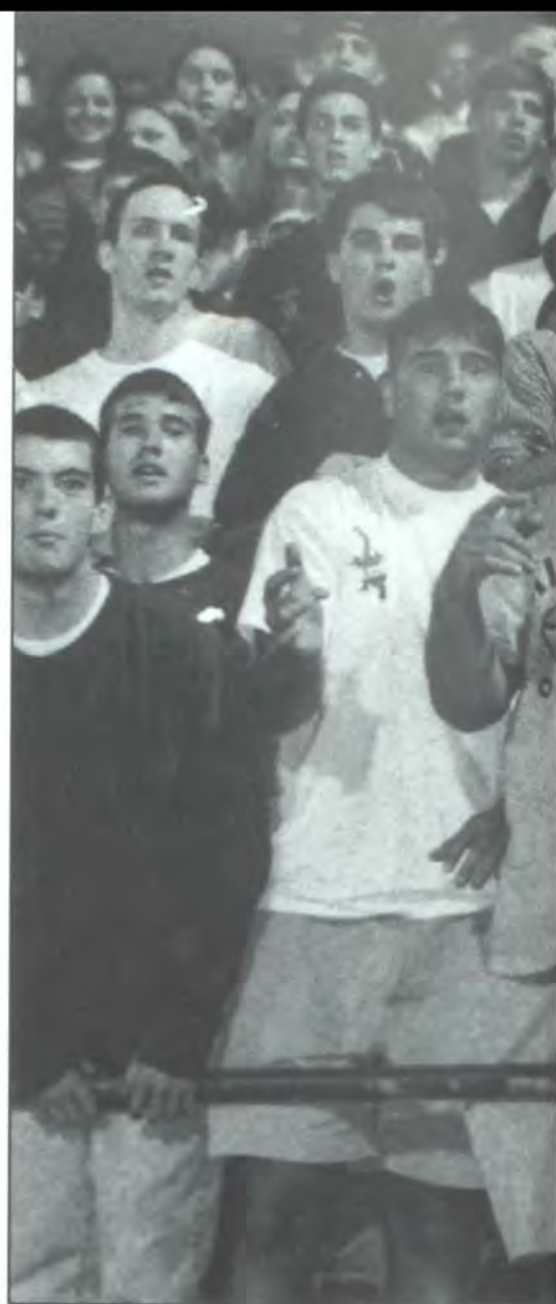
"The guys in front of me made it possible for our team to be in the position we were in this year," said Herald.

Next year's squad looks even better, losing only one starter. It will have eight returning junior letterman, including, Mike Robards, Jason Cole, Dan Calderon, Herald, Dan Watson, Chris Jennings, Stephen Bowen, and Brian Bolden.

"We will be very good next year," Coach Lawson commented. "I know that the players fulfilled their goals and expectations and those that outsiders had for them as well. That will teach them how to handle pressures in life."

*Story by Dan Watson*

Junior Daniel Watson soars to win a headball against Marquette Prep.





### Varsity Soccer Record

|                          |     |   |
|--------------------------|-----|---|
| Oak Park                 | 6-0 | W |
| Bishop Miege             | 2-1 | W |
| North K.C.               | 7-0 | W |
| Raytown South Tournament |     |   |
| Blue Springs             | 0-1 | L |
| Lee's Summit             | 3-0 | W |
| Ray South                | 4-0 | W |
| B.V. North               | 4-0 | W |
| Marquette P.             | 0-0 | T |
| Liberty                  | 1-3 | L |
| Columbia R.B.            | 6-0 | W |
| B.V.N.W. Tournament      |     |   |
| Aquinas                  | 2-3 | L |
| Olathe East              | 0-2 | L |
| B.V.N.W.                 | 2-1 | W |
| Jeff City                | 4-0 | W |
| Shawnee M.S.             | 5-0 | W |
| Lee's Summit             | 4-0 | W |
| Shawnee M.W.             | 4-1 | W |
| O'Hara                   | 3-0 | W |
| Park Hill                | 4-0 | W |
| Blue Springs             | 1-1 | T |
| Belton                   | 6-0 | W |
| District Tournament      |     |   |
| North K.C.               | 4-1 | W |
| Ray South                | 1-0 | W |
| State Sectional          |     |   |
| L. Summit N.             | 3-0 | W |
| State Quarterfinal       |     |   |
| Liberty                  | 3-0 | W |
| State Championship       |     |   |
| DeSmet                   | 0-2 | L |
| Hickman                  | 0-1 | L |
| FINAL RECORD 19-6-2      |     |   |

Joe Urnise, Kevin Teasdale, Jerod Dunleavy, Sean Doyle, Brian Anselmo, Matt Cummings, Mark Alexander, and Mark Blanck look on with interest during the Aquinas game, won by the Saints 5-4 in a shootout.



**ROW ONE:** Trainer Steven Allison and Trainer Mike Strain **ROW TWO:** Brian Seigel, Assistant Coach Fred Schlincting, Head Coach Chris Lawson, Assistant Coach Steve Ptasnik, Matt Herald **ROW THREE:** Ryan Vette, Matt Bowen, Matt Jewett, Matt Darby **ROW FOUR:** Jimmy Davey, Jon Keleher, Justin Griffith, Mike Robards, Jason Charcut, Melvin Dunsworth **ROW FIVE:** Dan Calderon, Jason Cole, Daniel Watson, Brian Bolden, Sean Walker, Luke Maese, Chris Jennings



Senior forward Sean Walker receives a pass as a Marquette defender intervenes.

Junior defender Chris Jennings fights to win a headball against goalkeeper Josh Schreck of rival Bishop Miege.

Sophomore Matt Jewett wins a header against Hickman in the State Tournament. The Hawklets lost the game 1-0.



Sophomore forward Josh Williams, who moved up from J.V. to play in the state tournament, beats a Hickman defender.





## Hawklets compete at State for second time in four years

Daniel Watson, Justin Griffith, Matt Herald, Jason Cole, and Matt Darby celebrate after a goal against rival St. Thomas Aquinas.



Senior defender Jon Keleher keeps the ball away from a Hickman player

Junior forward Melvin Dunsworth flies by a Bishop Miege defender.



Junior defender P.C. Hindley is fouled hard after chasing down a ball.

Sophomore forward Josh Williams battles for the ball against his opponent.

Top: Sophomore midfielder Will Banning receives a ball out of the air.



## Final game tie prevents JV from posting perfect season

The Rockhurst Junior Varsity Soccer team ended their season undefeated with a record of 20-0-1, tying Blue Springs in the last game of the season.

Junior defender Eric Altman said, "The teams biggest highlight of the season was the game against Park Hill. This was the our best competition and we beat them 2-0."

The team won the Shawnee Mission Tournament and beat Aquinas twice during the season.

JV Coach Steve Ptasnik said, "The winning season is due to overall domination and other teams knowing they were going to lose."

Sophomore forward Josh Williams, who scored 18 goals during the season, had help from other outstanding players like Sophomore midfielder Will Banning and Junior midfielder Jason Hobick. Goalie Jim Hayes had a great season with a record of .1 goals per game.

"The heartbreak of the season was the tie between us and Blue Springs," said Coach Ptasnik.

The team hopes to improve next year on its only slightly blemished record.

"In the future I hope for a perfect record and hope the Sophomore team can keep up the good work that this JV team did," said Coach Ptasnik.

"Our team had a lot of talent and it shows in our record. Next year the team will be unstoppable," said Altman."

*Story by Kirk Walters*



Front Row: Joe Burns, Matt Newell, Coach Fred Schlichting, Coach Steve Ptasnik, Coach Chris Lawson, Jimmy Hayes. Second Row: Brett Coppage, Ryan Boyle, Eric Altman, P.C. Hindley, Lance Snodgrass. Third Row: T.J. Brennan, Bo Keatley, Brooks Kraft, Kevin Henry, Willie Ingram, Jeff Tanner. Back Row: Will Banning, Chris Bruhn, Jason Hobick, Chris Hentzen, Josh Williams.

### JV Soccer Record

|                      |     |   |
|----------------------|-----|---|
| Oak Park             | 3-0 | W |
| Bishop Miege         | 2-1 | W |
| Jeff. City           | 2-1 | W |
| NKC                  | 2-0 | W |
| Raytown tourney      |     |   |
|                      | 2-0 | W |
|                      | 3-1 | W |
|                      | 6-1 | W |
| Blue Valley N.       | 4-0 | W |
| Rockhurst JV tourney |     |   |
|                      | 4-0 | W |
|                      | 1-0 | W |
| Rockbridge           | 4-0 | W |
| Aquinas              | 4-1 | W |
| SM South             | 3-0 | W |
| SM South tourney     |     |   |
|                      | 5-2 | W |
|                      | 4-0 | W |
|                      | 3-1 | W |
| SM West              | 4-0 | W |
| O'Hara               | 6-0 | W |
| Park Hill            | 3-1 | W |
| Blue Springs         | 0-0 | T |
| Final Record 20-0-1  |     |   |

# Hard work gives new coach optimism for next season

The 1997 Freshman Soccer Team experienced hard work and frustration as they ended the season with a 3-9-2 record.

"I am very proud of the team. They worked extremely hard and it showed in their skills on the field," Coach Phil Baker said.

Their skills paid off when RHS defeated Blue Valley Northwest, 5-0, ending a four-game losing streak.

"Good speed, ball handling, and tenacious defense were the strengths which contributed to

one of the best games of the season," Coach Baker said.

"Beating BVNW was not only a great win, it was our largest margin of victory all year," Coach Baker said.

Sam Davidson was the leading scorer with 10 goals on the season. Tim Reardon, Sean O'Donnell, and Brian Meagher also practiced and played on the Sophomore Team at various times, Coach Baker said. "It was a successful season. They never gave up and continually worked hard," he said. *Story by Dan Watson*



Freshman Kevin Peterson looks downfield in anticipation and for a teammate to connect with.



**First Row:** Jon Twibell, Sean O'Donnell, Doug Croy, Coach Phil Baker, Noah Ballard, Sam Davidson, Matthew Haake. **Second Row:** Joe Price, David Wilson, Jack Smedile, Brian Meagher, Pat Lobb. **Third Row:** Matt Beck, Benton Keatley, Jerry Miller, Matt Schwenke, Tim Reardon, Eddie Bessenbacher. **Fourth Row:** David Clisbee, John O'Connor, Andrew Mallow, David Ziegler. not pictured Adam Korth

A Park Hill defender tries to tackle away the ball from determined



Rockhurst Freshman Patrick Lobb gazes upfield in search of a teammate to connect a pass.

# Dominant Sophomore team boasts 15-0-4 mark

The Sophomore Soccer team finished the 1997 season with a 15-0-4 mark on the year. Coach Jon Reed had nothing but good things to say about the team's undefeated season.

"It's difficult to criticize us when we didn't lose any games. We had excellent defense, quick forwards, and good teamwork," Coach Reed said.

The sophomore offense was lead by two freshmen. Jarret Devereaux was the leading scorer, and Brendan Matthews scored nearly 40 goals during the season.

"We had a lot of speed at the forward position. Brendan and I were often able to simply beat the defenders to the goal," Devereaux said.

Freshmen sweeper Matt Robards credits the defense for the success of the team.

"Our ability to shut down the opposition's scoring attack was the key to our season. It made winning a lot easier when we only needed 2 or 3 goals to beat a team," he said.

Robards was a critical part of the defense that lead the team to its undefafeted season, according to Coach Reed.

The Hawklets, who were composed of 7 sophomores and 9 freshmen, won the St. Thomas Aquinas Tournament, beating Aquinas, Shawnee Mission South, and Shawnee Mission North to take the title.

"Beating Aquinas was the highlight of the season. We had set out to win that game since the beginning of the year," Coach Reed said. "The boys played well. We had a good group of kids that had a lot of skill."

*Story by Dan Watson*

## Soccer RECORDS

### Freshman

|              |     |   |
|--------------|-----|---|
| Lee's Summit | 1-2 | L |
| Bishop Miege | 1-3 | L |
| Oak Park     | 1-3 | L |
| Park Hill    | 3-4 | L |
| S.M. South   | 4-4 | T |
| B.V.N.W.     | 5-0 | W |
| B. Valley    | 3-1 | W |
| Oak Park     | 1-2 | L |
| S.T. Aquinas | 2-1 | W |
| S.M. East    | 2-3 | L |
| Jeff City    | 0-5 | L |
| L. Summit N. | 2-2 | T |
| Oak Park     | 4-1 | L |
| Park Hill    | 2-3 | L |

### Sophomore

|                    |      |   |
|--------------------|------|---|
| S.T. Aquinas       | 0-0  | T |
| Oak Park           | 2-0  | W |
| Park Hill          | 3-2  | W |
| S.M. South         | 5-0  | W |
| B.V.N.W.           | 9-2  | W |
| B. Springs         | 9-0  | W |
| Aquinas            | 4-0  | W |
| S.M. West          | 9-0  | W |
| B.V.N.W.           | 0-0  | T |
| S.M.N.W.           | 11-1 | W |
| L. Summit          | 1-0  | W |
| Oak Park           | 1-1  | T |
| Park Hill          | 5-0  | W |
| Aquinas Tournament | 2-0  | W |
|                    | 3-1  | W |
|                    | 6-1  | W |
| Blue Springs       | 5-0  | W |
| B.S. South         | 9-0  | W |

Final Record  
3-9-1

Final Record  
15-0-3



Front Row: Kevin Peterson, Trevor DuVall, Jason Woods, Coach Jon Reed, Jarrett Devereaux, Brendan Matthews, Ryan Raybould. Second Row: Collin Koranda, Nick Taylor, Jamie Brecheisen, Ryan Cesla, Cooper Sparks. Back Row: Drew Henderson, Zach Miller, Andy Phillips, Jacob Hildebrand, Matthew Robards.



Sophomore Brendon Matthews blows past a Blue Valley midfielder.

# Hawklets stymied by youth, tough schedule

The Hawklet Varsity Basketball Team experienced a turbulent season, going 11-16, while playing one of the most difficult schedules in the city with a very young team.

Returning only three varsity players, the squad had to step up its play for the 1997-98 season. Returning starters included guard Ivan Nugent and center Joe Principe along with part-time starter Brandon Severino. Hardworking Senior forward Burt Tonnies and Junior guard T.J. Mandl filled the remaining two spots. Others who contributed were Sophomores Mike Frey and Brandon Shelby, and Juniors Kariem Cherry, Brian Riley, and Brian Legenza. The late season additions of Matt Nichols and Matt Smith also helped the team.

The season started out with mixed results. The team beat a solid Washington squad and then went on to place fifth in the Leavenworth Tournament. An overtime victory over Aquinas in the tournament proved to be one of the highlights of the season as the Hawklets overcame a twenty point halftime deficit to win the game. From there the team went on to place fifth in the William Jewell Holiday Tournament by defeating Oak Grove and St. Joseph Benton. After losing two close games to Miego and Columbia Rock Bridge, the Hawklets went on to blast Northeast by scoring 102 points in front of the home crowd.

Next began the hardest part of the schedule in which the squad would face two state champions on the road, undefeated Liberty and Wyandotte. They also played five other state ranked teams including Omaha's Creighton Prep and Jefferson City, who placed third at state. During the stretch the team struggled, only beating O'Hara at home. They would have to step up their play going into the district tournament.

In the district tournament against North Kansas City, the Hawklets started out well enough, taking a halftime lead. In the second half, however, the lead slipped from their grasp and they lost the game by two, ending the season.

"We were close at times throughout the season but we never quite got over that hump and we were not quite as good as we could have been," said Coach Bubalo.

*Story by Kevin Komoroski*

Junior star-guard Ivan Nugent drives around his opponent during a Rockhurst home game. Ivan provided the Hawklets with experience, for he was one of the few returning lettermen.

Above: Sophomore guard Brandon Shelby soars for a lay-up against rival St. Thomas Aquinas.





Junior guard Brandon Severino prepares himself to be fouled by a Lawrence opponent as he tries to score. The Hawklets lost to Lawrence 65-81.

|                                 |        |   |
|---------------------------------|--------|---|
| Southwest                       | 56-58  | L |
| Washinton                       | 42-40  | W |
| Leavenworth Tournament (5th)    |        |   |
| Ft. Smith, Ark.                 | 36-57  | L |
| St. T. Aquinas                  | 55-50  | W |
| St. Joe Central                 | 53-41  | W |
| Metro                           | 51-67  | L |
| St. T. Aquinas                  | 68-42  | W |
| William Jewell Tournament (5th) |        |   |
| Fort Osage                      | 64-67  | L |
| St. Joe Benton                  | 79-43  | W |
| Oak Grove                       | 75-74  | W |
| Bishop Miege                    | 57-63  | L |
| Rock Bridge                     | 45-52  | L |
| Northeast                       | 102-65 | W |
| CBC                             | 60-68  | L |
| Hazelwood E.                    | 66-54  | W |
| Aquinas Tournament              |        |   |
| Truman                          | 52-63  | L |
| Bishop Miege                    | 59-60  | W |
| Bishop Carroll                  | 41-42  | L |
| Bishop O'Hara                   | 68-54  | W |
| Liberty                         | 50-73  | L |
| Wyandotte                       | 57-70  | L |
| St. Pius, X.                    | 49-66  | L |
| Creighton, Prep                 | 50-67  | L |
| Lawrence                        | 65-81  | L |
| Jeff City                       | 44-61  | L |
| District Tournament             |        |   |
| Hickman Mills                   | 53-55  | L |



First Row: Trainer Enrique Gutierrez, Trainer Andy White, Trainer Joe Caldwell. Second Row: Kariem Cherry, Burt Tonnies, Ivan Nugent, Brandon Severino, T.J. Mandl, Brandon Shelby. Third Row: Coach John Morris, Brian Legenza, Joe Principe, Mike Frey, Head Coach Mark Bubalo.



Senior center Joe Principe skies above a Washington opponent. The Hawklets won the game 42-40.

# Varsity squad plays tough with tough schedule

Junior "three-point specialist," T.J. Mandl pushes the ball down the court in hopes of making a lay-up.

Sophomore guard Brandon Shelby shoots a three-pointer and Matt Nichols hustles to get the possible rebound.



Sophomore Mike Frey rejects a St. Thomas Aquinas player.

Head Coach Mark Bubalo discusses the game with the opposing coach.







Bottom: Junior sensation Kariem Cherry beats the Saints defenders down the court for a score.

Sophomore Mike Frey grabs a rebound and puts it back in for two points.

Senior Burt Tonnies is introduced into the game while his players greet him.



# Hard work pays off for JV Basketball

The Rockhurst Junior Varsity Basketball Team finished the season with an impressive 14-3 record, losing only three games by a total of 11 points. They also avenged last years loss to arch rival Jefferson City with a 47-45 win. The team did well at both of their tournaments, placing first at the Rockhurst JV Tournament, and second at the Lawrence Free State Tournament.

"We were so successful because we gave 110% all the time," said Junior Matt Nichols.

The season highlights according to Head Coach John Morris, were winning 14 games and beating Creighton Prep. "The team really pulled together to beat Creighton by one point in overtime," said Coach Morris. He also mentioned the team's only heartbreak was losing to Lawrence Free State by one point, after being ahead.

Coach Morris commented that the team was led by Juniors Matt Nichols and Brian Riley, as well as Sophomore Rory Donnelly.

"Each player had his own strengths," commented Coach Morris. "Matt had great team leadership, Rory had good ball handling, and Brian did an excellent job rebounding," he said.

"This was one of the finest groups of players I've coached," said Coach Morris. "They played the game the way it's supposed to be played."

*Story by Reed Davison*

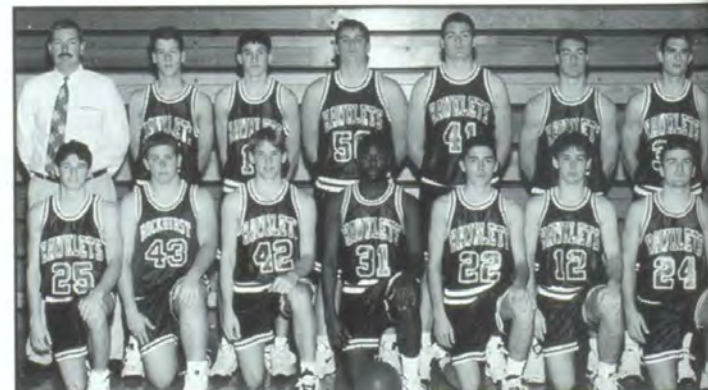
Top right: Junior Guard Kevin Knopke throws up an acrobatic shot against Northeast.

Right: Junior center Konsta Myrick lays-up a shot against the Vikings.

## JV Record

|                |       |   |
|----------------|-------|---|
| Southwest      | 74-19 | W |
| Washington     | 63-40 | W |
| Metro          | 71-46 | W |
| Aquinas        | 60-34 | W |
| Rock Bridge    | 45-42 | W |
| Northeast      | 79-33 | W |
| Bishop Miege   | 71-61 | W |
| Aquinas        | 65-45 | W |
| O'Hara         | 68-42 | W |
| Liberty        | 65-72 | L |
| Wyandotte      | 55-45 | W |
| Lawrence       | 62-51 | W |
| Lawrence F.S.  | 63-64 | L |
| St. Pius X     | 85-35 | W |
| Creighton Prep | 67-66 | W |
| Lawrence       | 54-57 | L |
| Jefferson City | 47-45 | W |

JV Final Record: 14-3



First Row: Cory Egan, Eric Munninghoff, Matt Nichols, Brian Riley, Jimmy Houlehan, Kevin Knopke, Josh Brewster. Second Row: Coach John Morris, Rory Donnelly, Matt Smith, Brian Legenza, Mike Frey, Matt Herald, Kevin Komoroski.



## Sophomores show hope for the future

The 1997-98 Sophomore Basketball Team, led by second year coach Pete Campbell, posted an outstanding 16-3 record. "These players have played 19 games and practiced for over five months to improve their skills. They sacrificed so they could possibly play at the next level in the future," stated Coach Campbell. "The team turned out to be better than I expected."

"At the beginning of the year, we could not manage to win. We kept losing by one, two, and three points. Eventually, towards the end of the year, we pulled it together and we couldn't lose," explained sophomore standout Matt McCullough.

"The Sophomore Team was successful because they went into each game as if they were facing their toughest opponent," Coach Campbell remarked.

"This year's team was talented, and they got the most out of their ability because of their hustle and work ethic," he said.

*Story by Brian Ismert*



### Sophomore Record

|            |       |   |
|------------|-------|---|
| Aquinas    | 48-45 | L |
| Hickman    | 53-52 | L |
| B.V.N.W.   | 69-49 | W |
| S.M. East  | 44-35 | W |
| B. Springs | 44-42 | L |
| B.V. North | 55-27 | W |
| Raytown    | 75-50 | W |
| S.M. North | 57-28 | W |
| L. Summit  | 66-39 | W |
| B. Valley  | 70-51 | W |
| B. Springs | 74-49 | W |
| S.M. North | 60-50 | W |
| Grandview  | 72-52 | W |
| L. Summit  | 64-46 | W |
| Aquinas    | 63-50 | W |
| Lawrence   | 51-48 | W |
| Lawrence   | 54-45 | W |
| B.Springs  | 51-37 | W |
| S.M. East  | 55-46 | W |

**Final Record: 16-3**

Sophomore guard Matt McCullough gets ready to dunk the ball against Blue Springs.

Top: Sophomore forward Cal Gast grabs a rebound against the Wildcats.



**First Row:** Rhett Parsons, Josh Williams, John Ruzicka, Cal Gast, Matt McCullough. **Second Row:** Steve Martin, Mike Griffin, Coach Pete Campbell, Brandon Sifers, Chris O'Boynick

# Freshman A & B teams dominate opponents

The Freshmen "A" and "B" basketball teams dominated the opposition in their usual fashion. The "A" team posted a record of 17-3 while the "B" team won 16 out of its 20 games.

"We were fortunate to have such skilled athletes and coachable players," according to "B" Team Coach Jim Bascom. "They had great chemistry which made the season especially enjoyable," he said.

The team was very balanced which allowed different players to step up each game. The highlight of the season was beating Liberty to win the Blue Springs South Tournament in a close game.

The "A" team compiled a 17-3 record despite losing two key players, Scott Edmonds and Tom Komoroski, at mid season to the Sophomore team. Others took up the slack, however, as their balanced attack guided them to several easy victories including a 47-point thrashing of Miego and a 52-point drubbing of Hickman Mills.

Led by Coach Bill Munninghoff, the team started off hot, winning their first 10 games. Highlights of the season included a win over then undefeated Shawnee Mission East and a victory on the road against a strong Truman team. Coach Munninghoff considered the season a great success. "The season was incredible. We won a lot of games, had a lot of fun, learned about the game, and made a lot of friends," he commented. *Story by Kevin Komoroski*



Above: Freshman guard Kessler Pollard passes the ball to his teammate.



*Freshman B Basketball Team* First Row: Ryan Raybould, Raymond Chang, Bill Buser, Matt Dunham, Steve O'Connor, Brian Meagher, Kessler Pollard. Second Row: Coach Jim Bascom, Matt Kopp, Dan Asikainen, Wade Muller, Greg Masenthin, Mike Ensminger, Coach Bill Munninghoff



Freshman guard Nick Taylor shoots the ball while a S.M. East defender tries to stop him.

### Freshman Basketball Records

| A            |         | B            |         |
|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| L. Summit N. | 33-25 W | Southwest    | 40-32 W |
| B. Valley N. | 61-26 W | L. Summit N. | 56-32 W |
| Raytown      | 58-33 W | B. Valley N. | 51-26 W |
| O'Hara       | 58-16 W | Blue Springs | 51-34 W |
| Blue Springs | 51-34 W | S.M. East    | 40-30 W |
| S.M. East    | 80-71 W | Blue Springs | 42-41 W |
| Blue Springs | 55-40 W | O'Hara       | 57-28 W |
| O'Hara       | 58-42 W | B.S. South   | 30-29 W |
| B.S. South   | 51-27 W | S.M. North   | 51-53 L |
| S.M. North   | 70-38 W | S.M. NWest   | 47-58 L |
| Aquinas      | 48-45 W | Miege        | 43-36 W |
| L. Summit    | 44-45 L | Aquinas      | 44-34 W |
| S.M. North   | 36-25 W | L. Summit    | 31-24 W |
| Hickman      | 69-17 W | S.M. North   | 31-37 L |
| Ruskin       | 60-44 W | Fort Osage   | 54-33 W |
| Ray South    | 35-46 L | Blue Springs | 41-30 W |
| Miege        | 82-35 W | Liberty      | 37-33 W |
| Truman       | 49-45 W | Truman       | 57-58 L |
| S.M. East    | 45-51 L | S.M. East    | 69-57 W |



Pat Gallagher, Michael Day, and Ryan Watson prepare to steal the ball away from their S.M. North opponents.



**Freshman A Basketball Team** First Row: Tom Komoroski, Brian Dreis, Brian Carson, Pat Gallagher, Kyle Francis, Scott Edmonds. Back Row: Alex Staab, Coach Jim Bascom, Geoff Brown, Adam Balentine, Michael Day, Ryan Watson, Nick Taylor, Coach Bill Munninghoff, Jimmy Greffet.

# Frustrations abound for Baseball Team in reconstruction year

The Varsity Baseball Team fell into a slump early in the season and spent the rest of the year trying to dig themselves out, finishing with a 7-14 record.

The makeup of the team was not the most formidable that Rockhurst has had in previous years because of the smaller number of senior starters than juniors or underclassman.

"Next year, we will have at least seven starters from the senior class; therefore, our team's nucleus looks good," Assistant Coach Bernie Kreikemeier stated.

"The losing record only gives hope for a stronger, more enthusiastic approach to next year but the players gave it their all," stated Mike Strain, the team's manager.

"We seemed like we did real well in our tournament play," Coach Kreikemeier continued. "Down at the Jeff City tournament our pitching and hitting abilities were complete," he added.

According to Head Coach Jim DeGraw the highlight of the year was the way the team played in the Hickman Mills tournament where they added a couple of wins to their record.

"The lack of facilities like the loss of the indoor batting cage as well as bad weather conditions this spring were some of the low lights of the year," said Coach DeGraw. "Construction added to the confusion," he said "It was frustrating." *Story by Brian Ismert*



Junior Catcher Billy Brandtonies yells for an outfielder to throw the ball home.

Seniors Matt Zender, James Manning, and Jon Ferns are the only three seniors who have lettered since sophomore year.

Top: Sophomore Brandon Shelby awaits the ball to be pitched so he can hit a homerun.





Senior leader Matt Zender crushes the ball deep and out of the park.

### Varsity Baseball Record

|                 |       |   |
|-----------------|-------|---|
| Bishop Ward     | 4-14  | L |
| B.V.N.W.        | 8-13  | L |
| B.V.N.W.        | 3-9   | L |
| Jeff City       | 5-8   | L |
| Hillcrest       | 15-4  | W |
| Hillbelle, Ill. | 5-4   | W |
| Aquinas         | 5-6   | L |
| Aquinas         | 5-9   | L |
| Oak Park        | 3-4   | L |
| Bishop Miege    | 0-5   | L |
| Bishop Miege    | 4-14  | L |
| Bishop Ward     | 0-7   | L |
| Belton          | 11-8  | W |
| Raytown         | 4-2   | W |
| Ray Pec         | 14-5  | W |
| Grandview       | 4-2   | W |
| B. Valley       | 3-5   | L |
| B. Valley       | 5-8   | L |
| Wyandotte       | 10-4  | W |
| Odessa          | 11-12 | L |
| Lee's Summit    | 7-12  | L |

Final Record: 7-14



Seated: Mike Strain. Front Row: Sean Doyle, Jon Ferns, Matt Nichols, Chris Pickert, Billy Brandtonies. Second Row: Joe Urnise, Geoffrey Starks, James Manning, Mark Alexander, Joe O'Connor, Brandon Shelby. Back Row: Head Coach Jim DeGraw, Burt Tonnies, Matt Zender, Brett Koons, Kevin Haake, Kevin Henry, Coach Bernie Kriekemeier.



Junior Sean Doyle grimaces after making an out.

# JV Baseball team gains character in 3-7 season

This year's JV Baseball Team experienced a lot of character building in the 10 games they played. Head Coach Steve Christy said that even though it was a rough season, "It was great experiencing the time spent with young men coming together as a team."

The highlight of the year came in the second game against a tough Blue Valley Northwest team. The Hawklets played well enough to come back and win the high scoring game, 15-14.

"Seeing some Sophomores playing well with the older players," was another highlight, according to Coach Christy. "My hope for the future is that these guys will positively contribute to the Varsity team next year," he said.

The team had a hard time because of many rain delayed games, and the bad weather didn't allow them to practice a lot on the field together.

Other outstanding players that helped contribute to the season included Josh Williams, Nolen O'Dowd, Ryan Kisner, Ron Hedrix, and Brian Wall. The JV team will hope to improve next year from their 3-7 record.

*Story by Casey Miller*



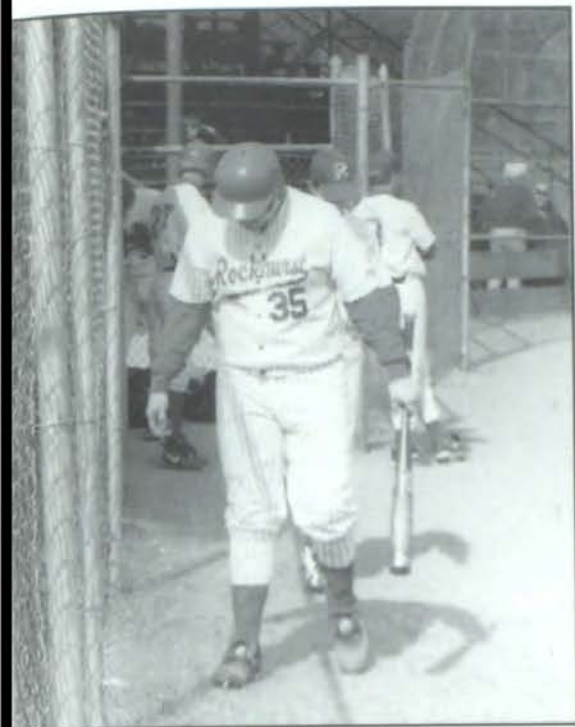
Seated: Mike Strain. First Row: Brian Wall, Willie Ronan, David Hayob, Ryan Kisner, Ty Burmeister, Kurt Crowe. Second Row: Cal Gast, Ron Hendrix, Brian Dewey, Coach Steve Christy, Joe Burke, Nolen O'Dowd, Josh Williams.

Top Right: Sophomore Josh Williams has a keen eye by letting the pitch that was in the dirt pass by him.

Junior pitcher Ron Hendrix peeks over to first base to see how far off the base runner is from the bag.







A frustrated Nolen O'Dowd calmly walks back to the dugout after striking out with the bases loaded.

First baseman Joe Burke stretches as far as he can to catch the ball.



**JV Baseball Record**

|                          |       |   |
|--------------------------|-------|---|
| Belton                   | 10-9  | W |
| BVNW                     | 15-14 | W |
| Aquinas                  | 8-12  | L |
| Miege                    | 5-9   | L |
| Miege                    | 5-8   | L |
| Bishop Ward              | 8-4   | W |
| Bishop Ward              | 2-4   | L |
| Winnetonka               | 14-18 | L |
| Blue Valley              | 7-8   | L |
| Blue Valley              | 4-10  | L |
| <b>Final Record: 3-7</b> |       |   |

Junior Brian Dewey tags out the baserunner.

# Hard work pays off with a 9-3 record for the Freshman Baseball Team

The Freshman Baseball Team had a winning record of 9-3 under the guidance of Head Coach Buddy Worth. According to Coach Worth there was no game which stood out; instead, the overall season and hard work outshined any one game.

"Consistent play throughout the year, good pitching, fielding, hitting, and how competitive the team was mentally and physically was the highlight of the season," said Coach Worth.

One game did stick out for Coach Worth as a great sign of the team's determination. "Bishop Ward beat us the first time we played them, but in the

second game we beat them 11-1."

Bishop Ward may have been an upper for the team, but they also had their downs. "The biggest heartbreak of the season was losing the last game to Blue Springs. It was close until the sixth inning, and it is never good to end a season on a losing note."

Coach Worth's hope for the future of the team is to see these players win a state championship before graduation, and to put a banner on the wall. year

"Get on base and you'll be successful," Coach Worth commented. "These guys were successful, and they really love the game of baseball." *Story by Reed Davison*

## Frosh Baseball Record

|                |      |   |
|----------------|------|---|
| Grandview      | 9-4  | W |
| Blue Valley    | 11-2 | W |
| Blue Valley    | 9-1  | W |
| Belton         | 14-3 | W |
| Ward           | 3-7  | L |
| Ward           | 11-1 | W |
| Olathe South   | 15-1 | W |
| Aquinas        | 9-6  | W |
| Aquinas        | 4-5  | L |
| Winnetonka     | 9-4  | W |
| Blue Springs S | 14-5 | W |
| Blue Springs   | 3-8  | L |

Final Record: 9-3



Freshman third baseman Trevin Reed gets prepared for a ball that might come his way.

Top Right: Freshman catcher Justin Quick catches his pitcher's 90 mph fastball.



First Row: Justin McFarland, Andrew Womack, David Winget. Second Row: Ryan Worth, Geoff Brown, Nic Taylor, Stephen Hiatt, Ryan Anderson, Justin Quick. 2nd Row Robbie Arthur, Chris Poskin, Raymond Chang, Mark Zschoche, John Linhoff, Chris Ryan, Coach Buddy Worth, David Manning, Trevin Reed, Dan Welsh, Nic Boyd, A.J. Kinsella, Alex Staab.



Freshman first baseman Robbie Arthur sets his sights on the batter.

Freshman Ryan Worth hits a ball deep and out of the park.

Top Left: Head Coach Buddy Worth ponders about his team's performance.

# Hockey team rebounds to reach league championship

The Rockhurst Hockey program, coached by Mr. Jack Bondon and Mr. Steve Mooney, got off to a rocky start early in the season by losing their first five games. However, they were able to come back and overcome the obstacles that blocked their path to victory, making an impressive impact in only their first year of play.

"With five losses under our belt it took a lot to come back, said Coach Bondon. "We had to start from scratch."

The team did come back with contributing efforts from players such as its two captains, senior Ben Beerman and junior Tim Lister, and the team's leading scorer Collin Koranda, who won the league's Best Defenseman Award.

These players led the team to winning the Eastern Conference Championship by beating Blue Valley Northwest. BVNW, one of the Hawklet's biggest rivals, and a team they had never been able to defeat in three regular season games.

After Rockhurst beat Shawnee Mission Northwest in the quarter-finals and BVNW in the semi-finals, they had to face their biggest rival, Blue Valley. Rockhurst played the Tigers in a best of three tournament for the Championship and lost two games to one. Although the tournament ended up as a loss it symbolized an end to an amazing first season.

"The kids were surprisingly dedicated for a first year team," Coach Bondon said. "They came out and worked real hard and gave 110%."

*Story by Philip Duncan*



Billy Palmer breaks away from a Shawnee Mission Northwest player to set up the offense for Rockhurst.



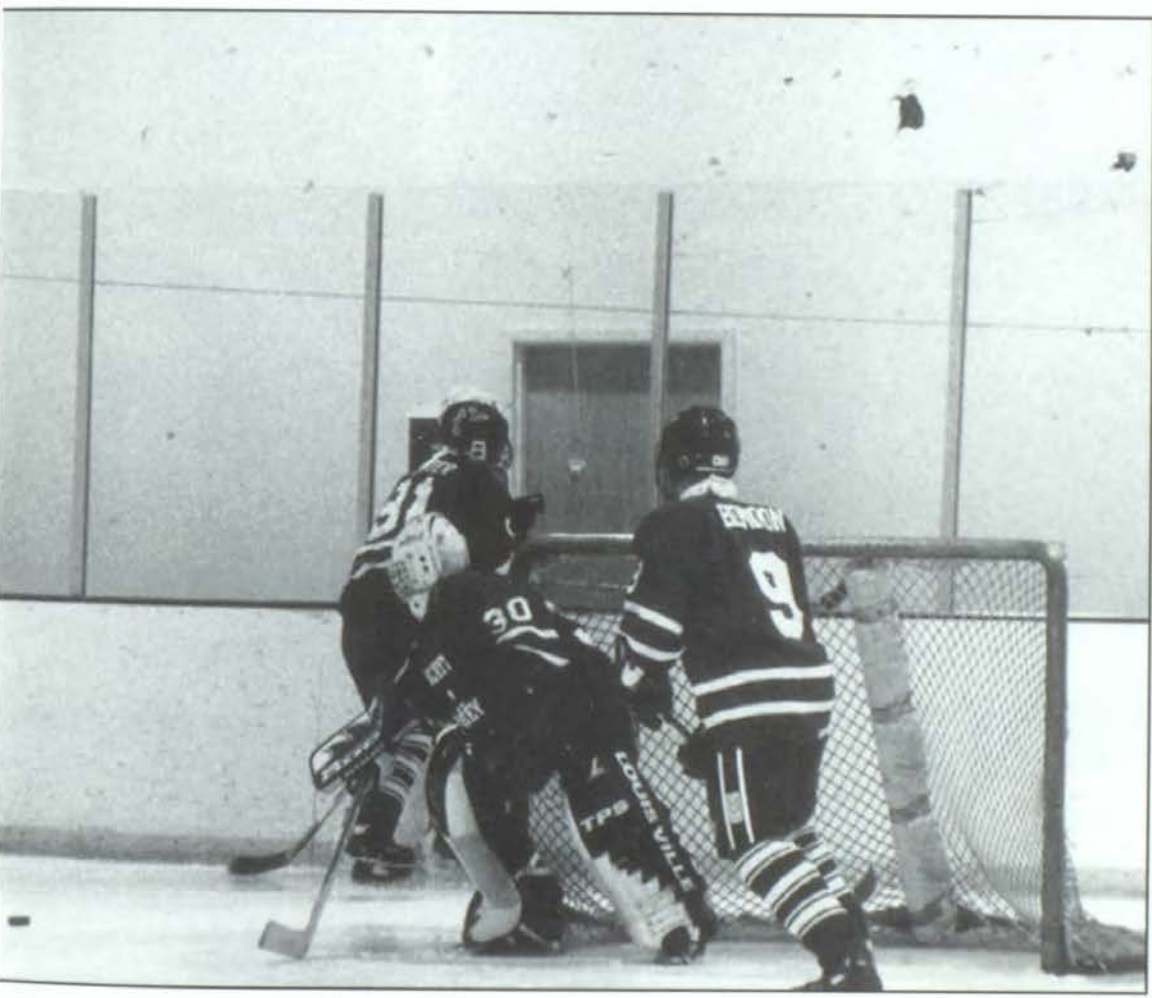
John Roach handles the puck past the faceoff circle for a one on one breakaway.



Far left: Collin Koranda clears the defensive zone by shooting the puck up the boards.

Teammates congratulate each other after a goal in a home game.

Steve Mooney prepares to pass the puck up to a member of the Rockhurst team.

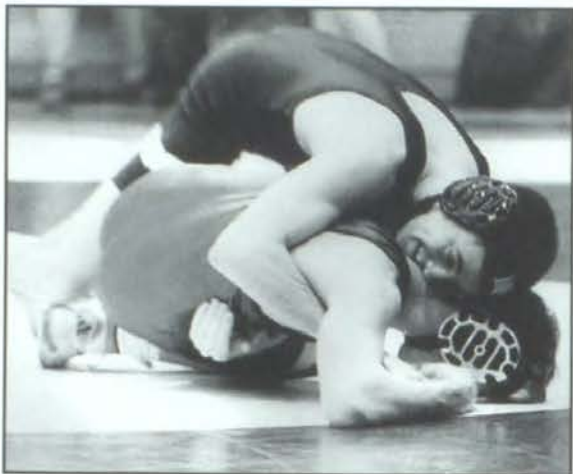


Tim Lister holds an opposing player against the boards and kicks out the puck for his teammate.

Far Right: Senior Adrian Rinas waits for the referee to blow the whistle.

Below Right: Senior Greg Oppold attempts to roll an adversary for a pin.

Senior Rich Wikiera struggles to put a move on an opponent.

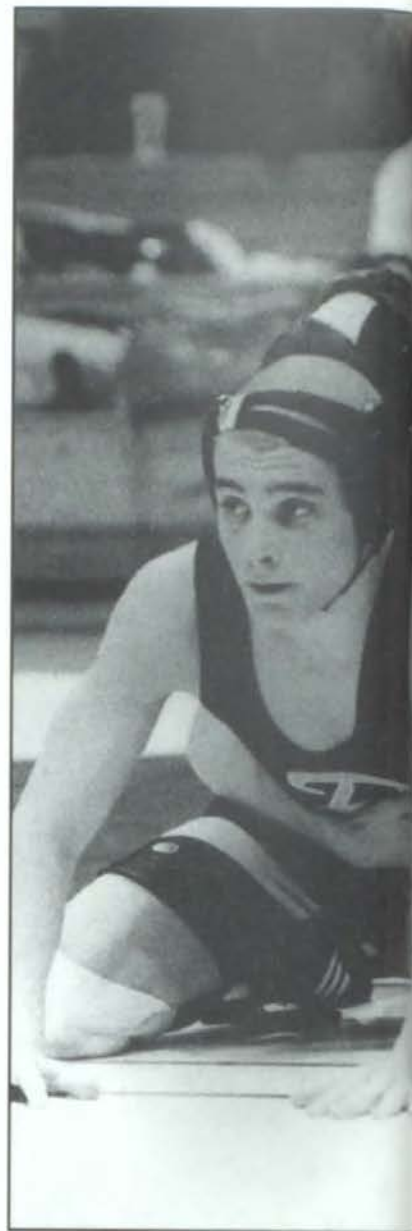
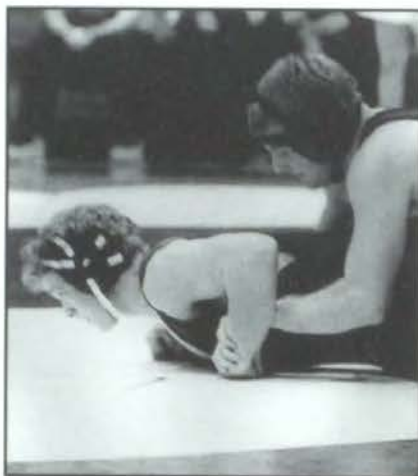


Head Coach Rich Wikiera gives instruction to Greg Oppold after a match.

Rich Wikiera has a rival in a submission hold.

### VARSITY RECORD

|                 |       |   |
|-----------------|-------|---|
| Turner          | 63-10 | W |
| Aquinas         | 39-30 | W |
| SME             | 54-12 | W |
| SMW             | 62-10 | W |
| Bonner Springs  | 27-34 | L |
| Butler          | 34-21 | W |
| North KC        | 43-15 | W |
| Blue Springs    | 12-49 | L |
| Grandview       | 41-29 | W |
| Kemper Military |       | F |



# Wrestling experience helps in team and individual improvement

The Rockhurst Varsity Wrestling Team won three first place team championships in posting an overall 7-2 record. Seven wrestlers had 20 or more wins and one had a 30-win season.

"It was the best season ever," according to Head Coach Rich Wikiera. "I was very proud of the team accomplishments. We improved in the amount of pins, team wins, and individual wins. We really surprised a lot of schools.

Adrian Rinas led the team with 30 wins, and Chris Carmody, Rich Wikiera, Andy Gilchrist, Colin McFarland, David Chung and Joe Restivo all posted 20-win seasons.

The team's biggest heartbreak was a loss to Blue Springs. According to Coach Wikiera, "It looked as though our kids were not in it from the start. We were physically and psychologically beat. I think we gave them more credit than they deserved."

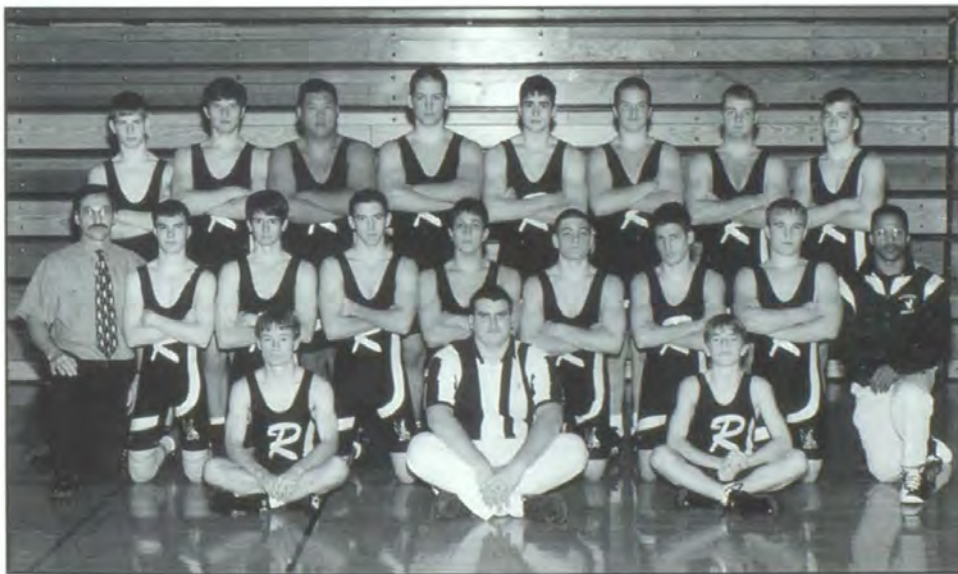
The teams biggest rivalry, Aquinas, did not provide as much a challenge as in past years. Aquinas lost some key seniors which exemplified the strength needed to beat Rockhurst. Mr. Wikiera believes that next year Aquinas will be a dominant team to deal with.

The Hawklets had several returning letterman, which provided experience for the team.

Coach Wikiera, assisted by Coach Tony Hill and Coach Steve Christy, hopes to spread interest to younger students. "I would like to have more Freshman and Sophomores find interest in the sport," said Coach Wikiera.

"Overall I was extremely happy and proud of the work ethic and leadership that the Seniors had, and how it filtered down towards the Juniors and Sophomores."

*Story by Dan Watson*



**First Row:** Ben Livingston, Pat Scanlan, Andy Gilchrist. **Second Row:** Head Coach Rich Wikiera, Jackson Erwin, Pat O'Bryan, Rich Wikiera, Chris Carmody, Adrian Rinas, Joe Restivo, Kyle Scott, Coach Tony Hill. **Third Row:** Andy Bock, Mike McGeehan, David Chung, Colin McFarland, Dan Carmody, Nick Boyd, Greg Oppold, Steve Smith.



Adrian Rinas gains control in a wrestling match.

# Young JV wrestlers provide future hope

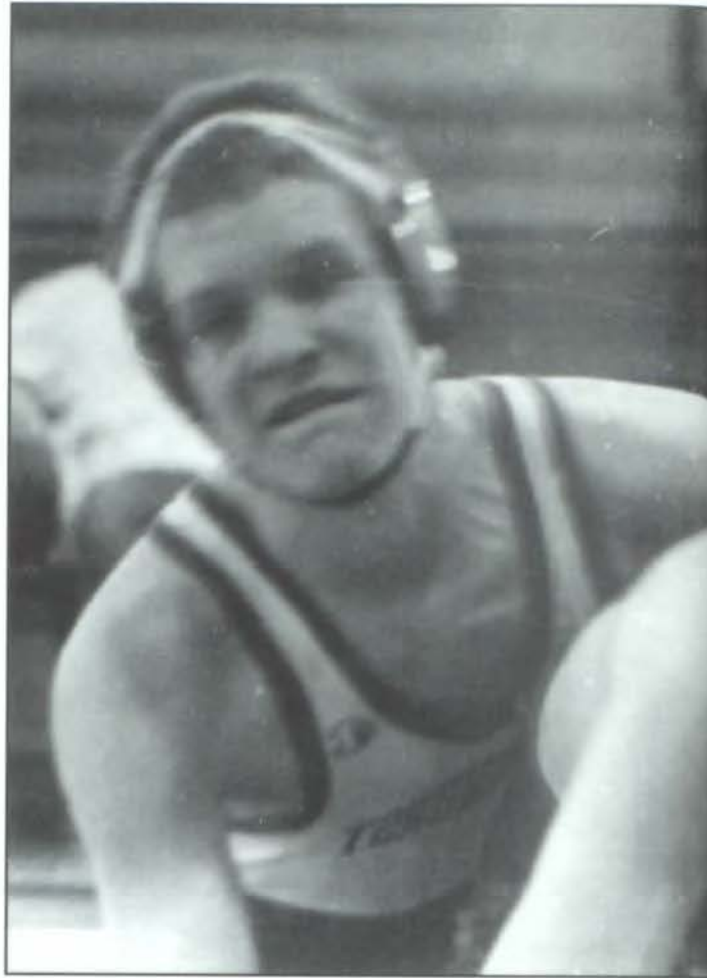
The JV Wrestling Team was very young and was for many their first year of playing, according to Head Coach Tony Hill. "But the team did extremely well and became better as the season went on," he added.

The team was composed primarily of freshmen with a few sophomores. Coach Hill mentioned that the freshman did a good job of picking up the sport and pulling their weight. "There were some outstanding freshman on this team, but the one who stood out was Andrew Bach," said Coach Hill. "I believe Bach and the other freshman will be outstanding once they gain more experience in the off-season."

The JV Wrestling did well against their two big rivals, Blue Springs and Bonner Springs, but the team didn't really have a record due to the competitors they wrestled. Their record is based only on the teams they wrestled in Missouri. Teams in Kansas only counted as exhibition matches according to MSHSAA regulations.

Coach Hill was happy with the season and has high hopes for the future. "I hope next year's team will be better with more experience so we can reach higher goals. Many of the wrestlers were new to the sport, so that made us a young team, but we did well for a young team."

*Story by Kirk Walters*



Freshman Brendan Murphy goes low to attempt to take down his opponent.

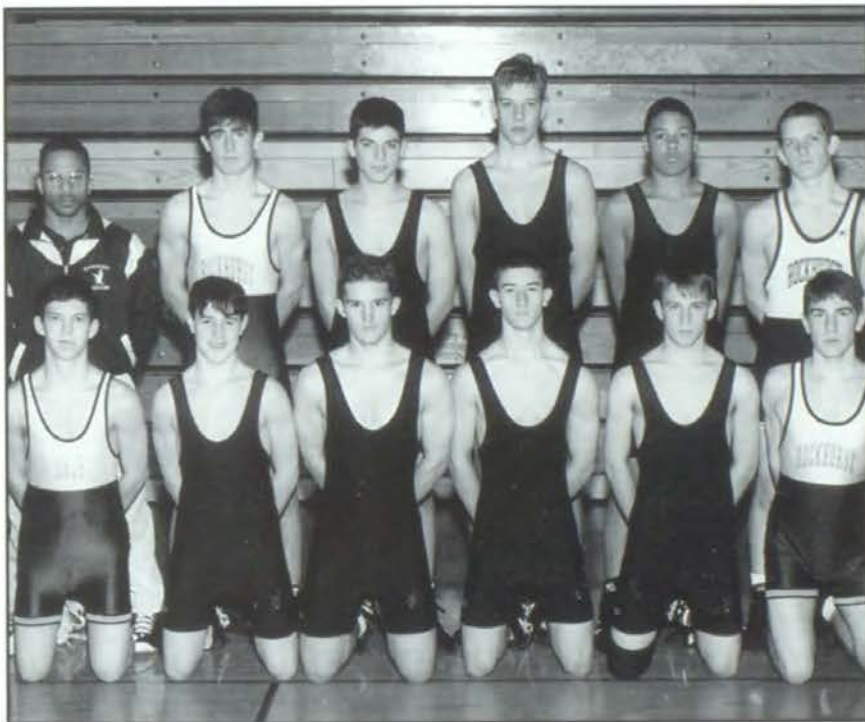
Freshman Robert Mashburn grapples to gain control of his opponent.





Freshman Thomas Henggeler uses all his strength to try and pull over the other wrestler.

Junior Brian Degnan walks over to wrestle his next opponent.



**Front Row:** Dan Connell, Kevin Aylward, Bob Stokes, Brian Degnan, Dan Welsh, Phillip Murphy. **Row 2:** Coach Tony Hill, Brian Quarnstrom, Brendan Murphy, Robert Mashburn, Thomas Persley, Thomas Henggeler

Kevin Teasdale, Charles Rhoades, Adam Flack, and Chris Clement display their first place medals for the 400-yard freestyle relay at the Independent Schools Conference Championship.

Coach Andy Hagedorn gives insight to second year coach Fred Schlichting on a relay card. Photo by Willy Fagan



## VARSITY RECORD

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Center Invitational       | 1st  |
| Ozark Invitational        | 4th  |
| SME Invitational          | 6th  |
| Lawrence/SMN              | 1st  |
| Grandview                 | 1st  |
| Columbia Hickman Invit.   | 4th  |
| Raytown S. Invitational   | 1st  |
| Independence Invitational | 5th  |
| Glendale Invitational     | 4th  |
| Indep. Schools Conference | 1st  |
| <i>State Championship</i> | 19th |



**First Row:** Rich Robinson, Chris Riffel, Charles Rhoades, John Taylor, J.V. Wilson, Willy Fagan, Andy Tiehen. **Second Row:** Zach Gansert, Sean McLaughlin, Trip Ross, Brett Springs, Paul Bissler, Stephen Bowen, Joe McCann, Geoff Wilson. **Third Row:** Head Coach Andy Hagedorn, Chris Clement, Adam Flack, Mike Tiehen, Chad Clayton, John Nugent, Joe Rogers. Kevin Teasdale, Coach Fred Schlichting.



Coach Hagedorn gives a "game plan" to the 97-98 Aqua Hawks at their conference championship.

## Swimmers capture 5th straight league championship crown

**T**he Rockhurst Aqua Hawks proved to be a contending force in the area for the 1997-98 swim season. The team, coached by Mr. Andy Hagedorn with the assistance of second-year coach Mr. Fred Schlichting, enjoyed their most successful season ever.

The Hawklets made an impact in all meets in which they participated. The team placed fifth place or better with eight returning lettermen at all dual and invitational meets, and qualified all three relays and five individuals for the state meet in St. Louis.

Highlights for the regular swimming season included a fifth place finish at the Springfield Invitational, first place at Raytown South Invitational, and an Independent Conference Championship for the fifth straight year.

When February came around, the swimmers concentrated on only one event, the State Swim Meet held in St. Louis for the first time ever. Until the Independent Schools Championship only juniors Trip Ross and Will Fagan had qualified in an individual event, both qualifying in the 100-yard breaststroke.

At the last possible moment, Chris Clement, Kevin Teasdale, and Joe McCann qualified for the big dance. Clement and Teasdale qualified in the 100-yard freestyle, and Teasdale and McCann in the 200-yard freestyle. When the meet came around the Aqua Hawks were pumped.

"I really felt we were going to do well and show the Missouri 'powerhouse' teams that the Rock meant business," said junior Chris Clement.

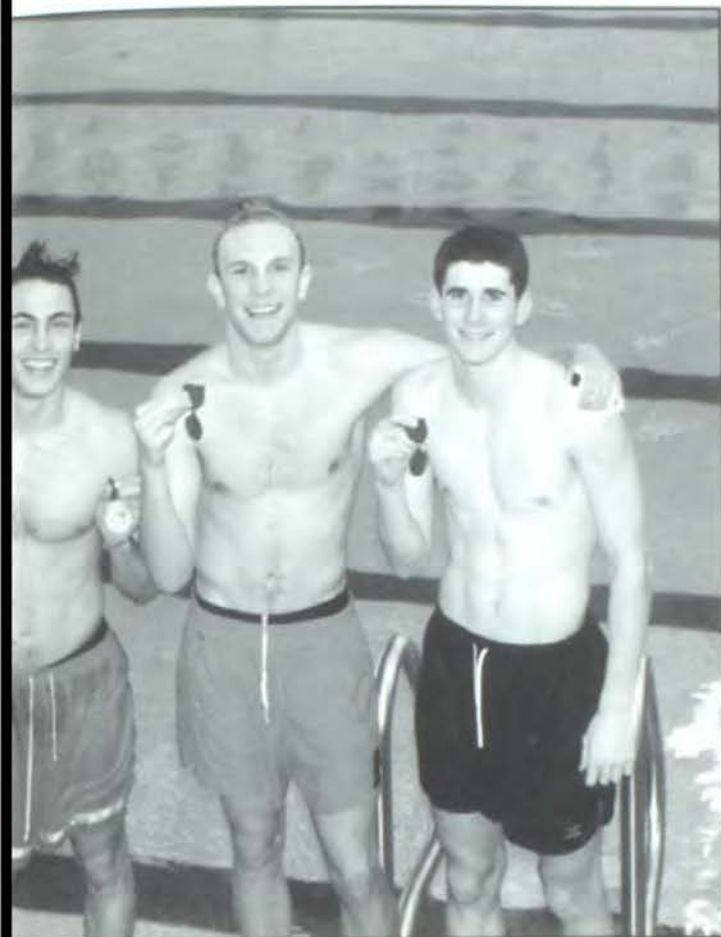
The Hawklets, who were seeded not to score any points, instead scored 26, finishing 19th out of over 56 teams, and qualified in all three relays for finals, a precedent-setting event for RHS.

"The state meet brought out both competitiveness and team unity. I felt that we had the best year yet," said co-captain J.V. Wilson.

Through this year's team will be remembered as one of the best in Rockhurst swimming history, Coach Hagedorn feels that next year's seniors will show strong leadership qualities and hopefully finish in the top ten at state.

*Story by Willy Fagan*

Coach Andy Hagedorn talks to his team after a relay. *Photo by Willy Fagan*



Junior Brian Anselmo leaps over a hurdle in the Rockhurst Relays.

Junior 'flexibility champ' Matt George runs in a track meet at O'Hara.



#### Varsity Track and Field Results

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Excelsior Springs | 2nd  |
| Blue Valley N.W.  | 5th  |
| S.M. South        | N/A  |
| William Chrisman  | 5th  |
| Miege             | 6th  |
| RHS Relays        | 2nd  |
| O'Hara            | 3rd  |
| Aquinas           | 11th |
| Blue Springs      | 15th |
| L.S./L.S.N.       | 8th  |
| Districts         | 10th |

**Front Row:** Matt George, Cory Ryan, Scott Hense, Willie Ingram, Melvin Dunsworth, Dante Hernandez, Jeff Dobbie, Mike Judy, Schad McGovern, Bret Springs. **Second Row:** Chris Steck, Steve Holte, Steve Chung, Mike Schaefer, Chip Owens, Brian Degnan, Justin Shatto, Ashley Davis, Joe Ballard, Brian Baldwin, John Taylor, Trey Keifer, David Wood, Vince Rupp, Brian Siegel, Mike Tiehan. **Third Row:** Jake Knopke, Greg Orscheln, Steve Phelps, Derek McCallum, Mike Downs, Josh Dugan, Will Petrie, Ryan Burns, Brian Smith-Vandergriff, Mark Kenning, Jeff Otto, Paul O'Bryan, Josh Brewster, Grayson Doherty, Brett McCracken. **Fourth Row:** Craig Temple, Brandon Yano, Brett Coppage, Chris Brown, Tom Lenihan, Josh Dugan, Jason Woods, Brian Riley, Joe Nguyen, Paul Rohrer, Roland Sabates, Dan Flemington, Kelly McMahon, Corey Egan, Johannes Moser, Jesus Chapa. **Fifth Row:** Jon Adriano, Jason Haile, Ike Nwabounwu, Jarret Devereaux, John Rugler, Brendan Matthews, Bill Buser, Chris Clarkson, Brian Dreiser, Jason Dunsworth, Andre Nesdon, John Disalvo, Michael Griffin. **Sixth Row:** Greg Bass, David Ziegler, Jonathan Kincaid, Tim Reardon, Matt Judy, Eddie Bessenbacher, Jeff Mincher, Andy Tiehan, Brian Quarnstrom, Luke Dlabal, Joe Price, Peter Giangreco. **Back Row:** Hieu Pham, Coach Michael Dierks, Dr. Jorge Taracido, Coach John Morris, Coach Paul Klene, Scott Lewis. Not Pictured: Brian Anselmo, Coach Phil Baker.

## Track and Field Team overcomes challenges, represents the Rock well

A series of setbacks plagued the 1997-1998 version of the Rockhurst Varsity Track Team as they finished a season filled with mixed results.

The loss of facilities and the weather challenged the team along with the loss of several experienced runners to other extracurricular activities.

Highlights of the season included a stepped up effort at home as the team posted a second place finish at the Rockhurst Relays. The team also posted a respectable fifth place finish at the William Chrisman Relays.

Despite the mixed results, coaches were proud of how the team came together to endure some of the circumstances which were out of their control.

"These young men stepped up and worked hard in the practices and supported one another," said Coach Michael Dierks.

Other results of the team included a third place finish at O'Hara, a second place finish at Excelsior Springs, and a second place finish for the Junior Varsity at Belton.

Overall, the way the team approached each meet and their entire season was particularly encouraging to the coaches.

"Track and Field is a very mentally demanding sport. I was impressed by how the team came together to make the season fun. They worked hard and represented the RHS community with pride," said Head Coach Jorge Taracido.

*Story by Kevin Komoroski*

Top: Sophomore Mike Downs stretches for all the distance he can in the long jump.

Junior Scott Hense sets his pole as he prepares to clear the bar in a pole vaulting event.



## Track & Field lose key runners but maintain a positive attitude



Mr. Mark Bubalo shows a time to Head Coach Jorge Taracido and Coach Michael Dierks at the Rockhurst Relays.

Timekeepers, including Messrs. David Alvey, Jerry Goblen, and Andy Hagedorn, keep their eyes on the oncoming runners at the RHS Relays.

Top: Junior Justin Shatto catches his second wind while running in the 800-meter relay.





Sophomore Jeff Otto waits to hear the results of his 100 meter dash. He won his heat.

Junior Grayson Doherty strains to reach the finish line during his heat at the RHS Relays.



Sophomore Corey Egan jumps over a hurdle in the Rockhurst relays.

Sophomore Joe Nguyen attempts to leap as far as he can in the long jump.

Far Left: Sophomore big man Jeff Dobbie twirls around to throw the discus.



# Tennis Rocks State for 3rd straight year!

For the third consecutive year, the Rockhurst Varsity Tennis Team captured the State Team Championship. Senior Casey Smith won the State Individual Title, also for the third year in a row.

The highlight of the season according to Head Coach Ron Geldhof was defeating St. Louis University High School in the State Tournament Finals. The doubles team, consisting of Andy Metzler and Ryan Osgood, took second at State while Scott Martin and Chris Starks took third.

During a singles match at the State Tournament Junior Scott Martin hurt himself and first alternate Ben Bawden was brought up to replace him. After a disappointing first match loss, 1-6, Bawden quickly regained his confidence and won the next two, 7-6, 6-2.

"I am very pleased to see that we have a deep bench with players who could come in and compete well at the varsity level," Coach Geldhof said. "I am very proud of Ben for his accomplishment."

Not only did Smith win the State Singles Title, he also went 27-1 and was ranked as the ninth best tennis player in the nation. "It was a great year for me and I am so proud of the rest of the team. They worked hard and it paid off," Smith said.

This marked the third year in a row the Hawklets have beaten SLUH in the state tournament. According to Coach Geldhof, "SLUH has become one of our biggest rivals in state play. We really earned the championship. I have not had a team who has worked harder to prepare themselves than this year's team. They really earned what they got," said Coach Geldhof.

"I hope our will have this much success next year. It will take a lot of hard work, but I do believe we can do it."

*Story by Dan Watson*



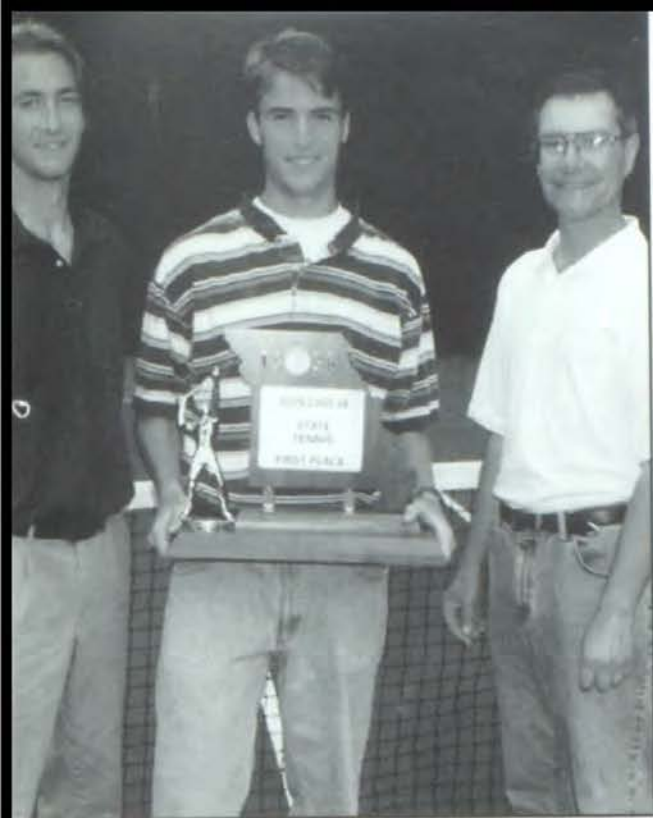
**First Row:** Pete Vilkins, Chris Starks, Chris Long, Pete Mancina, Mitch Paone, Andy Metzler. **Second Row:** Chris Paone, Jonathan Enriquez, Zack Miller, Ben Bawden, Leon Harden, Jack Smedlie, Ryan Raybould. **Third Row:** Head Coach Ron Geldhof, Scott Martin, Ed Fugit, Ryan Osgood, Nick Migliazzo, Casey Smith, Adam Maese, Coach Steve Ptasnik.

Senior Chris Starks returns a serve from a Blue Springs opponent.

Ryan Osgood wins his set with a strong overhand return.







Coaches Steve Ptasnik and Ron Geldhoff pose with Casey Smith, the Missouri State Tennis Singles Title

Junior Scott Martin responds to advice from his coaches.



### Varsity Tennis Records

|              | Singles | Doubles |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| Casey Smith  | 27-1    | 6-0     |
| Ryan Osgood  | 13-2    | 25-2    |
| Andy Metzler | 12-2    | 25-2    |
| Zach Miller  | 20-6    | 9-0     |
| Scott Martin | 9-1     | 17-6    |
| Chris Starks | 11-0    | 15-4    |
| Ben Bowden   | 14-0    | 10-2    |
| Chris Paone  | 3-0     | 7-0     |
| Chris Long   | 3-0     | 1-0     |

Final Record: First Place in State



Members of the Missouri State Championship Tennis Team are Zack Miller, Casey Smith, Ryan Osgood, Scott Martin, Andy Metzler, Chris Long, and Chris Starks. Coaches Steve Ptasnik and Ron Geldhof led the team to its third consecutive State Championship.



Andy Metzler strains to reach a Blue Springs rival's return of his serve. He returned this shot and won the point.

# JV Tennis squad, 12-0, conquers competition

**T**he Hawklet JV Tennis Team compiled a perfect 12-0 record. Players such as Ed Fugit, Pete Vilkins, and Mitch Paone played a key role in that success, according to Head JV Coach Steve Ptasnik.

"The reason for our success was that everybody got along. We took care of business quickly and went home."

Fugit's strong serve was an important factor in several wins. Vilkin's determination and strong sense of winning also contributed to the team's success. Paone's youth kept the upperclassmen on their toes.

"Any one of these players could be a star tennis player at any other school. I am very glad that they accept that concept and that is what makes them great leaders for JV," said Head Varsity Coach Ron Geldhof.

"There really is not a word to describe this season. We were like a juggernaut; any school we faced we just ran right over them," said junior sensation Fugit.

According to Coach Ptasnik, "They came in and destroyed every school that came in their way. Nobody could compete with us this year."

"This year was a lot of fun and I hope that next year I continue to have people like Ed Fugit and others to work hard and provide support for the Varsity to win State," he said. *Story by Dan Watson*

Pete Vilkins ask Coach Steve Ptasnik for advice on his tennis skills.

Top: Junior Ed Fugit is jammed while trying to return the ball.





Pete Vilkins jumps in the air to return an opponent's serve.

### JV Tennis Record

|                | Singles | Doubles |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| Mitch Paone    | 14-2    | 7-0     |
| Ed Fugit       | 12-2    | 7-0     |
| Pete Vilkins   | 10-3    | 7-0     |
| Ryan Raybould  | 4-0     | 5-0     |
| Nick Migliazzo | 6-0     | 5-0     |

Lee's Summit Tournament: 1st Place



Members of the Junior Varsity Team pose with Coaches Steve Ptasnik and Ron Geldhof and with the State Championship trophy won by the Varsity squad. Ryan Raybould, Peter Vilkins, Sam Davidson, Peter Mancina, Leon Harden, Jonathan Enriquez intend to defend the Rockhurst title next year.

Senior attackman Tim Haake leaps over the DeSmet goalie to score a goal.

Sophomore attackman Pat Connelly breaks through DeSmet's defenders to take a shot on goal.



### Varsity Lacrosse Records

|                   |       |   |
|-------------------|-------|---|
| Lafayette         | 7-13  | L |
| DeSmet            | 8-15  | L |
| Parkway North     | 11-4  | W |
| Webster Grove     | 14-4  | W |
| Parkway Central   | 11-4  | W |
| Lafayette         | 8-11  | L |
| Vianney           | 15-4  | W |
| SLUH              | 10-1  | W |
| Parkway Central   | 14-3  | W |
| DeSmet            | 10-9  | L |
| State Tournament  |       |   |
| DeSmet            | 10-11 | L |
| Final Record: 6-5 |       |   |



Senior Sean Connelly breaks down to scoop up a ground ball.

# RHS Lacrosse reaches new heights; loses out in State semifinals, 11-10

Rockhurst Lacrosse entered a new realm for the 1997-98 season. Coached by Mr. Al Carruthers and assisted by Sean Thornton, Tim Hannon and Dave Steffano, the Hawklets moved up two divisions all the way to number one in only its second year having a Varsity program. The Hawklets had a lot to prove not only to themselves, but also to the opposing teams in their league.

Rockhurst met two of its biggest rivals, DeSmet, a Jesuit institution, and Lafayette, early in the season. Both were home games, and losses. Although Rockhurst has played these teams for three years, Rockhurst has never won.

The Hawklets improvement from last year was evident by a resounding defeat of another Jesuit rival, Saint Louis University High School, 11-3, thus avenging last year's disappointing loss.

"In last year's game we played down to their level, and we were embarrassed at home," said junior middle Trip Ross. "This year we played the game that we knew how and we did not back down." Rockhurst beat SLUH during the regular season and also in the State Quarter-final game.

The highlight of the Lacrosse season, a game against DeSmet in the State Semi-finals, was also the biggest

heartbreak. "In that game our team demonstrated that we were a force to be reckoned with. Even though we dominated the first three quarters of the game, DeSmet came back to win 11-10 in the fourth quarter," stated Coach Al Carruthers. Senior middle Sean Connelly said that "the most important thing about the DeSmet game is that left everything on the field. We all played until we were physically and emotionally exhausted. No one gave up for even a second."

Some of the outstanding players and returning lettermen who contributed to the Hawklet's successful season were juniors Ross, Phil Duncan, Nick Allegri, Pete McGilley, Matt Buser, and seniors Sean Connelly, Craig Hakes, Tim Haake, Kieren McInerney, and Andy Gorski.

"Rockhurst can be proud of how Lacrosse represented the community with hard work and pride. Very few have achieved so much in that little of time. It was incredible to see the kids play at the level they did," said Coach Carruthers.

Rockhurst's hope for the future is that its popularity will continue to grow. "Rockhurst hopes to gain more young players by the success of its program," said Coach Carruthers. "I would like to see a freshman team develop and have a solid JV team and then win championships at all three levels," he added.

*Story by Philip Duncan*



**First Row:** Pete McGilley, Joe Manion, Tom Boling, Kieren McInerney, Tim Lister, Tim Haake, Pat Thomas, David Raydo, Collin Koranda, Trip Ross. **Second Row:** Ryan Boyle, Matt Buser, Ryan McLaughlin, J.W. Clark, Phil Duncan, Pradeep Chandra, Craig Hakes, Nick Allegri, Aaron Clevinger. **Third Row:** Head Coach Al Carruthers, Coach Tim Hannon, Pat Connelly, Sean Connelly, Truss Tyson, Seaton Thedinger, Mike Dunham, Andrew Gorski, Coach Sean Thornton, Coach Dave Steffano.



Senior middle Sean Connelly prepares to take a shot in a home game against Lafayette.

Sophomore Midfielder Cole Dimond attempts to knock down a pass by a SLUH attack.

Coaches Chris Brewster, Tom Laughlin, Mark Berns, and Tim Hannon address their team during halftime against Parkway Central.



| JV Lacrosse Record |     |   |                   |       |
|--------------------|-----|---|-------------------|-------|
| A                  |     |   | B                 |       |
| Lafayette          | 8-2 | W | Webster G.        | 2-7 L |
| DeSmet             | 2-8 | L | Vianney           | 0-9 L |
| Parkway N          | 7-1 | W | DeSmet            | 1-2 L |
| Webster G.         | 8-1 | W | SLUH              | 5-4 W |
| Parkway W          | 9-4 | W | Final Record: 1-3 |       |
| Parkway C          | 8-1 | W |                   |       |
| SLUH               | 7-5 | W |                   |       |
| Clayton            | 6-1 | W |                   |       |
| Ladue              | 2-3 | L |                   |       |
| Hazelwood          | 1-2 | L |                   |       |
| Final Record: 8-3  |     |   |                   |       |



**JV A Team:** Front Row: Matt Baker, Jeremy Rieck, Cole Dimond. Second Row: Jake Lynch, Brad Costanza, Kevin Weiss, Brian Ismert, Chris Clement, Reed Davison, Luke Baur, Conor Kelly. Third Row: Pat Lobb, John Lecuyer, Dustin Charapala, Kyle Vrabac, Tim Bridgham, Luke McClellan, Brian Cook, Brandon Shelby. Fourth Row: Coach Mark Berns, Coach Chris Brewster, Matt Kopp, Blair Theding, Gunnar Hand, Wade Muller, Matt Sanchez, Coach Tim Hannon, Coach Jay Coleman. Not Pictured: Jake Hildebrand, Matt Hoefler.

## JV Lacrosse posts 7-1 record in third year

The Junior Varsity Lacrosse team experienced a large amount of success in its third year of existence. Led by Head Coach Chris Brewster and Assistant Coaches Mark Berns and Jay Coleman, the team had seven wins in the regular season and only one loss. The young team defeated several skilled St. Louis teams, including Lafayette and St. Louis University High. "This being only the third year of lacrosse at Rockhurst, and because of the fact that over 80 freshman tried out this winter, the future looks very bright for Rockhurst Lacrosse," Coach Berns said.

The team was lead in scoring by junior Matt Sanchez with 18 goals and five assists in eight regular season games, including three hat-tricks. Coach Berns, regarding Sanchez' success this year, said, "(Sanchez) stepped into the role as an offensive power and should contribute to varsity next year."

A group of juniors playing the sport for the first year, along with a strong field of incoming freshmen, allowed the team to thrive beyond all expectations this season. Freshmen Pete Schloegel and John Lecuyer also developed into extremely strong defensivemen, according to Coach Brewster. By the end of the season, the two young players were practicing with the varsity squad. John Lecuyer, regarding his ability to pick up lacrosse, said, "Playing with the upperclassmen this year enabled me to improve quicker than anyone expected, including myself."

The team entered the JV Lacrosse tournament at the end of the year seeded third, surprising many St. Louis schools. However, the tournament ended in disappointment as Rockhurst went home early, winning one game and losing two. The Junior Varsity team, regardless of its poor showing in the tournament, experienced measurable success this year and prepared several of its players to fill the spots of the graduating seniors on the varsity squad.

*Story by Conor Kelly*

Top Left: John Lecuyer, freshman defenseman, sets his sights on a SLUH player in hopes of winning the ball back.

Above: Pat Lobb and fellow freshman Matt Beck wrestle the ball away from an opponent during the Rockhurst Lacrosse Tournament.



**JV B Team:** Front Row: John O'Connor, Seth Smith, John Walz, Sean Linebach, Rich Moritz, Paul McGannon. Row 2: Kevin Cotter, Jay Finaly, Adam Berglund, Trevor Holland, Brendon Murphy, Mike Knopke, Sean McGaughlin, Matt Beck. Third Row: Jake Boesen, Chris Thorman, Kyle O'Brien, Alex Landazuri, Anthony Carson, Bob Stokes, Eric Noblet, Sean Murphy. Fourth Row: Coach Mark Berns, Coach Tim Hannon, Matt Dunham, John Haake, Jerry Miller, Peter Schloegel, Blaine Lagergren, Coach Chris Brewster, Coach Jay Coleman. Not pictured: Adam Morgens.

# Golf rocks State, too!

**T**he Rockhurst Varsity Golf Team won First Place in the Missouri State Tournament for the second time this decade. The Hawklets missed winning the 1997 State tourney by only one stroke.

After finishing the regular season 18-0 in match play, the team took first place in districts and won the State Championship by 16 strokes.

"I believe with such a young team (only losing one senior) we can come back next year and do even better," according to Coach Mike O'Leary.

Players such as Kirk Wood (73, 75), Jason Hobick (74, 76), Brent Kriegshauser (78, 73), and Kevin Ward (73, 78) were the leaders at the State Tournament according to Head Coach Steve Ryan.

"The team had a lot of talent to begin with and we added junior Jason Hobick and sophomore Kevin Ward, who was the medalist at Districts," commented Coach Ryan.

Coach Ryan believes the teams success was in part due to parents' effort to keep their sons involved in summer golf tournaments.

"Players such as Josh Polsinelli and Matt Stabler were right on the heels of the leading players. This made Wood and others work even harder so they would not be bumped from their position," said Coach O'Leary.

"We had an unbelievable finish for such a young team. It was a phenomenal ending that you can only imagine in your dreams. I hope we do not let our guard down for next year, and I hope we can win two in a row," he said.

*Story by Dan Watson*

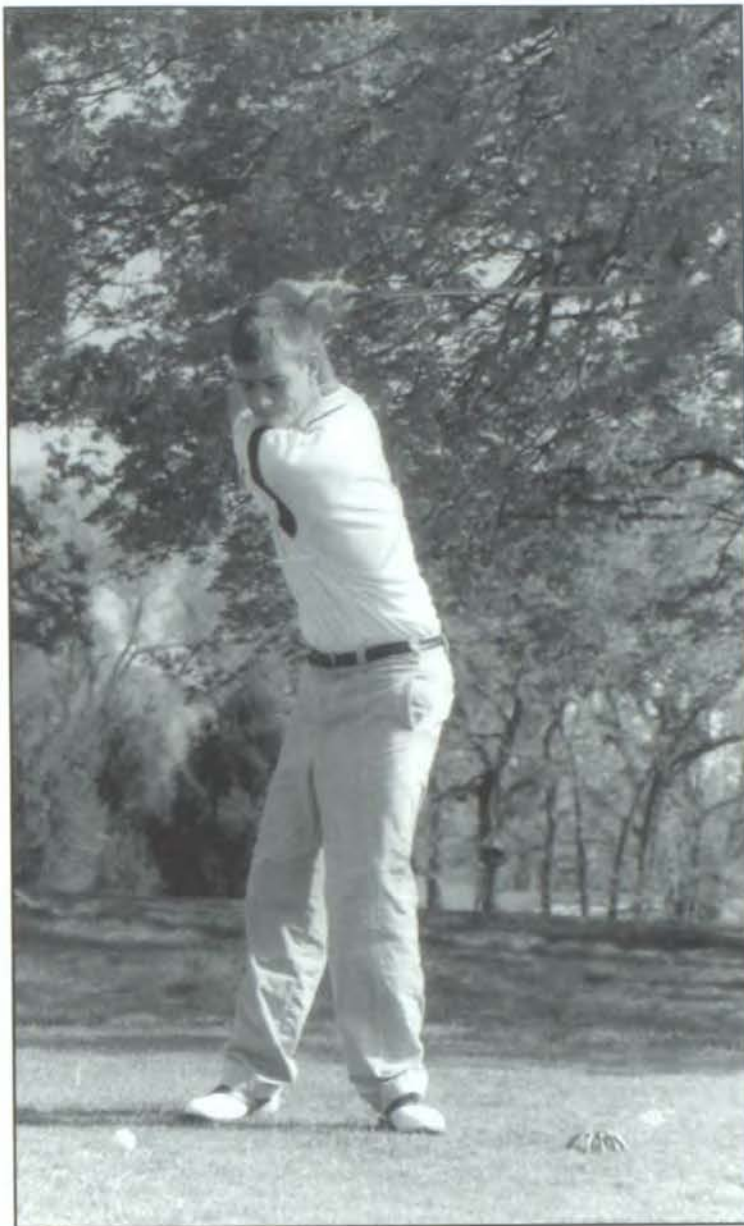
Junior Fred Loeb still managed to shoot under par in the freezing weather.

Top: Sophomore sensation Kirk Wood drives the ball into the rough but with a nice chip shot sets himself up for a birdie.

Far Right: Junior Jason Hobick eyes the green.







Senior Brian Dobbs prepares to drive the ball against rival Blue Springs.

Junior Fred Loeb has beautiful form to his chip shot.



**First Row:** Matt Stabler, Brent Kriegshauser, Kevin McGrath, Bryan Dobbs, Josh Polsinelli, Mark Kaufmann. **Second Row:** Coach Mike O'Leary, Kevin Ward, Kirk Wood, Jason Hobick, Fred Loeb, Coach Steve Ryan.

### Varsity Golf Record

|                           |          |         |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|
| Olathe East               |          | 160-170 |
| Columbia Classic          | 21 teams | 1st     |
| Miege                     |          | 169-174 |
| Lee's Summit              |          | 149-164 |
| Ray-Pec Invit.            | 11 teams | 1st     |
| Columbia Hickman          |          | 317-323 |
| St. Joe Central           |          | 318-346 |
| Lawrence/Leavenworth      |          | 1st     |
| Lake Quivira              | 8 teams  | 4th     |
| Blue springs/L. Summit N  |          | 1st     |
| Pembroke Hill             |          | 156-164 |
| Richmond Invit.           | 20 teams | 3rd     |
| Districts                 | 8 teams  | 1st     |
| St. Joe Central, Pembroke |          | 1st     |
| State                     | 16 teams | 1st     |

**Final Match Play Record: 18-0**



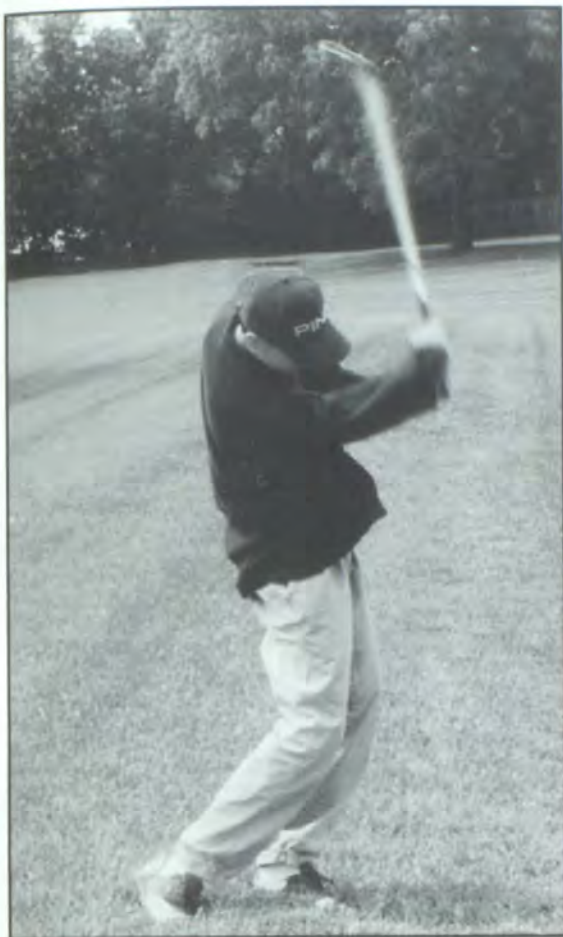
Coach Mike O'Leary, Junior Jason Hobick, Sophomore Kirk Wood, Junior Fred Loeb, Junior Brent Kreigshauser, Mark Albers, Doug Albers, and Mr. Steve Ryan proudly display their state trophy and medals.



Junior Jason Hobick accepts an award from Coaches Ryan and O'Leary.



Freshman Mitch Kelly tees off at Swope Memorial Golf Course.



## JV Golf Team pushes Varsity to new heights

The Rockhurst JV Golf Team has proven to be the best in the Kansas City Area once again. In seven tournaments they placed 1st twice, 2nd twice, 3rd once, and 6th twice.

"We had an extremely good team this year. Many players stepped up for us and really proved to be the very best JV team in the city," said Junior Varsity Coach Mike O'Leary.

Such players included junior Brad Thomas, junior Clint Reach, and sophomore Mitch Kelley.

"I enjoyed playing with sophomores and juniors who had experienced the stress of tournament play and their maturity helped me a lot," said Kelley.

"The JV Team proved helpful to the Varsity squad. They were so good it kept the Varsity players on their toes. If a Varsity player slipped up he knew that a JV player would quickly fill his position," said Head Varsity Coach Steve Ryan.

"Next year we should be even better because we only have one senior graduating," Thomas commented.

According to Coach O'Leary, "The JV team should be extremely competitive next year. There are going to be some kids trying out next year and getting cut who could play Varsity at any other school. I guess that is a good problem, though."

*Story by Conor Kelly*



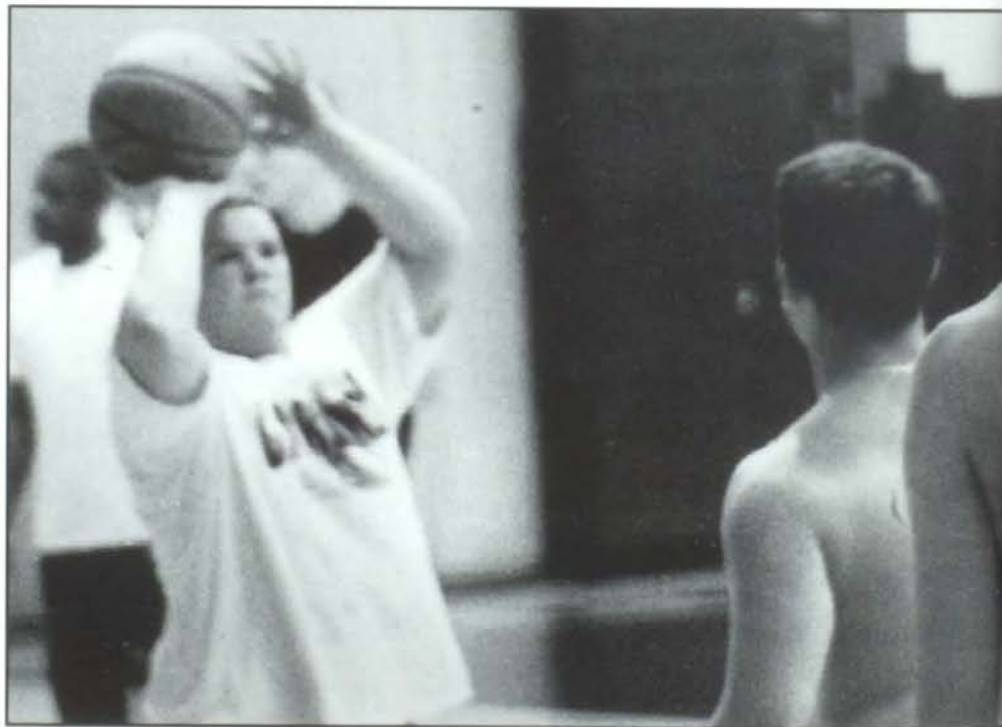
Row 1: Kevin Melgaard, Eddie Welsh, Clint Reach, Joe Orscheln, Brad Thomas; Row 2: Mr. Steve Ryan, Matt Kolakowski, Mitch Kelly, Charles Stuckey, Mr. Mike O'Leary



Junior Matt Cummings goes up to dunk the ball but the defender has a different idea.

Junior sharp-shooter Tim Hanrahan tries to show everybody the correct way to shoot a basketball.

Top Right: Junior Matt Schario drives on his opponent to try and score two points.



## Intramurals provides opportunity for students to gain competitive edge

The Intramural Sports Program prevails once again in its 14th season. Over 500 students participated in the program this year, which included basketball, volleyball, football, and soccer.

"I am glad it has been another successful year because it allows students a chance to compete in almost any sport that they would normally not play competitively," said Coach Tony Severino, head of the program. "Also, it possesses a competitive nature that students look for in a sport, and it shows their desire to win."

The Intramural Basketball Championship, viewed by almost the entire student body, was won in a hard fought struggle by a Junior team consisting of Jason Cole, Brian Anselmo, Sean Doyle, Grayson Dougherty, Joe Urnise, and Mark Alexander. They beat a Senior team with John Shilt, Chris Starks, Geoff Starks, Ryan Elder, Alex Ruiz, and Damien Florez.

"Not only does the program provide a competitive nature it also gives students something to look forward to in a school day," said junior Ed Fugit.

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

*Story by Daniel Watson.*



Junior Brad Thomas scans the court to try to find an open teammate to pass the ball to.

Junior Scott Hense goes around his defender with the greatest of ease in pursuit of scoring two points.



Members of the Senior Class of 1963 and Fr. William Burton, SJ, set up the new *Prep News* office after the move from the 52nd and Troost campus.



STUCO officers for the 1998-1999 school year met to discuss next year's activities.



Pastoral Council gathered in front of the door to McGee Hall for Advent Alley during Lent.



# Organizations

Rockhurst has always provided its students with opportunities to participate. Although some organizations over the years have been redefined, like the Sodality which has evolved into a present day Pastoral Council, and the Pep Club which is now referred to as the Spirit Club, many clubs have stayed the same. Whether it is the rich history of organizations like The Prep News or Student Council, or the more recently formed groups like Students for Political Action and MEET, there is definitely something offered at Rockhurst High School to provide an opportunity for growth.

The evolution will continue as Rockhurst continually attempts to provide experiences for its young men to help them to relate to the outside world. Whether it is holding an all-school assembly to raise awareness of the death penalty or selling nachos at lunch periods, Rockhurst students will hopefully always find a way to use their talents and creativity as they journey on their road to becoming Men for Others.



The Speech and Debate Team meets at Rockhurst to head to Raytown for a tournament.

# Student Council gives students a voice and restores backpacks

If a school's student organizations are seen as a body, the backbone would consist of the Student Council. The main goal of the group is to give the students a voice in school affairs. "It's been a great experience to communicate with the students and administration and work for agreements between the two," says Student Body President Tim Haake.

Among the many sponsored events by StuCo this year have been the annual kickoff to the school year, the Blue/White Mixer and the Freshman Orientation. Mission Week, a fundraiser for Honduran mission, is sponsored by StuCo as well. Homecoming and the Thanksgiving food drive were also sponsored by Student Council. The council also managed to return backpacks to appreciative students after a school policy outlawed them.

The student council will be producing good leaders of the student body for years to come. "Student Council has furthered my leadership abilities," replied Junior Class President Jon Whistance, who was elected Student Body President for the 1998-99 school year. "It's rewarding to provide my classmates with things that they request."

"We had some great successes and challenges," stated Fr. David Suwalsky, SJ, moderator, "But we came together to create a great foundation for future student government."

*Story by Jonathan Lowe*

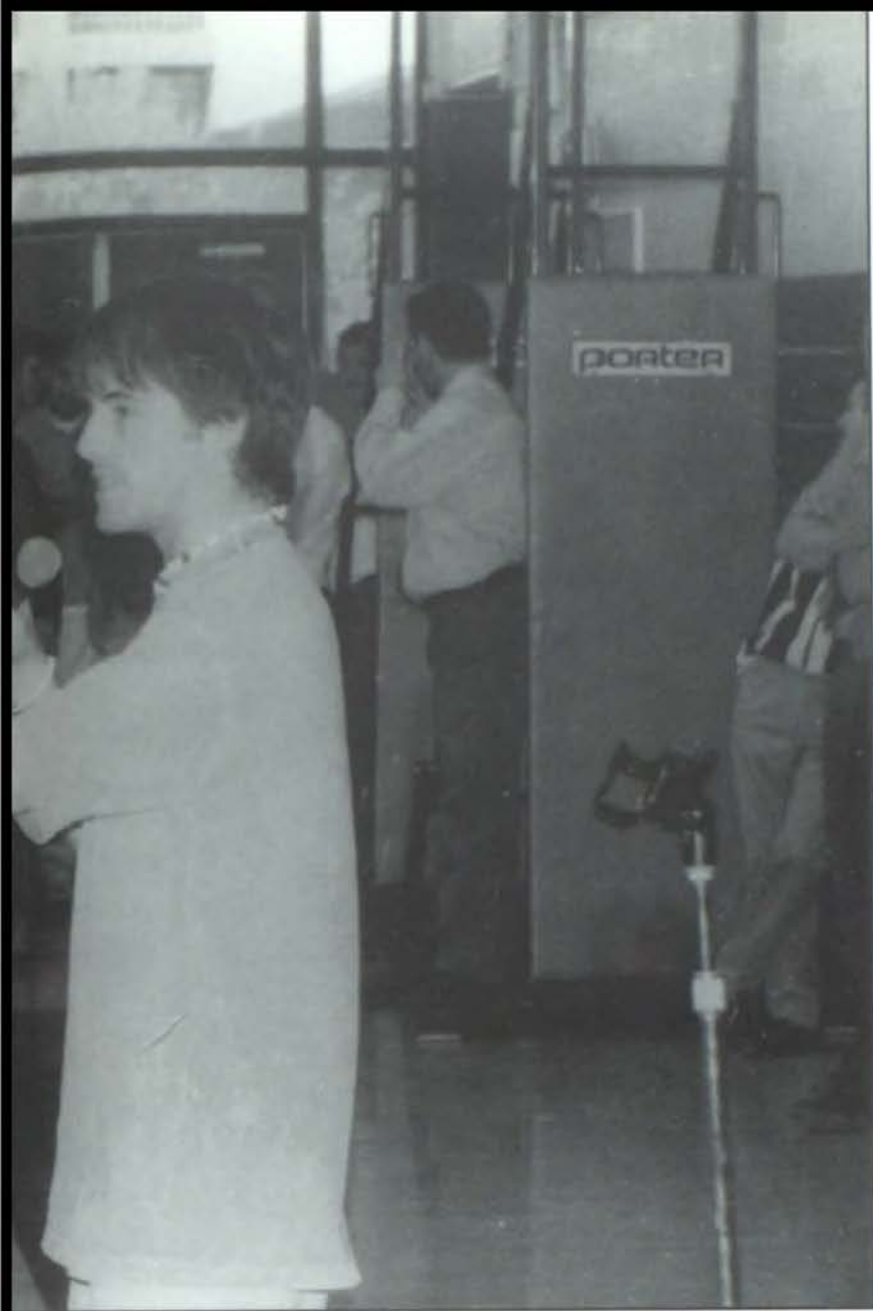


**Row 1:** Chris Carmody, Senior Class Vice President; Craig Hakes, Senior Class President; Tim Haake, Student Council President; Pradeep Chandra, Student Council Vice President; Ryan McLaughlin, Social Activities Co-Chairman; Andy Gorski, Spirit Co-Chairman.  
**Row 2:** Luke McClellan, Student Council Pastoral Representative; Mike Strain, Sophomore Class President; Kieran McInerney, Student Council Treasurer; Jon Whistance, Junior Class President; Lee Buell, Spirit Co-Chairman; Jon Ferns, Press Secretary; Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J.  
**Row 3:** Tim Fendler, Freshman Class Coordinator; Jack Bondon, Sophomore Class Vice President; Matt George, Junior Class Vice President; Andy Tiehen, Freshman Class Vice President; Matt Kopp, Freshman Class President; Ryan Elder, Social Activities Co-Chairman. **Not Pictured:** J.V. Wilson, Charles Rhoades.

## Student Council Officers

Student Body President - Tim Haake  
 Student Body V.P.- Pradeep Chandra  
 Treasurer- Kieran McInerney  
 Secretary- Ryan Elder  
 Social Chairman- Ryan McLaughlin  
 Social Chairman- J.V. Wilson  
 Spirit Club Chairman- Andy Gorski  
 Spirit Club Chairman- Lee Buell  
 Sr. Class President- Craig Hakes  
 Sr. Class V.P.- Chris Carmody  
 Jr. Class President- Jon Whistance  
 Jr. Class V.P.- Matt George  
 Soph. Class President- Mike Strain  
 Soph. Class V.P.- Jack Bondon  
 Fr. Class Coordinator- Tim Fendler  
 Fr. Class Coordinator- Chris Bridgham  
 Exec. Com. Member- Charles Rhoades  
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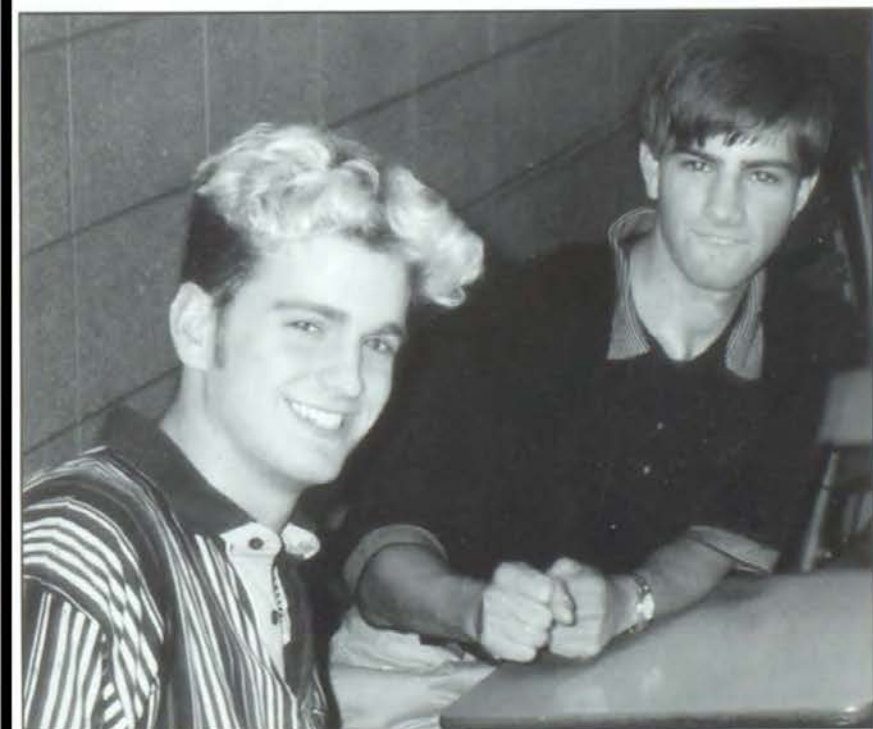
Senior Class President Craig Hakes speaks to the student body at an assembly.

Junior Matt Mossie eyes the candidate essays for StuCo office.



Sophomore Class President Mike Strain talks with a fellow student in the parking lot.

Junior Class President Jon Whistance strikes a pose while talking with junior Brian Toms.



# Pastoral Council plans Rockhurst religious events

The Pastoral Council is responsible for the planning of masses and all other spiritual services that go on through the year including prayer services, Senior Brothers, Kairos, and Ignatian Evenings for the faculty. They meet once a month at 7:15 a.m. and this year planned for mass every day.

The Council, made up of administration as well as students, had many new people show interest in membership. The number of participants increased this year to 25 members, according to Mr. Joe Delehunt, Pastoral Director, who has just completed his fifth year moderating the mostly student-driven program. "It was an extremely busy but rewarding year especially with the addition of the new Friday Masses," Mr. Delehunt said.

The Council is also responsible for the different retreats which students attend by classes. They administer the community service program for all underclassmen, in its second year as a graduation requirement.

New this year was the inclusion of Advent Alley, a prayer service during Advent that was arranged by the students and faculty during Activity Period, an example of how the Council got more students involved in the religious aspects of the school.

*Story by Casey Miller*



Junior Brian Sichko prepares communion before a class mass.



**Row 1:** Mr. Joe Delehunt, Mike Strain, Jon Whistance, Trip Ross, Chris Riffel, Justin Unger, Brian Sichko, Luke McClellan **Row 2:** Matt Sullivan, Brian Cook, Warren Santillan, Ty Burmeister, Zach Thomas, Steven Allison, Brian Toms, Mr. Jay Coleman **Row 3:** Fr. Mark Daves, S.J.; Mrs. Jerry Featherston, Chris Starks, Geoff Henggeler, Kevin Melgaard, Ryan Kisner, Geoff Starks.



Fr. Pesci, Fr. Suwalsky, and Fr. Pinne prepare for communion.

Fr. Daues puts the finishing touches on the altar before a Father/ Son mass.



Junior Brian Toms prepares the podium before a class mass.

Fr. Mark Daues, Brian Toms, and Luke McClellan discuss preparations for an upcoming mass.



Above Left: Members of the Pastoral Council open Advent Alley with a celebration in front of the Rose Theater.

# SPA excels while attending Model U.N. in Washington

Students for Political Action was back in action this year, attending the model United Nations in Washington D.C. Mr. Al Spungen, club moderator, explained that the model UN is a tournament in February where schools from around the nation represent a different country in the United Nations. The schools meet, and participate in a mock UN. "The highlight of the year was attending the Georgetown UN in Washington over Valentine's Day weekend," Mr. Spungen said.

This year for the model conference the Rockhurst team represented Russia, under the leadership of Mr. Jim DeGraw and Mr. Chris Elmore. Mr. Spungen did not attend this model UN in order to let other Social Studies teachers have the experience of the conference. In Washington the team did quite well, as seniors Chas Eberle and Chris Schnieders, as well as junior Noah Jennings, received outstanding ratings.

"The model UN was a lot of fun, and I think everyone learned a lot about international politics," said junior Scott Reagan. The club, which normally meets during activity period, was not as active as it had been in the past. "I've been involved in the club for 14 years, and this year we just didn't do much," commented Mr. Spungen.

Although the club was not as active this year, it was still a success. Mr. Spungen explains, "What little we did we did great."

*Story by Reed Davison*



Chris Sexton listens as Mr. Spungen discusses the upcoming model UN in Washington D.C. in Feb.



**Row 1:** Mr. Elmore, Brian Smith-Vandergriff, Ahsan Latif, Ryan Baber, Reed Davison, Trip Ross, Mr. Spungen **Row 2:** Noah Jennings, Brian Sichko, George Clarke, Leland Sexton, Kevin Comeau, Pete Vilkins **Row 3:** Mike Schaefer, Tom Smedile, Scott Reagan, Chas Eberle



The model UN team members Chas Eberle, Chris Sexton, Tom Smedlie, Noah Jennings, Geoff Henggeler, Mr. Jim DeGraw, Pete Vilkins, Scott Reagan, Taimoor Nana, Ahsan Latif, Ryan Baber, Brian Smith, Shad McGovern, Chris Schnieders, Kevin Comeau, and Mike Schaefer pose in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.



Model UN members Ahsan Latif, Taimoor Nana, Chas Eberle, Geoff Henggler, Ryan Baber, Mr. Chris Elmore, Pete Vilkins, Mike Schaefer, Scott Reagan, Chris Schnieders, Chris Sexton, Noah Jennings, Tom Smedlie, Kevin Comeau, Brian Smith, and Shad McGovern stand together before entering the model UN conference.

# Speech and Debate flourish in state and national competition

The Rockhurst Speech and Debate Squad finished a successful season qualifying five for the Missouri State Tournament and one to the National Tournament in St. Louis.

At State, senior Josh Hawley placed second in Extemporaneous Speaking and fourth in Lincoln Douglas Debate, senior Ryan Baber placed third in Oratory, sophomore Edward Shelton won first place in Poetry, and sophomores Eric Garcia and Evan McKay placed twentieth in Team Debate. Head Coach Don Ramsey said, "I was happy with the results qualifying five to state and having four of the five place in the top five."

Besides placing third at state, Baber also qualified for the National Tournament in Oratory. "Of all the seniors in the class, Ryan was the most competitive all year," commented Coach Ramsey.

In addition to attending the National Tournament this year Rockhurst attended the National Catholic Forensic League Tournament in Detroit, May 23-24. For the first year ever Rockhurst joined the National Catholic Forensic League, an organization for Catholic High schools around the nation.

This year the team took Baber in Oratory, Garcia and McKay in Team Debate, and Brad Lauer and Jerry Sirna in Congress. Placing at the NCFL were Ryan Baber, 7th in Oratory and Jerry Sirna, who placed as a semi-finalist in Student Congress. The tournament had over 230 contestants in each event, with over 50 dioceses participating.

According to Mr. Ramsey there were several returning seniors who contributed to the team. Tim

Fendler and Josh Hawley were this year's Debate squad co-captains. "Hawley was really competitive for the last half of the year," Mr. Ramsey remarked. "Fendler was competitive when he was out in tournaments." Seniors Justin Unger and Baber were also leaders for the team.

According to Mr. Ramsey other squad members also stood out, like sophomore Team Debaters Garcia and McKay. "They worked hard consistently as a team, and inspired other Sophomores to work hard." The biggest heartbreak of the season to Mr. Ramsey was Josh Hawley not making it to Nationals. "I still think Josh is the best extemper in the state and it was disappointing he didn't win both districts and state."

Coach Ramsey attributed much of the team's success to the sophomores on the squad. "Most sweepstakes were won by sophomores because of the very few entries by seniors," commented Coach Ramsey "The sophomores were at all the tournaments raking in points."

Rockhurst hosted its annual Invitational Tournament, completely run by the debate team. "The tournament went well; we had very responsible students and a supportive community," said Mr. Ramsey.

He attributed the success of the tournament to Hawley and Chas Eberle in the Tab room, along with Baber and Trip Ross on the Judges committee.

Coach Ramsey's hope for the future of the squad is high. "I would like to see this year's sophomores and juniors achieve success." To sum up the year he says, "The agony of decision making is only made by thought."

*Story by Reed Davison & Willy Fagan*



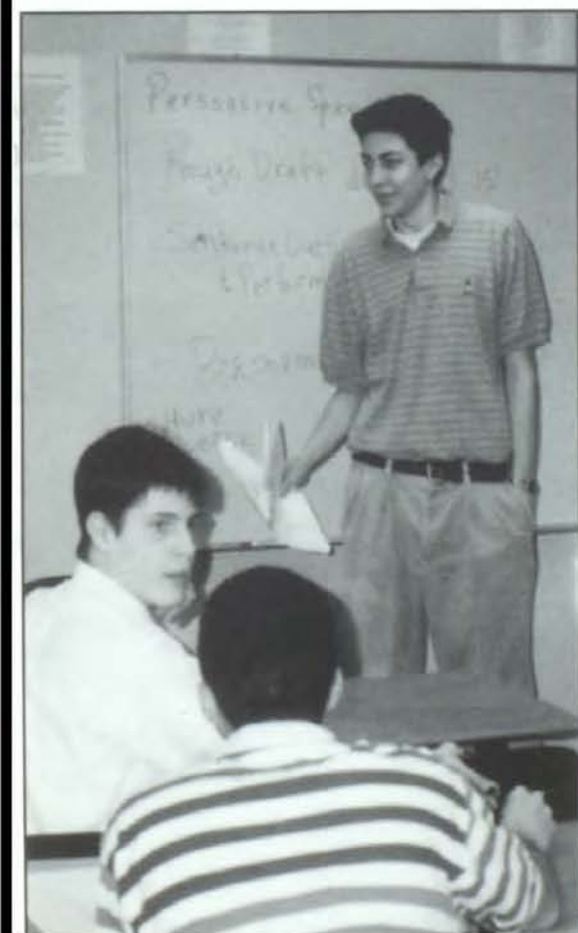
James Hupp and Robert Hamilton discuss plans for an upcoming debate



Brad Lauer, Eric Garcia, Ryan Baber, and Ed Shelton, who all placed at state competition, pose for the camera.



Row 1: Casey Smith, Chas Eberle, Tim Fendler, Josh Hawley, Ryan Baber, Justin Unger Row 2: Brad Lauer, Victor Stueve, Warren Santillan, Reed Davison, Zach Thomas, Marquel Jacoway, Trip Ross, Ahsan Latif, Leland Sexton Row 3: Jeff Dobbie, Evan McKay, Chris Bond, Jerry Sirna, Jack Bondon, Edward Shelton, James Hupp, Brian Dress, Joe Weishaar Row 4: Chris Thorman, Travis Levitt, A.J. Kinsella, Ian Merrigan, David Finke, Andrew Womack, Robert Hamilton, Stephen Allison, Eric Garcia



Sophomore Ed Shelton poses in front of the bulletin proclaiming him State Champion in poetry reading.

An enthused Joe Weishaar gives a speech to his fellow classmates.

# National Honor Society sets the standard for 'Men for Others'

The National Honor Society continues to help the Rockhurst community through its tradition of service and dedication to others under the direction of Mr. Tom Norman, who returns to moderate NHS after the departure of last year's adviser Mr. Doug Kramer.

The society, composed of over 70 members this year, is comprised of only those students who meet its strict criteria for entrance. Service hours, a grade point average above 3.0, an essay on their experiences in the society, and leadership on a school event are all requirements for entry into NHS.

NHS-organized school events include Back to School Night, Open House for prospective students, Graduation, the Honors Assembly, the food drive, and their biggest fundraiser, the Battle of the Bands. This year the latter event raised over \$6,000 for Honduran missions while drawing the biggest crowds in the event's history.

In addition to the organization of school events, NHS also offers free tutoring to students who are struggling in various classes throughout the school year. This service has proven invaluable for many.

As ambassadors for the school, the National Honor Society strives to help the Rockhurst community in many ways. Their leadership, service, and example reflect a good image of RHS on the community and provide a great standard for those who wish to become men for others.

"NHS has been a great experience for me and the entire school community," said junior Kevin Knopke. *Story by Kevin Komoroski*



Senior NHS members Seated: Eric Leahy, Ben Capoccia, Kevin Comeau, Josh Hawley Row 1: Mat Sienkewicz, Anthony Valenti, Geoffrey Starks, David Wood, Chris Carmody, Pat O'Brian, Julio Montes, Tim Fendler, Chris Schnieders Row 2: Stephen Derrington, Kieran McInerney, Bill Ferguson, Ryan Baber, Justin Griffith, Pat Kane, John Gall, Christopher Starks Row 3: Brian Dobbs, Chris Riffel, Rich Wikiera, Adam Maese, Martin Le, Jonathan Lowe, Eric Eickhorst, Casey Smith, Mr. Tom Norman Row 4: Tom Smedile, Tim Haake, Taimoor Nana, Evan Keyser, Josh Kahler, Seaton Thedinger, Chas Eberle

New NHS member Luke Hannan walks back after his induction.







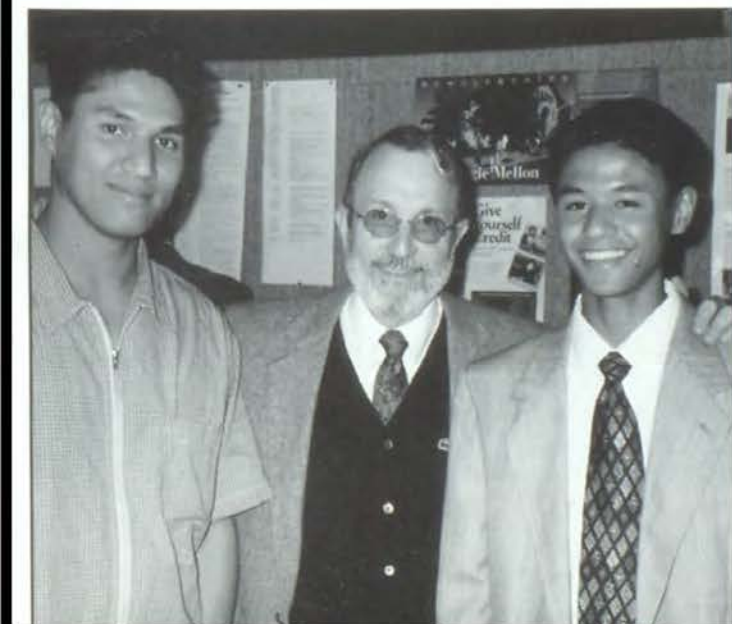
Senior NHS members induct new members.

Mr. Norman serves food to Evan Keyser at the NHS BBQ.



**Junior NHS members Seated:** Eric Leahy, Ben Capoccia, Kevin Comeau, Josh Hawley **Row 1:** Steven Chung, Brian Toms, Joe McCann, Ron Hendrix, Brian Smith-Vandergriff, Conor Kelly, Luke Hannan, Ty Burmeister, Josh Brewster, Kevin Fallon **Row 2:** Marcos Palmeri, Brian Degnan, Chris Sexton, Melvin Dunsworth, Mark Alexander, Stephen Bowen, Brian Cook, Richard Hipona, Pete Vilkins **Row 3:** Mr. Tom Norman, Chad McGovern, Evan Pankey, Mike Schaefer, Ahsan Latif, Charles Barth, Jim Root, Paul Bissler, Kevin Knopke, Cory Ryan, Chris Bruhn **Row 4:** Jake Siedlik, Brett Koons, Mike Schmidt, Casey Miller, Ryan Burns, Fred Bachuber, Gunnar Hand, Charles Stuckey, Steve Holte, Brian Reed, Brian Legenza, Jim Houlehan, Tom Mueller

Mr. Norman poses with new NHS member Jonathan Enriquez.



# SADD uses new approach to counter drunk driving

You know not for whom the bell tolls, but it tolls for... please report to Mr. Alvey's office," spoke the Grim Reaper over the intercom. This year the bell tolled for Kevin Aylward, Joel Steed, Allan Knight, David Finke, Kevin Cotter, Pat Landazuri, Willy Fagan, and Andy Gorski who were brought to the office to have a black tear painted on their cheek. When a student was called by the Reaper he essentially became invisible and was silent for the rest of the day to symbolize the American that is killed every 20 minutes by a drunk driver.

In the past SADD has held an assembly on the effects of drunk driving, but this year the members decided to get the point across with more impact. According to club moderator Mrs. Jerry Featherston the activity was devised "to raise awareness on the effects of our choices and to show that bad choices can be deadly."

SADD also works to counter the reputation that Rockhurst students have around the area as big drinkers. "This reputation is very unfortunate. Because of the choices made by a few, this stereotype exists," Mrs. Featherston said.

SADD will also send a card to each Senior reminding them to make wise choices on prom night. "Prom is a time when students can be put in compromising situations. We want everyone to be safe," club member Jon Whistance said.

SADD plans to stay very active in the Rockhurst community and will continue to educate students. "If we can help one person realize the consequences of their behavior it will be worth it," said Mrs. Featherston.

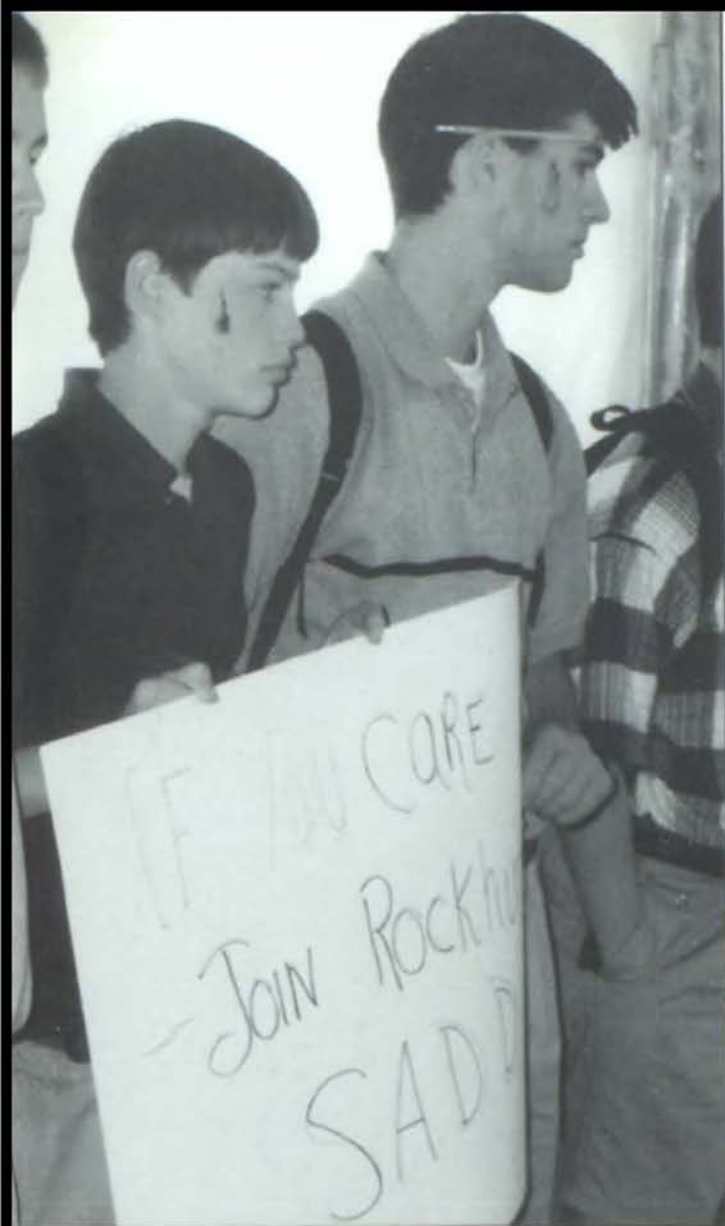
*Story by Evan Fitts*



Seniors Jason Charcut and Anthony Valenti advise passersby to fear the reaper.

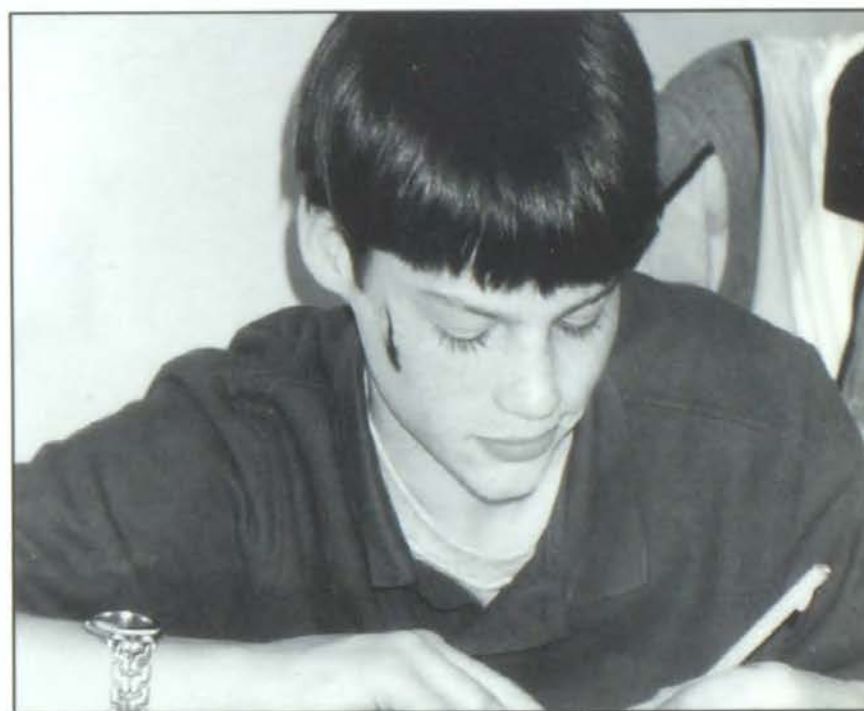


Row 1: Jason Charcut, Chris Riffel, Eric Leahy, Jonathan Enriquez, Kevin Haake  
 Row 2: Chris Carmody, Dante Hernandez, Greg Oppold, Anthony Valenti, Jon Whistance, Steve Holte, Sean McGaughey  
 Row 3: Steve Derrington, Chip Owens, Mike Padow, Lee Buell, Martin Le, Josh Rockwell, Mrs. Jerry Featherston  
 Row 4: Brian Sichko, Joe Ballard, Eric Altman, Chris Bruhn, Cory Ryan, Jim Houlehan, Warren Santillian, Gunnar Hand



Those chosen by the grim reaper urge passing students to join SADD.

Mrs. Featherston, also known as the grim reaper, calls the names of those who are to "die."



A silent Kevin Cotter does school work after having a brush with the reaper.



Julio Montes, Mrs. Featherston, and Joe Rogers remind students to fear the reaper on Grim Reaper Day.

# MEET celebrates variety of rich ethnic cultures at Rockhurst

Over the past three years, the Multicultural Educational and Enrichment Team (MEET) has helped to diversify the Rockhurst community. The group's main goals of celebrating, educating, and supporting the different cultures of the Rock is becoming more of a reality.

"MEET was a great experience because you get to mingle with different cultures and see their ways of living," stated Senior Enrique Gutierrez.

This year the president for the first semester was Ryan King while Bryan Bolden took over during the second. Class officers included Kariem Cherry, Brandon Shelby, and Thomas Persley.

Among other things, the group coordinated events for Black History Month, including showing the movie "When we were Kings" and coordinating the homeroom trivia contest. The contest got involved all students in the spirit of Black History Month.

"We got a lot done," replied Junior Bryan Bolden, this year's president. "Overall, the year went pretty well, and we're trying to get more diversity in the group."

Now, the group looks to keep building with new leadership as Mr. Mark Michalski, SJ, leaves the Rock to teach at St. Louis University High School. "It's been a privilege to work with the students of MEET because they are quality people," said Mr. Michalski. "My hope is that the group continues to grow in its activities and membership, becoming a more multicultural group." *Story by Jonathan Lowe*



**Row 1:** Evan Pankey, Vice President; Kariem Cherry, Class Officer; Bryan Bolden, President; Jonathan Lowe  
**Row 2:** Andy Bond, Max Howell, Thomas Persley, Class Officer; Darus Dixon, Edward Shelton, Jason Woods, Daniel Curry, Enrique Gutierrez, James Nix  
**Row 3:** Marquel Jacoway, Luke McClellan, Ralph Clarett, Brian Anselmo, Brandon Shelby, Class Officer; George Clarke, Kevin Comeau, Travis Newsome, Elton Gumbel  
**Row 4:** Mike Strain, Chris Dukes, Phillip Duncan, Ahsan Latif, Chris Riffel, Greg Bass, Brian Carson, Jarrett Devereaux, Ken Kirkendoll  
**Row 5:** Ivan Nugent, Konsta Myrick, Jim Radovich, Matt Schario, Bobby Mata.

## Regis Club returns after year absence to help those in need

After a year's absence the Regis Club got back on its feet under the leadership of Ms. Peggy Mulvihill. The club, modeled after St. John Francis Regis who exemplified the Rockhurst spirit of "Men for Others," uses its resources to assist Rockhurst families in times of need.

"The club's purpose is to help Rockhurst families in crisis, and to actively participate in their faith," Ms. Mulvihill explains.

This year the club came through for the Rockhurst community whenever called upon. When Sophomore Chris Bond's family lost its home and all belongings in a December fire, the Regis Club raised over \$1,180 in one day to help the family get back on their feet during the upcoming Christmas season. "The Regis Club made Christmas possible for us," Chris said. The club also helped to build a house for Habitat for Humanity.

The club relies completely on the generosity of the Rockhurst community, with students collecting and making the donations.

"Every class Freshman to Senior, are men solely committed to putting faith into action. I am forever amazed and impressed by the men at RHS who want to contribute to others," said Ms. Mulvihill.

Sophomore Jack Bondon sums up their goal by simply stating, "We love helping others."

*Story by Reed Davison*



Ryan Vette and Mike Loftus pause for a photo opportunity at Habitat for Humanity.

Ms. Mulvihill poses with students after a hard day's work.





Sophomore Jerry Sirna and junior Brian Sichko prepare to work on Habitat for Humanity.



**Row 1:** Gabriel Ney, Jon Whistance, Anthony Valenti, Kevin Haake, Jason Charcut, Jerry Sirna **Row 2:** Chris Bond, Jack Bondon, Noah Klever, A.J. Kinsella, Ms. Peggy Mulvihill, Brian Sichko, Mike Strain, Ron Hendrix, Johnathan Enriquez, Jake Denny **Row 3:** Pete Vilkins, Taimoor Nana, Sean McGaughey, Patrick Landazuri, Ryan McLaughlin, Matt Darby, Ryan Vette, Luke Bauers, Zach Thomas **Row 4:** Brad Burnell, Andy Wachtel, Tim Laird, Adam Clayton, Mike Loftus, George Clarke, Eric Garcia, Brian Smith-Vandergriff, Bob Kehm, Mike Tiehen **Row 5:** Jamie Brecheisen, Sam Newby, Ryan Burns, Chris Carmody, Ahsan Latif, Chris Sexton, Matt Zender, Dan Watson, Chris O'Boynick, Bobby Hamilton



Students take a break from their tiring work on Habitat for Humanity.

Jesse Felzien powers his way through lumber used on Habitat for Humanity.



Jason Charcut and Anthony Valenti count money used to help the Bond family.

# Amnesty International strives to accomplish justice for all

**A**mnesty International continued fighting against the death penalty in its second year since it was reinstalled at the Rock. Mr. Brad Grabs led the club with the help of senior Adam Maese, president, and Martin Le.

Amnesty International 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.

"I really enjoy the club and the way it helps the fight for the right of justice," stated Maese.

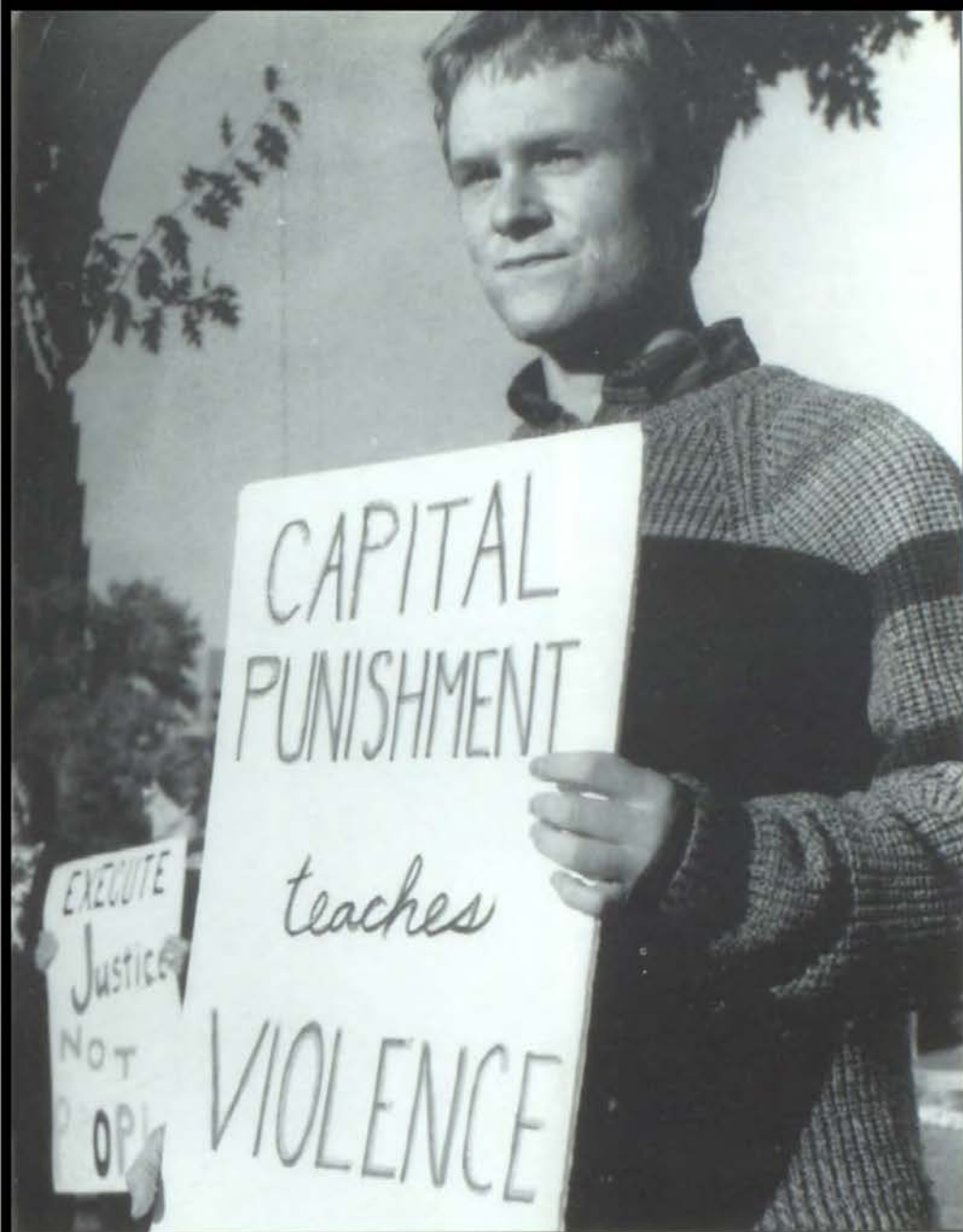
Mr. George White spoke to the student body in an informative and entertaining presentation in March. White spoke about how he and his wife were greeted by gunfire when going to his business one night and how his wife was murdered. He was falsely accused and sent to prison for killing his own wife. His message taught the RHS community valuable lessons about judgement.

"Why do we kill people who kill people to show people that killing people is wrong?" was one of the many questions posed by the club during the 1997-98 year. *Story by Brian Ismert*



**Row 1:** Adam Maese, President; Tom Mueller, Urgent Action Coordinator; Ben Livingston, Death Penalty Coordinator; David Finke, Treasurer; Chris Sexton, Secretary; Martin Le, Vice President; Mr. Brad Grabs, advisor **Row 2:** Christopher Starks, Chris Riffel, George Clarke, Noah Jennings, Conor Kelly, Brandon Yano **Row 3:** Patrick Thomas, Ahsan Latif, Rich Wikiera, David Raydo, Patrick Neenan, Ryan Boyle, Jim Houlehan **Row 4:** Eric Leahy, Drew Cousino, Sam Newby, Louie Igoe, Chas Eberle, Cory Ryan





Top left: Mr. George White was the featured speaker for the Amnesty International assembly.

Ben Livingston was one of the protesters of capital punishment when at the Amnesty International rally on the Plaza.

Mr. White speaks with Chris Walkenhorst after the assembly.



# Spirit Club steps up efforts for 1997-98 school year

Spirit Club promotes spirit through rallies, student participation, working together with yell leaders and Student Council, and organizing activities to promote student enthusiasm.

The club, which holds meetings twice a month after school, was led by senior President Andy Gorski. Ms. Kristen Anderson helped out with the organization and training of the yell leaders.

The most important activity that they accomplished in 1997-98 was the renewal of the pep rallies.

According to Mr. Tony Severino, Spirit Club founder and sponsor, "The main objective is to carry on traditions that have made Rockhurst what it is today and to start a new tradition each year."

He specifically remembers the spirit that the Hawklets displayed at the basketball game versus St. Pius. "I really felt that it showed what Rockhurst is all about. It was very good show of spirit," said Mr. Severino.

"I started the club years ago. I wanted the students to get involved. I just wanted to see interest into promoting Rock spirit."

Hopefully, the excitement generated by this year's spirit club will carry over into next year, providing students with leadership in school spirit and helping to instill a new and stronger sense of this Rockhurst tradition to a new generation of students.

*Story by Dan Watson*



Spirit Club members Jon Ferns, Brian Anselmo, Jerod Dunleavy, Kevin Teasdale, and Larry Marshall wait for the action to pick up at a basketball game.

Top: Junior Matt Cummings shows his support for the Hawklet basketball squad.

The crowd at a varsity football game reacts to a touchdown as the Spirit flag is waved.





**Basketball Yell Leaders** Row 1: Kevin Melgaard, Luke Hannan, Matt Cummings, Jim Root, Andy Gorski, Sean Doyle, Mark Alexander Row 2: Brian Sichko, Kieran McInerney, Ryan McLaughlin, Justin Griffith, Tim Haake, Mike Fuentez, Lee Buell Row 3: George Clark, Chas Eberle, Matt Zender, Jim Radovich, John Taylor, J.J. Cook, Jake Callis Row 4: Matt Kopp, Jerod Dunleavy, Larry Marshall, Ms. Kristin Anderson



**Football Yell Leaders** Row 1: Adam Welsh, Charlie Rhoades, Joe Rogers, Joe Principe, Andy Gorski, Tom Kessler, George Clark



**Seated:** Lee Buell, Jon Ferns, Andy Gorski **Row 1:** Coach Severino, Tim Haake, Brian Anselmo, Joe Urnise, Steve Bowen, Joe VanDyke, Josh Brewster, Larry Marshall **Row 2:** Mark Alexander, Grayson Doherty, Jim Radovich, Matt Cummings, Wade Muller, Eric Scanlon **Row 3:** Brian Sichko, Sean Doyle, Phil Duncan, Mike Judy, Ryan Burns

# Outdoor Club hits the slopes in Colorado

**F**or the third year in a row, the Outdoor Club was largest organization at Rockhurst. With over 65 students, the club, which provides a chance for students to participate in 'high adventure' activities, attracted many students from freshmen to seniors.

"The club really gave a lot of guys who haven't previously participated in adventure or outdoors type activities, a chance to partake in them with a structured group," said club president Schad McGovern.

Throughout the year the club moderated by first year teacher Mr. Jay Warner participated in many activities ranging from mountain biking and rappelling to skiing and hunting.

"Mr. Warner did a great job. He seemed to have a lot of previous knowledge about these activities," said junior Eric Altman.

With Mr. Warner's guidance the club was able to try a few new activities. "The most fun I had was when we went indoor rappelling. It was a change from the usual paintballing or bike riding," said vice-president, Matt Sanchez.

"McGovern would say, 'we do it all' I like to say we try to do it all," said Mr. Warner.

Along with these new activities the club still took their



Matt Sanchez pulls a big board grab on the Outdoor Club's ski trip to Colorado in February.

annual ski trip to Colorado where they skied at Copper Mountain, Keystone, and Breckenridge all in a three-day trip. "The trip was a load of good times, but very tiring considering we skied all three days we were there," said junior Gunnar Hand.

"The trip to Colorado was really fun; if you didn't know how to ski, you learned really fast, and if you did, you got to experience some great snow," said sophomore Matt Baker.

*Story by Willy Fagan*



**Row 1:** Doug Croy, Pat Connelly, Josh Lacy, Jeremy Long, John Walz, Ryan Fagan, Brian Quarnstorm, Patrick Wank, Pete Schlogel **Row 2:** Ryan McLaughlin, J.K. Neal, Kevin White, Nick Allegri, Gunnar Hand, Jacob Hildebrand, Garrett Coffey, Ryan Boyle, Pat Clark, Paul Rohrer, Kevin Frantze **Row 3:** Josh Polsinelli, Ryan Kluge, David Wood, John Shilt, Chris Lundberg, Pradeep Chandra, Craig Hakes, Andy Gorski, Jon Ferns, Chris Steck, Eric Altman, Andy Cook **Row 4:** Steve Martin, Bobby Hamilton, Luke Bauers, Andy Coughlin, Colin Koranda, Kieran McNerney, Greg Oppold, David Finke, Alex Krump, Patrick Thomas, **Row 5:** Mike Downs, Pete McGilley, Sean McGaughey, Jason Jenkins, Scott Lewis, Matt Sanchez, Dan Calderon, Tony Vontz **Row 6:** Fred Bachuber, Steve Holte, Ryan Burns, Chris Clement, Evan Keyser, Matt Zender, Chris Schneiders, George Clarke, Kevin Haake, Shad McGovern, Chris Long.

# Fellowship of Christian Athletes is formed to meld religion and sport at Rockhurst

A new club could be seen at Rockhurst this year with the addition of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. FCA was brought back to Rockhurst by guidance counselor Mr. Eric Berg with the help of Mr. David Francis whose son is a freshman this year. Mr. Francis was president of FCA at Shawnee Mission South when he was in high school, and wanted his son and other students to experience the club.

The purpose of the club is to give students with a common interest in sports and God a chance to come together and share their experiences. By sharing their faith and participating in athletic competitions, members grow closer to God, each other, and have fun at the same time.

The club's first big meeting of the year was at the Francis' home where an inspirational speaker, Bob

Heartly, shared his faith and life with the club.

"Bob Heartly was cool. He talked about serious stuff, but he still had a good sense of humor," Kyle Francis remarked.

The club also had professional athletes who are in FCA to share their faith with the group. Early one morning the group gathered in the cafeteria, munched on donuts, and listened to Chiefs tackle Jeff Tupper. Tupper shared stories of times when he wandered from God, but found his way back.

To end the the year the club had an BBQ and basketball game at the Colonial Presbyterian Youth House. The group ended the year with their families and each other while making plans for next year. Adam Balentine commented, "The BBQ was a nice way to end the year, and next year should be even better."  
*Story by Reed Davison*



Row 1: Kyle Francis, Brent Kriedghauser, Ryan Boyle, Marquel Jacoway, Josh Hawley, Josh Kahler, Lee Buell, Mark Alexander Row 2: Mike Ensminger, Drew Scianna, Kevin Cotter, Ryan Kisner, Matt Kopp, Sean Doyle, Jim Root Row 3: Ivan Nugent, Schad McGovern, Adam Flack, Mike Frey, Jason Cole, Mike Judy, Mr. Eric Berg Row 4: Reed Davison, Gabe Ney, Chris Hadel, Joe Lavota, Matt Scott, Adam Balentine, Jacob Hildebrand

# Foreign Language Clubs help students explore the world

Rockhurst students who are involved in a foreign language are able to pursue their interest outside of just the class room. Each foreign language Rockhurst offers also has an accompanying club, which gives students a chance to enhance their understanding of a foreign language with other interested students.

For Latin and Greek scholars Rockhurst offered the Classics Club under the direction of Mr. Mike Cusick. The club consuls for the year were Ryan Baber and Tim Fendler. This year club members participated in the National and State Latin Exams, which test a student's ability to comprehend the Latin language. Top students are awarded gold and silver medals. This year Baber won a gold medal in the National competition. The club also attended the Missouri State Latin Convention in Columbia. The convention allowed students interested in Latin to meet and share ideas with other clubs from around the state.

Spanish enthusiasts once again this year were able to participate in the Spanish club under the leadership of Mr. Bert Roney. The club's presence could be seen this year in the cafeteria where the club sold nachos to help raise funds for club activities.

Besides selling food, Spanish club members also dined on a field trip at Dos Mundos restaurant on Southwest Boulevard. Overall the club had a successful year thanks to the leadership of President Enrique Guterrez and Vice-President Gabe Hertado.

Mrs. Kathleen Geldhof sponsored the French Club with student leadership coming from President Kevin Comeau and Vice-President John Gall. This year the club was busy doing many different activities from past years. For a night out, the club ate at Andre's Swiss Restaurant on Main Street. "Andre's was real good. They had a large bakery with a lot of pastries and chocolate," said club member Jon Lowe. In addition to eating, the club also attended a French film at Rockhurst College to experience the difference between French and American movie making. To end the year the club drove to Warrensburg to attend the Central Missouri State University Foreign Language Day.

The language clubs at Rockhurst had a busy year taking field trips, raising money, and enhancing their comprehension of a foreign language. As Senior Rick Staihr always says, "Learning a foreign language is a passport to the world."

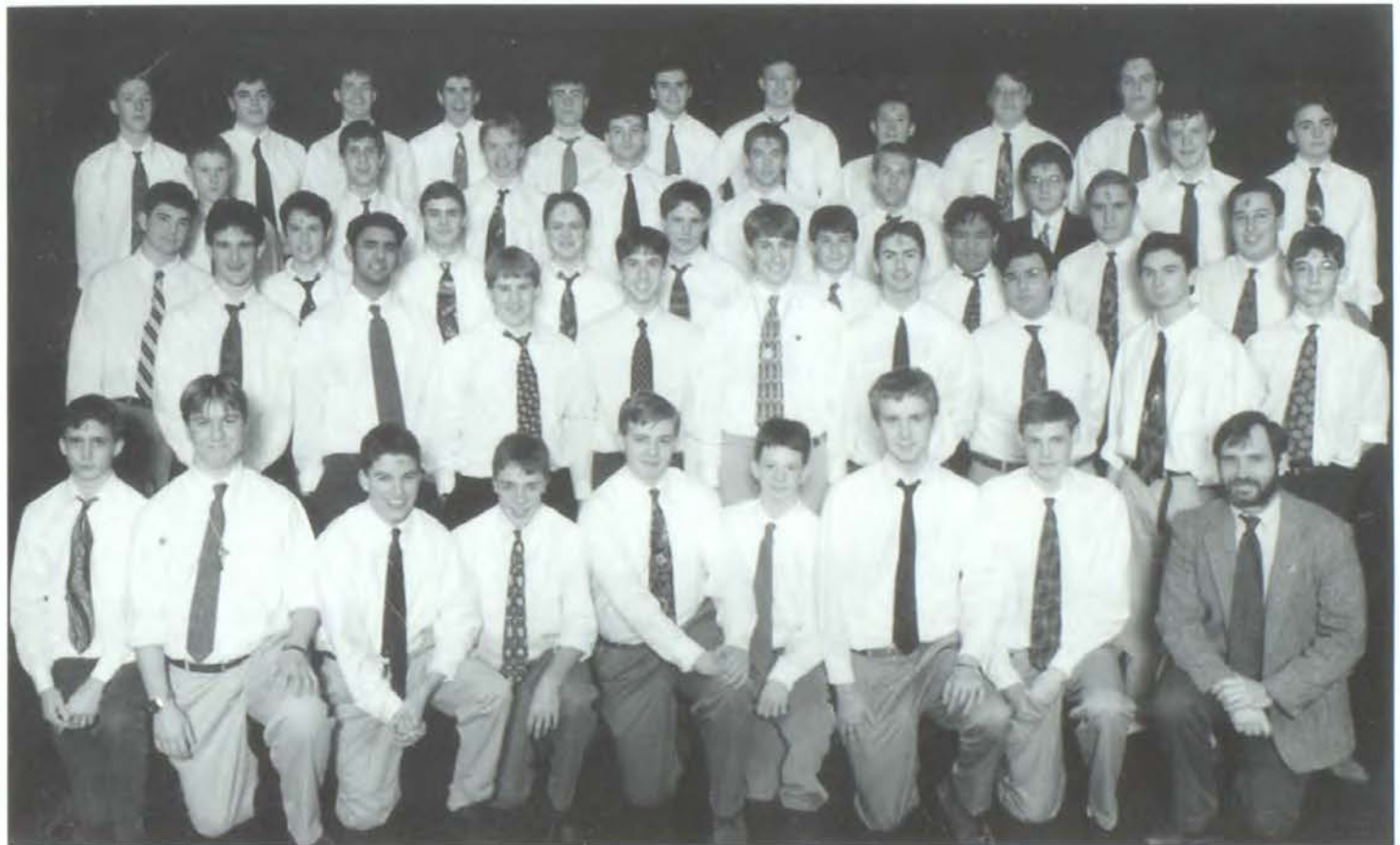
*Story by Reed Davison*



**French Club** Row 1: John Gall, Vice President; Thomas Mueller, Secretary; Kevin Comeau, President; Row 2: Mrs. Kathleen Geldhof, Jonathan Lowe, Travis Newsome, Sean Kelly



**Spanish Club** Row 1: Mr. Bert Roney, Tim Laird, Julio Montes, Enrique Gutierrez, President; Chris Bond, Zach Thomas, Brian Cook Row 2: Joe Caldwell, Corey Swope, Francisco Rascon, Alajandro Ruiz, Jeremy Rieck, Brandon Yanno Row 3: Brian Sichko, Justin Kuchem, David Wood, Schad McGovern, Mike Dunham, Matt Scott, Derek McCallum Row 4: Marcos Palmeri, Pablo Palmeri, Scott Lewis, Carlos Cabezas, Secretary-Treasurer; Josh McConnaughey, Jojo Dumaguin, Jeff Millan



**Classics Club** Row 1: Sean Linebach, Mark Milner, Andy Metzler, Kesler Pollard, Collin Mulloy, Will Petrie, Elliot Mura, Rich Robinson Row 2: Pat Connelly, Praetor; Ahsan Latif, Censor; Kevin Fallon, Ryan Baber, Consul; Tim Fendler, Consul; Paul Bissler, Dan Magers, Quaestor; Roosevelt Cobb, Joe Gall Row 3: Tom Porto, Luke McClellan, David Finke, A.J. Kinsella, Sean McLaughlin, Chris Thorman, Richard

Hipona, Matt Sienkiewicz, Michael Padow Row 4: Eric Pashman, Jack Bondon, Pat McMurtray, Denny McKee, Rich Wikiera, Noah Jennings, Jeremy Garton, Patrick Thomas Pat Jakopcchek Row 5: John English, Kevin McDaniels, Joel Steed, Chris Clements, Fred Bachuber, Jake Siedlik, Brett Koons, Jonathan Adriano, Sean Mueller, Ian Merrigan

# New Car Club gets off to fast start with High School Drags and obstacle course

New to Rockhurst in 1997-98, the Car Club was designed to help interested students learn more about cars, while trading information about their own automobiles. Under the leadership of Club President, senior Lee Buell, the club met bimonthly during activity periods, where members discussed upcoming events and shared advice about automotive repair.

The club, sponsored by Mr. John McEniry, encouraged each of the twelve members to learn as much as possible during their lessons on how to tune and inspect their cars. Mr. McEniry was happy to sponsor the Car Club because he believes students can learn how to handle their car better while being given certain hints on vehicle safety. "At least they aren't

learning just how to hot rod with their cars," McEniry stated.

The Club took a trip to High School Drags at Kansas City International Raceway (KCIR) in early May, where high schoolers are able to drag race their cars. They visited the Stock Car Club of America in late April. The SCCA provides a obstacle course for people willing enough to trust their driving skills while cruising around tight turns with their throttle wide open.

Overall the Car Club is gaining more interest. "A lot of interest came from the student body for the club...my main concern is for the interest by the students in the years to come, so it will stay alive," Buell commented.

*Story by John Lieber*



**Row 1:** Ben Livingston, Gus Huber, Lee Buell, Ed Kokoruda, Jason Jenkins **Row 2:** Scott Drumond, Kirk Walters, George Clarke, Blane Barnard, Nick Allegri  
**Row 3:** Matt Zender, Evan Keyser, Chris Steck, Mike Dunham, Andy Davis



## Flying Club gets first hand look at exciting hobby

Most aspects of flying were experienced by the Flying Club, led by Mr. Steve Ryan, during the 1997-98 year. The group president Brian Reed and vice president Eric Scanlon, brought their interests and hobbies to a new level due to the club. They flew a couple of cross-country flights to Topeka, Columbia, and Omaha, and visited air museums in the process. "The air museum that we visited in Omaha taught more than I have learned in the eight years I have had an interest in flying," said Scanlon. "It was one of the most fun-filled and exciting experiences I have ever taken part in."

"The purpose of the club is to introduce flying as a first hand experience to those who want to bring their hobby to new levels," said Mr. Ryan.

The club held meetings after school for the most part and when they were flying they met at Johnson County executive airport in Kansas.

"The club taught students the basics of flying as well as other aspects of the hobby," stated Mr. Ryan.

With the interest the club created this year, members hope more will take notice and partake in this exciting and rewarding hobby. *Story by Brian Ismert*



**Row 1:** Brian Reed, Schad McGovern, Pat Scanlon **Row 2:** A.J. Kinsella, Brian Beck, Kyle Vrabec, Ben Livingston, Tim Laird, Andre Newsome, Mr. Steve Ryan **Row 3:** Chris Wiggins, Luke McClellan, Greg Oppold, Trevin Reed, Brian Schroeder, George Clarke, Ian Kluklinski **Row 4:** Jon Ferns, Sam Newby, Jordan Martincich, Ryan Burns, John Kerbaway, Greg Owsley, Eric Scanlon.

Mr. Ryan poses with Flying Club members Pat Scanlan, Brian Beck, Greg Owsley, Eric Scanlan, Brian Schroeder, Andre Newsome at Johnson County Executive Airport.

The Flying Club used planes like this one to fly to air museums across the midwest.



# Chess Club experiences success and growth

The members of the chess club are rapidly becoming some of Rockhurst's best competitors. "We had some underclassmen step up and consistently win," stated Junior Tim Haake. "We have become a team that contends for the title at every tournament."

So far this year the team has competed in eight tournaments, including the Missouri State Championship. The team represented Rockhurst at the Kansas City Cup and the National Championships. The biggest victory for the club this year was winning the Rockhurst Invitational for the first time in ten years.

Along with playing and enjoying chess, members of the club find that the game can build confidence and organize one's thoughts. "Chess has given me a lot of confidence because I found something that I was good at," said Freshman Jeremy McDonald.

One of the best things about Rockhurst's competitive groups is the comraderie felt among teammates. "We are improving as a team and interest is going up in chess," said Mr. Paul Klene, Chess Club moderator. "What is very neat is how the upperclassmen help the freshmen get into the spirit of competitive chess."

*Story by Jonathan Lowe*



While Tim Haake makes his move, Ed Shelton contemplates his next as Brad Lauer watches.



Row 1: Chris Fieber, Dante Hernandez, Ed Shelton, Melvin Dunsworth, Jonathan Lowe, Matt Sullivan Row 2: Pat Klug, Paul Mattione, Steve Allison, Hieu Pham, Joe Price, Jeremy McDonald Row 3: Bob Stokes, Tim Laird, Pablo Palmeri, Greg Owsley, Ryan Watson, Casey Booth Row 4: Mr. Paul Klene, Geoff McGuire, Brian Dewey, Tim Haake, Tim Laird



Jeremy McDonald and Ed Shelton are deeply immersed in their game while listening to music in Mr. Klene's room.

# Pep Band revitalizes RHS spirit with music

**T**he Pep Band at Rockhurst is made up of many outstanding musicians who help pump up the Rockhurst team spirit at all of the pep rallies as well as during home football and basketball games.

The 30-member band, led by Musical Director Michael Kern, has worked very hard to make their songs ready for play during performances, rehearsing twice a week after school. They had to suffer through the cold weather while playing at outdoor games and, along with the yell leaders, helped to revitalize student spirit by keeping the students and fans in the crowd enthused to help support the teams.

"We had a great group of guys this year who came together as a band to help support the Rockhurst teams and students," Mr. Kern said.

Some of the Pep Band's most popular tunes include, "Start Me Up," played before every kickoff, and the Rockhurst Fight Song when the players take the field or the court.

Junior trumpet player Brian Sichko summed up his third year in the band by saying, "It was a great year to rock with the Pep Band."

*Story by Casey Miller*

Top Center: Senior Ed Kokoruda jams with the Pep Band at a home football game.

Members of the Pep Band keep up the beat for the excitable crowd.





**Basketball Pep Band** Row 1: Kessler Pollard, Adam Balentine, Joe Gall, John Mitchell, Mr. Mike Kern Row 2: Andy Wachtel, Eric Zautner, Carlos Cabezas, Jeremy Long, Mike Nigro Row 3: Ryan Watson, Ed Kokoruda, Chris Cummings, Guiliano Mingucci, Jerry Sirna Row 4: Ryan White, Andy Woody, Luke Dlabal, Brian Sichko, Matt Dunham



**Football Pep Band** Row 1: Martin Le, Mike McGeehan, Kessler Pollard, Anthony Valenti, Joe Gall, John Mitchell, Steve Allison, Adam Balentine Row 2: Eric Zautner, Dan Przybylski, John Whistance, Mike Dunham, Justin Shatto, Carlos Cabezas, Mike Nigro, Ryan White Row 3: Andy Wachtel, Andy Woody, Travis Newsome, Brian Sichko, Guiliano Mingucci, Jeremy Long, Jerry Sirna, Mr. Mike Kern Row 4: Ryan Watson, Luke Dlabal, Phillip Conway, Brian Overly, Geoff McGuire, Ed Kokoruda, Chris Cummings, Matt Dunham, Brian Cook, Dave Finke

Senior saxophonist Anthony Valenti takes a break from exciting the fans for a photo opportunity.



# Chapel Choir brings life to mass with exceptional voices

The Chapel Choir, whose sole purpose is to help celebrate the prayer life of the school, generously gives up two activity periods a week and countless mornings to practice and perform in a variety of school liturgies.

"We performed at all the Father/Son, Class, and All-School Masses, as well as the National Catholic Youth Conference and the St. Thomas Moore teen mass," said Mr. Micheal Kern, Choir Director.

According to Mr. Kern, Xavier Mendoza, Jimmy Hayes, Louie Igoe, Johnathan Shannon, Travis Newsome, Chris Cummings, Jeremy McGannon, and Andy Wachtel lead the choir with their exceptional voices.

"The choir is a group of really good kids who are excited about trying to find new music to help relate mass to teens," commented Mr. Kern.

The highlight of the Choir's year was singing at the National Catholic Youth Conference in November. "NCYC was amazing. As soon as we got on stage we had a huge crowd to feed off of. We usually don't have large crowds at mass," Cummings commented.

The choir will continue to bring life and enjoyment to the Rockhurst community. As Jimmy Hayes explained, "Chapel choir is a great way for me to use my talents to strengthen my faith as well as give something back to Rockhurst and the other students.

*Story by Reed Davison*



**Row 1:** Andy Wachtel, Geoff Henggeler, Jon Whistance, Brian Smith-Vandergriff, Greg Oppold, Travis Newsome, John Shannon, Jo Jo Dumagin **Row 2:** Dan Pryzbylski, Jeremy McGannon, Bob Kehm, Louie Igoe, Jack Bondon, Justin Shatto, Mike Dunham, Brian Toms **Row 3:** Marcos Palmeri, Adam Flack, Pablo Palmeri, Jim Hayes, Thomas Schario, Dave Finke, Xavier Mendoza **Row 4:** Mr. Mike Kern, Brian Overly, Anthony Valenti, Chris Cummings, Brian Cook.



The Chapel Choir provides background music as Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J. prepares Eucharist during an all-school mass.



Mr. Mike Kern directs the choir through a performance.



The Chapel Choir performed at the Spring Concert in May.

# Arts and Publicity Club shines nationally at NCYC

The Arts and Publicity Club has participated in events ranging from a clay wall sculpture at the National Catholic Youth Conference to painting a mural backdrop for the St. Therese Little Flower Mardi Gras celebration.

The sports posters and Sale-O-Rama billboards that publicize those particular events, as well as others throughout the year are some of the tasks completed by the club during their Tuesday activity period meetings. The club also has designed the cover for a variety of programs including graduation. Many other small artistic tasks that support other publicized events include setting up art displays around the school as well as in the McGee Hall for plays. These little tasks are often overlooked, but without them Rockhurst High School could be left standing without creative or visual character.

"We are a service oriented organization which provides creative, educational, and artistic opportunities for students to share their talents," stated club sponsor Mrs. Connie Greany.

The highlight for the club as well as the club for the 1998 year was the creation of a "Hearts on Fire" clay wall which was set up at the National Catholic Youth Conference.

"This wall was the hit of the show, and a fun experience for everyone who attended," said Junior Mark Juhnke.

*Story by Brian Ismert*



Mrs. Greany poses with a passing priest at NCYC.



Row 1: Cooper Sparks, Vince Rupp, Conor Lyons, Isaiah Klever, Alex Krump, Jay Mirabile Row 2: Mrs. Connie Greany, John Caldwell, Stephen Summers, Mark Moran, Damien Flores, Nick Aylward Row 3: George Clarke, Austin Gilmore, Barrett Kroll, Tom Kessler, John Brewer





John Caldwell puts the finishing touches on his addition to the "Hearts on fire" clay wall.

A part of the immensely popular clay wall at the National Catholic Youth Conference.



Some of the dozens of masterpieces hanging in the Mc Gee Hall.

Sophomore Cooper Sparks hangs up one of many works of art in the Mc Gee Hall.

# Photographers offered training in cameras, lab

The members of the Photography Club are the people that you do not see pictured in published photographs, but they can be seen almost constantly in and around the Rock snapping shots to be used for *The Prep News*, *Rock Collection*, or *Quarry*.

The club, which meets every Monday during the activity period, enables new photographers to learn the tricks of the trade, from taking the pictures, to developing the film, to making prints. Mr. Mark Bubalo has been the faculty sponsor of the Photography Club, which consists mainly of upperclassmen, for over a decade and has turned out many fine photographers.

"We try to give students an opportunity to get involved in the life of the school, while learning the art of 35mm black-and-white photography. It's a great chance for students to be creative and get their work published," Mr. Bubalo remarked.

*Story by Mark Flemington*



Row 1: Mr. Mark Bubalo, Seth Laubinger, Chris Carmody Row 2: Brian Baldwin, Chris Sexton, Kirk Walters, Mark Flemington, John Lieber

Top: Junior Brian Baldwin prints one of his photos in the dark room.

Kirk Walters processes one of his many rolls of film in the dark room.



## Rock Collection spotlights artistic, literary talent

The *Rock Collection* is a plethora of creative photographs, drawings, short stories and poems that showcase the students' talents, according to George Clarke, editor of the Rockhurst literary magazine. "I feel that this year's edition is especially excellent," Clarke added.

"This year's version of the *Rock Collection* is made up of a wide variety of students' work," said Ms. Annie Otto, faculty sponsor of the club. Other editors of this year's *Rock Collection* are Reed Davison, poem editor, and Noah Jennings, photo editor.

If it were not for the *Rock Collection* much talent would go unknown. The publication often provides a more personal and diverse outlook than other school publications and with first year teacher Ms. Otto as the faculty sponsor, this year's edition of the *Rock Collection* continues to give students a chance to show their unique talents.

*Story by Mark Flemington*



Sophomore Alex Krump displays his artwork entitled "Rastaman Vibration" which made the cover for this year's edition of the *Rock Collection*.



Curtis Anschutz and Sean Linebach work diligently as Ms. Annie Otto, *Rock Collection* advisor, helps Tim Wientzen edit a story for the *Rock Collection*.



Row 1: Michael Linebach, Tim Wientzen, George Clarke, Editor; Austin Gilmore Row 2: Noah Jennings, Curtis Anschutz, Reed Davison, Chris Bond, Blair Thedinger, Joe Gall, Richard Huang, Ms. Anne Otto

## RHS newspaper continues to impress judges, readers alike

For the third consecutive year, *The Prep News* was honored as a First Class Newspaper, receiving three marks of distinction by the National Scholastic Press Association. The staff also managed to achieve a rating of Superior and took home 17 other awards at the Scholastic Journalism Awards at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Jeremy Dobbie served as *The Prep News's* Editor-in-Chief; Bill Ferguson, associate editor; Steve Swarts and James Manning, co-managing editors; George Clarke, news editor; Micheal Padow, feature editor; Joe Principe, sports editor, and Seth Laubinger and James Nix, photo editors.

Besides publishing the monthly school newspaper, members of the *The Prep News* staff competed several times against other publications from around the country. In November, the staff attended the National Scholastic Journalism convention in St. Louis, MO. Five members of the staff including Padow, Dobbie, Laubinger, Ferguson, and Chris Paone attended the conference and entered individual writing/photo contests. *The Prep News* was also submitted to be judged in a competition.

"The best experience was interacting and exchanging ideas with other papers from around the nation," Padow explains.

Due to a change of printers *The Prep News* had to make a few changes. "The reproduction of our photos was not as clear as we would have liked, and we lost a day with a new deadline," said Mr. Mark Bubalo, *The Prep News* adviser. "We worked with the publisher to accommodate both of our needs."

"We were making adjustments up to the January edition, so the news was not as complete as we wanted, but we adjusted well," Dobbie said.

Despite the minor difficulties, *The Prep News* was recognized as a topflight school newspaper. "We had more experience this year. The entire staff was composed of at least second year students who worked hard," said Mr. Bubalo.

*Story by Reed Davison*



Steve Swarts and Bill Ferguson at work on their *Prep News* stories.

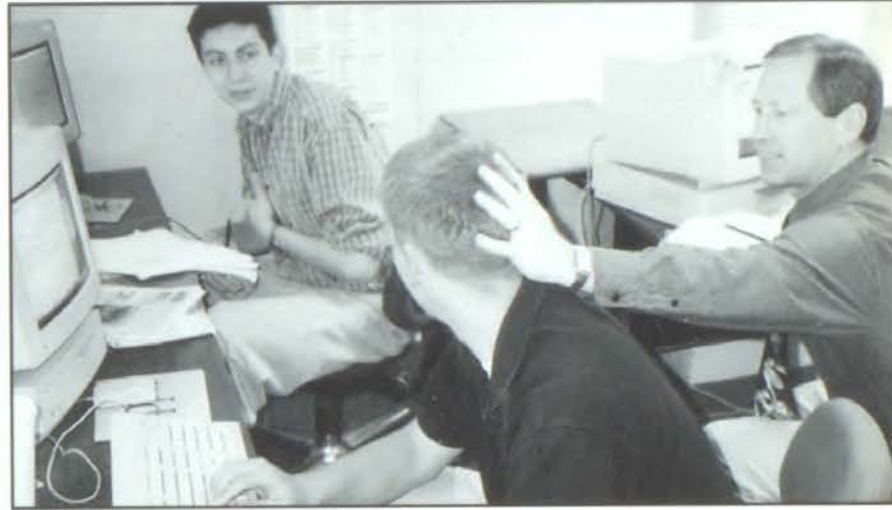


Row 1: Adrian Rinas, Noah Jennings, Mike Padow, Chris Carmody, George Clarke, James Nix, Andy White Row 2: Joe Weishaar, Luke Bauers, James Manning, Jeremy Dobbie, Bill Ferguson, Seth Laubinger, Chris Paone Row 3: Mr. Mark Bubalo, Stephen Swarts, Kirk Walters, Mark Alexander, Ty Burmeister, Chris Bridgham, Chris Schneiders Row 4: Jerod Dunleavy, Joe Principe, Steven George, John Taylor



Chris Carmody and John Taylor print pictures in the darkroom with the help of Mr. Bubalo.

A jovial Mr. Bubalo kids with James Manning and Joe Weishaar in the computer lab.



Chris Paone relaxes while working on a layout as Jeremy Dobbie looks on.

George Clarke proofreads before a deadline under the watchful eye of his editor-in-chief.



# Quarry undergoes major changes for 1997-98 edition

For the first time, the staff of the school yearbook, the *Quarry*, entered the school year without any prior yearbook experience.

"For the first time in recent history the entire staff was without experience and had to learn how to produce the book from scratch," said moderator Mr. Joe Fleming. "You might say that the advantages are they brought no bad habits or preconceived notions to the table."

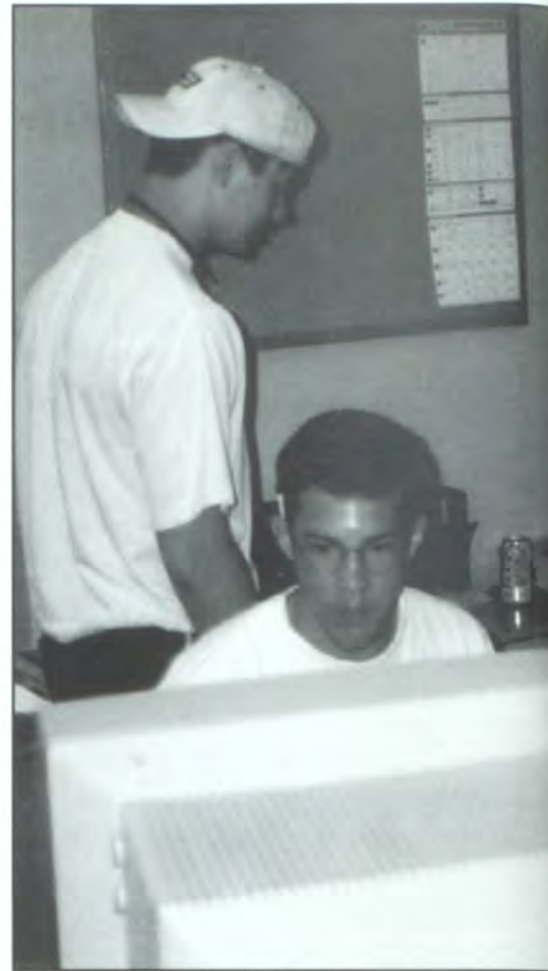
The staff started in the summer and had final deadline on June 12, so that the entire year could be covered in one volume. Books are distributed in the Fall for the previous school year..

The class learned the basics of layout and design, photography, and copy writing before the process of producing the book was ready to begin. After the editors were chosen in late November, the staff worked daily on planning, layout templates, interviews, stories and photography on the way to completing this year's book.

The staff, comprised of juniors and seniors, came from different backgrounds and were all chosen through a selection process by Mr. Fleming. "I am looking for well focused students who want to make their mark at Rockhurst and to produce a quality book showing what made *this* year unique," he said.

"Yearbook brought together a lot of guys who didn't really know each other very well to capture the year in words and pictures," said Student Life Editor Willy Fagan.

*Story by Kevin Komoroski*



Willy Fagan mops up the darkroom after processing and printing photos for the December deadline.

Organizations Editor Kevin Komoroski prepares his Varsity Basketball story.

Above right: Brian Ismert and Reed Davison tabulate the results of the infamous student survey.

Far right: Willy Fagan looks up from cropping photos.

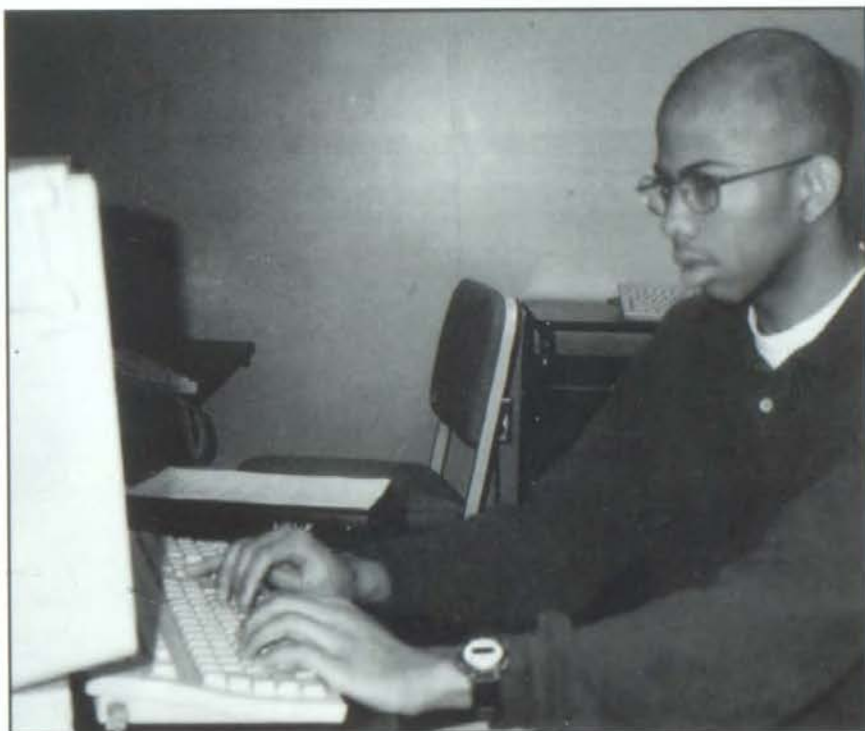


Co-editors Phil Duncan and Willy Fagan discuss deadlines as Sports Editor Dan Watson designs the Soccer spread.

Photo Editor Kirk Watson was seldom in front of a camera.



Student Body Editor Jonathan Lowe keystrokes the Seniors' activities into the computer.



Academics Editor Casey Miller adds lines around the names of the Science Department instructors.

Reed Davison types one of his many stories in spite of the cast on his wrist.

While the influences and the examples set by the administration, faculty, and staff have remained constant and effective for over 88 years, Rockhurst High School has had to deal with the continuing shortage of Jesuit priests. Gone are the days when RHS had almost thirty Jesuits on staff, including priests, brothers, and scholastics.

While today's mostly lay faculty doesn't profess to being Jesuit, it takes great pride in its Ignatian spirituality and adheres carefully to the precepts put forward by St. Ignatius of Loyola.

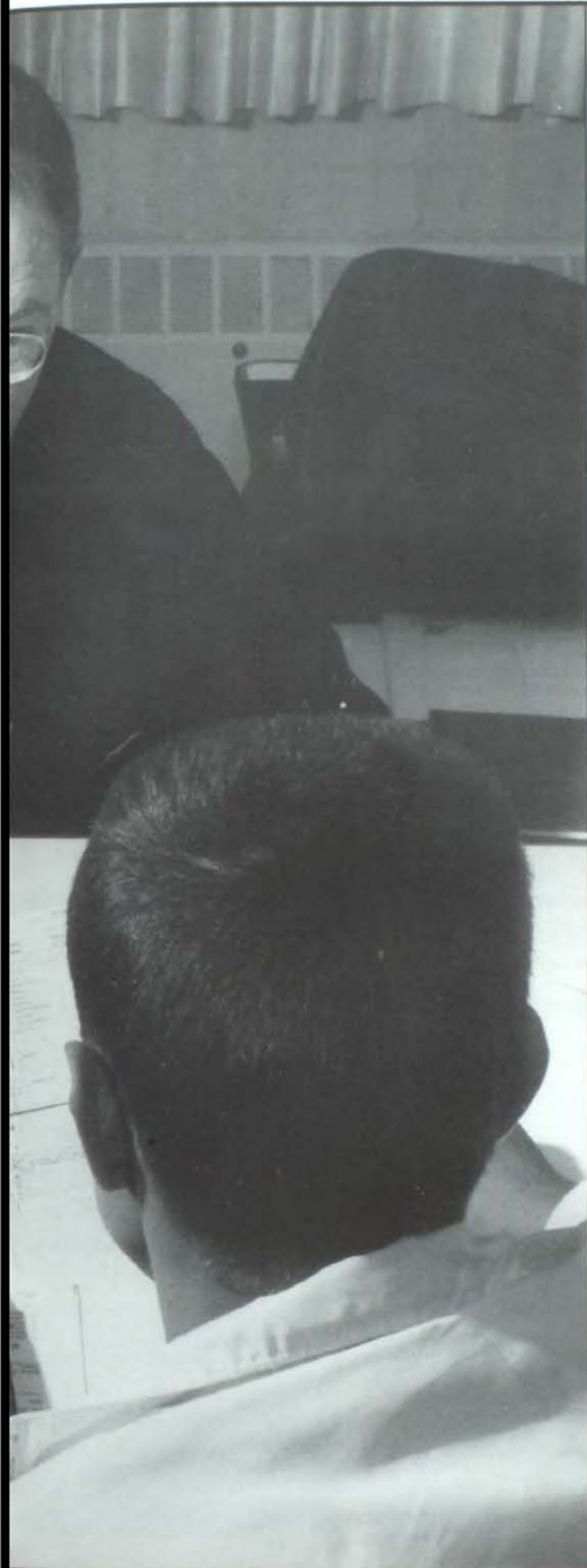
Under the leadership of The Reverend Thomas A. Pesci, SJ, President, and Mr. Thomas M. Murphy, Principal, the faculty and staff of Rockhurst has sustained a reputation for providing a superior education to young men seeking to become intellectually competent, loving, open to growth, religious, and committed to doing justice.

# Faculty, Staff & Administration



On Wednesday, October 31, 1962, Fr. Carl Kloster, S.J., principal, discussed first quarter





grades with sophomore Tom Castrop, Class of 1965.



Principal Thomas Murphy admires the ring presented to him by the junior class.



Mrs. Kathleen Geldhoff, Miss Kristin Anderson, Mrs. Jerry Featherston, and Ms. Annie Otto



Fr. David Suwalsky gives a sermon during a school mass.



Langley Thatsanithone and Deng Khammanivong take a break in the faculty lounge.



**Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J.**  
President



**Thomas Murphy**  
Principal



**David Alvey**  
Dean of Students



**Larry Ruby**  
Assistant  
Principal for  
Academic Affairs



**Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J.**  
Assistant  
Principal for  
Student Affairs



**Teresa Littrell**  
Administrative  
Secretary



**Ann Richardson**  
Secretary



**Cheryl Cavlovich**  
Secretary



**Mary Ann Olson**  
Academic  
Coordinator



**Joseph Delehunt**  
Pastoral Director

## Administration and Support Administration and Support



Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J.



Larry Ruby



Thomas Murphy



David Alvey



Teresa Littrell



**Jack Reichmeier**  
Director of  
Admission and  
Financial Aid



**Fr. Chris Pinné,  
S.J.**  
Kairos Director &  
Superior of the  
Jesuit Community



**Laurence  
Freeman**  
Executive Director  
of Development  
and Alumni Affairs



**Dana Brack**  
Chief Financial  
Officer



**Rob Herald**  
Director of  
College  
Placement



**Carrie Schuermann**  
Assistant to the  
Director of  
Admissions



**Mark Michalski  
S.J.**  
Assistant Director  
of Admission



**Judie Scanlon**  
Special Activities  
Director



**Kelly Siercks**  
Business and  
Finance Assistant



**Nancy Kincaid**  
Assistant to the Director  
of College Placement

## Administration and Support Administration and Support

The administration and staff had a few new changes for the second half of the 1998 school year. When RHS students came back from Christmas break they had a difficult time finding the main office, previously located in the front hall. The offices of the Principal, Assistant Principal of Academics, Business Office, Pastoral Office, and the receptionist were moved to the old Jesuit residence to accommodate the construction and remodeling of the the school.

"The move of the main offices have isolated us a bit, but it has not kept people from accomplishing the everyday task of running a well-organized school," said Principal Thomas Murphy.

A few new positions and faces were added to the Rockhurst administration and staff. Mr. Larry Ruby, left his position as Pastoral Director to assume new duties as Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs, and Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J., became Assistant Principal of Student Affairs, a position he held without the title since he came to Rockhurst. Although holding administrative positions, both gentlemen still teach classes. Mr. Ruby still teaches one section of U.S. History and Fr. Suwalsky still teaches two sections of Hebrew/Christian Scriptures.

"The value of the support staff can't be overstated," Mr. Murphy said. "These ladies and gentlemen make RHS run smoothly on a daily basis. The administration and support staff can be summed up as being the people behind the scene," added Mr. Murphy.

*Willy Fagan*

*Story by*



**Melody Degnan**  
Librarian



**Jean Krump-Barnhart**  
Food Service  
Director



**J.W. DeCamp**  
Director of  
Physical Facilities



**Tony Brown**  
Maintenance



**Roger Dickey**  
Maintenance



**Langley  
Thatsanithone**  
Maintenance



**Trudi Chance**  
Maintenance



**Scott Heath**  
Maintenance



**Doug Bruce**  
Athletic Director



**Mark Berns**  
Assitant Athletic  
Director

## Administration and Staff Administration and Staff Administration and Staff Administration and Staff Administration



**Deloris Weist**



**Harry Ward**



**Fr. Chris Pinne**



**Carrie Schuermann**



**Laurence Freeman**



**Artie Vielhaur**  
Maintenance  
Supervisor



**Ben Sabido**  
Maintenance



**Rudy Rodriguez**  
Maintenance



**Harry Ward**  
Maintenance



**Angel Sandoval**  
Maintenance



**Sarah Peckham**  
Capital Campaign  
Coordinator



**Mary Kay Hiatt**  
Counselor's  
Secretary



**Deloris Weist**  
Receptionist



**Paul  
D'Alessandro**  
Capital Campaign  
Director

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Melody Degnan



Langley Thatsanithone



Cheryl Cavlovich



Jean Krump-Barnhart



Mark Berns & Doug Bruce

# Theology

The Theology Department is one of the things that separates Rockhurst from public schools, and its reputation is still going strong. Every student is required to take two semester-long courses each year, and through these classes every student should better understand the Catholic faith.

Veteran religion teacher Mr. Tom Norman, head of the Theology Department, describes the year as "fast, exciting, and action packed."

New additions to the department in 1997-98 were Mr. Elliot Ruther, who taught three Church History classes; Mr. Jay Coleman, who taught five Sophomore Morality classes, and Ms. Peg Mulvihill, who taught Sacraments, Morality, and Church History.

The school renovations required the moving of the chapel to the former Jesuit Residence for daily masses, before the new chapel was completed.

"We are really not sure until the

renovations are complete what else it will offer," Mr. Norman explains.

Theology courses have stayed basically the same over the past years, but for the first time a new course is being offered as a theology elective, Liturgy and Worship. The course, for seniors, is being co-taught by Mr. Michael Kern and Fr. David Suwalsky. "It looks to be a winner," said Mr. Norman. "It will bring about more student involvement in the planning of masses and other events."

A major field trip that the department took part in was the walk along Ward Parkway to the Beth Shalom Synagogue, highlighting the first semester. There were informative talks by Katie Creol to the student body about her unique experiences with her fight against brain cancer. All of these events and classes helped reinforce the basic Ignation principles of religion and education, which is the main goal of the Theology Department at Rockhurst.

*Story by Casey Miller*



## Tom Norman Jay Coleman Joseph Delehunt Jerry Featherston



**Tom Norman**

Department Chairman

Hebrew Scriptures,  
Christian Scriptures

*RHS class of 1959*

*17 years at RHS*

*20 years total*

*A.B., M.R.E.*

*SLU, Loyola New Orleans*

*"Unforgetably meaningful and touching."*



**Jay Coleman**

Sacraments, Morality

*RHS class of 1978*

*1 year at RHS*

*5 years total*

*B.A., M.A. candidate*

*Rockhurst College, Notre*

*Dame University*

*"It's been better than ever imagined."*



**Joseph Delehunt**

Intro to Theology,

Church History

*13 years at RHS*

*31 years total*

*B.A., M.Ed., M.R.E.*

*Christian Brothers*

*University, SLU, Loyola*

*New Orleans*

*"God does not require us to be successful, only faithful." (Mother Teresa)*



**Jerry Featherston**

Christian Scriptures

*1 1/2 years at RHS*

*25 years total*

*M.S. Education*

*Avila, Dallas University,*

*Kansas University*

*"What a place to go!"*



**Brad Grabs**

Christianity, Church  
History, Faith & Justice,

Christian Lifestyles

*2 years at RHS*

*2 years total*

*B.B.A., M.Ed.*

*University of Notre Dame,*

*University of Arkansas*

*"Rockhurst is a great place to grow and learn for students as well as teachers."*



Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J. & Fr. Mark Daues, S.J.



Tom Norman



Joe Delehunt



Brad Grabs



Peg Mulvihill

Brad Grabs John Morris Peg Mulvihill Elliot Ruther David Suwalsky



**John Morris**

Social Justice,  
Christian Lifestyles  
RHS class of 1974  
14 years at RHS  
16 years total  
B.A., M.R.E.  
SLU, Loyola New Orleans  
"Two roads diverged in a  
wood, I took the one less  
traveled by, and that has  
made all the difference."



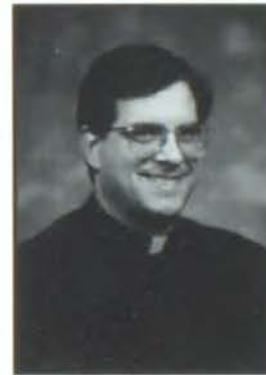
**Peg Mulvihill**

Sacraments, Morality,  
Church History  
1 year at RHS  
2 years total  
B.A. Soc/English, working  
on M.A. Theology  
Regis University, UMKC  
"Awesome answered  
prayer to be an Ignation  
educator!"



**Elliot Ruther**

Intro Theology,  
Church History  
1 year at RHS  
1 year total  
B.A. Psychology/Theology  
SLU



**Fr. David  
Suwalsky, S.J.**

Hebrew Scriptures,  
Christian Scriptures  
3 years at RHS  
7 years total  
B.A., M.A., M.Div., Th.M.  
Rockhurst College, SLU  
Weston Jesuit School of  
Theology, Harvard  
University



**Jorge Taracido**

Department Chairman  
Spanish III, IV,  
IV Honors

13 years at RHS  
25 years total  
PhD Romance Language,  
Renaissance Studies  
Missouri University  
"To everything there is a  
season."



**Kristin Anderson**

Spanish I, II

5 years at RHS  
5 years total  
B.S.E., M.S.E.  
Kansas University  
"It was the best of times, it  
was the worst of times."  
-Charles Dickens



**Michael Cusick**

Latin I, II, III, IV,  
Greek I, II

6 years at RHS  
15 years total  
B.A., M.A.  
University of Dallas,  
Missouri University  
"These guys are great!"



**Michael Dierks**

Spanish I

RHS class of 1991  
3 years total  
B.S. Pre-prof., Spanish  
Notre Dame University  
"Experiencing Rockhurst  
as both a student and a  
faculty member  
intensified my love for the  
school, the students, and  
the faculty and staff."

Jorge Taracido Kristin Anderson Michael Cusick Mi



Doctor Taracido



Señor Staihr



Señor Staihr



Señorita Anderson



Maestro Dierks





**Kathleen Geldhof**

French I, II,  
III Hon., IV Hon.  
18 years at RHS  
23 years total  
B.A. French, M.A. French  
Education  
Avila, UMKC  
"Plus ça change, plus c'est  
la même chose."

**Bert Roney**

Spanish II  
RHS class of 1991  
2 years at RHS  
2 years total  
B.A. English/Spanish  
Northwestern University

**Rick Staihr**

Spanish II, Hon. III  
20 years at RHS  
23 years total  
B.A., M.A.  
UMKC

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# Foreign Language

It is unique how everyone in the department gets along so well," Señor Burt Roney stated, summing up the close relationship among the seven members of Rockhurst's Foreign Language Department.

Although many changes are coming about at Rockhurst, one thing that doesn't change is the unity that is found among the members of the Foreign Language Department.

Señorita Kristin Anderson began learning Spanish in seventh grade from her dad's recommendation and then proceeded to take up to Spanish V in high school before minoring in it at KU. Even though she majored in English, she feels that had she not minored in Spanish, she would not be at the Rock today. Maestro Michael Dierks started Spanish as a freshman at Rockhurst in 1988. He majored in Spanish at Notre Dame and pursued a Spanish career mainly because of Doctor Jorge Taracido. Señor Roney was also a Rockhurst graduate and minored in Spanish at Northwestern University. Doctor Taracido was born in Cuba and moved to New York. After teaching at MU he came to Rockhurst. Señor Rick Staihr started his Spanish speaking career at Raytown High School and majored in Spanish at UMKC. Mrs. Kathleen

Geldhof learned French in high school, loved it and majored in French at Avila College. Mr. Mike Cusick was introduced to Latin as a junior in high school, and was president of the Latin Club. He started Greek in college and majored in Latin with a Classics Degree and also a degree in Philosophy.

Foreign Language instructors attempt to bring the students to an awareness, not only for *their* culture, but also the many diverse cultures of the world. "I enjoy seeing the students experience first hand what they've learned in class and sharing their experiences," said Señor Staihr.

Learning foreign languages prepare a student to function better in global society. The Spanish Club involves students by selling nachos to raise money for field trips. They tour "Dos Mundos" on Southwest Boulevard and the KC Branch Spanish Library. They also toured Mexico over spring break visiting Cozumel, Merida, Chichen Itza, and Uxmal.

The French Club goes out to eat at restaurants such as "Tatsu's" and "Andre's." They also view films like "le Glorie de mon Pere." The last French club at Rockhurst was an informal club headed by Mrs. Kvapil in 1996.

Story by Phil Duncan



**Al Spungen**

Department Chairman

Sociology,

A.P. US History,

A.P. Government

14 years at RHS

21 years total

B.A., M.A., PHD candidate  
UMKC



**Al Carruthers**

Geography,

World History

3 years at RHS

4 years total

Honors History, Political

Studies, Secondary Ed.

University of Manitoba, St.

Paul's College

"A great experience, full  
of good people, talented

staff, and dedicated

students and parents."



**Jim DeGraw**

World History,

Economics

6 years at RHS

6 years total

B.G.S. Social Studies

Kansas University

"The past, at least, is  
secure."

-Daniel Webster



**Chris Elmore**

Public Speaking,

American History

1 year at RHS

3 years at RHS

B.A. Political Sci.,

History, M.A. Political

Sci., A.B.D. Political Sci.

Notre Dame University,

Kansas

AlSpungenAlCarruthersJimDeGrawChrisElmore

# Social Studies

With the addition of two new teachers the social studies department continues to play an important role in the political conscience of the Rockhurst students.

"Students seem to be pleased with what is being done by this department because there hasn't been significant feedback asking for different course offerings," according to Mr. Al Spungen, Social Studies Department Chairman.

Additions to the department faculty include Mr. John Riead who most recently taught History at Park Hill and Mr. Chris Elmore, a Rockhurst alum from the class of 1989 who just graduated from the University of Notre Dame.

"I am extremely pleased with the addition of two more instructors to our department and I am pleased as well with the ability they possess in relating with the students. They know the subject and fit into the chemistry of the social studies department," Mr. Spungen said.

Some pre-arranged outings that the social studies department had planned were postponed for the year due to the construction and the fact that the staff just did not feel justified in missing valuable time in the classroom.

Students for Political Action (SPA), who are responsible for many of the guest speakers at RHS, will be traveling to Washington D.C. as part of model U.N. later this year.

Story by Brian Ismert





**Dr. Jerry Goblen**

World Geography

14 years at RHS

26 years total

Ed. D., M.S., B.S.E.

Kansas University,  
Emporia State, Truman  
State



**Chris Lawson**

World History, U.S.

Government

3 years at RHS

7 years total

B.A. Political Science,  
M.A. Curr. & Instruction  
Park College, Webster  
University

"Since coming to RHS I  
have become a better  
teacher, coach, husband,  
and Christian."



**John Riead**

U.S. History

1 year at RHS

6 years total

B.S.E. Sec. Ed., Social Sci.  
Missouri Western State,  
UMKC

"It has been a wonderful  
experience teaching at  
RHS. The staff has been  
great."



**Larry Ruby**

U.S. History

20 years at RHS

29 years total

B.A., M.A. Ed.S.  
St. Mary's University,  
Winona, MN, University,  
UMKC

"To strive, to seek, to find,  
and not to yield."

erryGobenChrisLawsonJohnRieadLarryRuby



Jim DeGraw



Al Carruthers



Chris Lawson



Chris Elmore



Al Spungen

# Science

With the renovation of Rockhurst High School, the Science Department is undergoing probably the most significant changes in the building. The new layout of the department will consist of renovated chemistry laboratories, featuring state-of-the-art equipment that will allow for greater productivity for both the students and the faculty.

"The renovation will allow for the entire science department to be up-to-date with equipment and technology, allowing for the students to have more of a hands-on education," Mr. Ron Geldhof said.

Along with the reconstruction of the classrooms, the department updated its faculty with the addition of Rockhurst Alum Mr. James Warner as a Chemistry teacher. Mr. Warner, a member of the class of 1991, had a busy year teaching five

Chemistry classes in his first year back.

Rounding out the extremely veteran department who average over 12 years of experience between them are Messrs. Ron Geldhof, Fred Campisano, Michael O'Leary, Steve Ptasnik, Steve Ryan, James Warner, and Richard Wikiera.

The Science Department, with the assistance of junior Chris Pickert, introduced an interactive learning opportunity for the students by utilizing the Internet.

"Students will soon be able to converse with other students concerning homework, tests, and other information. On occasion, I personally will be on-line to administer study groups to aid the students in learning," online moderator and Chemistry instructor Mr. O'Leary commented.

*Story by Chris Pickert*



## Ron Geldhof Fred Campisano Michael O'Leary Steve Ptasnik



**Ron Geldhof**

Department Chairman  
General Chemistry,  
AP Chemistry  
26 years at RHS  
26 years total  
B.S. Chem, B.A. Ed, M.A.  
Sec Science Ed.  
Rockhurst, Kansas, UMKC  
"If I had it to do all over  
again, I would."



**Fred Campisano**

AP Physics,  
Hon. Physics,  
Fund. of Physics  
8 year at RHS  
31 years total  
B.A., M.A. Sec Ed., M.S.  
Physics, Ed.D. Ed. Ad  
Arizona State, Notre Dame  
"Although it has had it's  
ups and downs, it has been  
a positive experience here."



**Michael O'Leary**

Biology, Chemistry  
10 years at RHS  
20 years total  
B.A. Hist., B.S. Biology,  
M.S. Science Ed.  
Kansas Wesleyan, Kansas  
State University  
"I have enjoyed being the  
Wrestling Coach, Golf  
Coach, and Science Club  
moderator."



**Steve Ptasnik**

Physical Science,  
Biology  
2 year at RHS  
3 years total  
B.S. Ed. Biology  
Northwest Missouri State  
University  
"I really enjoy this place  
because everyone cares.  
Students, faculty, staff, and  
parents. Everyone!!"



James Warner



Fred Campisano



Steve Ryan



Richard Wikiera



Ron Geldhof

ePtasnikSteveRyanJamesWarnerRichardWikiera



**Steve Ryan**

Biology, AP Biology  
RHS class of 1959  
26 years at RHS  
30 years total  
B.S. Biology, M.S.  
Physiology, M.A. Phar.  
UMKC, Kansas University  
"The place to teach is  
Rockhurst. It is  
challenging to both faculty  
and students."



**James Warner**

Chemistry  
RHS class of 1991  
1 year at RHS  
2 years total  
B.S. Biochemistry  
Rockhurst College  
"Great men are defined by  
their actions. Great men  
act on their reflections of  
experience. RHS prepares  
you to be great men."



**Richard Wikiera**

Human Physiology,  
Biology  
16 years at RHS  
20 years total  
B.S. Science, M.A.  
Counseling Psychology  
Rockhurst College. UMKC  
"It is better to have  
wrestled and lost than  
never to have wrestled at  
all."



Tom Wirtz & Jon Reed



Doug Bruce



Pete Campbell



John McEniry

JohnMcEniryPhilipBakerDougBrucePeteCampbellMarkDaues



**John McEniry**

Department Chairman  
Pascal I, II,  
C++ Programming  
RHS class of 1968  
19 years at RHS  
22 years total  
B.A., M.A. Sec. Ed.  
U.M.K.C.  
"Teaching at Rockhurst  
High School is my first  
best destiny."



**Philip Baker**

Algebra I  
3 years at RHS  
3 years total  
B.S., M.S., M.M.A.S.  
US Military Academy, US  
Naval Postgrad School, US  
Army Command and  
General Staff College  
"Working at Rockhurst  
has been a dream come  
true."



**Doug Bruce**

A.P. Calculus I, II  
RHS class of 1967  
20 years at RHS  
27 years total  
B.A. Math, M.A. Math  
St. Benedict's, NWMSU  
"If you can imagine it,  
you can do it... If you can  
dream it, you can become  
it..."



**Pete Campbell**

Algebra I, II Trig.,  
Analytical Geometry  
RHS class of 1989  
2 years total  
3 years total  
B.A. Elementary Ed.  
Missouri University  
"Plug and Chug."



**Fr. Mark Daues,  
S.J.**

Algebra I  
2 years at RHS  
6 years total  
B.S., M.Div., S.T.M., M.A.  
St. Louis University, Regis  
College (Toronto)



Paul Ptasnik

# Mathematics

The Math Department, headed by Mr. John McEniry, is an important part of the Rockhurst curriculum. The department, whose classes range from Algebra I to Calculus II, is enjoying the benefit of an experienced staff and an update in technology.

Mr. Tom Wirtz, the only new teacher in the department, stays busy by teaching five Trigonometry and Geometry classes. He has been enjoying his RHS experience so far after having seven years of previous teaching experience. "The change to Rockhurst has been a good decision for me!" he says.

While there were no new courses being offered, this was the first year for the Math and Engineering Club. Led by Mr. Paul Ptasnik and Mr. Tom Wirtz, the club has had a good turnout for its inaugural year. They took part in city-wide math contests

in February, and even engineered and constructed miniature bridges. They are hoping to spark more interest in mathematics.

Mr. McEniry is welcoming the new renovations which will help the department improve. "We are looking forward to the upcoming changes," he explained. "We already have new computers in both labs, and we will enjoy and take advantage of the new technological upgrades."

All the teachers in the department stay busy outside the classroom as well by being involved in activities like coaching or other aspects of school. Mr. Ptasnik has continued his role of working in the bookstore before and after school, while Fr. Mark Daues, S.J. teaches in the Theology Department in addition to two Algebra I classes. *Story by Casey Miller*

ues Paul Klene Frank Lyngar Paul Ptasnik Jon Reed Tom Wirtz



**Paul Klene**

Algebra I, Adv.

Alg/Geom., Statistics  
8 years at RHS  
B.A. Math, History  
St. Mary of the Plains  
College

"It's an experience that helps me in the pursuit of celebrating the diversity of the human spirit."



**Frank Lyngar**

Analysis, Calculus I

13 years at RHS  
25 years total  
B.A., M.A. Computer Ed.  
Missouri Valley College,  
Lesley College

"If you work hard everyday, you will be successful."



**Paul Ptasnik**

Algebra II/Geom.,  
Algebra II Hon.,  
Applied Calculus

3 years at RHS  
3 years total  
B.S., M.B.A., B.S. Math  
USMA, Northwestern  
University, St. Mary  
College

"A joy."



**Jon Reed**

Hon. Algebra I,  
Hon. II/Geom.,

Analytic Geometry

3 years at RHS  
4 years total  
B.A., M.A.  
Missouri University,  
UMKC

"Never boring."



**Tom Wirtz**

Algebra II/Trig,  
Algebra II/Geom.

1 year at RHS  
8 years total  
B.A. Math Ed., M.A. Ed.  
Admin.

SMSU, UMKC  
"The change to Rockhurst has been a good decision for me!"

# English

With many changes occurring in the rest of the school, the English Department has been moving right along without many changes or additions. The department has been headed up by Mr. Andy Hagedorn who has been at Rockhurst for the last ten years. He is backed up by ten other teachers in the department.

Only two new teachers came to the department this year, Ms. Anne Otto, who teaches Sophomore English, and Mr. Bert Roney, who teaches Junior English. Mr. Roney has been at Rockhurst for one year prior to this one, but he only taught Spanish.

"Mr. Hagedorn has been a solid leader and mentor to me. He really can take control of a situation and push for action," Mr. Bert Roney said.

"I have never had a teacher quite like Mr. Hagedorn, I've had him once in my career, hopefully I will have him a second time. His class is the most interesting one that I have ever had. He makes ordinary tasks fun," junior Melvin Dunsworth said about him.

The English Department promises to keep up a strong tradition of solid work in the hectic times to come at Rockhurst.

*Story by Evan Fitts*



Fr. Mark Michalski, S.J.



James Bascom



Anne Otto

Andy Hagedorn James Bascom Joe Fleming Frank Griffin Mark Michalski



**Andy Hagedorn**

Department Chairman

A.P. English III, IV  
9 years at RHS  
29 years total  
A.B., M.A.  
Xavier, NW Kentucky  
"I don't do quotes."



**James Bascom**

English II, IV  
8 years at RHS  
8 years total  
B.A. English/Classical  
Antiquity, M.A. English  
Kansas, UMKC



**Joe Fleming**

English II, Yearbook  
RHS class of 1965  
2 years at RHS  
5 years total  
B.S., Sec Ed., English/Jour.  
Rockhurst College, NW  
Missouri State  
"It's great to be a teacher  
here after being a student  
and a parent of 3 grads."



**Frank Griffin**

English I, IV  
14 years at RHS  
14 years total  
B.A. English, M.S. Sec. Ed.  
St. John's University  
"All of us are broken by  
life, but those who survive  
are strongest at the  
mended places."



**Mark Michalski,  
S.J.**

English III  
3 years at RHS  
3 years total  
B.A. English, M.A.  
Psychology  
St. Louis University  
"I'm just tryin' to get  
along without shovin'  
nobody around."





Michael Pateidl



Andy Hagedorn

Michalski Anne Otto Michael Pateidl Bert Roney Fred Schlichting



**Anne Otto**  
English II

1 year at RHS  
5 years total  
B.A. English/Psychology  
Rockhurst College  
*"It was the best of times."*



**Michael Pateidl**  
English I, III

RHS class of 1991  
3 years at RHS  
3 years total  
B.A. Biology/English  
Creighton University  
*"The rewards of teaching are twofold: the gratification of helping others learn, as well as how much I learn myself."*



**Bert Roney**  
English III

RHS class of 1991  
2 years at RHS  
2 years total  
B.A. English/Spanish  
Northwestern University



**Fred Schlichting**  
English I

2 years at RHS  
2 years total  
B.A. Psychology  
University of Notre Dame  
*"Just when they think they have all the answers, I change the questions."*

# P.E.

It may come as a surprise that the Physical Education Department offers only two courses, Physical Fitness and Lifetime Sports, because sports sometimes seem to overshadow the academics of Rockhurst.

Next year may bring some changes to the department according to Coach Tony Severino, the Department Chairman, and Mr. Steve Christy.

"The renovation will give us a first rate facility. It will hold more students which will benefit the kids," said Coach Severino.

Lifetime Sports classes, taught by Coach Severino, take field trips to golf, to bowl and to play tennis. P.E. classes, on the other hand, learn the safety of lifting weights while having the opportunity to play football, basketball and volleyball.

"Lifetime gives kids the opportunity to discover talents they never had," said Coach Severino.

"P.E. gives the kids a chance to lift weights and play other sports on the premises of Rockhurst," said Mr. Christy.

"Students are learning physical fitness for their future. It helps them have confidence and to find a hobby," said Mr. Christy. *Story by Dan Watson*



Tony Severino & Steve Christy



Steve Christy

## Tony Severino Steve Christy



Tony Severino



### Tony Severino

Department Chairman  
P.E., Physical Fitness,  
Lifetime Sports

15 years at RHS  
28 years total  
B.S., M.S.

Kansas State University,  
Kansas University

"The students, faculty, and  
parents make Rockhurst a  
special place to be."



### Steve Christy

Physical Fitness

2 years at RHS  
2 years total  
B.S. Physical Ed.  
William Jewell College  
"A pleasant experience."

# Business



Buddy Worth



Bernie Kreikemeier

The Business Department anticipates that the new renovation of Rockhurst will greatly enhance its computer technology and education, according to Mr. Buddy Worth, Department Chairman. The Department will receive new computers to run the latest software in addition to the connection of the internet service with each new computer.

"I am excited about the software we will be receiving to further enhance the education offered at Rockhurst," said Mr. Worth, who teaches Computer Applications I & II. Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier teaches Computer Applications I & II and Accounting.

"Fundamentals is the key to success. We teach the fundamentals," said Mr. Kreikemeier.

Even though he has been the Math Department Chairman, Mr. John McEniry, teaches Pascal I & II and Programming in C++.

"I am excited about the renovation. I hope it will bring good things to the Business Department," Mr. McEniry said.

*Story by Dan Watson*



Buddy Worth

## BuddyWorthBernieKreikemeier



**Buddy Worth**

Department Chairman  
Computer Applications I, II

14 years at RHS  
19 years total  
B.S., M.S.  
William Jewel College,  
Pittsburg State University  
"Your attitude will decide  
your success in life!"



**Bernie Kreikemeier**

Computer Applications I,  
Accounting

9 years at RHS  
11 years total  
B.A.E., M.A.  
Wayne State College of  
Nebraska, Central  
Missouri State University  
"Rich Opportunity  
Challenging Kids."



Bernie Kreikemeier

# Arts

This year's Arts Department, headed by Rodger Cilley, went through a transitional year. However, the combination of teachers and new facilities coming in Phase 3 of the Millennium Master Plan promise to make the transition worthwhile.

"We are in a transitional year," Mr. Cilley said, "but we are ready to grow and really just go nuts."

The Arts Department, including Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Music, and Communication Art, added three new teachers this year. They include Bill Murphy, who teaches technical theater, Jan Cohick, who teaches men's choir, and Chris Elmore, who teaches public speaking.

Accomplishments of the department were numerous. Mr. Cilley, also drama instructor, produced Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, The Foreigner, and Pippin.

Last November the department got a chance to

show off its abilities at the National Catholic Youth Conference when the Choir performed, and others built a clay wall in which each participating youth got a chance to voice their feelings on Jesus. "I had a very spiritual experience, senior Billy Oades said.

Rockhurst also features a nationally recognized Debate-Forensics team coached by Mr. Don Ramsey and a highly acclaimed journalism staff advised by Mr. Mark Bubalo. "The *Prep News* and the Debate team are always strong," Mr. Cilley said.

"All in all I hope that the Arts Department will continue to advance. We feel we have the single best department, and it can only get better," Mr. Cilley said.

*Story by Evan Fitts*

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## Rodger Cilley Mark Bubalo Jan Cohick Connie Greany M

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**Rodger Cilley**  
 Department Chairman  
 Acting, Stage Design,  
 Adv. Acting  
 5 years at RHS  
 10 years total  
 B.A., M.A.  
 LeMoyné, Emerson  
 "I am blessed and  
 humbled having the  
 opportunity to teach  
 here."



**Mark Bubalo**  
 Journalism I,  
 Newspaper I, II,  
 Photography, English  
 17 years at RHS  
 21 years total  
 B.S. Ed, M.S. Ed.  
 SWMSU, UMKC  
 "Rockhurst is a great  
 place to teach because of  
 faculty, administration,  
 students, and parents."



**Jan Cohick**  
 Men's Choir  
 1 year at RHS  
 1 year total  
 B.A. Music Ed.  
 UMKC Conservatory of  
 Music  
 "There are so many  
 outstanding people here,  
 students, and faculty! I  
 learn and grow every day!"



**Connie Greany**  
 Drawing, Hand  
 Pottery, Adv. Hand  
 Pottery, Painting,  
 Wheel Pottery  
 9 years at RHS  
 27 years total  
 B.F.A. Fine Arts, M.A.  
 Peru State College, Baker  
 "En todo amar y servir."  
 In all to love and serve.



Don Ramsey



Connie Greany



Mark Bubalo



Bill Murphy



Mike Kern

aelKernBillMurphyDonRamseyBetsySextonLonWest



**Michael Kern**  
Music Appreciation,  
Concert Band, Jazz  
Ensemble, Orchestra,  
Classical Guitar  
7 years at RHS  
23 years total  
B.A., M.A.  
Southwest Missouri State,  
Baker University  
"Always expect the  
unexpected."

**Bill Murphy**  
Tech. Theater  
1 year at RHS

**Don Ramsey**  
Public Speaking,  
Speech & Debate,  
Debate & Forensics  
23 years at RHS  
33 years total  
B.A., M.A.  
Benedictine, Pittsburg  
State  
"Nothing great was ever  
achieved without  
enthusiasm."

**Betsy Sexton**  
Forensics Coach  
4 years at RHS  
34 years total  
B.A.  
UMKC  
"A private school is very  
different from a public  
school, and it is  
interesting to observe the  
differences as a kind of  
outsider looking in."

**Lon West**  
Drawing, Ceramics  
2 years at RHS  
35 years total  
B.A.  
Tulsa University  
"Very enjoyable."

# Counselors

Of all the elements that combine to make the mixture of Rockhurst, the counseling department is oftentimes overlooked even though it deals directly with almost every RHS student. Mr. Bill Munninghoff chairs the department which includes Mr. Mike Herringer, Mr. Bill Munninghoff, Mr. Eric Berg, and Mrs. Carol Dougherty, the newest addition.

"Mrs. Carol Dougherty (who joined the Rockhurst faculty this year) is a great addition to the counseling staff and RHS in general," said junior Joe Gawron.

"Presently we each are actively counseling about one fourth of the student population," Mr. Mike Herringer stated. "With the addition of Mrs. Dougherty, each of the veteran counselors has had a burden taken from their shoulders," he added with relief.

Besides holding meetings with the majority of students, the counselors have separate duties which they fulfill. For instance, Mr. Bill Munninghoff is responsible for announcing directions to the aptitude tests on the intercom as well as coaching the Freshman Basketball Team. Mr. Berg is an assistant football coach as well as an avid weight lifter. Mrs. Dougherty holds afternoon study hall on the side. Mr. Herringer and Mr. Bill Munninghoff both share the duty of aptitude testing.

*Story by Brian Ismert*



Carol Dougherty



Eric Berg



Bill Munninghoff & Carol Dougherty

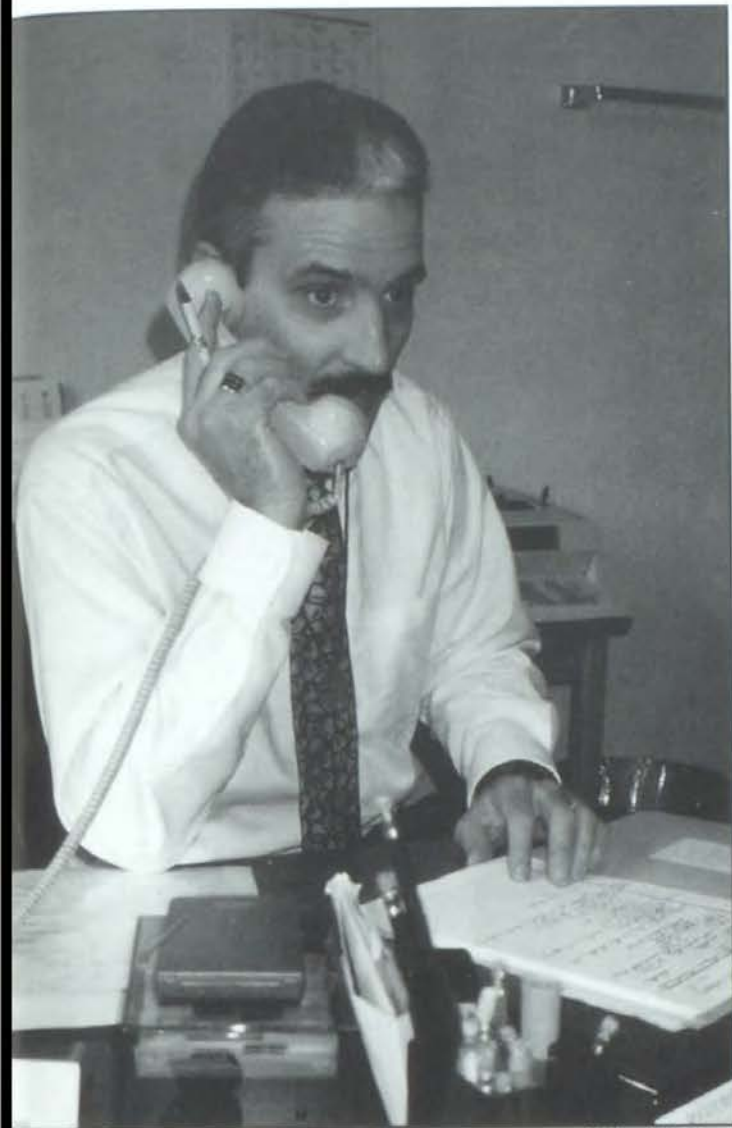
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**Eric Berg**  
Counselor



**Carol Dougherty**  
Counselor



Michael Herringer



Carol Dougherty

MichaelHerringerBillMunninghoff



**Michael  
Herringer**  
Counselor



**Bill  
Munninghoff**  
Counselor



Jon Whistance is congratulated after hearing that he was voted STUCO President



Junior Clint Reach rubs Luke Haman's head after lunch



Sean Connelly gets his senior portrait taken



Juniors Brian Ismert, Josh Rockwell, Mike Dunham, and Brian Anselmo sit in class.



Sophomore Jeff Johnson, Class of 1965, admires the shiny hallways of the new campus in 1962.

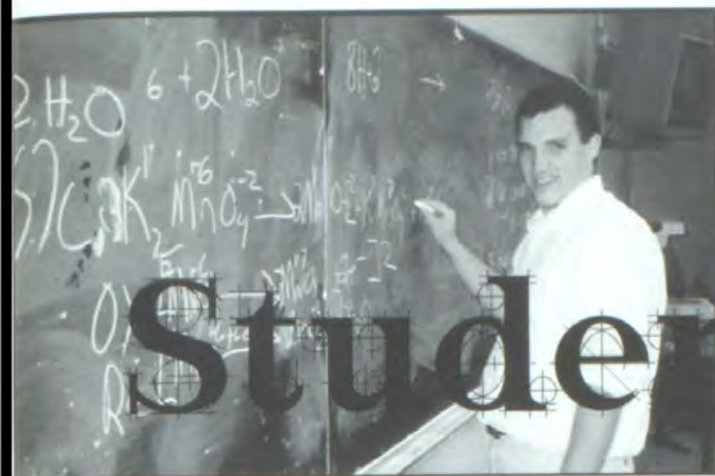


Seniors Ryan McLaughlin and Pradeep Chandra quiz the Homecoming queen candidates.



Freshmen gather to talk in the parking lot while waiting for rides.





Junior Kirk Walters solves an equation in his chemistry class.



Juniors Brian Legenza, Matt Cummings, Jimmy Radovich, Sean Doyle and senior Matt Zender.



Sophomores Jeff Millan, Matt Welliver, and Jeff Dobbie study in the cafeteria.



Freshman Andrew Mallow washes the boards during one of his IUGs.

# Student Body

The student body has always been the core of Rockhurst's success, both in the classroom and in the real world. Though the philosophy of a Rockhurst student's four years in a Jesuit Preparatory school has not changed, the diversity and attitudes have evolved and improved and will no doubt continue to do so in the future.

From the days when students walked the halls with letter sweaters draped on their shoulders to today with fans' blue painted faces at sporting events, Rockhurst students have always known how to show their true school spirit.

The school and its students have become more advanced in many ways, especially technologically and physically.

In spite of these advancements, the student body remains a grateful recipient of the values that its predecessors learned and provided to this generation.

# Class of 2001 adjusts to the rigors of the Rock

The transition from elementary school to Rockhurst can often be daunting. Freshman year is usually the most anticipated and remembered.

"This year has had its ups and downs but I just can't wait until next year," stated David Clisbee, one of this year's freshmen.

"It's nothing what I expected; it is even worse," Ignatian scholar winner Kevin Frantze said, as did others. The tedious task of homework every night and a completely restructured social life seem to be the talk of the class.

"Looking back at my old school, I never got to choose what class I wanted to take or even what extracurricular activities I attended, but here at Rockhurst they have me making decisions from day one," stated freshman Matt Judy.

Coinciding with the new

aspects of a freshman lifestyle are many more uncountable things, to learn among the distraction of freshman year.

"I knew almost everyone in my class. There were only about fifty of us graduating from my elementary school. Rockhurst's many students is a change taking me a while to become accustomed to," said freshman Brandon Shelby.

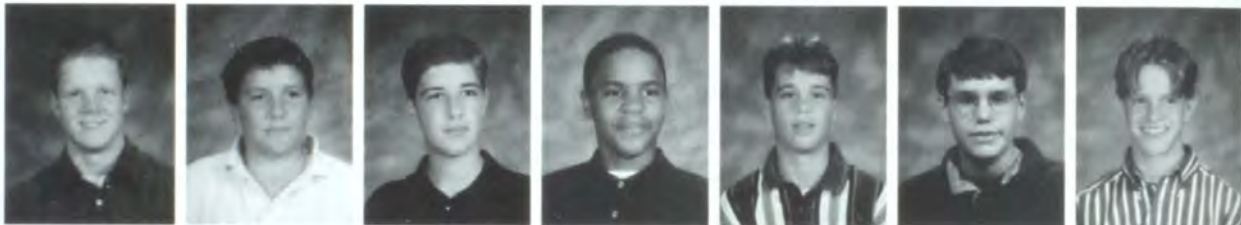
The role and purpose of any high school is to offer a student as many new things as possible and to get them making decisions.

"It is a lot different than elementary school. It's bigger, better, offers a lot more, and it's Rockhurst," said Frank Spalitta. "Right off the bat, Rockhurst has me making decisions I have never had to make. Not even in school yet, I had to choose Rockhurst out of all other schools," he added.

Jonathan Adriano  
Justin Amberson  
Ryan Anderson  
Christopher Anton  
Robby Arthur  
Daniel Asikainen  
Kevin Aylward



Adam Balentine  
Noah Ballard  
Blaine Barnard  
Gregory Bass  
Matthew Beck  
Brian Bennett  
Adam Berglund



Edward Bessenbacher  
Nick Biersmith  
Joel Blevins  
Andrew Bock  
Jacob Boesen  
Casey Booth  
Nicolas Boyd



Robert Bridges  
Timothy Bridgham  
Geoffrey Brown  
Justin Brown  
Colin Burns  
William Buser  
Charles Bush



Nicholas Capoccia  
Brian Carson  
Matthew Cavlovich  
John Chagoyan  
Raymond Chang  
Dustin Charapata  
Salvatore Cicero





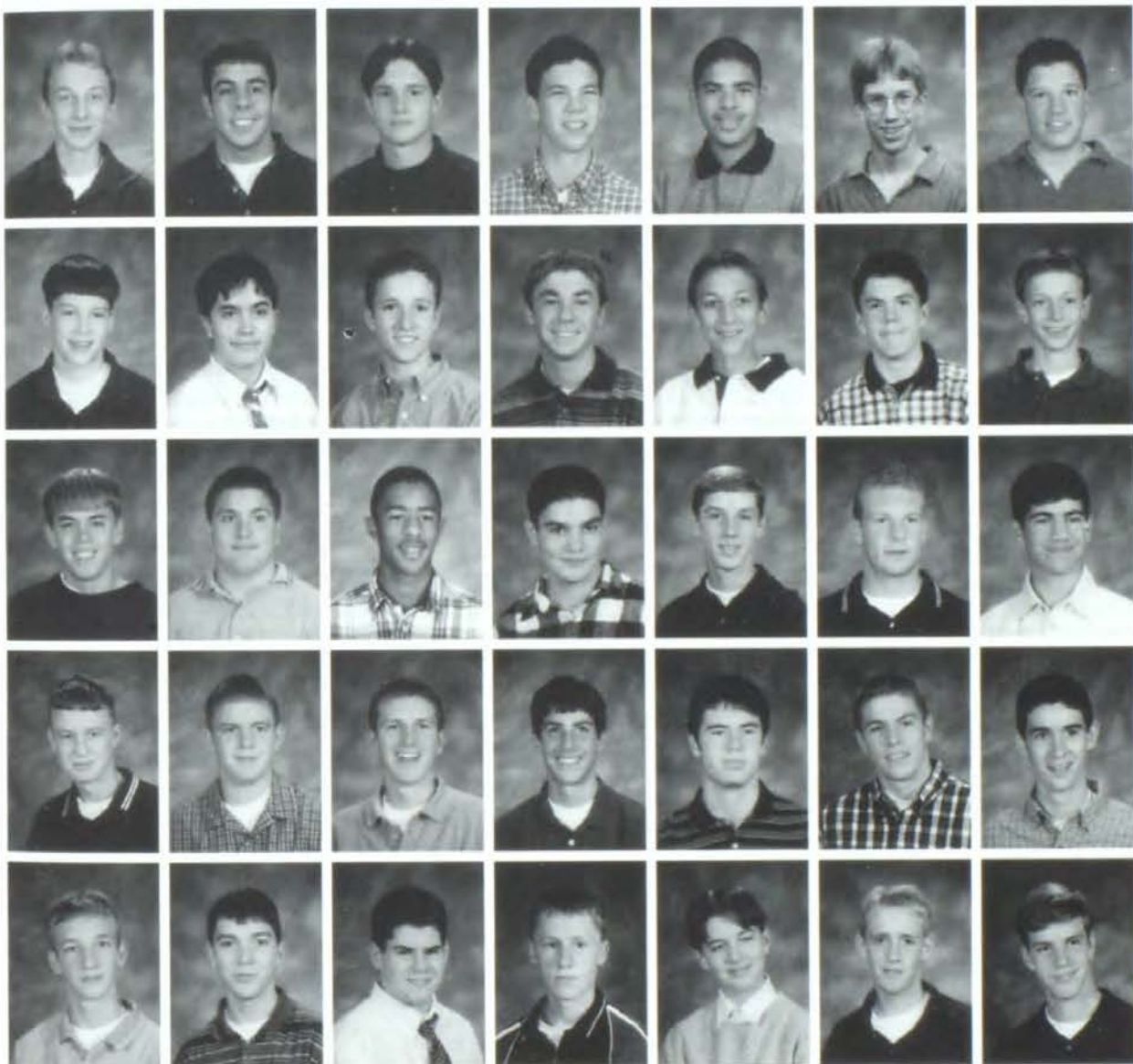
Members of the Rockhurst High School class of 2001.

All in all, Rockhurst might be a large step from someone's previous schooling careers, but it is an important step.

"The major difference between grade school and Rockhurst would be the student-to-student and teacher-student atmosphere. My old school was an 'every man for themselves' school, and coming to Rockhurst with these dramatic changes is completely new to me," said freshman Pete Schloegel.

The freshmen this year are much like a climber reaching the apex of the mountain, because the farther they climb or the farther they reach there is always a new challenge at each finger's reach.

*Story by Brian Ismert*



Patrick Clark  
 Christopher Clarkson  
 David Clisbee  
 Daniel Connell  
 Philip Conway  
 Andrew Cook  
 Dante Cosentino

Kevin Cotter  
 Andrew Cousino  
 Richard Cray  
 Douglas Croy  
 Christopher Cucar  
 Michael Daly  
 Samuel Davidson

Michael Day  
 Russell Demster  
 Jarrett Devereaux  
 John DiSalvo  
 Luke Dlabal  
 Brian Dreis  
 Scott Drummond

Matthew Dunham  
 Jason Dunsworth  
 Scott Edmonds  
 Michael Ensminger  
 Michael Euston  
 Timothy Euston  
 Ryan Fagan

Matthew Faler  
 Joseph Feierabend  
 John Finley  
 Kyle Francis  
 Kevin Frantz  
 James Fuchs  
 Patrick Gallagher

# Class of 2001

Zacc Gansert  
George Gardner  
Jeremy Garton  
Peter Giangreco  
Shawn Gibson  
Michael Gonzales  
Justin Goode



Sean Gratton  
James Grenfell  
Demetrius Gunnels  
Joel Gustafson  
John Haake  
Mathew Haake  
Sean Hackett



Jason Haile  
Andrew Hansbrough  
Christopher Hapka  
Manual Harvey  
Adam Henderson  
Andrew Henderson  
Thomas Henggeler



Stephen Hiatt  
Michael Hicks  
Chad Hiesberger  
Matthew Hoefler  
Trevor Holland  
Sean Hughes  
Patrick Jakopchek



Stephan Jean-Francois  
David Johnson  
Matthew Judy  
Jeremy Julian  
Jordan Jump  
Benton Keatley  
Corbin Keech



Mitchell Kelly  
Sean Kelly  
John Kerbawy  
Jonathan Kincaid  
Alfonse Kinsella  
Patrick Klug  
Michael Knopke



Thomas Komoroski  
Matthew Kopp  
Thomas Koppe  
Adam Korth  
Francis Kot  
Patrick Kowalski  
Jeffrey Kratofil



Ian Kuklenski  
Ryan Kulke  
Joshua Lacy  
Blain Lagergren  
Jonathan Lecuyer  
John Leese  
Travis Levitt



# Freshmen

# Senior realizes lifelong dream with appearance on *JEOPARDY!*

Jonathan Lowe progressed into the second week of quarterfinals of the nationally syndicated Teen Jeopardy before he was defeated.



eat, go sightseeing, just chill for a little bit. After a discussion, we went to see L.A., including Sunset Blvd. and Rodeo Drive, up into the homes of the Pacific Palisades, and to many famous sights. You know, that sidewalk with all those stars in it should be called "The Extremely Long and Tiring Walk of Fame". That night, I went to bed not knowing the challenges, the surprises, and the sensations that awaited me.

October 5th, 1997. It's time to get up and move on with the business portion of the trip. I got dressed and went down to the lobby of the hotel in time to meet one of the other fifteen contestants, Deon Lackey, from Oklahoma City, an obviously energetic girl. It wasn't long before all of the other contestants started to crowd around. Finally, one of the executive producers came over to us and ushered us into the special bus that took us over to the Sony Picture Studios.

At the studio, all of the contestants were escorted to a green room, a waiting place inside the studio. I got to know some of the other contestants first-hand, including people from California, Texas, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Oregon, Indiana, North Carolina, Mississippi, and New York. We got to meet the people who run the show behind the scenes and did some promotion shots for the show, which meant seeing the actual "Jeopardy!" set. Walking out onto the set for the first time, it hit me "Wow! This is an unbelievable dream come true. Only a lucky few get to experience what I will do."

The roughest part about waiting in "the green room" before taping was not knowing when you would go out to compete in front of millions of people across the country. As the players were announced for the second game of the day, I heard, "In the second position, Jonathan." As I stood up, all the nervousness inside of me began to build. Everyone left in the room wished us luck as we headed out for the stage, and I knew that I would need it to beat the two girls that I was pitted against.

Well, it turned out that I won my quarterfinal game and advanced on to the second week of the tournament, which was filmed in Washington D.C. It was fun to see all of the things that make our nation's capital such a wonderful city, but this is a story I will leave for another time and place. Unfortunately, I was defeated in the semifinal round, but overall, this experience could only be summed up as the chance of a lifetime. (Note: To any of the ambitious at home who could be future contestants, just remember to answer in the form of a question.)

*Story by Jonathan Lowe*

# Class of 2001

John Linhoff  
Patrick Lobb  
Jeremy Long  
Daniel Malanowski  
James Mallow  
David Manning  
Philip Marsalla



Kyle Martin  
Gregory Masenthin  
Robert Mashburn  
Evan Mason  
Brendan Matthews  
Michael Matthews  
Jeremy McDonald



Justin McFarland  
Paul McGannon  
Ryan McIntosh  
Sean McLaughlin  
Patrick McMurtray  
Ryan McNearney  
Brian Meagher



Michael Mereghetti  
Ian Merrigan  
Nicholas Migliazzo  
Ryan Miles  
Vincent Millan  
Gerald Miller  
Zachary Miller



Jeffrey Mincher  
Andrew Mitchell  
John Mitchell  
Richard Mokofsky  
Richard Moritz  
Jonathan Mossie  
Sean Mueller



# WE'RE jammed!

**Y**ou walk into a hall and are engulfed into a frenzy of salmon-like students swimming upstream. They snap, claw, and gnarl their way down the hall, trying to get home—to a locker. These problems are brought on by more than the fact that Rockhurst presently has too many students for the facilities. Students conversing in the halls and rampaging to the lunch room cause back-ups in the halls resulting in students being late for class.

"The darn freshman are to blame," said Junior Casey Miller.

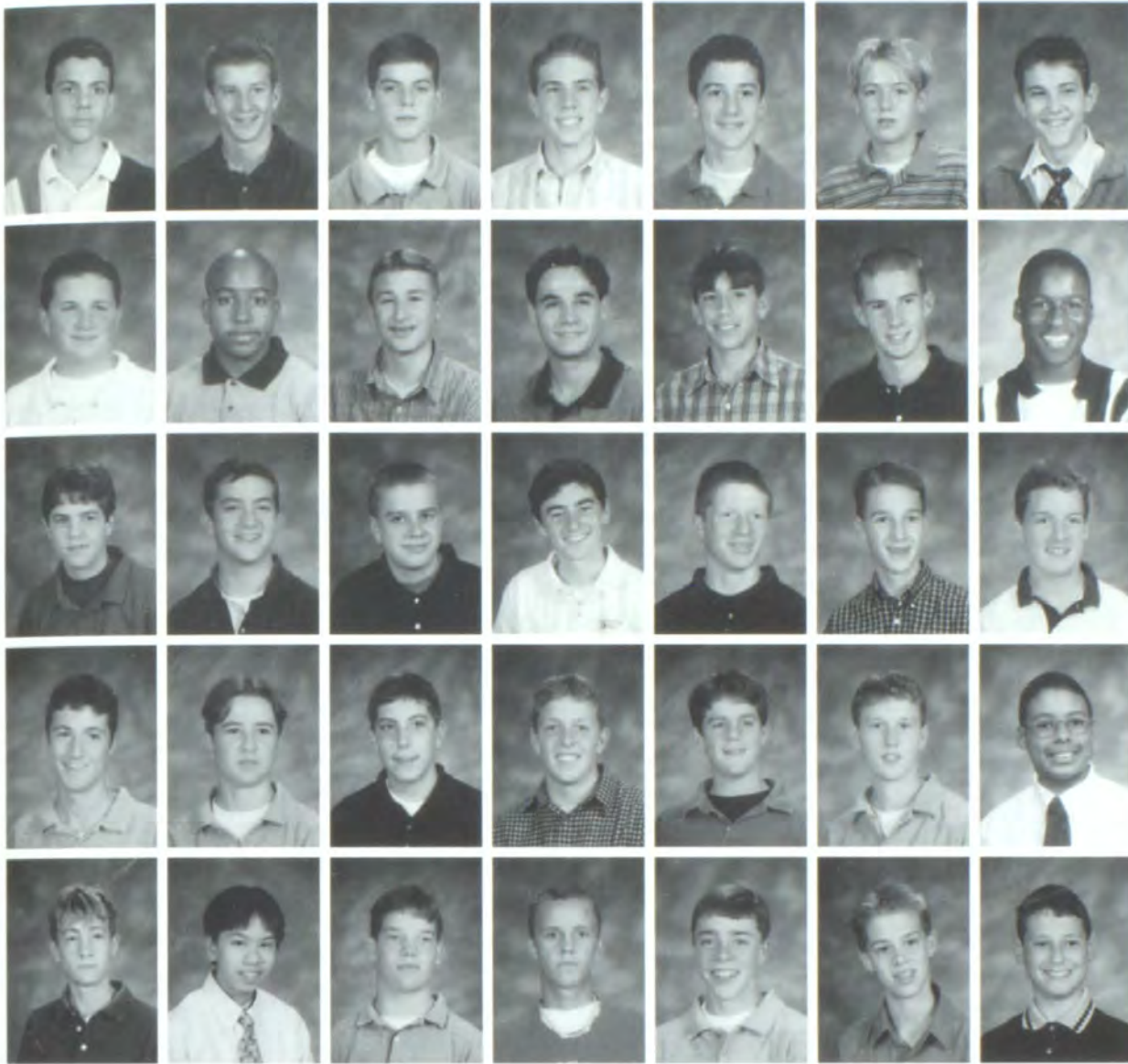
In the beginning of the '97 school year, backpacks were not allowed. Visits to the locker almost every passing period contributed to the problem. The crowded hallways were attributed to the fact that everyone had to make a mad dash to their locker virtually every hour, instead of the usual three. But instead of curing this problem when the backpacks were reintroduced into RHS's society,

there actually was little visible change.

The mixture that is Rockhurst is observed at no better time than at passing periods. In Rockhurst's previous years, the individual ingredients that go into this mixture have never, until now, been so numerous.

"Before, during, and after school the top floor is crammed from rooms 207 to 214," said junior Joe Gawron, who's locker is located among this traffic area.

"I never before had as much



Daniel Mulhern  
Wade Muller  
Brendan Murphy  
Phillip Murphy  
Sean Murphy  
Charles Myers  
Jeffrey Newby

Matthew Newell  
Andre Newsom  
Gabriel Ney  
Michael Nigro  
Eric Noblet  
John Nugent  
Emmanuel Nwabuonwu

James O'Brien  
Kevin O'Brien  
Kyle O'Brien  
John O'Connor  
Steven O'Connor  
Sean O'Donnell  
Matthew O'Laughlin

Thomas O'Neill  
Timothy O'Toole  
Christopher Oades  
Daniel Olson  
Mitchell Paone  
Eric Pashman  
Thomas Persley

Kevin Peterson  
Hieu Do Pham  
John Phelps  
Andrew Phillips  
Kesler Pollard  
Christopher Poskin  
Joseph Price



With increased enrollment and construction the hallways were extraordinarily crowded.

trouble getting to my locker as I am this year," said Scott Reagan, who also is situated on the top floor.

The '97 freshmen were too many for the already crowded hallways. The classes and hallways are getting their full use.

"Compared to the school I previously taught at, Rockhurst's halls seem to be a little more jammed," said Mr. Wirtz, one of the new teachers on RHS's staff. According to Father Thomas Pesci, the President of Rockhurst, the facility was designed to hold roughly 800 students and is presently exceeding that number by about 70.

"The maximum occupancy (in general) of the new addition will be about 950," said Father Pesci.

"Last year the hallways were already somewhat crowded, but not nearly as they are this year," said junior Steve Smith. Rockhurst is presently working to alleviate the overcrowding, and the remodeling of the school will help tremendously.

The amount of students in the Freshman Class has increased every year for the past several years. According to Mr. David Alvey, Dean of Students, the capacity of Rockhurst has been exceeded. The administration knew that they would be under construction soon, enabling more students per class.

This jammed dilemma will be resolved as soon as the addition is added.

*Story by Brian Ismert*

# Class of 2001

# Some students travel many miles for opportunity to attend RHS

Rockhurst is made up of students from all over. Students such as Peter Vilkins, Joshua Kenning, Asan Latif, and Scott McMillen take this to the extreme, commuting from Freeman, St. Joeseph, Lexington, Missouri, and Gardner, Kansas. These student represent each cardnial direction to the furthest extreme.

Junior Peter Vilkins is the Rockhurst man of the south, making the 40 minute commute every morning from Freeman, MO. In order to reach school on time he has to leave his house about 7:00a.m. With his extracurricular activi-

ties of soccer and tennis, he normally does not get home until 6:30p.m.

Living far from school has made it more difficult for Peter to hang out with school friends. "When I was a freshman, it was hard because I did not have my driver's license, but now I can drive, so it is easier to party with friends from school."

Sophomore Joshua Kenning is Rockhurst's representative from the west. He makes the commute from Gardner, KS. "I have about a 30 mile drive to Rockhurst instead of attending the high school across the street from my house,



Students waiting for rides were a common occurance due to long distance travels.

Jeremy Prince  
Brian Quarnstrom  
Justin Quick  
Zachary Ramirez  
Francisco Rascon  
Ryan Raybould  
Timothy Reardon



Trevin Reed  
Ryan Renne  
Jonathan Rhodes  
Matthew Robards  
John Rogler  
Joseph Ruhlman  
Christopher Ryan



James Saunders  
Dain Saxton-Ross  
Eric Scanlan  
Thomas Schario  
Peter Schloegel  
Zachary Schopper  
Andrew Schranz



Brian Schroeder  
Matthew Schwenke  
Kyle Scott  
Nathaniel Serslev  
Joel Shafer  
Brandon Shelby  
Nicholas Shuler





Edgerton High School." When asked why he makes this drive every morning, he replied, "I made it through freshman year, and I liked it and planned to stick with it. Living 30+ miles from your friends is tough, but they're worth it."

Junior Asan Latif get up every morning at 5:45 in order to leave at 6:30 because he has an hour drive ahead of him. He lives in Lexington, Mo, located 40 miles east of Kansas City. "It is hard to participate in many things at school, because sometimes I don't get home until 7:00pm. It is also

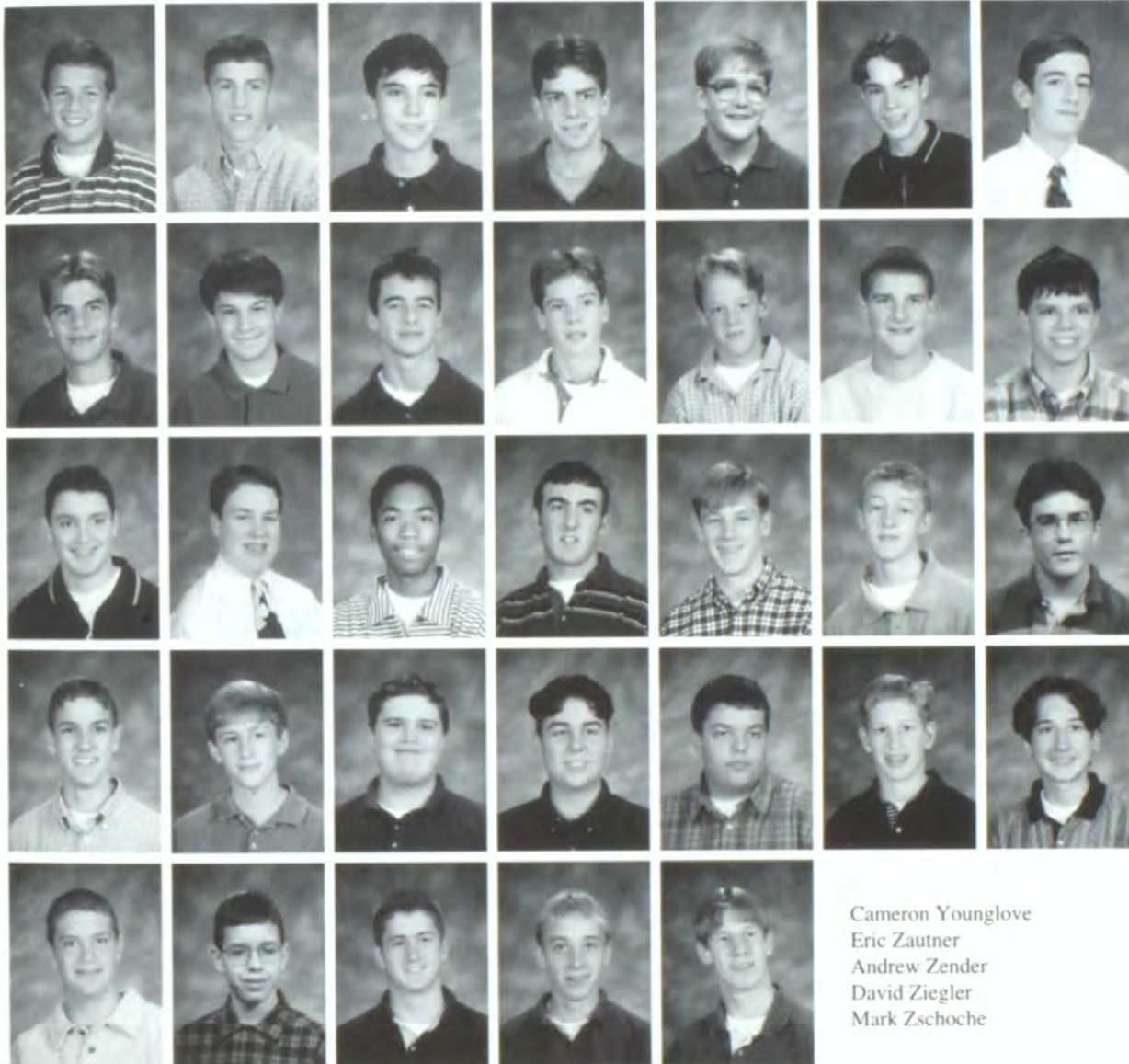
hard to do things with friends because I have to plan everything in advance." Although it is an usually long distance call from KC to Lexington, it doesn't cost him anything because of a feature offered by Southwestern Bell." Asan who is active in Debate, is the RHS man of the east.

Finally, the RHS man of the north is Senior Scott McMillen. Scott's freshman and sophomore years at Rockhurst were spent making the hour and a half commute from St. Joe everyday. His parents rented an apartment in KC because it

was really important that Scott went to the "Greatest High School in the Universe." Scott is still a Saint Joe resident, he just stays in KC during the week.

The lengths people go to in order to attend Rockhurst are nothing less than extraordinary. Rockhurst is something special, as proven by the Men of the Cardinal Directions Scott-man of the North, Asan-man of the East, Peter-man of the south, Joshua-man of the West.

*Story by John Lieber and Mark Flemington*



John Smedile  
Seth Smith  
Frank Spallitta  
Alexander Staab  
William Stack  
Drew Steadman  
Ryan Swarts

Nicholas Taylor  
Christopher Thorman  
Andrew Tiehen  
Austin Trombley  
Jonathan Twibell  
Kyle Vrabac  
Christopher Walkenhorst

John Walz  
Patrick Wank  
Ryan Watson  
Kevin Weiss  
Daniel Welsh  
William Willman  
Brian Wilson

Christopher Winger  
David Winget  
Andrew Womack  
Andrew Woody  
Edward Worth  
Ryan Worth  
Lucas Youngblood

Cameron Younglove  
Eric Zautner  
Andrew Zender  
David Ziegler  
Mark Zschoche

# Class of 2001

Patrick Adie  
Timothy Alexander  
Stephen Allison  
Curtis Anschutz  
Matthew Baker  
William Banning  
Jack Barry



Matthew Bartimus  
Lucas Bauers  
Benjamin Bawden  
Christopher Bond  
Jack Bowen  
Mathew Bowen  
James Brecheisen



Christopher Bridges  
Christopher Brown  
Joseph Burke  
Brad Burnell  
Joseph Burns  
Carlos Cabezas  
Joseph Caldwell



Christopher Campbell  
Anthony Carson  
Ryan Cesla  
Jesus Chapa  
Danny Chiao  
Joseph Cirese  
Ralph Clarett



## Beloved backpacks are center of early year controversy

Many Rockhurst students were frustrated by the fact that, because of a policy change banning backpacks, they had to carry three or four classes worth of books with them, or visit their locker after every class. This added to the general overcrowding and confusion in the halls as school was getting underway. Principal Thomas Murphy's explanation for the new policy was that the reports of theft had increased due to unsupervised backpacks left in the hall. Also, students began bringing bigger and bigger bags to school with them, which

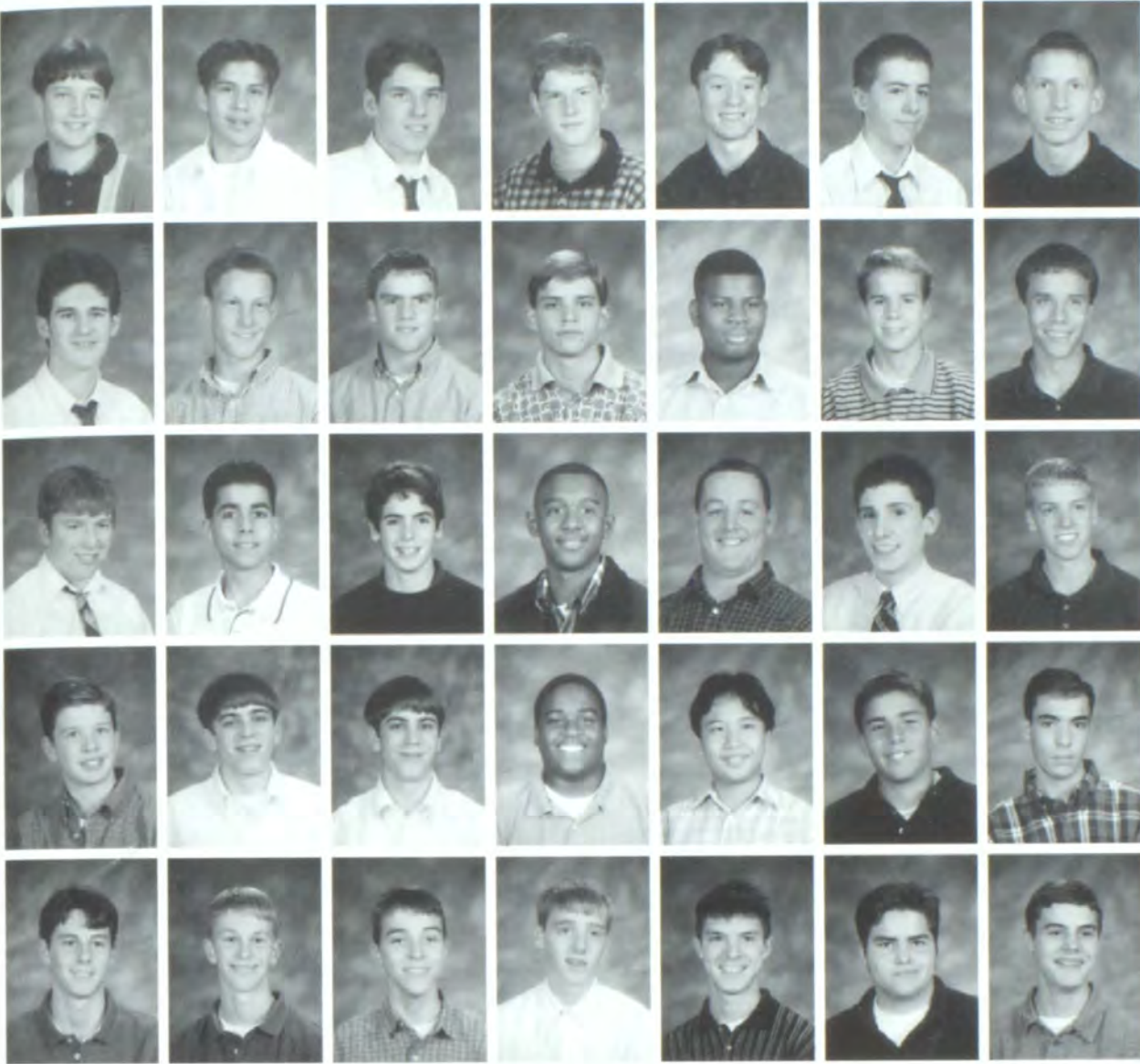
cluttered the walking area in the classrooms. "The teachers needed more room in class," Mr. David Alvey, Dean of Students, said.

To students, those problems seemed small in comparison to the new problems that were created. The students pleaded and voiced their opinions at every opportunity, including a backpack cheer in the year's first couple of football games whenever Mr. Murphy or Mr. Alvey would walk by. The student body was trying to show the administration their opinion of the new policy.

Through the first month and a half of school, students

grudgingly put up with the policy in silence, but didn't give up. Numerous petitions were signed, but no one emerged as a leader to head the fight, until Junior Class President Jon Whistance directed his efforts toward getting the cherished bags back.

"I took it upon myself because this is why they elected me. I am supposed to express the feelings of the Junior class, and this is what they wanted." This is exactly what he did, thanks in part to following the correct procedure for redress. "I wrote a letter which first went through



Benjamin Clark  
Daniel Clark  
James Clark  
Adam Clayton  
Aaron Clevinger  
Garrett Coffey  
Jeffery Collins

Patrick Connelly  
Brett Coppage  
Lawrence Crowe  
Mark Cummings  
Brandon Dange  
Matthew Darby  
James Davey

Colin Davis  
Joseph Denny  
Colemond  
Darus Dixon  
Jeffrey Dobbie  
Rory Donnelly  
Michael Downs

Brian Dress  
Brian Dugan  
Sean Dugan  
Christopher Dukes  
Giovanni Dumaguin  
Trevor DuVall  
James Eddy

Corey Egan  
Jamison Elder  
Max Ernst  
Konnor Ervin  
Shane Fairchild  
Cary Felzien  
David Finke



Student protest led to the re-issuing of backpacks after they were prohibited at the beginning of the year.

the student council, then to Fr. David Suwalsky, Assistant Academic Principal, and later to Mr. Murphy. I followed this procedure and it worked because Mr. Murphy wants this to be a student-based school." In this formal letter he included new solutions to the ongoing problems.

The outcome was that the students received their backpacks again, but not without limitations. According to Mr. Alvey, backpacks were to be small enough to fit under the desks, and could not be left

unattended during school and lunch. In regards to stealing, most students don't consider it an overriding concern and were just glad to have the backpacks back.

"I wasn't me without my backpack. I felt empty," says sophomore Nick Williamson. "Now the journey from one class to another is much shorter."

This new policy was the result of a compromise between the student body and the administration.

*Story by Casey Miller*

# Class of 2000

# Looking for a few Good Scouts



The final step on the trail to scouting is the rank of Eagle Scout. Although the national percentage of Eagle Scouts is low, Rockhurst has a much higher number. Scouts work hard to earn Eagle and are proud of it. Thirty-five Rockhurst High School Eagle Scouts went out of their way to add their name to a list stating that they had reached the zenith of scouting.

Scouts must do many things to obtain Eagle including earning twenty-one merit badges, show scout spirit, and show leadership in his troop. Senior Seaton Thedinger held the responsibility of Senior Patrol leader where he ran the meetings, organized events, and was the Scout Master's assistant.

The final step really sets the Eagles aside from the rest of the troop. The scout must create, organize, and follow through with a major service project. "The project was definitely the hardest part," said Freshman Jack Smedlie who built a 40 foot deck at an area soccer complex.

Eagles dedicate many hours to their project, "I worked a total of 120 hours!" commented Junior Gunnar Hand.

Scout projects can be as simple as a food drive or as creative as organizing a Halloween Parade. Freshman Richard Hwang mulched a hiking trail at Kay Springs. Junior Matt Mossie repaired a fence and painted two rooms at a local nursing home, while David Riffle landscaped Heritage Park. But no matter what the project is, it always requires dedication.

The project itself is not as important as motivating other

scouts to help with its completion, Junior Mike Dunham learned. "You need a lot of people to help you, or it will never get done." Eagle scouts are generally advised to use younger scouts, giving them a chance to help the community and get ideas for their own Eagle Projects.

Unlike many awards which don't seem to matter after leaving the activity, Eagle Scout is always something to be proud of. English Instructor Mr. Joe Fleming has been proud to put Eagle Scout on all of his job applications to this day. "I find that when I do run into other Eagle, we seem to bond instantly!"

Senior Anthony Valenti who has worked at Bartle Scout Camp over the summer said, "Thanks to earning Eagle Scout, I was asked to step up in responsibility when my boss was on vacation."

"Eagle helps later in life, people admire it on job and college applications. It shows development of yourself and a dedication to others," says Junior Luke Baker.

Overall, the Eagle scouts learn responsibility, leadership, and organization. Scouting makes the rank of Eagle a difficult one to obtain in order to make sure the scout truly deserves it. Some scouts, such as Valenti, may earn Eagle at fourteen, while others like Senior Chris Carmody wait till Junior year. "You've just got to find it in yourself to do it and just stick with it," explains Carmody.

Eagle Scouts learn many things in life beyond scouting, but most will always remember the pride of becoming an Eagle. Eagle Scouts truly are "Men for Others." As Carmody explains, "It feels good helping out the community."

"I learned that it is important to volunteer and help around the community. I love to see things grow and develop. When you see the fruits of your action, you can say I built that," explains Senior Justin Unger.

One thing all Eagles will always agree on is, "It is a lot of fun, but also a lot of hard work," Sophomore David Riffle commented.

Story by Reed Davison

## Eagle Scouts at Rockhurst High School

### Seniors

Chris Carmody  
Pradeep Chandra  
Andy Davis  
Jesse Felzien  
Stephen Harris  
Jason Jenkins  
Sean McGaughey  
Michael McGeehan  
Denny McKee  
Josh Morales  
Mike Rheuark  
Chris Riffle  
Tom Smedlie  
Seaton Thedinger  
Justin Unger  
Anthony Valenti

### Juniors

Fred Bachhuber  
Luke Baker  
John Bock  
Reed Davison

Mike Dunham  
Joe Gouvron  
Geoff Henggeler  
David Laughlin  
Ahsan Latif  
Brian Legenza  
Matt Mossie  
Billy Papa  
David Rayalo  
Cluck Russo  
Steve Smith  
Joe Van Dyke

### Sophomores

Adam Clayton  
Jake Denny  
Cary Felzien  
Joe Gall  
Richard Hwang  
Will Petrie  
David Riffle  
Jerry Sirna  
Corey Swope

Blair Thedinger

### Freshmen

John DiSalvo  
Luke Dlabal  
Scott Drummond  
Matt Dunham  
Thomas Henggeler  
Robert Mashburn  
Ian Merrigan  
Chris Ryan  
Eric Scanlan  
Jack Smedlie  
Dave Winget

Andrew Womack

### Faculty

Mr. Mike Dierks  
Mr. Joe Fleming  
Mr. Mike O'Leary  
Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J.  
Mr. Jon Reed  
Mr. Richard Stahr

Note: This list is as accurate and complete as possible. It was compiled from a sheet signed by those Eagle Scouts who responded to several announcements to come to the main office to identify themselves.



Sophomore Adam Clayton received his Eagle Scout Badge at a ceremony in February attended by his Eagle Scout brothers, Shane, RHS Class of '87 and Chad, RHS Class of '98, and Father David Suwalsky, S.J.



Matthew Finucane  
 Adam Flack  
 Daniel Flemington  
 Steven Foster  
 Michael Frey  
 Joseph Gall  
 Eric Garcia

Cal Gast  
 Andrew Gilchrist  
 Austin Gilmore  
 Ryan Graham  
 Thomas Grams  
 David Gregg  
 Michael Griffin

Christopher Guerra  
 Elton Gumbel  
 Daniel Gwartney  
 Christopher Hadel  
 Robert Hamilton  
 Leon Harden  
 David Hayob

Nathaniel Heim  
 Christopher Hentzen  
 Jacob Hildebrand  
 Ryan Hohl  
 Andrew Holtmann  
 David Hudnall  
 James Hupp

Richard Hwang  
 Carlo Javillonar  
 Matthew Jewett  
 Robert Kehm  
 Daniel Kellerman  
 Joshua Kenning  
 Ryan Kisner

Noah Klever  
 Collin Koranda  
 Brent Krieghauser  
 Charles Kroll  
 Alexander Krump  
 Justin Kuchem  
 Timothy Laird

Alexander Landazuri  
 Patrick Landazuri  
 Thomas Lenihan  
 Joseph LeVota  
 Michael Linebach  
 Joseph Linneman  
 Michael Loftus

James Lynch  
 Luke Maese  
 Peter Mancina  
 Stephen Martin  
 William Mashburn  
 Robert Mata  
 Paul Mattione

# Class of 2000

Derek McCallum  
 Matthew McClusky  
 Joshua McConaughy  
 Brett McCracken  
 Scott McCready  
 Matthew McCullough  
 Kevin McDaniel



Gregory McDaniels  
 Colin McFarland  
 Jeremy McGannon  
 Peter McGaughey  
 Kevin McGrath  
 Bryan McGuire  
 Evan McKay



Luke McLellan  
 Kelly McMahan  
 Andrew Metzler  
 Jeffrey Millan  
 Giuliano Mingucci  
 Mark Molner  
 Jake Mooney



Gregory Moore  
 Kevin Moore  
 Alex Moran  
 Adam Morgens  
 Colin Mulloy  
 Elliott Mura  
 John Neal



Mike Nelson  
 Samuel Newby  
 Joseph Noonan  
 Justin Noonan  
 Christopher O'Boynick  
 Joseph O'Connor  
 Joseph Orscheln



Ryan Osgood  
 Jeffrey Otto  
 Sean Owens  
 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  
 Richmond Robinson  
 Paul Rohrer  
 William Ronan



# Sophomores

# Rockhurst's 'extra period' allows for more hard work

Activity period is the set time in the day for relaxation, participation in school activities, and catching up on studies. Whether they like it or not, students always find something to do to pass the half hour break. Some try to finish homework that they forgot (or just neglected to do) the night before, while other hard workers finish assignments ahead of time to cut down on their work for that night. Whatever students end up doing is up to their personality and mood.

There are many other events going on during activity period than just study hall. One popular choice is intramurals, which allow students to play the sport of choice on organized teams and compete for the intramural championship. These sports include basketball, as well as football, soccer, and volleyball. These sports also draw many observers who choose to spend the time chatting about the day's events.

"I like Activity Period because the possibilities for what you can accomplish are endless, and you can catch up on homework that you forgot to do," junior Brian Ismert said.

In the math wing students like Juniors Tim Wirkus and Melvin Dunsworth can also be found practicing their chess and competing with friends.

On the newly established class mass days this year the activity period has been cut out of the schedule. On these days, along with the many late starts, students have come to see what it would be like without an activity period. There were mixed reactions to these new schedules. Most students didn't like not having one because they couldn't catch up for what needed to be done, cram for the latest test, or they missed an activity or meeting.

"I usually use activity period to rehearse with Mr. Kern or to study," junior singer Jimmy Hayes explains, "But it would be better to always move it to the end of the day and make it optional." This is how many others feel as well, especially when they sometimes have nothing to do during this time. The activity period was moved to the end of the day in March because of lack of space to hold meetings due to construction. However the freshman who regularly use the library voiced that "It's not long enough."

The clubs and organizations who depend on activity period for their meetings want to keep it the way it is, so they won't have to meet as often outside of school. A new posting of activities going on for the day during activity period was made possible by Father David Suwalsky, Student Activities Director. He started posting the events when the list became long and students couldn't remember what they were supposed to attend and what room it was in.

Teachers also are busy at this time. Some are found tutoring and giving extra help to students, or giving tests and make up work to those who had been absent. Others lend their time as advisors to an extra-curricular organization or activity.

Whatever the activity may be, students found something to do to fill in the time. Some would release their energy in the gym, unwind in the quad by hacky sacking or playing Frisbee, or use the time to catch up on lost hours of sleep.

"Activity period is my time for rest half way through the day," Junior Matt Shario said.

By taking advantage of all the opportunities given, students turn free time into something productive.

*Story by Casey Miller*



Mike Padow, Eric Scanlon and others study diligently during activity period.

# Class of 2000

# Rockhurst Board of Trustees help insure Ignatian principles



The Rockhurst High School Board of Trustees are, Seated: Dr. James Dougherty, Rev. Robert V. Hotz, SJ, Angela Curry, Charles G. Haake, '66, Chairman, Rev. Thomas A. Pesci, SJ, President of Rockhurst High School, James A. Olson, Daniel T. Hogerty, '57. Standing: George M. Guastello, '78, Ray D. Evans, '78, Rev. Timothy McMahon, SJ, Carolyn Reintjes, Kerry E. Reardon, '67, Graciél Couchonnal, William B. Kuechler, Matthew J. Bowen, Rev. Christopher P. Pinne, SJ, Mark R. Truitt.

What twenty-one specific people could Rockhurst High School not function without?

They are a group of adults that neither the students nor the faculty often come in contact with. They consist of Kansas City's top businessmen and women, as well as Rockhurst Alumni, Rockhurst parents, and four Jesuit priests. These people are the Rockhurst High School Board of Trustees.

Most students will not come in any contact with these people during their years at RHS. "I really don't know much about the Board. I can't even tell you who is on it," junior Josh Brewster stated.

The members of the Rockhurst High School Board of Trustees (formerly called Board of Directors) are the operators and legal trustees of Rockhurst High School. These people are charged with the oversight and policy setting for the entire school. In general, the Board has the responsibility and the authority for safeguarding the Ignatian character of the establishment and its operations, as well as Rockhurst's educational philosophy and tradition. They influence all aspects of the school including academic, spiritual, physical, and financial. The Board of Trustees consist of three women and eighteen men. Like any other board of a company or institution, Rockhurst's board has a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer in addition to its members.

"These people assist all of us in carrying out the mission and vision that Rockhurst stands for," said

Fr. Thomas Pesci, SJ, RHS President.

The Board Members, who are eligible for two three-year terms, are nominated by current Board members, as well as the Jesuit priests. Many are Rockhurst alumni including Board Chairman Mr. Charles Haake, RHS Class of '66, who is also a current Rockhurst dad and parent of two alumni sons. Another Rockhurst alumni and dad is Mr. Matt Bowen, Class of '66, a classmate of Mr. Haake. Mr. Bowen, who is also the Immediate past Chairman of the Board of Trustees, is the parent of a present Rockhurst student, and a Rockhurst graduate. When asked about his duty on the board, Mr. Bowen replied, "My job is to be present at the meetings every other month and to aid in the process of voting on specific topics."

The Board includes many non-Rockhurst members, meaning they are not alumni or a parent of a current Rockhurst student. Reverend Robert Hotz, S.J. is the current President of Creighton Prep High School in Omaha, Nebraska. Fr. Pesci is also on the Board at Creighton Prep.

"Fr. Hotz and I have a little deal. When I go up to Omaha or he comes to KC, we take each other out to dinner," joked Fr. Pesci.

With all these different people, Rockhurst High School is receiving advice from the best collection of influential, creative, and generous individuals, who are assembled to help inspire those at the Rock to achieve the Ignatian mission. *Story by Willy Fagan*





Michael Rosewell  
 Curtis Russell  
 John Ruzicka  
 Roland Sabates  
 Timothy Sady  
 James Scanlon  
 Andrew Scianna

Matthew Scott  
 Johnathan Shannon  
 Brandon Shelby  
 Edward Shelton  
 Brian Siegel  
 Brandon Sifers  
 Peter Simone

Jerry Sirna  
 Al Smith  
 Matthew Smith  
 Lance Snodgrass  
 Matthew South  
 Cooper Sparks  
 Christopher Spies

Bret Springs  
 Matthew Stabler  
 Will Stinson  
 Robert Stokes  
 Michael Strain  
 Corey Swope  
 Jeffrey Tanner

Craig Temple  
 Blair Thedinger  
 Patrick Thomas  
 Zach Thomas  
 Thomas Thornhill  
 Michael Tiehen  
 William Tracy

Salvatore Tristano  
 Thornton Tyson  
 Ryan Vette  
 Anthony Vontz  
 Brian Wall  
 Kevin Ward  
 Matthew Welliver

Edward Welsh  
 Jesse White  
 Ryan White  
 Timothy Wientzen  
 Christopher Wiggins  
 Joshua Williams  
 Nicholas Williamson

Nicholas Wilmurth  
 Geoffrey Wilson  
 Kirk Wood  
 Jason Woods  
 Brandon Yano  
 Adam Young

# Class of 2000

# Ignatian call to serve leads Principal Thomas Murphy to Kansas City's Rockhurst



Mr. Murphy is presented his honor ring by Junior Class President Jon Whistance, symbolic of Mr. Murphy's "senior year" at Rockhurst.

When Mr. Thomas Murphy was asked to describe his job as Principal at Rockhurst High School he replied, "I continue everyday to meet the challenges of this great enterprise (Rockhurst) and I love that; it helps me know that I am doing my job as a principal."

Mr. Murphy has been part of different Jesuit institutions for the last twenty-five years of his life, beginning as a student at St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco. When he finished his pre-dental work at the Jesuit-run University of San Francisco, he decided that instead of attending a dental school in Boston or waiting another year for admittance into an area dental college, he would agree to spend a school year teaching chemistry at his alma mater, St. Ignatius High School. At the time, Mr. Murphy did not intend to spend the next sixteen years of his life as a teacher, department chairperson, baseball coach, and then Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs at St. Ignatius, but he did!

It was in February 1995 that Mr. Murphy was invited to apply for the position of Principal at Rockhurst High School (a position held by interim Principal Dr. Jerry Goben). He flew to Kansas City and had several interviews with Administration, faculty, parents, and even students. On March 3, 1995, Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., RHS President, traveled to San Francisco to offer Mr. Murphy the job. He accepted after much contemplation and receiving input from his wife, Lisa. Early that summer, Mr. Murphy started

a journey that has had an impact on over 1,200 young men's lives.

Coming to Rockhurst was a change in many ways from St. Ignatius High in California. The number one difference was the climate of Kansas City compared to the warmer winter season of San Francisco.

"The winters here (in Kansas City) are.....cold!" Mr. Murphy exclaimed.

Besides the fact that St. Ignatius is a co-ed school, it has nearly twice the number of students that Rockhurst has. Mr. Murphy likes the difference and feels that smaller numbers offer many advantages.

"I like to stand in the halls and be able to recognize everyone's faces. By the time graduation rolls around, I hope to know every name and put it with the face of that young man."

It has been those faces that have made Mr. Murphy feel accepted from his first day in the fall of 1995. He feels that the class of 1996 first showed him the spirit that Rockhurst exemplifies.

"The class of '96 didn't owe me a thing. They listened to me and challenged me at the same time, but they were open to my ideas and allowed me to do my job."

When asked what word describes his last two years at Rockhurst, Mr. Murphy didn't even pause to think.

"Rockhurst is outrageous! It is a great place to be, it is challenging as well as rewarding. Rockhurst epitomizes the best of Jesuit Ignatian education." *Story by Willy Fagan*



Mr. Thomas Murphy poses proudly with seniors Casey Smith, Ben Capoccia, and Josh Hawley at the Spectacular Auction.



Mark Alexander  
 Nick Allegri  
 Eric Altman  
 Brian Anselmo  
 Fredrick Bachhuber  
 Luke Baker



Brian Baldwin  
 Patrick Banta  
 Charles Barth  
 Brian Beck  
 Paul Bissler  
 John Bock



Bryan Bolden  
 Stephen Bowen  
 Ryan Boyle  
 William Brandtonies  
 Thomas Brennan  
 Joshua Brewster



Christopher Bruhn  
 Ty Burmeister  
 Ryan Burns  
 Matthew Buser  
 Daniel Calderon  
 Jake Callis



Anthony Caracci  
 Daniel Carmody  
 Thomas Carr  
 Kariem Cherry  
 Steven Chung  
 Patrick Clayton



Christopher Clement  
 Roosevelt Cobb  
 Jason Cole  
 Stephen Conway  
 Brian Cook  
 J.J. Cook



Bradley Costanza  
 Andrew Coughlin  
 Matthew Cummings  
 Daniel Curry  
 Anthony D'Agostino  
 Eric Daniels

# Class of 1999

Reed Davison  
 Brian Degnan  
 Brian Dewey  
 Drew Dimond  
 Thomas DiSalvo  
 Grayson Doherty



Justin Doolittle  
 Sean Doyle  
 Philip Duncan  
 Michael Dunham  
 Melvin Dunsworth  
 Kyle Ehman



Brian Eiserman  
 John English  
 Jonathan Enriquez  
 Jackson Erwin  
 Matthew Euston  
 William Fagan



Kevin Fallon  
 Evan Fitts  
 Michael Fuentz  
 Edward Fugit  
 Robert Gaines  
 Joseph Gawron



Matthew George  
 Todd Gray  
 Timothy Haake  
 Gunnar Hand  
 Devin Handy  
 Luke Hannan



Timothy Hanrahan  
 Matthew Harper  
 James Hayes  
 Michael Healy  
 Ronald Hendrix  
 Geoffrey Henggeler



Kevin Henry  
 Scott Hense  
 Matthew Herald  
 Lucas Hilboldt  
 P.C. Hindley  
 Richard Hipona



# Juniors

# Mr. Hagedorn's gruff exterior belies his warm, gentle spirit

There is one name that can put terror into the hearts of Rockhurst students, no matter who ends up having him on their schedule. His piercing stare, occasional biting remarks, and strict grading policy can make even the ablest of scholars cringe when they think of AP English teacher Mr. Andrew Hagedorn.

Born and raised near Cincinnati, Mr. Hagedorn is a product of the Jesuit system, graduating from St. Xavier High School and earning a degree from nearby Xavier University. He first came on the scene as a teacher at Covington Catholic High School near his hometown almost 30 years ago, teaching in a Catholic high school setting. In 1983, he chose a change of scenery, moving to San Diego, where he taught at Francis Parker, a private school, for 6 years before coming to Rockhurst to 1989.

Mr. Hagedorn adds a personal touch to his style of conveying messages to his students. "My teaching style...is a combination of what I have picked up from teachers that I had...plus, trying to teach kids the way I would like to be taught," he explains. "I didn't like lecture courses...(however) I did enjoy the interactive classes, which involved an exchange of ideas...(in that) I, as a student, felt that 'hey, my ideas are important, too.'" Some students

respond well to this kind of learning. "I like the way he doesn't make you take notes," says Senior Steven George. "I probably learn more in that class than I do any other."

Adversity has come Hagedorn's way, on and off the school grounds. After experiencing heart complications two years ago, he was forced to change his demeanor. "It's given me some new appreciations of things that are more important than I had thought before." His attitude in the classroom has also made a turnaround. "I can't lose my temper anymore," he said. "My temper was one of the greatest qualities I had, and now I can't exercise it anymore," he kidded, "I guess you could say I've mellowed." Even though one of his best weapons has been vanquished, the English Department head still has an upbeat outlook. "I am not an invalid...there are millions of people worse off than I am."

Another challenge that Mr. Hagedorn has had to face comes with his additional responsibility as the Head Swimming Coach. In his six-year coaching tenure at RHS, he has not had the luxury of a pool on the campus. However, this does not phase a man who coached teams to four Kentucky State Championships and four runner-up finishes during his career in Cincinnati. "When I lived in Cincinnati, I coached swimming for thirteen years, and we didn't have a

pool there...so in some ways, it's no big deal because that's what I've had to do already."

He says that the late hours and long days of practice actually make his team come together more. "I have noticed...that there is a greater sense of camaraderie and friendship...that exists on the swim team." And while he doesn't mind winning, Mr. Hagedorn approaches the sport with a different mindset for his swimmers to follow. "I stress individual improvement overall...(while) my priorities are for them (the swimmers) to be good people, and then good students, and then good swimmers, in that order."

So after all of the years of teaching kids at the middle school, high school, and college levels, why come back to the Midwest, and why pick Rockhurst? "Since I had (attended and taught in) Catholic schools all of my life (before San Diego), I realized that it (the school in San Diego) missed some of the important elements that are present in Catholic schools."

Mr. Hagedorn has enjoyed his 30-year teaching tenure, and as he approaches his tenth year at RHS, he is not considering retirement. "It's still exciting to see kids make discoveries...(and) to be proud of kids for their accomplishments."

His students, in turn, are proud to have him as a teacher. "I can come into his room anytime and talk to him," claims Senior Chris Riffel. "I can get help on papers...(or) in my life."

Senior student Joe Rogers commented on Mr. Hagedorn's grading policy. "He is a rough grader, but it's for the best. It truly does help you in preparing for college, and for academic excellence." Still others come back through his door after surviving a first time. "I enjoyed his class freshman year, so I knew what to expect," explained Senior Kieran McInerney. "I wanted a challenge, and I knew Mr. Hagedorn could provide that."

*Story by Jonathan Lowe*



Mr. Hagedorn reveals the class participation grades to his anxious AP students during a session in the library!

# Class of 1999

Jason Hobick  
 Stephen Holte  
 James Houlehan  
 Max Howell  
 August Huber  
 Gabriel Hurtado



Louis Igoe  
 Willie Ingram  
 Brian Ismert  
 Philip Jaax  
 Marquel Jacoway  
 Christopher Jennings



Noah Jennings  
 Bryan Jeselnik  
 Michael Judy  
 Mark Juhnke  
 Mark Kaufmann  
 Robert Keatley



Conor Kelly  
 Kenneth Kemp  
 Kenneth Kirkendoll  
 Jacob Knopke  
 Kevin Knopke  
 Matthew Kolakowski



# What you don't know about Coach Mo could surprise you

**Y**ou may know him as a teacher, coach, or lunch monitor, but Mr. John Morris has made his presence felt for fourteen years at Rockhurst.

After graduating from RHS in 1974, the Kansas City native attended Saint Louis University, where he became interested in music and rugby, playing for SLU all four years and teaching himself to play the guitar. After receiving his degree, he continued to play rugby for nine years for the Saint Louis Black Sheep, a local club similar to the Kansas City Blues. He also pursued his music career, playing the guitar and taking up singing. He was soon performing in pubs all over the United States, but mostly in Saint Louis.

After Mr. Morris returned to Kansas City and became a Theology teacher at Rockhurst, he continued playing music and rugby, this time playing for the Kansas City Blues. After only one year, teaching and coaching began to conflict with rugby, so he retired from playing. He continued playing music professionally, and he has been doing now it

for 20 years. During these years he taught himself to play the banjo, the mandolin, the piano, and the bass. "If it has strings I can play it," he stated.

After saying goodbye to rugby, Mr. Morris was able to dedicate more of his time to Rockhurst. Mr. Morris teaches *Faith and Justice* and *Christian Lifestyles* to the Seniors. He is also a coach of Varsity Football, Basketball, and Track. In addition to teaching and coaching he has had the job of monitoring the lunch room for 12 years. Most teachers would dread the job of keeping up to 400 students in line at one time, but when asked what he thought of the job, Coach Morris said, "I don't mind. Most of the students understand what is expected of them in the lunchroom. The biggest problem in the lunch room is early in the year, getting people to understand what the rules are. Once they learn it's not a problem." When asked what he liked about the job he replied, "I like getting to know the underclassmen and other students that I would not otherwise meet in a classroom setting

*Story by Mark Flemington*



Kevin Komoroski  
 Brett Koons  
 Michael Kowalski  
 Justin Kraft  
 Jon Krasnoff  
 Ahsan Latif

Bradley Lauer  
 David Laughlin  
 Brian Legenza  
 Johnathan Lewis  
 Timothy Lister  
 Benjamin Livingston

Frederick Loeb  
 Daniel Magers  
 T.J. Mandl  
 Robert Markovich  
 Timothy Marshall  
 Scott Martin

Jordan Martincich  
 Thomas McCann  
 Peter McGilley  
 Kevin Melgaard  
 Kelly Meyer  
 Casey Miller



Coach John Morris has assumed lunchroom monitoring for over 10 years.

# Class of 1999

Michael Miller  
 Jorge Moralez  
 Johannes Moser  
 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  
 Evan Pankey  
 Christopher Paone  
 William Papa  
 Andrew Pearson  
 Dustin Phillips



Christopher Pickert  
 Clayton Pummill  
 Jimmy Radovich  
 David Raydo  
 Clinton Reach  
 Scott Reagan



Brian Reed  
 Joseph Restivo  
 Brian Riley  
 Michael Robards  
 Joshua Rockwell  
 James Root



Trip Ross  
 Peter Ruhl  
 Charles Russo  
 Cory Ryan  
 Matthew Sanchez  
 Warren Santillan



# Juniors



# Students feel at home in Señor Richard Staihr's Foreign Language course

Although Rockhurst has a reputation for great teachers, in the minds of many of the students, Mr. Richard Staihr stands out as one of the best. "Señor", as many of his students like to call him, has taught all levels of Spanish at Rockhurst for the past 20 years.

"Señor's class is educational and fun at the same time," junior Robert Keatley said.

Señor has lived in or around Kansas City almost his entire life.

He received his degree in Spanish from UMKC, and has also studied in Mexico and Spain.

"I chose teaching because I enjoy the content (of the material) as well as the students." Before he came to Rockhurst, Señor taught at

Liberty, Lee's Summit, and Sullivan High School in Kansas City.

"I came to Rockhurst because I liked the camaraderie between the students and the teachers, as well as the strong academics," he said.

Señor seems to be well liked by most of his students. Ex-Rockhurst student Ryan Callahan said, "Señor was the only teacher that I thought of more like a friend."

"He was always there to listen to my problems, help me if he could, or just joke around to cheer me up," according to junior Andy O'Dower. "His class is the highlight of my day. It is the only class that I actually look forward to."

Señor leads a very busy life

outside of school. In between socializing with his friends, jogging, and tanning, he still finds time during his summer vacation to be a tour guide in Mexico. He takes small groups of people around to many of the attractions and historical sites that Mexico has to offer. Señor isn't quite sure how long he wants to stay in teaching, but says, "As long as I continue teaching I want to stay at Rockhurst."

Some students think back to Señor as one of their best teachers ever. Junior Greg Orscheln said, "I will never forget the time that I spent in Señor's class. I loved every minute of it."

*Story by Evan Fitts*



Señor Richard Staihr has entertained and informed Rockhurst Spanish students for over two decades.

# Class of 1999

# An hour of studying a day can keep the doctor engaged

**D**r. Fred Campisano has exemplified what a truly dedicated Rockhurst teacher will do for his students. After thirty-one years of teaching, two different schools, and a Doctorate degree in school administration, he has become one of Rockhurst's valuable resources.

Dr. Campisano, who grew up in a small town in Northeast Ohio, attended Arizona State University where he earned a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Secondary Education and a Masters Degree in Secondary Education before deciding to become a teacher. He began his career in Phoenix, teaching physics and coaching football for Brophy High School, the local Jesuit High School. In 1969-1973 he attended University of Notre Dame Summer Institutes, where he earned a Masters of Science in Physics.

Following his ninth year of teaching, he took a position as the Dean of Students (much like Mr. Alvey's position), where he stayed for ten years.

After receiving his doctorate degree, he decided that he wanted to become a principal. Since lay principals were not allowed in the California Province at that time, he investigated a job offer at Walsh Jesuit High School, in Akron, OH.

"I thought the interview went well, but I was unsure of the environment," Dr. Campisano stated.

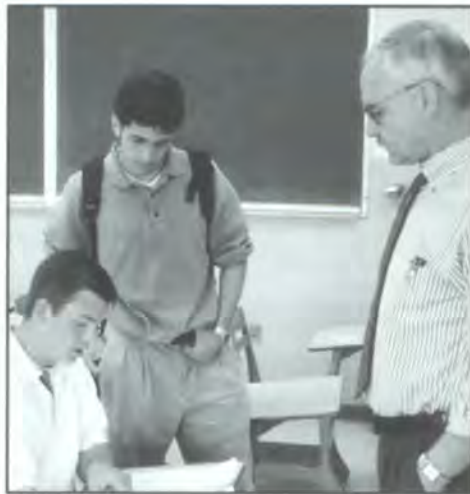
Within a month, he found out about the opening for the principal's position at Rockhurst High School.

"I liked the school, the environment, and everything else about it. I also liked the idea that it was a Jesuit Preparatory High School."

Because his father was dying of the "Lou Gehrig's Disease," he did not make up his mind right away, until he discussed the opportunity with his father. His father, who could not speak, wrote on a piece of paper in big bold letters, "TAKE THE JOB, STUPID."

"I called Father Tom Cummings (then the President of RHS) and accepted the position."

He was the principal at RHS for four years. During his third year,



Seniors Taimoor Nana and Tom Smedile receive help from Dr. Fred Campisano in one of his tutoring sessions that took place every morning.

Father Cummings had to have heart surgery, so Dr. Campisano had to do not only the principal job, but some aspects of the President's job as well.

When Father Mike Durso, then the Academic Assistant Principal, transferred to DeSmet Jesuit High School, it was decided not to hire an Academic Assistant Principal to replace him for financial reasons.

"When Fr. Durso left I did the Principal job and Assistant Principal for one year. I became burned out from doing both jobs, so I stepped down from the Principal position. Then Fr. Pesci asked me if I would like to become a Physics teacher. I agreed in 1994."

During the same year coach Tony Severino asked him if he would like to be an assistant Varsity Football Coach.

"I accepted the job even though I had not coached football in several years. I love coaching and I have never worked for a better coach before in my life. I love the way he (Coach Severino) works with the kids. At this point in my life I am having fun. This is more like semi-retirement than work."

According to some students Dr. Campisano's is the hardest class of their lives.

"Even though this class is hard, it will prepare me for college," said senior Justin Griffith.

"This class is definitely hard, but I am glad I was able to get into it

because of Dr. Campisano's great teaching ability," said senior Jonathan Lowe.

Dr. Campisano teaches Fundamental, Honors and A.P. Physics.

"The course is based on being able to apply the concepts to problem solving which is what you do if you are an engineer or a scientist. The most challenging part with the course is to be able to read the problem and know what is given and what you are asking for. This is exactly what will happen to you in college," he said.

"The reason the course is so difficult is that students are not used to that approach. Plus, they find word problems to be the most difficult aspect of Math: Physics is word problems.

"Because this is so challenging and because the amount of time available for seniors to be in class is limited, I find it important to be available to them outside of class time to offer assistance," he states. "In fact, in college Physics they will be meeting with a professor to do just that."

He tutors kids in the morning from 7:00 a.m. to the start of school. He says that he does not mind the extra teaching because he knows that it is a hard class.

"Even though I have to get up early in the morning when I receive help from Dr. Campisano, it helps me understand the text much better. This is what separates him from other teachers, He is able to go that extra mile to help students," said senior tutoree, Jon Lowe.

Dr. Campisano has a daughter who lives in Albuquerque, and a son who lives in San Diego. He and his wife Sue, who were high school sweethearts, have been having a great relationship for 32 years.

"I love the Midwest, but someday I know I will have to leave, and go back to the west. I love my kids and I do not get to see them often. Plus, we will be having our first grandchild this winter and I want to be around to spoil him or her. The only reason I would have to leave this school would be to spend time with my family, not because I do not like RHS. It has been a great experience for which I am very thankful for."

Story by Dan Watson



Patrick Scanlan  
Michael Schaefer  
Mathew Schario  
Michael Schmidt  
Patrick Schwab  
Patrick Serrone



Brandon Severino  
Leland Sexton  
Justin Shatto  
Brian Sichko  
Jacob Siedlik  
Steven Smith



Brian Smith-Vandergriff  
Daniel Stack  
Patrick Stanton  
Christopher Steck  
Joel Steed  
Timothy Steffens



Benny Stewart  
Charles Stuckey  
Victor Stueve  
Bradley Thomas  
Kevin Thomas  
Brian Toms



Joseph Urnise  
Andrew Vajda  
Joseph Van Dyke  
Justin Vermillion  
Henry Vick  
Jim Vigliaturo



Peter Vilkins  
Kirk Walters  
Daniel Watson  
Joseph Weishaar  
Jon Whistance  
Brian Winget



Timothy Wirkus  
Christopher Woker

# Class of 1999



The Members of the Class of 1998 will continue their education at a variety of colleges and universities.

Nick Aylward: Southwest Missouri State  
 Ryan Baber: University of Pennsylvania  
 Joe Ballard: Creighton University  
 Jonas Baughman: Creighton University  
 Ben Beerman: University of Missouri  
 Mark Blanck: University of Missouri  
 Jason Bles: University of Missouri  
 Tom Boling: Saint Louis University  
 John Brewer: Loyola-New Orleans  
 Chris Bridgham: Baylor University  
 Lee Buell: Pittsburg State University  
 Brandon Burdick: University of Memphis  
 Joe Burns: Kansas State University  
 John Caldwell: Central Missouri State  
 Ben Capoccia: Saint Louis University  
 Chris Carmody: Marquette University  
 Pat Carroll: Drake University  
 Tyson Cornell: Central Missouri State  
 Chris Cummings: University of Missouri  
 Geoff Cummings: Longview Com. College  
 Doug Dahl: Colorado State University  
 Andy Davis: Pittsburg State University  
 Ashley Davis: Marquette University  
 Stephen Derrington: University of Missouri  
 Micah DeSchepper: University of Missouri  
 Jeremy Dobbie: University of Kansas  
 Bryan Dobbis: Wake Forest University  
 Irod Dunleavy: University of Missouri  
 Chae Eberle: University of Notre Dame  
 Eric Eickhorst: Truman State University  
 Ryan Elder: Kansas State University  
 Thomas Fahey: William Woods University  
 Sean Fairchild: Kansas State University  
 Johnathan Farris: UMKC  
 Tim Fendler: Saint Louis University  
 Bill Ferguson: University of Notre Dame  
 Jon Ferns: University of Colorado-Boulder  
 Chris Feiber: University of Kansas

Mark Fleming: UMKC  
 Damian Flores: University of Missouri  
 John Gall: University of Missouri  
 Steven George: Rockhurst College  
 Tucker Gilmore: Loyola Marymount  
 Andy Gorski: Marquette University  
 Cody Graf: University of Kansas  
 Justin Griffith: Marquette University  
 Enrique Gutierrez: Rockhurst College  
 Kevin Haake: Texas Christian University  
 Tim Haake: Boston College  
 Phil Hageman: Loyola-Chicago  
 Craig Hakes: Fort Lewis College  
 Mark Hapka: University of Michigan  
 Josh Hawley: Stanford University  
 Dante Hernandez: University of Tulsa  
 Trevor Holliger: Rockhurst College  
 Jason Jenkins: University of Iowa  
 Josh Kahler: UMKC-Medical School  
 Pat Kane: Boston College  
 Trey Keifer: Rockhurst College  
 John Keleher: Villanova University  
 Devin Kelly: Loyola-Chicago  
 Thomas Kessler: University of Kansas  
 Evan Keyser: Kansas State University  
 Tae Kim: Undecided  
 Ryan King: University of Missouri  
 Ryan Klein: University of Evansville  
 Isaiah Klever: Saint Louis University  
 Allan Knight: Truman State University  
 Jonathan Knopke: Rockhurst College  
 Edward Kokoruda: University of Kansas  
 Seth Laubinger: Spring Hill College  
 Martin Le: Undecided  
 Scott Lewis: University of Missouri  
 John Lieber: Duquesne University  
 Chris Long: Saint Louis University  
 Jonathan Lowe: Iowa State University

Christian Lundberg: Undecided  
 Andrew Lyman: Undecided  
 Adam Maese: Tulane University  
 James Manning: Undecided  
 Joe Mannion: Hendrix College  
 Larry Marshall: University of Missouri  
 Sean McLaughy: Texas Christian  
 Michael McGeehan: Naval Academy Prep  
 Chad McGovern: Saint Louis University  
 Geoffrey McGuire: Creighton University  
 Kieran McInerney: Marquette University  
 Denny McKee: Rockhurst College  
 Ryan McLaughlin: Marquette University  
 Scott McMillen: Undecided  
 Joe Meagher: University of Kansas  
 Xavier Mendoza: Rockhurst College  
 Lucas Miller: University of Nebraska  
 Jay Mirabile: Rockhurst College  
 Sam Mistretta: Saint Louis University  
 Julio Montes: University of Missouri-Rolla  
 Matt Moore: University of Kansas  
 Jared Morado: University of Missouri  
 Josh Morales: Rockhurst College  
 Mark Moran: Rockhurst College  
 Timoor Nana: Tulane University  
 James Nix: Rockhurst College  
 Billy O'Bryan: University of Kansas  
 Patrick Oades: University of Kansas  
 Gregg Oppold: Central Missouri State  
 Brian Overly: University of Missouri  
 Dom Passantino: University of Missouri  
 Vito Pisciotta: UMKC  
 Dan Porrevecchio: Rockhurst College  
 Ashley Pouche: Rockhurst College  
 Joe Principle: Air Force Academy Prep School  
 Dan Przybylski: Central Missouri State  
 Adrian Pulido: Rockhurst College

Osric Reavis: University of Kansas  
 John Rheuark: University of Kansas  
 Charles Rhoades: University of Kansas  
 Chris Riffel: Case Western Reserve  
 Joe Rogers: Kansas State University  
 Alex Ruiz: Rockhurst College  
 Vince Rupp: Northwest Missouri State  
 Jason Santy: University of Kansas  
 Josh Schmitz: Lewis University  
 Chris Schnieders: Boston College  
 Mark Schram: Marquette University  
 John Shilt: University of Missouri  
 Matt Sienkiewicz: Notre Dame  
 Tom Smedile: Marquette University  
 Casey Smith: University of Notre Dame  
 Christopher Starks: Dartmouth College  
 Geoffrey Starks: Harvard University  
 Matt Sullivan: Rockhurst College  
 Stephen Swarts: University of Missouri  
 John Taylor: Drake University  
 Kevin Teasdale: University of Indiana  
 Seaton Thedinger: Vanderbilt University  
 Burton Tonnes: Truman State University  
 Justin Unger: University of Kansas  
 Anthony Valenti: Rockhurst College  
 Dustin Van Dolah: Drake University  
 Brian Wachel: Plymouth State College  
 Andrew Wachtel: Missouri Western State  
 Adam Welsh: Kansas State University  
 Andy White: University of Missouri  
 Rich Wikiera: Rockhurst College  
 Shaun Wilkinson: UMKC  
 Chris Williamson: Rockhurst College  
 James Wilson: Saint Louis University  
 Charles Womack: University of Kansas  
 David Wood: University of Missouri  
 Matt Zender: Kansas State University



Casey Smith stands between his proud parents on the day of his graduation from Rockhurst.

**Nick Aylward**- Intramurals(1-4), Soccer(2), KAIROS, Art & Publicity Club(3-4), , Second Honors(1-3), First Honors(4); **Ryan Baber**- Football(1), Debate/Forensics , Drama Club , Latin Club , NHS(3-4), SPA , National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar, First Honors(1), Class Honors(2-4); **Joe Ballard**- Track & Field(3-4), Cross Country(3), KAIROS, SADD , NHS , First Honors(2-4); **Jonas Baughman**- Soccer Manager(3-4), Pastoral Council(1-3), Rock Collection(1-2), Outdoors Club(2-3), NHS(3-4), Second Honors(2-4), First Honors(1); **Ben Beerman**- Soccer(1-2), Tennis(1), Hockey(4), Intramurals(1-4), Second Honors(1,4); **Mark Blanck**- Track & Field(1-3), Football(1), KAIROS, Second Honors(3-4); **Jason Bles**- Outdoors Club(2-3), Spanish Club(2-4), Second Honors(3), First Honors(1-2,4); **Tom Boling**- Soccer(1-2), Lacrosse(2-4), Second Honors(1-4); **John Brewer**- KAIROS, Soccer(1), Jazz Ensemble(1-2), Senior Jazz Combo(1-2), Second Honors(1-4)

# Class of 1998



*Nick Aylward*



*Patrick Ryan Baber*



*Joe Ballard*



*Jonas H. Baughman*



*Ben Beerman*



*Mark Blanck, Jr.*



*Jason Bles*



*Tom Boling*



*John Brewer*



*Chris Bridgham*

# Seniors



Lee Buell



Brandon Burdick



Joe Burns



John Cladwell



Ben Capoccia



Christopher M.  
Carmody



Pat Carroll



Pradeep Chandra



Jason Thomas  
Charcut



David Chung

**Lee Buell**- Football Trainer(1-4), SADD , TV & Radio Club , Car Club, KAIROS, Second Honors(2-3), First Honors(4); **Brandon Burdick**- Soccer(1-2), Ecology Club(1); **Joe Burns**- Baseball(1), Rugby, Flying Club, First Honors(1), Second Honors(1); **John Caldwell**- Soccer(1), Soccer Manager(2), Spanish Club(2-3), Art & Publicity Club(3-4/President); **Ben Capoccia**- Football(1-4), Bukaty Award Winner, Baseball(1-2), Rugby(4), KAIROS, NHS(3-4/President-4), Rockfest(President), Challenge 2000 , First Honors(1), Class Honors(2-4), Coca-Cola Scholar Athlete; **Chris Carmody**- Wrestling(1-4/Team Captain, Sectional & State Qualifier), Football(1-2), Cross Country(3), Intramurals(4), School Mascot "Hawklet"(2), Senior Class Vice-President, Photography Club(4), Ecology Club(4), Flying Club(2-4), Outdoors Club(2), SADD(1-4), NHS(3-4), *Prep News* Asst. Photo Editor, KAIROS, Senior Brother, Second Honors(3-4), First Honors(1-2); **Pat Carroll**- KAIROS, Second Honors(1-3), First Honors(3-4), Class Honors(4); **Pradeep Chandra**- Lacrosse(3-4), Track & Field(1-2), Cross Country(2-3), Soccer(1), STUCO(1-4), NHS(3-4), Outdoors Club(1-4), First Honors(1-4), KAIROS, Senior Brother, "R" Award Recipient(1-3); **Jason Charcut**- Soccer(1-4), SADD(1-4/Secretary-2/VP-3/President-4), Regis(4/Treasurer), STUCO(1-3), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Second Honors(1-4); **David Chung**-Football(1-3), Wrestling(1-4)



Ben Capoccia and Kevin Teasdale enjoy their last picture before becoming Rockhurst graduates.



Patrick O'Bryan and his date, Jill Mullin of St. Thomas Aquinas, are introduced to the Rose Theater audience before the Senior Prom.

**George Clarke**- Football(1-2), Latin Club(2), Drama Club(2-4), Ecology Club(3), Flying Club(3), Photography Club(3), Prep News(3), Rock Collection(4/Editor-in-Chief); **Chad Clayton**- Football(1), Track & Field(1-2), Swimming(3-4), STUCO, KAIROS, Second Honors(2); **Ashley Coleman**- National Achievement Semifinalist; **Kevin Comeau**- Baseball(1), NHS(3-4/Vice President-4), French Club(2-4/President-(3-4)), MEET(3-4), Orchestra(1-4/All-District-(2-4)/All-State-4), SPA(4), First Honors(4), Class Honors(1-3), AP Scholar; **Sean Connelly**- Football(1), Lacrosse(1-4/Team Captain-(3-4)/State All-Star-(3)), KAIROS, Ecology Club(3-4), Outdoors Club(3), NHS(3-4), SPA(3), Second Honors(2), First Honors(1,3), Class Honors(4); **Tyson Cornell**- Cross Country(1-2), KAIROS; **Chris Cummings**- Wrestling(1-2), KAIROS, Challenge 2000, Chapel Choir, Pep Band, NCYC, Second Honors(1-4), First Honors(1); **Geof Cummings**- Track & Field(1), Pep Band(1-4); **Doug Dahl**- Intramurals(1-4), Basketball(1), Soccer(1-3), Young Republicans(1-2), Spirit Club(2-4), SADD(4), Class Representative(1-2), KAIROS, Yell Leader, Second Honors(1,3-4), First Honors(2), NYLYC; **Andy Davis**- Football(1-2, 4), Battle of the Bands(3-4), KAIROS, Chapel Choir, Car Club, Second Honors(3)



*George Clarke*



*Chad Clayton*



*Ashley Coleman*



*Kevin Michael Comeau*



*Sean Connelly*



*Tyson Cornell*



*Chris Cummings*



*Geoffrey Cummings*



*Doug Dahl*



*Andrew Davis*

# Class of 1998



Charles Ashley Davis



Stephen Quinn  
Derrington



Micah Remi  
DeSchepper



Jeremy J. Dobbie



Bryan Dobbs



T. Jerod Dunleavy



Charles Eberle



Sean Egan



Eric W. Eickhorst



Ryan Elder

# Seniors

**Ashley Davis**- Soccer(1,3), Track & Field(2-4), Cross Country(4), Prep News(2,4), Quarry(3), Debate/Forensics(4), Intramurals(1-4), French Club(1), Second Honors(1,3); **Steve Derrington**- Cross Country(1-3), KAIROS, Debate/Forensics(2-4), National Forensics League(2-4), Mock Trial(3-4), SADD(4), NHS(3-4), Second Honors(1), First Honors(1), Class Honors(2-4), American Legion Missouri Boys State, Who's Who Among America's High School Students; **Micah DeSchepper**- Football(1-4), Basketball(1-2), Track & Field(1-2), Outdoors Club(3), Intramurals(3-4), Second Honors(1-4); **Jeremy Dobbie**- Prep News(2-4), Quarry(2-3), KAIROS, Second Honors(1-4), "R" Award Recipient(3); **Bryan Dobbs**- Golf(4), KAIROS, NHS(4), First Honors(4), National Merit Finalist; **Jerod Dunleavy**- Football(1-4), Basketball(1-3), Intramurals(1-4), KAIROS, Yell Leader(4), Spirit Club(4), Senior Brother, "R" Award Recipient(2); **Charles Eberle**- Soccer(1), Tennis(1-3), NHS(2-4), Amnesty International(2-4), SPA(2-4), Latin Club(President-3), KAIROS, Debate/Forensics(2-4), Model U.N.(4), First Honors(1), Class Honors(2-4), RHS Presidential Scholar, Accerso Family Scholarship, Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar, Notre Dame Scholar; **Eric Eickhorst**-KAIROS, SADD(1), Photography Club(1-2), Latin Club(1-3/Treasurer-2), Ecology Club(1-3), Outdoor Club(2-3), NHS(3-4), Second Honors(1-2,4), First Honors(3), National Merit Commended Student; **Ryan Elder**- Football, KAIROS, Rugby(4), STUCO(Secretary), Second Honors(1-2), First Honors(3-4)



Josh Hawley is congratulated by his classmates for his numerous awards at the Awards Ceremony.



Ben Beerman and Kevin Teasdale bid farewell to the Senior Class of Rockhurst High School.



**Tom Fahey**- Intramurals(2-3), Ecology Club(1-2), Art & Publicity Club(4), Second Honors(1-2), First Honors(3-4); **Sean Fairchild**- Football(1-2, 4), Rugby(3,4), Intramurals(1-4), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Second Honors(1-2,4), NYLC; **Johnny Farris**- Flying Club, Art & Publicity Club, Second Honors(1-2); **Jesse Felzien**- Soccer(1-3), Wrestling(1), Quarry(3); **Tim Fendler**- Debate/Forensics(1-4/Team Captain-4), Drama Club(1-4), Latin Club(1-4/President-4), STUCO(1,4), NHS(3-4), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Class Honors(1-4), National Merit Finalist; **Bill Ferguson**- NHS(3-4), Prep News(2-4), Rock Collection(4), First Honors(1), Class Honors(2-4); **Jonathan Ferns**- Baseball(1-4), Football(1-4), Intramurals(1-4), Freshman Class President, Sophomore Class Vice President, Spirit Club(4/Co-Chairman), Flying Club(3-4), Outdoors Club(3-4), KAIROS, Rockfest(2), Senior Brother, Second Honors(1-4); **Chris Fieber**- Soccer(1-2), Tennis(3), Wrestling(4), KAIROS, Chess Club(1-4/11th in nation-2/22 tournament medals total), National Merit Commended Student; **Mark Flemington**- Soccer(1); **Damian Flores**- Football(1-3), Track(2), Rugby(4), Intramurals(1-4), SADD(2), Ecology Club(2), Spanish Club(2-3), Photography Club(1-2), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Arrupe Jesuit Scholarship(1-4)

# Class of 1998



Thomas Connell  
Fahey



Sean Fairchild



Johnny Farris



Jesse Felzien



Tim Fendler



Bill Ferguson



Jonathan Ferns



Chris Fieber



Mark Flemington



Damian Flores

# Seniors

**John Gall**- Intramurals(3), French Club(3-4/Vice President-4), NHS(3-4), Future Scholars of America(3-4), First Honors(1), Class Honors(2-4); **Steve George**- Intramurals(1), Prep News(3-4), Second Honors(1-4), National Merit Commended Student; **Tucker Gilmore**- Drama Club, Art & Publicity Club, KAIROS, Second Honors(2-3), First Honors(4), Involved in 12 plays over high school career, Gold Key Recipient for Artistic Merit; **Andy Gorski**- Soccer(1-3), Baseball(1-3), Lacrosse(4), Ecology Club(3-4), Spirit Club(4), Outdoors Club(2-3), STUCO Rep.(1,3), STUCO Board(4), Yell Leader(4), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Second Honors(3-4), First Honors(1-2); **Justin Griffith**- Soccer(1-4/Team Captain-4/All-District-4), NHS(3-4), KAIROS, First Honors(1-2), Class Honors(3-4), National Merit Semifinalist; **Enrique Gutierrez**- Soccer(1-2), Wrestling(1), Intramurals(1-4), KAIROS, Spanish Club(1-4/Presiding(3-4)), MEET(3-4), Second Honors(2-4); **Kevin Haake**- Baseball(1,3-4), Intramurals(1-4), Pep Band(1-4), Chapel Choir(3), SADD(2-4), Ecology Club(1-4), Outdoors Club(1-4), Amnesty International(3), Regis Club(2-4/President-4), SPA(2), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Class Honors(1-4), All-District & All-State Jazz/First Place(3); **Tim Haake**- Lacrosse(2-4), Football(1-3), Track & Field(1), KAIROS, Ecology Club(1-3), Spirit Club(1-4), Rockfest(1-4), SPA(1-3), STUCO, Sophomore Class VP, Student Body President, Second Honors(1-3), First Honors(4), "R" Award Recipient(1-3), NHS(3-4); **Phil Hageman**- Intramurals(1-4), Amnesty International(3-4/Vice President-3), Latin Club(1-4), NHS(3-4), KAIROS, Class Honors(1-4), "R" Award Recipient, National Merit Commended Student



*John Gall*



*Steven George*



*Tucker Gilmore*



*Andy Gorski*



*Cody Graf*



*Justin Griffith*



*Enrique Gutierrez*



*Kevin W. Haake*



*Timothy G. Haake*



*Phil Hageman*



Mr. Chris Lawson watches as Sean Walker signs his letter of intent to UCLA.



Craig R. Hakes



Mark Hapka



Stephen W. Harris



Joshua Hawley



Dante Hernandez



Trevor Holliger



Jason Jenkins



Joshua Kahler



Pat Kane



Kenneth F. Kiefer,  
III

Ryan Baber prepares his oratory for State Debate competition.



**Craig Hakes-** Lacrosse(1-4/Missouri State All-Star-3), Football(1), Ecology Club(1-4/President-(3-4)), Outdoors Club(1-4/Chairman-(3-4)), Sun Tan Club(4), Senior Class President, Second Honors(3-4); **Mark Hapka-** Football(1-4), Baseball(1), NHS(3-4), Intramurals(1-4), Senior Brother, Class Honors(1-4); **Stephen Harris-** Football(1), Wrestling(1-3), NHS(3-4), Outdoors Club(3), KAIROS, Second Honors(1-2), First Honors(3-4); **Josh Hawley-** Football(1-4), SPA, NHS(3-4/Secretary-4), Debate/Forensics(Captain/State Champion in Extemp. Speaking), Fellowship of Christian Athletes(Captain), KAIROS, Class Honors(1-4), National Merit Finalist, Senior Class Valedictorian; **Dante Hernandez-** Track & Field(1-4), Chess Club(2-4/Top 5 Finisher in State-2), SADD, Car Club, Engineers Club, KAIROS, Second Honors(3), Class Honors(1), Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Hispanic Finalist; **Trevor Holliger-** Cross Country(1-2), Wrestling(1), Lacrosse(2), KAIROS, Latin Club, Outdoors Club, First Honors(1-3), Class Honors(4); **Jason Jenkins-** Football Trainer(1-4), Ecology Club(2-4), Outdoors Club(2-4), STUCO, Car Club(4), Second Honors(1-3), First Honors(4), Fitzgerald Scholarship Recipient; **Josh Kahler-** Football(1-4), Basketball(1-3), NHS(3-4), First Honors(1,4), Second Honors(2-3), National Merit Commended Student, Who's Who Among American High School Students; **Pat Kane-** Football(1-4), Track & Field(1-2), Rugby(3-4), Intramurals(1-4), KAIROS, NHS(3-4), Latin Club(1-4), First Honors(1), Class Honors(2-4); **Trey Keifer-** Soccer, Track & Field, Car Club, Rocknet, Second Honors(1)

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*John B. Keleher*



*Devin Kelley*



*Tom Kessler*



*Evan Keyser*



*Tae Jin Kim*



*Ryan C King*



*Ryan Kettering Klein*



*Isaish Klever*



*Allan Knight*



*Jonathan P. Knopke*

# Seniors

**John Keleher**- Soccer(1-4), KAIROS, Art & Publicity Club, Latin Club, Second Honors(1-4), Gold Key Recipient in Scholastic Art; **Devin Kelley**- Basketball(1-2), Amnesty International(4), Spanish Club(2), Tailgate Club(3-4), Second Honors(1-2), Class Honors(3-4); **Tom Kessler**- Golf(1-2), STUCO(1), Science Club(3-4), First Honors(1-3), National Merit Semifinalist; **Evan Keyser**- Football(1-4), Rugby(4), KAIROS, Ecology Club(3-4), Outdoors Club(3-4), Car Club(4), NHS(3-4), Yell Leader(4), Engineers Club(4), Second Honors(2-4), First Honors(1); **Andy Kim**- Cross Country(2-3), KAIROS, Outdoors Club(2-3), Karate Club(4/President-4), Chapel Choir(1), MEET Group(4); **Ryan King**- Chess Club(3-4), KAIROS, MEET(3-4/President-3), Second Honors(3-4); **Ryan Klein**- Drama Club, KAIROS, Senior Brother, Second Honors(1,4); **Isaiah Klever**- Track & Field(1-2), Football(1-3), Rugby(3-4), Art & Publicity(3-4); **Allan Knight**- Football(1-2), Intramurals(1-4), Outdoors Club(2-3), Regis Club(2), KAIROS, Second Honors(1-4); **Jon Knopke**- Soccer(1-2), Baseball(1), Track & Field(3), Hockey(4), Rugby(4), KAIROS, Second Honors(2-4)



Ryan King and Konsta Myric rehearse with a demo tape for Battle of the Bands.

George Clarke spent a lot of time at Rockhurst this year.



**Ed Kokoruda**- Soccer(1-2), Outdoors Club(2-3), Car Club(4), Religion Class Representative(1), Pep Band(2-4), Jazz Combo(4), Battle of the Bands(3-4), Chapel Choir(4), KAIROS, NCYC; **Seth Laubinger**- Football(1-3), Wrestling(1), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Prep News(2-4/Photo Editor-(3-4)), Outdoors Club(2-3), Quarry(1-2/Photo Editor-(1-2)), Rock Collection(2), Photography Club(1-4), Second Honors(1-4); **Martin Le**- Track & Field(1), Intramurals(1-4), Class Honors(1-4), AP Scholar; **Eric Leahy**- Cross Country(1-4), Pep Band, Drumworks, SADD(1-4/Secretary-3/Vice Pres.-4), NHS(3-4/Treasurer-4), KAIROS, Class Honors(1-4), Who's Who Among American High School Students; **Jay Leese**- Football, Intramurals, Latin Club(1), Spanish Club(2), Amnesty International(4), Outdoors Club(3), Art & Publicity Club(3), Second Honors(4), First Honors(4), State Semifinalist in Drawing and Wheel Pottery; **Scott Lewis**- Cross Country(1-4), Track & Field(4), Intramurals(2-4), Outdoors Club(2-4), Spanish Club(4), Science Knowledge Bowl(4), Science Club(4), Challenge 2000(4), Senior Brother, KAIROS, Second Honors(1-2), First Honors(3-4); **John Lieber**- Football(1), Rugby(4), Photography Club, Latin Club(1-2); **Chris Long** - Football(1), Tennis(3-4), Outdoors Club(2-4), Student Life(2), Senior, KAIROS, Second Honors(1-3), First Honors(4), NYLC(3); **Jonathan Lowe**- Track & Field(1-2), Intramurals(1-4), MEET(2-4/Vice President-3), Chess Club(2-4), NHS(3-4), French Club(2-4), Second Honors(4), First Honors(1), Class Honors(2-3), National Achievement Semifinalist, "R" Award Recipient, American Legion Boys State(Missouri), Who's Who Among American High School Students, Semifinalist in the "JEOPARDY!" Teen Tournament

# Class of 1998



Eddie Kokoruda



Seth Allen Laubinger



Martin F. M. Le



Eric Leahy



Jay Michael Leese



Joseph Lemberger



Scott Lewis



John Parker Lieber



Christopher Long



Jonathan Lowe

# Seniors



*Christian Robert  
Lundberg*



*Andrew Lyman*



*Conor Lyons*



*Adam B. Maese*



*James Manning*



*Joseph Mannion*



*Lawrence Marshall*



*Sean McGaughey*



*Michael J. McGeehan*



*Schad McGovern*

**Chris Lundberg**- Golf(2), Football(1), Outdoors Club(1-4/President-4), Ecology Club(1), KAIROS; **Andy Lyman**- Football(1), Technical Theater, KAIROS; **Conor Lyons**- Football(1), Swimming(2); **Adam Maese**- Tennis(1-4), Basketball(1-2), Amnesty International(3-4/President(3-4)), NHS(3-4), Outdoors Club(1-2), Debate/Forensics(3), Orchestra(2,4), Senior Brother, KAIROS, First Honors(1,4), Class Honors(2-3), National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar, "R" Award Recipient; **James Manning**- Football(1-3), Baseball(1-4), Intramurals(1-4), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Prep News(2-4/Co-Managing Editor), Tailgate Club, Second Honors(1-4); **Joe Mannion**- Soccer(1-2), Lacrosse(3-4), KAIROS, Second Honors(2-4); **Larry Marshall**- Football(1-4/All-District & All-Metro Team Member), Basketball(1-2), Track & Field(3), Intramurals(1-4), Spirit Club(4), Yell Leader(4), KAIROS, Senior Brother; **Sean McGaughey**- Football(1-2), Theater(1-4), Ecology(1-4), Outdoors Club(1-4), Regis Club(4), SADD(3-4), Drama Club(1-4), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Second Honors(1-3); **Mike McGeehan**- Football(1-3), Wrestling(1-4), Pep Band(2-4), Jazz Ensemble, Senior Jazz Combo, Second Honors(1-4); **Schad McGovern**- Cross Country(2-4), Track(1-4), Outdoors Club(2-4), NHS(4), Intramurals(1-4), Ecology Club(4), Flying Club(3-4), SPA(4), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Spanish Club(4), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Second Honors(1-3), First Honors(4)



Eric Leahy enjoys his family's company at his graduation.

Tucker Gilmore, George Clarke and Justin Unger turn over the reigns of theater tech to Brad Reed and Gus Huber.



*Geof McGuire*



*Kieran McInerney*



*Denny McKee*



*Ryan McLaughlin*



*Scott McMillen*



*Joe Meagher*



*Xavier Mendoza*



*Lucas A. Miller*



*Jasper J. Mirabile*



*Samuel Peter  
Mistretta*

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**Geof McGuire**- Basketball(2), Intramurals(2-3), KAIROS, Jazz Ensemble(2,4), Pep Band(2-4), Chess Club(2-4), Second Honors(2-4); **Kieran McInerney**- Cross Country(1), Track & Field(1), Lacrosse(2-4), STUCO(Secretary/Treasurer), Junior Class Vice President, Ecology Club(1-4), Outdoors Club(1-4), Intramurals(1-4), Spanish Club(1), Yell Leader(4), KAIROS, NHS(3-4), Senior Brother, Second Honors(1), First Honors(1-3), Class Honors(3-4), Presidential Scholarship Recipient, "R" Award Recipient; **Denny McKee**- Basketball(1), Intramurals(1-4), KAIROS, Latin Club(1-4), NHS(4), Senior Brother, First Honors(1-2), Class Honors(3-4); **Ryan McLaughlin**- Football(1), Lacrosse(2-4), Outdoors Club(1-4/Vice President-4), Ecology Club(1-4), Spirit Club(4), STUCO(1-4), Social Chairman, KAIROS, Second Honors(2); **Scott McMillen**- Basketball(1-2), Spanish Club(1); **Joe Meagher**- Soccer(1), Rugby(4), Intramurals(2-4); **Xavier Mendoza**- Drama Club(1-4), Chapel Choir(1-4), Spanish Club(3), Second Honors(1-2); **Lucas Miller**- Football(2-4), Rugby(4), Wrestling(1-3), KAIROS, Second Honors(1-4); **Jay Mirabile**- Art & Publicity(4); **Sam Mistretta**- Football(1), Lacrosse(1), Outdoors Club(3-4), Flying Club(4), KAIROS, Second Honors(1,4), First Honors(2-3)



Julio Jose Montes



Matt Moore



Jared Morado



Joshua Daniel Morales



Mark Moran



Robert A. Morris



Conor Mulcahy



Joshua Taimoor Nana



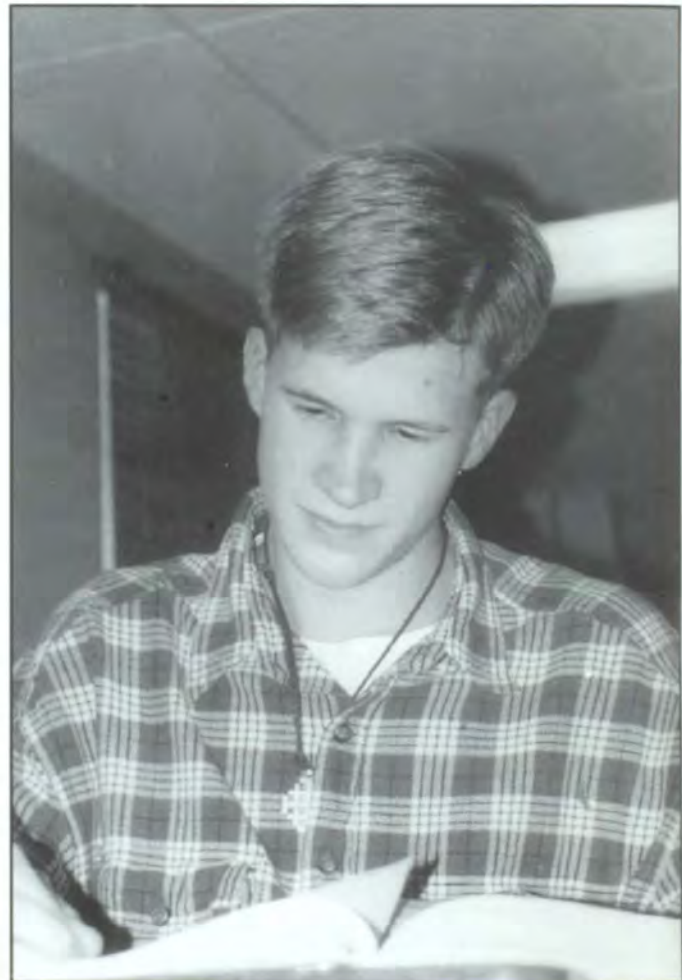
James B. Nix, Jr.



Sean Patrick O'Bryan

# Seniors

**Julio Montes**- Spanish Club(1-4), Student Life Committee(1-2), NHS(2-4), Science Club(4), KAIROS, Senior Brother, First Honors(1), Class Honors(2-4), Who's Who Among American High School Students; **Matt Moore**- Wrestling(1), Rugby(4), Outdoors Club(4); **Jared Morado**- Football(1-4), Baseball(1-3), Senior Brother, Second Honors(2-4); **Josh Morales**- Boys Scouts of America(1-4), Achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; **Mark Moran**- Football(1-2), Track & Field(1), Spanish Club(2), Outdoors Club(2-3), Art & Publicity Club(3-4), KAIROS, Presidential Scholarship Recipient; **Robert Morris**- Art & Publicity Club(3-4), Second Honors(2); **Conor Mulcahy**- Football(1-3), Track & Field(1-2); **Taimoor Nana**- Cross Country(1-4), Track & Field, Lacrosse, NHS(3-4), KAIROS, Second Honors(4), First Honors(1); **James Nix**- Football(1), Track & Field(4), MEET; **Pat O'Bryan**- Cross Country(1-4), Wrestling(1-4), Track & Field(1-2), SADD(1-4), NHS(3-4), First Honors(1), Class Honors(2-4), AP Scholar, National Merit Finalist



Chris Riffel finds himself buried in Rockhurst studies.



Junior Josh Brewster and senior John Taylor competed at the Rockhurst Relays in April.



**Bill Oades**- Soccer(1), Intramurals(1-4), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Second Honors(1-4); **Greg Oppold**- Football(1-4/All-District Team Member), Wrestling(1-4), Track & Field(2-3), Chapel Choir(1-4), Flying Club(1-4), SADD(1-4), Outdoors Club(2-3), Senior Brother, Second Honors(1-4); **Brian Overly**- Played music in all four Rockhurst musicals, #1 Rating for Solo at District & State Competitions; **Dominic Passantino**- Football(1-4), Basketball(1), Track & Field(2-3), Rugby(4), Rockfest(3-4), Intramurals(1-4), KAIROS, Second Honors(3-4); **Vito Pisciotta**- Intramurals(1-4); **Dan Porrevecchio**- Soccer(1); **Ashley Pouche**- Intramurals, Rugby(4), KAIROS, SPA(4), SADD(4); **Joe Principe**- Basketball(1-4/Captain-4), Intramurals(2-3), Yell Leader(3-4), Second Honors(3-4), "R" Award Recipient; **Dan Przybylski**- Second Honors(3), Member of All-District Jazz Band, #1 Rating at District Competition; **Adrian Pulido**- Football(2-3), Track & Field(1-2), Rugby(4)

# Class of 1998



*William H. Oades, Jr.*



*Gregory Robert Oppold*



*Brian Overly*



*Dominic Passantino*



*Vito Anthony Pisciotta*



*Daniel Porrevecchio*



*Ashley T. Pouche*



*Joseph Brasie Principe*



*Dan Przybylski*



*Adrian Pulido*

# Seniors

**Osric Reavis**- Pep Band, Second Honors(1-3), First Honors(4), #1 Rating at Missouri District & State Competition; **Mike Rheuark**- Track & Field(1), Football(1-2,4), Art & Publicity Club(3), Intramurals(4), Second Honors(1,3-4); **Charles Rhoades**- Soccer(1-3), Football(4), Swimming(2-4), Rugby(4), KAIROS, STUCO, Second Honors(1-2,4); **Chris Riffel**- Cross Country(1-4), Swimming(1-4), Track & Field(1-3), STUCO(1-3), Sophomore Class President, Junior Class President, SADD(1-4), NHS(3-4), MEET(3-4), Science Club(3-4), Math Club(4), Outdoors Club(1-2), KAIROS, Class Honors(1-4), National Merit Finalist; **Adrian Rinas**- Wrestling(1-4/State Qualifier-4), Second Honors(2-3); **Joe Rogers**- Swimming(1-4), Drama Club(1-4), Soccer(1), KAIROS, Chapel Choir(3-4), Outdoors Club(3-4), Second Honors(1-2), First Honors(4), Class Honors(3); **Alejandro Ruiz**- KAIROS, Spanish Club(4), Second Honors(3), Class Honors(4), United States Academic Award for Mathematics; **Vince Rupp**- Football(1), Track & Field(4), Art & Publicity Club, KAIROS, Second Honors(4); **Jason Santy**- Quarry(1), Rugby(4), Second Honors(1-4), Perfect Attendance over 4-year Career; **Josh Schmitz**- Basketball(1-2), Football(1-2)



Andy White assists an elerly lady during Senior Service Projects.



*Osric Kermit Reavis, III*



*John M. Rheuark*



*Charles E. Rhoades, II*



*Christopher Scott Riffel*



*Adrian Rinas*



*Joe Rogers*



*Alejandro Ruiz*



*Vincent M. Rupp*



*Jason Santy*



*Joshua David Schmitz*

# Class of 1998

The Starks brothers investigate college options.



Christopher L. Schmieders



Mark William Schramp



John Andrew Shilt



Matthew Peter Sienkiewicz



Tom Smedile



McCassey Redman Smith



Christopher Lawrence Starks



Geoffrey Adam Starks



Matthew Sullivan



Stephen Summers

**Chris Schmieders**- Football(3-4), Rugby(4), SPA(3-4/President), NHS(2-4), Model UN(4), KAIROS, Prep News(Editor), Quarry(Sports Editor), Second Honors(2-3), First Honors(4), National Merit Commended Student; **Mark Schramp**- Football(1-2), Track & Field(1-2), Senior Brother, Science Club(4), Intramurals(1-3), Second Honors(1), First Honors(2), Class Honors(3-4); **John Shilt**- Football(1-2), Basketball(1-2), Baseball(1), Math Club(4), Engineering Club(4), Outdoors Club, KAIROS, Second Honors(1-4); **Matt Sienkiewicz**- Track & Field(1-2), Cross Country(2-3), Latin Club(1-4), Science Club(4), NHS(3-4), Class Honors(1-4), National Latin Exam Gold & Silver Medalist; **Tom Smedile**- Soccer, Debate/Forensics(2-3), Chapel Choir(1-2), Pep Band(1), Drama Club(1-3), KAIROS, SPA, NHS(3-4), Second Honors(1-4); **Casey Smith**- Tennis(1-4/All-Metro Team Member/All-Metro Player of the Year/Singles & Doubles State Champion), NHS(3-4), Debate/Forensics(2,4), Regis(2), KAIROS, Science Club(3-4), Math Club(4), Drama Club(4), Intramurals(1-4), First Honors(1-2), Class Honors(3-4), Gold Star of the Day(3), National Merit Commended Student; **Chris Starks**- Tennis(2-4), Soccer(1), Basketball(1), Baseball(1), Intramurals(1-4), NHS(3-4), Science Knowledge Bowl(4), Pastoral Council(1-4), Senior Brother, Regis Club(2-4), Amnesty International(3-4), Class Honors(1-4), Who's Who Among American High School Students; **Geoffrey Starks**- Baseball(1-4), Basketball(1-2), Soccer(1), NHS(3-4), Pastoral Council(1-4), Orchestra, Senior Brother, Amnesty International, Regis Club, Class Honors(1-4), National Achievement Finalist, National Merit Commended Student, "R" Award Recipient, Who's Who Among American High School Students; **Matt Sullivan**- Soccer(1), Wrestling(1), Chess Club(2-4); **Stephen Summers**- Intramurals, Karate Club, Art & Publicity Club, KAIROS



Stephen Swarts



John Taylor



Kevin Joseph Teasdale



Seaton Thedinger



Burton Tonnies



Justin David  
Briggs Unger



Anthony E. Valenti



Dustin Van Dolah



Brian P. Wachel



Andrew T. Wachtel

# Seniors

**Steve Swarts**- Prep News(3-4/ Asst. Managing Editor-3/ Managing Editor-4), MEET(4), KAIROS, Intramurals(1-3), Second Honors(2,4), First Honors(3), Earned 2 "Superior" Awards from the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association, Who's Who Among American High School Students; **John Taylor**- Football(1-4/ All-District Team Member), Swimming(1,4), Track & Field(3-4), Intramurals(1-4), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Outdoors Club(2-3), Yell Leader, Quarry(3), Prep News(4), **Kevin Teasdale**- Football(1), Swimming(1-4), KAIROS, Intramurals, Second Honors(1,2,4), **Seaton Thedinger**- Cross Country(1), Lacrosse(3-4), Pep Band(1-3), KAIROS, Outdoors Club(1-4), Student Life Committee(1), NHS(3), Latin Club(1-2), Jazz Band(3-4), First Honors(1), Class Honors(2-4); **Burton Tonnies**- Baseball(1-4), Basketball(1-4), Regis Club(1-4), Tailgate Club(3-4), Second Honors(1-4); **Justin Unger**- Soccer(1), Wrestling(1), Drama Club(1-4), Debate/ Forensics(2-4), Pastoral Council(3-4), KAIROS, Second Honors(1-4); **Anthony Valenti**- Intramurals(2-3), Regis Club(1-2,4/ Vice President-4), SADD(3-4), NHS(3-4), Chapel Choir(2-4), KAIROS, Pep Band(1-4), Orchestra(1-4), Second Honors(1-3), First Honors(4), First Place Rating at State Competition for Sax Solo & Jazz Quartet; **Dustin VanDolah**- Football(1-4/ Team Captain-4), NHS(3-4), First Honors(1-2), Class Honors(3-4); **Brian Wachel**- Tennis, Hockey, KAIROS, Second Honors(1-2); **Andy Wachtel**- KAIROS, #1 Rating at District Competition in Percussion Ensemble(1), #2 Rating at State Competition in Percussion Ensemble(1)



Ed Kokoruda practices for Carlito's Battle of the Bands.

Kevin Comeau and Osric Reavis prepare for State Orchestra competition.



**Sean Walker**- Soccer(4)/All-Metro Team Member/All-Metro Player of the Year), MEET(4); **Adam Welsh**- Lacrosse(4), Football(1), Latin Club(1), Spirit Club(3-4), Yell Leader(4), STUCO, Freshman Class Representative, Second Honors(1-2); **Andy White**- Football Trainer(1-4), Basketball Trainer(3-4), Wrestling(1-2), KAIROS, Prep News(4/Photo Editor), Second Honors(1-4), "R" Award Recipient; **Rich Wikiera**- Football(1-2), Wrestling(1-4/Sectional Qualifier-(3-4)), Intramurals(1-4), Latin Club(1-4), Amnesty International(4), NHS(3-4), KAIROS, First Honors(1-4), **Shaun Wilkinson**- Basketball(1-2), Football(2), Track & Field(1), Intramurals(3-4), Rockfest(1), Rugby(4); **Chris Williamson**- Ecology Club(1), Drama Club(2-3), KAIROS; **J.V. Wilson**- Cross Country(1), Swimming(1-4/Team Captain), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Drama Club(2-4), Ecology Club(1-4), STUCO, Social Co-Chairman, Second Honors(2-4); **Charlie Womack**- First Honors(1-3), Second Honors(4); **David Wood**- Cross Country(2-4/Team Captain/Golden Spike Award-4), Track & Field(1-4), Football(1), Outdoors Club(1-4), NHS(3-4), Spanish Club(4), SADD(1), KAIROS, Second Honors(1), First Honors(2), Class Honors(3-4), Bright Flight Scholar; **Matt Zender**- Football(1-4), Baseball(1-4), Intramurals(1-4), Outdoors Club(1-4), Ecology Club(1-4), Regis Club(1,4), Car Club(4), Yell Leader(4), KAIROS, Senior Brother, Prep News(2,4), Quarry(3), Second Honors(1-4)

# Class of 1998



Sean Walker



Adam Welsh



Paul Andrew White



Rich Wikiera



Shaun Lee Wilkinson



Chris Williamson



James V. Wilson



Charlie Womack



David Wood



Matthew Zender

# Prom serves as last 'fling' for Class of '98

The Class of '98 gathered for its Senior Prom and final Rockhurst dance. The night began with pre-Prom festivities including introduction of couples on the stage of the Rose Theater, and pictures and socializing in the McGee Hall.

"The pre-Prom was nice, because we were able to celebrate our final dance with our families as well as friends," said Taimoor Nana.

After pre-Prom activities Seniors traveled to the Doubletree Hotel where prom began with a buffet-style dinner. "The food was actually really good, and helped add to the overall enjoyment of Prom," commented Tom Boling.

The Doubletree was selected to host this year's prom because of the overall amenities it offered. Co-chairman of the Prom Tim Haake commented, "The Doubletree is a very nice hotel for Prom. There is a very big dance floor, and the food is exquisite."

After the dinner, students took to the dance floor where a DJ provided entertainment until midnight. "The DJ was pretty good. He had a good mix of tunes to keep my feet boogyn' all night," said Craig Hakes.

The goal of this year's organizers was to get as many seniors to the dance as possible. "The price of the ticket dropped \$20 this year to help increase attendance" mentioned Haake, "The sentimental value is second to none for the price of the tickets."

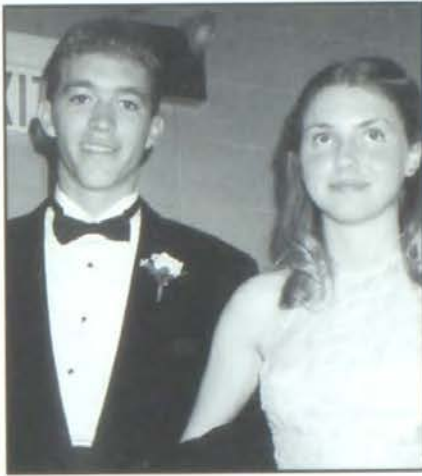
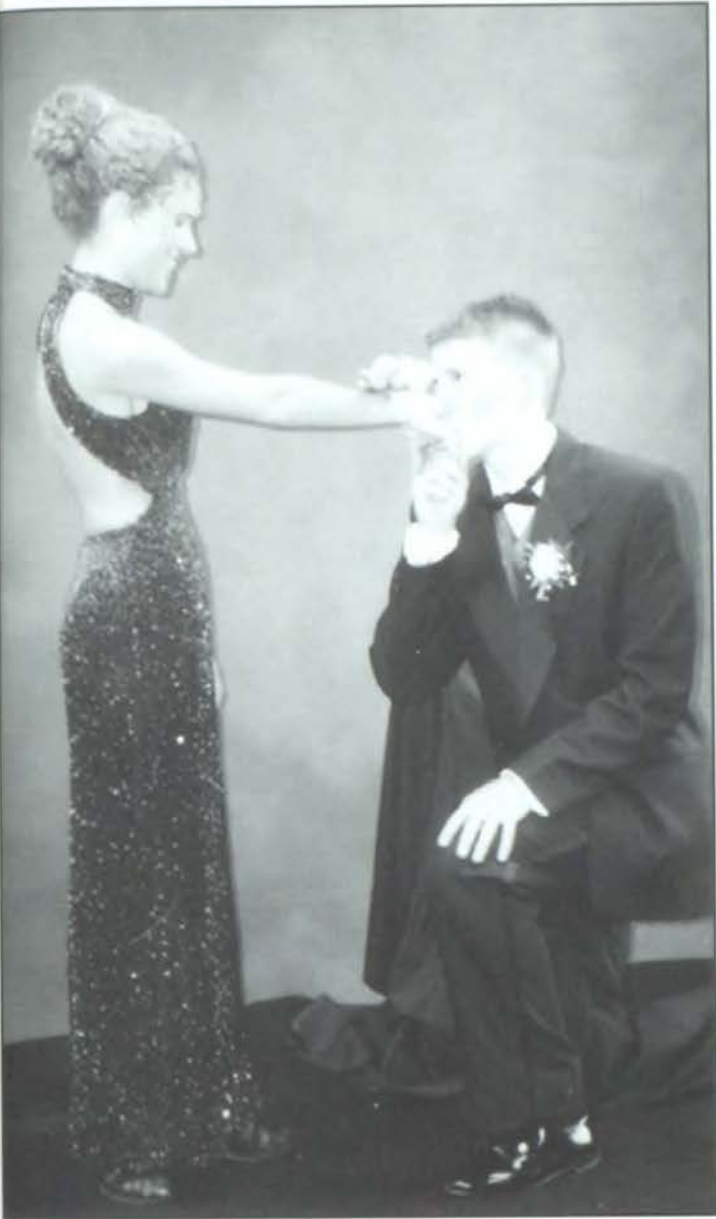
The food, dancing, and music added up to a night most seniors will never forget. "Prom was a great experience. It is the last time our class will have an evening formal together. It will always be a night to remember," said Sean Connelly.

*Story by Reed Davidson*

Sean Connelly and Becky Shelby of St. Teresa's.

Seniors and their dates dance the night away.



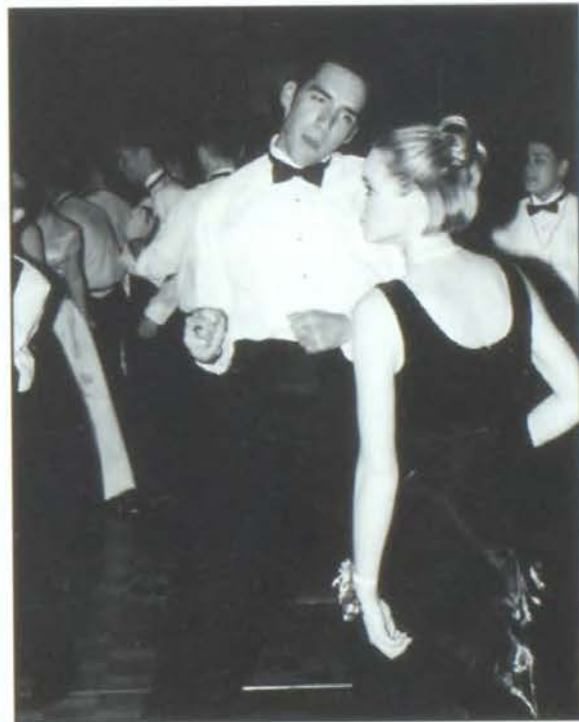


Far left: Mark Blanck and Molly Barry of St. Teresa's.

Left: Chad Clayton and Sarah Feil of Shawnee Mission Northwest.

George Clarke and Sarah Hughes of Notre Dame de Sion.

Jon Knopke and Jerod Dunleavy 'get jiggy with it' while Lauren Teaney watches.



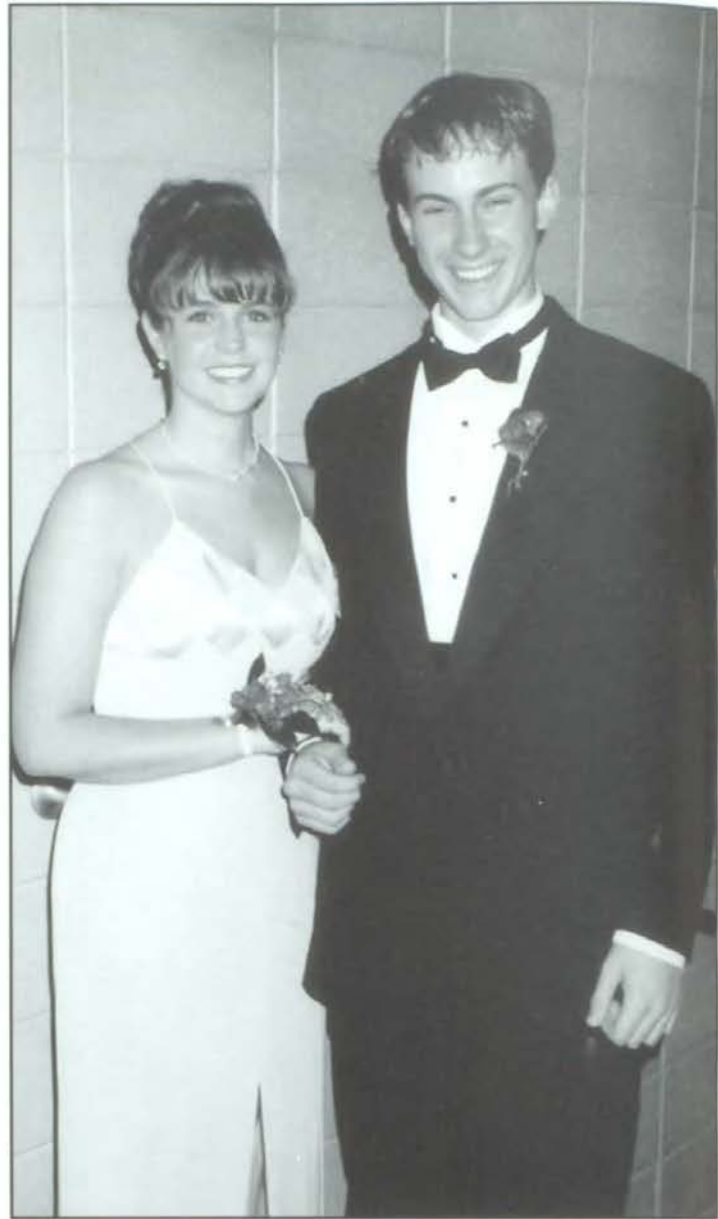
Schad McGovern and Andrea Etkorn of Shawnee Mission West.

Andy Davis, Seaton Thedinger, Mr. Jay Warner, and Mr. Jon Reed.



Tim Fendler and Colleen Welsh of St. Teresa's.

Charles Rhoades and Amy Boylan of Shawnee Mission East relax after dinner at the Doubletree.



Bryan Dobbs, Chas Eberle, and Vince Rupp pose with their dates, Anna Saviano, Beth Kreikemeir and Christy Lolli, all from St. Teresa's.

Ben Beerman and Lisa Rotert of St. Teresa's join J.V. Wilson and Molly O'Dower of St. Thomas Aquinas on the dance floor.







## Seniors dance the night away at the Doubletree Hotel

Justin Griffith and Erin Quarnstrom of St. Teresa's.

Ryan King busts a rhyme to the crowd as a surprise entertainer.



Xavier Mendoza and Cantrell Jelly of St. Teresa's wait with Laura Mendolia of Notre Dame de Sion, Jason Jenkins, and his date Pate Pitman also of Sion.

Trevor Hollinger and Meredith Wehrman.

# 1998 RHS Graduation provides senior class with lasting memories

**O**n Sunday May 10, friends, family, and the Rockhurst community gathered at Municipal Auditorium to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 1998. The day began at 9 a.m. with the Baccalaureate liturgy, followed by a brunch, and graduation at noon.

"The entire day went by in a heart beat. I was so excited that the whole day would be spent together as a class, rather than with just a short ceremony," said senior Pradeep Chandra.

The graduation ceremonies ran on time and as efficiently as could be expected. Mr. Tom Murphy, RHS principal, said, "Graduation ceremonies have run smoothly in the past, so very few changes were made this year."

The Keynote Speaker for the Class was Josh Hawley who moved parents, students, and faculty with his inspirational speech to his fellow classmates.

"It was outstanding. He explained what it meant to be a Jesuit high-school graduate, without using the Jesuit high school 'hot words'," said Rev. Christopher P. Pinne, S.J., Rector of the Jesuit Community.

Keeping a two-year tradition alive each senior was required to fill out an application for graduation to make sure they knew that it was a privilege not a right. Mr. Murphy explains, "Graduation is earned, it is not a right. Seniors have a right to transcripts, but it's not assumed one can participate in graduation."

"I think the applications give students a higher respect for graduation. They know graduation means a lot, so they have to take it seriously to graduate," said Sean Connelly.

Overall students, parents, and faculty were impressed with how well the Eighty-Second Annual Rockhurst graduation ran. Tim Haake expressed his feelings by stating, "It was a great day. Our class was able to come together for one last time to congratulate each other and celebrate together."

*Story by Reed Davison*

**Junior Class President Jon Whistance and Vice President Matt George carry in the flags to start the graduation ceremony at Bartle Hall.**





Far left: Dr. Jerry Goben straightens Fr. Chris Pinne's hood as they prepare for the graduation ceremony.

Chris Bridgham, Lee Buell, and Brandon Burdick pose as some of the newest members of RHS alumni.

Kevin Comeau, Sean Connelly and Ashley Coleman share a laugh before the festivities.



Sean Walker and Adam Welsh wait as the rest of their classmates process in at their commencement exercises.

Adrian Pulido enjoys brunch with his parents.



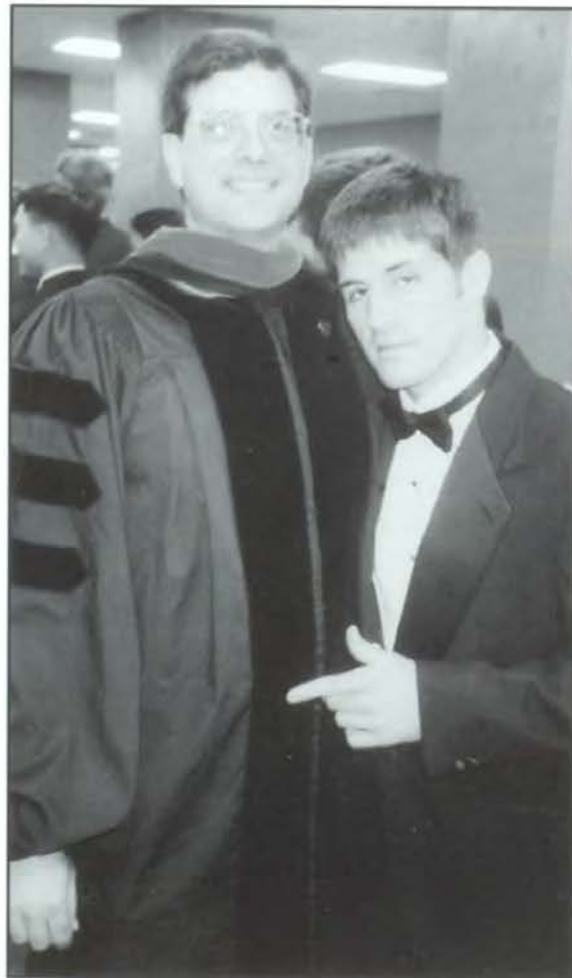
Jeremy Dobbie, Kieran McNerney, Sean Connelly, and Pradeep Chandra spend their last day together as seniors at Rockhurst High School.

Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., Rockhurst President, challenges seniors to dream dreams for the future by asking themselves, "But what have I done today?"



The Rockhurst Graduation was held on the floor at Municipal Auditorium for the second consecutive year due to the large crowd.

Craig Hakes and Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J., embrace each other prior to graduation.



## Fr. Thomas Pesci challenges seniors to 'dream dreams for the future'

Josh Hawley addresses his classmates before they receive their diplomas.

Fr. David Suwalsky, S.J., along with the Board of Trustees honors the Class of 1998.



Members of the Class of 1998 await the arrival of the rest of their classmates.

Josh Hawley speaks for the Rockhurst graduation video.

# Awards Ceremony recognizes those who epitomize Ignatius

In May, members of the Rockhurst community gathered to honor those students and faculty who displayed outstanding achievement in many areas. Awards in each individual academic department were presented along with other awards for character and faculty longevity. The following is a list of those who displayed outstanding achievement during the 1997-1998 school year.



Messrs Rick Staihr, Doug Bruce, Tony Severino, and J.W. DeCamp are presented their longevity awards.

## 1997-1998 Award Winners

| <b>Arts Department</b>        |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| National Orchestra Award      | Kevin Comeau                |
| Choral Award                  | James Hayes                 |
| Jazz Improvisation Award      | John Brewer                 |
| John Phillip Sousa Band Award | Ed Kokoruda                 |
| Visual Arts Award             | Tim Haake                   |
| Ceramic Arts Award            | Thomas Fahey, Julio Montes  |
| Theater Award                 | Tim Fendler, Tucker Gilmore |
| Technical Theater Award       | Ryan Klein, George Clarke   |

| <b>Speech Communication Department</b> |  |
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| Speech Communication Awards            | Andrew Womack, Evan McKay, Tony Vontz, Noah Jennings, Josh Hawley, Jeremy Dobbie |
| Drape Journalism Award                 |  |

| <b>Business Department</b> |                              |
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| Business Department Awards | Justin Doolittle, Chris Long |

| <b>English Department</b> |  |
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| English Department Awards | Eric Pashman, David Finke, Chris Sexton, Josh Hawley |

| <b>Foreign Language Department</b> |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Greek Award                        | Denny McKeen     |
| Latin Award                        | Matt Sienkiewicz |
| French Award                       | Tom Mueller      |
| Spanish Award                      | Geoffrey Starks  |

| <b>Math Department</b> |   |
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| Math Department Awards | Sean O'Donnell, Tim Sady, Tom Mueller, Chris Riffel |

| <b>Physical Education Department</b> |  |
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| Physical Education Awards            | David Manning, Corey Egan, Sean Doyle, Justin Griffith |

| <b>Science Department</b> |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Freshman Science          | Jacob Boesen |
| Biology                   | Al Smith     |
| Chemistry                 | Chris Riffel |
| Physics                   | Martin Le    |

| <b>Social Studies Department</b> |   |
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| Social Studies Department Awards | Eric Pahman, Derek McCallum, Chris Sexton, Chas Eberle, Tom Smedile |

| <b>Theology Department</b> |  |
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| Theology Department Awards | Matt Kopp, Chris Winger, Daniel Clark, Ryan Vette, Paul Bissler, Josh Kahler |

| <b>Longevity Awards</b> |   |
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| 5 years of service      | Kristin Anderson, Rodger Cilley, J.W. DeCamp, Rob Herald, MaryAnn Olson, Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J. |

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| 10 years of service | Judie Scanlon                       |
| 15 years of service | Tony Severino                       |
| 20 years of service | Doug Bruce, Larry Ruby, Rick Staihr |

| <b>Awards of Distinction</b>           |  |
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| Advanced Placement Scholars            | Ryan Baber, Kevin Comeau, Chas Eberle, Adam Maese, Pat O'Brien, Chris Riffel   |
| Advanced Placement Scholar with Honors | Tom Kessler  |
| Missouri State Scholars                | Chas Eberle, Eric Eickhorst, Tim Fendler, John Gall, Steven George, Josh Hawley, Trevor Hollinger, Martin Le, David Wood |

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| Top 100 Missouri State Scholar            | Josh Hawley                   |
| U.S. Presidential Commended Semi Finalist | Tom Kessler                   |
| National Merit Commended Students         | Eric Eickhorst, Chris Fieber, |

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|                               | John Gall, Steven George, Phil Hageman, Josh Kahler, Kieran McInerney, Chris Schneiders, Casey Smith, Geoff Starks |
| National Merit Semi Finalists | Justin Griffith, Tom Kessler   |
| National Merit Finalists      | Ryan Baber, Bryan Dobbs, Chas Eberle, Tim Fendler, Josh Hawley, Adam Maese, Pat O'Bryan, Chris Riffel              |

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| Natl. Merit African American Commended Students | Ashley Coleman, Jonathan Lowe |
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| Natl. Achievement Scholarship Finalist and Natl. Achievement Scholarship Recipient | Geoff Starks    |
| Natl. Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program Finalist                                | Dante Hernandez |

| <b>R Awards in recognition of Extraordinary Character</b> |  |
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| <b>Class of 2001:</b>                                     | Phillip Conway, Wade Mueller, Pete Schloegel, Chris Winger |

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| <b>Class of 2000:</b> | Jack Bondon, Matt Bowen, Bob Kehm, Kevin McDaniel, Luke McClellan, Jake Mooney, Ed Shelton, Bret Springs, Mike Strain, Bill Tracy, Tim Wientzen |
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| <b>Class of 1999:</b> | Brian Bolden, Stephen Bowen, Phil Duncan, Matt George, Luke Hannan, James Hayes, Mark Juhnke, Bradley Lauer, Tom Mueller, Kirk Walters, Jon Whistance |
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| <b>Class of 1998:</b> | Ryan Baber, Chris Bridgham, Lee Buell, Ben Capoccia, Chris Carmody, Pradeep Chandra, Jason Charcut, George Clarke, Kevin Comeau, Jeremy Dobbie, Ryan Elder, Tim Fendler, Bill Ferguson, Tucker Gilmore, Andy Gorski, Enrique Gutierrez, Kevin Haake, Tim Haake, Craig Hakes, Josh Hawley, Ryan King, Ed Kokoruda, Jonathan Lowe, Sean McGaughey, Kieran McInerney, Ryan McLaughlin, Julio Montes, Greg Oppold, Charles Rhodes, Chris Riffel, Tom Smedile, Casey Smith, Steve Swartz, Justin Unger, Dustin VanDolah, Andy White, J.V. Wilson, Matt Zender |
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| <b>Senior Class Award of Excellence and Achievement</b> | Chris Riffel |
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| <b>Carl G. Kloster Special R Award</b> | Josh Hawley |
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| <b>Jesuit Secondary Education Association Award</b> | Ben Capoccia |
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Students applaud their peers who have been recognized for outstanding achievements at Rockhurst High School.

Below left: Mr. Larry Ruby, Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs, and Rev. Thomas Pesci, S.J., President of Rockhurst, award students their "R" Awards.

Mr. Larry Ruby congratulates Senior Chris Carmody upon receiving his "R" Award.



Senior Josh Hawley, was the recipient of the Carl G. Kloster Special "R" Award.



Senior Chris Riffel was awarded the Rockhurst Senior Award of Excellence and Achievement.



Senior Ben Capoccia won the Jesuit Secondary Education Association Award.

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Osric,  
 Congratulations on a  
 job well done! May  
 God continue to bless  
 and keep you. We  
 love you and are very  
 proud of you.

Love always,  
 Mom and Dad

*Osric Reavis*

*Sean Fairchild*

As you go out into the  
 world, remember that  
 our love and support  
 are always with you.  
 Congratulations,  
 Dad, Mom & Shane



*Tim Haake*

Tim-  
 We're proud of you and  
 all your accomplishments.  
 You make a great caboose.  
 We love you,  
 Mom, Dad, Steve, Greg,  
 Karl & Jane



*Lee Buell*

Make a splash where  
 ever you go and keep  
 Jesus in your heart.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad & Misty



*Sean Connelly*



"Seano" Connelly,  
 God brightened our lives with you. Now  
 it's time to share your light with others.  
 Always,  
 Mom, Dad & Patrick

*Geoffrey McGuire*

CONGRATULATIONS,  
 GEOFFREY!!!

We have loved every special  
 moment with you, and look  
 forward to those yet to come. We  
 are so very proud of you. Your  
 "Rock" education has given you  
 the foundation to build your future  
 successes. Keep that great Irish smile  
 and personality. Go Creighton!

We love you!  
 Mom and Dad



Stephen,  
 You've brought pride to  
 our lives and joy to our  
 hearts. You will go far in  
 your career. Once a little  
 boy, now a young man--  
 shoot for the stars.

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Ryan & Lora  
 P.S. You were very deserving of  
 the special "R" award.  
 Congratulations. We love you.



*Stephen Swarts*

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